

Regional Minutes April 2021

June Regional weekend will be hosted virtually by SEMA!

Subcommittees meet Saturday June 12th at 11:00 am

RSC meets Sunday June 13th at 11:00 am

August Regional weekend will be hosted by Metrowest!.

RCMs: Please let groups know that they need a Rider Binder for special events coverage!!!

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AREA REPORTS

BOSTON- No report submitted.

CAPE COD- No report submitted.

CENTRAL MASS- No report submitted.

GREATER PROVIDENCE- No report submitted.

GREATER WORCESTER- No report submitted.

MARTHA’S VINEYARD- No report submitted

METRO WEST-

I’m an addict and the recently elected Regional Committee Member, replacing Rick C who regretfully felt the need to resign the position due to changes in his work schedule.

The Metro West Area Service Committee meets on the Zoom platform every month on the first Tuesday of the month.

- We have met twice since the last regional meeting.

- We have several positions open on the committee: Vice Chair, Alternate RCM, Assistant Treasurer, Outreach Committee Chair,
- In March we had a total of 12 GSR's in attendance; April's meeting was attended by 11 GSR's.
- **RMD** reports there are 28 groups in the Metro West Area; 4 meet in person and 2 of those are hybrid.
- **H & I** reports that they have an online meeting that meets every Friday 7-8PM with panel leaders and volunteers. Unfortunately, there has been no participation from the facilities we typically serve. The members have reached out to the facilities and have had no success in getting them to participate.
- **Public Relations** reports a total of 70 answers to the survey that they sent out regarding attendance at in person meetings during the pandemic. They were to report to the Regional PR committee with the results.
- **Area Guidelines ad hoc** continues to work on updating the outdated area guidelines to better reflect current practices.

Area Concerns

At the March ASC, the Blind Faith group that meets in Watertown on Tuesday decided the ASC was not "meeting their needs" and feels "dictated to" by the Area. There were some reports that the group felt singled out by the flyer that was put out by the PR Committee clarifying the position of NA on Mental Health issues regarding medication as opposed to Drug Replacement Therapy medication. As you may guess, discussion of the issue went quite long and we wish that group well.

At the April ASC, the Watertown Men's Group cited similar concerns and has also decided to leave the Metro West Area.

Discussion ensued with agreement among the remaining GSRs that the flyer was received well by all groups throughout the area.

The **Treasurer** reports that 2 checks from February and March (Regional Donations) sent to the Regional PO BOX have not been cashed and because of past issues with lost checks there is some reasonable concern over status of those donations.

February donation: \$ 2599.59

March donation: \$ 1209.36

\$ 3,808.95

ILS,

Christopher M

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NEMA (Northeast Mass Area)-

Hello family, my name is Chris and I am an addict. I would like to welcome Val as our new Alt. RCM.

Our area has had 2 meetings since our last virtual meeting. Over the past two months our area has developed a nema website. The website is www.nemana.org. Our area has decided to buy its own Zoom account to host our ACS as well as sub committee meetings.

Our areas convention committee has struggled since covid to fill its positions in the subcommittee. At our February ASC a motion was put forward to determine if our area wanted to continue forward with having a convention. After the vote passed in March, there was several members interested in attending the Convention subcommittee.

All of our administrative positions are filled.

Our next ASC will be meeting 4/25/21 at 3pm. Zoom ID:835-4005-0878.

Thank you for letting me be of service,
Chris G.

SEMA (Southeast Mass Area)-

Hello New England Region,

My name is Lauren and I am an addict. Southeastern MA has met two times since our last RSC. We currently have 29 groups; with an average attendance of 17 groups present in February and March. Our open positions are alternate RCM, Vice Chair and Finance Committee member. As mentioned in my last report, we are still working on eAt our last GSF held in February, we held a workshop on “how to pass a basket virtually” which was informative and well attended. Next week at our next GSF, we are looking forward to a presentation on Applying our Principles to Technology and Social Media. If anyone is interested in joining us at our next ASC we meet the third Sunday of the month at 12:15 pm Meeting ID: 885-373-0525 We would love to see you!

Also, at our last ASC we had discussion on the benefits of keeping region on zoom and they wanted me to ask how long we anticipate region being held on a virtual platform? So if anyone has any feedback that would be much appreciated!!

ILS,

Lauren

SOUTH SHORE-

Hi Everyone,

I am an addict, and my name is Katie. It is great to see you all! Thank you all so much for your continued service. Since our last Regional meeting, the South Shore Area has met once virtually and is meeting later this afternoon. Here is my report:

- In March, there were 8 voting members/GSRs in Attendance.
- Most GSRs reported their groups were meeting outside and having hybrid meetings with permission from their respective facilities and doing well.
- The ASC is meeting virtually this afternoon. There was conversation at the last ASC re: the service body returning to in-person. The secretary is reaching out to the facility to see if that is a possibility in accordance with the facility’s guidelines. More to come with this.

- The survey that the NERNA FD subcommittee sent out was sent back to the groups. I currently have 3 group submissions. I believe after the ASC today, as an Area, they will fill out the survey and then the submissions will all be combined. I will send the results as soon as I have them.
- Open positions include: vice-chairperson, assistant treasurer, alternate RCM, PR chairperson, activities chairperson. We elected a webpage contact & literature chairperson. We no longer have a servant for alt-RCM
- The H&I subcommittee in March had 7 addicts in attendance. The hope over the next few months is to resume more of our commitments throughout the SSA and potentially add new facilities as well. One in person commitment started backup at the MATC in Brockton.
- The next SSASC (South Shore Area Service Committee) meeting will be held on Sunday, May 2, 2021 @ 2:30pm via Zoom ID: 9553349410 and Password: SSA4520

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

In Loving Service,

Katie S- SSA RCM (508) 846-7795

WESTERN MASS-

The area committee has met twice since our last RSC. Once in March and April. The Area averages 11 to 13 groups in attendance and although we have 41 groups many are not meeting at all due to Covid restrictions. There are several groups that have gone back to in-person meetings and no hybrid meetings to date. For the tie being our ASC will continue to meet on-line. We have had elections and there are only a handful of open positions. Nominations and elections are challenging during this time as there are so many meetings not occurring and not attending the ASC. The ASC has updated the policy which was a cleaning up of duplicate information and putting things in their correct places. The committee worked hard to make reading the policy readable and flow.

Group Updates:

There are 3 groups that have transitioned to in-person meetings in the last 2 months and 1 other has transitioned to an outside in-person meeting for the spring and summer. One other meeting will transition to in-person the second week of May.

H and I: All commitments are filled at this time with the commitments being held on Mondays & Wednesdays from 6:30 PM TO 7:30 PM and the committee is meeting regularly at Zoom ID 859-4558-1702

PR: We had the 28" x 11" PSA for inside of the PVTA buses made up and delivered to PVTA. That should be running on the bus line now and for the next 6 months. Literature Racks: We put out 4 new literature racks this month; we now have 11 locations throughout the area that have literature racks. 3 were just added to PVTA stations in Springfield, Holyoke and Westfield and 1 to The Living Room program in Springfield. Of those 11 locations a total of 5 locations are currently closed. We have some on-going projects: Presentation for Professionals: We started reviewing and discussing a presentation for professionals, we will continue to work on this each month and then start training on how to present to professionals. PR is meeting regularly on the 2nd Tuesday of every month
Meeting ID: 873-9920-7881
Password: recovery

Website committee: We do not have any glitches as of now. No meeting change request came in. Making changes, the pages are not live during building. Started to create the Area page in a 2 column format. Working to build the Area page (ASC) with positions, time/location info, other related

information. Continuing projects include collecting area subcommittee contact information, Meeting page Map, New Group info in WM Policy, and an ASO Order Forms.

An addict brought a concern to the ASC regarding an NA history project that is person and not fellowship led but due to their use of NA language and symbols appears confusing. The individual may be connected to the SEZF. The ASC asked the RCM to bring that concern to the RSC.

Our next ASC will be held on May 3rd Meeting ID: 830 0758 2941
Passcode: recovery room opens at 7:15 meeting begins at 7:30

In gratitude,
Katrina

OANENA – No report submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIR- No report submitted.

VICE CHAIR-

Hello RSC,

D’Lanor, Carrie, and I met with both Patrick and Jeremy separately. We concluded that Patrick is willing to be a contact and manage the infrastructure portion of the website and that Jeremy is willing to participate in the committee taking on the day-to-day tasks of updating the website content and answering questions/requests sent to the website email address. The Chair and Vice-Chair will coordinate between the infrastructure and content committee members as needed. Since Jeremy resigned as Chair, this position is now open. Thanks goes out to both Jeremy and Patrick for their part in keeping the website current while we await the next chair.

A question has come up on whether-or-not the body would like to have all the subcommittee policies housed in one place. During open-forum I will be requesting input on whether this is something we would like to do. Currently the subcommittees are responsible for managing the Policies of their committees and there is not a central location defined for all committees.

The Finance Committee informed us of a change in our Insurance Premium so an inquiry into the changes has been sent to our insurance contact to clarify.

In loving service,

Kyle C.

SECRETARY-

Hi NERNA!

If you’d like to receive the minutes email me @ secretary@newenglandna.org. Thank you!

ILS,

Lauren G

TREASURER/FINANCE-

The finance sub-committee met yesterday with 5 addicts in attendance.

- We reconciled the February and March statements and made the scheduled transfers into set-aside accounts (Insurance, NESSNA, and PR).
- We made the first of four insurance payments. The vice-chair will reach out to our insurance company to verify why our rate is so much lower (\$919.00 quarterly versus the previous \$1416.50).
- The new PO Box in Worcester is active and mail from the Quincy box is being sent over (by the post office). The WSR PO box was renewed.
- We have a starting balance of (\$426.23).
- We received spending plans from the RD/AD, FD, and PR.
- There was one money motion from the BOD. The motion was passed that all monies submitted by the BOD/Convention be held in a set-aside until the June RSC.
- Ending balance (426.23)

ILS,

Noel D. and the finance sub-committee

Please see Appendix A for the remainder of the treasurer's report.

CONVENTION-

The convention committee held its last meeting on March 20th at which an updated policy was adopted. Many thanks to the adhoc for their hard work on this project. The committee recommends John F to be the next convention chair. Our closing balance was \$6,091.75. All financials have been turned over to the bod.

With gratitude,

Jim D.

CONVENTION TREASURER-

Hello Everyone,

Thank you for hosting the zoom meeting for the April Region Meeting.

The total bank balances, reconciled through March 31, 2021 for the Board and Convention are as follows:

Board	\$1,255.88
Convention operating	6,091.75
Newcomer donations	<u>299.00</u>
Total balance in bank	<u>\$7,646.63</u>

The inventory value for NERC XVIII items is \$1,248.00

Initial funds received from Region on April 14, 2019 for the Board was \$6,000

Initial funds received from Region on August 15, 2019 for the Convention was \$5,000.

Initially there were 42 early-bird registrations. All early-bird registrants, with the exception of one, were contacted to determine which of the following choices they wanted for the NERCXIX registrations

1. Roll forward to Convention in 2023

2. Transfer to Newcomer donations
3. Refund

Of the 41 contacted, 6 opted to have their early-bird registrations refunded, and 4 opted to transfer to newcomer donations. The remaining registrants that responded chose to roll forward to the Convention in 2023. The one registrant who could not be contacted was left as an early-bird registration. A spreadsheet was prepared to gather the information and choices.

The convention operating account balance includes these 32 early-bird registration at \$15 for a total of \$480.

In Gratitude

Susan G

Please see pages: 32-34 for remainder of Convention Treasurer report.

FELLOWSHIP DEVELOPMENT (FD)-

Good Afternoon New England Region,

I am an addict named Sam your Fellowship Development Chair. As always, it is an honor to be of service to the New England Region of Narcotics Anonymous.

The Fellowship Development Subcommittee has met twice virtually since our last Regional meeting. Once in March and then yesterday at Subcommittee Saturday.

- At the March off-cycle meeting, the subcommittee discussed updates and finishing touches on the Scanning Tool which was sent out to the Areas. We have received a few responses and at our next off-cycle meeting, we will be reviewing the results and our next steps.
- The committee decided that it would function best with a regularly scheduled off-cycle meeting. FD will be meeting on the second Saturday of every odd month from 3-4:30pm EDT. We hope that this time allows for more participation from interested members – please, join us!
- Last month Fellowship Development received an email from a member with concerns a treatment facility had regarding Narcotics Anonymous. The NA member speaking to us on behalf of the treatment center stated, “they have questions about how the NA Fellowship is developing and how we are making changes for the better for people with substance use disorders. As there has been quite a number of Overdoses in that Area since the Covid-19 pandemic and at their center many clients have left the NA meetings with a feeling of not being accepted because of Being on an MAT as part of their Detox program.” In a following email the Treatment facility requested a presentation of how our committee could possibly help with harm reduction and Overdoses in the community of Central Mass Area. Stating, “People have been Abruptly told to leave NA because they are on an MAT and then have gone out and Overdosed.”
- Fellowship development responded to the request by putting the member in touch with our Public Relation chair to further discuss this request because Public Relations deals with Facilities outside of Narcotics Anonymous and is equipped to do so. Fellowship Development also extended a warm invitation to this fellow NA member to come to our FD meeting and discuss the concern.
- At our meeting yesterday, there were 9 committee members in attendance, including 3 RCMs and 2 area FD committee chairs.
- We were thrilled to see area FD chairs present from SEMA and NEMA at the meeting and If your area has a FD Subcommittee please encourage the chair and members to attend our regional FD meeting. We would love to learn what is happening with FD in our member Areas and how we can best support them.
- Yesterday we discussed concerns regarding our zoom account and the need to change the email and bank account of the account. This will be discussed further bin open forum.

- Yesterday, at the subcommittee meeting, there was a discussion on updates from the WSC. As of now the World Convention will be meeting in person in Australia in 2022.
- We discussed updates on NESSNA. Northeastern States Service Symposium of Narcotics Anonymous. NESSNA will be an In person event happening July 28th-July 31st,2022. Location: Boston Marriot in Peabody, MA. Room rates are \$159 a night. The committee meets the 4th Sunday of the month at 11:30am and is looking for members to get involved. NESSNA.org is also available for all your updates and NESSNA needs.
- Yesterday, We approved a spending plan that was submitted to the Treasurer.
- The committee discussed how we can best support the ONLINE AREA. FD members have been supporting the Online Area by attending. The best way all of us can support the Online Area is by letting people know the Online Area exists for virtual NA meetings.
- Coming up, ON SERVICE DAY! NA world Services is hosting a Fellowship Development Webinar. May 1st, 11:00am-1pm PDT. (MORE INFO WILL BE POSTED AT www.na.org/webinar).
- I want to mention our on-going collaboration with the NEZF FD subcommittee. I wanted to specifically mention the RCM Training project that is currently being workshopped. Many members of our FD subcommittee and Region are participating in this workgroup.
- We encourage all the RCMs (past, present and future) to attend the second experience gathering workshop which will be on Saturday May 22nd @ (3pm-5pm) Meeting ID: 876-4872-0898. A training will be created from these workgroups and FD plans to adapt this tool for our Region. We would love NERNA RCM participation and support.
- Fellowship Development has been discussing the idea of having a staggered schedule for meeting on subcommittee Saturdays while we are meeting virtually. This would allow for members to attend more than one subcommittee groups if interested. The question was also raised, Do we want to continue meeting virtually? This will be discussed further in open forum.

Of Loving Service,
 Sam S., Fellowship Development Chair
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HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS (H&I) –

H&I met via Zoom yesterday, Saturday April 11th, 2021. 5 areas were in attendance (Boston, CCA, CMA, NEMA, and Greater Providence Area). DOC Coordinator reported the DOC is still unwilling to have H&I presentations via Zoom; DOC coordinator is reaching out to DOC on a monthly basis to check in. The WSR reported that she continues to check the P.O. Box and is forwarding the letters. The bill for the P.O. Box came in and WSR forwarded it to finance committee and was told it would be paid online. We need to make a money motion for \$11 to purchase 20 stamps. (Send to: Mary Anne Guay 89 Malvern Road, Brockton, MA 02301).

Areas who attended yesterday are bringing H&I meetings on Zoom into facilities and in person now. Boston Area is working with 8 facilities to get them set up on Zoom. Cape Cod has moved to all in person commitments, but the subcommittee is continuing to meet on Zoom instead of in person. CMA is filling 12 out of 18 commitments in person in 4 facilities and they are being inundated with in person requests. NEMA

is discussing having more in person commitments, they currently have 29 commitments they are filling and 1 open panel coordinator position. Greater Providence area brought up concerns with a facility asking them to sign a confidentiality form. In open forum members discussed the issue of confidentiality agreements. Some members had similar experiences with facilities. Came to the common conclusion that entering these facilities is a personal choice and if members aren't comfortable with it they don't have to go in on the presentations. Had a discussion on the possibility of facilities eventually requesting members to be vaccinated and show proof of vaccination upon entering for a commitment. Members question if this is going to be an issue, discussed this is more likely to happen at state run facilities and not private facilities. We have no answers at this time, but we are just discussing possible barriers for H&I in the future. We received 3 email requests for in person commitments. Requests for commitments were given to the appropriate area chairpersons. Our Secretary position remains open. All other positions are filled, and we are going to have elections at the next regional H&I meeting in June.

In Loving Service,

Riley D.

INSURANCE- No report submitted.

LITERATURE- OPEN.

POLICY- OPEN

PUBLIC RELATIONS (PR)/PHONLINE –

Good afternoon,
We met yesterday after not being able to log onto the listed zoom meeting we finally jumped on our own. We apologize for anyone who was looking to attend for PR. We did post in slack and sent out an email to our current pr email list to let folks know where we had moved over to.
We had 7 members in attendance with 3 areas represented GPA, METRO WEST, NEMA and our wonderful member from the CT region Adam H.
GPA has an upcoming presentation for depth of probation and parole that the committee is really looking forward to. A second presentation had been requested from the providence housing authority who the committee already has a solid relationship with.
Metro west has developed a document within the PR committee to help clarify the NA definition of abstinence. The doc will be attached to this report as it is extremely well done and the body finds it will be a great resource. The doc was created based on a need presented as a few groups who have left the area are claiming if you are in any medication you are not clean. Amazing job metro west in the development of the doc.

NEMA reports no participation with PR from the area we as a committee let them know we are more than willing to provide any help needed.

Our spending plan for 2021 was submitted to finance yesterday totalling 2500 dollars. Three events were included in that amount that may or may not take place but we wanted to air on the side of caution. We also added 480 to boost posts on FB an IG. Throughout the next year about 40 per month.

The committee also is looking for direction with our social media accounts. Over the past 2 months we have found instagram to be gaining more traction organically. Facebook seems to be the content we are sharing which is being pulled from NAWS FB an the provided memes page on na.org is more of a member facing page. The temperature of the committee was splitting it into 2 pages . Page 1 for lack of a better term closed member facing page. 2 an open public facing page with material geared more toward professional an public. This is exactly the question an direction qe asked for previously an now we are seeing the need to do so. We are looking for RCM feedback an direction please .

We are also planning a 5 to 7 night event during PR week June 6-12 1 hour a night on different aspects of PR. we are holding our first adhoc meeting this Wednesday. More will be revealed an we are super excited an will provide flyer once we have things locked down. We had waited until this month so we as a committee could support any areas events going on that week.

Thank you
John N

REGIONAL DELEGATE (RD)-

Greetings New England Region!

Conference Participants (CP) Web Meeting

The next CP Web meeting is next Saturday 4/17 and your delegate team will be attending.

NAWS Update - Webinar

I attended the NAWS Update Webinar on 3/20/21. Thirteen World Board members from around the globe introduced themselves. The tiopics which were covered were:

- Virtual Meetings & Carrying the Message Effectively
 - Developing best practices for virtual meetings
 - Draft outline for a best practices tool www.na.org/virtual
 - Survey about service delivery and connecting to the NA community/Service System www.na.org/survey
 - **Local Service Toolbox** : The next focus of the project is virtual meetings best practices, and carrying the NA message effectively and virtually. <https://www.na.org/toolbox>
 - Discussion about what is an NA group?
- Financial Information : www.na.org/ar & <https://www.na.org/conference> . There is movement to shift away from dependence on literature sales to member contributions. Goal is that 70% of expenses are covered by member contributions.
- Here is the summary presented by NAWS prior to the most up to date financials:

April 2021 -- To: WSC participants: Re: February 2021 Financial Statements

The following pages are the consolidated financial statements for February 2021. There are only four more months of financial statements for the current fiscal year. Our financial picture continues to change slightly, but does not show any real new trends. Our net literature income, without Iran, is 17% below the emergency budget.

The same trends we have previously reported also remain for expenses: all expense areas, with the exception of in house production and legal, remain well below the amounts adopted at WSC 2020 in the emergency budget. The allocated expenses for Accounting and Technology, which are spread over four areas in the budget, together total a variance of a little over \$81,000. This variance is due to a variety of reasons, principally annual software and expense items coming due, decisions to improve some technology, and other improvements.

Contributions from members and service bodies remain the bright spot in the financial report. We continue to be heartened by members' responses to the financial crisis. The good news is that contributions through February are almost the double of what was projected in the emergency budget. While we still have a long way to go, we want to send out a heartfelt thank you, especially to all of you who have helped to encourage this..

In Fellowship and gratitude, NA World Services

- WCNA38 – Melbourne, Australia – still scheduled for November 2022 - ?
- WCNA39 – Washington, DC – scheduled for September 1, 2024 <https://www.na.org/wcna>
- Service Day – NAWs hosting a webinar on Fellowship Development www.na.org/webinar scheduled for May 1, 2021 at 2pm Eastern
- Media Updates – www.na.org/media
- Literature Updates –<https://www.na.org/elit> & www.na.org/spad
- Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust Update: www.na.org/fipt
- Public Relations - Cooperating with 3rd party researcher www.na.org/survey
- Webinars and Web Meetings: www.na.org/webinar
- PR Week : June 6-12, 2021
- Check out updates to www.na.org/aboutus
- It is unclear at this time whether the WSC will be virtual or in person.

[Next Meeting of North East Zonal Forum \(NEZF\)](#)

NEZF April 22-25, 2021 strategic planning meeting will be hosted virtually by the NEZF and held the same way as the NEZF October 2020. Jim B. & Laura B. will be facilitating.

[NEZF RCM Training Workgroup: “RCMs At Your Best – Tell Us How”](#)

The North East Zonal Forum and the Autonomy Zonal Forum have been formally collaborating on some projects for months now. One of our newer workgroups met last night; this is the RCM Training Workgroup. This group is tasked with creating an RCM Training for the NEZF/AZF member regions:

“RCMs at Your Best Tell Us How” workshop– May 22, 2021 from 3-5 PM Meeting ID 876-4872-0898 – no password required.

We'd like to ask for all the RCM's assistance. We would like to invite all RCM's from every region to work with us in creating this training. The next workgroup meeting will be held on **May 1st @ 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm**. All workgroup meeting times, Fellowship Development meetings, and links, as well as our google drive with all of our minutes, can be found at <https://fd.nezf.org/>.

[Fund Flow to the NEZF:](#)

At the last RSC I suggested we consider that: *if meeting in person we increase our biannual regular donation to NEZF unfunded trusted servants to \$200; I also suggest if we're meeting in person that we consider funding a representative from FD and PR to the NEZF meetings in April and October.*

I would like to ask members to consider to allocate a percentage of our fund flow to NEZF (such as 10-15% of funds allocated for donation) as is the case in other regions in our zone: Northern New England, Mid Atlantic, and Western New York.

NESSNA North East States Service Symposium of NA

New dates for NESSNA are July 28 – July 31, 2022. Location: Boston Marriott Peabody.

[Spending Plan for Conference Cycle 2020-2022](#)

I have attached the RD/AD spending plan for 2020-2022 conference cycle.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

James P. Regional Delegate

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Please see Appendix B for remainder of RD report.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE (AD)-

North-East Zonal Forum Fellowship Development

The Fellowship subcommittee at the NEZF currently has 3 workgroups underway including Delegate training, RCM training and online planning tool. They are still looking for people to join the HRP (Human Resources Pool) at fd.nezf.org.....only 9 members in the pool thus far.

Virtual meetings-connecting to the service system Webinar on March 13, 2021

Virtual Meetings and Carrying the Message Effectively and Virtually is the primary focus for the Local Service Toolbox Project this Conference cycle.

The fifth open web meeting about virtual meetings was held on 13 March 2021. It was the third since the project was approved at WSC 2020. These open web meetings are an opportunity to continue informing members about the work of the project and provide a chance for members involved in virtual service efforts around the world to share their experience. The focus for this meeting was *Connecting to the Service System*. There were presenters there from Philadelphia, Quarantine NA, Washington State, Egypt, San Diego, Alabama and New York. There was a very interesting presentation from the IKR (Internationally Known Recovery) group. They meet every night at 8PM eastern time with 7 different hosts from 7 different states. Monies that come in go to that night's chairperson's area and the GSR goes to the Queens Area. A summary of the webinar can be found at www.na.org/virtual Questions about 7th Tradition, zoom accounts and tax ID numbers were addressed.

RBZ Nominations/ CAR motions

Region/Board/Zone nominations are now being accepted until September 30,2021. The positions that are elected at the WSC are: World Board Member, Human Resource Panel (HRP) member and a cofacilitator (Cofax). Please let us know if you'd like our region to make any nominations. The deadline for submitting CAR motions is August 1st, 2021

Florida Service Symposium

This event was held virtually from 3/23-3/25. Workshops attended included: fund flow in the virtual environment, BMLT in a pandemic, fellowship development, history of NA, predatory behavior, YAP- how to build a statewide and nationwide phonenumber and mentorship. The closing speaker was a former world board chair. It was a wonderful and very informative cost-free event.

With gratitude,

Jim D. - AD

REGIONAL MEETING DIRECTORIES (RMD)- No report submitted.

WEBSITE-

New England Regional Website Liaison Report

April 11, 2021

Changed Role

As many of you know, last RSC I resigned as web chair. Even so, I have remained on the website committee. I have been doing the same everyday tasks as I did as chair: entering meeting changes, entering event changes, and answering emails that do not properly belong to specific trusted servants, like Public Relations or H&I. It seemed to me like a good idea to report to the Region what I have been doing, so everyone is aware of it, and everyone has someone on the website committee they can pass on concerns or get questions answered. I emailed D'Lanor, proposing the I could report to the RSC as website liaison, and she agreed that it is a good idea. If you agree, I will do so.

Changed New England Regional Mailing Address

The New England Regional mailing address has changed. It appears in six places on the website (as far as I can find):

- In the printable meeting list
- In the Fellowship Development page
- Under Regional Information -> Contact Us (twice)
- On the RMD Order Form (twice)

I have been able to update it (or have RMD edit their form and send me the new version) except for the Fellowship Development page, which is not really a web page but a rather complex PDF document, which I have no ability to edit. I contact the FD chair and he said he cannot edit it but he thinks D'Lanor can. So I have emailed D'Lanor but have not found a resolution yet. She said she would look into it.

Best Way to Submit Meeting Information

All too often, people use the website's Feedback Form to send in meeting changes. This is despite the fact that at the top of the form, it says "Please do not use it to send meeting updates. Instead use the meeting update form (select Meetings, then Meeting Update Form)." What typically happens when someone uses the Feedback Form to send meeting update information is that it's confusing, contradictory, or incomplete – or all three. If you open the Meeting Update Form, at the top is a field labeled Reason For Update. If you select Update Existing Meeting from the drop-down list, a drop-down list labeled Select Group / Meeting appears. You can scroll through the list or begin typing the group name to be taken directly there. Please spread the word.

In service,

Jeremy F, New England Regional Website Committee

How To For Regional Online Storage

Google Drive

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Online Storage for Region

As long promised, the website committee has implemented online storage on the regional website. To get to the storage using Google's interface, open Chrome, log into Google with a newenglandna.org email address. In the left, there is an item called Shared Drives with an arrow head to the left. Click the arrow head to expand it, and underneath there is a drive called NERNA. Under it are two top folders, Convention and RSC. Under RSC there are folders for each of the major regional functions, like Chair or PR. You can right-click the folder to see things you can do:

- Move it
- Download it
- Create Folders

When you click on a folder, its contents appear in the middle of the page. You can move a file into it by clicking and dragging the file and dropping it. Once a file is in there, you can right-click the file to see all the things you can do to it, including download.

Accessing Files on the NERNA Website

They can be viewed on website at <https://nerna.org/drive/> as long as you are logged in with a newenglandna.org email address. This could be changed to allow anyone to view as well.

Navigating Around the Files and Folders

Navigate around the files in the standard way used on Windows and Macs.

See pages 26-31 for remainder of Website report.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD)-

Good Afternoon,

I apologize for my absence at this Body over the last few months. I was in Florida taking care of my Mom who fell ill for 4 months. I am back and excited to get back into the swing of service to NA since my service to family is complete (for now I have a new appreciation for the saying one day at a time)

The BOD met yesterday to discuss the financing of the Next Fiscal cycle and the elections of Officers and Director's at today's annual meeting. Carrie B was also in attendance at our meeting to help us in our discussions regarding the financing of the next convention.

Today we will be elections will be held for President, Clerk and Treasurer of the Corporation. Where the Treasurer will serve as both the convention and the corporation. There will also be an election for open director positions. Delia M, Steve C and Duncan M have all completed their term in full and Jim D will vacate his director position as he has fulfilled his term as Convention Chair. Gary N resigned as of yesterday. That creates an open Director position for election today pro tem until April 2022 and there are 4 additional director positions open. 1 Director position will be held for the person who is elected to the Chair of the Convention and the other 3 will be up for election today. All Positions elected today will be for a 2 year term through April 2023 other than the one Director position previously mentioned.

We also plan to turn in the funds we currently have left from the last convention cycle \$6867.63. Details will be given by the Treasurer during the annual meeting. This far less than we normally turn in and will still require funds to pay the annual bills to the Corporation as well as the seed money to convention committee to begin planning. With that being said, we will be asking that the RSC hold these funds in a set aside until the June RSC. Prior to the June RSC we will be presenting motions to take these funds and distribute them to the BOD and the Convention Committee. We will determine how this is divided up based on an analysis of the 2019 spending of both the Corporation and the Convention. We will also ask that an additional set aside be created for these bodies that will include the projected spending plan required for the second year of our convention cycle. This set aside would be funded over the next 11 months and we would not need to draw from these funds until next June.

I will be contacting the hotel to discuss planning of our convention in March of 2023 at the Seacrest in Falmouth, MA.

ILS,

Debbie L

AREA CONCERNS/ OPEN FORUM

1. *SEMA group concern – Keeping a virtual platform available ... several members for and against. “Virtual is not the same feeling as in person”, concern of health issues, etc., “this not about the pandemic per say”, motion to be heard in new business.*
2. *Caring and sharing event – explanation voiced . does region want to host next year? What is the commitment? There seems interest and support idea. Motion to be heard in new business.*
3. *Former FD chair not changing payer source and email on zoom account. It was said that he put set up an account with his personal email and person payor source., members say that this member has refused help to resolve this issue after members offered help and support. It was said that the former FD chair says he can't change it and zoom has not been helpfu in assisting him. It was said to not speak about this further. Suggestion to reach out to him again and to offer more support, a few members offered to do so. Suggestion next time that website set up account and personal information can no longer be used. Possible motion in new business.*
4. *Subcommittee Saturday, proposal to stagger meeting times. Will this work in person? Several members were in favor on staggering, listed positives. Concern was brought up about whether it would interfere with CAR reporting. Proposed schedule by D'Lanor. Try out new schedule next subcommittee Saturday and then give feedback and reassess 11-1230 - H &I/ Finance/ Convention , 12:30 - 2 - PR/ Insurance/ Policy , 2 - 330 - Website/ Fellowship Development/ literature , 3:30 - 5 – PRESENTATION*
5. *Greater Worcester not being present...FD will reach out.*
6. *Storing the policies all in one place. Google drive. There was discussion about the benefits of it. Jeremy will emails docs out explaining how to use this function..*
7. *Questions/discussion on whether to have QR codes for meeting on nerna.org.. Discussion on: Do we need physical meeting list? is. Comment was made that were are moving towards technology. Proposition of doing online/QR codes and paper meeting lists? Discussion was had on changing PDF format on website*

or creating more of a booklet? Several people for and against consensus seems to be have one of each option.

8. *Women's history on NA event was discussed, it was said that this event is using NA name inappropriately .. zonal rep can follow up and FD and AD can follow up. It was said that the event is all NA information and literature but noting calling the event an NA event. Several people offered information, more will be revealed.*
9. *WCNA 38...questions and discussion regarding the viability and prudence of the event. Concern of overseas convention during fiscally difficult times and health safety times.*

OLD BUSINESS

- I. February 2021 MINUTES- Accepted

ELECTIONS

RMD: **POSITION VACANT, BRING BACK TO GROUPS!**

LITERATURE: **POSITION VACANT, BRING BACK TO GROUPS!**

ASSISTANT TREASURER: **POSITION VACANT, BRING BACK TO GROUPS!**

CONVENTION: **John F**

Adhoc chair for caring and sharing: **D'Lanor**

NEW BUSINESS

Set Quorum- Voting RCMs: 9 Simple Majority: 5 2/3: 6

MONEY MOTION #1

Presented by: Debbie L 2nd: Susan G

Motion: To put the \$6867.63 in a set aside until the June RSC.

Intent: To allow the BOD and Convention to have some money for the next convention cycle and that these funds do not get forwarded elsewhere.

Vote: In favor: 9 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Unopposed: 0

NON-MONEY MOTION #1

Presented: SEMA 2nd: SSA

Motion: To add to policy that an online option remain available for all meetings of the RSC moving forward.

Intent: To allow as many members as possible access to regional meetings.

Vote: In favor: Referred to policy committee. Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Unopposed: 0

NON-MONEY MOTION #2

Presented: John N 2nd: Katie S

Motion: to create an adhoc for NERNA to host a month of caring and sharing as a fundraiser for the month of April 2022.

Intent: To further our primary purpose by continuing the conversation about switching to a fellowship built from member contributions. Mission:

Vote: In favor: 9 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Unopposed: 0

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04/11/21

NERNA!
Deposit Detail
 February 15 through April 11, 2021

Type	Num	Date	Name	Account	Amount
Deposit		04/10/2021		Checking at Citizen...	2,599.59
			MetroWest	Group & Area Contr...	-2,599.59
TOTAL					-2,599.59
Deposit		04/10/2021		Checking at Citizen...	1,418.77
			Brothers in Recovery	Group & Area Contr...	-98.87
			Clean, Cool and Free	Group & Area Contr...	-21.22
			Nernah Noonah	Group & Area Contr...	-241.27
			common Welfare - B...	Group & Area Contr...	-5.57
			End of the Line	Group & Area Contr...	-28.06
			True Colors	Group & Area Contr...	-29.04
			Steps to Freedom	Group & Area Contr...	-57.89
			Anonymous	Group & Area Contr...	-24.15
			Nernah Noonah	Group & Area Contr...	-220.97
			12 Group	Group & Area Contr...	-12.41
			Wisdom to know	Group & Area Contr...	-48.60
			Clean, Cool and Free	Group & Area Contr...	-17.30
			End of the Line	Group & Area Contr...	-27.08
			Living Clean - Boston	Group & Area Contr...	-15.84
			Breakfast Club	Group & Area Contr...	-97.50
			common Welfare - B...	Group & Area Contr...	-11.44
			Men and Women To...	Group & Area Contr...	-17.79
			South Shore Area	Group & Area Contr...	-385.39
			True Colors	Group & Area Contr...	-58.38
TOTAL					-1,418.77

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04/11/21

Accrual Basis

NERNA!
Balance Sheet
 As of April 11, 2021

	Apr 11, 21
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking at Citizens Bank - Ne	
Insurance SA	5,511.00
Mobile App SA	125.00
NESSNA SA	3,576.00
PR SA	637.50
Prudent Reserve	2,122.00
RD / AD SA	2,611.01
Travel SA	500.00
Checking at Citizens Bank - Ne - Other	-426.23
Total Checking at Citizens Bank - Ne	14,656.28
Total Checking/Savings	14,656.28
Total Current Assets	14,656.28
TOTAL ASSETS	14,656.28
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	14,656.28

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04/11/21

NERNAI
Transaction List by Date
 February 15 through April 11, 2021

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Account	Clr	Split	Amount
Feb 15 - Apr 11, 21								
Check	02/15/2021	1443	Noel Dennis	Reimburse...	Checking at Citizens...	X	Customary Exp...	-246.00
Check	02/15/2021	1444	NAWS	Regional Conf...	Checking at Citizens...	X	NAWS Contrib...	-1,608.97
Deposit	04/10/2021			Deposit	Checking at Citizens...		Group & Area ...	2,599.59
Deposit	04/10/2021			Deposit	Checking at Citizens...		-SPLIT-	1,418.77
Check	04/10/2021	1445	Noel Dennis	Reimburse...	Checking at Citizens...		H & I Expenses	-176.00
Transfer	04/10/2021			Funds Transfer	Checking at Citizens...		NESSNA SA	-596.00
Transfer	04/10/2021			Funds Transfer	Checking at Citizens...		PR SA	-212.50
Transfer	04/10/2021			Funds Transf...	Checking at Citizens...		Insurance SA	-860.50
Feb 15 - Apr 11, 21								



The North-East Zonal Fellowship Development Team Spring Updates!

Our first gathering session for the RCM Training was a massive success! The flyer to the right will be the second and final gathering session, and you won't want to miss it!



April 23rd- 25th, the NEZF will be meeting all weekend, devoting all of Saturday's session to Strategic Planning. We would love for you to participate and direct the Zone for the upcoming cycle!




We are still accepting members into the Human Resource Pool (HRP)

If your service body would like some assistance with a project, please fill out the Service Request Form through the link below!

To Connect with us

visit us at:
<https://fd.nezf.org>



*Together, we
recover, and
together, we
serve—this is the
spiritual core of
our program,
the foundation
of our fellowship.*

*Twelve Concepts for NA Service,
Concept Twelve*

How will your
NA community
celebrate the
Third Annual
Service Day?

- Host a service-related speaker jam?
- Hold a virtual workshop?
- Organize a Service Learning Day?

NAWS will be hosting a webinar on Fellowship Development, 1 May, 11:00am-1:pm PDT. More information will be posted at www.na.org/webinar.

Please send your ideas and comments to worldboard@na.org.

Get your "I Serve" pins
www.na.org/webstore



SATURDAY



1 MAY 2021

RD/RDA Spending Plan for the WSC 2022 Conference Cycle

Function	Date	Registration	Airport	Air Fare	Mileage	Ground	Hotel	Per Diem	Extras	Total
NEZF1	Oct '20									
WSLD	Oct '20									\$0.00
FRSSNA	March '21									\$0.00
NEZF2	April '21									\$0.00
MZSS	Aug '21	\$40	\$25	\$800		\$80	\$350	\$300		\$1,595
NEZF3	Oct '21				\$200	\$80	\$350	\$300	\$200	\$1,130
WSLD	Oct '21	\$55	\$25	\$800		\$80	\$350	\$300		\$1,610
MRLE	Dec '21	\$50			\$250			\$200		\$500
CAR Presentations	Jan '22- Feb '22				\$200		\$450	\$200		\$850
WSC	April '22		\$50	\$400		\$40	\$850	\$500	\$350	\$2,190
NEZF4	WSC									\$0
Misc.									\$350	\$350
		\$145	\$100	\$2,000	\$650	\$280	\$2,350	\$1,800	\$900	\$8,225

The RD/RDA spending plan from June 2020 – May 2021 = \$0.00 and from June 2021 – May 2022 = \$8,225

This budget assumes that workshops will be done in conjunction with the Fellowship Development sub-committee and monies for these functions shall appear in the budget for the aforementioned sub-committee. The "misc." line item has been added to cover costs associated with presentations.

NEZF:

1) NEZF1 – Zoom; 2) NEZF2 – Zoom; 3) NEZF3 – (Extras: \$200 toward funding unfunded trusted servants); 3) WSC (Extras: \$200 for purchasing CAR's and \$150 for purchasing CAT's)

Conference Cycle workshops:

- December: CAR
- February: CAR/CAT (one week later)
- April: CAR/CAT/Tally
- June: Summary of decisions

March 21, 2021

See above for AD report.

Regional Meeting Directory Report

No report submitted.

Website:

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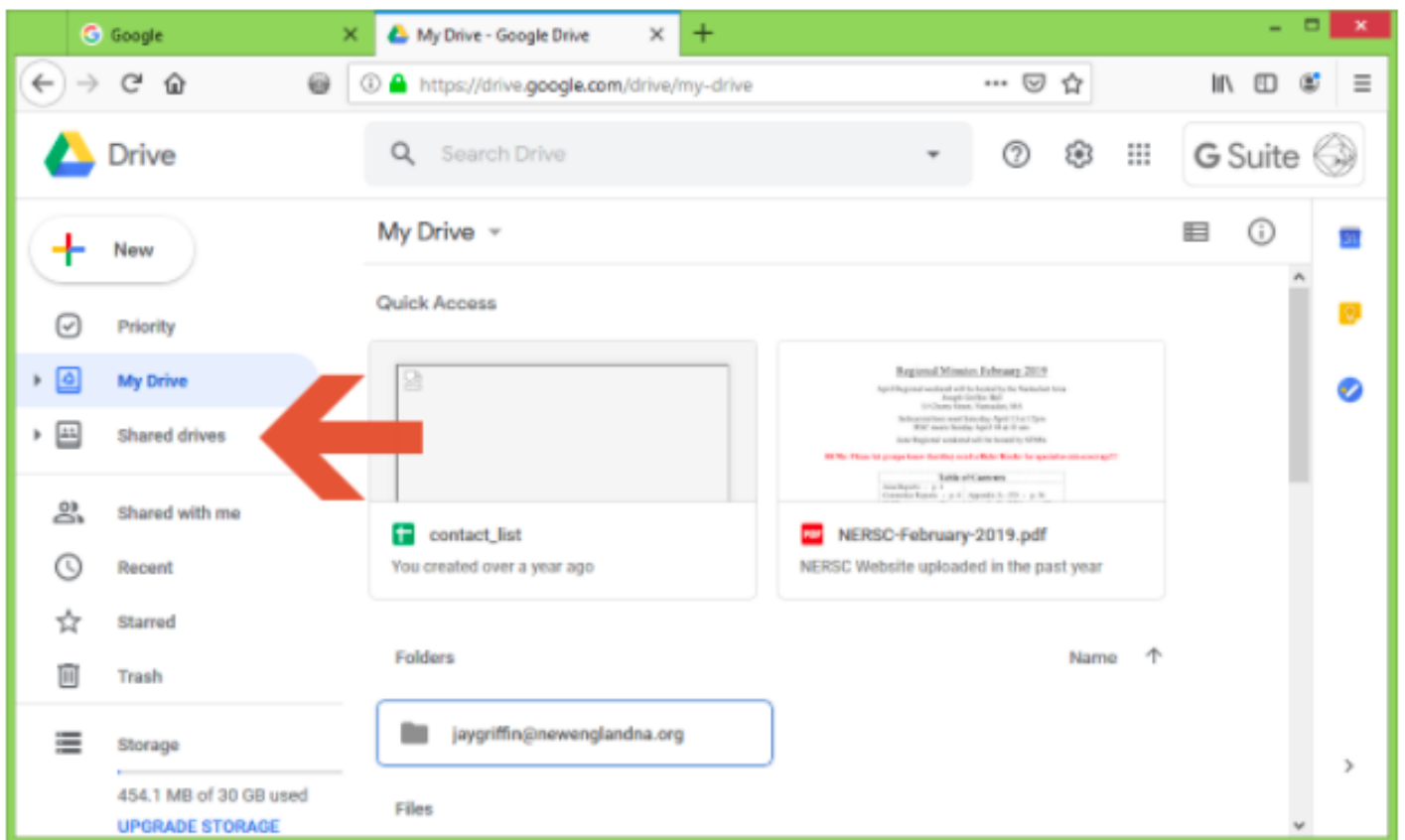
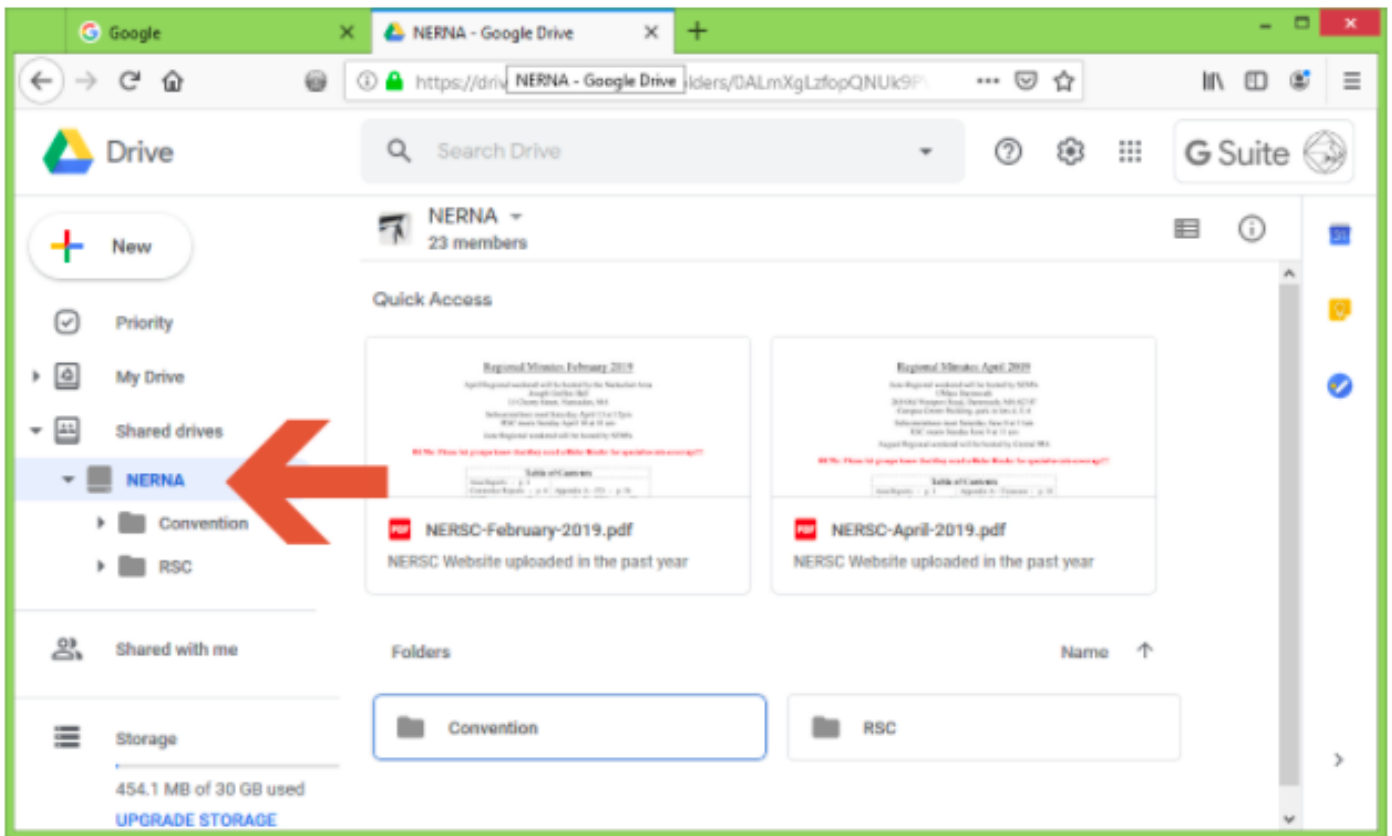
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- View files
- Delete files
- Download files
- Create folders
- Delete folders

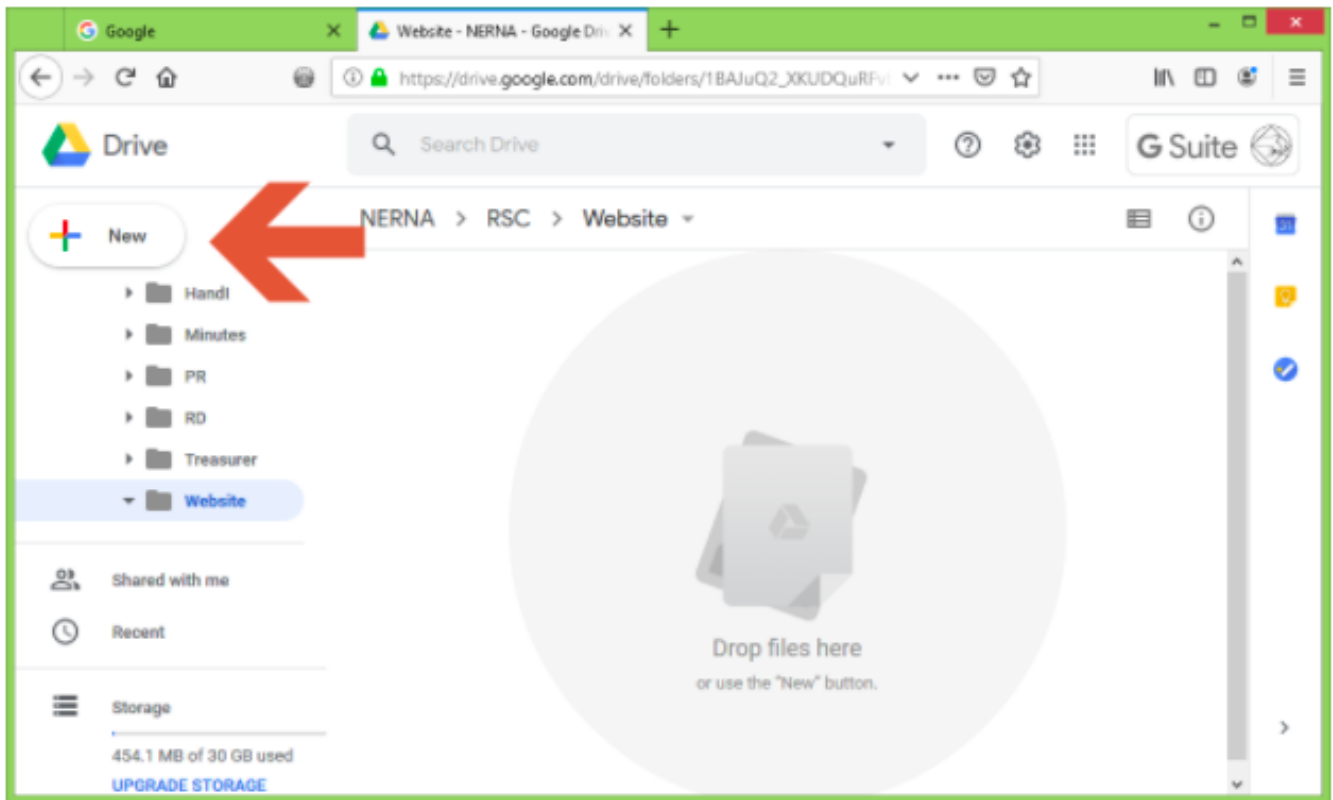
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Once you have logged in, select Shared Drives and click the arrow head to its left. Under it you will see the NERNA folder. Click the arrow head to its left and you will see the Convention and RSC folders.



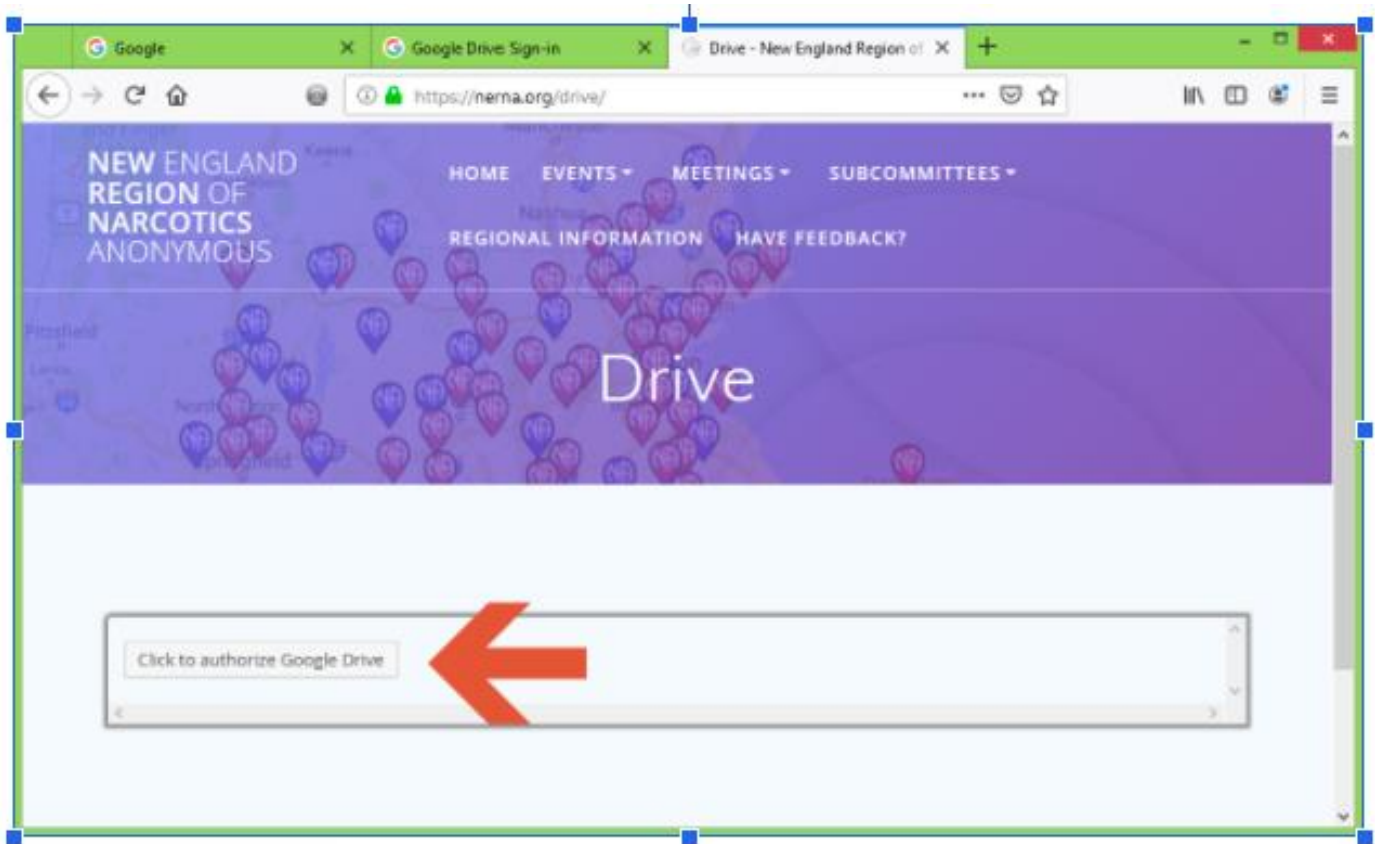
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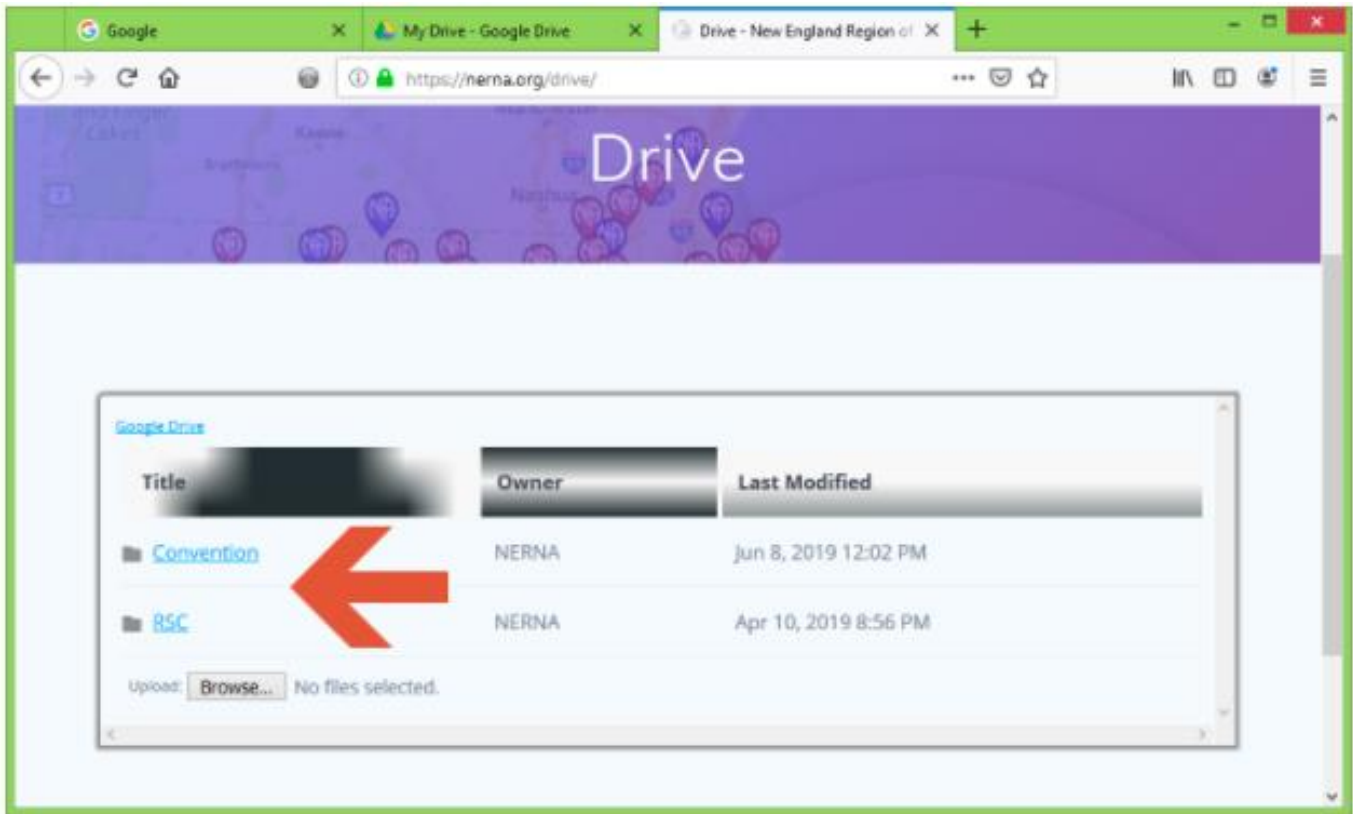
Once into the folder structure, you can use the **New** button to create folders and upload files. To download or delete a file or a folder, right-click on it and select from the menu that appears.

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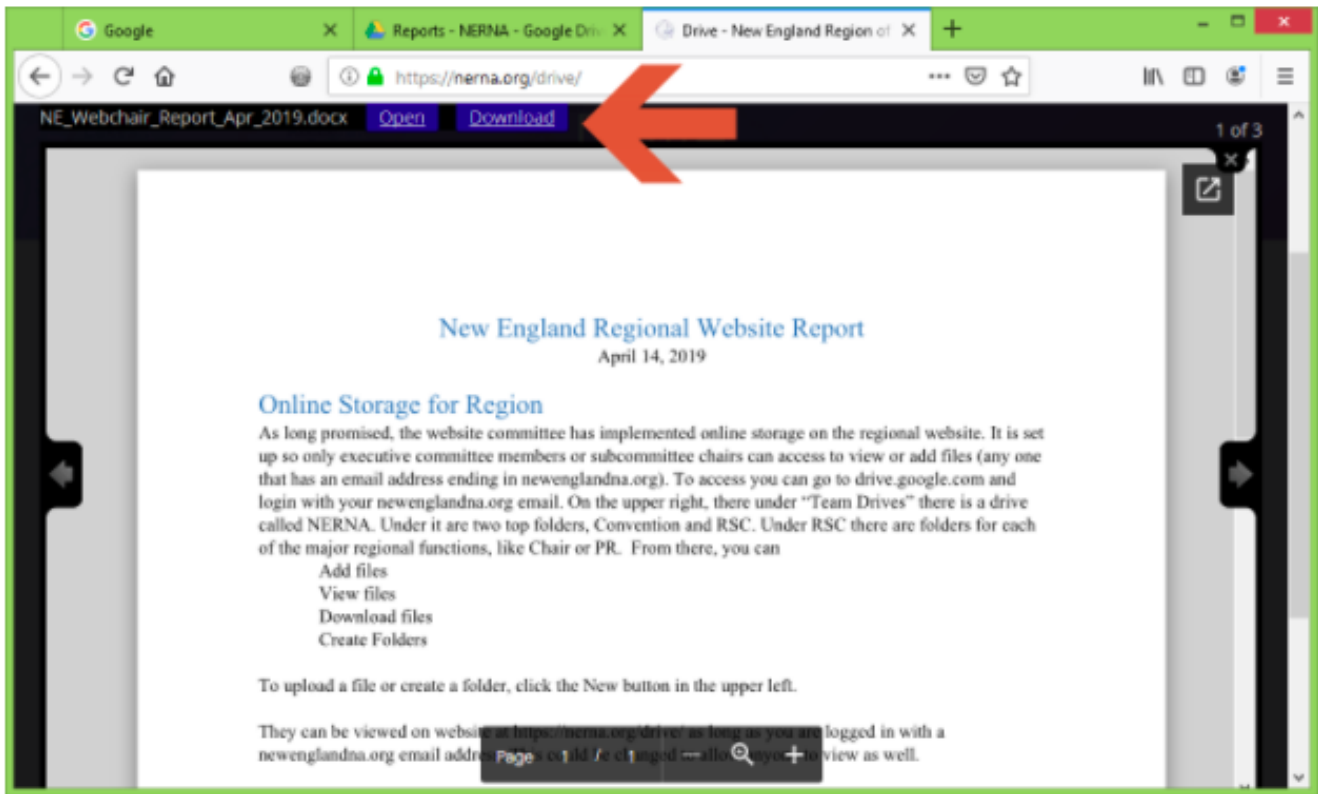
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Google Drive' and sign in with your newenglandna.org email account. Once there you will see the same folders that you can see when logged into **drive.google.com**.



You can click on the folder names to navigate into the folder structure and use the **Browse** button to upload files. (To create a folder, you must use **drive.google.com**.) To download a file, click on it. A window will open with the file in it and you may use the Download button to download the file. On Windows, by default it will go into your Downloads folder.



Convention Treasurer:

	<u>May '19 - Apr 20</u>	<u>May '20 - Apr 21</u>	<u>Total</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Board-Executive Committee			
Merchandise	387.41	-	387.41
Total Board-Executive Committee	<u>387.41</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>387.41</u>
Donation	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
Newcomer donations	84.00	215.00	299.00
Registrations	270.00	210.00	480.00
Special Events{I}			-
Fundraising	<u>1,297.79</u>	<u>240.00</u>	<u>1,537.79</u>
Total Special Events{I}	<u>1,297.79</u>	<u>240.00</u>	<u>1,537.79</u>
Total Income	<u>7,039.20</u>	<u>665.00</u>	<u>7,704.20</u>
Cost of Goods Sold			-
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>361.32</u>	<u>158.88</u>	<u>520.20</u>
Total COGS	<u>361.32</u>	<u>158.88</u>	<u>520.20</u>
Gross Profit	<u>6,677.88</u>	<u>506.12</u>	<u>7,184.00</u>
Expense			-
Business Expenses			-
Annual Report	31.50	18.50	50.00
Form PC filing	35.00	35.00	70.00
Insurance - Liability, D and O	<u>1,660.00</u>	<u>1,709.00</u>	<u>3,369.00</u>
Total Business Expenses	<u>1,726.50</u>	<u>1,762.50</u>	<u>3,489.00</u>
Contract Services			-
Accounting Fees	<u>500.00</u>	<u>525.00</u>	<u>1,025.00</u>
Total Contract Services	<u>500.00</u>	<u>525.00</u>	<u>1,025.00</u>

	<u>May '19 - Apr 20</u>	<u>May '20 - Apr 21</u>	<u>Total</u>
Hotels & Hospitalities			-
Hotels and hospitalities misc	500.00	-	500.00
Total Hotels & Hospitalities	<u>500.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Operations			-
PO Box	-	150.00	150.00
Printing and Copying	136.17	-	136.17
Supplies	22.38	-	22.38
Total Operations	<u>158.55</u>	<u>150.00</u>	<u>308.55</u>
Special events(e)			-
Fundraising(e)	600.00	126.50	726.50
Total Special events(e)	<u>600.00</u>	<u>126.50</u>	<u>726.50</u>
Square processing fees	5.56	36.10	41.66
Travel and Meetings			-
Travel	184.93	42.00	226.93
Total Travel and Meetings	<u>184.93</u>	<u>42.00</u>	<u>226.93</u>
Total Expense	<u>3,675.54</u>	<u>2,642.10</u>	<u>6,317.64</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>3,002.34</u>	<u>(2,135.98)</u>	<u>866.36</u>
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ASSETS**Current Assets****Checking/Savings****Citizens****Board**

3,585.38 1,255.88

Convention**Convention operating funds**

5,954.35 6,091.75

Newcomer Donation - Set Aside

84.00 299.00

Total Convention

6,038.35 6,390.75

Total Citizens

9,623.73 7,646.63

Total Checking/Savings

9,623.73 7,646.63

Other Current Assets**Inventory Asset**

1,406.88 1,248.00

Total Other Current Assets

1,406.88 1,248.00

Total Current Assets

11,030.61 8,894.63

TOTAL ASSETS**11,030.61 8,894.63****LIABILITIES & EQUITY****Equity****Fund Balance - Unrestricted**

8,028.27 11,030.61

Net Income

3,002.34 -2,135.98

Total Equity

11,030.61 8,894.63

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY**11,030.61 8,894.63**