

The regional service subcommittee met on August 14th, 2011 at 20 Washington Street,
Beverly Massachusetts

Announcements

1. Next New England Regional Service Committee Weekend
Saturday Regional Subcommittee Meetings held at:
12:00 PM October 8th 2011
Cape Cod Community College, Room: South 111
Located in South building, park in lot 4
2240 Iyannough Road, West Barnstable MA 02668
Sunday Regional Service Committee meeting held at:
11:00 AM October 9th 2011
Cape Cod Community College, Room: South 111
Located in South building, park in lot 4
2240 Iyannough Road, West Barnstable MA 02668

2. WSR is seeking male and female step guides to help incarcerated addicts within the
New England Region. Please contact Andy from Central Mass.

3. The 3rd NEMA convention will be held March 2-4th 2012 at the Sheraton Ferncroft,
Danvers MA.

4. Sisters in Spirit Annual Retreat at the Craigeville Conference Center September 17th-
19th 2011.

Subcommittees:

RSC:

**Open Positions: Activities Committee Chair, H&I chair, Literature chair, Phone
line chair, PI chair, RMD, Website chair, and 1 finance member at large.**

Noel opened the meeting at 11:08 am with a moment of silence and a collaborative
reading of the 12 traditions and 12 concepts of NA.

9 areas were present: Boston, Cape Cod, Central Mass, Free Spirit, Martha's Vineyard,
Metro West, Greater Providence, South Shore, and NEMA.

2 additional areas were also present, the Pioneer Valley Area and the Western Mass Area
were visiting.

SUBCOMITTEE REPORTS

Chair: no report

Vice Chair: no report

Secretary: I am submitting a customary expense reimbursement form for the amount of \$17.49, for copies and a 7 pocket folder to keep all of the various paperwork organized. I am also passing around the contact sheet, please update it with accurate information.

Opening Balance and Treasurer's Report:

Starting balance is \$3,677.75, with a prudent reserve \$1,552.50.
NERSC Treasurer's Report August, 2011

On Saturday, August 13, 2011 the Finance Committee met in Beverly, Ma. Present from the committee were James P. Carrie B. Rocco A, and Brian. Interested in becoming members of the committee that were present were Bob, Sal S.. Thank you NEMA for hosting us.

I have completed circulating the bank paperwork to the four signers, and the Chair will submit that to the bank. We are considering switching to another bank – the Finance Committee chair will discuss this.

We received notice from our CPA Kathy Pratt that she retired and sold her practice to Brenda and Cary McFadden (mother and son team). They can be reached at Brenda.mcfaddencpa@bridgetoncpa.com and carymcfaddencpa@bridgetoncpa.com. The practice is retaining the same address and number---207-647-4600. I have sent them an e-mail of introduction and a thank you email to Kathy for her years of dedicated service.

Mass DOR sent a letter alerting us that our prior taxes were filed in paper and they need to be done electronically. If we submit a paper return again, we will be charged a \$100 fine. I tried to submit the taxes electronically but the Mass site was down for a few weeks and then he had difficulty logging in when the site was again active. He discovered that he needed to create his own account with his SSN and link it to the regional bank account.

I voided the Mass DOR check for \$36.88 as it was a) inaccurate and b) paid the tax of \$50.63 on 8/8/11 electronically.

Starting Balance: \$3,677.75. Prudent Reserve is \$1,552.50. The starting balance of August Region is always a reflection of changes in terms of RD/RDA set aside (return of any unused funds from the previous FY) and reducing down or increasing up of Prudent Reserve (in this case \$2,293.00 is released back to the account).

We recommend Bob and Sal for members at large of the Finance Committee.

In Loving Service,
James P.

Finance:

Convention Committee:

H&I:

Literature:

Literature Committee
August 14, 2011

The literature committee did not meet yesterday at the NERSC due to lack of attendance. We continue to seek interested members in our Region and look forward to their participation.

Projects we continue to work on include:

- The possibility of our committee submitting writings to na.org's "Locally Developed Resources" or via the www.newenglandna.org literature committee link.
- The NA World Services "Service System Project." We will continue to review updates and provide input as it becomes available.
- Review of the Living Clean project.
- Review of the NAWS position paper on use of social media.

We continue to seek input from Areas of the New England Region. If any Areas have completed our survey, I would be happy to collect those today and at any time.

In Loving Service,
The Literature Committee

Insurance Liability:

Area % annual cost
Boston: .1236 \$ 286.50
Cape Cod .0719 \$ 166.66
Central Mass .1506 \$ 349.09
Free Spirit .0449 \$ 104.08
Greater Providence .0989 \$ 229.25
Martha's Vineyard .0135 \$ 31.29
Metro West .0854 \$ 197.96
Nantucket .0112 \$ 25.96
Northeast Mass .2045 \$ 474.03
Southeast Mass .1011 \$ 234.35
South Shore .0944 \$ 218.82

Policy:

The policy subcommittee met Saturday, August 13th with 4 addicts in attendance – myself, the CMA policy chair, the NEMA policy chair, and the Insurance chair. Before the meeting the outgoing policy chair and I discussed some minor edits to be made to the written policy. These include

- adding to Article V.3.A several subcommittees which are not currently in the list of standing committees for which a chairperson is elected each June
- Removing Article V.3.C which states that the convention committee chair will be elected in April in the odd years, since this will take place in June every other year to coincide with conventions as stated in Article V.3.A
- Article IX.2.C – The prudent reserve will be determined each year at the June NERSC meeting after a review of budgets submitted at the April NERSC meeting.

(It was voted that this process be moved up by 1 region)

- Article IX.5 – Budgets should be submitted every the *finance committee* (not the treasurer)

Also the Insurance subcommittee (what are we actually calling this?) should be added, along with any other policy additions related to this new position/subcommittee. At this point, there is little that could be added other than merely listing the subcommittee along with the others. We discussed the need to develop policy for this subcommittee, which will probably require that the new Insurance chair, the insurance ad-hoc chair, the policy subcommittee, and the finance subcommittee work together. Major questions we identified include – will new areas potentially joining the Region change the amount owed overall and for each area? How will billing take place? What will the policy be regarding distribution of certificates of insurance, what is an acceptable timeline for request/response for certificate?

CMA and NEMA report no policy issues at this time.

I will email the updated policy to the website subcommittee at the end of the day and bring several hard copies to the next regional meeting.

- Dave P

Phone Line:

Public Information:

Hi family,

The Public information subcommittee met on Saturday in Beverly Ma. Thanks to the North East Mass area for hosting us. In the absence of a chair or vice chairperson I facilitated the meeting. There were 3 recovering addicts in attendance. The central Mass and Greater Providence area's were represented. Reports were read and some very useful information was shared. The Central Ma area has many PI events coming up in September including one on 9/17 from 12-5 at Green Hill park in Worcester and another on 9/20 at Haywood Hospital in Gardner Ma. The Providence area reported that the Rhode Island drug court may be disbanding due to lack of funding after initially requesting a PI presentation and that there will be a recovery rally at Roger Williams national park from 2-7pm on 9/10 in downtown Providence. Both areas are asking for regional PI participation and would like to utilize the regional desktop displays. We next moved to open forum and found that there was a mutual concern about the whereabouts of the regional PI equipment including a lap top and table top displays. We then held elections under new business and unfortunately no PI chair or vice chair nominations were made. Finally we closed with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. I do believe there are a few regional PI events planned for the near future but have no information on these events. I am hoping that someone here today can either step up for nomination or assist me in finding out the details of these events. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

In loving service,

Pat f

Andrew L. would like everyone to know that the RD/RDA team is currently in

possession of the pop up tent, the projector and the lap top.

RMD:

Regional Meeting Directories Committee

August 14, 2011

INVENTORY		
Beginning Inventory	2,750	
Plus July Printing	8,000	
Total available for sales	10,750	Assets
Sold to areas, groups & individuals	-6,050	\$ 605.00
Sold to Regional Committees	-50	\$ 5.00
Sold to outside vendors	-400	\$ 40.00
Total Sales this period	-6,500	\$ 650.00
Remaining Inventory	4,250	\$ -
Plus sales tax collected		\$ 33.52
Plus Shipping & Handling		\$ 22.37
Assets Total (Deposit)		\$ 705.89
Seed Money for Printing		\$ -
Total Assets		\$ 705.89
	Expenses	
Printing 8000 RMDs (July)		\$ 675.00
Sales Tax Collected		\$ 33.52
Postage		\$ 16.60
Supplies		\$ -
Less Total Expenses		\$ 725.12
Net Profit or (Loss) this Period		\$ (19.23)

The remaining inventory of the July Printing is available for purchase today.
 The next printing should be in 2 weeks so get your updates to the website before we go to print.
 To make updates, remove or add a meeting: Go to the website (NERNA.org) and register.
 Check all meeting info on the website by clicking on the meeting day, then make your changes.
 Changes should appear within a few days and will appear in the next printing of the RMD.
 I am submitting a Customary Reimbursement form for \$10.90 for postage expenses.
 I will need a check for the June printing in the amount of \$675.00.

We sell meeting directories in quantities of 50; check table below for quantities costs.

RMD's	COST	TAX	TOTAL	RMD's	COST	TAX	TOTAL
50	\$5.00	\$0.32	\$5.32	550	\$55.00	\$3.44	\$58.44
100	\$10.00	\$0.63	\$10.63	600	\$60.00	\$3.75	\$63.75
150	\$15.00	\$0.94	\$15.94	650	\$65.00	\$4.07	\$69.07
200	\$20.00	\$1.25	\$21.25	700	\$70.00	\$4.38	\$74.38
250	\$25.00	\$1.57	\$26.57	750	\$75.00	\$4.69	\$79.69
300	\$30.00	\$1.88	\$31.88	800	\$80.00	\$5.00	\$85.00
350	\$35.00	\$2.19	\$37.19	850	\$85.00	\$5.32	\$90.32
400	\$40.00	\$2.50	\$42.50	900	\$90.00	\$5.63	\$95.63
450	\$45.00	\$2.82	\$47.82	950	\$95.00	\$5.94	\$100.94
500	\$50.00	\$3.13	\$53.13	1000	\$100.00	\$6.25	\$106.25

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CHECK REGISTER			
Date	NAME	CHECK #	Amount
6/5/11	South Shore	3607	\$ 106.25
6/25/11	Metro West Abbey B	2113	\$ 31.88
6/26/11	Metro West ASC	457	\$ 32.10
7/29/11	Clara Jones	1252	\$ 16.28
5/25/11	Partners (McLeans)	4094277	\$ 48.39
6/30/11	NERPC	2068	\$ 5.00
5/22/11	Boston ASC	5467	\$ 100.00
	Christopher M	1250	Cash Sales \$ 365.99
Total Checks for Deposit			\$ 705.89

Website:

There is now a convention feedback form on the regional website page, which is for all participants to leave comments and suggestions. All changes, including subcommittees and meeting information, can be sent to info@newenglandna.org

RD/RDA:

RD Report August, 2011

Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

GSR Notes- These notes are vital for GSR's to have for their groups.

Thank you for your time and efforts. Please cut and paste the links into your browser for best results.

World Unity Day

http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/wcna/WCNA_Unity%20Day%20Flier.pdf

Living clean Approval draft available-

http://www.na.org/?ID=Living_Clean_Project

Or order online

https://cart.na.org/IW_Products.m4p.pvx?;SEARCH_SUBMIT

Service system project information-

Second Draft

http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/servsys/Service_System_Proposals_Report_March2011.pdf

Please feel to contact me with any questions. rd@newenglandna.org

New info regarding Third draft is available please visit

<http://www.na.org/?ID=servsys> Please contact Your RCM or RD with any questions. Updates continue to be added so please check regularly.

We have also added them to the Regional website:

http://www.nerna.org/Service_Structure_Project%20

We as a fellowship are looking at proposals that restructure the service system. The current system was created in 1976 to support 5000 groups. We now have over 50,000. For all the information

Our New Vision Statement-

http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/servsys/Vision_for_NA%20Service.pdf

A Vision for NA Service

All of the efforts of Narcotics Anonymous are inspired by the primary purpose of our groups. Upon this common ground we stand committed.

Our vision is that one-day:

- Every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in his or her own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life;
- Every member, inspired by the gift of recovery, experiences spiritual growth and fulfillment through service;
- NA service body's worldwide work together in a spirit of unity and cooperation to support the groups in carrying our message of recovery;
- Narcotics Anonymous has universal recognition and respect as a viable program of recovery. Honesty, trust, and goodwill are the foundation of our service efforts, all of which rely upon the guidance of a loving Higher Power.

Would you like to sign up for the Just For Today and other NA Periodicals e-mail list? Click here <http://www.na.org/?ID=subscribe> Please note that everyone's subscription to the NA Way magazine will need to be renewed ASAP. You can also use the e-subscribe to eliminate postal charges to the fellowship.

Free NA Literature- <http://www.na.org/?ID=ips-eng-index>

Regional events, meeting information and www.nerna.org

North East Zonal Forum: www.nezf.org

NAWS NEWS- <http://www.na.org/?ID=reports-nawsnews-nawsmain>

PR Basics-

http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/PR/PR_Basics.pdf

H&I Basics-

http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/PR/PR_H_I_Packet.pdf

Group Updates- Go to www.nerna.org -create an account, find the meeting you want to update, click on group name and submit the updated info. The moderator will take it from there.

NAWS annual report - <http://www.na.org/?ID=reports-ar-2010-TOC>

WCNA 34 - <http://www.na.org/?ID=wcna-index>

RCM Notes = All GSR Notes and the following information

Trusted Servant Update Forms for NAWS-

http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/ASC-Reg_Form2010.pdf

Bulletins- <http://www.na.org/?ID=bulletins-bulletins>

Handbooks- <http://www.na.org/?ID=handbooks-handbook-index>

Local Recourses page: http://www.na.org/?ID=local_resource_area_resources

You can also mail your local Area meeting directories to the NERSC mailbox at PO Box 437 Quincy, MA 02132

Conference Agenda Report (CAR) will be available November 21, 2011

Click a Link Below to visit the NEZF Member Region Web Sites:

[ABCD](#)

[Buckeye](#)

[Connecticut](#)

[Eastern New York Region](#)

[Greater New York](#)

[Mid-Atlantic](#)

[Mountain Valley](#)

[New England](#)

[New Jersey](#)

Northern New England = www.namaine.org and www.gsana.org

[Northern New Jersey](#)

Northern New York

[Western New York](#)

[Tri-State Region of Narcotics Anonymous](#)

Service pamphlets- <http://web.na.org/?ID=servicemat-svc-pamphlets>

Greetings fellow NERSC NA members,

Jaime and I attended the NEZF in Sturbridge as requested by you. While I was helping facilitate and hosting the zone Jaime was taking notes to report on the NEZF. Jaime helped facilitate the afternoon session of the ZWW. Attendance was good and a lot of fellowshiping went on during the weekend. New connections were made and forward momentum on carrying the message was made. We had an average of 30 people from the zone throughout the day for the ZWW.

We would like to see the NERSC create a Fellowship Development committee. They could put on IDT workshops and Multi-Area learning days. Interesting facts that were announced during regional reports- Suncoast Area <http://www.suncoastna.org/.html> has no PR / H&I committees. They formed a fellowship development committee and are now “Project Driven”. Much like the Florida Regional Service Committee is. I e-mailed the secretary of Suncoast Area and requested copies of their FDC reports. For more fellowship development information please see chapter 12 in the PR Handbook- http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/handbooks/PRHB_Final_24Oct06.pdf

Q: How do we achieve unity?

A: Work through boundaries. Plan - Evaluate – Prioritize – Workshop/Train
NYC - Chinatown has over 240,000 people. There are no NA meetings in Chinatown.
CT- has 9 areas / 300 meetings

Maine area (which is a statewide body) Skypes it’s ASC meeting because it’s a 5 hour ride from Bangor to Portland.

Other notes/comments made from NA members from the NEZF weekend-
Smoke there if fire comment – USSC - US fellowship assembly issues (two separate bodies that are outside the NA service structure) These bodies have suffered enough internal strife that they are now splitting and trying to reform.

We are in the beginning stages of discussing the NERSC expanding boundaries to encompass the 6 states of proper New England. We would like to make a proposal at the next NEZF in December to discuss this with Connecticut and Northern New England Regions.

We discussed Zonal expenses. Unfunded Trusted servants = Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. The Zone Wide Workshop. We talked about the cost of the NEZF website. We would like to discuss with members of the NERSC website committee the possibilities of the NERSC hosting the NEZF webpage on our website to keep costs down. How much would our costs go up?

We continue to improve our RD orientation efforts at the Zone.

The ZWW committee would like any and all feedback from attendees. Please contact me at rd@newenglandna.org

Chair Don B. Vice Bill H. Secretary – Open. Judi M. will volunteer as her “term” limits prevent her from continuing in the position.

We donated \$25.28 to the First Evangelical Lutheran Church for the use of the hall May 14th to hold the SSP workshop. This was the leftover funds from the \$300.00 that the RDA received in April.

We returned \$155.01 from the \$2500.00 issued to host the North East Zonal Forum(NEZF).

The next zone will be in
Comfort Inn

298 Queen City Avenue "Conference Agenda Workshop" Saturday 9AM-5PM
Manchester, NH

<http://www.nerna.org/node/811>

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TO: Conference Participants

FROM: World Board

DATE: 31 May 2011

RE: Issue Discussion Topic Session Profiles

Greetings from NA World Services,

As most of you know, in past conference cycles we have selected issue discussion topics (IDTs)

as a way to get members talking about particular issues and concerns, and a vehicle for us to

gather ideas and input from members about those topics. We have used some of this gathered

input to foster a dialogue and improve workshops over the course of the cycle, and also to help

in the development of new tools, such as the Building Strong Home Groups worksheet and

some of the service pamphlets.

The IDTs we have chosen for this cycle are a bit different from the IDTs of past cycles, which

were often aimed at initiating discussion on issues. Our hope this cycle is to introduce members

to and familiarize them with some of the newest resources approved at the 2010 World Service

Conference. Among the new materials approved at WSC 2010 were: *A Vision for NA Service; In*

Times of Illness, Revised; IP #24, Money Matters: Self-Support in NA; and IP #28, Funding NA

Services. Our hope is that these IDT session materials will help conference participants and

other trusted servants and members in your communities to generate useful discussion and

awareness of these resources.

We have drafted four session profiles, including a profile for introducing *A Vision for NA Service*,

one for the revised *In Times of Illness* booklet, and two sessions for discussing self-support. We

have also created PowerPoint presentations to correspond with each of the session profiles. A

more detailed description of each of these sessions follows.

We are sending these session profiles to conference participants and posting them online

where they will be accessible to any members looking for workshop materials. We hope that you will find them helpful for workshops held within your regions. As always, we are open to any input from trusted servants and other members; comments and ideas can be directed to worldboard@na.org.

A Vision for NA Service

The creation of a vision statement for all NA service came about as part of the Service System Project. The project was created to begin developing more effective ways for our local services to function. After many conference cycles of discussing and analyzing “what’s working and what’s not working,” we determined the best way to really address our fundamental challenges could best be accomplished through a project devoted to the system as a whole. But before we could move closer to an ideal system, we needed to make sure we are all focused on the same set of ideals, that we share a common vision.

A Vision for NA Service was unanimously approved at WSC 2010 as a replacement for the NA World Services Vision Statement. The revised vision was expanded in order to be applicable for all NA services, beginning with the NA groups. This expanded vision statement was a first milestone for the Service System Project, and we hope that it will serve to inspire service bodies at all levels and encourage greater unity throughout NA. The Vision IDT session gives members an opportunity to look closely at the various parts of the vision statement and discuss how each of the points of the vision applies to their own personal roles and the roles of their groups and service bodies in working to achieve the aims set out in the vision.

In Times of Illness, Revised

Also carried by unanimous consent at WSC 2010 was the motion to approve a revision to *In Times of Illness*. The revised booklet was drafted using the original as a framework. Nothing was removed; things were only shifted and updated. Like the original, the revised *ITOI* is divided into sections to assist the member who has a specific challenge. There is a bit of repetition

throughout the booklet because we know some will want to focus on the sections relevant to issues they are currently facing. New sections in the booklet specifically address mental health issues, chronic illness, chronic pain, terminal illness, and supporting members with an illness.

The booklet also has updated and expanded material in the sections devoted to members' informing healthcare professionals of their addiction, medication in recovery, and emergency care.

The *ITOI* IDT session provides members with an opportunity to look at each of the different sections of the revised booklet and discuss scenarios related to some of those sections.

The discussion questions encourage members to draw on the source material and their own personal experience to discuss ways to approach illness, injury, medication, and supporting other members through the same challenges.

Self-Support Sessions

IP #24, *Money Matters: Self-Support in NA*, and IP #28, *Funding NA Services* replace our previous IPs *Self-Support: Principle and Practice* and "*Hey, What's the Basket For?*"

Our hope is that this new material will continue to raise awareness throughout the fellowship about the importance of self-support. All of us working together can shift the culture of giving in NA, so that we can do a better job of paying for the services that help us reach still-suffering addicts.

We face challenges related to funding at every level of service. NAWS has been affected by the

global economic crisis, and issues about lack of financial support and a lack of financial accountability were some of the most frequently reported challenges from regions this conference. We have a difficult time in NA talking about these issues in a way that engages our

members and that is not met by the reaction that all we care about is money. We seem to have

a culture in NA that, unlike many other twelve-step fellowships, does not inspire a sense of

responsibility to fund our services by contributions; instead we rely on events, literature, and

fundraisers. We asked delegates for their ideas, and most of what we heard was the need for

communication and education. We hope these profiles will help in that effort.

We are offering two separate sessions for self-support. One of the sessions is a simpler discussion of the principles of self-support, including how we each participate individually and

why it is so important to our groups and services. The second session offers a more in-depth look at the contents of the self-support pamphlets approved at the conference, helping members become familiar with what the pamphlets have to offer regarding the principles of self-support. We offer both session outlines so that workshop organizers can choose the session that seems more appropriate for their members, given the level of complexity and the time for the session.

Please follow this link to the IDT power point presentations etc.

http://www.na.org/?ID=2011_IDT

Western Service Learning Days (WSLD)

Purpose and History

Western Service Learning Days (WSLD) is an annual conference that focuses on Narcotics Anonymous services in Public Information (PI)/Public Relations (PR), Phonelines, Web Pages, Outreach, and Hospitals and Institutions (H&I). Thus giving NA members an opportunity to learn and share about issues and solutions. The event is hosted each year by a different Area or Region within thirteen western United States, two western Provinces of Canada, and Mexico.

Western Service Learning Days (WSLD), formerly called the Western States Public Information Learning Days Convention (WSPILD), started in Fife Washington in 1987 and has continued on an annual basis since then. The event was originally conceived to help inform interested addicts about Public Information, to improve their skills and knowledge base for implementing PI projects in their areas and regions.

As Phonelines was included with PI on a world level, in 1991 the event evolved to include Phonelines workshops. In 1997 Northern California hosted the first (and last) Western States Hospitals and Institutions Learning Days (WSH&ILD) planned as a coordinated event with WSPILD 11. In 1996 a motion was made and unanimously passed to expand the scope to include H&I beginning in 1999. Beginning with WSLD 12 in 1998, British Columbia began fulfilling the spirit of that motion a year earlier than required.

Future WSLD

2011 [Redmond, Oregon](#) (Central Oregon High Desert Area)

2012 Denver, Colorado (Colorado Region)

Originally the WSLD was made up of the 11 Western States. Then it was expanded in 1991 to include Alaska and Hawaii. In 1992 we included British Columbia, Canada, and in 1995 to include Mexico. In 1996 a motion was made and unanimously passed to change the name, effective in 1998, to Western Service Learning Days to reflect the expanded scope and geography.

<http://www.wsld.org/>

We are submitting a motion in the amount of \$1924.00 to attend the Western service learning days in Redmond, Oregon.

Air = \$1069.00

Hotel= \$375.00

Per Diem = \$330.00

Ground = \$150.00

In the future we feel that Regional PR, H&I and Website Chairpersons/trusted servants would best be suited to attend the WSLD and the Florida Service Symposium to gather resources and help us further carry the message to our local NA communities.

ILS and forever indebted to NA,

Andrew L.

NERD

BREAK FOR LUNCH

BOD/Convention Corporation:

Open positions- 2 past, 1 present- defaulted to member at large positions according to policy because no past or present members were willing to serve.

-Meaghan R. was nominated as a member at large and accepted into the position.

-Kevin F. was nominated as a member at large and accepted into the position.

AREA REPORTS:

Boston:

Cape Cod:

Cape Cod Area RCM Report

Cape Cod Area has met twice since last region, July 13th and August 10th. There are currently 26 meetings in Cape Cod Area and an average of 13 GSRs present at the Area Service Committee. We have our Activities, H & I and Policy Chair positions currently open.

Public Information Committee meets once a month. Harold L. was voted in as our new PI chair at the last area. PI as of recent has been placing meeting list holders in various location on the Cape, such as the Cape Psych center and Cape Cod Community College. Hospitals and Institutions meets the first Saturday of every month. Chris S. was nominated by the committee as H&I chair but was not present at our area meeting. The position is currently open. All of our commitments are currently being filled.

Cape Cod Area Activities committee has been meeting every week, busily planning our annual Fun in the Sun campout to be held next weekend, August 19th-21st. To camp for the whole weekend the cost is \$75 per person. This covers food for the entire weekend as well. The Activities chair position is currently open.

My area has some concerns and questions that they printed out for me to ask regarding the regional insurance. They decided not to cancel our current insurance policy until their questions are answered.

Our area is planning on hosting Region the weekend of October 8th-9th and I have copies of our bid flyer.

My area gave me \$33 to purchase RMDs today

After reading through the region's policy I/we (Cape Cod Area) have some questions/concerns about same.

1) The current named insured is "The New England Region Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous". This infers that the service committee is the only insured on the policy. Shouldn't the named insured read "The New England Region of Narcotics Anonymous"? This of course would include the service committee, all NA meetings, activities etc.

2) The location on the policy is Oak Bluffs with no mention that the service committee moves through out the region meeting at different locations through out the year.

3) Shouldn't there be a "schedule" of all areas insured on the policy clearly showing coverage?

4) I recently spoke with a member who helped attain a policy for SEPRNA (South Eastern Pennsylvania Region of NA). They were/are required to list all scheduled events/functions such as picnics, Unity Days etc on the policy. The Cape Cod Area has a 2 day camp out at Camp Linden in Sandwich. Is this something that is "automatically covered" on the policy or does an event like this have to be scheduled and where/how would we get the certificate of insurance proving liability for that as well as other functions?

The Cape Cod Area is requesting this email be forwarded to the insurance agent for written responses to our questions/concerns.

ILS,

Dave S.

Central Mass:

Free Spirit:

The Free Spirit area would like to thank NEMA for hosting this month's RSC. Our area met twice since the last RSC. At our June meeting we had 5 GSR's in attendance and in July 8 GSR's attended. Our annual elections were held and all positions with the exception of Policy, Outreach Chair, Alternate Treasurer and 6 panel leader positions. Our H&I committee reported that all commitments with panel leaders are being filled and the ones with no panel leaders are being filled when possible. Our area has been operating slightly under our prudent reserve so we have no donation to Region this month. Our Activities Committee is trying to host an event to have a diner and a live audio broadcast of the World Convention Closing Meeting on Sept 4th but they are struggling to find a hall. Also, we have a Saturday night bowling league starting on September 10th. At the request of one of our groups we created an ad-hoc committee to investigate possible changes to our service structure. That committee has met once and will be gathering information about what some other areas are doing and the lessons they have learned. Our Public Information Chair is planning on attending the RI Rally for Recovery event on Sept. 10th.

In Loving Service Brian S

Greater Providence:

Hi family, the Gpa met twice since last region. In the month of June 23 groups attended the Asc meeting out of 43. We held elections. And happy to report we have only 2 open

positions on area level. Finance chair and Literature chair. In the month of July we had 19 groups out of 43 attending the Asc meeting. We have 1 meeting that moved, the Sunday morning meeting "starting over" moved to 830 Chalkstone Ave. Prov., R.I. V.A. Hospital 5th floor. I also want to report that the Area gave a donation. And I want to take the time to thank the Finance committee and the Area for coming together and ending the deficit spending that the area was doing. And also for developing a budget and a fiscal policy for the future. I also want to announce that the Gpa is having a convention in Feb. 24-26 2012. I have registration flyers. The convention committee has 1 open position, Alt. treasure. Also the Lie is dead group of NA is having their 9th year anv. August 19 7:30-9 133 Delaine st. Prov., R.I. I.L.S. John D.

Martha's Vineyard:

Metro West:

Greetings all is well in Metro West all bills are paid and are operating above prudent reserve. We have a few open positions activities, a/secretary and a/treasury and v/chair hopefully these positions will be filled soon in loving service BoB L.

NEMA:

Family,

I'm an addict named Alan B. and I'm the new RCM from the NorthEast Mass Area of Narcotics Anonymous (NEMA). While I've done tons of Regional Service this is my first time as an RCM and I look forward to being a part of the NERSC. Here are a few highlights of what's been happening in our area.

We've held 2 ASC meetings since the last RSC. At our June meeting early elections were held for all administrative and sub-committee positions, except for Convention, Activities, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. Justin A. was nominated and voted in as ASC Chair. Sammy V. was re-nominated and voted in as Vice-Chair. Jay G. was nominated and voted in as Secretary. Casey S. was nominated and voted in as Assistant Secretary. Alan B. was nominated and voted in as RCM. Greg L. was re-nominated and voted in as Alt. RCM. Chip K. was nominated and voted in as H&I Chair. Jim L. was re-nominated and voted in as Literature Chair. Pete H. was re-nominated and voted in as Outreach Chair. Public Information Chair is currently open.

We had 19 GSR's in June and 25 in July. This is out of a total of 76 meetings in the area. Financially we are doing OK but have ended both of the past 2 ASC's below Prudent Reserve and as such have no donation for Region at this time. The third NEMACNA is coming along fine. We've chosen dates, venue and are in the middle of fund raising for that. Our next event is a boat cruise next weekend. There are still tickets available and if you're interested I can help you find some.

I have 7 NERSC Literature Committee Survey forms from groups in our area.

That's all for now!

Love and Hugs,

Alan B

SEMA:

South Shore:

AREA CONCERNS/ OPEN FORUM:

-Metrowest expressed some concerns about a recent election process they held.

Apparently there was some discussion about the person who was elected when they had left the room for the vote. Everyone here was in agreement that this was not an acceptable practice and suggestions were made to refer to concept 10.

-Pioneer Valley area asked a question about if they were to join, when their portion of the insurance bill would be due. It was explained that the region has previously decided to cover the insurance cost this year, an amount based on their number of meetings you be provided, but no area is required to pay.

-Pioneer Valley area asked if other areas had their own personal websites. In response members said that there were a handful that did and were linked through the regional website.

-Pioneer Valley also asked about attendance on Saturday's Subcommittee Meetings, if it was well attended and if attendance was required.

- Concerns were brought up about the whereabouts of equipment and inventory that is owned by the Regional Service Committee. Items that have previously been purchased are again being requested to be bought, because the items are missing/misplaced.

Quorum: Voting Members: 8 Simple Majority: 5 2/3: 6

Elections:

The following people were voted into positions.

1. Gary B.-Phone line Committee chairperson
2. Bob T.- finance member at large
3. Kevin F. - H&I Committee chairperson
4. Brenda - Literature Committee chairperson
5. Christopher - RMD
6. Brandon H.- Website Committee chairperson

The following positions are still open.

1. Activities Committee chairperson
2. Finance member at large
3. PI Committee chairperson

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Motion submitted by Jaime V., seconded by Andrew L.: To appoint an ad-hoc who would coordinate with RD/RDA team to gain knowledge of "fellowship development" tools, then work with the RSC Chair and Policy Chair to create a New England Regional Fellowship Development Committee who's purpose would be to stay updated on and disseminate new service delivery tools and processes to our member areas and RCMs as well the NERSC body itself. Intent: To help the NERSC and its member ASCs to learn and perhaps to adopt (when so desired by the body in question) the aforementioned tools and processes by creating and adopting such a committee.

An Ad hoc committee was appointed by Noel, the chair will Joe V.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Noel appointed John L. to head an ad-hoc committee to create a structure for financing, billing and securing of certificates of insurance.

Non Money Motions

Money Motions

Total of money motions is \$2891.50, leaving a remainder of \$1,702.35.

1. Made by RD: To fund the RD and RDA for travel expenses to attend the Western Service Learning Days XXV in Redmond, OR. Intent: to perform NA related services.

0-In favor, 4-abstentions, 4-opposed

2. Made by RD: To make check payable in the amount of \$755 for the RD and RDA's travel expenses to the Northeast Zonal Forum Dec 2-4, 2011 in Manchester, NH. Intent- Perform NA related services.

7-In favor, 1-opposed, 0-abstentions

3. Made by H&I Subcommittee: To purchase New England Region H&I Subcommittee table cloth for learning days and presentations. Cost \$84.50 to purchase 2 cardboard presentation cost \$15.00 each. Intent- To assist our H&I/WSR Committee in carrying the message. Total-\$114.50

8-In favor, 0-opposed, 0- abstentions

4. Made by Christopher M: To purchase 1000 RMD's for distribution at the P.I. table for the Cape Cod Symposium in September, the cost is \$100.00. Intent-to furnish professionals with RMD's for their clients in the program.

6- In favor, 2- opposed, 0- abstentions

A donation of \$3,271.02 was made to NAWS, leaving a closing balance of \$0.00

Motion to close