

The regional service committee met on Sunday August 12, at 12:00pm at Saint Luke's Church, 99 Pierce Street, E. Greenwich, RI

Announcements

1. Next New England Regional Service Committee Weekend will be on Saturday: Subcommittees meet starting at 12pm at St. Paul's Church, 26 Washington St, Malden, MA followed at 430pm by the NEMACNA fundraising event. Sunday Regional Service Committee meets starting at 11am at the Masonic Temple, 20 Washington St, Beverly, MA (Please note time on Sunday is back to the usual time 11AM)
2. WSR is seeking male and female step guides to help incarcerated addicts within the New England Region. Please contact Ben B. from Central Mass.
3. Open Positions – Activities, RMD, Literature, Asst. Treasurer (newly open) 2 At large members of Finance, Convention Chairperson (newly open)
4. Basic Text Group on Thursday 7-830PM
360 Coggeshall St. New Bedford MA
Meeting has folded
5. Sisters in Spirit “Doing the footwork”
September 14th – 16th
Craigsville Conference Center in Centerville MA
6. SEMCNA IV Presents
“The Pieces to recovery our greatest gift”
June 14th-16th 2013
31 Hampshire Street Mansfield MA

Subcommittees:

RSC:

Open Positions: Assistant Secretary, Activities Committee Chair, RMD

Patrick opened the meeting with a moment of silence and a collaborative reading of the 12 traditions and 12 concepts of NA.

Minutes from June were accepted.

11 areas were present: Boston, Cape Cod, Central Mass, Free Spirit, Greater Providence, Metro West, NEMA, Pioneer Valley, SEMA, Western Mass and South Shore.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair:

Hi Family,

I would like to start by thanking the Free Spirit Area for hosting us this weekend. I spent the last 2 months sorting through 150 plus emails that were located in the NERSC chairperson box. Many of which were spam, out of state convention flyers, Facebook friend requests, and many emails from the us fellowship assembly. Some of the emails required some attention and one of which was an addict moving to the Boston area looking for information. I gave her number to James P. who gave her the help that she needed. Thank you to James. Apparently there has been some confusion about whether NERSC email boxes were being forwarded to personal emails. I would suggest that all applicable subcommittee chairpersons would get with the website chair to get passwords for their box and check emails periodically. I saved the USFA emails in case someone wanted to view them. Anyone interested please give me your email address and I will forward them to you.

I was also in contact with Bob L regarding our insurance policy and will bring up some things for discussion during open forum. Thank you to Brandon from website for all his help this past month and for putting up with my multiple emails.

On a final note I would like to thank this body for allowing me to serve and ask that you please be patient with me and this committee seeing this is the first meeting for many of us in our new positions.

In Loving Service,

Pat F.

Vice Chair: talked briefly about making plaques for the subcommittee meetings on Saturday, so newer people knew where certain subcommittees would be meeting.

Secretary: Thank you for allowing me to service, I will do my best.

Opening Balance and Treasurer's Report:

\$1052.00 – Opening Balance

Treasurers report 8/12/2012

Income:

Group and Area Donations:	4086.99
Miscellaneous:	1373.95
RMDs:	588.14

Expenses:

Operating Expenses:	1222.96
Western Learning Days:	1175.17
NAWS Donation:	1193.18

PI (2 motions): 294.27

Balances:

General Ledger:	0.00
Insurance Set aside:	385.00
RD/RDA:	0.00
Prudent Reserve:	2820.00

Convention Committee: Hi everyone, the convention committee met yesterday Saturday August 11, 2012. All reports were given. Treasurer's ending balance is \$5,101.43. Our next meeting will be September 15, 2012 at 900 Main St. Brockton Mass at 12pm. Our next fundraiser will be in October. Deadline for submitting tapes is December 1, 2012. Unfortunately, yesterday I had to give my resignation for personal reasons. I will miss the whole convention committee, but at this time I need to think about what is best for me right now. So with that said, there will be the open position of Chair or Vice Chair. I have spoken with our Vice Chair and she is interested in taking the Chair position. In loving service, Debbie P.

H&I: The H and I subcommittee met 8/11 we opened with a moment of silence and the serenity prayer. Then the reading of the twelve traditions and twelve concepts.

We are filling 165 commitments with 16 open. These numbers are from the four areas represented yesterday.

We are in need of a chair for the WSR program. Anyone interested please speak with me.

We had a discussion about alternatives to a physical subcommittee meeting due to problems with attendance. We discussed online meetings e-mail or phone conferencing. We did not have enough of the body present to come to any consensus. I am asking all RCMs to please give my information to their area H and I subcommittee chairs so we can touch base on this issue. This might help alleviate problems with the islands attending and outlying areas. My number is attached to this report and I will give it to anyone who wants it before the minutes go out.

ILS

Ben B.

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Piratechef7734@live.com

Literature: No report.

Policy: The Policy subcommittee met Saturday, August 10th with 7 addicts in attendance. The Cape Cod and NEMA area policy chairs were present, as well as the outgoing Central Mass Area policy chair. These areas reported being in similar phases of work with their policies – carefully going over what is written to uncover discrepancies between policy and current practice, cleaning up language, etc. One addict who attended is interested in learning about the policy subcommittee so that

he can hopefully take on the position of policy vice-chair in a few months. This would be great, as I spent all of last year without a vice-chair.

Hopefully with this additional support, we can take on the long neglected task of putting together a policy for the policy subcommittee, and also hopefully devote more time to other subcommittee's policies – making sure we have a current copy, making sure they do not conflict with the region's policy, etc.

We reviewed some non-substantive edits to be made to the policy following today's meeting.

The bulk of the meeting was spent discussing a question that arose during elections at the last NERSC meeting. The question was whether it was really necessary for certain subcommittees, specifically the Website, but perhaps also Insurance, to hold a subcommittee meeting on regional Saturday. The

Region's decision to re-elect the website chair who explicitly stated that he would not be present on Saturdays certainly suggests there isn't much objection to the Website not holding a meeting on Saturday. The consensus of the 7 of us meeting, and my own

personal opinion based on my experience interacting with the website subcommittee, is that for some time now, the website committee is functioning perfectly well without those Saturday meetings. However, one addict raised the question of whether this re-election was really a vote of confidence for the individuals responsible for the website, rather than an expression of the region's conscience that in principle, Saturday meetings are not necessary for this subcommittee.

I agree that this is important distinction, and it bears directly on what, if any, action should be taken with regards to our policy.

Here are the relevant sections of Policy:

Article V Section 7

A. Any elected trusted servant will be removed from office in the event of resignation, death, break in clean time, excessive absence, misappropriation of NERSC funds or a 2/3 majority vote of the NERSC. Two consecutive absences or three absences during the fiscal year without prior notification to the chairperson of the NERSC constitutes excessive absence. (see Section 3) RCMs, since they are elected by their Areas can only be removed from office by their respective ASCs. After any two consecutive absences of any RCM of the NERSC, the Area will be notified in writing by the NERSC chairperson. In this case, there is no excessive absence, since the chairperson has in fact been notified. However:

ARTICLE VI Section 1

Meetings (nonsmoking) shall be held on Sunday, from 11 – 5 the second full weekend of every even month and held in the member Areas on a bid basis. Subcommittee meetings shall be held in conjunction with the general NERSC meeting on the Saturday preceding. NERSC subcommittee meetings shall convene at noon on that Saturday. The NERSC meetings end at 5:00 PM unless extended by a majority of the NERSC. NERSC meetings are open meetings.

And in Article XI Section 8 (which lists the duties of) NERSC Subcommittee Chairpersons

A. To open meeting at appropriate time.

B. To prepare an agenda for the meeting.

There is no question that it is our policy to hold subcommittee meetings on Saturday, and

in fact this is the first responsibility of subcommittee chairpersons outlined by our policy. But the policy regarding removal of trusted servants leaves open the possibility of not holding these meetings so long as the NERSC chair is notified, and presumably there isn't objection from the body.

It was suggested that we could either make a policy change, or even just a strong recommendation, that on regional Saturday all subcommittee tables be clearly identified with a placard, and that if a subcommittee will not be holding a meeting, it should still have a placard with the name of a representative who is present and can answer any questions related to the subcommittee.

At least one other addict felt that this is a slippery slope toward subcommittees feeling it is no longer necessary to show up on Saturdays.

At this time, the policy subcommittee has no recommendation as to how to handle this issue. The purpose of this somewhat lengthy report is to give the Region an idea of the discussion that took place, and to provide a solid basis for any discussion that might take place today. We recognize that this specific debate relates to the larger issue of the direction that the region is going with respect to changes to the service structure and the manner in which we conduct our business (i.e. policy/motion driven vs. consensus based decision making) It's my feeling that we shouldn't keep policies in place that we choose not to follow, but does that mean we make a policy change for every single issue that arises?

Should policy drive practice, or should we alter policy in response to what seems practical, in which case the question becomes, what purpose is the policy serving? These are big questions that won't be resolved in a day, but ultimately they will have to be addressed and we should keep them in mind as issues such as this one continue to arise. I would like to thank those who attended. While we may not have come up with any solutions, it was great to have the input and I believe this kind of support is necessary for the policy subcommittee to do the best job possible.

Dave P

Phone Line: NERNA Phone line Minutes
1-866-624-3578

The Regional Phonenumber Subcommittee met Saturday, August 11, 2012, at 12:00pm at Saint Luke's Church, 99 Pierce Street, E. Greenwich, RI.

We opened with the Serenity Prayer.

The Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary were in attendance along with representatives from: Boston, Greater Providence and Free Spirit.

Chairperson: Reported his maintaining constant contact w/Diamond Voice to create Greater Providence's Urgent callback. Chair has been checking Greater Providence phone line and realized he was the only caller. Providence line was tested during meeting, and changes were proposed with regard to the prompts. Also,

Providence volunteer was shown how to get into message box. Chair reported calling all 8 Urgent volunteers, and only received 5 replies.

Secretary: Reported minutes from June 9, 2012 Regional Subcommittee meeting.

Treasurer: Reported expenses paid to phone carriers: July (\$495.54); and August (\$478.27) which total \$973.81. Total deposits for both months were \$1,266.40. After paying expenses, account balance is \$2,283.44.

Treasurer reported being \$150 below prudent reserve. Treasurer also reported phonenumber receiving 465 calls this month, a decrease of 141 calls from the previous month.

Literature Contact: Reported 15 calls during the months of June and July and a total of 13 RMD's sent out.

Professional Contact: Reported 3 calls:

- 1) Women's facility in Boston seeking H&I commitment;
- 2) Department of Youth District seeking a NA booth at its National Recovery Month; and
- 3) South Shore facility seeking a H&I commitment.

Non-Urgent Volunteer: Reported 32 calls during the months of June and July. 5 callers were seeking treatment facilities; 20 callers were seeking meetings; 7 callers were seeking verification of meetings. Also, calls are down during months of June and July.

Urgent-Volunteer reports during the months of June and July.

Boston: 8 calls

Cape Cod: 5 calls

Central Mass:

Greater Providence: ?

Martha's Vineyard:

Metro West:

Nantucket:

Northeast Mass: 3 calls

Southeast Mass: 4 calls

South Shore:

Western MA:

Meeting List Update Coordinator: Reported continuous updating with the phonenumber. He has been informed as to how to update without going through entire meeting directory.

Old Business: Greater Providence will be set up with an Urgent phonenumber. Nominations: Gary B. for Chair. Chris for Treasurer. Carolyn R. for Secretary. Dave for Update Coordinator. Vice Chair position remains open. Professional Contact remains open.

New Business: The Free Spirit Area is requesting the Regional Phonenumber to put out a fielder to all Areas asking if any of the Areas would be willing and/or interested in having

a live addict to addict contact option. Free Spirit offers this option in their own Area, and carrier is willing to put together proposal for any other Area interested.

The subcommittee closed with the Serenity Prayer.

In Loving Service,

Gary B, Phonenumber Chair
Carolyn R., Phonenumber Secretary,

Public Information: This month we had a low attendance with only 1 area present the GPANA as well as the Events Coordinator and 2 other members. The meeting was opened with the we version of the serenity prayer and roll call. We had a few events the past few months one of which was the Chelsea Roca Health fair which was a great success. There was a member present who is fluent in Spanish which was a great asset as there is a large Spanish community in attendance. There were many RMD's passed out as well as other IP's which are always pleased with and was one the main avenue's we have to reach the community. Mass General had contacted us about an event 5 days before it was going to happen luckily we had members in the area willing and able to do the commitment. The presentation was for young people who have already ready been a part of some forms outpatient treatment. Once the members arrived the staff wanted us to focus on marijuana as that was the 'issue' with most of the patients. MA had cancelled on them and they felt we could fulfill the role we had to inform them that we don't distinguish between drugs as our fellowship is all inclusive to any mind or mood altering substance. This was a shock to me as we have done this commitment before and not had this issue with the facility.

We have the Cape Cod Symposium coming up September 7th and 8th at the Old Sheraton in Hyannis MA. We have the Cape Cod area facilitating the meeting Saturday morning and plenty of members to man the both during both days. If you would like to help out please contact me a.s.a.p. through email or I will give you my phone number upon request. This event is huge for us as it is one of the largest events in the country for professionals involved in the addiction field. We also have a potential one on September 21st for the MA department of health and human services Substance abuse provider fair. More will be revealed on this as I have been playing phone tag with contact for 2 days.

The Boston MA area wants us to do a presentation for them before their ASC meeting in the near future more will be revealed on this as we were going to discuss details today but they weren't in attendance. On a side note with all the presentations and health fairs we have been doping we are anticipating a large influx of presentations moving forward which we are extremely grateful for the opportunity to get out into our communities in the New England region.

We have 2 money motions going in one for literature which is higher than initially anticipated as a result of the large amount passed out at the Chelsea event. This motion will be for 174.27 for IP's at the Cape Symposium. The 2nd is for 150.00 for RMD's for

this event and the potential one in New Bedford

ILS

John N

RMD:

	INVENTORY	
Beginning Inventory	5,050	
Plus August 2012 Printing	8,000	
Total available for sales	13,050	Assets
		\$
Sold to areas, groups & individuals	3,750	375.00
		\$
Sold to Regional Committees	200	20.00
		\$
Sold to outside vendors	1,100	110.00
		\$
Total Sales this period	5,050	505.00
Remaining Inventory	8,000	
		\$
Plus sales tax collected		19.09
		\$
Plus Shipping & Handling		64.05
		\$
Assets Total (Deposit)		588.14
		\$
Seed Money for Printing		-
		\$
Total Assets		588.14
	Expenses	
		\$
Printing 8000 RMDs (February)	680.00	
		\$
Sales Tax Collected	19.09	
		\$
Postage	40.56	
		\$
Supplies	-	
	\$	\$
Less Total Expenses	739.65	(739.65)
		\$
Net Profit or (Loss) this Period		(151.51)

8000 RMDs remain from the August Printing and are available here today.
 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 \$ 40.56 for postage and supplies expenses. I am requesting a check for the next printing in the amount of \$680.00.

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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Website: Website Committee Report 8-12-12

First I would like to apologize for not being able to be in attendance in person.

Over the last two months the website committee has worked with Andrew on implementing a solution for exporting a list of meetings that have changed. Thanks to the help of Aaron S. we were able to find a solution that will make updating the NAWS database much easier.

Here are some statistics from the website over the last two months:

- Over 37,000 Pageviews
- Over 5,700 Unique Visitors
- Approximately 40 informational emails answered

Thank you for letting me be of service,
Brandon H.

RD/RDA: New England Regional Delegate's Report – August 12th, 2012

Greetings Region & thanks to the Free Spirit Area for hosting us this weekend.

While things have been somewhat quiet since the World Service Conference and there is not a lot to report on at current, that is about to change dramatically I expect. Our World Board has just met officially for the first time this cycle and we should look forward to seeing the business of the realized in the months to come.

Firstly, our new book-length piece of literature, *Living Clean: the Journey Continues*, is set to be made available in hardcover this October, followed by a commemorative edition in December. This book illustrates experiences many of us have in recovery and offers spiritual principles, humor, and a sense of bonding through identification. We approved its publication unanimously at WSC 2012.

Next up is the ongoing Service System Project, which will be entering into a transitional period as we look to field test some models and work closely with NAWS in the development stages of revitalizing our service delivery mechanisms throughout all levels.

Also upcoming is the Traditions Book project plan, which will run its course over the next two conference cycles. For this cycle we will use technology to solicit input and ideas for this book to frame an approach as we develop this highly demanded work.

Additionally we will be reworking the service pamphlet, *An Introduction to NA Meetings* into an informational pamphlet, and the current editions of our public relations tools, *Membership Survey & Information About NA* were released in July.

Tana A. of the Greater New York Region and member of the Service System Project Workgroup over the last few conference cycles, was elected to our World Board at WSC 2012 and since been assigned as our liaison. She and I have been in talking and we both look forward to working closely with one another to ensure that New England Region not only keeps its finger on the pulse of what's happening worldwide but also that we are able to participate as much as possible.

Noel will be reporting on the NEZF in Jersey last June, and we will be submitting motions today regarding the Western Service Learning Days event, which was counted in the RD/RDA set-aside budget and no doubt will be a vital experience for Noel and I as we get a jump on what is sure to be an intense couple of years.

I believe that is all for now. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

NAmaste, Jaime V. RD

Good morning,

Please bear with me as this is the first of many reports and I hope to find my rhythm soon. Friday, June 15th I traveled with Andrew and Jamie – the outgoing and incoming RD – to Somerset, NJ for the June 2012 NEZF. We arrived early Friday evening and attended the opening meeting which included a reading of the ground rules and history, discussion regarding the agenda for the weekend and the introduction of the attending members.

Saturday, June 16, 2012 began with breakfast and a morning meeting. We then gathered and the Vice-chair called roll after a moment of silence, 12 regions were present. The body accepted the minutes and there were no current secretary costs. Highlights from regional reports included the following questions and discussion:

- Phone line (help line) having the option to speak with a live person? (manned 24 hours) – Voice Nation (ABCD Region)
- Central regional meeting location (leased)?
- Regional meeting of one day rather than the whole weekend?
- Regional online meetings?
- State delegate project?

There was a discussion titled “NA Conventions: Money, Property and Prestige”
Points of interest from this discussion included:

- How much of our resources are going into conventions (money, time, people, etc)?
- Are conventions becoming money losers?
- How effectively do conventions help to carry the message? (Do they? /Should they?)
- Do conventions dilute our ability to fulfill our primary purpose?
- How do you define success for a convention? Is money the measure of success?
- How do you protect against liability?
- What is the purpose of incorporating? It is not required for 501(c)(3) tax status.
- How do conventions impact the image of NA within the local community?
- Do convention committees develop a sense of autonomy – outside of the service structure? Are there issues around proper fund flow? Is there any mentoring and training?
- How often and how much money is lost, stolen, misappropriated or unaccounted for?
- Should convention planning occur in an area or region where other service positions have not yet been filled?

- Is there any marked increase in membership or member participation following a convention? Is an inventory being taken to monitor the effectiveness/usefulness of conventions?
- Do we need to grow some sack?
- How do we ensure accountability?
- Do conventions solicit speakers from their area/region?
- Should a convention act as a fund raising mechanism?
- Should conventions consider downsizing as a result of the glut of conventions and the shrinking convention dollars?
- Are we electing appropriate trusted servants?

There was a second “discussion” section about the WSC/Service System Project

This discussion opened to feedback from members who attended WSC2012 and also cover:

- Carrying the conscience of the body you serve and conveying the impact of the speakers (to the best of your ability)
- Where do we go from here – regional reunification?
- Think globally, plan locally

One of the Questions on Regional Reports which generated some interesting feedback was:

- What does a fellowship resources committee do? It is a combination of H&I, PI and Outreach, its primary function is PI (ABCD Region).

Some of the points of interest that were raised during Open Forum included:

- Proposal that we utilize a timer. Chair opted to act as the “timer” and reminded everyone to be conscience of the time.
- Do Conventions subvert or twist the service structure and what purpose do they serve?
- Would raising more money (7th Tradition) make conventions less “necessary”?
- Are we using old tools to tackle new problems?
- Could conventions be held less frequently, perhaps every five years? Can the “party” aspect of conventions be provided in some other manner?
- Are Areas using consensus based decision making?
- How do we define and “enforce” accountability?
- How are we approaching shared services?
- The dissemination of information. What are we doing to ensure that information is passed on and that it is passed on accurately.
- What do we do to promote the concept of mentorship? How do we bring in new blood and make service more attractive? We shouldn’t constantly be reinventing the wheel.
- How do you condense the information without diluting it?

- Why is there such a gap in service and connectedness? (5 years or less versus 10+ years)
- “When you get elected into a position, pick your successor”.
- NAWS bulletin number 32 – speaks to tax liability.

There was time set aside for further discussion and some points of interest were:

- What about the solution?
- How do you attract people and ensure the perpetuation of your mission and vision?
- What does it mean to carry a region’s conscience?
- Is there a way to encourage members to increase their 7th Tradition donation?
- How does our region benefit from our RD/RDA attending the Zonal Forum?

The night ended with many of the representatives choosing to attend and support a local meeting with a large group dining and fellowshiping after.

The official business of the Zonal forum began on Sunday, June 17, 2012 with old business. Discussion during old business included:

- A proposal from a year ago that was not entered into the minutes. It was made on behalf of the New Jersey region but neither the RD nor the RDA was available and the acting rep was not able to answer any questions. Chair tabled for next six months and his decision was challenged. The body supported the chairperson’s decision to table the proposal.

Discussion during New Business included:

- Proposal from Northern New Jersey region to hold another zone-wide workshop (at the Tri-State region) in the summer of 2013. Anticipated cost would be \$24.67 per region (based on 12 regions). The topic(s) would be determined through discussion with the local fellowship – or by the ZWW committee if the local fellowship evidences no preference. There will likely be two topics (one for the morning and one for the evening). The proposal was accepted and Jeremy F. (Northern New England) was appointed as ad-hoc chair.
- Proposal from Northern New Jersey to purchase 12-Step, 12-Traditions and 12-Concepts posters for the cost of \$9.10 + S&H. Proposal passed.
- Proposal from Northern New Jersey to adopt and read the “Vision of NA Service” at the beginning of every zonal session. Proposal passed.
- Proposal from Eastern New York region to use a formal proposal form that whenever possible, proposals be made 30 days in advance on the suggested proposal form.
- Proposal from New England region to begin discussion at the winter 2012 zonal forum on adding a zonal body that delivers services to the local fellowship every time we meet.
- Question: What exactly is the purpose of the zonal forum? What benefit does our region gain by funding this endeavor? What do I take back to my region? The

guidelines allow for up to three individuals to represent their region with one acting as the “primary” representative.

- Question: How was the purpose of the zone served by what was “accomplished” yesterday? What was the benefit to the local fellowship or to any of the member regions? What was done that could not have been done via chat/internet?
- Task: look at the Zonal Planning Tool on the NEZF website.

During the Website ad-hoc Report, the following question was raised:

- Is a purpose being served or are we perhaps performing a disservice by continuing to exist as an underutilized tool? A fair amount of communication was had around the website ad-hoc.

Elections were held:

- Chair: Bill H. (vice-chair) and Richie (Eastern NY) – Congratulations Bill H.
- Vice-Chair: Richie (Eastern NY) and Jeremy F. (Northern NE) – Congratulations Richie.
- Secretary: Dennis (Current Secretary) – Congratulations Dennis.

Next Hosting Report/Bids

- Holiday Inn in Liverpool, NY - 441 Electronic Parkway, January 24, 25 and 26, 2013. Rooms are \$90 per night if booked as part of the NEZF.
- Tri-State June 28, 29 and 30, 2013.

Topic for January Zonal Forum

- Next issue discussion topic will be Collaboration.

Report from the Hosting region

- \$1439.00 (Region funded \$2000 and will receive a refund of \$561)

Non-funded trusted servants report / Report by vice-chair

- Total expenses of \$600 with donations of \$350. Each non-funded trusted servant will receive ½ of their expenses.

Closed with brief fair wells from all outgoing delegates and non-funded trusted servants

In loving service,
Noel D.

Fellowship Development:

Fellowship Development Committee Meeting

August 11, 2012

There were zero addicts in attendance.

Vice chair and secretary positions are open.

I am seeking suggestions from areas as to what if any interest there may be in Fellowship Development. CBDM, GSU/LSU, and CAR workshops are examples as well as new service material that is disseminated from World. We are here to serve the areas and to seek the needs of the areas. Any direction will be extremely helpful and allow us to better serve rather than dictate information.

In Loving Service,

Joe V.

Finance:

August 11, 2012

We started the meeting at 12pm. Present were:

- James P. – Subcommittee Chair
- Carrie B. –
- Gregg F. – Member at large

On August 11, 2012 the finance committee met in East Greenwich, RI. Thank you Free Spirit Area for Hosting.

Sal S. has resigned as Assistant Treasurer and dropped off the laptop and files with James P. The committee wants to thank him for his service.

Insurance Monies received from Areas for FY 2011-2012: \$1731.98 on a bill of \$2318 (\$586.02 short)

On Saturday:

- We noted that \$500.00 check was cut to Free Spirit for hosting after the donation to World was cut, so this was taken out of Prudent Reserve, and the ending Balance remained at \$0.00 (Ending prudent reserve is at \$1052.50)
- We corrected check # 1423 for \$2,318 written to Philadelphia Insurance Co. as this was Electronically Deducted from our bank.
- We reconciled May, June and July 2012 bank statements and save the reports to the laptop.
- We voided check # 1423 made out to Andrew L. that was incorrectly written and then issued a new check in the same amount.
- Our starting balance is \$0.00
- Carrie created a tracking spreadsheet for Insurance by area 2012.
- We processed the incoming donations, RMD sales and insurance payments, and prepped the deposits.

- Carrie transferred \$1,767.50 into prudent reserve to bring it to the new amount \$2,820.00.
- Carrie transferred \$385.00 into Insurance Set Aside.
- Carrie transferred \$1,011.67 into RD/RDA set aside.
- We wrote a Check for printing of the RMDs and for RMD Expenses (customary).

ILS,
James P.
617-314-4048

Travel reimbursement - policy

- At 24 cents per mile. Based on IRS NP rate plus 10 cents
- Must be included on submitted budgets
- If under \$100 and on budget, then customary reimbursement
- If over, must put in motion
- Must be done prior to travel.

BOD/Convention Corporation: No report

Funding of Untrusted Servants Ad-hoc: The committee met on Saturday, August 11, 2012 with 9 members in attendance. We discussed how to best arrive at some suggestions to this body regarding the difficult task of putting policy in place with regards to funding unfunded trusted servants. Below you will find our suggested course of action, as well as a suggestion of the policy associated with the task of this committee.

1) This should be sent back to member area's to get their input and should be amended and voted on accordingly at the October 2012 meeting of the NERSC. 2) At that time each member area should provide the Policy chairperson David P. (Central Mass) with a copy of their current policy specifically highlighting the section which addresses funding of area trusted servants to the regional body. 3) If the policy suggested below is adopted it would be put into place for a trial period of one year from ratification at which point it would need to be assessed by a reconvening of this ad-hoc committee and if appropriate a re-vote by this body to make it permanent for Winter 2014 and beyond.

I. Unfunded Regional Trusted Servants – Reimbursement Policy

A) An Emergency Reimbursement fund of \$500.00 will be set aside for each meeting of the NERSC, this set asides total allocation will never exceed \$500.00.

B) Unfunded trusted servants are defined as all Executive Committee Members, NERSC Subcommittee Chairs, as well as Ad-Hoc Committee Chairs. These individuals are only eligible for Regional Emergency Reimbursement if they are not covered for reimbursement by their member areas own reimbursement policy. (Potential Maximum number of people eligible is 23 not including

ad-hoc committees.)

C) Each qualifying member is eligible for a maximum of \$21.73 (500/23) – This is to fairly distribute all funds in the event the maximum number of eligible members request assistance. 1. If total allocation of \$500 per region is not utilized at a specific region and an eligible member needs more assistance than the \$21.73 allows for they may request additional funding from the set aside in the form of a money motion. a) If there are ad-hoc chair people at the time of reimbursements that are requesting reimbursement the \$500 should be divided by 23+ad-hoc chairs. 2. In order to be eligible for said reimbursement the eligible member must present receipts for any requested reimbursement outside of mileage. 3. Mileage will be calculated by the starting point address (Provided by member) and the destination being the location of the specific Regional Meeting in question. 4. The mileage rate to be used will be the government's non-profit mileage reimbursement number plus ten cents (Current government rate is \$0.14 per mile; our reimbursement rate would therefore become \$0.24 per mile traveled.)

At the discretion of the chair we would ask that this suggested policy be sent back to area's as is, with the hope that member area's may come back with their own comments, concerns, or suggestions on Regional Saturday in October, where this ad-hoc committee will meet a final time to incorporate said suggestions into the finalized proposal, which will be voted on at the Sunday, October NERSC.

At this point we would like to open it to any questions you may have.

ILS, Chip K, Ad-hoc Subcommittee Chair & Regional Vice Chair

BREAK FOR LUNCH

AREA REPORTS:

Boston:

Cape Cod:

Central Mass: Hi family. CMA met twice since our last region. Things are going well in the CMA. We are still working on paying back the Free State Area on the literature order. In lieu of that, the executive subcommittee decided to send a certified letter to the old literature chair simply wondering how the addict was planning on paying back the money and time frame. We've had about 30 GSRs at area. All positions are filled. An addict asked our area about doing a 4th step. He clarified to say, not an area inventory, a 4th step, more will be revealed about this as well.

In loving service,
Dan H

Free Spirit:

Greater Providence:

Martha's Vineyard:

Metro West: Metro West is operating above prudent reserve. Most of our committee

positions are filled and we have decent representation from the meetings in the area.
Thank you for letting me be of service.
Kevin H

Nantucket: Hi Family!

We have had two area meetings since the last regional with all six GSR in attendance. All seven meetings seem to be doing well. Our meeting places have moved recently. We now meet at the teen center 5 nights a week, and at the hospital the other two nights. All meeting changes have been updated in our regional meeting directory, and we have a \$20.00 donation today. Our newly formed PI committee continues to do great things. We recently gave our first presentation to the counselors from Heath and Family Services which went very well. I would like to thank regional PI chair John N. for helping us prepare for our presentation. We look forward to doing more in the future.

In loving service,

Bernie P.

NEMA:

Pioneer Valley: The Pioneer Valley Area Service Committee met last in June and July. We are currently operating at and above prudent reserve. All positions are full except Alt. Treasurer and Alt. R.C.M. A decision was made to supply all groups in the Pioneer Valley Area with Regional Meeting Directories as well the H&I and P.I. Subcommittees. A request to purchase 1000 RMD's will be made today and subsequently following each Regional Service Committee Meeting. If there are any changes in quantities expected we will notify the RMD chair ASAP as to not adversely affect printings. The Saturday Night Live Group that's meets Saturdays at the Second Congregational Church located at 1080 Pleasant Street Palmer, Ma meets at a new time of 7:00pm to 8:30pm

In Service,
Rob L

SEMA: Good afternoon to all. I would like to thank the free spirit are for hosting. The sema area has met twice since the last time we had and we still have been operating with a gsu format every other month it has been pretty successful. We have decided that we will continue to alternate like we have been indefinitely. Also I know that you will be getting a better breakdown of how we do that today. We currently have some issues with our money matters in our area and have recently created an ad-hoc finance committee to help the treasurer figure out what is the best way of solving the issues. Our latest chair has resigned and we have voted in Rafael g as our new chair. I would also like to thank this body for allowing sema to host in June. It was a good experience for me and also want to thank everyone for their cooperation with the facility.
Thank you ILS Gregg F

South Shore: SSA met 8/5/2012 at 900 Main St. Brockton, MA. There were 13 voting members present. Discussed was a group covered by the Insurance Company if the Insurance doesn't have the following information. Name of the group, date, time and location of the group. And is a binder required per group. Bob L. was present at the meeting and would like into the above. AD-Hoc commitment for the SSA H+I Learning Day was formed, more will be revealed. Outreach subcommittee presented began crafting guidelines. SSA Regional donation was \$644.84. Next SSA meeting is September 9, 2012 at 900 Main St. Brockton, MA. From 230pm – 5pm.

Dinosaur Day 3 September 14-16 (flier is on the website)

In loving service,

Ben M

Western MA: Western Mass Area is going as normal and at prudent reserve. We finally had our first convention in 8 years (12th overall) it was an all-around success, spiritually and financially. We would like to thank all of you who come out to support. We will have a full breakdown for the next regional meeting with a donation.

In loving service,

Scott F

GSU/LSU Presentation by SEMA There was a presentation about SEMA trying out the new service system proposals. The next GSU at SEMA will be September 16th at 228 N Main St. Fall River, MA 12:15 PM (See attachments for more details)

AREA CONCERNS/ OPEN FORUM:

There was a discussion about service positions and drug replacement, looking for suggestions. Pros/Cons were discussed. Bulletin #29 was brought up a bit along with tradition 3, 4, and 7.

Discussion about the hosting of region and the disregard of policy and having fliers brought to the RSC 4 months prior.

There was talk about a centralized Regional Office. Straw poll was taken – policy will discuss regional meeting where and when and how we decide regional meeting places.

Discussion about NERC falling on the RSC weekend. Matter will be brought back to the Regional Convention Committee.

Quorum: **Voting Members:** 10 **Simple Majority:** 6 **2/3:** 7

OLD BUSINESS:

Elections:

1. Treasurer's Election → Carrie B nominated and elected.

NEW BUSINESS:

Money Motions

1. Motion made by Public Information Motion reads “\$120.00 for RMDs for Cape Cod Symposium”. Intent “ Further our primary purpose.”

In favor – 10 Opposed-0 Abstention-0 Motion passes

2. Motion made by Public Information Motion reads “\$174.27 check for literature re-stock for Cape Cod Symposium event” Intent “Further our primary purpose.” In favor – 10 Opposed-0 Abstention-0 Motion passes

3. Motion made by Jaime V. (RD) Seconded by Noel D. (RDA) Motion reads “For funds from the RD/RDA set aside totaling \$1175.17 to attend the Western Service Learning Day in Denver, CO. October 12-14, 2012 Intent “To attend and participate in WSLD for information gathering and training through essential workshops and seminars as well as valuable interacting with NAWS & other delegates. *Make check payable to Noel Dennis

Breakdown : Registration x 2 = \$40.00

Air Travel (roundtrip) = \$480.00

Room = \$250.37

Mileage = \$74.00

Per Diem = \$330.00

Total = \$1175.17

In favor – 7 Opposed - 2 Abstention - 1 Motion passes

Non Money Motions

NAWS donation of \$1193.18