

Regional Minutes AUGUST 2021

AUGUST Regional weekend will be hosted virtually by TBD.

Subcommittees meet Saturday October 9th at 11:00 am
RSC meets Sunday October 10th at 11:00 am

December Regional weekend will be hosted by Greater Worcester Area!

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-

Area met twice since last region.

July 14th, August 11

There were 13-15 gsr's in attendance (the most there has been in quite some time!)

My apologies for missing our last RSC. I had been under the impression our alt rcm would be attending but she did not which brings me to my next point...a new alt rcm was voted in. Matt J!!!

New and updated meeting lists are being printed I will attach a copy to the minutes. At this time, almost every meeting in our area has been back to in person!!

Which has also posed some concerns since a member recently came into a meeting and announced they have covid. I did redirect information given to me a few regions ago about our insurance policy concerning alleged or intentional accidental transmission of communicable diseases.

Activities!!! - our fun in the sun camp out was on August 6,7 and 8. There were over 200 members in attendance! While this was an amazing success thanks to having support from the area and it's members to make it happen!... all positions on this subcommittee are vacant :(

The Tri area convention

Had its First event July 24th...it was a speaker jam 1-9 and it went really well! \$2300 were raised. their next subcommittee meeting will be via zoom on

I understand they're currently looking for a better location for events moving forward so that's it's central for all.

H and I currently has commitments in three out of four facilities until final move is done for new facilities in our area.

The learning day was also a success...

Doc requested h and I support with contact info for prisoners upon their release. This prompted further discussion and a motion was made to vote in a new member to be the phone line chair in absence of our last member. This position was filled and we fet as if the phone line was a much safer option to add to to pamphlets and meeting lists for people upon their release instead of personal contact info. That can be given if and when individuals come to a meeting. Moving forward there will be more members on the phone line committee, in the past few years it has only been one.

PR has created these amazing signs!!! July 25 scheduling sign hanging day when they meet! Restock and resupply literature at different places.

PR signs have been posted throughout Falmouth and bourne in agreed upon locations Aug 29th is the next PR sub committee after morning meeting! As they create more connections with the towns there is beginning to be potential for a Sign hanging event.Planning a day... More will be revealed. I included our PR chairs number Nick 508-524-2508 I also attached a copy of the signs!

CENTRAL MASS- No report submitted.

GREATER PROVIDENCE- No report submitted.

GREATER WORCESTER- No report submitted.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD- No report submitted.

METRO WEST-

Metro West Area Service Committee has begun meeting in a hybrid format with mixed results. Our last online meeting in June was attended by 12 GSRs. AT THE FIRST Hybrid Meeting in July, we had 10 GSRs present (half were online). In August we were down to 6 GSRs.

We also welcomed back the 2 groups that had previously dropped from Metro West.

The Metro West currently has 20 weekly meetings plus the 5 Nooner meetings listed on the website. The Nooner group is actually part of the Online Area. Of those 20 Meetings, 8 are In Person only, 3 are Hybrid and 9 are online only.

We do have several open Trusted Servant positions at the Area; Vice Chair, H&I and Outreach.

H&I in the Metro west area has gone inactive due to lack of participation of facilities.

Public Relations has been active and has revised the Literature Rack program and has added QR codes to the Literature racks with contact info for literature, phone lines, website, etc.

Treasurer: The Treasurer reported that he visited the Waltham Post Office to determine the fate of our PO BOX which had not been visited in over 18months. The box had been closed due to non-payment of rent and has since been rented out to a new entity. Metro West now has no current mailing address. The Treasurer is

proposing renting a box at the Brookline Post office as it is right at the Green Line T stop and is easily accessible. We will decide on that at our next area meeting. Till then, no mail, please!

The Metro west Area is forwarding \$900 to Region.

Policy and Guidelines: Ad hoc committee working on an update with more info on Consensus Based Decision Making included.

The Watertown Men's Group has announced it will be hosting a Celebration of Unity on September 26 from 11AM to 5PM at the Family Playground and Park located at 104 West Pine St, Auburndale, There will be a Marathon meeting, food and fellowship.

Christopher M

RCM Metro West Area

NEMA (Northeast Mass Area)-

NEMA has met twice since last Regional meeting, now meeting Hybrid, new location

9 GSRs attended in June, 8 in July

H&I commitments are meeting in-person and hybrid

There are still 21 open commitments

Activities and PR are doing a joint event on September 11th' flyer is on NEMA page, both subcommittees are in need of support

Fellowship Development is working on an Area inventory

Convention Committee is having a fund-raising event,

Rock the Boat, September 18th

In loving service,

Val

SEMA (Southeast Mass Area)-

Good morning everyone my name is Lauren and I'm an addict. Southeastern mass area has met twice since the last RSC. We had an average of 22 GSR attendance. Our open positions are vice chair, policy, alt RCM, and alt web servant. Our working balance is 257.33 and we are now accepting contributions through cashapp. Our H&I committee is looking for support, their open positions are vice chair, secretary, alt secretary, policy chair and alt policy. The tri-area convention committee's next meeting is Saturday September 11 at 4:30. There continues to be discussion regarding SEMA ASC resuming meeting in person, however, nothing has been decided at this time. If you'd like more information let me know!

If anyone is interested in joining us at our next ASC we are meeting on the FOURTH Sunday which is Sunday

June 27th, at 12:15 pm Meeting ID: 885-373-0525 We would love to see you!

ILS,

Lauren C

SOUTH SHORE- No report submitted.

WESTERN MASS- No report submitted.

OANENA – No report submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIR- No report submitted.

VICE CHAIR- No report submitted.

SECRETARY-

Hi NERNA!

I'd like to start by thanking this body for trusting me to be of service over the last few years. It's been an honor to serve and a wonderful experience. Also, I am willing to mentor the next secretary. But I am not going anywhere! I will continue to serve at the SEMA RCM.

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

ILS,

Lauren C

TREASURER/FINANCE-

The finance sub-committee met yesterday with 2 addicts in attendance.

- We reconciled the June and July statements and made the scheduled transfers into set-aside accounts (H&I, Insurance, PR, RD/AD, and Website).
- We made the final insurance payment.
- We have a starting balance of \$10,780.08 per the balance sheet but it is \$10733.06 –While the balance sheet shows \$26,582.21 - our online account currently shows \$26,535.29 – which is a difference of \$47.02 – When we did the July reconciliation, there was no discrepancy, so I have pulled the \$47.02 from our active balance until the discrepancy is resolved. Be advised that this total includes the \$6867 being held for the convention. So technically, our starting balance is \$3866.06
- When making an electronic donation, please remember to note if it is individual, group, or area. It would be helpful if you could email the treasurer anytime you make an electronic contribution (or make a deposit at a local branch).
- Ending balance \$3866.06
- A regional donation will be submitted to NAWS in the amount of \$3866.06

ILS,

Noel D. and the finance sub-committee

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

CONVENTION- No report submitted.

FELLOWSHIP DEVELOPMENT (FD)-

Good afternoon Region. Thank you, Metro -West for hosting. we all appreciate your service. Thank you D'Lanor for helping with this report and Katie S for chairing our Meeting yesterday as I was unable to attend. FD has met one time since our last RSC and that was yesterday at 12:30. While we had 6 members of the FD committee in attendance, and we didn't have any area FD chairs.

We had a discussion in regard to OANENA and we are sad to report they have made the decision to suspend activities to gage whether they are a service that is needed to the groups of our region. As more and more meetings have been going back to person the online area has seen a drop in participation. For the past 2 or 3 months there have been 2 or 3 members, no GSRs. MWBR. We also discussed the rotational calendar and would like to let this body know that we still have not heard from Greater Worcester. We would suggest sending it back to areas and seeing if there were an area that would like to host in December.

We are very excited to announce that we have begun to create the website for FD! It is at nerna.org/fellowship-development We have some basic information up there now and are excited to add more! Our hope is that we will be able to put some resources up there (presentations and workshops) for the Areas to use as they see fit. The Service Slam we have been talking about is scheduled online for January 8 th and 9 th (Although depending on the WSC we may not need the second day). We have scheduled different speakers from our region to speak on various topics and have asked them to workshop various topics. We are looking forward to hearing and seeing what everyone has come up with and hope to see our region engaged!

Finally, we held elections this month and I am happy to report that we have elected D'Lanor as our Vice Chair. Thank you D'Lanor. But in a sad turn of events our beloved Katie must step down from the secretary position as she has had a change in her work schedule. We are so grateful to her for her diligence, and all the work she has done for this committee and the body at large. Thank you Katie, for everything and please know you will surely be missed by all.

Our next meeting is currently scheduled for September 11 th from 12:30 – 2:00 pm EDT @ meeting ID 508-415-4471. If you are interested in getting involved, please join us.

Thank you,
Your FD team

Sam S., Fellowship Development Chair
(339)-225-5931

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS (H&I) –

H&I met virtually yesterday, Saturday August 14th. There following positions were in attendance; Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary who is also SEMA Chair, Central MA Chair, DOC and WSR. 3 other areas emailed in reports (CCA, Boston Area, and NEMA). The WSR reported that she continues to check the P.O. Box and is forwarding the letters. DOC has an update that they are excited to announce Re-Orientations for entrance into the corrections is now happening. We have a list of when the Orientations are happening. Areas who attended yesterday are bringing H&I meetings on Zoom into facilities and in person now. Central MA currently going into 7 facilities 33 in person commitments 29 of them are filled. They are still doing Wednesday via zoom each week as well. Literature Orders for July and August are filled. Learning day will be on Sept 11 from 230-430 a Spur of the moment Camp out in Spencer MA. SEMA is currently going in person in one facility and doing zoom in another facility and has minimal panel leader support, they have reached out to their GSR's in hopes they can bring to the group's H&Is level of need for support. We received 3 email requests for in person commitments. Requests for commitments were given to the appropriate area chairpersons. We are excited to say we have a recommendation for the next Chairperson for our subcommittee, being Shaun W. Our Vice Chair position is currently open. Our next meeting will be Sat Oct 9th at 11am

ILS,

Riley D.

INSURANCE- No report submitted.

LITERATURE- OPEN.

POLICY- OPEN

PUBLIC RELATIONS (PR)/PHONLINE – No report submitted.

REGIONAL DELEGATE (RD)-

Greetings New England Region!

[Status of the World Service Conference: Conference Participants \(CP\) Web Meeting : July 24 @2-4pm](#)

The status of the World Service Conference is going to be decided at the next CP Web Meeting on 8/21/21. The World Board has recommended that the WSC be postponed until 2023, at which time an

in-person meeting may be more possible, and that a short, virtual interim conference meeting be held in 2022 to deal with the most immediately essential business. The WB suggests that one way to think about this idea is that the WB is recommending this Conference cycle be three-years, from 2020 to 2023. There would be a much abbreviated interim virtual meeting to deal with decisions that cannot wait; then the WSC would recess and reconvene in 2023.

Tim reminded participants that the June CP web meeting reviewed some of the challenges with an in-person WSC in 2022, and most of those factors have gotten worse.

In many places, the pandemic is getting worse right now. Things may be improving where some of us live, but the WSC is an international gathering, and we have to think globally. LA County, where the WSC is held, is having a resurgence of the virus. An indoor mask mandate has been reissued. More than 1,000 new cases a day have been reported for the last 2 weeks, with more than 3,000 most recently. ICUs are getting overburdened once again.

In many places, travelers must quarantine for ten days or two weeks upon return from overseas travel, and travel into the US is limited or restricted from many countries. The list of Conference participants' countries with restricted travel into the US hasn't changed since the June meeting and includes Brazil, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.

Tim told participants that where he lives, in Australia, they are back in lock down, and the same is true for many other places around the globe. World Services' financial situation is improving due to the increased contributions and a steady rise in orders, but we still have a long way to go before we regain all of the ground we have lost. An in-person conference requires a tremendous financial outlay, whether those costs are borne by World Services or by regions and zones.

Alternative Suggestions:

*A lot of Conference participants have already given input about the board's recommendation. **Some have suggested holding an in-person WSC for those who could come and allowing virtual connections for the rest of the participants.** The board does not recommend that approach. If some members were in-person and a substantial number of others joined virtually, that would create a divide in participation, and the divide would likely be along international lines. Some participants would be in the same room, able to sit together at round table discussions, to have conversations in the hallway, and meet for meals after sessions. Others would be joining from different time zones and locations.*

We had a few participants join the WSC virtually in 2018, Tim reminded everyone, but that is different from having a large number of virtual participants. In addition to the divide in participation, this type of hybrid would be the most logistically challenging way to hold a conference.

Another suggestion we have heard is to have a virtual WSC 2022 like the one we had in 2020.

That is the alternative that seems viable to us, but it's still not what we would recommend. For one thing, Tim said, we are challenged to get through a lot of business in a virtual WSC. We made many necessary decisions in 2020, but we only dealt with 6 of the 16 CAR motions. Most of those motions will be reintroduced, and there are other motions that regions and zones would like to make. The board believe it will be more practical to get through more business at an in-person WSC.

At least as important are the more intangible benefits. Many of us talk about the magic of the Conference, said Tim, and most of us did not have that experience with a virtual WSC. Some participants were attending in the middle of the night. We weren't able to hug each other, have meals together, have informal conversations, or even find the time for small-group discussions.

The recommendation report posted on the Conference page ends with the WSC Mission Statement because each of the board members agreed that the 2020 WSC didn't adequately serve its purpose of fulfilling the mission.

Our recommendation is the way the board believes that we can most quickly return to a WSC where we can accomplish all of the business in front of us, something we were unable to do even over the course of 8 days virtually. We could do some of the activities and have some of the discussions we were unable to do virtually and re-experience some of the magic of the meeting.

What is Essential?

After a lot of productive discussion, Tim said, defining essential business as the business that cannot be postponed because of policy or law made the word essential much more clear to them as a board.

One thing that will be essential to address is term limits. World Service position term limits could be addressed through a motion to extend them a year. Regions and zones might want to take similar action, but it is up to the individual service bodies.

During the board's discussion, they kept thinking of other things that would need to be addressed or other questions that would need to be answered if participants ultimately support this direction. But that's not where we are yet, reminded Tim. No matter how many conversations we all have, we won't have foreseen all of the cascading effects of this recommendation, and that's okay. Today we are going to have a discussion about ideas, and we will answer questions together as they need to be answered.

Small Group Discussion

The meeting then broke into 15 small groups (the most ever!) for about an hour of discussion. The main question was: 1. Given that the WB does not believe that an in-person WSC is feasible in 2022, is this the most reasonable approach? And 2. Is anything missing? Of the 15 groups, 12 said yes to the first question, 2 did not report an overall response, and 1 said no.

Q: When will the CAR come out, and when is the regional motion deadline?

If participants agree with the approach in this recommendation, we would release an interim report by 24 November 2021, the CAR publication date (December for translated versions). The interim report would include the Spiritual Principle a Day Book draft and all of the other decisions to be made at the interim WSC meeting in 2022, including those items that would ordinarily be in the Conference Approval Track material, such as the budget.

Prior to the 2023 conference meeting, a more "normal" CAR would be published no later than the customary deadline of 150 days prior to the meeting and perhaps even a bit earlier if that's something participants want and it seems possible. The CAR for 2023 would include any regional motions and all of the substantive motions from the board that we were not required, by law or policy, to make in 2022.

Q: What about elections and term lengths?

This is another question that the board and delegates would need to discuss. Terms for relevant board members, HRP, and Cofacilitators would be among the crucial decisions made by the interim conference in 2022. The Executive Committee of the board met with the HRP and the Cofacilitators to have a preliminary conversation, and they will be prepared to help the WSC with whatever it decides. The HRP will be discussing related details and may have more for us as we move forward. **Our hope is that, if the WSC takes the approach we are recommending, regions and zones will consider extending delegate terms through 2023, but that would be up to each service body to decide.**

Jim & I have discussed the WB recommendation and believe it is sound. We will be asking for a vote of confidence to approve that.

August Meeting of North East Zonal Forum (NEZF)

NEZF Meets Virtually on August 22, 2021 to vote on:

1. 2021 NEZF Strategic Project Plans
2. NEZF recommend Bill H for World Board

2021 NEZF Strategic Plan

Guidelines Project Plan

Issue : Lack of strong foundation at the zone upon which to build

Objective : To have clear and complete guidelines that include :

- Policies that are consistent with current practices
 - Zonal planning as a policy
 - A formal process to identify and recommend its members to World Services.
 - Increased opportunities for participation at the zonal forum, including surveys
 - Increased collaboration with neighboring service bodies
- Approach : Create a guidelines workgroup

Zonal Participation Project Plan

Issue : Fellowship understanding of the zone and the resources available

Objective : Increase understanding of what the NEZF is, does, and how it connects directly to our fellowship's primary purpose

Approach : Develop plan to get more members involved with zonal committees to help shape what the zone is and does

Online Presence Project Plan

Issue : Too much information with too few effective avenues connecting our members to that information

Objective : Increase accessibility to zonal information and resources

Approach : Create a workgroup to improve and organize our online presence through but not limited to the following :

- Explore social media
- Create a website workgroup / renovate website

Communications Project Plan

Issue : Too much information with too few effective avenues connecting our members to that information

Objective : Increase effective distribution of zonal information and resources

Approach : Create a workgroup to present resources and accessible pathways to them through but not limited to the following:

- Explore utilizing various media forms to communicate zonal info to our members, including videos
- Push out info to regional emails and websites.
- Form and utilize a distribution list for the newsletter.
- Improved relationships in zonal communications through follow up

October Meeting of North East Zonal Forum (NEZF)

NEZF Meets In Person on October 22-24, 2021 – in Niagra Falls, NY. I will be submitting a money motion (from RD/AD set aside) to attend.

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 and has created a RCM (Regional Committee Member) Training for the NEZF/AZF member regions. The work group met last night for a last time. For more information please see: <https://fd.nezf.org/>.

Fund Flow to the NEZF:

I also suggest we consider funding a representative from FD and PR to the NEZF meeting October.

I would like to ask members to consider to allocate a percentage of our fund flow to NEZF (such as 5-10% 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

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

Multi Zonal Service Symposium (MZSS)

The delegate team are attending this event which is being held in San Antonio, TX from August 27th-29th

RD/AD visits to Area Service Committees

I have attended Martha's Vineyard, NEMA, Boston, and Metrowest – Nantucket hasn't been regularly meeting, and Online area – has suspended.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

James P., Regional Delegate
New England Regional Service Committee
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617-314-4048

ALTERNATE DELEGATE (AD)-

Delegate Training Workshop

The Fellowship development subcommittee at the NEZF held a Delegate Training Workshop on Saturday June 26th and Sunday June 27th. This was an amazing learning experience for members not only interested in the delegate position but for any area of service. Presentations were made by addicts from across the country who have years of service experience. They were able to share their knowledge in a simple, lively and engaging way. Topics included: Know Your Region; NAWS (Narcotics Anonymous World Service)/WSC (World Service Conference)- More than just the CAR(Conference Agenda Report)/CAT (Conference Approval Track); Local Responsibilities – ASC (Area Service Committee) RSC (Regional Service Committee) and Zone; Communications; Know Your Tools and How To Put On A Workshop.

Some of the information was fascinating as it delved into the delegates role at the Conference as described on page 3 in A Guide to World Services in Narcotics Anonymous. (GWSNA) where it states, “During the delegate’s term, he or she attends the World Service Conference as a fully active participant, for while the delegate is elected by and accountable to the regional assembly or RSC, he or she is not a mere messenger. The delegate is selected by the groups representatives and/or RCMs to act in the best interests of NA as a whole, not solely as an advocate of his or her NA community’s priorities.”

Another role of the delegate is related to the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT), this document is where our literature is held and accounts for most of the funds used to support World Service efforts. The delegate directs the trustees (World Board) on how the trust funds will be spent for the benefit of the beneficiaries (the fellowship) and to approve any amendments being made to the trust.

The workshop “How to put on a Workshop” was extremely beneficial. The goals were fourfold, 1) Plan for your intended outcomes 2) Understanding the components of an interactive workshop 3) Understand how to read, modify, and create workshops and “session profiles” 4) Get hands-on practice with outlining a session. Each breakout group in the workshop planned and developed their own unique workshops. It was a great learning exercise for a crucial task that delegates take on in order to better communicate with the fellowship.

This two-day delegate training workshop seemed daunting “on paper”, but when it was over one was left wondering where the time went! Kudos to the North East Zonal Forum Fellowship Development team for an outstanding job well done.

Delegate team visits to area service committee meetings:

Continuing with our area visits, SEMA is meeting next Sunday and look forward to being in attendance.

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). A motion will be submitted today for our region to recommend Bill H. to the Human Resources Panel (HRP) to be considered as a World Board Member. This process will allow Bill to be interviewed and vetted by the HRP in order to assess his

qualifications to serve. The intent of the motion is to show our support for a long standing, loyal, dedicated trusted servant to Narcotics Anonymous.

With gratitude,

Jim D. - AD

REGIONAL MEETING DIRECTORIES (RMD)- No report submitted.

WEBSITE-

At the RSC in June 2021, I brought up the idea of working in the regional website under a new understanding – that I would be paid for it. I was asked to provide information about what I do. In general, I do the daily maintenance and some troubleshooting. Patrick does the more technical work that usually involves coding. I texted him asking if he would be willing to take over the daily work as well, about a month ago, and he has never sent me an answer, which I guess is an answer in itself. The submission regarding meetings and events come in as emails. I check my email dozens of times a day, so I normally respond to a submission the same day, even the same hour. Below is a list of what I do, including a brief description.

BMLT

Our meeting information is handled by Basic Meeting List Toolbox (BMLT). It is software written by NA members and is free. BMLT is essentially a database manager. It has its own logins, separate from the website logins. It holds all the details of each meeting. Other software has been developed that pulls the meeting information from the database:

- The information can be displayed on a webpage by Crouton
- The information can be printed in meeting list by Bread
- The information can be provided to a phone line by Yap

Crouton, Bread, and Yap are add-on software that can be installed in a website, are also written by NA members, and are free.

Our website has a meeting update form that anyone can fill in and submit. When they do, I get an email and edit the meeting database to add the new information.

WordPress

Our website is powered by WordPress. WordPress powers 22% - 25% of all websites. It is free. It can be compared to a house. WordPress itself is like the basement. The basements itself provides the foundation, and hold the electric, the plumbing, the HVAC. Every WordPress site has a theme, which could be compared to the framework of a house. It also has add-on software called plugins, that are like the appliances that are installed in a house, and become, for all practical purposes, part of the house.

The WordPress logins are separate from the BMLT logins.

Theme. The theme, or framework, we use, is called Mesmerize Pro. We have a lifetime license. When a new version comes out, I install it and test the website to see if everything still functions. If something goes wrong, I am prepared to restore the website from the daily backup.

Plugins. We use a number of plugins, some are free, a few cost money. I keep on eye on them. When I new version of a plugin comes out, I verify that the function it supports is functioning correctly. I then install the plugin, and test again, to make sure nothing broke. If that happens, I know how to restore an earlier version that works.

Pages. Our website has pages like any website. I keep them updated and add new ones as needed.

Events. We have a plugin that powers our Event Calendar. It holds both recovery events (fun events) and service events (not that service isn't fun!). We have an event form that anyone can fill out and submit. Once it is submitted, I

get an email. I edit the calendar to add the event. If there is a flyer, and it is not a PDF, I convert it to PDF because they display better, and can be downloaded and printed.

File Uploads. We have a section of our website with Regional Minutes – I upload them. We also have a Google drive that regional trusted servants can use to upload or download. I make sure it is working, though it is used infrequently, at best, even though I have written how to documents on how to use it, and distributed them.

Emails

We have email accounts for regional trusted servants. They are hosted by Google. I keep track of the passwords and send them to newly elected trusted servants. Usually the first time a person tries to log in from a new device, Google prompts them for additional information that they don't have. I can turn that off for ten minutes. I work with the trusted servant to coordinate their first login attempt on a device that that login has never been used on before. When they have logged in once on a given device, Google no longer prompts them for the additional information.

Many emails from professionals come directly to the website. If they are best handled by one of our subcommittees, I forward the email to the chair, otherwise I handle them myself.

Area Logins

When we first launched our current website, we created WordPress logins and BMLT logins for each Area. We allowed each Area to distribute them as they saw fit. With these logins, a given Area can edit its own events and meetings, but no one else's. I manage these logins and distribute to Area trusted servants when requested.

Billing and Annual Budget

I keep track of all our billing and create the annual budget to be handed in to Region in April to be voted on in June.

Siteground

Siteground is our hosting company. We use them to have our website on the Internet.

GoDaddy

GoDaddy holds some of our domain names. I keep track of them and make sure we are up to date with billing.

Problem Reports

Occasionally, NA members report a problem with the website. We also sometimes get automated alerts. I either handle them myself, or contact GoDaddy tech support or Siteground tech support, or contact Patrick.

How To

I have created a number of how to documents so that anyone should be able to take over the basic work of the website, as I am currently doing.

Compensation

I have considered various approaches to this. I am a computer professional and when I work, I get \$50 an hour generally, but for special friends I discount it to \$25 an hour. I guesstimate that I spend 2 to 4 hours a week on regular website work for NERNA (this is outside of special projects I sometimes need to do). I am thinking of assuming two hours per week at \$25 an hour. I will never ask for more than two hours, no matter how many hours I spend, and if I spend less than two in a given week, I will ask only for what I actually worked. That would work out to a possible \$2600 a year, which would be the ceiling, not the floor. To put that in perspective, the per hour rate for web developers in Boston is \$55/hr for top earners and \$36/hr average.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD)-

Good Morning,

Since we met last the Assistant Treasurer and Treasurer have worked together to develop a spending plan based on the cash flow from our last convention to determine how much money we will need to fund the next convention.

We will be putting in a motion today to get \$2400.00 for the BOD and the convention committee will be putting in a motion for \$4467.00. These amounts are equal to the money returned at last RSC and is being held to fund the convention. These funds will get us through Jan 2022. The BOD will need approximately an additional \$3600.00 for our remaining annual bills from March 22-March 2023. The Convention Committee will require approximately \$10,000.00 to complete the business of the second year of the convention cycle based on what was spent on NERCXVIII. This is for the expenses incurred by holding fundraisers, Purchasing Merchandise, and registration package items. This also includes down payments for Entertainment at the convention as well as all of the printed materials such as flyers and programs ect.

We have sent a copy of the Cash flow statement to the Finance Committee and plan to meet again to review it in more detail prior to the October RSC.

We will have to be innovative in how we spend money this convention cycle and utilize new technology to reduce cost where we can. We will have to do our best to have as many fundraisers as possible.

I will not be able to be at region when the motions are read as I have a family event to attend. John F who is a Director on the BOD and the Convention Chair will be presenting the motions for both The BOD and the Convention Committee.

ILS,

Debbie L

MCAS (Month of Caring and Sharing) Adhoc: No report submitted.

AREA CONCERNS/ OPEN FORUM

- 1. Taking off those areas who have not been here, greater Worcester removed from quorum. OANENA and Nantucket waiting to remove.*
- 2. Straw poll have full conference in 2023? All in favor*
- 3. Zoom account, hold off until more information is gathered.*
- 4. Staggered schedule for subcommittee Saturday, chairs appear to be in favor and as follows: 11-12:30, H&I, finance, 1230-2 PR, FD and convention, 2-3:30-Website*

OLD BUSINESS

- I. June 2021 MINUTES- Accepted*
- II. "NON-MONEY MOTION #1 (from June)*

Presented: SEMA 2nd: SSA

Motion: To allow subcommittees to meet at their discretion.

Intent: To better carry the message.

Vote: In favor: 5 Opposed: 1 Abstained: 1 Unopposed: 0”

Motion to rescind this motion: Vote: In favor: 4 Opposed: 1 Abstained: 1

III. NON-MONEY MOTION:

Presented by: Carrie B

Motion: Amend Policy VI section B to state that subcommittee meetings “MAY” be held on Saturday. Add to section 1 the following: All subcommittees are expected to meet at least once but in accordance with their needs to between RSC meetings. If a subcommittee is not meeting on the regional weekend (preferred) they are responsible for distributing the date, time, location and technology platform, log in code to the regional secretary and website committee for broader distribution and at least 2 weeks in advance.

Intent: To allow subcommittees flexibility and still provide visibility to the communities we serve.

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

ELECTIONS

CHAIR: Kyle!

VICE CHAIR: John N!

TREASURER: Noel D!

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

FINANCE CHAIR: Tiffany K!

FINANCE MEMBER AT LARGE:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

SECRETARY: Val B!

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

H&I CHAIR: Shaun W!

INSURANCE CHAIR: Bill H!

POLICY CHAIR: Lauren C!

PR/PHONELINE CHAIR: Marissa J!

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

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

WEBSITE: Carrie!

NEW BUSINESS

Set Quorum- 10

Voting RCMs: 6 Simple Majority: 4 2/3: 4

MONEY MOTION #1

Presented by: John F 2nd: Steve C Total: \$2,400

Motion: To issue a check for \$2,400 to the New English Region Convention Corporation.

Intent: To allow the New England Regional Convention to pay annual bills.

Vote: In favor: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Unopposed: 0

MONEY MOTION #2

Presented by: John F 2nd: Steve C Total: \$4467

Motion: To issue a check for \$4467 to the New England Regional Convention Corporation.

Intent: To allow the New England Regional Convention Committee to begin planning the Convention.

Vote: In favor: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Unopposed: 0

MONEY MOTION #3

Presented by PR Subcommittee 2nd: n/a Total: \$300

Motion: To purchase \$300 of literature for upcoming PR events; the Cape Cod Symposium and Drug Court Professionals Event.

Intent: To further our primary purpose and carry the message.

Vote: In favor: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Unopposed: 0

MONEY MOTION #4

Presented by: James P 2nd: Jim D Total: \$1,125

Motion: RD to attend NEZF live meeting October 22, 23 and 24 in Niagara Falls.

Intent: To fulfil the responsibilities of the Regional Delegate and our participation in NEZF.

Hotel: \$350, Airport transfer: \$50, Rental Car: \$75, Flight: \$300, per diem \$150, Unfunded trusted servant: \$200.

Vote: In favor: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Unopposed: 0

MONEY MOTION #5

Presented by: Jim 2nd: Total: \$859

Motion: Out of the RD/AD set aside to fund AD to attend the Western States Learning Day.

Intent

Vote: In favor: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Unopposed: 0

NON-MONEY MOTION #1

Presented: Jim D 2nd: James P

Motion: To recommend Bill H to the human resources panel for consideration as a world board member.

Intent: To show support for a long standing, loyal, dedicated trusted servant to Narcotics Anonymous.

Vote: In favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1 Unopposed: 0

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NERNA!
Deposit Detail
June 14 through August 15, 2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
07/12/2021		Deposit	Checking at Citizens Bank - Ne	3,674.61
	MetroWest	Deposit at local branch	Group & Area Contributions	-3,674.61
				-3,674.61
08/09/2021		Deposit	Checking at Citizens Bank - Ne	900.00
	MetroWest	Deposit at local branch	Group & Area Contributions	-900.00
				-900.00
08/14/2021		Deposit	Checking at Citizens Bank - Ne	1,826.71
	Boston Area	Deposit	Group & Area Contributions	-1,826.71
				-1,826.71
08/14/2021		Deposit	Checking at Citizens Bank - Ne	966.02
	Way of Life	Deposit	Group & Area Contributions	-2.63
	Clean, Cool and Free	Deposit	Group & Area Contributions	-21.22
	Men and Women Together	Deposit	Group & Area Contributions	-20.24
	Anonymous	Christopher R.	Anonymous Contributions	-178.09
	End of the Line	Deposit	Group & Area Contributions	-19.26
	Anonymous	David E.	Group & Area Contributions	-11.44
	The Better Way	Deposit	Group & Area Contributions	-130.62
	Anonymous	William B.	Group & Area Contributions	-48.51
	Anonymous	David E.	Group & Area Contributions	-48.60
	Steps to Freedom	Deposit	Group & Area Contributions	-207.42
	Living Clean - Boston	Deposit	Group & Area Contributions	-12.11
	SEMA	Deposit	Group & Area Contributions	-236.84
	Clean, Cool and Free	Deposit	Group & Area Contributions	-29.04
				-966.02

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NERNA!
Transaction List by Date
June 14 through August 15, 2021

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Account	Clr	Split	Amount
Deposit	07/12/2021			Deposit	Checking	√	Group & Area Contributions	3,674.61
Deposit	08/09/2021			Deposit	Checking		Group & Area Contributions	900.00
Check	08/14/2021	EFT	Insurance		Checking		Insurance Expense	-919.00
Deposit	08/14/2021			Deposit	Checking		Group & Area Contributions	1,826.71
Deposit	08/14/2021			Deposit	Checking		-SPLIT-	966.02
Transfer	08/14/2021			Funds Transfer	Checking		Insurance SA	-860.50
Transfer	08/14/2021			Funds Transfer	Checking		RD / AD SA	-935.67
Transfer	08/14/2021			Funds Transfer	Checking		PR SA	-307.10
Transfer	08/14/2021			Funds Transfer	Checking		FD SA	-163.30
Transfer	08/14/2021			Funds Transfer	Checking		Website SA	-269.29
Check	08/15/2021	1451	NERCC	Convention Seed Money	Checking		Convention Expense	-4,467.00
Check	08/15/2021	1452	NERCC	BOD	Checking		Convention Expense	-2,400.00
Check	08/15/2021	1453	John N.	Literature for PR events	PR SA		PR Expenses	-300.00
Check	08/15/2021	1454	James P.	Fund RD to NEZF	RD / AD SA		RD / AD Expenses	-1,125.00
Check	08/15/2021	1455	James D.	Fund RDA to WSLD	RD / AD SA		RD / AD Expenses	-859.00
Check	08/15/2021	1456	NAWS	Regional Contribution	Checking		NAWS Contribution	-3,866.06

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Accrual Basis

NERNA!
Balance Sheet
As of August 15, 2021

	Aug 15, 21
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking at Citizens Bank - Ne	
FD SA	326.60
Insurance SA	4,475.00
NESSNA SA	3,576.00
PR SA	951.70
Prudent Reserve	2,122.00
RD / AD SA	903.35
Travel SA	500.00
Website SA	663.58
Checking at Citizens Bank - Ne - Other	47.02
Total Checking at Citizens Bank - Ne	13,565.25
Total Checking/Savings	13,565.25
Total Current Assets	13,565.25
TOTAL ASSETS	13,565.25
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	13,565.25

See above for RD report.

See above for AD report.

Regional Meeting Directory Report

No report submitted.

