

The regional service subcommittee met on December 11<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 900 Main Street in Brockton MA.

### Announcements

1. The next regional subcommittee meeting will be February 18th 2012 at 12:00 at . The next Regional service committee meeting will be February 19<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 11:00 at 900 Main Street in Brockton, MA.
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 3<sup>rd</sup> NEMA convention will be held March 2-4<sup>th</sup> 2012 at the Sheraton Ferncroft, Danvers MA.
4. Points of Recovery Greater Providence Area - GPACNA VI February 24-26 2012

### **RSC:**

**Open Positions: Activities Committee Chair, PI chairperson and 1 finance member at large.**

Noel opened the meeting at 11:26 am with a moment of silence and a collaborative reading of the 12 traditions and 12 concepts of NA. Traditions 11 and 12 were read in entirety.

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

*The minutes were accepted from October 2011.*

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Chair:** no report

**Vice Chair:** no report

**Secretary:** no report

**Opening Balance and Treasurer's Report:**

NERSC Treasurer's Report December, 2011

On Saturday, December 10, 2011 the Finance Committee met in Brockton, Ma. Present from the committee were James P., Carrie B., Rocco A., Bob T., Brian S.. Thank you. South Shore Area for hosting us.

Rocco A. will detail in the finance committee report the result of the question of whether or not we should include 1 region's RD/RDA set-aside in Prudent Reserve. Starting Balance is \$0.00 and Prudent Reserve is \$560.91 (it should be \$1,552.50). Rocco will be discussing the thoughts of the finance committee and how to handle prudent reserve defecits.

We received our tax returns from our CPA Brenda McFadden, which I signed and mailed.

For those wondering exactly how tight our finances are here are some interesting numbers. Our income

over the  
FY2010 (8-1-10 to 7-31-11) was \$10,017 as compared to:  
FY2009 \$17,093 (41.4% decrease)  
FY2008 \$53,063 (81.1% decrease)  
FY2007 \$32,653 (69.3% decrease)  
FY2006 \$30,290 (66.9% decrease)

The administrative reports that I have needed to save as mentioned in October's reports were sent to Rocco per policy.  
In Loving Service,  
James P.

**Finance:**

**Report of the Finance Committee December 10, 2011  
of the New England Regional Service Committee**

On December 10, 2011 the NERSC finance committee met in Brockton, MA hosted by the South Shore Area. Present at the meeting were Carrie B, asst. Treasurer, James P, Treasurer, Rocco A, Chairperson, Bob D and Brian S.

I would like to apologize for my absence last Region but some personal issues prevented me from attending. Those same reasons are preventing me from attending today.

It is my understanding through the emails from our committee members and discussions at our Finance Committee meeting yesterday that there are questions about our prudent reserve and set asides and how to handle shortfalls in our cash flow when they occur. It was the general consensus of the Finance Committee that we ask the Regional body to consider that when there is a shortfall of cash available to pay our customary expenses, that funds first be drawn down from the RD/RDA set aside or any other set asides there may be at the time before we consider depleting our Prudent reserve.

As of late, our contributions to Region have been dropping dramatically. Upon analyzing the contributions to our region from Areas and Groups going back to 2006 our income has been steadily decreasing. Our contributions have dropped from \$32,653 in fiscal year 2007 which excludes convention income to \$10,017 in fiscal year 2010 which also excludes the convention. In other words income at an average of \$835 per month or \$1,670 per Region. That barely covers our customary expenses which are \$1,552.50 per Region. The economy and whatever other reasons are causing this to happen should force us to reconsider how our funds are allocated.

We would like to see a discussion amongst our body to address this pressing financial issue. Your assistance in this will be greatly appreciated.

Yours in service,  
Rocco A

**Convention Committee:**

Convention Committee met Saturday 12/10/11. A fundraising and entertainment chair was voted in (Mattie S). The committee will be holding it's first fundraiser on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> 2012, "Winter Wonderland" it will be held at Our Lady of Grace Church in Everett. 6:00 Speaker meeting with DJ and Dancing, there will be Sleigh Rides and an event photographer. In January Merchandise will be selling Nerc 15 t-shirts.

As of January the convention committee will be holding our meetings once a month. Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday in January. Open positions are Registration and Assistant Secretary.

Treasurers closing balance is \$6,340.00

Programming - speaker CD's should be sent to po box 377 Revere, Ma 02151.

ILS, Debbie P.

**H&I:**

**Literature:**

**Literature Committee**

**Brenda V.--Chair**

The literature committee met yesterday with 3 members attending. We reviewed the following agenda items:

- NA World Services
  - Living Clean: The Journey Continues—the committee is in support of adopting this piece of literature
    - A reminder that the draft version of the Living Clean project is out for final up/down vote.
  - Service System Project--Ongoing
    - We will review the final eight proposals at our next meeting as the CAR just became available.
- Web page
  - We will be trialing a couple of options to gain visibility and addit participation. These include posting links to frequently utilized NAWs resources.
  - We continue to have the Literature Committee survey posted.
    - Again, we thank those groups who have already submitted completed surveys.
    - Input by individual NA members, groups, and our member areas is requested and will be accepted and compiled on an ongoing basis.
  - In addition to the above changes, we plan to utilize the web space for links to locally developed resources submitted to the literature committee.
- Regional Committee Member Orientation Packet
  - At the request of the RD, we will be reviewing, editing and updating this packet.
- Mission and vision statements
  - The committee will continue to review and develop as our committee evolves.

**Literature Committee – Helpful links. . .**

Order Narcotics Anonymous literature online

<http://www.na.org/?ID=OrderLiteratureOnline-NAW>

2012 Conference Agenda Report (CAR)

[http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/conference/CAR/2012\\_CAR.pdf](http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/conference/CAR/2012_CAR.pdf)

Password: WSC2012

Living Clean: The Journey Continues Approval Draft

[http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/conference/project/livclean/LC\\_Approval\\_Draft.pdf](http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/conference/project/livclean/LC_Approval_Draft.pdf)

Password: WSC2012

## 2010-2012 World Board Issue Discussion Topics (IDTs)

[http://www.na.org/?ID=2011\\_IDT](http://www.na.org/?ID=2011_IDT)

- A Vision for NA Service
- In Times of Illness
- Self-Support Means Supporting NA
- Self-Support IPs

As your New England Regional Service Literature Committee we hope to serve you, the members, groups, and Areas of the New England Region. Suggestions for use of this link for fostering our Primary Purpose in the form of electronic media i.e., topic discussions, poems, stories, etc. are most welcomed. Please forward your suggestions to [Literature@newenglandna.org](mailto:Literature@newenglandna.org).

We have also created the survey which follows to gather input as to how we might best serve you: our members, groups and Areas. Please take a moment at your next group business meeting to respond to this brief questionnaire and forward to the Literature Committee at the email address above, or via your Area Regional Committee Member (RCM). Many thanks to those groups who have already submitted completed surveys!

Yours in service,

*The New England Regional Literature Committee*

[Please continue to include the pdf of the survey].

### **Insurance Liability:**

#### **Policy:**

The Policy subcommittee met Saturday 12/10/11 with 3 addicts in attendance: the chairperson, CMA policy chair, and the Insurance chair.

There were no area concerns. We focused on clarifying a few sections of the NERSC policy. Below are several motions being submitted by the policy subcommittee.

**Motion:** To amend Article X Section 2 Subsection A.2 to read:

Subcommittee chairpersons or vice-chairpersons when acting as chairperson. Motions made by a subcommittee must be directly relevant to the business of that subcommittee.

**Intent:** To bring policy in line with our current practice. As written, the policy states: Sub-committee chairpersons or vice-chairperson when acting as chairperson when it applies only to their subcommittees. Subcommittee motions can only affect their subcommittee.

The removal of the word “only” allows for a subcommittee motion which may affect other subcommittees (or the body as a whole), so long as its action and intent are clearly related to the business of that subcommittee. Per our current policy, a motion submitted by H&I which also affects PI should technically be ruled out of order. But it seems that the intent of this policy was to prevent subcommittee chairpersons from overreaching the duties of their positions by trying to affect the business of over subcommittees, not to hamper cooperation between subcommittees.

**Motion:** To strike from policy, under the duties of the chairperson, the final phrase of

Article XI section 1 subsection H which reads “and cause to be elected a parliamentarian?????????”

**Intent:** To bring policy in line with current practice. Merriam-Webster’s online dictionary defines a parliamentarian as “an expert in the rules and usages of a deliberative assembly (as a parliament).” There is no standing position of parliamentarian, nor is it current practice to temporarily elect a parliamentarian. It is typical for the chairperson to refer certain questions regarding parliamentary procedure to experienced members, but adding this informal practice to policy seems unnecessary.

**Motion:** To add to duties of the vice-chairperson, Article XI section 2 subsection E, to read:

To facilitate during a challenge to a ruling of the chairperson. The vice-chairperson shall ask the chairperson to explain the ruling, allow the challenger to respond to this explanation, and then move the assembly to vote on the ruling without further discussion.

**Intent:** To bring policy in line with our current practice which is already in agreement with parliamentary procedure.

I will update policy to reflect the votes on these motions, as well as several minor edits which were discussed last regional meeting which do not involve changes to policy.

- Dave P

**Phone Line:**

See report treasurers report

Met on Saturday 12/10/11 There were 4 addicts present. Opened the meeting with the serenity prayer and the twelve traditions Took reports from all callbacks, Lituature and proffessional callback. Disscusede how call volumne is down and the possibility that it could be due to smart phones. Disscused Rhode Islands complaint of dro[p-ed calls We made live calls to the help line to Rhode Island and did not encounter any problems with the help line. Informed Western mass and Pioneer Valley of my willingness to attend thier January area meetings to answer any questions on the helpline. Talked to the update coordinator Dave He infromed me that the vfdedit software used to do updates no longer worked I will submit a money motion for \$49.99 to purchase software to restart updates. Open positions Vice chair and Secretary I want to thank JR for stepping up and taking over

the South Shore Urgent call back position.

In loving service  
Garyb

**Public Information:**

**RMD:**

See attached reports

**Website:**

## Website Committee Report

Over the last two months the website committee has continued to update the site with meeting revisions and event notices.

An email address for the Insurance committee was created:

[insurance@newenglandna.org](mailto:insurance@newenglandna.org) is the address they can be reached at.

Our committee discussed the viability of maintaining the [newenglandna.org](http://newenglandna.org)

domain. It had been previously decided (when the [nerna.org](http://nerna.org) domain was purchased) that we would be moving to the [nerna.org](http://nerna.org) domain exclusively and would allow [newenglandna.org](http://newenglandna.org) to expire. Newenglandna.org will expire in February. Our committee will be bringing a motion today to maintain [newenglandna.org](http://newenglandna.org) for as long as we keep [nerna.org](http://nerna.org). The costs for this are minimal at around 40 dollars for 5 years. All our email addresses are currently at [newenglandna.org](http://newenglandna.org) and this domain name may still be out in the wild, thus maintaining the domain will allow us practice continuity of service. Thank you for letting me be of service,  
Brandon H.

**RD/RDA:**

**RD report 2011.12.13**

Hello NERSC Members,

I will report on our upcoming events and record keeping. Jaime will report on the on goings at the NEZF/MRLE/CAR Workshop.

**Conference Agenda Report (CAR)** web link =

<http://www.na.org/?ID=conference-index>

We have created a Group conscience worksheet that will be attached to the minutes. There have been corrections to the CAR made since it was distributed. An e-mail has been sent to the regions secretary that was asked to be forwarded to the regions contacts. We have copies attached to the CAR that we are handing out.

I have attached the e-mailed corrections, Trusted servant update forms and Area Meeting time and place information sheets with the CAR's that we are passing out.

We will be holding a CAR workshop to go over the Resolutions, Straw poles, Motions and regional proposals with interested members. 3:30-6:00 We are discussing food and meeting plans. More will be revealed. Cape Cod pizza is across the street so we can eat if we get hungry. We will have the regional projector for this event.

First Evangelical Lutheran Church 900 Main Street Brockton, MA February 18, 2012

Please see website for flyer. [www.nerna.org](http://www.nerna.org)

The following areas need to contact NAWS @ (818) 773-9999 extension 771 to have the hold on their mailing address taken off.

Boston

Central Mass.

Free Spirit

NAWS has received undeliverable mail back from those mailing address' and are awaiting approval from the areas.

Our expenses for the weekend of the ZONE are as follows:

Hotel \$174.38, Travel \$60.00 Jaime, \$90.00 Andrew, Per diem \$330.00 Unfunded trusted servant donation \$100.00

Total \$754.38

Received 8/2011 \$755.00

\$.62 will be returned to the region.

I gave a Basic text to a newcomer/group giveaway while attending a meeting. The group paid \$8.00 that I am giving to the region.

We have motions for the following expenses:

CAR reports for RCM's  
17 Car reports **\$221.00**  
Shipping ?  
Total ?  
Motion for attending MARLCNA RD/RDA team  
Hotel \$300.00  
Per Diem \$330.00  
Ground \$460.00  
Other \$50.00  
Total = **\$1140.00**  
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.

Building Strong Home groups:  
[http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/IDT\\_Frame\\_27Feb07.pdf](http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/IDT_Frame_27Feb07.pdf)

Living clean Approval draft available-  
[http://www.na.org/?ID=Living\\_Clean\\_Project](http://www.na.org/?ID=Living_Clean_Project)  
Or order online  
[https://cart.na.org/IW\\_Products.m4p.pvx?:SEARCH\\_SUBMIT](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](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](mailto: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](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](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](http://www.nerna.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](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](http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/PR/PR_H_I_Packet.pdf)  
Group Updates- Go to [www.nerna.org](http://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>

Connecticut regional convention is January 6-8, 2012 in Stamford please follow the link below in NEZF member websites for more info.

RCM Notes = All GSR Notes and the following information  
Please submit your local Area Meeting directories to us. We will cross reference them to the NAWS and Regional databases. You can also mail your local Area meeting directories to the NERSC mailbox at PO Box 437 Quincy, MA 02132

Trusted Servant Update Forms for NAWS- [http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/ASC-Reg\\_Form2010.pdf](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](http://www.na.org/?ID=local_resource_area_resources)  
Service pamphlets- <http://web.na.org/?ID=servicemat-svc-pamphlets>  
Click a Link Below to visit the NEZF Member Region Web Sites:  
North East Zonal Forum: [www.nezf.org](http://www.nezf.org)  
**Member regions**  
<http://www.namaine.org/>  
<http://abcdrna.org/index2.html>  
<http://nanewyork.org/>  
<http://www.newyorkna.org/>



<http://www.nawny.org/>  
<http://www.namvr.org/>  
<http://www.ctna.org/>  
<http://www.nanj.org/>  
<http://www.nabuckeye.org/>  
<http://www.marscna.org/>  
<http://www.tristate-na.org/>

New England Regional Alternate Delegate's Report - 12/10/11  
~ on NEZF/MRLE 12/2, 12/3 & 12/4 2011 & CAR 2012 - Jaime V. - NERDA  
Greetings New England Region,

Quite a bit to report on today so I will do my best to keep it brief, and to the point. As many of you are aware, Andrew & I attended both the winter assembly of the North Eastern Zonal Forum (NEZF) as well as the biannual Multi Regional Learning Event (MRLE) hosted in Manchester, New Hampshire by the Northern New England Region of NA this past weekend. This was almost as easily done as said, since the two occasions were combined as one. The way this was structured might best be described as a sandwich, with NEZF bread (Friday & Sunday) and MRLE filling (Saturday). Since both of these events would be focused on the newly released Conference Agenda Report, it made the most sense logically & logistically to have them simultaneously.

NEZF ~ Eleven of thirteen member Regions were in attendance, as well as our Vice Chair & Secretary who are both unfunded trusted servants. Sad to say, it seems as if the Mountain Valley Region has dissolved. Friday evening consisted of Regional Reports, an Agenda review and introductions. Sunday morning was all about topic selection for our next Zonal Assembly which will be hosted in Northern New Jersey on June 15th through the 17th in Somerset, NJ. The topics chosen by consensus for this meeting will be the 2012 WSC & the ongoing Service System Project, whatever shape it has taken by then. MRLE ~ In addition to all of the the RDs & RDAs of the NEZF, upwards of 50ish NA Members attended the CAR Workshop on Saturday, which was facilitated by Ron H. (of New Mexico) and Ron M. (of Florida), both of whom are elected members of our World Board. Suffice it to say that it was a very long day. While this is not the thickest CAR I have seen, it may be the densest. There is a ton of material contained and we had lots to discuss, which we did item by item. But first we clearly defined some terms which may feel new to many of us but are used throughout the CAR. I offer a few of them here:

FIPT (Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust) - the legal document which defines what NA Recovery Literature is, who owns it (we the Members) and who protects it (elected Trusted Servants known as the World Board).

Motion - an idea presented in specific fashion, calling for a decision by majority rule which would be firm in its particulars.

Resolution - an idea presented in general terms, calling for an agreement in principle, not for any specific action at the time, which will establish the conceptual foundation of any future change.

Proposal - an idea forwarded for discussion and consideration.

Straw Poll - a non-binding vote conducted to gauge the general sentiment of a discussion and its participants toward a particular topic or idea.

IDTs (Issue Discussion Topics) - Specific topics selected by the WSC that concern the Fellowship as a whole, to be discussed by the Fellowship during the next Conference cycle.

Here is a link to the Conference Agenda Report online: <http://www.na.org/?ID=wsc2012>

The following is a summary of what you can find in the 2012 CAR:

#### Service System Project

The revised proposals, resolutions for decisions, and straw polls to obtain a sense of the Fellowship's wishes.

#### Living Clean - the Journey Continues (book)

Material discussing our literature development process and the approval draft of Living Clean.

#### FIPT Motions

We are offering motions related to electronic enhancements, bundling of NA literature, and corrections to existing material.

#### World Convention of NA Rotation Cycle

We are proposing changing the convention from every two years to every three years after 2015 and changing the rotation pattern.

#### Issue Discussion Topics

Material is out for Self Support, In Times of Illness, and A Vision for NA Service. We encourage people to participate in these discussions. (See [http://www.na.org/?ID=2011\\_IDT](http://www.na.org/?ID=2011_IDT) for more information on these IDTs.)

#### Regional Proposals

We tried, as a conference, to experiment this cycle with regional proposals rather than motions. There are five in the CAR as well as the responses from the WB.

Weighing in at only 98 pages (more than half of which is the Service System Project Report), as I may have already said, this CAR is not thick, but it is dense. The remaining 200 odd pages of the total document are actually the Living Clean book. Which by the way, received more Fellowship input than any other piece of NA Literature ever! Andrew & I will, as per usual, be facilitating a Regional Assembly in the coming months for RCMs, GSRs and interested Members to workshop the CAR and are, of course, available for questions & discussion at any time.

#### WSC 2012 Summary Sheet

#### Motions, Resolutions, Straw Polls, & Proposals

please note that all World Board Resolutions & Straw Polls pertain to the ongoing Service System Project

#### World Board Resolutions

Resolution 1. Our service efforts will be carried out through a system that includes structure, process, people, and resources.

Resolution 2. The service system is group-focused and includes a local-level body dedicated exclusively to addressing group concerns.

Resolution 3. Training and mentoring of trusted servants are essential functions of the service system.

Resolution 4. Service bodies are purpose- and vision-driven.

Resolution 5. Service bodies work together to utilize planning processes to organize and coordinate their efforts.

Resolution 6. Service bodies make decisions by consensus.

Resolution 7. The service structure includes local service bodies, state/nation/province service bodies, and intermediate bodies if needed. Service bodies follow established geographic boundaries. They are not self-determined, but are formed, based on need, through a collaborative planning process and agreement with other affected service bodies at the next level of service.

Resolution 8. State/national/province boundaries are the primary criterion for seating consideration at the World Service Conference.

World Board Straw Polls

a) There is a small, neighborhood-sized body devoted to group needs. This group forum, which

is typically not part of the delegation stream, is informal in nature and operates through conversation not formal decision making. (See page 56 for a detailed explanation of the body

devoted to group support.)

b) Groups send a delegate quarterly to a local service planning meeting. One of those quarterly meetings is a general assembly where all interested members are encouraged to attend and

input is given to help plan service activities for the cycle. (See page 61 for a detailed explanation of the local service body.)

c) Services are coordinated by a local service board and carried out by members, committees, and project workgroups who report to that board.

d) Local service bodies follow county, city, or town boundaries, where practical. (They are much larger than the group forums mentioned above and in many cases larger than the current ASCs.)

e) The boundaries of those local service bodies are agreed to at the state or national level.

f) Planning cycles are synchronized from level to level (local to state to global) as well as across each level.

g) When service needs cannot be accomplished effectively by local service bodies and state/national/province bodies, an intermediate level of service can be added. (See page 64

for a detailed explanation of an intermediate service body.)

h) Most states, provinces, or countries have one state-, province- or nationwide service body that is responsible for state- or national-level public relations and coordinating efforts such

as training across local service bodies. (See page 67 for a detailed explanation of state-, province-, and nationwide service bodies.)

i) Zonal boundaries are decided through a collaborative process with neighboring NA

communities, other zones, and the WSC.

#### World Board Motions

Motion 1: To approve the book Living Clean: The Journey Continues contained in Addendum B.

Motion 2: To allow the World Board to make non-substantive corrections to Fellowship-approved literature which do not impact the original meaning of the Fellowship-approved text and which fix typographical errors, obsolete references, references to outdated literature, and other similar corrections. The World Board will announce such corrections in advance of publication.

Motion 3: To allow the World Board to bundle, excerpt, and repackage Fellowship-approved literature without changes to the texts themselves. The World Board will announce these actions in advance of publication.

Motion 4: To allow the World Board the ability to create and approve enhanced electronic or digital versions of texts that include supplemental materials or connections to other NA materials. The World Board will announce such enhancements in advance of publication.

Motion 5: To hold the World Convention of NA every three years, beginning 2018, alternating North American and non-North American locations, as follows and contained in the revised World Convention Map contained in Addendum C.

#### Regional Proposals

Proposal A: Carolina Region: For the Fellowship of NA and the WSC to consider a proposal for the creation of Written Service Material dedicated to assisting the members of NA as a whole on (1) how to actively participate in literature and publication projects as well as (2) to have resource material available in providing guidance for the development of Literature and Publication processes locally.

Proposal B: Hawaii Region: To produce a book-length publication called 'The NA WAY: Celebration Edition' comprised of a compilation of articles published in the NA WAY 1982-2012.

Proposal C: Tejas Bluebonnet Region: For Board Approved Literature be clearly marked on front "Service Related Material" and not intended to be read during recovery meetings.

Proposal D: South Brazil Region: That members who wish to receive the NA Way Magazine in hard copy format pay a subscription fee to cover the costs of printing and mailing.

Proposal E: Upper Midwest Region: Our idea is to revisit the discussion of the world board members no longer having voting status at the world service conference.

This is all for you, the NA Members, and it is vitally important that you give us your thoughts, ideas and conscience on this material as it is your voice we gratefully carry to the World Service Conference to help shape this work and the future of Narcotics Anonymous. Please, let your collective selves be heard.

Concept 7: All members of a service body bear substantial responsibility for that body's decisions and should be allowed to fully participate in its decision-making processes.

Tradition 2: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Jaime V.

**BOD/Convention Corporation:**

Report of the **New England Regional Convention, Inc. (Corporation Report)**

December 11, 2011

of the **New Regional Service Committee**

Location: Brockton, MA

As of the beginning of this fiscal year 2011 the Board of Directors of the Convention Corporation has not had a need to meet. Proposals for a venue for NERC XV will be presented to the convention committee at the January 2012 meeting in Norton. If there are any areas who wish to have hotels in their area considered, please email this information to me and I will contact the person at that facility who is responsible for submitting proposals. Please keep in mind our requirements for New England Regional Convention.

If anyone needs to see those requirements, you can contact me by email and I will forward them to you.

The tax returns for fiscal year 2010 are currently being finished by our CPA with the assistance of our Treasurer, Deb P and Delia F. Thank you, Deb and Delia for all of your help.

Yours in Service

Rocco A

President

New England Regional Convention, Inc.

*A question was raised about the statement regarding hotel bids that would be presented to the convention corporation. There was confusion over what this meant, as it was the understanding that the regional body would be presented the bids. Clarification could not be made, as the report writer was not present.*

**Fellowship Development:**

***BREAK FOR LUNCH***

**AREA REPORTS:**

**Boston:**

**CapeCod:**

#### Cape Cod Area RCM Report

Cape Cod Area has met twice since our last region, October 12<sup>th</sup> and November 9<sup>th</sup>. There are currently 26 meetings in Cape Cod Area and an average of 14 GSRs were present at the past Area Service Committee Meetings.

Public Information Committee had a flyer hanging day on Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup> that had good attendance! Discussions have been held at our ASC meetings lately about PI taking on meeting list responsibility since for the past few years this responsibility has been falling on to our Area chair. PI at this time feels like they can't take on that responsibility because they have too much going on and not enough support as a committee.

Hospitals and Institutions has had awesome attendance from interested members recently at their subcommittee meetings. Only 2 commitments have been missed the past two months.

Cape Cod Area Activities put on quite a few events recently that all were a huge hit! We had our sponsorship smoke out, spaghetti dinner and a bowling event. We are planning a Mardi Gras themed event on New Year's Eve at St. David's Episcopal Church in Yarmouth at 7pm. There will be Gumbo and Southern Food as well as a meeting, memorabilia raffle and dance. There is a suggested donation of 15\$ but no addict shall be turned away.

Cape Cod Area currently has one open position- Policy Chair.

We are proud to report that Ozone Troopers that meets on Sunday nights at Bourne Manor is back on our Area meeting lists. We are looking to please have them re added to the Regional website and meeting directory as well.

After many months of discussion at our ASC meetings, Cape Cod Area has made the decision to move forward and cancel our current Area's insurance policy. We were grateful for the answers to the questions we had asked for from the insurance agent and want to thank both Jon and Pat for their service. The only question we still have is how to go about asking for a certificate of insurance in case we need to show proof of insurance.

We are sad to report that a meeting has closed on Cape Cod. Thursday Night Throwdown that used to meet in Sandwich has been removed from our area meeting list. They need to be removed from the website and RMDs.

We are looking into getting a new printer for our Area meeting lists. Currently a technical high school is in charge of printing them and we have been having too many difficulties with them recently. Wanted to ask how different areas go about getting their meeting lists printed? Who do they use for a printer? Who is in charge of distributing them throughout the area because currently this is something that has been an issue as well at our Area. Our Vice Chair has stepped up to fulfill the responsibility in the meantime.

That is all! In loving service, Meaghan R.

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#### Central Mass:

#### Free Spirit:

Free Spirit Area Report

12/11/2011

The Free Spirit Area Service Committee met twice since our last meeting. In our October meeting 7 groups were represented and at our November meeting 9 groups were

represented. We are struggling to fill positions and we currently have many open positions. Open positions are, Secretary, H&I Chair, Policy Chair Public Information Chair, Phonline Chair, and 5 panel leader positions. Our treasurer was unable to attend the Area Service Meeting we were unable to make a donation to Region. The motion from Central Mass came back from groups and was unanimously opposed.

In Loving Service  
Brian S

**Greater Providence:**

hi family, the gpa met twice since the last Rsc meeting. In Oct. there were 18 gsr's present out of 43. In Nov. there were 20 gsr's out of 43. We have 3 positions open, vice-chair, literature, and activities. Also we have 3 positions open on the the convention committee, f+e, arts + graphics, and merchandising. The area is doing well. We did give a donation of 106.13. Our subcommittee's are doing ok but they are always looking for support. The Adhoc for the phone-line has completed there work and a motion went back to groups whether to keep our R.I. phone-line. More will be revealed. We have anew group to add to the gpa. Change or die 249 Main street Pawt. R.I.. friday nites 7-8:30. We have a meeting that moved Straight today. It now meets at Holy Family Parish. 414 Main street Woonsocket R.I.. Weds. nites 7:30-9. We have 3 group anv.. Road to recovery 26 yr. anv. Dec. 13 7:30-9 347 Bullicks pt. Riverside Congregational Church Riverside, R.I.. Clean and crazy 3 yr anv. Jan. 20, 7:30-9:30 Ray conference center, 345 Blackstone Blvd., Prov., R.I.. Sisters in recovery 20 yr anv., Feb. 11 5-7 415 Friendship st. Prov. R.I.. I.L.S. John D. + Ned L.

**Martha's Vineyard:**

**Metro West:**

Greeting New England Regional, I like to thank South Shore Area for hosting. AI is well in Metro West Area all our bills are paid and we are operating above prudent reserve. The Area also voted to start making payments on the insurance policy

**NEMA:**

We met two times since the last region and have averaged 24 gsr's at each of our area meetings. This is around 25% of our total meetings being represented. As a result of this recently we have printed out hundreds of copies of a couple of paragraphs from the second concept and they are currently being distributed out to groups that are not actively involved in area functions. More will be revealed. We have 2 activities committee events comming up in the next few months one being a "Rolling in Recovery" rollerskating event in Saugus Massachusetts. And "Sponsorship Family Feud" more details will be revealed on the website in the weeks to come. Also our HNI Subcommittee will be having an hni learning day February 4th, Saturday at The Veterans Outreach Center, 10 Reed St. Haverhill MA it will start at 2pm with Various meetings until 6p and will be followed by a pot luck dinner and Dance. Our public relations subcommittee has relly started to activate and has a couple of meetings set up with various public officials within our area. Our area's next meeting will be on Sunday January 8th at 20 Washington St. Beverly MA. at 4pm I am submitting along with my report a flyer for the Free to Be Me Mens group Annual Christmas Narcathon - Starts 7pm Saturday December 24, 2011 156 Broad Street Room A Lynn, MA There will be a meeting

every hour for 24 hours ending at 7pm December 25, 2011

**Pioneer Valley:**

Pioneer Valley Area of Narcotics Anonymous

The PVASC met most recently on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 2011. All positions are full with the exception of Alternate Secretary and Alternate Treasurer. 8 of 11 GSR's were present, it is my pleasure to report all 8 groups voted to join the New England Region of Narcotics Anonymous.

We currently have 11 groups in the area, with a few of them in need of support.

H&I subcommittee meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month at St. Johns 843 Main Street Agawam Ma, 01109 at 6:00 pm. There are a few members who have been taking on multiple commitments; announcements are being made to encourage support to reduce the load of a few.

The PI subcommittee meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month immediately following the PVASC meeting that starts at 7:00 pm. PVA PI is currently seeking two new operators to receive addict calls via email. Our current operators have been doing this very important work for over two years now. They will be leaving their positions January 1<sup>st</sup>.

PVANA has a website: [www.PioneerValleyNA.org](http://www.PioneerValleyNA.org)

The PVA has questions regarding the financial obligations for the insurance coverage and policy information.

In Service

Rob L.

**SEMA:**

**South Shore:**

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the South Shore Area. The SSA met twice since our last RSC once on Nov 6, and also on Dec 4 with about half of the Areas groups represented at each meeting. The SSA has donations in the amounts of \$400.01 for Nov and \$86.85 for the month of Dec. At our Nov meeting Angelo S was nominated and voted in as the Alt RCM of the SSA. Welcome Angelo. The SSA held elections for all executive and sub-committee positions in Dec. All positions were filled with exception of the Activities Chair position. The H&I sub-committee did a presentation at the Castle which stands for (clean and sober teens living empowered) in Nov. This is a adolescent detox facility and is also a section 35 facility. The sub-committee voted to take this commitment on in Dec with 3 people stepping up to cover this commitment. The Area is still in the process of looking for a new location to hold our Area mtg. More will be revealed. Myself and the Alt Angelo S attended the MRLE/NEZF in Manchester NH on Dec 3rd on behalf of the SSA. There was a lot of discussion about the CAR report and the motions, resolutions and proposals in that report. A motion went out to the area groups to see if there is any interest in having a CAR workshop. If this motion passes the workshop will be at the end of February. As per SSA policy the CAR report was made available to any group that was interested in being a part of that process.

ILS

Brian R

SSA RCM



**Western Mass:**

Thanksgiving marathon went on without a hitch. All subcommittees are active within the area with the exception of activities. Our literature committee has disbanded. Our convention committee is doing well fundraising for the upcoming 2012 convention, August 3-5<sup>th</sup>. I will be sending our meeting list over to oh Brandon and Andrew asap. We will be holding marathon meetings at 20 Lathrop Street in West Springfield, Ma both Christmas eve through Christmas day and new years eve through new years day. Any questions please contact 413 209 6855 or Tanya [picking@gmail.com](mailto:picking@gmail.com).

ILS, Tanya P.

**Pioneer Valley:**

**AREA CONCERNS/ OPEN FORUM:**

-A moment of silence was observed for a past member of our Region, Nick D who passed away on Thanksgiving.

- The concern was raised by the secretary regarding personal information within reports, that are then distributed and posted on the Regional website. Discussion was had regarding it being the responsibility of the report writers to omit information they do not want disbursed, not the responsibility of the secretary or the website committee.

**Quorum:**      **Voting Members:**      9      **Simple Majority:**      5      **2/3:**      6

**Elections:** none

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Was referred back to areas during October's RSC*

1. Submitted by Ben B., seconded by Rose C. motion reads "Central Ma Area of NA has asked region to stop sending world any money till world convention can provide financial statements concerning loss of money from 2007 and 2009 World Conventions". Intent "to hold NAWS accountable for reporting funds and loss of funds".

*In favor: 1                      Opposed: 5                      Abstentions: 3                      Motion does not pass*

*Was tabled during October's RSC*

1. Submitted by the H&I subcommittee. Motion reads "\$250.00 for facility safe white booklets, sponsorship IP, behind the walls, staying clean on the outside". Intent "to carry the message behind the wall".

*In favor: 9                      Opposed: 0                      Abstentions: 0                      Motion passes*

2. Submitted by the H&I subcommittee. Motion reads "\$26.50 for 250 meeting lists". Intent "to carry the message behind the walls".

*In favor: 9                      Opposed: 0                      Abstentions: 0                      Motion passes*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Money Motions**

1. Submitted by the Rd, motion reads "to make check payable to the RD in the amount of \$1140.00 for the travel expenses to the mid Atlantic regional learning event to Lancaster PA.

*In favor: 7                      Opposed: 1                      Abstentions: 1                      Motion passes*

2. Submitted by the H&I Committee, motion reads “ \$135.00 to pay for half of an H&I learning day in Haverill Ma. Starting a 2pm ending at 11pm for the Northeast Mass Area the \$135 is to pay for half of the hall, literature and flyers”. Intent is “to further our primary purpose by empowering NA members to carry the message to addicts who don’t have access to regular meetings.

*In favor: 8                      Opposed: 1                      Abstentions: 0                      Motion passes*

3. Motion made by Phonline Committee, motion reads “ to purchase sound editor software for \$49.99”. Intent is “to allow the phone line update person to record updates in the correct file format. The VFedit software that the phone line subcommittee had formerly used is outdated and incompatible with most current hardware. The June 2011 updates were recorded with a free trial version”.

*In favor: 7                      Opposed: 0                      Abstentions: 2                      Motion passes*

4. Motion made by Website Committee, motion reads “ to continue to maintain the newenglandna.org domain for as long as the nerna.org domain is being maintained. This will incur a short term cost of \$37.50 to renew newenglandna.org for five years and a long term cost to be determined”. Intent is “to maintain continuity in service members and professionals looking for newenglandna.org as well as maintaining the history of the email address hosted at newenglandna.org.

*In favor: 9                      Opposed: 0                      Abstentions: 0                      Motion passes*

### **Non Money Motions**

1. Submitted by Policy Subcommittee, motion reads “to amend Article X Section 2 Subsection A2 to read : subcommittee chairperson or vice chair persons when acting as chairperson. Motions made by a subcommittee must be directly relevant to the business of that subcommittee”. Intent reads “ to bring policy in line with current practice. As written, the policy states: “subcommittee chairpersons or vice chairpersons when acting as chairperson when it applies only to their subcommittees. Subcommittee motions can only affect their subcommittees”. Removing the word “only” allows for a motion which may affect other subcommittees (or the body as a whole) so long as the action and intent are clearly related to the business of the subcommittee that made the motion.

*In favor: 9                      Opposed:0                      Abstentions:0                      Motion passes*

2. Submitted by Policy subcommittee, motion reads “ to strive from policy, under the duties of the chairperson, the final phrase of Article XI Section I subsection H which reads: “and cause to the elected a parliamentarian????”. Intent “to bring in line with current practice. Merriam Webster’s online dictionary defines a parliamentarian as “an expert in the rules and usages of a deliberate assembly (as a parliament). “ There is no such standing position, nor is it our practice to elect a temporary parliamentarian. The chairperson routinely refers questions regarding parliamentary procedure to experienced participants, but adding this informal practice to policy seems unnecessary.

*In favor: 9                      Opposed:0                      Abstentions:0                      Motion passes*

3. Submitted by the policy subcommittee, motion reads “to add to the policy, under duties of the vice-chairperson, Article XI section 2 subsection E to read: “To facilitate during a challenge to a ruling of the chairperson. The vice-chairperson shall ask the chairperson to explain the ruling, allow the challenge to respond to the exploration, and then move the assembly to vote on the ruling without further discussion”. Intent reads “ to bring policy in line with the current practice which is already in agreement with parliamentary

procedures.

*In favor: 9*

*Opposed: 0*

*Abstentions: 0*

*Motion passes*

4. Submitted by the Metro West Area, motion reads “to reimburse administrative committee members for their travel costs related to attending the Sunday RSC meeting in the amount of a tank of gas with receipt”. Intent is “to allow for members who are unable to afford travel to serve the body”.

*Motion is withdrawn as a motion and resubmitted as a proposal with the intention that the issue is brought back to areas to be discussed and suggestions as to how this issue should be addressed.*

South Shore is willing to host February’s region as well as host a regional CAR workshop on Saturday at 3.

**Closing balance of \$11.**

**Motion to Close 3:**