

The regional service committee met on Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> 2012, at Everyday Miracles  
26 Pleasant St. Worcester, MA

**Announcements**

**Next Regional Meeting :**

Saturday February 16<sup>th</sup> Regional Subcommittees 12-5 **Marlborough Hospital**  
157 Union Street, Marlborough, MA 01752  
Sunday February 17<sup>th</sup> 11-5 **Marlborough Hospital**  
157 Union Street, Marlborough, MA 01752

1. WSR is seeking male and female step guides to help incarcerated addicts within the New England Region. Please contact Zane. from Southeast Mass.

2. SEMA HOLIDAY MEETINGS

CHRISTMAS EVE	12/24	6PM TO 10PM
CHRISTMAS DAY	12/25	11AM TO 10PM
NEW YEARS EVE	12/31	6PM TO 10PM
NEW YEARS DAY	1/1	11AM TO 6PM

\*ALL THESE MEETING ARE AT OLD TOWN HALL, SOMERSET MASS

3. METROWEST AREA

Watertown Men's Group  
Anniversary Party  
January 26 6pm to Midnight  
FREE EVENT – BAND – DJ

4. SSA

The “Leggs-n-Eggs” Group of NA is supporting a “Ride a-long, sing a-long” to the World Convention in Philadelphia. The bus will leave H+L Bloom services in Taunton, MA August 28, 2013 @ 6AM. Boarding the bus will begin @ 5:45AM. The bus will leave Philly Sunday afternoon and returning back to Taunton on Sunday night (exact times to be determined) The cost of a full registration to board the bus will be \$73.00 with no gratituty included to and from the event. A registration flier will follow in the near future. Any questions feel free to call Gary N. 774-406-1097

**Subcommittees:**

**RSC:**

Open Positions: Assistant Secretary, Activities Committee Chair, RMD, Literature (filled) Finance Member at large

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

Minutes from October were accepted after the secretary acknowledged a typo with a motion from last month's minutes.

ALL 13 areas were present: Boston, Cape Cod, Central Mass, Free Spirit, Greater Providence, Martha's Vineyard, Metro West, Nantucket, NEMA, Pioneer Valley, SEMA, Western Mass and South Shore.

### **SUBCOMITTEE REPORTS**

**Chair:**

**Vice Chair:**

**Secretary:** Mentioned contact list was sent out.

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

4th quarter taxes were filed in both MA and RI.

Annual RI tax permit was renewed.

MA Public Charities annual form was filed and check mailed as per CPA instructions and fiscal year end taxes were completed as well.

General Ledger	713.00
Insurance Set Aside	1155.00
Prudent Reserve	2820.00
RD/RDA	- 1091.57
Travel Reimbursement	500

Naws Donation made 1266.87

Thanks to James, Chip, and the finance committee for filling in during my absence.

Carrie B.

**Convention Committee:**

**Fellowship Development:**

I like to start off by thanking the Central Mass Area for hosting region, and addicts from this area that worked so diligently to make this happen. Yesterday the fellowship development subcommittee met with 6 members in attendance. We went over the some of the new IDTs for the upcoming 2012-2014-conference cycle and how we can incorporate workshops in each of the hosting areas during regional weekends. We agreed unanimously that it is imperative to host these workshops during regional weekends. We plan to approach the hosting area and

ask if we can set up workshops, and possibly create an event out of it. This is a great way for addicts who are interested to show up, ask questions, get excited, and possibly become involved with Fellowship Development. We discussed setting up in conjunction with the RD/RDA, a timetable for these workshops that would rotate throughout the region. The committee is bringing forth 2 motions this region. The first is asking the region to fund the FD chair to go to the Florida service symposium in Tampa this March 2013. We all agreed that this would be beneficial for the region because a large part of the symposium would focus on Fellowship Development. The second motion is to have constant rotation of areas hosting region. All and all, the meeting was filled with rich, passionate discussion.

In Loving Service,

Joe V.

**H&I:** We met Saturday December 8. There were five areas present.

There was a lot of discussion about the Boston areas H&I learning day. They were provided a lot of feedback and support.

The South Shore area is asking for support for the Plymouth Forestry Facility. They are requesting anyone from outside areas willing and able to fulfill this DOC panel leader position to either contact me or the area H&I chair. Ben B. 508-579-9380

We have 98 basic texts donated from the east coast convention. The body decided to make all efforts to contact all the areas H&I chair and let them know the books will be divided between all area chairs present at the next H&I subcommittee meeting next regional weekend.

**We are requesting all RCMs to please let their H&I subcommittee chairs know they should be present at the next regional subcommittee meeting. Or at least contact me. Ben b 508-579-9380.**

Boston areas H&I learning day is Saturday December 15 8am-5pm. They are asking anyone with H&I experience to please support the event in anyway possible and any members to attend the event. The flyer is posted on the regional website.

Ben B

**Literature:**

**Insurance:**

**Policy:** The Policy subcommittee met Saturday 12/8/12 with 5 addicts in attendance. The policy chairs from NEMA and Cape Cod were present as well as 3 addicts from the Central Mass Area.

NEMA is in the midst of a 3 month trial of a GSU/LSU model, which if adopted by the ASC on a permanent basis would necessarily require changes to their policy. Cape Cod policy subcommittee is trying to compile the results of a year long area inventory so it can present the findings to the ASC. Central Mass is sorting out some ambiguity in the policy regarding removal of trusted servants.

Within the last week, the policy was updated to include the recently approved emergency reimbursement for unfunded trusted servants. The policy is as always available on the website, and I thank the website chair for responding and getting it online incredibly quickly.

The subcommittee is submitting a motion to strike some old irrelevant information from the policy, which I don't expect will generate much discussion, so I can clarify if necessary during motions.

We also worked with the finance committee to prepare a motion regarding prudent reserve, so that our policy can reflect our current practice. Changes went into effect in June 2011 and again this past June but somehow making this motion slipped through the cracks so we are trying to clean this up.

Also, I hope that soon the body can vote to approve travel reimbursement policy that the finance committee came up with several regions ago. This work provided the basis for the mileage rate used in the already approved unfunded trusted servant emergency reimbursement set aside and it seems from our past discussions that the body is generally in favor of implementing the policy the finance committee has come up with.

The policy subcommittee is still in need of its own guidelines, so I searched online to see if anything was out there that I might be able to use as starting point. I found the Elkhorn Valley of NA's policy subcommittee guidelines and shared them with a few of the members present. We agreed this document would be helpful as a framework and I will bring a draft to hopefully be adopted by the subcommittee at the next meeting in February.

Dave P

**Phone Line:**

## **NERNA Phoneline Minutes**

**1-866-NA-HELP U**

**1-866-624-3578**

The Regional Phoneline Subcommittee met Saturday, December 8, 2012, at 12:00pm at Liberty Church, 495 Hartford Turnpike, Shrewsbury, MA.

We opened with the Serenity Prayer ("We" version). The 12 Traditions were read by Subcommittee.

Attendance: Chair; Secretary; Treasurer; Literature Contact; Professional Contact; along with representatives from: Boston and Free Spirit.

Chair: Reported his constant contact w/Diamond Voice to straighten out the phoneline. There have been problems with accessing the mailboxes. Chair reported Greater Providence Urgent Volunteer plans to step down. Also, the Chair learned that Greater Providence Urgent Volunteer has been receiving phoneline calls directly to his cell phone.

Secretary: Reported Minutes from October 13, 2012 Regional Phoneline Subcommittee meeting.

Treasurer: Reported a beginning balance of \$2,390.24. November's expenses were \$568.20; and December's expenses were \$508.87 which total \$1,077.07. Total deposits were \$929.54. Treasurer reported receiving 3 checks from Central MA which totaled \$317.37 and covered their arrears. After paying expenses account balance is \$2,560.08. Treasurer reported balance being a little above prudent reserve.

Literature Contact: Reported 11 calls during the months of October and November: 9 RMD's were mailed out; 1 call was a hang up; 1 call was a professional call; and 1 call was a duplicate.

Professional Contact: Reported 1 call during the months of October and November: A member from MetroWest was looking for a copy of her Area's Minutes. Professional Contact searched for information but was unable to find.

Non-Urgent Volunteer: Reported 27 calls during the months of October and November: 18 callers seeking a meeting; 8 were addicts seeking treatment/ they were referred to the MA Helpline; and 1 caller reported a new meeting in Norwood, MA/ was referred to Regional and NA World websites.

Urgent-Volunteer reports during the months of October and November.

- Boston: 7 calls
- Cape Cod: 0 calls
- Central Mass: 10 calls
- Greater Providence:
- Martha's Vineyard:
- Metro West:
- Nantucket:
- Northeast Mass: 7 calls
- Southeast Mass: 0 calls
- South Shore: 9 calls
- Western MA:

Meeting List Update Coordinator: Reported no updates have been made since September. Will start updating soon.

Old Business:

- Nate J. of Western MA is our new Professional Contact. There was small discussion of his role in the subcommittee.
- Western MA Urgent Callback reported receiving no calls. Testing of her line took place. Chair will follow-up via phone with her.
- Chair discovered Greater Providence, RI prompt goes to Free Spirit, RI addict-to-addict line. Will follow-up and straighten that out as well as Western MA Urgent Callback line.
- Vice-Chair position remains open.

New Business:

- Literature Contact reported her messages being dropped from the phonenumber. Chair will followup with Diamond Voice regarding this.
- Chair reported a flier being passed around in meetings entitled "Recovery On The Go" and advertises a phone line meeting. Chair questioned whether this service is sanctioned by NA. Chair will bring to the full Regional meeting and followup on its validity.
- Chair will ask and provide Twelfth-Step Volunteers packets to the RCM's at full Regional meeting to bring back to their respective areas and inquire for volunteers at the group level. The lists should be brought back to the Regional Phonenumber Subcommittee for distribution to Urgent Callback Volunteers.

- Free Spirit representative discussed their Area's Phonline Learning Day's which are held every 6 months. Chair will explore doing the same upon amount of interest shown with the Twelfth-Step Volunteers signup lists.
- Free Spirit requests their intro on the phonline to state and include: Warwick, Cranston and Southern Rhode Island.
- Chair continues to followup with Western MA Urgent Callback line.

The Subcommittee closed with the Serenity Prayer ("We" version).

In Loving Service,

Gary B, Phonline Chair

Carolyn R., Phonline Secretary,

**Public Information:**

We opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the we version of the serenity prayer. A total of 5 areas were present with some visitor's which is always nice

We recently did the Casa event which went well with the volunteers who work there. It was a 2 hr presentation and we will be doing 2 a year moving and our very happy about the development of this new relationship. There was a lot of great questioning that followed after the presentation was done .

The Event at Cambridge College went well again another direct relationship from the success from the CASA event. We have a presentation coming again with the MA General Hospital Intensive treatment program for adolescents. They have been having us come back every 6-8 weeks for every group of patients to do a presentation. We also had some left over RMD's from these events and we gave them to CEMA to use as they are always having tons of events. We also discussed with the convention committee about securing a spot to do a workshop and they agreed. Special thanks to those folks for the opportunity and time slot. Cape Cod area recently did a flyer hanging day which was very successful with 10 people who participated. They also just completed a mass emailing to all the schools on the cape and are awaiting responses at this time. The committee is small and still growing which in turn they have requested training for the newer members that we will be assisting with more will be revealed. They are also looking to do a professional learning day in the near future as well.

The South Shore area is newly elected and working with the previous chair to wrap his hands around things SEMA area also newly elected is working on the same types of things being new to the position. He had some very good questions and is making things happen on the subcommittee's budget as best he can.

Western MA held their professional day but no one showed up even after much communication about people saying they were attending. This was a little disappointing but as a result 5 different groups have requested 1 on 1 presentation's. Ranging from probation officers to church's for this the committee is pleased about. The committee remains small with 2 members but they are staying on task and getting things done. They also were able to create a power point for the presentation that can now be used by the area and others in the future

Meeting for the month of December took place at The Dream center, 5 Chestnut street, Worcester on December 3rd , 2012 at 6pm. Three addicts were in attendance.

Areas of discussion were as follows:

- 1) Upcoming events, presentations, and Health Fairs.
- 2) Ways in which the CMANA PR Sub-committee can help in serving groups in reaching out to their cities, towns, communities, and neighborhoods.
- 3) Encouragement of subcommittee members and other interested recovering addicts in attending a workshop on how to give PR presentations.
- 4) Open to discussion and working with the Outreach Subcommittee and the Meeting Facility Locator Ad-Hoc Committee.
- 5) Next subcommittee meeting will be held January 7th. A PR orientation will be held by either Sarah O or Bob R (Regional PI members) at 5:30 pm at The Dream Center in Worcester one hour before CMANA Area Service Meeting.

Upcoming events include:

December 13 @ 2-3pm @ Community Health Link (Also known as Lipton Center) 45 Summer Street, Leominster.

January 10 @ 3-4pm @ LUK Crisis Center 545 Westminster Street, Fitchburg.

January 15 @ 1-2pm @ Community Health Link 26 Queen Street/72 Jaques Avenue For nurses and staff only.

Monthly Health Fairs are: Gardner High School December 18 , 9-11 am

Winchendon High school January 15, 9-11 am .

Events pending at: Burncoat JR High School and Westborough High school . A motion was also passed

changing the name from Public Information to Public Relations to better align with our current service

literature they are using.

In loving service,

Teri T

(978) 413-7774

**Website:** In response to the motion passed in October to hold money for the proposal of a new website; the committee has obtained a quote to get this done.

First let me discuss some of the reasons for taking action to update the site. Our current site was created and designed in 2009. At that time the committee had the manpower and availability to spend many hours implementing and designing the site. It was a huge undertaking as the underlying structure of the site was changed from using Cold Fusion to using Drupal as our CMS of choice.

With the decision to move to Drupal the complexity of the maintaining the back-end of the site was increased, but the ground level moderation of the site became much simpler. It allowed for more people to get involved with the committee as the level of technical expertise required was pretty low.

The site's current functionality relies in large part on 'modules' that are created by other entities. As time passes these may or may not be updated and as a result we need to make changes on the backend to cope with the changes that we're powerless over. At this point these changes haven't yet majorly affected the functionality of the site, but by being proactive we believe that we can avoid any major issues.

This is why it's a good time to make the changes. We will be updating to the current version of Drupal which means that everything will be current. While there is no way to accurately predict when this process would need to be repeated, it's likely that these changes would keep the site functional for 3-5 more years.

We have a quote from Sainly Solutions who is also our current host for the site and they have been intimately involved in helping us stay up and running. The total cost of the quote is \$2,100. The way the billing will work is half is due when we sign the contract, and the rest will be billed at an hourly rate not to exceed the total.

Our website is the primary contact point for many addicts, as well as the repository for our Region's meeting list database. We have recently implemented the functionality to export our database to NAWS to keep them up-to-date. One exciting addition of the new site is that we have included mobile functionality. In the last two months 44% of our pageviews are from mobile devices, and this is something that the fellowship has been asking for quite some time.

A wonderful suggestion was brought up from the South Shore area about having pages that each area would be able to utilize to list information about their area. This could be the meeting location and time of their area meeting; it could be contact info for the area or even a link to their own area website. We will be looking to implement this, and if RCM's are interested in participating please let me know.

There was also some discussion about having area emails hosted on newenglandna.org. For example: [southshorearea@newenglandna.org](mailto:southshorearea@newenglandna.org) This is feasible but there is a limit of 25 emails that we can host before incurring additional costs. We are currently using ~20 with some that could be eliminated. If any area is interested in utilizing something like this, let the committee know and we can get you set up.

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

- Over 37,000 Pageviews
- Over 5,400 Unique Visitors
- Approximately 40 informational emails answered

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

**RD/RDA:** The RD is having trouble with internet at this present moment, he will email his report when he can.

Greetings, I am grateful to be home again. I attended the Western Service Learning Days along with the RD, October 12, 13 and 14 in Denver CO. There were a number of workshops and Jaime and I decided to attend different workshops to maximize the information that we could bring back to the New England Region.

I attended following seven workshops:

1. Applying the concepts and Traditions to our service
2. What's My Niche in Service
3. What's Working and What's Not
4. Group Conscience
5. Inventorying our Services
6. Effective Communication
7. Doing More With Less

Some of the Workshops have the same or similar names to those Jaime attended but they were either different sessions or the focus itself was different. I will be including my notes from each workshop in my report submitted to the secretary.

There has been dialogue with Policy and Finance as to how the funds should be requested from the RD/RDA set aside:

- Issues have included the submission of motions versus customary expense.
- Submission of a Line item budget.
- Approval of each budgeted event prior to the approval of the budget (in April).
- How the RD/RDA set-aside is funded - 20% each Region rather than fully funding the set aside as soon as possible (this would decrease any NAWS donations until after the set aside is fully funded). Also, it has been suggested that the RD/RDA submit a two year budget rather than an annual budget. My next function as RDA is scheduled to be the NEZF January 25, 26 and 27 th of 2013.

In Loving Service,

Noel D.

**RMD:**

**INVENTORY**

Beginning Inventory	6,550		
Plus Decembert 2012 Printing			
Total available for sales	6,550	Assets	
Sold to areas, groups & individuals		5,850	\$585.00
Sold to Regional Committees	0		\$0.00
Sold to outside vendors	300		\$30.00
Total Sales this period	6,150	\$615.00	
Remaining Inventory	400		
Plus sales tax collected			\$36.64
Plus Shipping & Handling			\$17.68
Assets Total (Deposit)		\$669.32	
Seed Money for Printing			\$0.00
Total Assets		\$669.32	
		Expenses	
Printing 8000 RMDs (December)			\$0.00
Sales Tax Collected		\$36.64	
Postage	\$14.21		
Supplies	\$0.00		
Less Total Expenses		\$50.85 (\$50.85)	
Net Profit or (Loss) this Period			\$618.47

400 RMDs remain from the October Printing . The December printing was not ready in time for region.

To make updates, remove or add a meeting: Go to the website (NERNA.org) and register.

Check all meeting info on the website by clicking on the meeting day, then make your changes.

Changes should appear within a few days and will appear in the next printing of the RMD.

I am submitting a Customary Reimbursement form for \$ 36.76 for postage and supplies expenses.

I am requesting a check for the next printing in the amount of \$680.00.

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

RMD's	COST	TAX	TOTAL	RMD's	COST	TAX	TOTAL	
50	\$5.00	\$0.32	\$5.32	550	\$55.00	\$3.44	\$58.44	
100	\$10.00		\$0.63	\$10.63	600	\$60.00	\$3.75	\$63.75
150	\$15.00		\$0.94	\$15.94	650	\$65.00	\$4.07	\$69.07
200	\$20.00		\$1.25	\$21.25	700	\$70.00	\$4.38	\$74.38
250	\$25.00		\$1.57	\$26.57	750	\$75.00	\$4.69	\$79.69

300	\$30.00	\$1.88	\$31.88	800	\$80.00	\$5.00	\$85.00
350	\$35.00	\$2.19	\$37.19	850	\$85.00	\$5.32	\$90.32
400	\$40.00	\$2.50	\$42.50	900	\$90.00	\$5.63	\$95.63
450	\$45.00	\$2.82	\$47.82	950	\$95.00	\$5.94	
	\$100.94						
500	\$50.00	\$3.13	\$53.13	1000	\$100.00	\$6.25	
	\$106.25						

#### Committee Members

Meeting Update Coordinator  
info@nerna.org

Printing Coordinator  
(dalgraphics@rcn.net)

Sales/Treasurer  
(leadhead84@aol.com)

Outside sales to professionals  
3578 (Literature menu)

#### Website Chair

David L 617-484-8198

Christopher M 617-620-2887

Dianne M 1-866-624-3578

**Finance:** We started the meeting at 12:55 pm with a moment of silence followed by 3<sup>rd</sup> step prayer. Thank you Central Mass. Area for Hosting. Present were:

- James P – Finance Committee Chair
- Gregg F – Member at large
- Rocco A – Member at large
- Chip K. - Region Vice Chair (sitting in for Treasurer)

The committee reconciled 1 months' worth of bank statements. We also discussed the following topics:

- The Payment of Sales Taxes was made by EFT and will be made similarly
- The Treasurer cut a check to McFadden CPA and tax returns are here to be signed.
- The Policy Subcommittee has asked us to submit the travel policy developed in April 2012

## Banking

We are starting this month at (\$2,775.00) in the black. This balance is prior to accepting any donations or making set asides.

We had held \$3000 at the conclusion of business at the last region in anticipation of an extraordinary Website Expense - minus the check to pay the CPA = Starting Balance.

The signature cards have not been turned into the bank. As a result, the bank still has on file that the prior trusted servants are on the bank account. The Current Regional Chair, The Former Regional Chair (Noel D.) and the Former Treasurer (James P.) are still signatories and will sign checks in the absence of the Treasurer.

The Prudent Reserve is full \$2820.

The Travel Reimbursement Set Aside is at \$500.

RD/RDA Set Aside after todays transfer is \$1,859.84

## **Unusual Events Occurring Between Regions**

The Treasurer cut a \$225 check to McFadden CPA to pay for our taxes ,tax returns are here to be signed.

## **Treasurers Responsibilities.**

The Sales Q4 Sales tax was paid.

Policy chair requests that we formally submit the policy changes for:

- A) Travel Reimbursement and
- B) Prudent reserve.

In Loving Service,

James P., Finance Committee Chair

1:13 PM NERNA

12/08/12 Reconciliation Summary

Sovereign, Period Ending 10/31/2012

Oct 31, 12

Beginning Balance 6,261.36

Cleared Transactions

Checks and Payments - 7 items -1,171.81

Deposits and Credits - 3 items 7,647.22

Total Cleared Transactions 6,475.41

Cleared Balance 12,736.77

Uncleared Transactions

Checks and Payments - 9 items -10,063.77

Deposits and Credits - 1 item 327.00

Total Uncleared Transactions -9,736.77

Register Balance as of 10/31/2012 3,000.00

New Transactions

Checks and Payments - 1 item -225.00

Total New Transactions -225.00

Ending Balance 2,775.00

**BOD/Convention Corporation:** Report of the **New England Regional Convention, Inc.**  
to the **New Regional Service Committee**

December 9, 2012 Location: Worcester, MA

The Officers and the Board of Directors of the New England Regional Convention, Inc. met in

Shrewsbury, MA on Saturday December 8, 2012. Present were Dave A, Kevin F, Chip K, Deb L, Joe V, Angelo S and James P of the Board and Delia F, Bob L and Rocco A as Officers of the Corporation.

Approved was an increase in the Budget for the Fundraising and Entrainment committee. The budget was increased from \$3,300 to \$4,550. (7-0, unanimous). The contracts from the Fundraising and Entertainment Committee that were passed were Comedy Entertainment (Steve Haligan) with three comedians performing and including one complimentary room night for the amount of \$1,050.00, (7-0, unanimous), Steel Entertainment (George Jennings) for DJ services on Friday and Saturday night with two complimentary room nights for \$1,000.00, (7-0, unanimous) and live music from Crystal Lounge Productions starring the Aerochicks, a tribute band to Aerosmith for \$ 1,500.00. This does not include any back line requirements. This means any sound, PA or lighting which is required for the performance and not being provided by the band. The approximate cost of the back line requirements for Aerochicks is \$750.00 for a total of \$2,250.00. This contract was approved based on conditions that certain clauses of the contract were either to be deleted or revised.

The vendors that were approved for NERC XV were:

1. T-Sea Co. selling cards, blankets, bookmarks, magnets, buttons, prints, pins, hats, leather book covers and various other embroidered and/or leather products.
2. "It's a Sew Sew World" doing custom embroidery on T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, fleece blankets, beach towels, bookmarks, patches, pillows, tote bags, key chains and clean time towels with member's name and clean date.
3. Exhibit 'A' Design selling NAWS approved card games, greeting cards and various other recovery games.
4. Alexander Zdonick is selling artistic custom designed and handcrafted items.
5. Recovery Ware is selling various types of recovery merchandise.
6. Designs of Freedom selling jewelry.

All vendors have Commercial Vendor Licenses approved by World Services. All vendors are contributing 25% of sales to the Convention.

The tax returns for FYE 2012 have been completed by our CPA along with the dedicated assistance of our Treasurer Delia F. Thank you Delia for all of your hard work.

The Board discussed and agreed to filing Federal 1099 Forms for all of those working for the Corporation who have received \$600.00 or more in payment for their services. This will require those working for the Corporation to provide their full name, address and social security number prior to receiving any payment from the New England Regional Convention, Inc.

It was also approved to purchase pre-paid credit cards rather than getting a typical credit card from our bank so that the amount of money being charged can be limited to what is needed for the individual purchase. The amount being loaded onto this pre-paid credit card would need to be approved by a majority of votes from the Board of Directors.

Yours in Service

Rocco A  
President  
New England Regional Convention, Inc.

*BREAK FOR LUNCH*

**AREA REPORTS:**

**Boston:**

**Cape Cod:**

**Central Mass:** The Central Mass is operating under prudent reserve and has been a few months now. We are still trying to make payments to the Free State Area to pay back our debt from the Literature order. Still no update from the certified letter to our old literature chair. There was some lively discussion about group and addicts serving while on drug replacement. There was also discussion about people in committees getting into fights are how to deal with the after effects. Other than that, things are going well. We look forward to hosting region in December. Dan H

**Free Spirit:**

**Greater Providence:** Hello everyone the Gpa met twice since the last Rsc meeting. There were 20 gsr's in attendance at both Asc meetings. We meet every 4th sunday of the month at 249 main st., Pawt., R.I. The Gpa had elections for the administrative body in Oct. and subcommittee's in Nov.. We have 2 new meetings. 12 Steps in the old chapel, thurs. 7-8:15, Four corners community chapel, 200 Angel rd., Cumberland, R.I. And Latino na, fri., 10-11 am step meeting. 249 main st. Pawt., R.I. The road to recovery is celebrating there 27th anv. tues. Dec. 11 7:30-8:30, Rivertside Congregational church, Bullocks pt. Riverside, R.I. The Gpa convention F+E will be having a New years eve meeting and dance. Dec. 31 at Epworth United Methodist church, 915 Newport ave., Pawt., R.I. 6:30-1AM. We have 4 open positions. H+I, Phone-line, P+I, and Literature. All subcommittee's are doing ok but lack addict support. The area is currently operating above prudent reserve and we did give a donation. I.L.S. Ned + John

**Martha's Vineyard:** Greetings from the Martha's Vineyard Area. Our Area currently holds 8 meetings a week. While we have historically experienced periods of expansion and contraction in our membership, we are currently in a period of prolonged contraction. Several of our groups are considering their viability. The ASC has been similarly impacted and we are minimizing our expenses and service delivery. We did an informal environmental scan and talked about potential causes for where we are at and what solutions might be available now and in the future. We welcome your input and support..

ILS – Bill H

**Metro West:** The Metro West Area is operating above prudent reserve. I was not in attendance at the last Area, as I had taken ill with the common cold. Reports from groups

service representatives, presented no challenges to this body at this time. I will bring back with me any knowledge of group activities, and or concerns presented by this body in order to keep the communication flow accurate. Thank you for letting me be of service. Kevin F. Hehir.

**Nantucket:** Greetings from Nantucket, Our area has met twice since our last RSC with all GSRs in attendance. We are running at prudent reserve and have brought a regional donation today. All seven meetings seem to be doing well. Our PI committee is gearing up for its second presentation. It will be given to all of the therapist and counselors on the island wishing to attend on February 16th. As I mention last month the town is taking over control of the teen center were 5 of our meetings are held which prompted some concern. But after meeting with them last week they intend to accommodate our groups into any future plans for the building.

ILS, Bernie P.

**NEMA:**

**Pioneer Valley:** The Pioneer Valley Area Service Committee met last in November with 10 of 11 groups represented. We are currently operating at or above prudent reserve. All positions are full with the exception of Alternate RCM and Alternate Treasurer.

The P.I. Subcommittee continues to be in need of addict support.

A motion was made to implement a GSU on a trial basis to take place after the regularly scheduled Area Service Committee Meetings the results will be determined tomorrow evening.

The Pioneer Valley Area Service Committee as well as A New Way Of Life Group has found a new meeting facility located at the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center 2072 Main St. Three Rivers, Ma. The Area Service Committee meets the second Monday of every month at 7pm, and A New Way of Life Group meets every Thursday 7:30pm to 8:30pm. This new location would potentially be an ideal location to host the New England Regional Service Committee Weekends and/or workshops and will be discussed at our next Area Service Committee Meeting on 12-10-2012.

In Service,

Rob L

**SEMA:** Good Morning Everyone,

The SEMA met twice since the last RSC had met in August. 21 groups attended in August and 18 groups attended in September. There are currently 36 groups in SEMA area. We are currently operating above prudent reserve. In September, we held our bi-monthly GSU. During this GSU, we discussed the importance of having a Public Information committee. Public Information is almost non-existent in our area and the area feels as though a change is necessary. SEMA is also beginning an area inventory starting in November. The Treasurer and the Finance committee are working on simplifying the area's books, so that the groups have a better understanding of how NA funds are being allocated. We currently have four positions open at ASC (Literature Chair, Campout Committee Chair, PI chair, and Alternate Secretary).

I.L.S,  
Gregg F.

**South Shore:** SSA meeting was held December 1, 2012 (27 Warren Ave. Holbrook) Area elections were held. (All except RCM and Alternate) All positions were filled with the exception of Activities. SSA has an area donation of \$460.00 and \$87.30. Paid the phone bill. SSA is having holiday marathon meetings (see top of minutes for times) SSA will be celebrating its 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Friday January 25<sup>th</sup> from 7pm – 1am and an NAWS Service Workshop 1030 am – 830pm at 900 Main St. Brockton. SSA is operating at Prudent reserve and all bills were paid. All is well

ILS, Angelo S, SSA

**Western MA:**

**AREA CONCERNS/ OPEN FORUM:**

**Area Concerns:** (NEMA) asked for input about signature cards and how other areas do it. Experience was given.

**Open Forum:** Gregg F - asked about centralized regional location. Brandon H brought up how the urgent call back works and whether the position is decided at the regional level or the area level. Also feels that said area should be able to choose their own urgent call back person is. Bill H also brought up is this a good idea that addicts are returning phone calls without proper orientation. Pat F said he would talk to Gary B (phoneline chair) about these concerns.

**Quorum:**      **Voting Members:**      13      **Simple Majority:**      7      **2/3:** 8

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Elections** – Kevin H for Literature Chair --→ Nominated -→ Elected.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Money Motions**

1. Motion made by Public Information reads “To purchase literature to refill stock in the amount of \$55.00” Intent – “To further our primary purpose” In favor – 13 Opposed - 0 Abstention - 0 Motion passes Make check payable to Bob R

2. Motion made by Fellowship Development reads “To send a representative of the Fellowship Development committee to the Florida Service Symposium in March 2013. The total cost would be \$769.56 which would include airfare, per diem expense only.

**BREAKDOWN :**

\$549.56 for airfare.

\$55.00 for per diem per day for 4 days, totaling \$210.00”

Intent – “To attend Fellowship Development and other workshops” In favor – 10

Opposed - 1 Abstention - 1 Motion passes Make check payable to Joseph V

3. Motion made by Website Committee reads “To approve the attached quote from Sainly Solutions for the creation of an updated NERSC website” Intent – “To better fulfill our primary purpose” In favor – 12 Opposed - 0 Abstention - 1 Motion passes (I attached the estimate to the email, it’s a PDF)

4. Motion made by RD/RDA reads “To submit a check in the amount of \$1963 to fund the RD/RDA attending the Florida Service Symposium March 21-24 2013.

**BREAKDOWN :**

\$1049.16 for airfare

\$399.84 for hotel

\$74.00 for gas mileage (calculated at 50 cents/mile

\$440 for per diem (\$55/day x 2 people)”

\*Finance Note : This will exceed money in their set aside by \$103.16\*

Intent – “To fulfill the role of RD/RDA” In favor – 12 Opposed - 0 Abstention - 1 Motion passes Make check payable to Noel D

5. Motion made by RD/RDA reads “To submit a check in the amount of \$388.74 to fund the RDA’s travel to the NEZF, January 25-27 2013

**BREAKDOWN:**

\$223.74 for hotel

\$165.00 for per diem (\$55 per day) ”

Intent – “To fulfill the role of representing the NE Region at the NEZF.” In favor – 13

Opposed- 0 Abstention- 0 Motion passes

### **Non Money Motions**

1. Motion made by James P (Finance Chair) Motion:

To rewrite Article IX.2.C, currently:

C.

The prudent reserve will be determined each year at the June NERSC meeting after a review of budgets submitted at the April NERSC meeting. (See ARTICLE IX, Section 5.)

The

prudent reserve will also include all executive and subcommittee budgets and:

1. Seed money for the next NERSC
2. Secretarial expenses
3. Treasurer's expense
4. Ad Hoc secretarial expense (if necessary)
5. RD/RDA budget expense
6. Executive and subcommittee budgets

To read:

C.

The prudent reserve will be determined by the finance subcommittee each year at the June

NERSC meeting. Prudent reserve is defined as the amount of money held aside to cover the expenses of

the NERSC for a two month period as well as necessary one time annual expenditures.

For fiscal year

2012-2013, the finance subcommittee has determined these to include:

1. Seed money for hosting of NERSC meeting
2. Storage fee
3. Secretarial and Treasurer's expenses
4. NERNA liability insurance

Intent: To set policy to reflect the current practice of the NERSC and the finance committee and to

clarify in our policy the basis for the calculation of prudent reserve. Please note that the policy should

be updated each June to reflect any changes to the prudent reserve, but that such updates should not

require a policy motion unless the timing, responsible service committee, or definition of prudent

reserve were to change. In this sense, Article IX.2.C will both state our general policy, and report our

specific practices for each fiscal year.

In favor – 13 Opposed- 0 Abstention- 0 Motion passes

2. Motion made by Website Committee motion reads “To strike from policy Article XI.3.L:

To accept the forms attached to the master list as a basis for a “New Feature” page in the minutes. The new motion forms (available August 1992) also have a box to be checked if the motion goes back to the areas. Add the “new feature” to the secretary policy as part of the minutes ? ? ? ?” Intent – “To remove outdated information from our policy. ” In

favor – 11 Opposed - 0 Abstention- 0 Motion passes

3. Motion made by Fellowship Development reads “To rotate the location of the Regional Service Meeting to every area in NERC.” Intent – To rotate the location of the RSM throughout our region. Final decision was to refer this to Jaime V. – Ad Hoc – to gather information about a centralized location of region or a set rotation.

NAWS donation of \$1266.87