

Regional Minutes December 2019

February Regional weekend will be hosted by Western MA, location TBD

Subcommittees meet Saturday February 8th at 11:00 am

RSC meets Sunday February 9th at 11:00 am

April Regional weekend will be hosted by Martha's Vineyard.

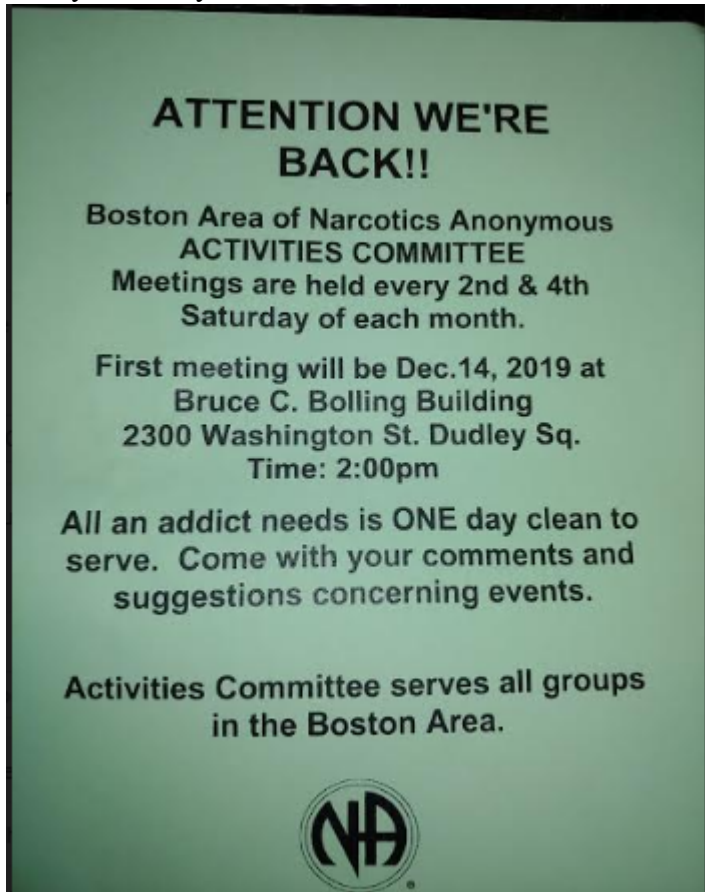
RCMs: Please let groups know that they need a Rider Binder for special events coverage!!!

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AREA REPORTS

BOSTON-

The Boston area activities committee is back, and meetings will be held on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. The first meeting will be December 14th at the Bruce C. Bolling Building at 2pm. Attached is a flyer sent by new activities chair Lawrence D.



(emailed from Cady G)

CAPE COD- No report submitted.

CENTRAL MASS- No reported submitted.

GREATER PROVIDENCE-

Greetings from the Greater Providence Area, we hope everyone is enjoying their time here.

Last area meeting we had subcommittee elections and all but Activities were filled, all committees are doing well. We had 23 groups represented and had no major issues. Our donation this region was 1138.89, we still have open admin positions of V. Chair, Finance, and RCMA, and I was elevated as the new RCM.

Our convention committee has sold 135 registrations, 62 of 218 room notes and encourage members in neighboring areas to preregister and reserve your room as soon as you can to get the discounts for GPACNA X.

The area has been having heated discussions among members and groups regarding DRTs and MATs recently and hope to reach a resolution in the near future.

In Loving Service,

Mike D. GPA RCM

GREATER WORCESTER- No reported submitted.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD- No report submitted.

METRO WEST-

Greetings New England region and thank you to the greater Providence area for hosting. The MetroWest ASC has met twice since our last RSC with an average of 8 GSR's in attendance. All of our h&i commitments are currently full. We just picked up another week at the Gavin House in Quincy. Two commitments are currently on hold for reasons out of our control they are the Bedford VA and MCI Framingham. My powers of deduction, we filled the assistant Treasurer position at our last ASC as well as I became the RCM as our current one has been absent for three straight ASC's. So now open positions are as follows assistant secretary alternate RCM in PR chair. In loving service rick c.

NEMA (Northeast Mass Area)- No report submitted.

PIONEER VALLEY- No report submitted.

SEMA (Southeast Mass Area)-

Good afternoon New England region. First would like to thank the Greater Providence area for hosting us this weekend. The Southeast Mass Area of NA has met twice since the last regional meeting with about a 1/3 of the groups represented of the 47 each month. Even though we only have a 1/3 of the groups represented the area as a whole has still has been able to operate above prudent reserve and have a donation to the region of \$311.92. The open positions in the SEMA area are Alt Treasure, RCM and Vice Chair.

Our H&I subcommittee has changed their policy for cleantime requirements. They are now 30 days to sit in on a commitment, 90 days to speak and 6 months to hold a commitment. The intent of this policy change is to have more trusted servants be apart of the subcommittee. More will be revealed.

The Fellowship Services committee attended the MRLE (Multi Regional Learning Event) and will be putting together a presentation for the SEMA area around the Conference Agenda report at the next Area Service Committee meeting.

In loving service,

Brian R

Alt RCM

SOUTH SHORE-

Hi Family, The South Shore Area is doing well. The last 2 monthly SSASC meetings had an average of 16 groups in attendance,

(50 % of the total of 32 groups). The SSASC has had open forums on how to increase GSR attendance .more will be revealed. a GSR orientation was held in November with 1 new GSR in attendance. No new GSRs in December.

The Area Inventory AD HOC committee was dissolved as of this month.

Elections were held for January - Congratulations to the following: Chairperson=Tom M Vice Chair =Brad T.

Secretary=Danielle H. Asst. Secretary=Mike W., Treasurer=Steve R.

Vacant positions include: Asst. Treasurer . Alt. RCM.

A new meeting has just opened in Hull, MA

"Clean By The Sea" meeting are every Thursday at 7-8 pm at the Anchor Recovery Ctr. 7 Hadash Way, Hull, Ma

As RCM I made a last call for CAR report's distribution. A total of 14 copies will be ordered from NAWS and distributed at the next SSASC.

Two CAR workshops have been scheduled. On Jan 18th 2pm-5pm at 403 Union St, Rockland, MA. and Feb 15th at the 34th So. Shore Area Celebration at 12 noon -2pm in 871 So. Franklin St, Holbrook, MA

In Loving Service,

John F. RCM SSASC

WESTERN MASS-

The Area met twice since our last RSC.

We had several events over the last couple of months. We had a "game night" activities event that was financially successful but not as well attended, as we would have liked. We also had a well-attended Thanksgiving marathon and are planning the upcoming holiday and New Years' marathons.

The ASC, as a whole is doing well although there are usually only about 1/3 of our groups that are present. We have done some out reach to the groups that are consistently absent but there are groups that are

struggling with active membership and attendance. We know this is happening everywhere but for us it usually happens in the summer and not the winter.

The PR committee along with the Pioneer Valley committee has purchased a television in order to run our PSAs. The H&I committee has picked up several new commitments and continue working to end duplication of services between the two areas.

As the RCM I am still working on a place to hold the February RSC. There are two places that I have been in contact with and John F has offered to help me. When a place has been confirmed I will send the flyer to the secretary to get to everyone.

I am unsure of how well attended the CAR report portion of the weekend will be but we will do our best to stress the importance.

ILS,

Katrina

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIR-

Hello New England Region,

Thank you to the greater providence area for hosting. All is well with the chair position. Other than that I have nothing more

Thanks

ILS,

D'Lanor

VICE CHAIR-

Position is open.

SECRETARY-

Good afternoon!

I wanted start by, again, thanking Providence area for hosting! As always, if you'd like to receive regional minutes please put your name and email on the attendance sheet being passed around. In addition, when you get the attendance sheet can you fill in/edit your position if it's not already there and correct. Also, I have received area minutes from several different areas. Historically, area minutes are not sent out with regional minutes as the information is something that is already included in RCM reports. I am concerned sending area minutes out with regional minutes will cause some confusion so I don't think it would be a good idea, but before I make the decision on my own ... Is this something the areas want me to do? Let me know ☺ As always, email reports to secretary@newenglandna.org.

In loving service,

Lauren G

TREASURER/FINANCE-

Saturday 12/14/19 Attendance:
Noel D.: Assistant Treasurer

Brandon W.: Member at Large
Tiffany K.: Member at Large
James P.: RD, Former treasurer helping out

Sunday 12/15/19 Attendance:

Carrie B.: Finance Chair
Noel D.: Assistant Treasurer
Tiffany K.: Member at Large

Kevin stepped down as Treasurer due to work conflicts.

Three issues to be addressed immediately: Because the phone line wasn't canceled with Verizon and Consolidated Communications, Noel will call and cancel the plans on Monday. The accountant still needs to be contacted to file taxes and Carrie will do this on Monday.

MM1: Give \$500 from RD/RDA set aside to NESSSNA for seed money.

Made by: FD, RD
Payable to: NESSSNA, Amount: \$500.00
From: RD/RDA set aside
PASSED, For: 9, Against: 0. Check #1417

MM2: Give additional \$115 to RD for MRLE event (\$15 registration, \$50 x 2 days per diem).

Made by: RD/RDA
Payable to: James P., Amount: \$115.00
From: RD/RDA set aside
PASSED, For: 9, Against: 0. Check #1418

MM3: Reimbursement for CARs difference.

Made by: RDA/RD
Payable to: Kris R., Amount: \$27.56
From: RD/RDA set aside
PASSED, For: 9, Against: 0. Check #1419

MM4: Reimbursement for MRLE (\$50 x 1 day per diem, \$15 registration).

Made by: RDA/RD
Payable to: Kris R., Amount: \$65
From: RD/RDA set aside
PASSED, For: 9, Against: 0. Check #1420

ILS, Finance Committee

For full report, see Appendix A, page 17.

CONVENTION-

Welcome to Greater Providence and thanks to the ad hoc committee who assumed all hosting responsibilities this weekend! The convention committee met yesterday with 12 voting members present. The closing balance was \$5,387.57. The Fundraising & Entertainment committee reported a good turnout at the fundraiser in Wareham last weekend where a total of \$292.41 was raised. The committee hopes to hold future events in Boston, Western Mass and Cape Cod among other places.

The merchandising committee reported that \$187 was raised from selling left over merchandise from

NERC XVII at the fundraiser in Wareham.

A theme and logo were selected during lunch. The theme for NERC XIX will be: “Recovery Starts From Within”.

Liz M was elected as assistant secretary and our Programming chair had to step aside for personal reasons. Open positions are: Assistant Treasurer, Programming chair, and Arts & Graphics chair.

The next meeting will be on Saturday February 8 th at 11AM in Western Mass
With gratitude,

Jim D.

FELLOWSHIP DEVELOPMENT (FD)-

New England Regional Fellowship Development of Narcotics Anonymous DECEMBER 2019
GREATER PROVIDENCE AREA

Greetings everyone, and thank you to the Greater Providence Area for hosting us this weekend. It seems all of my Facebook memories from two, four and six years back are all from Pawtucket!

Its that time of our cycle where Fellowship Development takes a back seat to the Delegate Team’s efforts during the CAR season. That being said, there will be no Regional weekend FD workshops again until summertime, but that does not mean we are not available to visit Areas by request as usual. I also attended the Multi-Regional Learning Event in Manchester NH to workshop the CAR with our World Board and other members from across the map, and as such am fully prepared to support the Delegate Team’s efforts in providing this information and its inherent conversations to our member Areas.

As it is our “downtime” so-to-speak, we will be taking the opportunity during our February meeting to engage in some reflection. The plan is to use this space to assess what we have been doing, what we want to do, and how well or not well we have been carrying out our mission. Our hope is that this brainstorming will allow us to see what and where we’d like to refine our services, and outline our plan for the next conference cycle.

WSLD was in my opinion, one of the best yet, and I spent a ton of time interacting with and listening to the shared experience of the host committees. As the programming chair for NESSNA, this experience and these connections will no doubt prove exceptionally valuable. One of the major strengths of an event such as WSLD, is that the content is built by the local fellowship. This helps to assure that local needs and wants can be met with the help and collaboration of visiting members.

One of the highlights of the weekend included the literature translations workshop where we learned a lot about the processes of transcribing our literature, specifically a native Inuit peoples’ language in Alaska, and Swahili in Africa. And another was an FD in Rural & Isolated Areas workshop where again, we heard about efforts in Alaska to get meetings happening in segregated, native communities and Zoomed in a member from Australia who shared about their process of creating and maintaining a virtual H&I commitment that enables them to present a panel to every prison in the country simultaneously. And another was the strategic planning workshop and within that, the recognition that there are always more ideas than resources, and the importance of a means to prioritize our goals as such.

NESSNA is really getting up to speed, and we have selected some members to fulfill key positions moving forward, including Chair, Programming and IT.

Because it came to light that the hotels and locations we had been considering were appearing less and less feasible for a few reasons (such as cost, conflicts with other events, etc) and because we felt collectively that more planning time will result in a higher quality event, we have opted to aim for June of 2021 as a firm target date, and have begun strongly considering a third location which has quickly sprung to the position of most-favored among the workgroup. You may recall that the first two locations are Nashua, NH and Southbridge, CT. The third location is the Boston Marriot in Peabody, where both the first two NEMA conventions were held, and also where we hosted the last NAWS facilitated World Wide Workshop ten years ago. We meet again on Sunday, December 29th and expect to be moving forward with a hotel contract within the first month of 2020. As such, it has been asked that we release the seed money we have set aside in order that we may cover the expected deposit inherent in such. We'll be submitting a motion to that effect today.

Additionally, we are hoping to collaborate at least a few of our Areas in the next year to hold awareness building events to get the word out and get our members excited about this effort. We don't exist with you Areas, and want to include as many of you as possible in getting this event to you. We have already begun to do this with the South Shore Area Activities Chair for our Service 101 dinner/workshop on Saturday, May 16th so – save the date!

We will also be looking to work alongside our PR and H&I Committees to begin planning professionals panels for NESSNA.

There is a proposal currently circulating which the Delegate Team can speak more clearly on, but which is in essence an idea that new business of the world service conference should become items which the fellowship discusses and workshops the ideas (similar to how we currently utilize IDTs) and shapes them into old business for the next conference, rather than something which is decided on the conference floor. We believe this idea has tremendous merit and deserves our support as a Region, so that it may be heard at WSC2020. We are asking for this body to agree to either co-sponsor the proposal or second it should it become a motion.

The most recent portions of the current Spiritual Principle A Day book project have been released, and are available for review & input through March 1st, 2020.

There is also a Northeastern Zonal Forum survey regarding Zonal Fellowship Development which our Delegate Team is asking this body to participate in. Our Chair has agreed to include that in today's agenda and we want to impress the importance of it as it will help to shape the future of that project and our Zone as a whole.

January is looking to be a busy month for us, as we will be providing workshops to both the Boston and Greater Providence Area Conventions, as well as meeting virtually to go over our draft definition and purpose on Sunday the 19th.

And last but not least, we have had very sadly to bid bon voyage to our Vice Chair and North East Mass Area RCM... Timmy Butter & Cream Cheese 51 has moved back to Vegas following a major life event. He is okay, in fact he is well, but he is no longer ours. Bummer.

So far as I can see, that is all for now.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Jaime V.

For full report, see Appendix E, pg. 25.

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS (H&I) – No report submitted.

INSURANCE- No report submitted.

LITERATURE- Committee vacant.

POLICY- Provided updated policy attached to the email along with these minutes.

PUBLIC RELATIONS (PR) –

Hello all and good afternoon I would like to apologize for missing the October regional weekend. As I stated before my election my son was graduating Marine boot camp and my priority was to be present for that. Thank you for your understanding in that matter. I was contacted by our regional chair person about a requested phone line presentation this regional weekend on Sunday. I informed her that I would not be ready to give a presentation at that time. I am still getting my feet underneath me and after yesterday's Subcommittee meeting I feel I have a much better gauge as to what the questions and problems actually were. After further investigation one of the concerned areas Greater Providence has a standing phone line committee and they are not sure if they keep or dissolve and if so who they actually report too. The body was in full agreement that we do not tell areas what to do by any means. What we determined is there is a clear need for lines of communication to be re-opened with active phone line members from areas reporting to our current phone line chair to be able to give an accurate and detailed report to this body. I would like to ask all areas present who has a standing phone line committee and who is the contact so we can begin to establish communication and unity. As a body we feel that this will begin to remove any confusion and continue to establish unity. We also need to update current phone line policy as it is out of date and inaccurate based on current phone line. This is at the top of our priority list as well. 10 members in attendance

Hi it went well I did both days with help from Christopher M and Gary B we gave out a lot of literature made contact long time Member who is the head person at Mass Bureau of Substance Abuse she told me there are new Recovery Centers opening state wide we could hold meetings in them and that the State pays for interpreters for deaf addicts they pay for them for AA. I did the Simmons college documentary interview had 3 young addicts from Boston and myself. Need to order Literature replenishment for Harvard event Feb region should be OK, PR week is first week in June

Greater Providence
Pioneer valley
Western ma

Providence new chair elected
Providence PR Subcommittee regional report

Regional Service Committee Meeting December 2019

Sorry I could not make it to the regional PR meeting in October but I had a wedding scheduled on the same date. Providence had our elections in November and there is a new PR chair Steph G.

All in all the subcommittee is meeting its obligations and continues to get regular requests for public information. We do have a lack of resources at this point with only 3 members regularly attending events and the subcommittee meeting. I put in my last area report that we could use some more members willing to do PR work and a Vice Chair for the subcommittee so hopefully that will have some positive feedback this upcoming month. Wondering if other areas are experiencing this or have any suggestions combating this?

Events:

Peer recovery panel & Rally to recovery events- September we did the rally to recovery tabling events in September as well as a discussion panel for all types of peer recovery support groups.

Brown Presentation- October we provided a presentation to Brown graduate school students and faculty in a lecture series covering addiction studies, research, and support.

Central Falls High Interview- Two members are being interviewed for a journalism class at Central Falls High School about Narcotics Anonymous and young people in NA.

RI Housing Authority- Received an email through the regional website for a presentation at the Providence Housing Authority to provide information about the NA program to staff and residents and provide them with NA resource information. Date to be determined.

In Loving Service,
Marissa J.
Phone 401-595-0475
Email- MLJ.UCONN@gmail.com

Lack of resources with 3 members participating. Wondering if any other areas are experiencing same thing
Peer recovery panel

Pioneer valley an western ma together
We average about 5-6 addicts in attendance each month. We had the following events in the last two months: Light of Hope Walk, Recovery High School, Hampden County Sheriff's Shuffle, Premiere of Jack Jonah movie. My Holyoke College reached out for a literature rack we brought one to then and told them how they could order more literature. We had a flyer hanging day on Nov 2 with 14 people in attendance. Next flyer hanging day Jan 18. We are creating business cards to hand out at events or presentations. We have had several calls with many coming from our flyers. We are looking to get some literature racks in homeless shelters. We met with the head of drug of probation at drug court. The meeting went very well. We will hopefully be putting on a presentation at with the probation officers and judges. Pioneer Valley is on the verge of closing. The trustees will be meeting in 1/5 to discuss dissolving the area.

5 to 6 addicts per meeting
Light if hope walk
Pioneer

South shore stand in to read the report
Open positions: Vice Chair, Event Coordinator, local literature rack reps

PR Workshop: All active PR members are required to attend 1 per year. This will take place mid-January at a location and time TBD along with H&I.

SSA Helpline Volunteer: John F. 3 calls received in November

Events/Presentations completed: 11/13 LTC Dedham, 11/21 LTC Hanover, 11/14 Quincy College SUD Forum

Drop-in Centers: There are currently 2 monthly NA info table commitments. There is availability for assistance at both of these. You will be accompanied and trained by an experienced PR member:

E. Bridgewater 1st Thursday; and Plymouth 3rd Tuesday. These are ongoing monthly commitments

Upcoming commitments: 12/9 Learn to Cope presentation in Plymouth, 12/18 LTC Taunton, 12/23 Learn to Cope presentation Brockton; 1/7 LTC Quincy

Literature Racks: 12 racks /locations were re-filled or checked (all in Quincy). We have approx. 50 out and 6 in stock. Please come in and get new meeting lists to re-stock existing racks out there. Mike W volunteered to take on Literature Rack Coordinator.

PR Outreach: Steve R will be visiting SS Hospital, Rich L Teen Challenge with H & I, and Mike W Bridgewater State College.

SSA PR info flyer: This flyer is for creating awareness about SSA PR, and ways for members to get involved. Flyer was approved today at ASC. Copies will be made asap.

Local Town NA /PR contacts: If you'd like to be on the list for this service in your hometown, please let us know. Contact David D. for more info.

We also had 2 members from the greater providence area ask some questions about a current group an MAT policy. Collectively the concerned members will be addressing the issue with the area executive committee

Brown presentation at school of mental health
Vice chair is open
Marissa nominated an elected vice chair

Phone line chair mikey things are going good
Needs sign in info from website.
Needs info for marathons.
Need to get reporting from patrick based on timeline

Billy HI Boston area
Would like for us to set up a presentation with Boston police. Ball was dropped initially
Would like us to do a presentation for them top brass

In loving service
JOHN N

PHONELINE – No reported submitted.

REGIONAL DELEGATE (RD)-

Greetings New England Region! Thank you Greater Providence Area for hosting.

Conference Participants web meetings:

I attended the most recent Conference Participants Web Meeting. The meeting was focused on answering question on the CAR – Conference Agenda Report – and updates on some of the projects connected to NAWS and WSC. Project Updates on : Spiritual Principle a Day Book; WSC of the Future; Mental Health/Illness IP; FIPT Operational Rules

We discussed the strategic planning process, and that there will be a portion of the next conference devoted to strategic planning, beyond that which will be mentioned in the Conference Agenda Track (CAT).

Projects which will be discussed at WSC 2020 are:

- A Role of Zones project that includes zones' relationship to the wider service system and helps understanding of the diverse nature of zones.
- A project to convert the current Social Media SP in to an IP
- A project to create or revise one piece of recovery literature to directly address Drug Replacement Therapy (DRT) and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) as it relates to NA.

We discussed NAWS Long Term Goals, NAWS Annual Report, Important dates, and the 2020 Conference Agenda Report.

New England States Service Symposium of Narcotics Anonymous NESSNA

Jaime V. – Chair of FD will be updating the RSC on NESSNA

North East Zonal Forum

I did attend the November 1st -3rd, NEZF live meeting in TriState Region in Erie PA. Kris R. will be reporting on the results of NEZF. My notes are bulleted below. The next NEZF Virtual meeting is on zoom on 12/22/19.

Friday 11/1

- Ground rules/policy review/agenda review/approval of minutes
- Discussion of draft election procedures
- Discussion of Role of Zones workgroup
- Regional reports
- NESSNA concerns

Saturday 11/2

- History of NEZF
- PR subcommittee presentation - NJ bus project
- Zonal FD presentation
- Open Forum
- DRT / MAT as related to NA IDT
- NEZF survey services
- NEZF video - each region will come with 3 things that we want.

Sunday 11/3

- Chair election - Dennis 8-1-2
- Vice chair - Wilvena 10-0-1
- Treasurer - Jean-Claude 7-4
- Secretary - Kathleen 11-0
- Web Servant - Jeremy 11-0

Zonal Rep/delegate - conversation - straw polls that 1) should be two people & 2) should be RDA/RDs postpones

Unfunded trusted servants report: \$20 in account + \$993.50 income; expenses: \$322 vice chair; \$425 chair = \$266.50 remaining - \$160 zoom = \$106.50

Midatlantic proposal re: NEZF accountability statement - passed 10-0-1 GNYR proposal Re: trusted servant reporting every two months on all activities - passed 10-0-1

FD Proposal - removed from table for rewrite

I am participating on the NEZF video project – next virtual meeting is 12/19.

MRLE – Multi Regional Learning Event & 2020 Conference Agenda Report CAR:

The delegate team and several local interested members attended the Multi Regional Learning Event in Manchester NH – the format was changed from last year’s one day CAR Workshop to a Friday evening through Sunday morning format. I am submitting for reimbursement of some additional expenses. This format change definitely allowed for a thorough discussion of the motions and also a robust conversation about the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT), Literature Survey, and the myriad of other issues groups are being asked to consider, discuss and weigh in on.

There are 5 World Board Motions: • Long-term goals; • Mental Health in Recovery IP; • 3 FIPT : • Approve the revisions to the Trust Operational Rules; • A second motion to approve the revisions to NA Intellectual Property Bulletin #1; • And the third to approve initiating the process to revise the Trust itself (That process is already established and described in Article 7 of the FIPT Operational Rules.).

There are 10 Regional Motions, and one zonal motion. Lastly the CAR Survey (literature etc.) is particularly important for everyone to weigh in on.

Any groups or areas that would like to have a CAR workshop is encouraged to contact me – the Regional Delegate, Kris R. the Alternate Delegate, or Jaime, FD Chair. We are seeking input to carry the region’s conscience up to and including while we are at the WSC. My contact information follows this report. We are proceeding with the secret FB group as we used in the last conference cycle – If you would like to be added to that group please contact Kris or myself. We are providing each RCM with a printed copy of the CAR.

The Motion Tally Sheet is attached to this report. Here is a link to a pdf copy of the CAR:
https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/conference/2020CAR_WEB.pdf

- For full report, see Appendix B, p. 18.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE (AD)-

Aloha New England Region,

Thank you, Greater Providence, for hosting us this weekend. Before I get to deep into what the past two months have been like for your delegates, I want to be up front with the Region about something. James and I have been discussing for a few months now about how to precede with finding my replacement for June 2020. What I personally feel is best, and what James agrees too is that putting this out early is the most responsible thing. As I will not be running as the Alternate Delegate in June I feel like this is a perfect time to find and help mentor a replacement for me, especially during the Conference season. If you, or someone you know, is interested in finding out the roles and responsibilities of what a Delegate is and does; this is the time to contact us and get involved.

The remainder of the contents of this report will be a summary of the North East Zonal Forum (NEZF), and Conference Agenda Report (CAR) workshops.

NEZF

We met in Erie, PA November 1st – 3rd. Both James and I were in attendance. We held elections for Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and Webservant.

- Chair – Dennis from NNY
- Vice Chair – Wilvena from ENYR

- Secretary – Kathleen from Mid-Atlantic
- Treasurer – Jean-Claude from NJ
- Webservant – Our very own Jeremy (New England Region)

All contacts for the above listed servants can be found at www.nezf.org

Here are the proposals that were passed as well:

- Presented by Mid-Atlantic: “Accountability Statement” to be added to the NEZF Guidelines is as follows “The NEZF is accountable to its member regions and ultimately to the final authority within our service structure, as stated by our Second Concept, the Groups, who retrain the final responsible and authority for all NA services. The Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts spiritually guide the Forum. Intent: To add a clearly defined statement of accountability in the NEZF guidelines keeping the Vision of NA Services.” - This passed.
- Presented by GNYR: That the NEZF admin committee submit a bi-monthly report on all activities and correspondence related to NEZF service. This passed.
- Presented by the Fellowship Development Workgroup at the NEZF: The Guidelines for a standing FD Committee, A recommendation for a standing FD committee – all were tabled until December’s meeting.
- Presented by NJ: That the NEZF will help cofacilitate a service track at their Regional Convention in August – This was tabled and brought back to regions for a vote

CAR

As most if not all of you are aware the Conference Agenda Report (CAR) has been released. James, Myself, and Fellowship Development will be workshopping this over the next few months. If your Area would like a presentation on this report we urge you to contact us ASAP so we can begin scheduling these. If you would like to learn how to present this within your own Area, we urge you to contact us ASAP.

We are also teaming up with Northern New England Region and will be offering a CAR workshop every Sunday night at 7:00 pm starting January 5th and ending March 29th via Zoom. Each week we will go over 5 motions at time allowing us to get through the entire CAR 3 times over the next 3 months. You can attend these from your own home too!

We are also asking that every RCM please be on Slack with us as it seems to be the most effective way of communicating between Regions. We can use this to schedule workshops, ask general questions about the CAR, and really just make us more connected. If you are an RCM and not currently on Slack with us please contact one of the trusted servants at NERNA.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
 Kris R., AD
 (508) 572-7616 or rda@newenglandna.org

For full report, see Appendix C, p. 21.

REGIONAL MEETING DIRECTORIES (RMD)-

For report, see Appendix D, page 24.

WEBSITE-

Usual Work

I have continued the usual work of updating meeting and event information on the website.

Meeting Name Possible Subject of Concern

On November 11, the website received a Meeting Update Form email about a meeting change of a group in Providence. The email said that the group changed its time and its name. Its name had been Saturday NA Recovery. The person who filled in the form said that the name had been changed to “Frightening Bottoms and Sober Highs.” Normally, we accept information coming to us as is, but this made me pause. Many people in NA feel that the use of the word “sober” in an NA context is a violation of our Traditions. I made the time change but reserved the name change. I consulted the website committee. Of the five members besides me, three responded. Their thinking was, in general, that we should honor a group’s choices. In the end we agreed that I would contact Greater Providence Area. I wasn’t sure who was RCM so I contacted Jim D. He advised me that GPA was meeting that weekend and he would bring it up. The last I knew, the ball was in the GPA court. I am waiting to learn what they have come up with.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy F, NE Regional Web Chair

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD)-

Good Afternoon,

Thank you Greater Providence Area for Hosting.

Since the last RSC the contract was signed with the Seacrest Beach Hotel and we are mailing out the deposit of \$500.00 to them. Our Convention will be held on March 19, 20, and 21, 2021.

We will also be looking to elect 2 directors which are 2 pro tem until April 2020.

We have one Nomination today Gary N who is here to be considered as a Director.

We are continuing the ADHOC for guidelines and by-laws is being worked on. Shelly continues to attend the Convention

Committee meeting and will be setting up meetings each of the Sub Committee Chairs to review the documents.

We have gone out for Quotes for D&O insurance in hopes of reducing our cost. So far we have found that what we have been paying for the type of coverage we have is reasonable. We will be looking at one more possible source and make a decision in February weather to stay with the current insurance company or not.

The balance in the in the BOD Account is \$5315.29

ILS,

Debbie L

AREA CONCERNS/ OPEN FORUM

1. *Question presented; to ask why Boston is having a convention when they owe back sales tax, RCM to ask convention committee to clarify.*
2. *Question if Western MA is still hosting February Regional weekend? Answer: Katrina stated the area is still working on it and will get a flyer out before the minutes go out. Possible CAR workshop on that Saturday night, FD to follow up.*

3. *John N asked how many areas have phone line chairs? SEMA and Western MA answered phone line is part of their PR committee, MV has a phone line chair, Cape Cod has a PR committee; RCM stated they are in need of guidelines for a phone line chair, Metrowest doesn't have a phone line chair. Discussion ended here, PR chair stated he has enough info.*
4. *Question: How do we to spark interest for the zonal format, how do we get more people involved? Concern was voiced that there is not enough participation and that the information isn't getting to groups. Proposed solutions: Communicate/use language that could be better understood by GSRs/areas, Communicate more often and more effectively in order to get information to the group level.*
5. *NEZF meeting listed on slack and emailed out.*

OLD BUSINESS

- I. October 2019 MINUTES- Accepted, no opposition.

ELECTIONS

VICE CHAIR: **POSITION VACANT, BRING BACK TO GROUPS!**

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

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

Set Quorum:5 Voting RCMs: 9 Simple Majority: 5 2/3: 6

MONEY MOTION #1:

Presented by: Jaime V 2nd: James P (Total \$500)

Motion: To release the \$500 from the RD/AD set aside to NESSSNA for the seed funds for this region's part of the New England States Services Symposium of Narcotics Anonymous.

Intent: To fulfill our region's commitment to support NESSSNA.

Vote: In favor:9 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Unopposed: 0

MONEY MOTION #2:

Presented by: James P 2nd: Kris R (Total:\$115.00)

Motion: The MRLE event (original request for 1 day event) was changed to a Fri/Sat event. As such, this motion requests \$15 for full registration, and \$50 x2 days for additional per diem.

Intent: To attend the entire MRLE per diem and additional registration funding.

Vote: In favor:9 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Unopposed: 0

MONEY MOTION #3

Presented by: Kris R (AD) 2nd: James P (RD) (Total:\$27.56)

Motion: For reimbursement for the difference in price of CARs from WSO.

Intent: I was given a check for 169.00, total cost was 196.56, CAR x13=175.50, Shipping \$21.06.

Vote: In favor:9 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Unopposed: 0

MONEY MOTION #4

Presented by: Kris R 2nd: James P (Total: \$65.00)

Motion: To seek reimbursement for MRLE per diem, \$50 for Friday and \$15 for the weekend registration.

Intent: Originally we planned on a single day then the schedule changed to Friday and Saturday.

Vote: In favor:9 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Unopposed: 0

NON-MONEY MOTION #1:

Presented by: CCNA Ryan R 2nd: CCNA Riley D

Motion: To contact world services and pursue changing the date of world Sponsorship Day to a date that is not already on an internationally established day of remembrance; that is World AIDS Day.

Intent: To separate the newly established world Sponsorship Day from the existing World AIDS Day.

Vote: In favor:8 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1 Unopposed: 0

NON-MONEY MOTION #2

Presented by: MV Area 2nd: -

Motion: To amend the current policy and website regarding the exemption (in conference years) to move the date of the February RSC to the same date as every other RSC, that is, the 2nd full weekend of the even numbered months.

Intent: Because we no longer attend MARLCNA, there is no longer a need to move our RSC to accommodate participation there.

Vote: In favor:9 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Unopposed: 0

NON-MONEY MOTION #3

Presented by: Kris R (RDA) 2nd: James P (RD)

Motion: To change the "title" of Regional Alternate Delegate to Alternate Delegate.

Intent: To stay more aligned with the terms used at the WSC.

Vote: In favor:9 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Unopposed: 0

December 2019 Finance Report			
Item	Memo	Deposits	Withdrawls
Opening Balance	Reconciled, bal. held for accountant	\$417.25	
EXPENSES			
Service Charges			-\$6.00
Quarterly Taxes			-\$241.86
RMD Postage and Supplies			-\$8.30
Belmont Printing	RMDs		-\$625.00
Western MA	Hosting		-\$600.00
Verizon			-\$256.19
Consolidated Communications	Phoneline		-\$28.44
Transfers to Set Asides			
RD/RDA			-\$1,049.00
FD			-\$234.17
Insurance			-\$1,721.00
Prudent Reserve			
Mobile App			
Public Relations			
Travel			
INCOME			
Group & Area Donations		\$4,464.06	
RMD Sales		\$729.44	
Misc. Deposits	Rtrn of hosting & anon. donation	\$313.00	
BALANCE		\$1,153.79	
Holding Funds	Filing Fees, Annual Taxes		-\$500.00
Donation to NAWS			-\$653.79
BALANCE		\$0.00	
MOTIONS			
	RD/RDA set aside: \$2458.11	\$2,458.11	
MM 1	from RD/RDA set aside		-\$500.00
MM 2	from RD/RDA set aside		-\$115.00
MM 3	from RD/RDA set aside		-\$27.56
MM 4	from RD/RDA set aside		-\$65.00
	total: -\$707.56		
	Remaining RD/RDA set aside:	\$1,750.55	

Set Aside Totals:	
RD/RDA	\$2,458.11
FD	\$788.36
Insurance	\$3,442.00
Prudent Reserve	\$2,512.00
Mobile App	\$125.00
Public Relations	\$0.00
Travel	\$500.00

Members can fill out the CAR survey online at www.na.org/survey until 1 April 2020.

2020 Conference Agenda Report (CAR)

Motions:

#1 Maker: World Board

To approve the NAWS Long-Term Goals, which serve as the foundation of the NA World Services Strategic Plan.

#2 Maker: World Board

To approve the IP contained in Addendum A, “Mental Health in Recovery,” as Fellowship-approved recovery literature.

#3 Maker: World Board

To approve the revisions to the FIPT Operational Rules contained in Addendum B.

A summary of the proposed changes shown in Addendum B includes:

- A change to the Inspection Clause to reflect discussions at WSC 2018 and clarify that only the WSC can act for the beneficiary—the NA Fellowship as a whole.
- Various “housekeeping” edits:
 - o A change to the description of WSC Boards and Committees on page 11 to the World Board.
 - o Two edits to Section 12: Trustee Reporting Obligation on page 15 to change calendar year to fiscal year and to add independent to the description of the annual audit.
 - o Changing representatives to delegates on page 24 of the Reader’s Notes.
 - o A straight copyedit by adding the word the on the same page and other edits on pages 15 and 31.
 - o A change to the way the Inspection Clause is described on page 37 of the Reader’s Notes.

#4 Maker: World Board

To approve the revisions to NA Intellectual Property Bulletin #1 contained in Addendum C. This bulletin has been largely rewritten. A clean copy of the bulletin with proposed revisions is contained in Addendum C. A copy tracking the proposed changes is included in Addendum D.

A summary of the proposed changes to Intellectual Property Bulletin #1 includes:

- Permission would be required to reprint book-length pieces.
- Current policy that was not clearly expressed in the bulletin has been added to the text. Groups are only allowed to reproduce currently approved versions of recovery literature, as that is all that NAWS is authorized to publish and distribute, and this permission does not include electronic or online formats.
- The introduction has been rewritten and the section on copyright has been moved ahead of the section on trademarks.
- Some copyediting changes are suggested, such as using the term policy throughout the document, rather than a mix of policy and guidelines.

#5 Maker: World Board

To approve the initiation of the established process to revise the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust in the 2020–2022 Conference cycle.

SECTION 2: REVISION OF TRUST INSTRUMENT

Provisions of the Trust Instrument may be changed only under the following conditions:

1. Any motion to review proposed revisions to the Trust Instrument must receive the approval of a majority of regional delegates at the World Service Conference.
2. After such review is approved, proposed revisions will be open for a six-month review and input period, after which the proposed revisions will be presented in the Conference Agenda Report for adoption.
3. A motion to adopt any proposed revisions to the Trust Instrument will require a vote of “yes” from two-thirds of those regional delegates recorded as present in the World Service Conference roll call immediately prior to the vote.

#6 Maker: Norway Region

To direct the WB to create a project plan for WSC 2022 to create a new Step Working Guide for members whom have worked through the previous one and would like to evolve in their recovery.

#7 Maker: Baja Son Region

To direct the World Board to develop a project plan, for consideration at WSC-2022, to create a booklet of Step study questions with the parameter that each question is derived from one sentence in the Basic Text chapter ‘How It works’.

#8 Maker: Argentina Region

To direct the World Board to create a project plan for the World Service Conference (WSC) 2022, the development of a new IP for daily personal inventory of gratitude.

#9 Maker: Iran Region

To direct the World Board to create a project plan for WSC 2022 to create a new IP for women in recovery.

#10 Maker: Latin American Zonal Forum

To direct the World Board to create a project plan for consideration at WSC 2022 to create a guide for online meetings.

#11 Maker: Carolina Region

To direct the World Board to create a project plan for WSC 2022 for a service pamphlet (SP) that explains “being under no surveillance at any time”.

#12 Maker: Southern California Region

To direct the World Board to create the Spanish-language Narcotics Anonymous (Basic Text), Step Working Guides, and It Works: How and Why available in an audio format.

#13 Maker: Sweden and Australia Regions

To direct the World Board to create a project plan for consideration at the WSC 2022 to investigate changes and/or additional wording to NA literature from gender specific language to gender neutral and inclusive language.

#14 Maker: California Inland Region

To place an 8-year moratorium on the creation of new English language recovery literature after WSC 2020 to WSC 2028, excluding any literature projects already in

development.

#15 Maker: Argentina Region

Instruct the World Board to develop a project plan for the 2022 World Service Conference (WSC) to produce an informative video about Narcotics Anonymous, for Public Relations services [committees] and online publication, approved by NAWS, where it is briefly explained: 1. What is Narcotics Anonymous; 2. How it works; 3. How to contact NA

#16 Maker: Volunteer and Southern California Regions

If any Motion or Proposal, in Content or Intent, has been submitted and failed to achieve consensus or adoption at two consecutive World Service Conferences, the previously proposed Content and Intent may not be suggested to the Fellowship in the Conference Agenda Report (CAR)/ Conference Approval Track (CAT) or at the WSC for one entire conference cycle.

In Loving Service, James P., RD

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617-314-4048

Date: November 3, 2019

Maker: Kris R.

Position: New England Region AD

Seconded By: Sam L.

Position: Northern New England Region RD

We Propose:

Part 1- Adoption of FD Strategic Plan

To adopt the NEZF Fellowship Development (FD) Ad Hoc Strategic Plan.

Part 2- Creation of FD Coordinator Position

If Part 1 of this proposal is not passed, the following will not be offered.

To create an FD Coordinator position at the NEZF directly accountable to the NEZF body.

Part 3- FD Coordinator Guidelines

If Part 1 and 2 of this proposal is not passed, the following will not be offered.

To add the following language to ‘Section 5: Trusted Servants’ of the NEZF Guidelines:

3. Fellowship Development Coordinator

FD Coordinator carries a six-year minimum clean time requirement and is elected by the NEZF.

FD Coordinator Qualifications:

o Time and ability to fulfill the tasks that fall within the FD Coordinator responsibilities

o A working knowledge of the 12 steps, 12 traditions and 12 concepts of NA service.

o Commitment to serve the full term length of two years.

o Availability to attend all NEZF in-person and virtual meetings.

o Availability to attend all NEZF Coordinator in-person and virtual meetings.

This is a coordinator position, accountable to the NEZF body.

The FD Coordinator reports its activities to the NEZF at all in-person and virtual meetings, including all activities of Task Teams.

In addition to its own workshops, the FD Coordinator collaborates with the NEZF and NAWS to plan and facilitate workshops at the request of NA service bodies and communities within the NEZF.

The FD Coordinator coordinates the work of Task Teams.

Part 4- Additional NEZF FD Coordinator Guidelines

If Part 1-3 of this proposal are not passed, the following will not be offered.

To include the balance of the proposed NEZF FD Coordinator guidelines as an Appendix to the NEZF Guidelines.

Intent: To create a clear mechanism within the NEZF to accomplish the directive resulting from its April 2019 Strategic Planning sessions. Specifically, to increase the service delivery within the NEZF by using the FD Coordinator position and related FD project structure to connect members with strong skills and experience in various service functions to local NA communities in need of support in those service functions. Please see the following attachments for additional details:

1. Exhibit 1- NEZF FD Ad Hoc Report, Survey Results and Strategic Plan
2. Exhibit 2- NEZF FD Ad Hoc Power Point Presentation
3. Exhibit 3- NEZF FD Coordinator Proposed Guidelines

Financial Impact: None.

Guideline Affected: ‘Section 5: Trusted Servants’, Appendices.

Rationale by Maker:

Please see intent above, as well as the following Exhibits for additional details:

4. Exhibit 1- NEZF FD Ad Hoc Report, Survey Results and Strategic Plan
5. Exhibit 2- NEZF FD Ad Hoc Power Point Presentation
6. Exhibit 3- NEZF FD Coordinator Proposed Guidelines

NEZF Decision-Making Proposal

Date: December 13, 2019

Proposal Maker: Sam L.

Position: RD, Northern New England Region

Seconded By: Wilvena G., Troy B., Nancy C. and James P.

Position: RD, Eastern NY, Connecticut, New Jersey and New England region

I Propose:

That the Northeast Zonal Forum sponsor the following New Business Proposal at WSC 2020:

We Propose: To discuss putting in place a formal process that allows the conference to advance new business proposals topics discussed at each conference throughout the subsequent conference cycle that allows for:

1. Fellowship-wide feedback
2. Development of regional consciences
3. Multi-regional/Multi-zonal consensus-building
4. Multi-regional/Multi-zonal CAR motion collaboration

With the goal that each new business proposal topic discussed at the conference results in CAR motions (if appropriate) at the subsequent conference, and that such motions have resulted from a full conference cycle of fellowship consciousness development and multi-regional/multi-zonal collaboration.

Our hope is that these discussions during new business of WSC 2020 result in the formulation of a workgroup which is tasked with creating a project plan to formalize this procedure for inclusion in the 2022 CAT.

We have included with this proposal Appendix A, which elaborates on the proposal above, and includes a potential outcome that has gained significant momentum within the NEZF, and with other regions outside of our zone. We have also included with this proposal Appendix B: a flowchart which provides a visual representation of our proposed solution.

Intent:

To submit a New Business Proposal at WSC 2020 that is sponsored by an entire zone rather than a single region, and thus increase the chances that the Proposal is prioritized by Conference Participants and that the idea advances to New Business discussions.

Financial Impact: None.

Guidelines Affected: None.

Rationale by Maker:

At WSC 2018, delegates submitted proposals for discussion in New Business and CPs prioritized and discussed the top four. In theory, the prioritized new business proposal topics are the top four issues that our local fellowships asked our delegates to bring to the conference. As an aside, We concede that at WSC 2018 CPs were still learning how to submit new business proposals that resulted in discussion-based new business sessions, but we assume that at WSC 2020 our new business discussion topics will align with the most pressing issues that require conference and fellowship attention.

We see two main issues that are related:

1. Our experience from the 2018-2020 conference cycle was that the conference still lacks an effective mechanism to advance the ideas discussed in the new business sessions, keep momentum on those ideas, and make tangible progress on those ideas in the subsequent conference cycle. In our view, ideally the new business discussions at the Conference are the start of a conversation that continues throughout the next conference cycle. In other words, one focus of the subsequent conference cycle for delegates should be to discuss these topics in their local fellowship, collect feedback, form a regional conscience and result in action.

2. The current CAR motion process doesn't have a clear mechanism for building multi-regional/multi-zonal consensus on issues before we reach the conference. What we have now are primarily independent ideas of single regions (or occasionally a couple regions, and for the first time this conference cycle a single zone) that have not had an opportunity to be workshopped throughout the fellowship prior to the release of the CAR. If we are going to take a holistic approach to strategic planning, ideally the CAR for the subsequent conference would simply be a result of new business conversations started at the prior conference, discussed throughout the conference cycle in our local fellowship, then synthesized through multi-regional/multi-zonal collaborate resulting in CAR motions that have broad

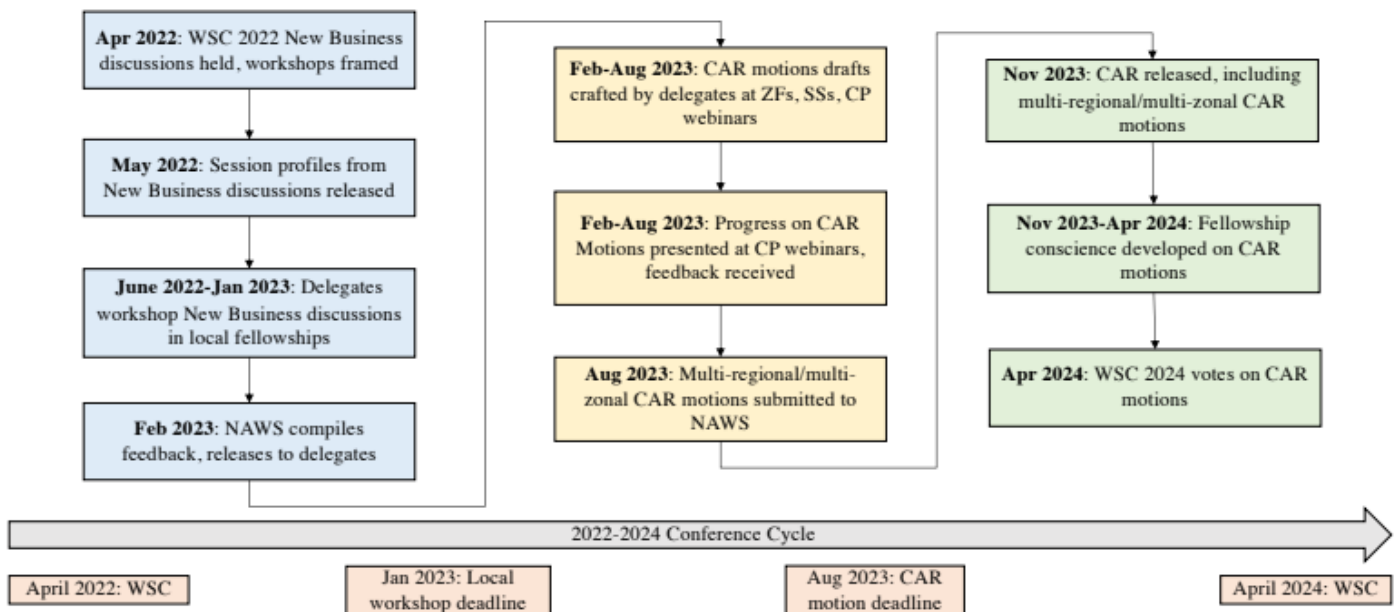
fellowship support before they even appear in the CAR.

**Appendix A:
Proposed Process for advancing New Business during the subsequent conference cycle Beginning at WSC 2022**

1. Starting at WSC 2022, new business discussions would be focused on having delegates frame the discussions we would have in our local fellowship in the 2022-2024 conference cycle. During new business (or shortly after the conference), delegates and NAWS would collaborate to create session profiles and workshop formats for each new business discussion topic much like NAWS currently creates for Issue Discussion Topics.
2. Delegates use these session profiles and workshop formats for each new business discussion topic to workshop these topics in our local fellowship similar to how we workshop IDTs now, with the focus on collecting feedback and forming a regional conscience on each issue.

3. At some point in the conference cycle, perhaps 9 months in (January 2023), delegates draw a line in the sand and stop collecting feedback from the local fellowship, and turn our attention toward compiling that feedback with the help of NAWS and beginning the multi-regional/multi-zonal consensus building process based on workshops performed in our local fellowships.
4. For the next 8 months until the CAR motion deadline (February 2023-August 2023), delegates collaborate at zonal forums, CP webinars, Service Symposiums and other multi-regional/multi-zonal events to build consensus on these issues and begin to craft motions related to each topic (if appropriate) for inclusion in the 2024 CAR.
5. The goal would be that by the CAR motion submission deadline we would have CAR motions submitted for inclusion in the 2024 CAR, and that these CAR motions would be a reflection of our fellowship conscience as a whole.
6. This process would be in addition to the current CAR motion submission process, we are not proposing that the current process be replaced.

Appendix B: WSC 2020 New Business Idea



Regional Meeting Directory Report

Beginning Inventory	1,200		
Discarded Old Lists	-550		
Plus Printing	7,400		
Total available for sales	8,050	Assets	
Sold to Region, areas, groups & individuals	-4,400	\$ 440.00	
Sold to Regional Committees	-800	\$ 80.00	
Sold to outside vendors	-100	\$ 10.00	
Total Distributed and sold this period	-5,300	\$ 530.00	
Remaining Inventory	2,750		
Inventory for Sale Today	2,750		
Plus sales tax collected		\$ 25.70	
Plus Shipping & Handling		\$ 8.92	
Assets Total (Deposit)		\$ 564.62	
Seed Money for Printing		\$ -	
Total Assets		\$ 564.62	
		Expenses	
Printing 7400 RMDs	\$ 695.76		
Sales Tax	\$ 25.70		
Postage	\$ 8.30		
Supplies	\$ -		
Less Total Expenses	\$ 729.76	\$ (729.76)	
Gross Profit or (Loss)		\$ (165.14)	
Less Seed Money		\$ -	
Net Profit or (Loss) this period		\$ (165.14)	

Note: Outside sales checks not delivered to committee.

We have the remainder of the august printing of 2750 available for sale today. We will be printing 7000RMDs at a cost of \$625.00 For November
 To make updates, remove a meeting or add a meeting to the directory, contact your Regional Committee Member from your Area.
 Check all meeting info on the website first by clicking on the meeting day. It is suggested that Regional Committee Members
 make changes for their respective areas groups.
 Changes should appear on the web site within a few days and will appear in the next printing.
 We have a Customary Expense of \$ 16.60 for postage.

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		
<u>Website Meeting Update Coordinator</u>	Dianne M	info@nerna.org
<u>Printing Coordinator</u>	David L	617-484-8198 (dalgraphics@rcn.net)
<u>Regional Sales Representative/Treasurer</u>	Christopher M	617-620-2887 (leadhead84@aol.com)
<u>Outside sales to professionals</u>	Dianne M	1-866-624-3578 (Literature menu)

Fellowship Development – Florida Regional Service Symposium of NA (FRSSNA)

Greetings Regional Members. In March, our Fellowship Development Chair attended the biannual Florida Regional Service Symposium of NA in Tampa, Florida to both learn from and contribute to the larger Narcotics Anonymous Community. Like has been the case before with this particular event, the weekend was jam-packed with information and interactions which will no doubt prove their value here at home over time. In particular, we expect to be able to bring lots of this experience to our upcoming FD Track at NERC.

To kick things off, on Thursday we attended a pair of Professionals Roundtable Sessions, which were, well, both inspiring and infuriating at different points. The head Judge of the Florida State Drug Courts Circuit, the Chief Warden of Florida Department of Corrections, and an “Addictions Specialist” (who also claimed NA Membership) sat at the table in the first session, which was “town hall” style. They then joined us, and other professionals, in the “rounds” for a small group discussion session. The highlights of the conversations were how much NA is wanted and needed in their respective environments, at least from the Judge and the Warden. The Doctor however, seemed to think we are an outdated answer to the question of addiction and even went so far at point to compare NA to a 1960 Chevy and DRT (his favored answer) to a 2019 Audi. We let him know we’re actually a 1953 model, that runs like a dream. These sessions were followed by a break for dinner and a welcome meeting.

Friday was a much busier day as the event began in earnest. Workshops attended included:

- the SPAD Book Project: My table discussed and wrote on the Spiritual Principle of LOVE, and I observed the facilitation team to learn how to do this workshop at home.
- Effective Communication: We discussed and workshopped various ways to present and share information with those we serve, such as e-blasts, social media, eye-catching fliers and narrative reports.
- MAT/DRT As It Relates to NA: what I expected to become an extension of the previous day’s polarizing discussions in the Professionals Panel, actually turned out to be a quite disarming and loving conversation about how we as members can more mindfully keep our doors as wide open as possible for those showing interest in our Fellowship, whether on DRT/MAT or not.
- Cultural Diversity: continued on in the same compassionate vein as the previous workshop, but centered more on how we can identify and work to meet the needs of those members whose primary language in something other than English.
- and A History of the Basic Text: presentation from Chris & Boyd, who also offer a History of Narcotics Anonymous. This informative and moving recount of how our first book came to be was made even more interesting by the presence in the room of some of the members who were actually there at the time, participated in the efforts to varying degrees, and whose names and faces appear in some of the slides used.

And Saturday’s efforts continued with:

- the Convention In A Box (which was more of a presentation than a workshop), focusing on how a particular Area has so honed their convention skills that they could literally just hand off their step by step “how to” guide (contained in a box) to any group looking to do the same, and those individuals would be assured success (if they follow the steps). It brought to mind our own Martha’s Vineyard Area’s Convention In A Bag.
- the Mental Health IP Workshop: My only regret with this effort is that it won’t be going on long enough for us as a committee to really offer it locally. Look forward to the new IP though! It’s sure to be tremendously useful for many, many members.
- Fellowship Development Around the Globe: Another look at what FD means, and how it means different things in different places. Multiple Regions in the States are at present looking to develop their own homestyle versions and continue to look to us as a model.
- CBDM: Consensus Based Decision Making as it is used by the Florida Region, whose structure is very different from our own. The short version is that they employ open discussion (as opposed to parliamentary, or “pro/con” discussion) as the preferred method to come to conclusions, set goals, make plans and carry out identified service needs.

• and multiple Q&A Sessions with presenters and facilitators as a means to become better at these efforts ourselves.

And finally on Sunday, we attended and observed the Florida Regional Service Committee itself for a fair portion of their meeting. Points of interest included that they have a 110 page Policy, Guidelines & By-Laws, they have leaders, facilitators and coordinators instead of chairpersons in most cases, they serve nearly 30 member Areas and fully fund RCMs to the Symposium. Rather than subcommittees, in most instances they employ workgroups or teams, and they have a fully functioning Regional Service Office that both provides services (such as phonenumber) and sells products (both NAWS items and member created goods), and they have a book detailing the history of NA in Florida.

Since the Delegate Team no doubt has very detailed reports around their efforts at this event, we will leave ours brief and suffice it to say that we look forward to building on the information and skills acquired as we move forward and deliver similar efforts here at home.

thNAk you for allowing me to serve, Jaime V.

New England Regional Fellowship Development – Menu of Services

Presentations:

- NAWS Updates
- Local Service System
- Broader Service System
- Zonal Forums
- What Is Fellowship Development? (Local)
- Fellowship Development (Worldwide)
- Report Construction & Presentation
- Our Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT)

Workshops:

- Spiritual Principle A Day (book project)
- Why I Serve (writing & inspiration workshop)
- Carrying The Message & Making NA Attractive (current IDT)
- Attracting Members To Service (current IDT)
- MAT/DRT As It Relates To NA (current IDT)
- Social Media (Effective Use & Risks of Misuse)
- Trusted Servants – Roles & Responsibilities
 - Facilitators & Chairpersons (Area & Region)
 - The Delegation Stream (GSR>RCM>RD)
- Service System Project
 - Local Services Toolbox
 - Conventions & Events Toolbox
 - CBDM Basics
 - Planning Basics
 - H&I Basics
 - PR Basics
- Atmosphere of Recovery In Service (past IDT)
- How To Use Guiding Principles (past IDT)
- Applying Our Principles To Technology & Social Media (past IDT)

- Group Support (past IDT)
- Welcoming All Members (past IDT)
- Collaboration (past IDT)
- Group Conscience (past IDT)
- Supporting Our Vision (past IDT)
- Our Third Tradition (past IDT)
- Atmosphere Of Recovery (past IDT)
- Building Strong Homegroups (past IDT)
- Leadership (past IDT)
- A Vision For NA Service (past IDT)
- Self-Support Means Supporting NA (past IDT)
- Who Is Missing? (past IDT)
- Building Communications (past IDT)

also available with enough notice: customized Fellowship Discussion Workshops tailored to meet the needs of the inquiring community

Training & Mentorship:

- Report Construction & Presentation
- Effective Communication
- Effective Trusted Servant Training
- Facilitation 101
- How To Start An NA Meeting
- Forming A Group Support Forum
- BMLT (Basic Meeting List Toolbox) – Use & Implementation
- How To Provide Virtual Meetings For Recovery
- How To Provide Virtual Meetings For Service

Other Services:

- Planning Assemblies
- Inventories
- Workgroup Organization
- Assistance &

