

February 2018 Regional Minutes

April Regional weekend was hosted by South Shore Area – Location to be determined.

June Regional Weekend will be hosted by Boston Area

Subcommittees meet Saturday March 14th at 12pm RSC meets Sunday March 15th at 11 am.

Appendix A – RCM Orientation

CHAIR (**Rachel M.**)- No Report.

VICE CHAIR (**Joe H.**)- No Report

SECRETARY (**Meredith B.**)- All reports should be emailed to meredithann16@gmail.com or secretary@newenglandna.org

TREASURER/FINANCE (**Michelle M, Jay P. Assist.**) –

Finance Committee Minutes

February 17th, 2018

The meeting started at 12:00 pm. Thank you Western Mass Area for hosting. Present were:

- Michelle M. - Treasurer
- Jim D. – Interested Member

The starting balance is \$134. This is due to the check for WSR PO box which was lost in the mail and voided in QuickBooks.

Prudent Reserve is at \$2,207.39 (not full)

Reconciliation of the bank account was done for December and January. We received 2 service charges totaling \$6 for the months of December and January.

Group and Area donations totaling \$1,374.42 were received. RMD Sales were received totaling \$441.66. We received a \$112 miscellaneous donation from the Greater Providence area, for returned funds from hosting Region in December, as well as \$78.48 from the Western MA region for the same reason – all together totaling \$190.48. Total Deposits = \$2,006.56.

Set Aside transfers were processed (\$761 to Insurance and \$792.50 to RD/RDA Set Aside). Customary Expenses in the amount of \$663.78 were paid – \$7.80 for RMD postage and \$14.59 to the Treasurer for postage. A check for \$10 was cut to the state of RI for our sales tax renewal. There was also a check cut for \$31.39 was cut to the Massachusetts DOR for the sales tax of RMDs. A check for \$600 was cut to the South Shore to host Region in April.

It was brought to my attention that a few checks that were mailed out to their respective owners after we met in December were not received – specifically the Activities Chair as well as the addict who was to receive the Writing Steps in Recovery PO Box check. The Activities Chair did end up receiving his checks and he is all set. I can say that the check for the WSR PO box was indeed lost in the mail as it was never cashed, so a new check was cut today – for \$132 (please note check #1260 was voided).

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All taxes were mailed and/or filed as necessary after we met in December and the accountant received his payment for such.

I am happy to announce that Rachel and I had our names added to the bank account as signers. James will remain a signer on the account until our next elections – no more mailing checks!! Thank you all for your patience and understanding over the last few months as we worked to get this situated. It is appreciated!

We received a donation from the Activities Committee in the amount of \$1,569.83 cash for the two recent events held in Cape Cod and South Shore.

A transfer in the amount of \$944.96 from the general fund was moved to the Prudent Reserve to replenish it in full.

Prudent Reserve is full at \$3,152.35
Our opening balance is \$410.15

ILS,
Michelle and Jim

Sunday, February 18th, 2018

Starting Balance: \$410.15
Prudent Reserve is at \$3,152.35

Total Motions out of General Fund: \$2,771.20

Total Motions from RD/RDA Set Aside: \$1,063.44

Total Motions from Fellowship Development left over money that was held aside: \$53.66

Total Motions (all accounts): \$3,888.30

Money Motions:

- Money Motion #1: Website Chair
 - To reimburse Web Chair for website expenses (see attached) - \$955.57
 - Intent: To fund our regional website – PASSED

- Money Motion # 2: Website Chair
 - To acquire license for pro version of Word Press Mesmerize Theme for new website – cost \$149 for unlimited year of use, updates and support
 - Intent: To have the full features that will allow us to do things that would otherwise require custom coding – PASSED

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- Money Motion # 3: RD/RDA
 - To make a check payable in the amount of \$89.44 from the RD/RDA set aside to cover travel related cost for RD to NA World Conference (not covered by NAWS).
Baggage Check - \$50, Tolls \$16.40, Mileage to/from Airport \$23.04
 - Intent: To fully fund RD to NA World Conference – PASSED
- Money Motion # 4: RD/RDA
 - To make a check in the amount of \$281 from the RD/RDA set aside to reimburse the airfare for the RDA to the NA World Conference
 - Intent: To fund the air travel for the RDA to the NA World Service Conference -- PASSED
- Money Motion #5: RD/RDA
 - Fund the RDA to travel to WSC 2018 - \$693
 - Space Shuttle (from airport – hotel RT)
 - Per Diem (\$50 per day)
 - Cost of Travel to Logan (RT)
 - Baggage Fee
 - Intent: To fund the RDA to WSC 2018 -- PASSED
- Money Motion #5: PR Chair
 - To purchase 300 RMD's for PR to have at 2 upcoming events - \$30
 - Intent: To supply professionals with the most up to date RMD's at 2 separate Health Fairs -- PASSED
- Money Motion #6: Steve C. - BOD
 - To reimburse \$50 for tolls, mileage and ½ room expenses from Boston to Westfield and back (Tolls - \$9.40, 186 miles, ½ room rate \$40)
 - Intent: Reimbursement -- FAILED
- Money Motion #7: BOD President
 - To reimburse Mary Anne G. (BOD President) and Jeanne G. (BOD Director) for the cost of 1 hotel night (Holiday Inn Express + Suites, Westfield MA - \$132.99).
Mileage from Brockton and return (186 miles X \$0.24 = \$44.64) and tolls (\$9) for a total reimbursement from the “non-funded trusted servant fund”
 - Mary Anne G - \$93.31
 - Jeanne G - \$93.32
 - Total of \$186.63
 - Intent: To allow these members financial support in order to facilitate BOD + Convention business – FAILED
- Money Motion #8: Activities Chair
 - To provide \$100 to SMOC for rental of the Hall from 12pm to Midnight for the April 7, 2018 event
 - Intent: To be fully self-supportive and to bring awareness and carrying the message – PASSED
- Money Motion #9: Activities Chair
 - To provide music for the April 7th 2018 event in Framingham, MA - \$250
 - Intent: To be fully self-supportive -- PASSED

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-Money Motion #10: Activities Chair

- To purchase food & supplies for April 7th, 2018 - \$350
- Intent: To be fully self-supportive -- PASSED

-Money Motion #11: Activities Chair

- To provide \$100 for Rental of the hall for May 19th, 2018 event
- Intent: To be fully self-supportive – FAILED – resubmit in April

-Money Motion #12: Activities Chair

- To provide music for the May 19th, 2018 event in Greater Providence - \$250
- To be fully self-supportive – FAILED – resubmit in April

-Money motion #13: Activities Chair

- To purchase food & supplies for the May 19th, 2018 event - \$350
- To be fully self-supportive – FAILED – resubmit in April

-Money Motion #14: Fellowship Development

- For \$53.66 reimbursement for costs incurred to produce hard copies of the Regional Planning Assembly survey
- Intent: Stated in motion -- PASSED

TOTAL PASSED FROM RD/RDA SET ASIDE = \$1,063.44

TOTAL PASSED FROM FELLOWSHIP DEVELOPMENT = \$53.66

TOTAL PASSED FROM GENERAL FUND = \$1,834.57 - \$410.15 from working balance = \$1,424.42

FINAL:

Prudent Reserve is at \$1,727.93

A Donation to World will be made in the amount of \$0

Ending Balance: \$0

*Please note, in regard to the motions that were submitted by the BOD to the NERSC body, it is imperative from a legal standpoint that the two entities operate separately – hence separate bank accounts, separate meetings, etc. Going forward all money motions of this nature should be submitted directly to the BOD body for reimbursement.

ILS,

Michelle M., NERSC Treasurer

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES (Moke A.) – Moke Addict Good Afternoon, The committee meet on December 9th and December 16 of 2017 to go over the finale steps we need to do for the December 23, 2017 Event in the Cape Cod Area. The Committee want to thank the Cape Cod Area for there support and for all those who didn't support. The committee was giving a check for \$150.00 for the Rental of the hall, \$250.00 for the DJ and \$300.00 to buy food & Supplies for this event which came to a total of \$700.00. The Expenses for

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this event was \$150.00 for hall, \$250.00 for DJ and \$ for Food & Supplies which comes out to be \$274.56 for expense. That left \$23.44 out of the \$300.00. The Cape Cod Activities Committee did give \$337.28 for half of the expense. Which came to \$674.56 for expense.

The income for this event was \$339.00 from food, Soda, and Water and \$340.56 from the door which came out to be \$679.56. The profit from this event was \$5.00 Which was split \$2.50. The committee also collected \$11.00 Which was giving to the New England Region Convention Committee for New Comer packages. The committee will be turning over \$702.50 for the December 23, 2017 event.

The committee want to thank the South Shore Activities Committee for a great event and for all those who support the event. The committee did meet 3 times to go over this event for February 18, 2018.

The committee did get checks for this event was \$100.00 for the Hall, \$250.00 For DJ and \$350.00 for food and supplies Which came out to be \$700.00.

The expense for this event was \$100.00 for the Hall, \$250.00 for DJ and \$266.94. Which came out to be \$616.94.

The South Shore Activities Committee did give \$308.47 for this.

Now out of the \$350.00 was giving the committee did have to purchase a BJ membership to purchase supplies for event which came out to be \$40.00 so out of the \$350.00 Which was left was \$43.06.

The income from this event was \$773.00 from the door and \$255.08 from food, Soda, and Water which come out to \$1,028.08 from this event and the split come out to be \$514.04. The profit from this event is \$205.57.

The committee will be turning in \$865.57 from this event.

The committee also collected \$28.75 for New Comer packages which was giving to the New England Region Convention Committee.

The committee been working hard and our next to events are April 7, 2018 in Framingham and May 19, 2018 in GREATER PROVIDENCE. The Greater Worcester will co-host in April and GREATER PROVIDENCE will co-host in May.

In loving service Moke A

BOD (Marryanne G.) - THE NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL CONVENTION, INC.

Report to the NERSC

December 9, 2017

The BOD meeting opened at 10:10 a.m. with a moment of silence and the Service Prayer. Attendance was taken. There were five voting members (including the President), and two non-voting members (the Clerk & the Treasurer) in attendance. The minutes of the October 14, 2017 BOD meeting were reviewed and approved.

Gary N. of the Convention Committee volunteered to provide help to move our archives from the location in South Boston to our new storage space at ASAP, 1 Arcadia St., Dorchester MA, 617-288-8870. I agreed to call Andrew L., the contact person where our archives are currently being stored to arrange a time convenient to him, the ASAP contact person, Gary N. and any other members willing to help, to set up a date and time to move our property.

The Treasurer provided a written report as follows:

NERC Treasurers Report (2/17/2018)

These are the cleared checks and other transactions for our account since the last regional meeting on 12/9/2018:

Check #1177 - \$378.69 - NERSC - (Was referred to in December's report)

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Convention Account:

Opening Balance: \$6000

12/18 - Check # 1176 - \$100.00 – Denise Hoyt - Deposit for flyers and tickets (F&E)

1/23 - Check # 1179 - \$700.00 – Trade Center Bowl (F&E)

Closing Balance: \$5200

Corporation Account:

Opening Balance: \$7000

1/22 - Debit: \$1634 – D&O Insurance

Closing Balance: \$5366

Discussion and Action Items

- Taxes are done and I'm waiting on a bill from our accountant.
- We may need to file a Form PC with the Attorney General's Office. Checking on that.
- Application filed for Quickbooks through Techsoup. \$50 if approved.

ILS,

Kevin F.

The Treasurer will work with the Assistant Treasurer of the Convention Committee in order to file whatever paperwork is necessary to get us up-to-date with the Attorney General's office. In addition, I will be contacting Citizens Bank to see how we can facilitate downloading of our bank transaction data into the Quickbooks currently being used for our financial recordkeeping. We received our tax return(s) from the accountant and the Treasurer will be filing them with the appropriate agencies.

The By-laws Ad Hoc, headed up by Shelly A., will be having its first meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 2018. If you are interested in helping out with this project, please call Shelly at 508-452-0853 for the address and directions. She will be cooking so you may get a meal as well. The Ad-Hoc will be in place for an additional four months during which time members will be reviewing the Corporation By-laws and Internal & External Guidelines, as well as the Convention Committee Guidelines. If you cannot attend the Ad Hoc meetings, but have information to share, don't hesitate to call Shelly. If you would like a copy of the documents being updated, please text me your request, along with your email address, to 617-835-1756. Any and all input is invited and welcome!

The D&O insurance has been paid and we are renewed for another year.

There remain two open Director positions on the Board – one At-Large position and one Previous Member - at this time. The floor will be open for nominations/volunteers at the appropriate time in the NERC, Inc. full corporation meeting today.

In accordance with the **NERC External Guidelines Procedure to determine the location of holding the New England Regional Convention 3.**, during the time from the December RSC weekend until this weekend, BOD members went on site visits to the Boston Marriott Burlington, the Boston Park Plaza and the Sheraton Framingham where we verified and refined proposal info where needed. After receiving and reviewing the updated proposals, I continued in discussion with each hotel representative to further refine their proposals. The results for the three hotels are on the comparison spreadsheet that was distributed to all BOD members yesterday and to RCMs/ RCM-As today. I hope you have taken the time to look the comparison sheet over.

After much discussion, the BOD, by a vote of three to two, is recommending the Sheraton Framingham as their first choice and the Boston Park Plaza as their second choice. The BOD members chose to not recommend the Boston Marriott Burlington. Based on past conventions, NERC usually has approximately 1,000 to 1,200 registrants and the Burlington Marriott is too small to accommodate such a crowd. This location would also limit our program selections.

The following are some pros and cons that came up during our recommendation process.

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BOSTON PARK PLAZA PROS

- Located in Zone II (the designated zone for the NERC XVIII cycle)
- Would serve to foster diversity and encourage unity of the membership in the New England Region
- Facility space is more than ample to provide event space to cover all our needs (i.e. breakout rooms for as many workshops and meetings as we would want to have; huge banquet and main meeting space; separate room for alternative entertainment far enough away from the dance location; room to move in common areas)
- Large gym facility free for overnight guests with separate golf simulation for a fee
- Great public transportation
- Many restaurants and shopping nearby with inexpensive to high-end pricing
- Excellent room rate for a Boston hotel
- Free hotel night for each main speaker, in addition to guest rooms earned
- Location is enticing to members outside the New England Region
- Having a convention in a hotel in Boston would provide a measuring stick to the World Convention Corporation as an enticement to bring a World Convention (WCNA) to Boston

BOSTON PARK PLAZA CONS

- The available dates are in the middle of winter causing potential financial concerns due to the possibility of inclement weather impacting registrations
- No complimentary parking (valet parking only at the hotel with all day in-and-out privileges; paid parking garages nearby; metered on-street parking)
- No swimming pool
- Concern that newcomers would not be able to attend due to cost

SHERATON FRAMINGHAM PROS

- Although not in Zone II (the designated zone for the NERC XVIII cycle) the hotel is located on the border of Central MA (Zone I) and Metrowest (Zone II), the BOD waived the zone requirement in order to consider the proposal
- Facility event space, although not as extensive as the Boston Park Plaza, has many and varied meeting rooms located on two floors of the hotel, including an ideal location for alternative entertainment
- gym facilities and an indoor pool
- Public transportation
- Hotel shuttle service within a radius of five miles of the hotel
- Shopping and restaurants within reasonable driving distance or in the shuttle service area
- Complimentary parking
- Excellent Room Rate and Banquet & Breakfast pricing
- Available dates are at the end of winter (less likeliness of inclement weather)
- Location would serve to entice more members from the geographical areas of Worcester and Western MA, as well as points North, East and South (in other words, centrally located)
- Affordable for newcomers

SHERATON FRAMINGHAM CONS

- Located outside of Zone II (the designated zone for NERC XVIII)
- Although there is public transportation, late night hours are unavailable
- Commuter rail too far from the hotel for shuttle pick-up

We will be dealing with the proposals at the full corporation meeting later today.

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A motion was submitted to reimburse Mary Anne G. (BOD President) and Jeanne G. (BOD Director) for the cost of one hotel night at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Westfield MA in the amount of \$132.99, mileage from Brockton & return (186 X .24 = 44.64), and tolls of \$9.00 for a total of \$186.63 (\$93.31 to Mary Anne G. & \$93.32 to Jeanne G.) The intent is to allow these members financial support in order to facilitate BOD and Convention business. A second motion was submitted by Steve C. for the cost of lodging, mileage & tolls in the amount of \$50.00. These motions were passed conditionally, as one member reminded us that the NERSC has a budget for expenses for non-funded trusted servants, and that it may be more appropriate to file the motions at the NERSC. Therefore, I have submitted the motion concerning reimbursement to Mary Anne G. and Jeanne G. to the NERSC and Steve C. has submitted a motion on his own behalf to the NERSC.

A third motion was submitted to reimburse Steve C. (Clerk) for Secretary of State filing fees in the amount of \$18.50. The intent was to keep our records up-to-date at the Secretary of State's office. This motion was to provide a paper trail for customary expenses.

I have been successfully using bod@newenglandna.org for all Board correspondence. Regarding my request last region to have read receipt capabilities, the website chair informed me that the capability would have to be extended to all twenty-four (24) users at a cost of \$5.00 per user (\$120.00 per month). We decided that would not be prudent.

Please put the word out that we are looking to fill one (1) At-large Director and one (1) Prior Director and encourage interested members to attend the next BOD meeting. Our next BOD meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 14, 2018 in the South Shore Area (exact location yet to be determined). We will have our Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 15, 2018, at the NERSC.

In loving service,

Mary Anne G.

BOD President

CONVENTION (Debbie L.) –

NERC XVIII

Chairperson Report to the RSC

2/18/18

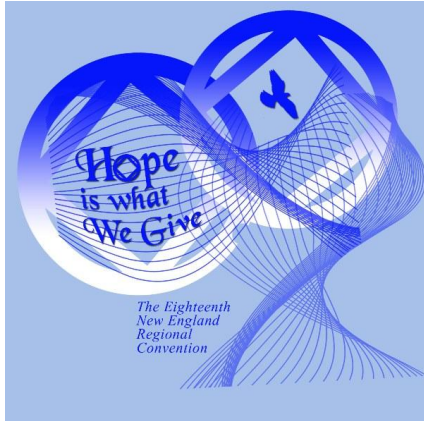
Good Afternoon,

We met yesterday with 17 members in attendance. Our Vice Chair resigned since we last met. Yesterday we elected Dave A as Vice Chair yesterday.

The BOD met just before our meeting and we reviewed details of RFP's and site visits, and will be presenting their first and second choices. The convention committee also reviewed the information and we are putting forth the Sheraton in Framingham as our recommendation. If you want to ask questions regarding this choice I will address those questions during the corporation meeting today.

The theme of "Hope Is What We Give" was selected yesterday as the logo for NERCXVIII and the logo is attached

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We had a fundraiser on January 20 At Trade Center Bowl at 89 Spring Bars Road in Falmouth, MA 02540 from 8 PM to midnight. It was successful. Below is the contact information to the F&E Chair as she is looking for help from Areas within our region to assist with hosting F&E Events please feel free to send her an e-mail or give her a call.... Some ideas being explored.....

Bike Run in SEMA
Event on Martha's Vineyard in September
Speaker Jam and Dance in Western Mass
Speaker Jam in NEMA

Denise H	F&E Chairperson	Dhoyt4369@yahoo.com	508-642-3059
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We established a Early Bird registration price of \$15 and a flyer will be sent to the regional secretary and available on the Web Site as soon as completed

Our closing balance is \$6828.28.

In Loving Service
Debbie L

FELLOWSHIP DEVELOPMENT (Jaime V.) –

H&I (Billy V.) –

INSURANCE (John F.) –

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Good Morning/Afternoon, Thank you Western Mass area for hosting this weekend!!!

We had a total of three request for insurance certificates. The first one was for an event Journey Retreat hosted by Friday night Step on Greenwood St. group, event dates: Friday, February 23, 2018 @ 12:00pm through Sunday, February 25, 2018 @ 12:00pm. The second one was for an event, Just For Today event date is Saturday, August 4th, 2018 @ 12:30pm to 7:30pm. The third one was for a meeting on Saturdays from 6:30pm to 7:30pm Old town Hall 1458 Country St. Somerset, MA 02726.

In loving service

John F

LITERATURE (Vacant) – No Report

POLICY (Duncan M.) -

PR / PHONELINE (Bridget V.) -

NERSC PR Report - secretary@newenglandna.org - New England Region of NA Mail

NERSC PR February 17th, 2018
12 p.m.

Good afternoon and thank you Western MA for hosting.

We received an e-mail request to participate in a Health Fair on 3/21 in Boston, and another e-mail request to update our information on the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline. Phone line is alive and well, we received a total of 182 calls in the month of December and 170 for January. All current phone line volunteer positions are filled; most have recently been filled by someone new in the spirit of rotation. The literature coordinator phone-line position is now open but being covered in the interim. We discussed the need for updates to happen on the phone line, as some areas haven't been updated since July. The overall cost for our provider to update every single meeting would be around \$500. We discussed doing away with the recordings and better equipping volunteers to have meeting information readily accessible to callers. There will be a motion to eliminate the phone line treasurer position, as it is our hope that it can easily be managed by the finance committee. We also discussed how the new website AdHoc may have an impact on the current phone line and the printing of RMDs. The RMD account was at +\$395 with 4,500 RMDs for sale as of Saturday, February 17th.

A total of 6 areas were represented at Region. Together the areas are doing a lot. Various areas have literature rack programs, presented to colleges, had flyer hanging days, participate at the Quincy Mayor Task Force as well as RI governor's' task force, have done Learn to Cope presentations, and participate in various drop-in events throughout the region. A few areas are participating in mailing campaigns in hopes of securing more presentations or to provide facilities with NA literature or materials. The SSA is also drafting two documents: one is a "misconceptions about NA" document and the other addresses issues discussed in the new MAT pamphlet.

We have a policy drafted that is awaiting approval, it has been tabled until our next meeting. Taylor M was voted in as vice-chair. We are attending a Health Fair on 3/21 and also attending the Harvard Health Fair in the month of March. Open positions are events coordinator and media outreach.

We discussed our participation in the Zonal PR AdHoc and how it may be helpful to us as a committee to participate. We also discussed reaching out to the Billerica Correctional Facility to do a presentation for staff there. Finally, we discussed an internal incident which was a call for diversity and had discussion

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about why that's important to PR and how to educate NA members on what PR does and why we do it.
ILS
Bridget

RD (Noel D.) –

RDA (James P.) - Regional Delegate Alternate Report NERSC

Westfield MA

February 18, 2017

Greetings New England Region!

I am looking forward to the WSCNA in 68 days! I'll be submitting a money motion today to fund the RDA travel (\$ from RD/RDA set-aside) \$668:

- Super Shuttle (from airport to hotel - round trip)
- Per Diem (\$50/day)
- Cost of travel to air port from home (round trip)
- Baggage Fee (round trip)

Noel and I collaborated with two former RD's to produce the Regional Report to the World Service Conference, It is attached to this report. I attended the MRLE. I shared that information with the body yesterday.

Additionally, I have been asked to participate in and have been working with the Boston Area RCM on producing a CAR/CAT workshop on February 24, 2018 from at 340 Dorchester St. South Boston from 9-5. Please join us!

In Loving Service, James P

jgpbos@me.com

617-314-4048

New England Regional Report to WSC 2018

How long is the RD term in your region?:	2 years
How many areas are in the region? Numbers only:	14
How many groups are in the region? Numbers only:	525
How many H&I panels take place each week in the region? (Please count panels facilitated by all service bodies, not just the RSC) Numbers only:	500

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How many meetings take place each week in the region? Numbers only:	630
Does it seem as though the Fellowship in your region has been growing, shrinking, or staying the same since WSC 2016?:	Staying the same
What percentage of your RSC's annual budget comes from group and area contributions? (Please use numbers only for all budget figures):	80
What percentage comes from conventions and events? (Please use numbers only for all budget figures):	20
What percentage comes from literature sales? (Please use numbers only for all budget figures):	0
What was the total amount of money, if any, contributed by the region to your zonal forum during your last fiscal year? (numbers only):	200
How often does your RSC meet face-to-face? (Number of meetings per year):	6
How often does your RSC meet virtually? (Number of meetings per year):	0
How often does your regional admin body meet virtually? (Number of meetings per year):	0
Does your RSC meet in the same place each time?:	no

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If no, please explain:	We rotate with each region hosting once per two-year cycle. The rotation is once every four years for the two Islands and Central Mass and Greater Worcester (which share geographic boundaries).
Does your region have a regional office?:	no
Does your region have a regional convention?:	yes
If yes, is attendance:	Choose one
What committees or workgroups do you have at your RSC?:	Convention/Events FD/Outreach H&I Literature Review Phoneline PR/PI Website
If you checked other, please specify:	
Are any of these workgroups/committees new since the last WSC?:	no
If yes, which ones?:	
Does your RSC meeting use Consensus-Based Decision Making (CBDM) to reach decisions?:	no
Do any of your areas use CBDM to reach decisions?:	yes
Are fellowship development (FD) or outreach efforts provided within your region?:	yes

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<p>If yes, please describe these efforts. If you have an FD or outreach workgroup/committee, please describe this:</p>	<p>Our Fellowship Development sub-committee works with the delegate team to provide workshops throughout the region at both the area and the group level. The sub-committee is focused on providing support to the existing structure rather than expansion.</p>
<p>Have Issue Discussion Topic workshops been held in your region?:</p>	<p>yes</p>
<p>If yes, please describe:</p>	<p>These workshops are done at the area level with support from Fellowship Development.</p>
<p>What kind of training and mentoring efforts take place in your region and/or its areas?:</p>	<p>We have nothing formal in place.</p>
<p>Describe what kind of planning your region and/or its areas utilize?:</p>	<p>Several areas use the planning tool.</p>
<p>Does your region or its areas have any shared services with other service bodies?:</p>	<p>yes</p>
<p>If yes, please describe:</p>	<p>We have six areas that share geographic boundaries (Free Spirit/Greater Providence; Central Mass/Greater Worcester; Pioneer Valley/Western Mass) and they share resources to varying degrees.</p>
<p>Has your region had discussion about where NA does not exist in your region?:</p>	<p>yes</p>
<p>Please describe the different types of public relations efforts (PR/PI) carried out in your region:</p>	<p>Our region has a strong and dedicated PR sub-committee that covers a number of events and functions throughout the year.</p>

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	There is a lack of expansion into new areas/events.
How many statewide/national conferences per year does your PI/PR committee participate in/exhibit at? (numbers only):	5
Does the region have any type of NA phonenumber or a helpline?:	yes
If yes, please describe these phonenumber/helpline service efforts.:	We currently use an automated line can leave a message for a live call-back. Phonenumber is working on switching over to a live response system they hope to have ready for preview in the next few months.
Do you have a regional website?:	yes
If yes, please include the URL:	www.nerna.org
If yes, do you keep your meeting information updated on the website?:	yes
Has your region hosted CAR workshops?:	yes
If yes, please describe these efforts, such as number of workshops and average attendance::	We schedule three regional workshops during each conference year and Fellowship Development assists with requests for area workshops. Attendance tends to be small with 30 people being about average.
Which of these methods does your community use to reach a conscience on the CAR? (Please check one only. If your community uses more than one, please indicate the main method and use the	Tally—one vote per group

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“Other” option to provide further details.):	
If a motion that your region has reached a conscience on is amended at the WSC do you have some discretion to change how you vote on the motion?:	yes
Does your region discuss the parts of the CAR not related to motions?:	yes
If yes, please describe:	Every workshop leaves time for general discussion with participation from the delegates and Fellowship Development (which included all prior members of the delegate team who are still active at region).
Does your region engage in gathering a conscience for CAT material?:	yes
If yes, please describe:	We use the same tally system we use for CAR.
What subject generated the most interest and discussion in your region over the past conference cycle?:	Convention : How should it be structured and what to do with the corporation
Please describe the most significant challenge your region has faced since WSC 2016:	Leadership: Lack of continued participation by experienced members: Each subcommittee lost one or more members with over 5 years experience. (with exception of Insurance, & RMD)
Please describe some highlights or successes your region has experienced since WSC 2016:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public relations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. PR speaker training w/realtime video feedback b. Top to bottom review of Phone Line & changes c. Turnover of Website members

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	<p>and complete redux of platform</p> <p>d. Delicate handling of state hospital mental patient</p> <p>e. Group-maintained area-organized small literature rack distribution prgm</p> <p>2. Fellowship development and Outreach: Creation of a new area, & inclusion of Western Ma/Pioneer</p>
<p>What additional information would you like to share with other conference participants?:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual Meetings for Zones and Geographically Distant members working ++ • Discussion in one area of preparing a WCNA bid
<p>Is there anything in particular you want to discuss at the conference?:</p>	<p>Changing the 2027 WCNA to 2028 (75th anniversary)</p> <p>Revision/updates to It Works: How and Why</p> <p>“opiate crisis” and opportunities and PR activities have generated the most buzz and can also be counted greatest success and is obviously still ongoing</p>

RMD (Christopher M.) –

Beginning Inventory	0				
Discarded old lists	0				
Plus Printing	8,000				
Total available for sales	8,000		Assets		
Sold to areas, groups & individuals	-3,850		\$ 385.00		
Sold to Regional Committees	0		\$ -		
Sold to outside vendors	-100		\$ 10.00		
Total Distributed and sold this period	-3,950		\$ 395.00		
Remaining Inventory	4,050				

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Inventory for Sale Today		4,050		
Plus sales tax collected			\$ 21.06	
Plus Shipping & Handling			\$ 7.80	
Assets Total (Deposit)			\$ 423.86	
Seed Money for Printing			\$ 680.00	
Total Assets			\$ 1,103.86	
		Expenses		
Printing 8000 RMDs			\$ -	
Sales Tax			\$ (21.06)	
Postage			\$ (7.80)	
Supplies			\$ -	
Less Total Expenses			\$ (28.86)	\$ (28.86)
Gross Profit or (Loss)			\$ 1,075.00	
Less Seed Money			\$ (680.00)	
Net Profit or (Loss) this period			\$ 395.00	

We have 4050 of the December printing available for sales today.

To make updates, remove a meeting or add a meeting to the directory: Go to the website (NERNA.org) and register at the {Getting Started} icon on the Home Screen.

Check all meeting info on the website first by clicking on the meeting day,

then make your changes. Changes should appear on the web site within a few days and will appear in the next printing.

We have a Customary Expense of \$ 7.80 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

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Website Meeting Update Coordinator		Dianne M		info@nera.org				
Printing Coordinator		David L		617-484-8198 (dalgraphics@rcn.net)				
Regional Sales Representative/Treasurer		Christopher M		617-620-2887 (leadhead84@aol.com)				
Outside sales to professionals		Dianne M		1-866-624-3578 (Literature menu)				
Taxable Sales To Areas, Groups & Individuals								
DATE	PURCHASED BY	INV #	Pymnt	QTY	COST	TAX	S & H	TOTAL
					\$			
12/9/2017	Nat C	8957-1	Cash	100	10.00	\$ 0.63	\$ -	\$ 10.63
12/9/2017	Central MA	-2	Cash	50	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.32	\$ -	\$ 5.32
					\$			
12/9/2017	Cape Cod	-3	Cash	400	40.00	\$ 2.50	\$ -	\$ 42.50
12/9/2017	NEMA Joe H	-4	Cash	50	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.32	\$ -	\$ 5.32
					\$			
12/10/2017	Central MA	-5	Cash	200	20.00	\$ 1.25	\$ -	\$ 21.25
					\$			
12/10/2017	South Shore	-6	361	800	80.00	\$ 5.00	\$ -	\$ 85.00
12/10/2017	Western MA	-7	Cash	50	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.32	\$ -	\$ 5.32
12/10/2017	Western MA	-8	Cash	50	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.32	\$ -	\$ 5.32
12/10/2017	Central MA	-9	Cash	50	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.32	\$ -	\$ 5.32
					\$			
12/10/2017	Sam G	-11	Cash	400	40.00	\$ 2.50	\$ -	\$ 42.50
					\$			
12/15/2017	Boston	-13	1862	150	15.00	\$ 0.75	\$ -	\$ 15.75
12/15/2017	Boston	-13	cash	0	\$ -	\$ 0.19	\$ -	\$ 0.19
					\$			
12/18/2017	Johnny Mac	-14	Cash	100	10.00	\$ 0.63	\$ -	\$ 10.63
12/19/2017	Express yourself MW	-15	Cash	50	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.32	\$ -	\$ 5.32
					\$			
12/19/2017	Raylan MW	-16	Cash	100	10.00	\$ 0.63	\$ -	\$ 10.63
12/19/2017	Michelle MW	-17	Cash	50	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.32	\$ -	\$ 5.32
12/19/2017	Carol MW	-18	Cash	50	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.32	\$ -	\$ 5.32
					\$			
12/29/2017	Living Clean MW	-19	Cash	50	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.32	\$ -	\$ 5.32
12/30/2017	Neal MW	-20	Cash	50	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.32	\$ -	\$ 5.32
					\$			
1/10/2018	Johnny Mac	-22	Cash	100	10.00	\$ 0.63	\$ -	\$ 10.63
1/30/2018	David R Metro West	-23	Cash	50	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.32	\$ -	\$ 5.32
1/30/2018	Mike P Metro West	24	Cash	50	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.32	\$ -	\$ 5.32
					\$			
1/30/2018	Johnny Mac	-25	Cash	100	10.00	\$ 0.63	\$ -	\$ 10.63
1/30/2018	Metro West H & I	-26	Cash	300	30.00	\$ 1.88	\$ -	\$ 31.88
Total Taxable Sales To Areas, Groups & Individuals					3350	\$ 335.00	\$ 21.06	\$ - \$ 356.06
Taxable OutsideSales								

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Total Taxable Sales				3350	\$ 335.00	\$ 21.06	\$ -	\$ 356.06
Non-Taxable Sales to Area and Regional Committees								
1/6/2018	NEMA	8957-21	1974	500	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Total Non-Taxable Internal Sales				500	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Non-Taxable Outside Sales								
12/11/2017	Lahey Health	OS	299274	100	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 7.80	\$ 17.80
Total Non-Taxable Outside Sales				100	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 7.80	\$ 17.80
Total Sales				3950	\$ 395.00	\$ 21.06	\$ 7.80	\$ 423.86
Assets								
								Assets
Seed Money		Check #	1250					\$ 680.00
Directories sales (taxable)								\$ 335.00
Directories sales (tax-exempt)								\$ 60.00
Shipping and handling								\$ 7.80
Sales tax collected								\$ 21.06
TOTAL ASSETS								\$ 1,103.86
Expenses								
								Liabilities
	Printing 8000 RMDs	Check #						\$ -
	Postage - Gloucester	\$ 7.80						\$ -
	Total Postage	\$ 7.80						\$ 7.80
TOTAL POSTAGE & SUPPLIES								\$ 7.80
TOTAL EXPENSES								
Gross profit or (loss) [Assets less Liabilities]								\$ 1,096.06
(Less) Seed money								\$ (680.00)
(Less) Sales tax collected								\$ (21.06)
New profit or (loss)								\$ 395.00
DATE	Beginning Inventory		Printing		Total	Minus Sales=	Remaining Inventory	
10/12/2017	0		8,000	=	8,000	-3950	=	4,050
CHECK REGISTER								

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Date	NAME	CHECK #	Amount
12/8/2017	South Shore Area	361	\$85.00
11/30/2017	Boston Area	1862	\$15.75
11/26/2017	Northeast Mass Area	1974	\$50.00
2/17/2018	Christopher Maracic		\$273.11
Total Checks for Deposit			\$423.86
			Total sales \$ 423.86
			Checks <u>(\$ 150.75)</u>
			Cash sales \$ 273.11

WEBSITE (Jeremy F) –

My Website Report for Feb 2018. Also, my money motion with a break down of items

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New England Regional Website Report

New Website

Patrick J, Mike P and I met online once a week using Google Hangouts during December and January. We worked on the development of the new website. We work together well.

Billing

I looked up what we have, what they cost, and when they are renewed (they are renewed automatically). We own three domains. Newenglandna.org and nerna.org are registered with Godaddy. Nercna.org is registered with our hosting company, Siteground. The Godaddy registered domains were set up to be automatically renewed by charging the PayPal account of Brandon H. Our hosting account was set up to automatically bill Raymond L. They are no longer in the committee, although they have been helpful to me. I have changed all the billing to be paid by my credit card. I will keep records and ask Region to reimburse me. I have written a motion to appropriate money to cover these expenses.

The New England NA Domain

I edited the Home Page in the current site and the new site to say "our helpline"; instead of "one of our

helplines". Our phone number was written as 1-866- NA-HELP- U. I added our phone number in numerals,

1-866- 624-3578. I called it to make sure I had entered it right. I listened to the greeting message and after it welcomes the caller, it says "Visit us on the web at newenglandna.org". Before Dec 26, the web address

newenglandna.org brought up a page saying that this site was under development. On Dec 26, Mike, Patrick and I changed the record to point to our website, nerna.org. I had no idea our phone line was directing callers to the newenglandna.org URL. It's a good thing we corrected the problem. It had gone on long enough. This is a good reason for us to be sure that one committee communicate with another committee when doing something that relates to them.

Whom We Serve

That is a good question. On our Home Page we says we serve addicts and professionals who serve addict. The phone line says they help addicts, professionals, and friends and family. Should the website do so

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too? Obviously in a spirit of cooperation, not affiliation. I monitor the info@newenglandna.org account. I got an email from just before Christmas, from a girl distraught about her missing brother, man who had attended meetings in Quincy, especially the one on Friday night. I looked it up and clearly it was an Open meeting, so I advised that if she went, it is permitted, though it isn't really in our purview to search for missing persons, but addicts might want to help find one of their own. I suggested she go to this open meeting and ask. Often addicts want nothing so much as to clearly be part of the solution,

New Website

Work on the new website has gone ahead. Patrick, Mike and I have been together online almost every week since the December region. We worked through many issues in transitioning to the new website. One issue we covered was what WordPress theme to pick. In WordPress, the theme determines how the

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website laid out, how the menus are laid out, whether there are sidebars, whether the page is laid out in one, two, or three columns, and things like that. It is a good idea to pick a theme early in the development, because if you change themes, often a lot of work has to be redone. In January we agreed on the Mesmerize theme.

A big issue is how to transition the meeting information to the new website. I learned from Andrew L, the NA World Services (NAWS) web update person for our Region, that he was not downloading meeting information from our regional website. He was getting Area meeting lists from RCMs and logging in to the NAWS site and entering them by hand. So really there were two separate databases of meeting information: one at NAWS and one at our regional website. There is a technical problem with automatically transferring our meeting information to NAWS, but with the Basic Meeting List Toolbox (BMLT) technology that the new website uses, we will be able to automate the process. I have talked to Lori Dunnell, the NAWS meeting database administrator, and she will help us make the transition.

The new website has a number of things to add but it is in good enough shape to show. Its URL is <http://wp.nerna.org>. The Home page features a map showcasing Massachusetts and Rhode Island, with many NA markers in the two states. It instantly conveys the impression of a strong NA presence in these states. The menu is no longer on the side, it is at the top, but users can navigate around to all the same things they have become accustomed to in the current site. One big difference: users no longer have to log in to submit meeting or event information. There are forms for each of these. The information will be taken from the form and emailed to the website committee. For meeting changes, however, we can create BMLT logins for Area Trusted Servants and they can make changes directly. We are thinking of having one person per Area for this but we envision talking about it at Region and coming to a common understanding we all agree on.

Some things people can do on the new site that we can't do on the current site. If you go to <https://wp.nerna.org/changes>, you get taken to a page that has four buttons. The one labeled "Changes" takes you to a page where you can see all meeting changes for the last 30 or 90 days. The one labeled "Proofs" takes you to a page where you can select by Area to see all the meeting information for a given Area. An Area trusted servant could use this to verify the meeting information we have for their Area is accurate.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy F, NE Regional Web Chair

AREA REPORTS

BOSTON – BASC - RCM Report February 18th, 2018 to NERSC

Greetings New England Region! Thank you, Western Mass Area for hosting us! The BASC met twice since the last RSC meeting with an average of 16 GSR/Alternates present. I am Sammy S the RCM for Boston Area accompanied by Mikey C. the Alt. RCM for BASC.

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The BASC has currently two open positions: Finance chair and Group service subcommittee chair is looking for a vice chair.

The BASC is having its CAR workshop on February 24th at 340 Dorchester street, South Boston from 9am-5pm.

Our newly formed Fellowship Development/Outreach has met once since last regional meeting and is meeting every third Saturday of the month at 340 Dorchester St in South Boston at 5:00pm.

Public Relations is launching its first literature rack program, and working with H&I to reestablish and repair relationship with Suffolk country house of corrections.

The Boston Area Convention happened in January and was well attended, the message was carried, and the relationship with the hotel was excellent. The next chair has been elected Edna F who is actively soliciting feedback.

The H&I subcommittee has 27 active commitments and 8 vacancies. Reaching out to Suffolk county to mend relationship for woman's and men's commitment at south bay. We urgently need female & male panel leaders. Working with PR to coordinates new commitments at new facilities and upcoming H&I learning day.

Fellowship Development and outreach committee did an outreach survey to determine what areas of the city are being underserved by narcotics anonymous and determine what groups are struggling.

The next meeting of BASC will start at 12:30 on February 25th, 2018

In Loving Service, Sammy S. 339-225-5931 silvermansammy@gmail.com

CAPE COD –

CENTRAL MASS –

FREE SPIRIT –

GREATER PROVIDENCE – **GPA RCM Report 2/18/18**

The Greater Providence Area has met once since our last regional meeting with 25 GSRs present. There was such a large turnout due to the fact that the Free Spirit Area is no longer meeting. Elections were held and virtually all positions were filled except for Finance chair.

The H&I Subcommittee will be hosting a learning day on March 24th @1:30 PM at Woodbridge Congregational Church-30 Jackson Road-Cranston, RI. The area PI committee will participate and they will also be reaching out to the region for support. Elections will be held in February for all panel leader and panel coordinator positions. Panel leader positions will be for six months and panel coordinators will hold their positions for one year. The committee will be reaching out to Butler Hospital in hopes of restarting our commitment there. We had discontinued going in there as some on the committee felt their new requirements for TB tests and wearing ID badges had bumped up against some of our traditions.

The Greater Providence Area Convention was held last weekend and was very well attended. More information will be available at our April regional meeting.

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Two new meetings opened in our area: The Meditation Meeting-Sunday's from 6-7:15 at 5 Bell Street-Providence and Women of Integrity-Wednesdays from 7-8:15 at 249 Main Street-Pawtucket,RI.

The Providence Area is operating above prudent reserve and a donation of \$700 was sent to the region.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, February 25th, 2018 - 3:30 PM at
249 Main Street Pawtucket, RI

In grateful service,

Jim D. and Victoria M. – GPA RCM team

GREATER WORCESTER –

MARTHA'S VINEYARD –

Martha's Vineyard Area Report

Thanks you western mass for hosting us, our area has met twice since last region. Our convention committee has been meeting, getting ready for our 29th Celebration of Recovery on may 4, 5, 6 at the island inn again. More information can be found at mvana.org. Our Area Resource Pool has been getting started again and we hope to be doing some H&M's stuff soon at are local jail. Our phone line is now tied into the regions new bmlt server giving real-time meeting information for the vineyard only 866-MVNANOW (686-2669). This is nice as now that information will always be up to date as long as the region site is. (Which gives us incentive to make sure it is)

Thank you In Loving Service

Martha's Vineyard Area

Patrick

METRO WEST – Metro West Area RCM Report 2/18/18

Hello everyone! Thank you to the Western Mass Area for hosting the RSC. The MWA has met twice since the last RSC. We last met January 30th and we had 9 GSR's present. Our current open positions are asst. treasurer, asst. secretary, and Activities Chair.

H&I Subcommittee last met on January 30th. They had some new members orientated that are looking to help with the few open commitments the MWA H&I has.

Public Relations Subcommittee is still working jointly with Boston PR. They meet once a month on the first Saturday of the month at 1pm at 1555 Mass Ave. in Cambridge. Literature rack program is still ongoing and there are still racks available for groups to sponsor. PR has some presentations coming up in the near future.

Outreach Subcommittee is still struggling with regular participation and not much has happened the last couple months. I am still hopeful that outreach will continue and make it through the growing pains of being a new Subcommittee. Looking for members that can do more than just visitations. We really need some help with secretarial

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duties and our hope is to use a rotation of service format for positions so that one member isn't doing more than they should have to.

The next MWA ASC will be held on February 27th at 730pm and H&I at 6pm at 421 Common St. in Belmont, Ma.

In loving service,
Brandon W. (Metro West RCM)
508-728-8314
brandonwolf42@yahoo.com

NANTUCKET –

NEMA – Good afternoon folks,

NEMA has met twice since the last RSC, we open all meetings in the customary fashion. This seem to be doing well. Despite the way we decide to interpret issues. Collectively our ASC is performing in the manner it is intended. We are like many other area's having a decline in subcommittee participation from members of our home groups, yet our committees are coping with this and continuing to do the best they can.

P.R. Has created a PUBLIC face book page for our Area, NE Mass Area of Narcotics Anonymous , and is monitored by the PR committee.

Out Reach has had success is modestly encouraging a slight rise in GSR attendance through visiting Home Groups and doing some work shops with groups.

H&I is unfortunately facing needing to discontinue some Facilities due not having coverage and rather then continually fall short on commitment its best to discuss discontinuance with hope of returning one day then paint an ugly picture of N.A.

H&I also hoped to send a Representative on the 17th to discuss a change in what they understood to be the voting policy at the regional H&I Subcommittee meeting.

We have set some dates through out the next couple months for C.A.R. Workshops , They are at 33 spring st lynn Ma, from 12pm to 3pm on the 1st Sunday and 3rd Sunday of march and April, Our RDA James is Coming to visit and assist on the third Sunday of March, thank you again for this in advance . Our RCM Alternate , Kris has done an outstanding job and its been a pleasure serving with Him, unfortunately He has stepped down and this will be his last RSC as NEMA's alternate RCM. Kris expressed he found his heart is of better service in subcommittees,. This brings us to a topic for open forum. How our policy on Voting is written is open to interpretation, Of whether and RCM in an Administrative position at the RSC can maintain voting privilege. This has been a discussion between Kris and I over the last year because this was addressed in June, We did not for see NEMA not having an Alternate in place, and we are hopeful some may step up into the open position. I think I have rambled on long enough , in loving service . Joe H.

PIONEER VALLEY –

SEMA –

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SOUTH SHORE - South Shore Area's Regional Report for February 2018

Hi everyone! I am an addict and my name is Becky, and I am the RCM for South Shore Area.

- The SSA currently has 38 meetings, with an average of 13 GSRs and 10 subcommittee members attending our monthly ASC. A few of our meetings have been without a facility for the last few months due to pipes freezing, flooding, and renovations. These groups have left a flyer on the facility's door explaining this as well as info on meetings in the area for that day.
- Recent topics discussed at our ASC have been: 7th Tradition Donation balance fluctuations—which we are happy to report has transitioned back to our normal operating balance after fulfilling our responsibilities and tasks, yippee! Area Policy regarding Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT), the Conference Agenda Report (CAR) workshop participation, Consensus Based Decision Making practices and the transition to this and current events happening within our fellowship; area, region, zone and worldwide.
- Our Alt RCM has been chairing a GSR Orientation/Q & A/Discussion session at 1pm prior to our ASC. This has been very helpful for newer GSRs and members to better understand our service structure, how our Area meeting functions and their responsibilities as a GSR.
- We currently have 2 open Area positions; Assistant Treasurer and Outreach Subcommittee Chairperson, with 4 of our 5 subcommittees active and could always use more support.
- I did receive a little **feedback on the website**. Members said that they would like to see a link that would directly connect to each area's printable meeting list. Also, a large readable calendar that lists all the events in the region clearly, with the ability to add each area's service meeting and subcommittee time and location. Along with using the website as an informational tool to the public and new members explaining more generally about what NA is, especially with some of the difficulties we are coming up against in our communities. The more info available and accessible the better.

H&I-

- We have ALL 21 commitments in 8 different facilities filled! Yay!
- The committee is compiling a hardcopy list of addicts willing to speak on H&I. We are asking GSRs to bring the print out to groups for willing members to write names, numbers & availability.

PR-

- Has an average of 5 attendees and are fulfilling multiple commitments a month.
- We are still looking for local contacts for each town.
- Our literature rack initiative is continuously growing, and we now have 50 racks across the South Shore. Each rack has a contact person that checks on and fills the rack via PR. We are looking for a Literature Rack Coordinator.
- From the December 30th mailing of 92 letters we received 3 responses and 7 as undeliverable.
- We have been working on 2 projects; *DRT/MAT talking points* and *Misconceptions about NA*.

Activities-

- Looking for ideas from groups on what type of events they would like to attend and participate in, as well as in help with planning and trusted servants.
- Had an event yesterday along with Regional Activities.

Outreach-

- Two meetings were brought to a member's home in January and one group reached out for support.

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- The committee is making a flyer with a few questions about how outreach could better serve the groups of the SSA, that will be distributed along with the group's literature orders. The hope is that GSR's will return the flyer the following month with their answers.
- The new chair said he was going to try to attend the next Fellowship Development subcommittee meeting in April.

Upcoming Group Events-

- The Alternative Group that meets @ 40 Union Street, Middleboro, MA is having their 31st group anniversary from 11a-5pm on February 24th. Topics will be on the Living Clean, I have a few flyers and will send them to be attached with the minutes.
- The group "Twelve" that meets Fridays at 33 Newport Ave in Quincy has been workshopping the Conference Agenda Report weekly prior to the regularly scheduled meeting at 630pm. We are 2/3 of the way through and have had between 6-15 members in attendance each week.

Website Contact Person- No report. This service position is the link between our area's groups and subcommittees and the regional as well as world website. Their responsibility entails attending our monthly area meeting to obtain information on meeting changes such as: changes to the format, time, day, name of group, location and if the group is no longer in existence. It is an invaluable tool in assuring accuracy so that anyone who chooses to go to a meeting and locates the information via our area or regional meeting list or our regional or world website arrives at one. Along with the help of area members we also obtain info about groups that have not been spoken for or heard from in a long time.

Our next ASC will be March 11th at 639 High St. Hanson, MA. (Our meeting was pushed back due to no power.)

I also wanted to apologize, I was not aware that SSA was next in line to host in April. Had that been the case I would have been prepared and most likely had the flyers in December. I'm not sure what the protocol is for hosting other than the RSC cutting a check 2 months before. Maybe we can look into that for the future. It could have totally been an error on my part, so again I apologize. I have reached out to 3 facilities and plan to call/email them again tomorrow as I have not gotten responses. I also have reached out to many members for other ideas if these facilities do not work out. I should know more mid-week and will get the flyers out ASAP.

Grateful for the Opportunity to Serve, Becky C. SSA RCM

WESTERN MASS - Western Mass Area

Thank you everyone for coming out to Western Mass Area.

The Western Mass Area has met twice since our last regional meeting with 20/38 and 19/38 GSR's present, respectively. We continue to operate under prudent reserve.

- There has been no further discussion by the ASC committee in regards to starting a set aside fund once we reach our prudent reserve for yearly insurance policies as well as the accountant fees for tax filings. It was, however, discovered during our yearly physical ASO inventory that our inventory value had increased by more than \$1,000 when compared to the previous year ending inventory. This increase in inventory purchased over the past year is one of the contributing factors to the decrease in the area cash flow. A new ASO re-order spreadsheet was created to assist the ASO chair with the monthly re-order based on recommended inventory and sales for the current month. After a three-month period of ASO sales, preferably, Jan-March, the recommended inventory will be re-visited based on the average sales activity.

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- The financial records for 2017 are compiled and ready for our accountant to prepare our 2017 form 990-EZ and MA Form PC.
- Western Mass and Pioneer Valley area are jointly working on combining the H&I area sub-committees. Western Mass area voted to approve the joining of the sub-committees. As of our last Western Mass Area ASC meeting, Pioneer Valley had not voted yet on the joining of sub-committees. The target date is February 19, 2018.
- The convention scheduled for this year has been cancelled due to the lack of a venue for 2018. They will continue to reach out to the Marriott for a future date once there is a new management company in place at the Marriott. It was discussed and agreed at the January ASC that the convention committee will continue to have fundraising events with the next fundraising event, Sponsor/Sponsee Spiritual Lunch, scheduled for Sunday, March 4th at Wesley United Church located at 741 State Street, Springfield, MA from 2-6pm.
- Current vacant area positions are: Outreach, Activities, Alt RCM and PR/PI Chairperson.
- Our area is currently accepting nominations for all area positions as elections will take place at the April ASC meeting. The next scheduled ASC meeting is March 5, 2018.

In Loving Service,
Susan RCM

AREA CONCERNS / OPEN FORUM

There is potential conflict with policy (voting members – officers are non voting members – what if you are both RCM and an Officer). Idea to come up with an ad hoc to determine and come back with a recommendation. This region has allowed RCMs to serve on the administrative subcommittee. This will be brought up at the next region.

“ARTICLE IV

Trusted Servants Section 1 A. Voting members of the NERSC shall be as follows: one representative from each member Area (RCMs or their RCM-Alternates). Or a representative of an area so elected by an area to carry their vote to the NERSC for a specific NERSC meeting. All NERSC officers and subcommittee chairs are non-voting participants. B. New Areas can be seated upon announcement of attendance during roll call. RCM's or their RCM-Alternates in the absence of the RCM, will be granted voting privileges immediately. Section 2 The Regional Committee Members (RCMs) shall be elected by their respective Areas Service Committees. Each member Area shall be entitled to one voting representative. Section 3 RCMs or their alternates, when acting as RCMs, or a representative of an area, so elected by an area to carry their vote to the NERSC for a specific NERSC meeting, are the only voting members of the NERSC. In the event of a tie, the chairperson shall break the tie. Section 4 Participation is limited to NERSC officers, RCMs and RCM-Alternates, subcommittee chairpersons and other individuals recognized by the chairperson of the NERSC. Section 5 Duly elected area subcommittee chairs have voting privileges at their first regional subcommittee meeting (excepting convention committee). Section 6 Qualifications for general service A. A willingness and desire to serve. B. Meet the suggested clean time requirement for the individual office of the NERSC. C. A working knowledge of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Narcotics NERSC Guidelines – Revised November 1, 2016 – 3.1 2 Anonymous. D. A working knowledge of the Twelve Concepts of NA service. E. Prior service at a regional level. F. The willingness to give the time and resources necessary to fulfill the position”

An addict in one area created a Pamphlet on Steps 2 & 3 and it was turned into a NA pamphlet. The copyright and trademark were removed. The pamphlet was approved by a Group. You can

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create locally processed literature. Other groups and areas have done this. Suggested the addict get their voice heard in the business meeting.

At a recent covention there were newcomers that were turned away. At the Greater Providence Convention this was also an issue as “too many newcomer packages were already given out”. Other members shared of other examples when newcomers were turned away because they could not pay. Ideas were tossed around to hold a meeting for all conventions. Other ideas to have area conventions have policy reviewed by the convention corporation.

One addict brought up potentially hosting the World Convention 2027 in Boston. The relationship between NA & Boston area hotels has been repaired. What would it take to get a bid for world convention in this region (more specifically Boston). What is the process to bid? Provide information about facilities (Seaport Convention Center) to WSO and prep the local fellowship. **RCMs to bring this back to your areas to see if there is interest.**

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

How does the body feel about doing formal business during virtual (NECF) as opposed to the 3 or 4 times a year depending on if you go to world. It was decided to proceed.

OPEN POSTIONS: Literature

Finance:

At Large: Jim D. - Eleceted Carrie B – Elected
1 More Available & Finance Chair still open.
(9 Voting Members)

MOTIONS

Voting Members : 12 Simple: 7 2/3: 8

Non-Money Motions:

1) Maker: PR Chair

Motion: To close the Phoneline Bank Account and change the policy of billing areas for the phoneline expenses. Payment of phonline bills will become the responsibility of the RSC in the future

Intent: Return to a single point of accountability for NA funds.

In Favor: Opposed: Abstained: This motion will go back to areas

Money Motions:

1) Maker: Jeremy F. Total: \$955.97 Payable To: Jeremy F.

Motion: To reimburse web chaire for website expenses (for list of expenses see attached).

Intent: To Fund our regional website

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In Favor: 9 Opposed: Abstained: 1

- 2) Maker: Jeremy F. Total: \$149.00 Payable To: Jeremy F.
Motion: To acquire license for pro version of word press mesmerize theme for new website, cost: \$149 for unlimited years of use, updates and support.
Intent: To have the full features that will allow us to do things that would otherwise require custom coding.

In Favor: 8 Opposed: 1 Abstained: 1

- 3) Maker: Steve C. Total: \$50.00 Payable To: Steve C.
Motion: To reimburse \$50 for tolls, mileage and ½ room expenses from Boston to Westfield and back. Tolls: \$9.40, 186 miles, ½ room rate \$80.00 = \$40.00. BOD
Intent: Reimburse

In Favor: Opposed: 8 Abstained: 2

- 4) Maker: RD/RDA Total: \$89.44 Payable To: Noel D.
Motion: To make a check payable in the amount of \$89.44 from the RD/RDA set aside to cover travel related cost for RD to NA World Conference (Not covered by NAWS)
Baggage Check: \$50.00, Tolls: \$16.40, Mileage to/From Airport: \$23.04
Intent: The fully fund RD to NA World Conference

In Favor: 10 Opposed: Abstained:

- 5) Maker: RD/RDA Total: \$281.00 Payable To: Noel D.
Motion: To make a check in the amount of \$281.00 from the RD/RDA set aside to reimburse the airfare for RDA to the NA World Conference
Intent: To fund the air travel for the RDA to the NA World Service Conference

In Favor: 10 Opposed: Abstained:

- 6) Maker: James P. Total: \$639.00 Payable To: James P.
Motion: Fund the RDA to travel to WSC 2018, Super Shuttle (airport – hotel RT), Per Diem (\$50/day), cost of travel to Logan (RT), Baggage Fee.
Intent: To fund the RDA to WSC 2018

In Favor: 10 Opposed: Abstained:

- 7) Maker: PR Chair Total: \$30.00 Payable To: NERSC
Motion: To purchase 300 RMDs for PR to have for 2 upcoming events
Intent: To supply professionals with the most up to date RMDs at 2 separate Health Fairs

In Favor: 10 Opposed: Abstained:

- 8) Maker: Mary Anne G. Total: \$186.63 Payable To: Mary Anne G \$93.31, Jeanne G. \$93.32
Motion: To reimburse Mary Anne G. (BOD President) and Jeanne G. (BOD Director) for the cost of 1 hotel night, Holiday Inn Express Suites, Westfield, MA, \$132.99. Mileage from Brockton and returns (\$186 miles x .24 = \$44.64) and tolls (\$9.00) for a total reimbursement from the “non-funded trusted servant fund”

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Intent: To allow these members financial support in order to facilitate BOD and Convention business.

In Favor: Opposed: 7 Abstained: 3

- 9) Maker: Fellowship Dev. Total: \$53.66 Payable To: Kris R.
Motion: For \$53.66 reimbursement for cost incurred to produce hard copies of the Regional Planning Assembly survey. This comes from the Fellowship Development set aside.

Intent: stated in motion

In Favor: 10 Opposed: Abstained:

- 10) Maker: Moke A. Total: \$100.00 Payable To: SMOC
Motion: To provide \$100 to SMOC for rental of the hall from 12pm to midnight for the April 7th, 2018

Intent: To be fully self supporting and to bring awerness and carrying the message

In Favor: 10 Opposed: Abstained:

- 11) Maker: Moke A. Total: \$250.00 Payable To: George Jennings (DJ)
Motion: To provide music for the April 7, 2018 event in Framingham, MA

Intent: To be fully self supportive

In Favor: 9 Opposed: Abstained: 1

- 12) Maker: Moke A. Total: \$350.00 Payable To: Moke A.
Motion: To purchase food & supplies for the April 2018

Intent: To be fully self supportive

In Favor: 10 Opposed: Abstained: