

Regional Minutes February 2019

April Regional weekend will be hosted by the Nantucket Area
Joseph Griffen Hall
15 Cherry Street, Nantucket, MA

Subcommittees meet Saturday April 13 at 12pm
RSC meets Sunday April 14 at 11 am

June Regional weekend will be hosted by SEMA

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

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AREA REPORTS

BOSTON-

Greetings New England Region! Thank you, Greater Worcester Area for hosting us! The BASC met twice since the last RSC meeting with an average of 14 GSR/Alternates present. I am Sammy S the RCM for Boston Area.

Jaime V is our new Alternate RCM. Our only open position is the policy chair.

Boston's Public Relations Subcommittee is planning to accomplish several goals in the upcoming months. Their goals are to Build capability to conduct public relations work in the Boston/Metro west areas, and to raise awareness and understanding of NA in the community in the Boston/Metro west areas. Our current goal is to get more addicts trained in presentations, and to reach out to facilities and organizations that might benefit from education about NA's role in the community, and the capacity in which we operate as a resource in the community.

A flyer hanging day is being planned for April 14th and a presentation training for March 2nd. possibility of moving the monthly PR meeting to 768 Huntington Ave in Mission Hill in order to bring the Boston PR committee meeting into the city of Boston.

Boston areas newly developed Outreach subcommittee is visiting various groups who have been absent from our ASC and offering support to help send GSR's to area.

The H&I subcommittee is serving 14 facilities and has 59 commitments per month. About 15 of these commitments are not being served. Our H&I subcommittee is in need of more panel leaders. Our women's commitment at Suffolk county HOC started Wednesday, January 2nd at 7:30pm and will be running weekly. So far, we've have cleared 31 speakers through the new process and put them on the "access list". 16 Male and 15 Female.

The next meeting of BASC will start at 12:30 on February 24rd, 2019

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

CAPE COD-

No report submitted.

CENTRAL MASS-

No report.

GREATER PROVIDENCE-

The Greater Providence Area has met once since our last regional meeting. Our January ASC was held at a temporary location in Attleboro, MA as we continued to search for a permanent home. The February meeting will also be held here with the hope that in March we will have secured a permanent location that provides all the space that is needed. The space used in January was so small that the subcommittees could not really conduct business but literature was able to be sold.

The H&I Subcommittee reported that panel leader elections will be held next month. There were two reported issues at one of the facilities related to the clients not being present on time for the commitment; the issues were addressed with the facility.

The policy subcommittee is still working on compiling a draft document to be presented for approval. They are attempting to sort out old motions from actual policy which they are finding in the archives.

The Providence Area is operating at prudent reserve yet due to the large amount of literature sales no closing balance was given at the end of the meeting. The chair and vice chair were going to work with the treasurer to sort this out the next day.

The activities committee is planning a Literature Bingo Speaker Jam on March 30th from 2-8PM at 30 Jackson Road-Cranston, RI.

The Greater Providence Area has requested a list of topics that could be presented by some of the trusted servants who have traveled to the various learning days and service symposiums. A very quick response was forthcoming to the inquiry from our delegate team and the list has been forwarded to the area secretary for distribution. Greater Providence is simply looking for “knowledge sharing”. The regional vice chair was in attendance at the meeting and the GSRs really seemed to appreciate her being there.

The next area meeting will be on Sunday February 24th at 3:30/ 68 Falmouth Street-Attleboro, MA

In grateful service,
Jim D. GPA RCM

GREATER WORCESTER-

The Greater Worcester Area would like to welcome the New England Regional Service Committee meeting to our area.

We are working on having the 1st convention in this area, which will be from July 12-14, 2019 at the Sheraton Hotel in Framingham, MA. The area is hoping that this service body would support the convention.

Currently, the area does not have a Regional Committee Member, or Alternate; but we would like to thank Noel D. for keeping for area updated on happenings on the regional level.

In loving service,
Carla N.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD-

No report submitted.

METRO WEST-

Hello everyone and thank you to the Worcester area for hosting region this weekend. The Metro West Area Service Committee (MWASC) has met twice since the last region. In December we had 10 GSR's and at our last ASC we had 14 GSR's. We have changed our meeting time from the last Tuesday of the month to the first

Tuesday of the month. We are still meeting at 421 Common St. in Belmont at 730pm and H&I at 6pm but have switched rooms to the chapel room which is located on a lower floor and is more handicap accessible. We have determined that MWA now has 27 groups so that being said we had just over 50% of our groups represented at the last ASC.

H&I Subcommittee has met twice since the last RSC. Norfolk County and Arbor House (Brookline) commitments have been put on hold but at no fault of our own. A new policy was made that panel leaders have to attend a minimum of three times a year in order to keep their position. Some commitments at the Gavin house in Quincy have been picked up.

Outreach Subcommittee continues to work on determining what groups have a GSR or not in an effort to reach out to groups that haven't been recently represented at Area. Outreach is in need of addict support in order to reach more groups, so it was suggested we announce at all Metro West Area meetings that this Subcommittee is looking for support.

PR Subcommittee is still working together and meeting once a month with Boston PR. Our chair person position for this Subcommittee is still vacant and we are hoping to fill this position.

We are now offering meeting lists for free to groups at our ASC. This is in hopes of more attendance of groups that haven't been there. Our area is interested in having the RD and RDA putting on a workshop or presentation to the MWA. We had a discussion about the insurance bill at our last ASC. The treasurer was wondering why it was necessary to send a separate check for the insurance bill. The ASC has decided that from here on we will just be sending one check to region which will include both our donation to region and our monthly installment for the insurance. Our next ASC is scheduled for March 5th Tuesday at 730pm and H&I at 6pm at 421 Common St. Belmont, MA.

In loving Service,

Brandon W. (RCM Metro West)

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NANTUCKET-

No report submitted.

NEMA-

Greetings New England Region. My name is Timmy and I am an addict.. Thank you to the Greater Worcester area for hosting us this month.

NEMA has met twice since last RSC. We had an average of 17 groups represented. Last month NEMA began meeting at 3pm instead of 4pm.

This motion was passed:

The NEMA ASC will begin their meeting with reading the concept of the month from the 12 Concepts booklet and will hold a 10 minute max. discussion on the concept. This motion was created with intent to promote unity within the ASC.

Outreach subcommittee wants to see if any other outreach subcommittees in the region would like to do a quarterly zoom meeting to share ideas and tools with one another. If you are interested, please reach out to Tina @ (781) 507-4342 or Nema.outreach@gmail.com.

Outreach has started "Caravan style meeting hopping" to the meetings needing support.

H&I has all 19 facilities represented. 67 covered commitments and 4 open commitments.

Convention Committee is looking for artwork to support their theme "Living in the Moment" Also send speaker submissions to PO BOX 79, Beverly, Mass, 01915.

Convention's next fundraiser event will be:

Rock The Boat will be August 17th 2019.

NEMASC will meet February 24th 2019 at 33 Spring Street, Lynn. 3pm.

ILS,
Timmy B, NEMA RCM
(860) 877-4499

PIONEER VALLEY-

No report submitted.

SEMA-

No report submitted.

SOUTH SHORE-

No report submitted.

WESTERN MASS-

Good Afternoon,

I would like to thank the Worcester area for hosting today's meeting.

Our area has met twice since the last RSC meeting. January 7 there was 16 groups in attendance. Our H&I chairperson had to resign due to work. There are 6 open commitments. PR they had a flyer hanging day 1/12/19.

Convention Committee- Registration is open, the convention is Aug, 2,3,4

Christmas and New Year's marathon meetings went well.

Elections are coming up.

I have not received the minutes February ASC meeting, and was unable to attend due to working night shift.

ILS

Steve P- Western Mass RCM

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIR- No report.

VICE CHAIR-

Good Morning!

Thank you to the Greater Worcester area for hosting us here today. I really have nothing major to report other than maybe one thing I wanted to discuss. I was thinking about last months' time constraints and I was thinking about how we could make sure we have enough time to really talk about the regions concerns and give them adequate time to be able to process through their needs. With that said I was bouncing some ideas off of some others and in talking to fellowship develop we came up with an idea we wanted to maybe discuss here. What do we think about the idea of having a meeting on our "off months" to workshop solely the needs and concerns of our areas. We could choose a central location and meet more often than previously just something to think about??

Also I just wanted to make a special note that we really need to make sure we are respecting the space!! Yesterday after we left the room was left a mess. So with that Pleaseeeeeeeeeee respect the room and clean up after yourself!!

ILS
D'Lanor

SECRETARY-

Hello friends!

Wondering if I should delete old email addresses on our contact list and would like some input on what I should do.

As always, please email reports and any other attachments to secretary@newenglandna.org.

Thanks a million, Tiffany K.

TREASURER/FINANCE-

The meeting started at 11am. Thank you, Worcester, for hosting. Present were:

- Jay P. - Treasurer
- Jim D. – Finance Member at Large
- Carrie B. – Finance
- Michelle M.- Finance Member at Large
- Kevin B. – Assistant Treasurer
- Liz H –Finance Member at large

Starting Balance - \$500

Prudent Reserve - \$2609.00

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 \$3147.82 were received. RMD Sales were received totaling \$460.98. We received an anonymous donation of \$75. Christopher closed the Phone line Account and turned over \$663.56. \$52.60 was turned over for unused funds for the Treasurer's Laptop and a new copy of Quickbooks . We also received insurance deposits from areas totaling \$64.80.

We had a lengthy discussion in regards to the phone line transfer and the financial impact of both how we facilitate the phone line now and the new phone line put forth by Patrick J. We have determined that the phone line through diamond voice and Verizon is costing us approximately \$5,000 a year and we look forward to the completion of the implementation of the new phone line system using Yap. We recommend that phone line committee assist him in any way possible during this time.

The use of peer to peer financing was referred to us as well last region. Based on our research, we suggest these sites should not be used by our region. Here are our reasons

- Reached to Venmo. They do not support Non Profit Orgs.
- It is a violation of the user agreements. Person to person use, not organizational transactions
- Privacy concerns based on social networking aspects
- Not easily traceable
- Applicable to all P2P, not just Venmo

Set Aside transfers were processed in the amount of \$2,280 were processed (\$817 to Insurance, \$600.80 to RD/RDA set aside, \$234.17 to Fellowship Development, and \$558.83 Public relations). Customary Expenses in the amount of \$1786.56:

324.64 – Verizon

18.96 – Consolidated Communications

555.55– Diamond Voice

600.00 – Hosting April
10.00- Rhode Island Division of Tax
52.41 – Commonwealth of Massachusetts
225.00 – Jones and Matthews
35 – Filing Fee

Prudent Reserve is full at \$2609

Our opening balance is \$975.84

ILS,
Finance Committee

Sunday, February 10, 2019

Starting Balance: \$975.84
Prudent Reserve is at \$2609

Total Motions out of General Fund: \$306.16

Total Motions from RD/RDA Set Aside: \$1050.00

Total Motions from PR set aside - \$120.92

Total Motions from FD set aside- \$0

Total Motions from the Travel set aside - \$0

Total Motions from the Website set aside - \$0

Total Motions (all accounts): \$1,477.08

Prudent reserve = \$2609

Money Motions:

- Money Motion #1: Website Chair – \$50 – General Balance
 - o To appropriate an additional \$50 to purchase software to provide file storage on our website. One time cost.
 - o Intent: To provide online storage
 - o **PASSED (General)**
- Money Motion # 2: PR - \$120.92 – PR set-aside
 - o \$120.92 which is \$25 for 250 Regional meeting directories and \$95.92 for various IP's needed to supply the PR booth at the Harvard health Fair in March 1st and March 2nd
 - o Intent: To provide literature at the Harvard Health Fair
 - o **PASSED(PR Set Aside)**
- Money Motion # 3: Fellowship Dev - \$76 – General Fund
 - o To set aside \$76.00 payable to NAWS for costs associated with materials for the NERC FD track.
 - o Intent: To observe our 11th concept & to provide workshop materials
 - o **PASSED(General)**
- Money Motion #4: Fellowship Development - \$180.16 – General Fund
 - o \$180.16 for costs associated by the production of workshop materials for NERC FD track.
 - o Intent: To observe our 11th concept and to provide workshop materials – **PASSED (General)**
- Money Motion #5: RD/RDA - \$1,050.00 – RD/RDA set aside

- To attend the NEZF meeting in April 2019:
 - Hotel – 250
 - Airport Transfer – 50
 - Flight – 350
 - Per diem – 300
 - Unfunded Trusted servant - \$100
- Intent: To fund RD/RDA team attendance to Bi Annual NEZF meeting – **PASSED (RD/RDA Set Aside)**

TOTAL PASSED FROM RD/RDA SET ASIDE = \$1050

TOTAL PASSED FROM FD SET ASIDE = \$0

TOTAL PASSED FROM PR SET ASIDE = \$120.92

TOTAL PASSED FROM TRAVEL SET ASIDE = \$0

TOTAL PASSED FROM GENERAL FUND = \$306.16(Including transfer to FD for \$76)

Prudent Reserve is at \$2609

A Donation to World will be made in the amount of \$669.68

Ending Balance: \$0

ILS,
Jay P.

ACTIVITIES- Committee vacant.

CONVENTION-

Good Afternoon,

Thank you Greater Worcester Area for hosting this weekend's RSC meeting. We have met 4 times since the last RSC.

123 Registrations have been sold. Please book your rooms as we still need to get an idea of how many members will be in attendance. The H&H Chair and I are meeting with the Hotel tomorrow to review discuss issues they are experiencing with their Website to book rooms. If you need help do not hesitate to contact Delia M and, the H&H chairperson. Her # is 508 326-5396. You can now register on line for the convention. We have pre convention T-shirts for sale today. If you are interested in purchasing one please see me.

I have distributed a Flyer for the RCM's to bring back the their Areas to spread the work about the Open Mic event on Friday night as well as the other events that will be happening during the weekend. Hope to see many of you there Our working balance is \$1568.75 and our total account balance including set asides is \$4992.50.

We have 5 weeks left until the convention!!!! Get Excited!!!

NERC XVIII MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Location
2/16/2019	11AM	ST Anne's Church, 652 Main St, Oxford, MA
2/23/2019	11AM	Brockton, 142 Crescent St, Brockton, MA 02301
3/2/2019	11AM	Bethesda Evangelical Lutheran Church 455 Island Pond Road Springfield MA
3/9/2019	11AM	Brockton, 142 Crescent St, Brockton, MA 02301
3/14/2019	TBD	Sheraton in Framingham, MA

Next meeting is Saturday February 16 at 11AM at ST Anne's Church, 652 Main St, Oxford, MA

In Loving Service
Debbie L

FELLOWSHIP DEVELOPMENT-

Greetings everyone, and happy February! First and foremost, thank you the Greater Worcester Area for their hospitality in hosting us this weekend. We are looking forward to your first ever convention this summer!

Fellowship Development met yesterday on Saturday February the 9th at 11am, opening with a moment of silence and a reading of Our Vision For NA Service. We had eleven participants throughout the day, and an additional half dozen or so stopping in for portions of the afternoon. A few of the folks in attendance were members of the brand new Northern New England Regional FD committee which we are collaborating with to help them get up and running. I would like to add here that being able to play even a small role in this is a great pleasure and tremendously inspiring.

The majority of our time was spent refining and preparing for our upcoming workshop track at NERC, which is just five weeks out! We have had to make some adjustments to personnel but all in all our cofacilitator pairs have been talking with each other and will be well prepared to provide this valuable addition to our Regional Convention. A quick review: we will be offering seven opportunities for NERC attendees to jump in and join us for interactive workshops and presentations. They are; a Friday NAWS Update, Four IDT and one literature development workshop on Saturday, and a Sunday morning planning session for a Northeastern States Service Symposium. Our Regional Vice Chair D'Lanor designed a gorgeous flier highlighting these features, which I will include as an attachment to this report ([see Appendix A, page 16](#)). The Convention Committee expressed some concerns about this flier, which I believe we have addressed to the satisfaction of that committee. In addition to the workshops, we'll be surveying participants about their experience to help plan any future such efforts.

A pair of money motion for materials related to the NERC track will be submitted today, and the question arose as to where the most appropriate place to seek funding is... should it come from the general treasury, the FD set aside, or from NERC? That is a question for this body to decide. The total amount of the first motion is \$180.16 and I can read off the list of what this covers should anyone want to know exactly what that is. We are also asking for this body to put aside \$76.00 for an anticipated package we have coming from NAWS, which includes additional materials for our NERC Track efforts. Again, two separate money motions will be presented today: one for \$180.16 today, and a second for \$76.00 to pay NAWS in April.

You may have already noticed that there is an item on today's agenda for Fellowship Development discussion, this is the third topic from our planning assembly conversations, and is to be centered around RCM Training & Support. To be prepared for this dialogue, we will want to give some thought to solution based ideas on this matter...i.e. "What can we do to better mentor, train and support our Regional Committee Members in their roles at NERSC?" Essentially, today's chat is simply going to be a collecting of actionable ideas that will help to shape how we operate in the future.

Per our aforementioned planning assembly discussion a few months ago, we have a number of works in progress currently. We're creating a menu of offerings to be featured on our website, and a sampling preview of this was provided by request to the Greater Providence Area already. Also: there is a NERNA app in beta testing status, and have begun the process of creating training materials for trusted servants. A handful of us have begun to visit as many of our ASCs as possible over the last few months, and expect this to become a habit; we are doing to this in an effort to better understand the character of conscience of those we serve, and to be of support in any way we can.

Lots more coming as we collate the ideas from those conversations in the coming months, once our prioritized NERC efforts are out of the way.

We have been asked by the SouthEast Mass Area to bring the Attracting Members To Service IDT Workshop to their GSU ASC next Sunday February 17th, and we'll be there with gratitude.

The Florida Regional Service Symposium is coming in just seven weeks, and our Delegate Team will be sharing that agenda today so that RCMs & Regional chairpersons can offer us some guidance & feedback on what they'd like to see us participate in while there. I am also going to be doing investigatory work to learn more about how to pull off an event such as this.

We are happy to announce that we have officially filled both Secretary and ViceChair positions within the committee, and would like to thank Noel D. & Timmy51 respectively for their willingness to serve.

And last but not least, we presented the DRT/MAT As it Relates to NA IDT Workshop yesterday at the request of the Central Mass Area, and it went super well! We had over 20 participants who were all engaged and the resulting discussions were energetic and meaningful, allowing us to talk openly and candidly about this potentially sensitive topic. Also, it should be noted that this was a collaborative effort between members of Public Relations & Fellowship Development. Specifically we want to say thank you to John C. & Noel D. for cofacilitating and leading us through this valuable workshop.

There's lots more to illustrate regarding the variety of tasks we have in front of us, but in the interest of brevity, we'll hold off until there are some more tangible things to report.

thNAk you all for allowing me to be of service, Jaime V. NERFDNA Chair

H & I –

No report submitted.

INSURANCE-

Hello all, and thank you to the Greater Worcester Area for hosting this weekend. We had a total of five requests for certificates.

1. Event at Clara Boston Center Camp; 60 Clara Barton Road North Oxford, MA 01537
2/22/2019 @ 3:00 pm to 2/24/2019 @ 12:00 pm
2. Event at Bruce Bolling Municipal Building; 2300 Washington St. Roxbury, MA 02119
2/16/2019 @ 11 am – 4 pm
3. Meeting at The Cotuit Federated Church; 40 School St. Cotuit, MA 02635
Fridays @ 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
4. Meeting at Agawam Congressional Church; 745 Main St. Agawam, MA 01001
Sundays @ 7:00 pm – 8:15 pm
5. Area meeting at Beneficent Church; 300 Weybosset St. Providence, RI 02903
12:00 – 6:00 pm

In loving service
John F

LITERATURE- Committee vacant.

POLICY-

No report.

PR/PHONELINE-

The NERNA PR subcommittee met yesterday, Feb. 9th and was well attended with representatives from Greater Worcester, Pioneer Valley/Central Mass, South Shore Area and Boston. Greater Providence was unable to attend and sent their report via email.

We discussed the current phone line provider and possible switching from Diamond voice as it would provide more options and a reduced cost. Patrick from Website subcommittee joined us to give a brief explanation and answer questions. A conference call is being planned for later this week between the outgoing

phone line coordinator, David D, the new phone line coordinator, Deb and Patrick, to discuss issues more in depth. More will be revealed.

It was brought to the subcommittee again that bills to Diamond Voice and other vendors have not been paid on time by the Regional Treasurer. This has been an ongoing issue since Region has had the responsibility of paying the phone line bills. Christopher let the committee know that he has closed the bank account officially and the check with the remaining balance was presented to the Regional Treasurer yesterday.

Upcoming events:

- Harvard Health Fair March 1st and 2nd. Bob from the South Shore is running the PR booth and has a list of volunteers. We have put forth a money motion of \$25 to cover the cost of 250 RMD and \$95.92 for IP's for the booth.
- PR workshop at NERC. Same as years passed, an hour presentation consisting of about 5 minutes for Phone line, Website, PR in general and then about 30 minutes of Q&A. Our exact time slot is still TBD.
- PR Week in June will be happening this year, we have just begun discussing ideas to bring to next region.
- PR workshop will be happening at April RSC on Nantucket. More will be revealed on that, as well.

We discussed different areas, such as Boston and South shore, coming together for flyer hanging days, learning days, etc., to help boost numbers of attendants and participants.

All and all it was a wonderful meeting.

Yours in loving service,
Deb M

RD-

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

Conference Participants Web Meeting Zoom – Yesterday 2/9/19

The meeting focused on the role of zones and zonal collaboration, to provide input to the WSC of the Future Project. We discussed these questions in small groups:

- How can we benefit from zonal collaboration? [That could be collaboration between zones, between zones and NAWS, or among communities within a zone.]
- What might we get out of a virtual meeting of zones? What information would you like to see captured from such a meeting?
- What would you like to see in a draft of Zonal Basics; what do you see as the basics of the role of zones? [Some characteristics may be common to all zones; some may be shared by just some zones. Zones around the world share some common attributes but perform different services.]

Mental Health in Recovery IP Draft

The review draft of the Mental Health in Recovery informational pamphlet, along with a cover memo and an online input form are now available at www.na.org/mhmi. Please let NAWS know what you think of the draft, and pass the word. They are collecting input from 1 February to 15 May. NAWS will revise the draft based on the input, and a final draft will be published in the 2020 *Conference Agenda Report* for Fellowship approval.

Future web meeting dates

WBoard have set Conference participants web meeting dates for the remainder of 2019. All CP web meetings are scheduled for 11:00 am to 12:30 pm, Pacific Time.

- 9 February • 13 April • 15 June • 10 August • 5 October • 7 December

Northeast Zonal Forum

Next Zoom Meeting Scheduled for 2/24 at 3:00

Next Live Meeting Scheduled for April 26, 27, 28 in NNY Region

@ Radisson Hotel, 175 Jefferson Rd, Rochester, NY

I will be submitting a money motion to attend with the RDA:

<i>Hotel</i>	\$250.	
<i>Airport transfer</i>	\$50.00	
<i>Flight</i>	\$350.00	= \$175 x 2 (RD, RDA)
<i>Per Diem</i>	\$300	= \$50 x 3 x 2 = (RD, RDA)
<i>Unfunded Trst Svt</i>	\$100	
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	\$1,050.00	(\$1,050 from RD/RDA set aside)

The Alternate Delegate from Northern New England Region and myself have composed a draft proposal re: responsible use of funds at the Northeast Zonal Forum. I intend to present this proposal at the next RSC.

New England States Service Symposium of Narcotics Anonymous (Multi-regional) NESSNA

A zoom meeting occurred in January and conversation has begun about the development of a Northeast Service Symposium. This multi-regional service symposium is a combined effort (as of now) between our region, Connecticut Region, and Northern New England Region. We've recently learned of interest from the Autonomy Zonal Forum in having a similar event in 2021. We have been referencing the source documents from the Multi-Zonal Service Symposium (in Midwest, Pacific States, and Southern Zonal Forums) as well as a Western States Learning Days Source Documents (budget) provided by Adam H. of the Connecticut Region. To continue the conversation, we are having another Zoom meeting to further this discussion on February 24, 2019 which precedes our developmental workshop on Sunday March 17 at NERC.

TO BE CLEAR: This project is an exploratory conversation only.

New England Regional Convention – I am pre preparing to share on the following three workshops at NERC:

- a. **“NAWS Update”** – 2018-2020 IDTs; and 2018-2020 Projects: <https://www.na.org/projects>
 - [Spiritual Principle a Day Book Project](#)
 - [Mental Health/Mental Illness IP Project](#)
 - [Local Service Toolbox Project](#)
 - [Convention and Events Tools Project](#)
 - [Service System Project](#)
 - [Future of the WSC Project](#)
- b. **“Spiritual Principle a Day Book Project (SPAD)”** – This writing workshop generates advance material for the new book of daily meditations. www.na.org/spad
- c. **New England States Service Symposium of Narcotics Anonymous (Multi-regional) NESSNA Planning Session**

Concept 10 Petition for the redress of a personal grievance. – I am preparing a petition for the redress of a personal grievance regarding several bigoted and discriminatory communications made by the Regional Delegate from Eastern New York to our Vice Chair, Chair (former Regional Delegate) at our last regional meeting and to other delegates in Northeast Zonal Forum. I intend to present this petition at the next Zonal Forum Meeting in April.

Request from the RCM from Greater Providence – The RDA and I received a request a list of topics, aside from the IDTs that could be presented to the area (this issue had come up as members felt they weren't getting sufficient information from the regional members who travel to various symposia and learning days). The RDA and myself had a conference call with the RCM, and referred him to our reports of the last several regions and in addition listed:

“Social Media (Roundtable)” – Effective Use and Risks of Misuse,
BMLT – use and implementation,
Fellowship Development in rural or isolated communities,
Effective Trusted Servant Training – PR,

Sunsetting Robert's Rules of Order and adopting Consensus Based Decision Making,
Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust – and use of our FIPT materials by groups and service bodies
Local Service Toolbox
Convention and Events Tools
Service System Project
Mental Health/Mental Illness Project
How to Start a Meeting
Theft of Funds in Narcotics Anonymous

In Loving Service, James P

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RDA-

Good afternoon New England Region,

Thank you Greater Worcester for hosting us this weekend too. This report will be fairly light this month. Over the past two months we (the delegate team) have been preparing a lot for NERC, the Zonal meeting, Conference Participants meeting, the Service Symposium Planning has finally begun and we also facilitated a Zoom workshop using the Issue Discussion Topic “DRT/MAT as it relates to NA.”

If you remember during my report from December I included that we would be hosting a virtual workshop using Zoom. That workshop consisted of eleven active participants and a lot of very compassionate and useful dialogue. Now each time that I have either attended or facilitated this workshop I have notice a very palatable tension in the air. Many expect this workshop to be about how to tell members if they are clean or not; this couldn't be farther from the truth. This workshop is designed to have our members participate in a conversation about welcoming everyone into the meetings, how to find new and creative ways to get everyone involved with NA and how to carry this message to all addicts. Once again, this workshop was a great success. If anyone would like the audio from this workshop please contact me on the regional email and I can send this to you, and if you would like to have this workshop facilitated please contact our Fellowship Development Sub-Committee.

NERC is less than a month away and your delegate team and Fellowship Development are holding a fantastic “service track” at the convention. This track will have a NAWS update, plus many of the Issue Discussion Topics being work shopped between Friday and Saturday too. Sunday at NERC is going to be our first “in person” meeting to begin planning a Service Symposium for our local regions. This is a wonderful opportunity to take what your delegates both past and present have learned through our regions willingness to have us travel, and share these things directly with you! Please check that out if possible.

I was contacted by Greater Providence Area essentially asking “what are we getting for a return” now that's not how I was asked but that's the jist of it. I personally love this request. Since I have been able to serve in this position this is the first time an area has requested information beyond the IDT's. In a response to this James and I contacted Greater Providence with a “list” of possible presentations and workshops we could present at an area if requested to do so. It appears to have fulfilled their request but this also leads back to our Regional Planning Day that Fellowship Development facilitated in October too. If you recall one of the items most frequently discussed was a “menu” of services and Greater Providences requests is the beginning of this process. Thank you.

Yesterday (02.09.19) during the Fellowship Development meeting James and I participated in another Conference Participants meetings. The main focus of this meeting was collaboration between zones, zones and their communities within it, and between zones and NAWS. These type of conversation become useful when talking about “the Role of Zones” and motion number 16 from the 2018 Conference. Much of the conversations held here are potentially leading to the creation of a Zonal Basics, similar to PR Basics. I believe that this will be a useful tool for our zone and tie into the Future of the WSC project that is currently underway.

Keeping with the zonal talk James and I will be participating in the next zonal zoom meeting February 24th. James will also be putting forward a motion for our Zonal meeting in April where we will be meeting in person in Rochester, NY.

In closing I am attaching the agenda for the Florida Service Symposium to my report (see Appendix B, page 17). I am asking all areas to communicate with your delegate team before March 21st. We, James P, Jaime V and myself are asking for the member areas to provide direction as to which workshops they would like us to attend. This is a great opportunity to directly address the needs and concerns of your area by leading us to the most valuable workshops for you. Again, each area please select a couple of workshops from each day and tell us where you want us to go.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Kris R, RDA
rda@newenglandna.org

RMD- For report, see Appendix C, page 18.

WEBSITE-

Online Storage for Region

In October we received a request from the Convention Committee to have online storage for their documents. This idea was expanded to include online storage for all regional officers and subcommittee chairs. The website committee agreed to use Google Drive for storage with Google Drive embedder as the WordPress plugin. They have a tiered pricing structure. At the time we intended to have only 10 licenses, whose one-time price is \$49. When I went to purchase it, I learned that the cost is based on the number of users in our G Suite account, which is currently 23. Thus we had to purchase the next level in the pricing structure, \$99 for 11 – 50 licenses. In December, I asked for \$49. Today I need to ask for an additional \$50 to cover the full cost (this is a one-time expense). I have submitted a motion for this.

Meeting Duration in the Website Listings

We got an email pointing out that our meetings on the website are listed as being one hour long, regardless of how long they actually are. This is because the original meeting database in our previous website had no end times, so when we imported them we defaulted to an hour. We have been fixing them as we get submissions. It is easy to submit corrections to an existing meeting. On the website, select Meetings -> Meeting Update Form. You can pick an existing meeting from a drop-down list and it will fill in the information for you. Then you can easily make changes.

Meetings Had Inconsistent Formats

There were many meetings that we listed as Speaker Only and Discussion. Patrick wrote a script that fixed this.

NAWS Web Update Position Done Away With

For years, we have had a separate position called NAWS (NA World Services) Web Update Person, which was filled by Andrew L. With BMLT to handle meetings, we don't need a separate person. I am sending a meeting dump to NAWS once a month and working with Lori Wheeler the NAWS database administrator to make any small corrections that need to be made.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy F, NE Regional Web Chair

BOD-

Contracts continue to be executed as the convention date gets closer and closer. Merchandising, outside vendors, registration and entertainment have all been completed. Programming is in the works.

An invoice for the annual Directors and Officers Insurance has been received and is in the queue to be paid.

We'd like to remind the RCM's that the Annual Meeting for the corporation will be held on Sunday, April 14 in conjunction with the Regional Service Committee. We are asking the RSC to add this to the agenda in advance and plan to allocate enough time for us to complete our business. On the agenda for that meeting are elections and annual report.

The BOD currently has 4 open positions but we do expect that to change once we complete the updating of the ByLaws and Guidelines and elections in April.

The ByLaws and Guidelines Adhoc has been extended until June 2019. The first document on target for completion is the Convention Committee Guidelines. Acceptance of the changes are expected to happen at the April Convention Committee meeting. Once the updated guidelines are approved by the convention committee they will be forwarded to Regional Policy for review/suggestions for alignment with regional policies.

The survey for "The Future of the NERCC Convention" has been finalized. It will be included in every registration package and we will have an "on the spot" response time scheduled into the first part of the Saturday main meeting.

The BOD is using Google Drive for our electronic archiving. The access information will be made available to our trusted servants who will then be responsible for uploading their pertinent archive material. Our new Guidelines will have the Clerk responsible for keeping the RSC updated on access in the case of a lapse of trusted servants

The Treasurer will initiate the filing for a State Tax exemption and will provide the appropriate documentation to the hotel.

The beginning balance of the Convention Corporation \$2,419.73. The ending balance was \$2,364.73. The D & O Insurance will be paid from these funds

The next BOD meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, time to be determined. Please encourage attendance at the meeting to anyone interested in knowing more about being a member of the Board of Directors

ILS

Steve C., Clerk

OLD BUSINESS

DECEMBER 2018 MINUTES- Accepted with correction to Money Motion #5 vote count.

Set Quorum: Voting RCMs: 10 Simple Majority: 6 2/3: 7

ELECTIONS

ASSISTANT SECRETARY Lauren G. voted in!!

ACTIVITIES CHAIRPERSON **POSITION VACANT, BRING BACK TO GROUPS!**

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

REGIONAL MEETING DIRECTORIES CHAIRPERSON **POSITION VACANT, BRING BACK TO GROUPS!**

NEW BUSINESS

Set Quorum: Voting RCMs: 8 Simple Majority: 5 2/3: 6

MONEY MOTION # 1

Presented by: Jeremy, Website

Motion: To appropriate an additional \$50 to purchase software to provide file storage on our website. One time cost.

Amount: \$50.00

Intent: To provide online storage.

PASSED IN FAVOR: 7 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 1

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

MONEY MOTION # 2

Presented by: Deb M., Public Relations

Motion: \$120.92 which is \$25 for 250 Regional meeting directories and \$95.92 for various IP's needed to supply the PR booth at the Harvard health Fair in March 1st and March 2nd.

Amount: \$120.92

Intent: To provide literature at the Harvard Health Fair.

PASSED IN FAVOR: 9 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

MONEY MOTION # 3

Presented by: FD Seconded by: Delegate Team

Motion: To set aside \$76.00 payable to NAWs for costs associated with materials for the NERC FD track.

Amount: \$76.00

Intent: To observe our 11th concept & to provide workshop materials.

PASSED IN FAVOR: 8 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 1

MONEY MOTION # 4

Presented by: FD Seconded by: Delegate Team

Motion: \$180.16 for costs associated by the production of workshop materials for NERC FD track.

Amount: \$180.16

Intent: To observe our 11th concept and to provide workshop materials

PASSED IN FAVOR: 8 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 1

MONEY MOTION # 5

Presented by: RD Seconded by: RDA

Motion: To attend the NEZF meeting in April 2019:

- Hotel – 250
- Airport Transfer – 50
- Flight – 350
- Per diem – 300
- Unfunded Trusted servant - \$100

Amount: \$1,050.00

Intent: To fund RD/RDA team attendance to Bi Annual NEZF meeting.

PASSED IN FAVOR: 8 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 1

SCHEDULE

FRI - 5:30 PM

What's Happening in
NA Around the World

SAT - 8:30 AM

DRT/MAT As It
Relates To Narcotics
Anonymous

SAT - 10:30 AM

Attracting Members
To Service

SAT - 12:30 PM

Carrying the Message
& Making NA Attractive

SAT - 2:30 PM

Atmosphere of
Recovery In Service

SAT - 4:30 PM

OUR NEW BOOK!
Spiritual Principle A Day

SUN - 8:00 AM

NESSSNA* Planning
Meeting
New England States
Service Symposium of
Narcotics Anonymous
(working title only)

Come join the Delegate &
Fellowship Development
Teams from the New
England & Northern New
England Regions in
planning our very first
local Service Symposium!

Come join us for the first ever...

Fellowship Development Track

2019

at the New England
Region Convention

March 15th - 17th 2019

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Come enjoy a series of interactive
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Commons 1 Room at NERC! **



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WWW.NERNA.ORG

for more info: Jaime V @ (617) 515-0797


Deb L @ (508) 728-5968

** Must be registered for Conenvtion in order to attend workshops


Friday, March 22nd


Saturday, March 23rd

Legend:

 Session will be recorded

 Zonal

 NA World Services



 Public Relations

Tracks:

Fellowship Development	Public Relations
Professionals	H&I and BTW
Issue Discussion Topic	Literature
Technology	Meeting
Traditions	Ticket Required

Thursday, March 21st

2p - 3:15p	Professionals Roundtable	Registration Open
3:15p - 3:30p	Break	
3:30p - 5p	Professionals Roundtable	
5p - 5:30p	Break	
5:30p - 7p		
7p - 8p	Welcome Meeting	
8p - 9p		

7a - 8a	Just For Today Meeting			Registration Open
9a - 10:15a	Doing cool s#!+ with the BMLT	IDT— Attracting members to Service	Meditation Book	
10:15a - 10:30a	Break			
10:30a - 11:45a	Effective Communication	IDT— Carrying the NA Message and making NA attractive	PR Best Practices 	
11:45a - 2p	Lunch			
2p - 3:15p	Turning "IT" over	IDT— MAT/DRT	Virtual Meetings (1:00p start)	
3:15p - 3:30p	Break			
3:30p - 5p	Website Development	Cultural Diversity	Future of the WSC 	
5p - 5:30p	Break			
5:30p - 7p	Women in Service Banquet		Men's Rap	
7p - 8p				
8p	Main Meeting			

7a - 8a	Just For Today Meeting	Zonal Breakfast 		Registration Open
9a - 10:15a	Convention in a Box	We Keep What We Have	Yap/ Phoneline Volunteer Training	
10:15a - 10:30a	Break			
10:30a - 11:30a	What does an RCM Do?	H&I Best Practices	Mental Health IP	
11:30a - 12:30p	Meeting Etiquette	Differences between H&I and BTW	Zonal PR 	
11:30a - 12:30p	Lunch			
2p - 3:15p	Special Interest vs Common Needs	Fellowship Development (ends at 3:30p)	Additional Needs	
3:15p - 3:45p	Break			
3:45p - 5p	Local PR: 11 misconceptions 	Consensus Based Decision Making	Predatory Behavior	
5p - 5:30p	Break			
5:30p - 7p	Saturday Banquet			
7p - 8p	Town Hall			
8p	Main Meeting			

Taxable Sales To Areas, Groups & Individuals								
DATE	PURCHASED BY	INV #	Pymnt	QTY	COST	TAX	S & H	TOTAL
12/8/19	Central Mass ASC	5179-42	cash	50	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.32	\$ -	\$ 5.32
12/8/19	Cape Cod ASC	5179-43	cash	200	\$ 20.00	\$ 1.25	\$ -	21 1/4
12/8/19	Cape Cod ASC	5179-44	cash	50	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.32	\$ -	\$ 5.32
12/8/19	Central Mass ASC	5179-45	cash	250	\$ 25.00	\$ 1.57	\$ -	\$ 26.57
12/18/19	Metro West ASC	5179-47	1134	400	\$ 40.00	\$ 2.50	\$ -	\$ 42.50
12/18/19	Metro west Johm Mac	5179-48	cash	200	\$ 20.00	\$ 1.25	\$ -	\$ 21.25
12/22/19	Metro West Brandon	5179-49	cash	50	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.32	\$ -	\$ 5.32
1/10/19	South Shore ASC	9958-1	462	800	\$ 80.00	\$ 5.00	\$ -	\$ 85.00
1/10/19	Metro West Johm Mac	9958-2	cash	300	\$ 30.00	\$ 1.88	\$ -	\$ 31.88
1/20/19	Boston ASC	9958-3	1992	500	\$ 50.00	\$ 3.13	\$ 1.87	\$ 55.00
1/20/19	Boston ASC	9958-4	2006	500	\$ 50.00	\$ 3.13	\$ 1.87	\$ 55.00
1/20/19	Metro West ASC	9958-5	1135	250	\$ 25.00	\$ 1.57	\$ -	\$ 26.57
				3550	\$ 355.00	\$ 22.24	\$ 3.74	\$ 380.98
Taxable Outside Sales								
				0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Taxable Outside sales				0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Taxable Sales				3550	\$ 355.00	\$ 22.24	\$ 3.74	\$ 380.98

Non Taxable sales to Region, Areas, Groups and Individuals (8/11/18-8/12/18 Tax Free Holiday-TFH)								
12/8/19	NERSC PR	5179-41	Cash	200	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20.00
12/11/19	NEMA ASC	5179-46	2103	400	\$ 40.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40.00
12/18/19	NEMA ASC	5179-50	2105	200	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20.00
Total Non-Taxable Sales To Region, Areas, Groups & Individuals				800	\$ 80.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80.00
Non-Taxable Outside Sales								
				0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Non-Taxable Sales				800	\$ 80.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80.00
Total Sales				4350	\$ 435.00	\$ 22.24	\$ 3.74	\$ 460.98

Assets				Assets			
Seed Money		Check #	1326				\$ 680.00
Directories sales (taxable)							\$ 355.00
Directories sales (tax-exempt)							\$ 80.00
Shipping and handling							\$ 3.74
Sales tax collected							\$ 22.24
TOTAL ASSETS							\$ 1,140.98

Expenses				Liabilities			
12/10/18	Printing 8000 RMDs	Check #	1326				\$ (680.00)
							\$ -
							\$ -
	Total Postage	\$ -					\$ -
TOTAL POSTAGE & SUPPLIES							\$ -
TOTAL EXPENSES							\$ (680.00)

Gross profit or (loss) [Assets less Liabilities]							\$ 460.98
(Less) Seed money							\$ (680.00)
(Less) Sales tax collected							\$ (22.24)
New profit or (loss)							\$ (241.26)

DATE	Beginning Inventory	Printing		Total	Minus Sales	= Remaining Inventory
12/8/18	750	8,000	=	8750	-4350	= 4400

CHECK REGISTER

Date	NAME	CHECK #	Amount
12/18/19	Metro West ASC	1134	\$ 42.50
12/2/18	South Shore ASC	462	\$ 85.00
11/18/18	Northeast Mass ASC	2103	\$ 40.00
12/16/18	Northeast Mass ASC	2105	\$ 20.00
11/25/18	Boston ASC	1992	\$ 55.00
12/23/18	Boston ASC	2006	\$ 55.00
2/5/19	Metro West ASC	1135	\$ 26.57
12/8/18	Christopher Maracic	1535	\$ 136.91
	Total Deposit		\$ 460.98