

The regional service committee met on February 13<sup>th</sup> at the University of Rhode Island's Catholic Center in Kingston RI.

**Announcements**

1. Next New England Regional Service Committee Weekend will be on Saturday April 9, 2011 and April 10, 2011.

Subcommittees: April 9, 2011, 12:00PM - 5:00PM

Tisbury Council on Aging, 34 Pine Tree Road, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

RSC: April 10, 2011, 11:00PM - 5:00PM

Tisbury Council on Aging, 34 Pine Tree Road, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

2. WSR is seeking male and female step guides to help incarcerated addicts within the New England Region. Please contact Andy from Central Mass.

3. Below is a suggestion for listing the upcoming elections in our February minutes.

Upcoming Elections for Convention Corporation Board members

Elections for the following positions will be held at the April 10th, 2011 meeting to be held on Martha's Vineyard:

Three (3) Convention Corporation Board of Director's AT LARGE members

Two (2) Convention Corporation Board of Director's Past Convention Committee members

Three (3) Convention Corporation Board of Director's Present Convention Committee members

Rocco A

President

New England Regional Convention, Inc.

**Subcommittees:**

**RSC:**

Open Positions: Vice Chair person, Activities Committee Chair

Noel opened the meeting at 11:07 with a moment of silence and a collaborative reading of the 12 traditions and 12 concepts of NA.

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

The minutes from December 2010 were not accepted due to RD report and Literature Report being missing.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Chair:** no report

**Vice Chair:** no report

**Secretary:** I have had some issues creating and distributing the minutes within the past few months. I have not been receiving a fairly large portion of the reports, particularly from area's. If you would prefer to just give me a hard copy the day of RSC I would be happy to transcribe it rather than you emailing it to me. Also if you email me from the website email addresses I do not receive them, for whatever reason, so keep that in mind. Contact sheet sent around to be updated.

ILS

Brittany

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

NERSC Treasurer's Report February 2011

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On Saturday, February 12, 2011 the Finance Committee met in North Kingston, RI. Present were James P. Carrie B. and Rocco A. Thank you for hosting us. We discussed the two checks cut at last region that were not received by the Treasurer in the mail. These were verified and still outstanding and James will get the Sovereign Bank to issue a stop payment, we are cutting replacement checks to Pratt Associates (the CPA) and NAWS.

Yesterday, we discussed the question posed to us by the chair at the December Region "to return in February with a working definition of what a prudent reserve is and what function it serves"

The Chair of the Finance Committee will report on this and our suggestion about re-examination of how we review budgets.

We acknowledged the motion which passed at the December RSC regarding removing RMD's from Prudent Reserve (\$708.33/region). We suggest the RSC consider removing Sales Tax from the prudent Reserve as well (as it is self sustaining) and possibly making the Check requests for RMD printing a discretionary expense rather than an automatic customary expense.

We reconciled the October and November bank statements.

In Loving Service,

James P.

**Convention Committee:**

Hello everyone we had our 18<sup>th</sup> meeting yesterday. We will be meeting every Saturday until the convention. I'm sad to announce the resignation of our vice chair and treasurer. We have been very shorthanded with help this convention cycle but we are going to bring a great convention to our region, our rooms are filling up fast, so do not forget to reserve a room. Karen L. from Tewksbury won the free suite giveaway. Friday nights entertainment is a live band, karaoke and a DJ dance. Saturday is a comedian, karaoke, and a DJ dance. Our next meeting is Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 at 380 south Worcester st,

Norton, MA. We are doing something different this time with every paid registration you get a coupon for a free CD. Our closing balance is \$9,046.78.

ILS, Dave A.

**H&I:**

**Literature:**

New England Regional Literature Subcommittee Report for February 2011

The literature committee met at URI yesterday for the NERSC with 3 members attending, with a few visitors along the way. The Literature Chair updated us on the literature review input. Interested members in our Region have contacted the chair and we look forward to their participation. We will be including interested members in future reports and projects via email and website. The literature committee offers a unique opportunity for participation without necessarily having to be present at the RSC, in a way not available to every committee.

The possibility of our committee submitting writings to na.org's "Locally Developed Resources" or via the [www.nerna.org](http://www.nerna.org) literature committee link (soon to be established) was enthusiastically supported.

We briefly discussed the NA World Services "Service System Project." We will continue to review updates and provide input as it becomes available. We are cognizant of the potential benefit to our committee offered by the potential restructuring of local service delivery. We feel we have the opportunity to respond to the needs of the areas in our region as they are expressed to us, without some of the restrictions imposed by our current system, and in advance of any new hurdles.

We are expecting to receive the draft version of Living Clean in April or May of this year. The Literature Committee will be reviewing the draft version when it becomes available.

The committee members completed input to the NAWS Literature survey. If anyone else is interested in providing input the survey link is <http://questionnaire.disc.na.org/index.php>. The survey must be completed by April 30, 2011.

We discussed the history of the literature committee in our region. After an extended period during which the participation of addicts at the subcommittee dwindled, as well as a limitation on projects to be involved with after the dissolution of standing committees at the world level, the literature committee of the region dissolved in approximately 2003. With this history in mind, we resolved to remain focused on how best to remain relevant and of value as a committee.

The majority of the meeting was spent developing a survey to be sent to the Areas in the New England Region. The purpose of the survey is to discover what and how the members' areas, groups and members would like us to serve them. The literature chair will send the survey to RCM's on completion. We really want to be a valuable resource

to the New England Region, so please let us know what is important to your area and groups.

Our preliminary mission statement developed in August 2010, "to coordinate the review and input of literature and other funded projects" continues to evolve. Further discussion and clarification of our mission and vision statements will occur over the next RSC meetings, we welcome input from anyone interested.

We are enthusiastic about the "awakening" of the Literature Committee and are looking forward to serving our member Areas. We welcome any and all addict/group participation in this process.

In Loving Service,  
The Literature Committee

**Policy:**

Hi family,

The policy subcommittee met Saturday in Kingston R.I. Thanks to the Free Spirit Area for hosting us. There were 4 recovering addicts in attendance. The Central Mass., Greater Providence and Free Spirit areas were represented. We started off discussing some glitches in our voting policies and found that some information is just misplaced. We will be putting in a motion to change the wording and location of this policy slightly.

**Phone Line:**

**Public Information:**

**RMD:**

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Website:

NER Website Report - February 2011

Since my auto-respond vacation email mistakenly went out to everyone on this list, you all heard that I was on vacation for the last regional Sunday, so you know why I was unable to attend. For those interested, Evelyn and I had a great time in Puerto Rico, attended two NA meetings while we there, and I got to speak with both the website chair and H&I chair (they asked me to share at a detox when my Spanish improves) so we covered our recovery bases. I learned a new phrase in Spanish too – Pase Lo Que Pase – loosely translated – No Matter What.

On the website front, the service structure pages have been added and are clearly visible on the front page, the convention committee has set a cut-off date of April 9 for online registration, and I'm still waiting for text to create a new page for the literature subcommittee. All other website pages are up to date.

There were a couple of concerns this month. One was my fault. I managed to make the pdf of the meeting list disappear from the site for a few days. I'd explain how, but I'm still not exactly sure. Aaron fixed it. He's also looking into our mobile website setting. It seems to be kicking in for certain desk tops and lap tops, not just mobile devices. Aaron believes that he knows what the problem is and will address it. This was his report on the situation:

“The culprit is the iDrupal module which sometimes gets confused about the type of browser connecting. This can happen for a number of reasons. Anyway I've disabled the module for now since there is an update for it out there. As far as upgrading I've got a dev site setup where I can test out upgrades and make sure nothing breaks because of them. It's on my list of things to do. Once I get the dev site up to date I'll be looking to you guys to test and make sure things are working correctly. It all that goes well we will have to schedule downtime in order to upgrade the production site.”

For those who don't speak tech, the dohicky that controls the way the whatchamacallit reads what kind of computer you're on is busted. Aaron's fixing it. The problem will be resolved soon.

In Loving Service,  
Kevin F

**RD/RDA:**

**New England Regional Delegate Report 2/13/11**

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

GSR Notes- These notes are vital for GSR's to have for their groups.

Thank you for your time and efforts. Please cut and paste the links into your browser for best results.

Service system project information-

The summary of our discussions as a fellowship can be found at the following link:

Summary of WB Service System Discussions January 2011

<http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/servsys/WB%20SS%20Summary%20of%20Discussions%20Jan%202011.pdf>

We as a fellowship will be restructuring the service system. The current system was created in 1976 to support 5000 groups. We now have over 50,000. For all the information please visit <http://www.na.org/?ID=servsys> Please contact Your RCM or RD with any questions. Updates continue to be added so please check regularly.

Our New Vision Statement-

[http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/servsys/Vision\\_for\\_NA%20Service.pdf](http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/servsys/Vision_for_NA%20Service.pdf)

**A Vision for NA Service**

All of the efforts of Narcotics Anonymous are inspired by the primary purpose of our groups.

Upon this common ground we stand committed.

Our vision is that one day:

-Every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in his or her own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life;

-Every member, inspired by the gift of recovery, experiences spiritual growth and fulfillment through service;

-NA service bodies worldwide work together in a spirit of unity and cooperation to support the

groups in carrying our message of recovery;

-Narcotics Anonymous has universal recognition and respect as a viable program of recovery.

Honesty, trust, and goodwill are the foundation of our service efforts, all of which rely

upon  
the guidance of a loving Higher Power.

Would you like to sign up for the Just For Today and other NA Periodicals e-mail list? Click here <http://www.na.org/?ID=subscribe> Please note that everyone's subscription to the NA Way magazine will need to be renewed ASAP. You can also use the e-subscribe to eliminate postal charges to the fellowship.

Free NA Literature- <http://www.na.org/?ID=ips-eng-index>  
Regional events, meeting information and [www.nerna.org](http://www.nerna.org)  
North East Zonal Forum: [www.nezf.org](http://www.nezf.org)  
NAWS NEWS- <http://www.na.org/?ID=reports-nawsnews-nawsmain>  
PR Basics- [http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/PR/PR\\_Basics.pdf](http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/PR/PR_Basics.pdf)  
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[http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/PR/PR\\_H\\_I\\_Packet.pdf](http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/PR/PR_H_I_Packet.pdf)  
Group Updates- Go to [www.nerna.org](http://www.nerna.org) -create an account, find the meeting you want to update, click on group name and submit the updated info. The moderator will take it from there.  
NAWS annual report - <http://www.na.org/?ID=reports-ar-2010-TOC>  
WCNA 34 - <http://www.na.org/?ID=wcna-index>

RCM Notes = All GSR Notes and the following information  
Trusted Servant Update Forms-  
[http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/ASC-Reg\\_Form2010.pdf](http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/ASC-Reg_Form2010.pdf)  
Bulletins- <http://www.na.org/?ID=bulletins-bulletins>  
Handbooks- <http://www.na.org/?ID=handbooks-handbook-index>  
Local Recourses page: [http://www.na.org/?ID=local\\_resource\\_area\\_resources](http://www.na.org/?ID=local_resource_area_resources)

My report has been left out of the last two regional minutes. I have contacted the secretary and it seems as if I have to send them to her through my personal e-mail account. The rd@newenglandna account doesn't go through. I will do that moving forward. I would like to see the minutes removed from the website and re-posted with the report added for each month.

Please submit your Area meeting lists as well as your Trusted servant update forms to me anytime.

After our lengthy discussions over the spending of funds at the last RSC. (December) I decided to contact the policy chair and go over the content of subject matter at the RSC. I will be working on a RD/RDA duty and responsibility guide that will include but will not be limited to tasks expected of the RD/RDA to complete as well as procedures used for travel reimbursement etc. We are currently using the Guide to World services for our reimbursement policy. I hope to have this ready for the April RSC. This will reside with the policy chair moving forward so that any RCM can review it for informational purposes. This should clear up any confusion people might have regarding the RD/RDA duties and responsibilities.

Please keep in mind that Jaime and I did not put in for travel reimbursement for the CMA SSW we were asked to facilitate. We volunteered our travel costs. Services like this will be outlined in the duties and responsibilities guide we will put together for future reference. This is a unique cycle where unexpected requests have surfaced. We weren't sure on how to proceed with travel reimbursements of this nature because all area service committees did not request us.

NEZF Jan. 28-30, 2011

For a copy of the previous NEZF minutes please visit <http://www.nezf.org>

It was a productive and eventful. We were glad to have been able to provide ground transportation to The Chair (Don. B) and Vice Chair (Bill H.) of the Zone. We also traveled with the SSA R.C.M. and Alt. to and from the Zonal Forum.

Jaime will report on the Friday orientation and Sunday business sessions and I'll report on the Saturday Service System project update and workshop facilitated by three of the SSP workgroup members. Craig (former World Board member) Tana, and Mukum (current World Board member).

Service Structure Update by members of the Workgroup

Saturday Morning-

Roll call and introductions-

ABCD: Buckeye: Connecticut: Eastern New York: Greater New York: Mid-Atlantic: Mountain Valley: New England: New Jersey: Northern New England: Northern New Jersey: Northern New York: Tri-State: Western New York

10 of the 14 Regions were present.

Three Service System workgroup members were present for the Workshops.

Mukum, Tana and Craig.

There were 10 trusted servants present and others came in throughout the day.

We heard regional reports starting around 9:15. Jaime read our report.

Reports include # of Areas, upcoming conventions, web addresses etc.

The Berkshire Area in Western Mass. has joined the ABCD Region which is largely based in NY State.

Northern New England Region is making plans to Host the NEZF December 2011 in Manchester, NH. This will be in place of their usual M.R.L.E. which will be a C.A.R. workshop with NAWS participation.

Craig opens the workshop with a power point presentation. They worked power points throughout the day. They were the same as we have been using from the NAWS website.

<http://www.na.org/?ID=servsys>

We reviewed the four Foundational Principles and added a fifth.

Purpose Driven – Vision, responsibilities

Group Focus – most important vehicle

Geographical Boundaries – most important for our ability to deliver services

Flexible- demographics, resources, configure to meet responsibilities



Collaborative- be consistent throughout our service system

We will be looking into ways to articulate a role and function for Zones. Think about a more integrated way to take better advantage of the work Zones do.

The CAR will hold “General Principles”

Muk 10:30

How do I make what I understand, understandable?

Our process yields success. Group support- groups feel better, included, inspired, that they are being heard, loved and possess vitality. The service system promotes them to be healthy.

As it appears right now we are stretched to our limits. The service system is hungry for more people, time and money. We can do more by feeding the system.

GSU-

Service system input compilation-

Dedicate time, energy, resources and love to our groups and show that exclusively without a doubt. Give to those who want.

10:54 Tana-

GSU design is to show value of service. It gives us an opportunity to learn values of service.

LSU-

Having proper geopolitical boundaries offer an easier job for PR efforts. City, county and State boundaries in the U.S. We can have regular Assemblies to establish our needs and goals. Then we will know where to point our focus. We could also offer support to a struggling committee in an assembly arena. We want people to refer addicts to NA. We must continue to eagerly wade into our communities to fulfill our primary purpose and carry the message. We may consider adjusting our term limits.

We have serious issues regarding duplication of services. Area meeting lists followed by Regional meeting lists. Same information done by two committees of people. By joining together people could focus on different services in the local community. How about websites? When a regional website is in place why would we need to create area websites? Regional websites could easily be expanded to provide an area with their own page, e-mail address’ for trusted servants etc. All the time, money and resources could then be diverted to other service delivery efforts in local communities.

LSU will provide the “essential services” to local communities. H&I, PR/PI, and Phone line committees. This arena will provide an opportunity to see what needs to be done and can be used as a forum to come up with plans/solutions.

Q&A

GSU would encourage any member to attend. “At least” one member per group. Then when the GSU becomes too large split into two smaller units.

Q)What about entities that are rebellious towards the changes if they were to be approved?

A) Fellowship conscious will prevail.

Q) What about racial/cultural divides?

A) We are a worldwide fellowship. Our members prove that when people/groups are working the 12 step, 12 traditions, and 12 concepts those barriers fall by the wayside.

These proposals are designed to strengthen our homegroups through the application of what has worked and the 12 steps.

1:30 / Craig / Intermediate Bodies

-it's not a place for shared services. The primary focus of this part of the structure is for "communication only" it may rest between the GSU and the LSU or the LSU and the State / National / Province body. This will depend on the needs of the local fellowship. This arena will expose potential duplication of service efforts and help join existing resources with new opportunities to grow.

State / National / Province

- consider societies boundaries
- impediment interfacing
- functions are on how to serve
- this body will serve all the LSU in it's geopolitical boundaries.
- breaks up limitations and worries

Muk

- The WSC is every two years.
  - We can't produce one twice as large
  - We can't produce it for less money
  - we have logistical and financial problems with this growing event
- Ideas that have been discussed
- eliminating alternates (the U.S. holds the most RDA attendees)
- looking at zones
- stop operating as regions / operate by zones only
  - 1/3 to 1/2 of the fellowship liked the zonal models
  - what role does the zone play
  - we need to build a value into zones that will better help explain it's presence
  - ...have better consistency

Florida Service Symposium and the Asia Pacific Zonal Forum are good examples of training grounds for trusted servants.

Autonomy & Cooperation

- Structures life / blend someone into it
- mine becomes ours "autonomy grant"
- in NA it's ours
- we still are working on issues with delegation and accountability

March – May we will be finalizing the proposals through the fellowships input and move forward in producing the CAR.

These models help separate the groups from the "business" of NA so they can better focus on the fellowships primary purpose. The 12 Concepts still afford them the control

of the fellowship and to be involved in the decision making process' through their business meetings.

-this is an ongoing cyclical process

-the best way to be able to decide on these proposals is to try them out between now and the WSC 2012

-new models will allow us to use existing maps to help us pinpoint/focus our efforts.

Open forum

-rebellious groups and individuals will have to practice acceptance

-be mindful of collateral effects of consolidating committees

-put debt policies in place for trusted servants who steal funds from NA

-protect us from ourselves

-use sponsorship to help calm the upset members because of misunderstanding

-voting is subject to interpretation / proper explanation and understanding is vital

-have Assembly instead of voting forms. They RD's can get the why and why not's. The local community rational is what we are after.

-RD's gather regional conscience differently

-one must desire to bring self into accordance

-do you have the cooperate attitude or make me attitude?

-World Board has discussed giving up votes and travelling ventures. We must actively seek out the addict seeking recovery at the world level just as much as at the other levels of service.

Sunday

We had the webservant report. A lot of spam had been placed on the blog page that since has been removed. Adam (RDA) from Connecticut has agreed to help with the website.

Zonal Planning Tool adhoc committee report.

We had the last of 4 proposals brought today. We currently applied the orientation packet, meaning of purpose, regional reports into our agenda as suggested by the ZPT workshop.

Adhoc has been dissolved.

Zone wide workshop-

Being the RD I had to delivered a verbal report to the zone. We met twice over the weekend to catch up with our responsibilities regarding the hosting of the event. We have a lot of catching up to do. Bill H. has a reservation to host at the Sturbridge Host hotel July 22-24, 2011. He will be contacting the hotel and passing the task off to me. We need to come up with a flyer in 2-4 weeks to share with the zonal contacts.

Richie was elected Vice chair of the committee and will lead the committee until Jeremy F. (Chair) is healthy enough to return. Jeremy underwent a liver transplant operation and is currently in the recovering process. We should have been ready by now with a flyer and event information.

We are submitting a motion for \$21.14 in additional expenses for holding a ZWW on top of the cost of hosting the NEZF.

After attending the zone Jaime and I realize that a workshop by the end of May is of high

priority. We discussed options for this yesterday and will employ the teams that attended service system workshops per this body's request. Feedback will be due by the end of May and NAWS will be producing the CAR starting in June.

In anticipation of some kind of Service System change I intend on contacting the Western Mass. and Berkshire County Area of NA to collect their thoughts on forming a Massachusetts State body of Narcotics Anonymous.

#### Zone Wide Workshop Status

We have a contract from the Sturbridge Host Hotel. Brenda B. has looked it over and is helping with making some changes with the wording. I will be working closely with her on this matter as she is very well versed with the ins and outs of contracts of this nature.

We will need the regions projector for this weekend along with some audio equipment.

#### ZWW meeting notes 1/28/11 Bob Evans - restaurant Mt. Laurel, NJ

We had 6 members present:

Richie S. – previous ZWW (2009) member

Bill H. – NEZF Vice Chair

Andrew L. - NERD

Jaime V. – NERDA

John L. SSARCM

Chris L. SSARCMA

We elected Richie the vice chair of the ZZW 2011

Andrew was elected Hotel Liaison

#### ZWW meeting notes 1/28/11 Lobby of hotel Mt. Laurel, NJ

9 members present

Richie S. – previous ZWW (2009) member

Bill H. – NEZF Vice Chair

Andrew L. - NERD

Jaime V. – NERDA

Chris L. SSARCMA

Yvonne – Eastern NY RD

Roshell – Tri-State RD

Judi M - NEZF Sec.

Harry D. - NNE RDA

We discussed meeting online as a group on Saturdays. Richie will help set up the online login and forward the info to our contacts.

We will be using the template from the last ZWW.

We need to choose moderators.

We plan on having a speaker meeting the Saturday night of the zone. 1 Regional 1 from the local Area and 4 from the Zone.

We had an online meeting Sat. Feb. 5th at 8:00PM. There were 3 addicts in attendance.

Richie S., Bill H. and myself. We discussed a few things and wanted to have more people

at the meeting to move forward with the workshop.  
ILS, Your ZWW team

#### Financial records / Motions

We plan on submitting our budget to the Finance committee in April.

Costs for RD/RDA to attend Zone

\$302.00 travel 604 miles to zone for RD

\$ 68.50 travel 114 to meet SSA RCM/Alt. for ride to zone /RDA

\$ 8.95 Tolls RD

\$249.70 Hotel actual cost for Region.

\$315.00 per diem RD/RDA

We also paid \$26.00 for secretarial costs for hosting the next zone.

Totaling \$970.15. We are returning \$149.85 of unused funds. Thank you.

Please note that due to the size of the room the SSA RCM and Alt. were able to stay with us to help keep NA costs to a minimum. They paid for the additional costs for having two more people in our room. The ride for the Chair and Vice chair of the Zone has achieved the same goal. They also gave money towards the cost of travel that was deducted from the actual miles travelled (673) as seen above.

1) We are submitting a motion for \$21.14 in additional expenses for holding a ZWW on top of the cost of hosting the NEZF.

2) We are submitting a motion for costs related to the NEZF website in the amount of \$112.50.

Bullet points from the NAWS annual report- <http://www.na.org/?ID=reports-ar-2010-TOC>

In 2010 the cost per group to provide services worldwide was \$82.31. The donations collected were the equivalent of \$11.09 per group.

As many members probably already know, A Vision for NA Service was approved at the 2010

World Service Conference. Our vision statement represents the ideals we strive to realize through serving our fellowship. In recent years, world services has been communicating that

the global economic downturn has strained our ability to serve the fellowship, but we want to emphasize our goal of continuing to do all we can in support of the vision for all NA

services. The contributions we receive are investments in our collective vision.

Each of us, as members of NA, give freely, knowing that our efforts help the fellowship grow. As a result of our collective efforts, we have a thriving and vibrant fellowship to

support

us in our personal recovery. We invest our time and energy in service to this fellowship, and the returns on our investments are priceless. Also at the 2010 World Service

Conference, two new

informational pamphlets on the topic of self-support were approved: Money Matters: Self-Support in NA and Funding NA Services. These pamphlets speak to the reality that realizing our

vision requires not just an investment of our time and energy, but also a financial investment. Narcotics Anonymous now has meetings in more than 131 countries worldwide, and

literature in 40 languages. We continue to move closer toward our goal of making recovery possible for any addict, in any language or culture, all as a result of the resources

invested by grateful members of NA up to now. And yet, the more successful we are in pursuit of our vision, the steeper our climb becomes. We are reaching populations of addicts in places where our message of recovery is desperately needed, but the costs of supporting

these new NA communities through translations efforts and literature shipments are higher than ever. Coupled with the state of the economy in recent years, it has become increasingly difficult for NA World Services to adequately provide services to our worldwide fellowship. We are facing

not just the increasing costs of doing business, but also declines both in contributions from the fellowship and in literature sales. In many cases, our fellowship has become accustomed to relying on events and fundraisers to pay for our services, rather than feeling a sense of responsibility to fund services through contributions. For our services to function best and help us achieve our vision, it is important that we begin to fund our services through member and group contributions. This is why we are asking members to Invest in Our Vision. We want to raise awareness in the fellowship that while our message is free, the costs of making our message available to still-suffering addicts can be quite high. The financial picture both at NAWS and in many of our service committees around the world has been fairly bleak in recent years, it's

true, but in Narcotics Anonymous one resource we never seem short on is hope. As a fellowship of drug addicts who have found recovery, we have proven time and again that together, we can make it through any difficulties. In spite of these temporary challenges, combining our modest contributions in a spirit of unity can make it possible for us to continue to make our message available around the globe. We all recognize the value of trying to make recovery more available. We can do this together by investing in our vision.

Since 1983 NAWS has sold

7,798,792 Basic Texts

1,772,446 JFT

1,734,470 IWHW

1,371,522 Step Working Guides (1998)

2009-2010 medallion sales

78,006 1 Year

48,152 2 Year

1 57 Year

Approximately 250,000 people celebrated between 1-10 Years

Approximately 2,200,000 newcomer keytags/chips

You can reach me via e-mail at [rd@newenglandna.org](mailto:rd@newenglandna.org)

The World Board and the HRP have created an online survey about elections at the WSC. This is not a decision making process. We are conducting this survey to have a more realistic picture of what our actual practices are so that we can all move this discussion forward.

We are sending this to current conference participants as well as those present at WSC 2010. Please help us by going to the link below and participating in this survey by the end of February. Our experience is that long time frames for these types of surveys actually have less participation because we all forget. Thanks!

#### Florida Service System Symposium

We have booked our reservations and have some adjustments we need to address. The event is four days but we budgeted for 2 nights in the hotel. We booked three so there is an approximate difference of \$140.00. We also under budgeted for the flights by \$300. 3) We are submitting a motion for \$440.00 to cover the additional costs of attending the FSS.

<http://floridarso.org/store/pc/viewCategories.asp?idCategory=43>

#### Florida Service Symposium Program Guide March 24-27, 2011

##### THURSDAY

12 – 5p Registration

1-4p Professional Roundtable Discussion – 1 – XX

8-9p Planning Session for Presenters

9:30-10:45p Welcome Meeting ~

##### FRIDAY

7-8a Just For Today Meeting ~

8a-9p Registration

9-10:15a Group Trusted Servants – Roles & Responsibilities – 2

Internet Technology Session – Introduction – 3

10:30-11:45a Professional Panel Discussion – Mandated Treatment – 4 – XX

11:00-12:00n Internet Technology Session - E-Commerce – 5

12-1:45p Service System Roundtable - Box Lunch available \$15. – 6

2-3:15p Internet Technology Session – Creating an NA Website – 7  
2-3:30p Our PR Handbook & Mock Presentations – 8  
3:30-5p Internet Technology Session – Social Media - 9  
3:45-5:15p THE New Inventory - Environmental Scanning –Where We Live – 10  
5:30-7:30p Women in Service Dinner - \$30 – 11  
8-8:30p Fellowship Development – 12  
8:30-9:30p Speaker Meeting ~  
9:45-10:45p NA History Presentation – 13  
Creating Attractive Presentations – 14  
10-11p Welcome Meeting ~

Florida Regional Service Office (Hours to be determined)

#### SATURDAY

7-8a Just For Today Meeting ~  
7:30-6p Registration  
7:30-9:30a Southeast Zonal Forum Breakfast - \$15 – 15  
8:15-9:45a Building Strong Home Groups – 16  
10-3p FRCNA Board Meeting  
10-10:45a Internet Technology Session - Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust  
& Web Security – 17  
Jails & Institutions – The Inside Out – 18 – XX  
Florida Service System – Process, People & Consensus – 19  
Area & Regional Convention Planning – 20 – XX  
11-11:30a Internet Technology Closing Session – Panel Discussion  
11:45-1:30p Service System Roundtable - Box Lunch available- \$15. – 21  
1:30-2:45p Consensus Based Decision Making – Feel the Love! – 22  
Inc – Incorporating your Area Service Committees -31  
Becoming a More Effective RCM – 23  
Becoming a More Effective Facilitator – 29  
3-4:15p Roundtable Discussion - Anonymity.com – Internet & Anonymity – 25  
4:30-5:30p NAWS Town Hall Meeting – NAWS – 26  
6:15-7:30p Banquet \$35 - 27  
7:30-8p Fellowship Development Presentation – 28  
8-9:30p Speaker Meeting ~  
10:30-12:30 Dance

Florida Regional Service Office (Hours to be determined)

#### SUNDAY

7-8a Just For Today ~  
9a-3p Regiona

**Finance:** Report of the Finance Committee February 13, 2011  
of the New England Regional Service Committee  
On February 12, 2011 the NERSC finance committee met in Kingston, RI. Present at the



meeting were Carrie B, asst. Treasurer, James P, Treasurer and Rocco A, Chairperson. First order of business was to reconcile the bank statements for the months of December 2010 and January 2011. In both cases, the account was balanced. The ending balance as of January 31, 2011 was \$ 6,632.94.

It seems that two checks which were made out to NAWS and Pratt & Assoc. our Certified Public Accountants were lost in transition in the mail from one person to another. We intend to stop payment on these checks and re-issue them to respective parties.

At the last regional meeting there was a vote to remove the RMD expense from the prudent reserve calculation due to the fact that it was self supporting. It was also discussed as to whether or not this could still be a customary expense without it being calculated into the prudent reserve. In an effort to make ease of business, we feel that it is not necessary to receive a money motion every region in order to issue funds for the RMDs.

The Regional body also asked the Finance Committee to:

“Chair person directed the finance committee to return in February with a working definition of what a prudent reserve is and what function it serves. RCM’s are also directed to return their areas to gather information about the prudent reserve. “

- Define the term prudent reserve as it is applicable to our service body
- Describe the function of the prudent reserve
- Analyze our method of defining the prudent reserve.
- Make suggestions for changes in the current manner in which we determine prudent reserve.

After having discussed this at length, we submit the following;

The prudent reserve for the region should be defined as the amount of funds needed bi-monthly to operate as a service committee entity on the premise that insufficient funds are received and we continue to be able to operate for one two month period.

The function of the prudent reserve is to maintain the ability to function as a service committee for one Regional meeting cycle.

The following are suggestions for changes to the current prudent reserve process.

Remove the RMD funds from the prudent reserve due to the fact that it is self sustaining through its sales.

Remove the sales tax set aside for the same above reason.

To request that the sub committee’s submit their budgets at the April Regional meeting in order for the finance committee be able to review and analyze the proposed budgets. We will also require that detailed information be submitted along with the lump sum figure.

That the finance committee review the budget expenditures on a tri-monthly basis to assess if there is a dormancy of funds and/ or a need to keep these funds in the prudent reserve for a particular subcommittee and also the availability of funds for the expenditure.

It is also recommended that the annual expenses such as the storage facility, the post office box and the accounting fees be set aside in full the regional meeting prior to their due date.

Yours in service,  
Rocco A  
Chairperson

**BOD/Convention Corporation:**

Report of the New England Regional Convention, Inc. (Corporation Report)  
February 13, 2011

of the New England Regional Service Committee  
Location: Kingston, RI

The Board of Directors of the New England Regional Convention, Inc. met in Kingston, RI on February 13, 2011. Board members present were Kevin F, Bob L, Deb P, Vasco N and Rocco A. Also present was Doug L, the Treasurer of the Corporation and the Convention Committee.

First item discussed was the resignation of two board members, John B and Mike H. Also the terms of several board member positions are up for election. At the April regional meeting to be held on Martha's Vineyard, there will be elections held to fill an At Large position to fill Mike H's position, Past member of the convention committee to fill John B's position, another past member to fill Rocco A's position who has served two terms. An election of an At Large member to fill Deb B's position who has served two terms. An election for an At Large position being held by Vasco N who is in his first term. Vasco N would like to run for re-election for his position. An election for a present position being held by Bob L who is in his first term. Bob L would like to run for re-election for his position. An election for an At Large position being held by Kevin F who is in his first term. Kevin F would like to run for re-election for his position.

In total, we will need to have elections for three At- Large elections, two Present members of the convention committee and two past members of the convention committee. Please bring this information back to your areas in order to have people who are interested to attend our next regional.

At the last convention Committee meeting, the treasurer brought to our attention that he would not be present the weekend of the convention due to a conflict in his schedule with a prior personal commitment. He stated that he did not realize that at the time he scheduled his personal commitments that it coincided with the weekend of the convention. The convention committee and the Board of Directors for the corporation felt that attendance at the convention for the treasurer was rather critical and that maybe he should consider resigning so that another person could be elected to the position in order to properly handle our largest financial occurrence of income in a two year period. We felt that it was critical to have the treasurer present at this event due to the fact that historically handles fifty to sixty thousand dollars in one weekend. The treasurer was agreeable to doing whatever the committee and the board of directors thought would be best for our region. He therefore submitted his resignation and turned over all of the material including the check book and laptop associated with the Corporation and convention committee's financial affairs.

This being the case, we will need to have an election for treasurer prior to the convention. The Board and the convention committee have a recommendation for this position. The recommendation is Deb P.

Yours in Service

Rocco A  
President  
New England Regional Convention, Inc.

**Insurance Liability Ad-hoc:** no report

*BREAK FOR LUNCH*

**AREA REPORTS:**

**Boston:** no report

**Cape Cod:**

Cape Cod Area RCM Report

Cape Cod Area has met twice since last region, January 12th and February 9th. There are currently 27 meetings in Cape Cod Area and an average of 14 GSRs present at the Area Service Committee. We have our alternate secretary position currently open.

Public Information Committee meets once a month. They changed the date for their informational workshop and are now planning on March 6th at 2:30 at the Church of the Nazarene (292 Brick Kiln Rd. Falmouth). Also their last flyer hanging day was a huge success and they are planning on holding another one for the Lower Cape on April 23rd. Hospitals and Institutions meets the first Saturday of every month. Our Vice Chair position is open. All commitments being taken into facilities are currently filled.

Cape Cod Area Activities committee regrettably cancelled our Super bowl Party which was planned on being held February 6th. This was due to lack of proper planning and some communication errors. As of now an event is planned for March 18th titled 'Luck O' The Addict'. This event will be held at Our Lady of Victory Church (230 South Main St Centerville) at 6:00 pm, there is a \$10 suggested donation which will cover a corn beef and cabbage dinner. Also there has been a lot more discussion within my area about planning for our annual Fun in the Sun campout. Discussion has consisted of concerns of not having enough money to fund this event. Possible solutions are to maybe change Fun in the Sun to a one day event or to possibly not have the event at all this summer. Our Activities committee has decided to focus on coming up with a solution by the next ASC meeting in March.

We have a donation of \$300.

My area asked me to find out what the cost would be regarding insurance at the regional level. What we have right now is a good cost for Cape Cod but we were still interested in hearing what the price would be.

Also, my area had some concerns about the possibility of any meeting being able to go on the regional website.

That is all!  
In loving service,  
Meaghan R.

**Central Mass:**

**Free Spirit:**

RCM Report 02/13/2011

First, I would like to thank everyone for attending this regional weekend in our neck of the woods and also to all of the volunteers, cooks, and “behind the scenes” people who helped make this event happen. Your willingness to serve is duly noted and appreciated. And a hearty “thanks” to our regional weekend ad hoc chair Michelle. 35 emails and many discussions later we made it to the finish line. Yeah!!!

Newport NA celebrated their 28th anniversary this past Friday with a speaker meeting, music, food, fellowship, and clean time countdown. Congratulations!

Our area has met twice since the last region. We had 8 GSR’s present at our last ASC. Our most pressing issue in the Free Spirit area remains to be unfilled positions at the area level (five positions currently open). A motion was discussed and sent back to groups in an attempt to alleviate this issue. If it passes it would allow GSR’s to hold an area subcommittee position but they would only be able to vote once (in their respective GSR slot) and would abstain from votes concerning their respective subcommittees. Our next ASC is not until the 20th of February so more will be revealed.

Literature sales have slowed in our area and we finished under prudent reserve last month. Regrettably, we will not be able to make a donation at this region.

Also, it was brought to my attention by the area chair that I am responsible to verify our local meeting list with the regional one and to compare for any discrepancies. I have regularly provided meeting updates to the RMD concerning changes but had not fully done these compares on a regular basis. Since our local meeting lists are maintained by our literature chair I have contacted her to help keep updates as accurate as possible also. I will recommend to our policy chair (when filled) to add this function onto the stated responsibilities of the Free Spirit RCM.

In loving service,  
Ray K. RCM

**Greater Providence:**

Greater Providence Area RCM Report 2/13/11

Hello from the Greater Providence Area,

I'd like to thank the Free Spirit Area for the wonderful job they've done in hosting this Regional Weekend. My heartfelt congratulations go out to all who worked so hard to put this event together.

The GPA has met twice since our last Regional Weekend. Due to a snow cancellation our

December Area Service Meeting was not held until Jan. 2nd. There were 17 Groups represented at that meeting. Our Jan. 23rd Meeting was held on schedule with 28 Group Service Representatives in attendance.

Both Area Service Meetings were held at the Anchor Recovery Community Center, 247 Main St. in Pawtucket, RI. At our Jan. 23rd meeting this site was approved as our new permanent location by a vote taken of the 28 GSR's in attendance. They also voted to approve paying \$25, plus up to \$25 of literature (meeting lists, IP's, etc.), as our monthly rent for the use of that facility.

Our Finance Committee has not yet completed creating an Area Budget; however, substantial progress has been made on getting a better "handle" on our Area's spending. The Committee has also been faced with the burden of correcting some outstanding tax issues that were inherited by them. It has been reported to me that an Area Budget will be created soon. I regret to inform you, however, that in the absence of a budget, my Area will not allow a Motion to be heard regarding the delivery of a donation to this Region.

There has been much discussion among Group members in our Area about money that was delivered to an addict who is not elected to an Administrative Position of the Greater Providence Area Service Committee. Group members have expressed a concern that they were not consulted or included in the decision to deliver the money that the addict accepted.

Via telephone the addict was confronted. His behavior was questioned. He responded by: Severing all ties to the Greater Providence Area Service Committee.

Publishing, and delivering by e-mail, a written document which attacks the behavior and performance of 2 elected servants of the Greater Providence Area Service Committee. (This document was circulated to more than 30 NA Members and was not confined to only Greater Providence Area Members.)

Filing Motions for the impeachment of both of the above-mentioned trusted servants.

Although in his written document the addict clearly stated "I am not inclined to seek redress under the 10th Concept", more than an hour of our Area Service Meeting was devoted to his "redress". I do not understand this.

It has been reported to me that if the results of the impeachment motions do not comply with what the addict desires, his intention is to initiate legal action against the Greater Providence Area.

I would greatly appreciate any input that Members of this Region could provide on how to effectively deal with this type of situation in a loving and caring manner.

In Loving Service,

Brian C.

Martha's Vineyard: no report

Metro West:

Greeting New England Region all is well in Metro West all our bills are paid and we operating above prudent reserve. Their will be a speaker Jam on Feb.26 20011 Saturday from 11 to 5 refreshments and food will available. At the last two Area meeting there has been a great deal of discussion about how is spent at the regional level. The consensus of the Are was that money was being spent ill rationally and there should be more control on spending. Therefore with conscious of the Metro West are I am submitting a motion today that all money motion over 200 hundred dollars be sent back to the area for consideration. This motion will the individual addict more input in how NA funds are spent. The body of the Metro West Area feel that this information concerning Money matters are given back to the areas after they are voted on passed. The intent is meant to give addict far more input in how NA funds are spent. In Loving Serve BOB L.

Nantucket: no report

NEMA:

SEMA:

SEMA Report

February 2011 -- Kingston RI

First we would like to say thank you to the free spirit area for hosting us today especially in such a fine hall!! All is well with South Eastern Mass Area. We have met 2 times since the last RSC. We have an average of about 25/36 GSR's present. A "google group" has been started for a trial of 6 months. This is where we will post archived minutes. We held a service system workshop on January 22, 2011. We had approximately 15 addicts in attendance and people seem to be curious about changes but still in favor. The second one will be held on March 5th at the first Baptist church Fall River. We have also decided that due to some difficulty being able to provide adequate services to the groups in our area we will no longer be able to take on any new groups from out of our geographical boundaries. We have no concerns at this time just a whole bunch of events!! SIS will be doing our annual spring into sponsorship breakfast on April 9th. We have registration flyers here today for any woman interested. We have a fundraiser being hosted By SEMACNA for March 25, more information will be available soon. And we have registration flyers for the convention as well. Also Boys 2 men is going to be doing there gathering of men event April 30th. We have flyers for that as well. We currently have PI and Policy position available. Our end balance is \$1544.33. We are looking forward to hosting the June RSC and have flyers here today for anyone interested.

Thank you  
ILS  
D'Lanor & Dan

South Shore:

**AREA CONCERNS/ OPEN FORUM:**

1. Boston area brought up concerns about not having enough literature for H&I or money

to purchase it. There was much concern and debate over where the responsibility to pick up the slack falls.

2. Discussion was made about mileage reimbursement for travel and the policies and debates for different areas.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

***Elections:***

1. Activities chairperson
2. Vice Chair

Don was nominated, seconded and accepted.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Money Motions**

*\$826.45 total amount , leaving us \$58.14 under prudent reserve*

1. Made by the Regional Delegate. Motion reads “to make check payable to the NEZF vice chair in the amount of \$110.00”. Intent “to pay our share of the NEZF website bill”.

*9 in favor, passed unanimously*

2. Motion made by Regional Delegate, motion reads “to make check payable to the NEZF vice chair in the amount of \$21.14”, intent “to share in the extra costs of holding a zone wide workshop in July of 2011”.

*9 in favor, passed unanimously*

3. Motion made by the Regional Delegate, motion reads “to make check payable to the Regional Delegate in the amount of \$440.00 for costs associated with the attendance of the Florida Service Symposium”. Intent “to gather information as requested by the Regional Service Committee”.

*8 in favor, 1 opposed. Motion passes*

4. Motion made by H&I Subcommittee, motion reads “reimburse Hal B. of WSR \$62.12 for expenses incurred doing the responsibilities of his position” intent “to be fiscally responsible”.

*9 in favor, motion passes unanimously*

5. Motion made by PI Committee motion reads “to reimburse Bob R. \$40.00 for the extra cost of the PI display” intent “to have up to date information at public information presentation”.

*9 in favor motion passes unanimously*

6. Motion made by PI Committee motion reads “to purchase a 1 month subscription to Cisco Web-Ex for \$49.99”. Intent “to hold PI regional meetings online through the web-ex meeting center event calendar. To be able to perform PI business that includes several areas in New England Region”

*Tabled, referred back to PI*

7. Motion made by PI Committee motion reads “to reimburse \$50.00 worth of meeting list from Christopher”. Intent “for having meeting list available for our upcoming event”

*9 in favor, motion passes unanimously*

8. Motion made by Boston Area, motion reads “the NERSC donate \$ 53.20 for 500 Regional Meeting Directories to BASC’s H&I subcommittee.” Intent “being to assist in carrying the NA message to addicts who still suffer”.

*5 in favor, 3 opposed, abstentions 1. Brought to a revote due to abstention  
4 in favor, 4 opposed, motion fails*

#### **Non Money Motions**

1. Made by Metro West Area, motion reads “to have all money motions over \$200.00 be sent back to the areas for considerations before they are acted on. This would be a policy change. Intent “to give areas and individual addicts more input in how funds are spent”.

*2 in favor, 7 opposed, motion fails.*

2. Made by the policy subcommittee, motion reads “to strike from Article X, section 2 Sub Section 4, the words : RCM’s or RCM’s Alternates when acting as RCM’s are the only persons that may second a motion. And replace them with : motions submitted by officers or RCM’s must be seconded by RCM or RCM alternate when acting as RCM’s. And use them to Article X Section 4 Sub Section D”. Intent “to make certain voting policies clearer and easier to locate”.

*9 in favor, motion passes unanimously*

3. Made by Rocco A., seconded by James P. motion reads “to amend NERSC Guidelines 22 Article IX Section 5 from: these reports must be received during the June NERSC meeting. Changing it to the April NERSC meeting” intent “to allow the finance committee time to review, adjust budgets and set prudent reserve before annual elections”.

*9 in favor, motion passes unanimously*

4. Made by Insurance ad-hoc motion reads “It is proposed that a provision be made to provide a general liability insurance policy to protect the groups, areas, and some events in the New England Region from liability in the case of an accident and/or injury. Annual costs are expected to be in the \$3000.00 range for a general liability policy. We propose that costs be divided among the areas in a fashion similar to the regional phone line. Specifically that each area pay a portion of the annual policy that corresponds to the percentage of percentage of meetings in each area.”

*Referred back to groups*

NAWS donation of \$45.05