

The regional service committee met on Saturday June 10th 2012 at 822 Church Street, New Bedford

Announcements

1. Next New England Regional Service Committee Weekend will be at St. Luke's Church, 99 Peirce Street, East Greenwich RI
Subcommittees: August 11th 2012, 12:00PM - 5:00PM
RSC: August 12th 2012, 12:00PM - 5:00PM
2. WSR is seeking male and female step guides to help incarcerated addicts within the New England Region. Please contact Andy from Central Mass.

Open Positions: RMD, Activities Committee Chair

Noel opened the meeting at 12:40 with a moment of silence and a collaborative reading of the 12 traditions and 12 concepts of NA.

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

The minutes from April were accepted. There was a RD report that was prematurely put in the April minutes that will be put again into the June minutes.

SUBCOMITTEE REPORTS

Chair: no report

Vice Chair: no report

Secretary: contact sheet was sent around for updating.

Opening Balance and Treasurer's Report:

\$111.90, prudent reserve is at \$1552.50

Treasurer's Report

The finance committee met in New Bedford, MA on June 9, 2012. Thank you SEMA for hosting. Thank you to Sal S. for his assistance in preparing this report

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Rocco – Subcommittee Chair

Sal S – Subcommittee Secretary

On May 19th the finance committee held a separate meeting to conduct our annual reconciliations. At that meeting, we set the prudent reserve for 2012/13 (\$2820.00) and established a reimbursement policy. (see below)

Taxes, Customary Expenses - I will make payment for the 2ND quarter MA sales tax. I will also file RI taxes. RMD – printing has increased by \$5 this will not change the cost of RMD's.

Money Matters

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When we attempted to conduct the June bank reconciliation, we noticed that there was an error in the ending balance of Quickbooks based on some of the clean-up we conducted in May. Therefore, we restored Quickbooks back to the April 30, 2012.

We voided check # 1322 for \$112.50 written to Dan H that was never cashed.

We voided a \$20 check made out to PI that was incorrectly endorsed and then issued a new check in the

same amount for RMD's for an event

We Verified that a check was cut to Andrew L for the Post Office Box rental

We answered a question from the WSR subcommittee chair about how to handle an upcoming bill. We

reconciled that the subcommittee chair submit the expense as a money motion. The WSR is not its own

subcommittee and is a part of H&I. Since this printing expense was not included of this year or last year's

H&I budget, it must be done as a money motion.

We discovered a \$0.60 transposition error on a deposit slip from April 2012 and adjusted quickbooks.

Our starting balance is \$111.90 (\$112.50 less \$.60)

Prudent reserve is full at \$1,552.50.

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- James P – RSC Treasurer

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Policy Matters – TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT – Summary below – see full suggested policy with the Finance Committee report

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At 24 cents per mile. Based on IRS NP rate plus 10 cents

Must be included on submitted budgets

If under \$100 and on budget, then customary reimbursement. If over, must put in motion

Must be done prior to travel.

The Finance Committee would like to recommend Carrie B. for Treasurer, Sal S. for Asst. Treasurer, James P. for Finance Committee Chair and Rocco A. for At-Large member.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve as your Treasurer over the last two years. I look forward to hopefully continuing to serve on the finance committee.

Meeting was closed at 4:25pm

In Loving Service, James P.617-314-4048

Prudent Reserve Calculation 2012-2011 (From Budgets Submitted in April 2012)

(prudent reserve is the amount of money held aside to cover the expenses of the region for one two month cycle if no funds came in)

Hosting
Storage
Secretary
Insurance
Total

This is a worst case most expensive month of "expenses" strictly said.
No longer are we adding up sub-committee budgets and dividing by six.

\$500.00
\$1.00
\$19.00
\$2,300.00
\$2,820.00

Convention Committee: The Convention Committee has met twice since the last RSC. In May, we met at the Hotel in Newport. We toured the facilities and got a feel for the layout. We met here, yesterday.

The ending balance after yesterday's committee meeting is \$4,154.95. Our next meeting will be at Noon on Saturday, July 14th at 2 Crockett St, Warwick, RI.

We have 2 upcoming fundraisers.

1. On June 23 we will be holding A Summer Celebration - featuring meat on stick to be held in Taunton at the PACC on School Street. This event will start at noon and end at 9 PM. Tickets are being sold for \$15.00 which is for 1 lb of meat to be cooked over the fire pit. There will be a speaker Jam going all day and music for dancing as well as

other out door activities and NA Vendors. I do have tickets available today for anyone who is interested.

2. On October 23 we will be hosting Saturday Night Fever in Everett, MA at Our Lady of Grace Church,190 Nichols St. The event will begin at 7 PM with a meeting followed by a Dance. Flyers and Tickets which are \$10 and will be available soon.

Registration for the convention and a link to make hotel reservations are available on nerna.org.

We have Registration flyers today for Distribution to the RCMs. We would like to make sure that every Area gets some to take to there Area meeting so would all RCM's please Raise your had so you can all get some for your area.

In Loving Service,
Debbie L
Vice Chair
NERC VX

H&I:
Literature:
Policy:
Website: Website Committee Report

First off I would like to apologize for not being here last time we met. Over the last two months the website committee has pretty quiet. We have continued to make updates and answer email.

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statistics from the website over the last two months:

Over 31,000 Pageviews

Over 4,500 Unique Visitors

Approximately 30 informational emails answered

I want to take this opportunity to thank the body for allowing me to participate in my recovery by holding this position. The Website Committee holds a special place in my heart because it is how I found my way to an NA meeting.

In loving service,
Brandon H.

Phone Line: **NERNA Phonline Minutes**
1-866-624-3578

The Regional Phonenumber Subcommittee met Saturday, June 9, 2012, 12:00pm at the Christian Fellowship, 822 Church Street, New Bedford, MA.

We opened with the Serenity Prayer.

The Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary were in attendance along with representatives from: Boston and Greater Providence.

Chairperson reported: Joe Black (Diamond Voice) informed the Chair that separate lines (male/female) were possible with a change over cost of 90. The Chair informed representative of Greater Providence who on behalf of his area opted for a change over to an "urgent" phonenumber with a change over cost of \$20. The Chair will reach out to Free Spirit regarding their intention (note that Free Spirit is using their local line). The Committee learned that Free Spirit will hold a Learning Day, June 24th.

Secretary gave her report from April 14, 2012 Regional Subcommittee meeting.

Treasurer's reported balance for May and June 2012 which totaled \$3,221.94. May (\$681.58) and June (\$549.51) expenses totaled \$1,231.09. Expenses were a little higher than usual due to P.O. Box expense. After expenses were paid, the ending balance is \$1,990.85 – right at prudent reserve.

The Phonenumber Bill notes an increase of calls from previous month. .

Literature Contact: No report.

Professional Contact: No report [Open]

Non-Urgent Call Back reported 24 calls received within last 2 months.

Urgent-Call Back reports received within the last 2 months:

- Boston: 8 calls
- Cape Cod:
- Central Mass:
- Free Spirit:
- Greater Providence:
- Martha's Vineyard:
- Metro West:
- Nantucket:
- Northeast Mass:
- Southeast Mass:

- South Shore:

Meeting List Update Coordinator reported recent updating with the phonenumber. He should be done by next week.

Old Business:

Discussion of Free Spirit and Greater Providence areas separating their phonenumber. Free Spirit wishes to maintain their local line and Greater Providence wants to join NE Regional. Greater Providence wants to know the costs of such a change. The Chair will inquire as to the costs of this separation, a new prompt and setup of urgent callback for Greater Providence. Greater Providence will maintain their present setup with Free Spirit for approximately another month in which Free Spirit should have reached a decision as to their intentions.

New Business:

Greater Providence will be set up with an Urgent phonenumber.

Nominations: Gary B. for Chair. Chris for Treasurer. Carolyn R. for Secretary. Dave for Update Coordinator. Vice Chair position remains open. Professional Contact remains open.

The subcommittee closed with the Serenity Prayer. In Loving Service, Carolyn R.,
Phonenumber Secretary,

Public Information:

RMD:

Website:

RD/RDA:

The first "Roundtable" discussion was on Sunday starting at 9AM. First Things First-Opening and Introductions. Ron M. shared with us that out of the 115 regions seated at the WSC. 112 were present with 83 of those having their Alternate by their side.

Denmark, Lithuania and Nepal (2008) are our newest seated regions.

39 countries and 24 different languages. Iran AD shares that they currently (May2012) have 21 Areas, 3913 groups and 18,000+ meetings.

Suyash from Nepal seated in 2008 but at the WSC for the first time shared .

Sunday, 29 April

9:00-10:30 am

Rounds

Leaders: Ron M

Goal of Session:

- Welcome to WSC 2012

- Recognition of regions seated at 2010 WSC/attending their first WSC
- Introductions
- Serenity Prayer in languages present

On tables: Table Numbers on each table, WSC mission statement, A Vision for NA Service, agenda with evaluations, keytags and keytag sheet, reprints of April NA Way Serenity Prayer spread.

Ron opens and provides set up

15 minutes

Screen: WSC logo, then “welcome” in all languages

- Welcome to the 31st World Service Conference...begin with a moment of silence (1 minute).
- And we have a video for you to start things off. (3-4 minutes)

Screen: WCNA video

Screen: WSC mission statement, then Vision

- Have conference participants read:
 - Just For Today
 - 12 Concepts
 - WSC Mission Statement
 - A Vision for NA Service
- The goal of this session is to become familiar with the NA communities present here at the WSC and with the folks we’ll be serving with this week. We will close with the Serenity Prayer in all of the languages present here today and we’ve included a handout on your tables from the April *NA Way* that we believe includes all of the languages present here today.
 - In your registration bag you received an ink pen and a lapel pin with our theme for the conference—Inspired by Our Primary Purpose. There are limited quantities of the lapel pin available for sale in the onsite office, along with a selection of our regular literature and products and other WSC specific merchandise.
 - Other housekeeping announcements:

Screen: Regions Map

- Here are some interesting statistics, about the makeup of this 31st WSC:

We have ___ seated regions represented by ___ RDs and ___ ADs. We’re happy that these include the two regions seated in 2010, Denmark and Lithuania. Also, although they were seated in 2008, this is the first conference that Nepal has been able to attend as a seated participant, so we also welcome Nepal. Unfortunately, El

Salvador, SIRSCONA (India), and Le Nordet are not able to attend this year. This year's conference participants are from ___ countries and we speak ___ languages.

- Seating has been purposefully assigned with RD and AD sitting apart from each another. When we are sitting at the round tables we will usually have assigned seating, and those seating assignments will be posted on the doors. In the risers on the other side of the room you can sit wherever you like; however, the seats near the translations booth are reserved to facilitate those who need Spanish translations and are using headsets, and there is space set aside for those with physical limitations.

Introductions

35 minutes

In an effort to become more familiar with our worldwide NA communities, rather than introducing everyone, we've asked a few delegates to introduce themselves and tell the conference a bit about their NA communities. (about 5 mins each)

Screen: highlight on regions map

Conference Countdown & Introductions

20 minutes

Another way for us to get to know each other is to share our WSC experience. This is especially helpful for conference newcomers so that we can support them in our efforts this week. To find out about your WSC experience, we'll do a WSC attendance countdown. When we call the number of conferences you've attended, please go to one of the four staff members positioned throughout the room. As you move to these outer edges of the room, we'll begin forming our closing circle.

Screen: changes with each announcement

Please stand and join the circle if you have attended more than 10 World Service Conferences.

Please join the circle if you have attended

- More than 10 WSCs
- 5-10 WSCs
- If this is your 4th WSC
- If this is your 3rd WSC
- If this is your 2nd WSC.

Those of you who are standing, please take notice of the WSC newcomers amongst us. Please make a commitment to get to know some of them better this week and to be available to support them. And for those of you attending your first conference or who have only been here once or twice before, these are your resources. Please approach some of these conference veterans throughout the week to ask questions and seek support.

Now, for all of you who are attending your first WSC, please join us to help us complete the circle

Screen: Serenity Prayer languages list

After we close with the Serenity Prayer, we'll take a break and start the next session at 11:00. Please return to the same tables and remember that there is value in returning on time.

Ron leads Closing Circle

20 minutes

The staff will be running mics so that we can try to record this for your WSC CD. Please wait until you have the microphone. Please join me in a moment of silence for the addict who still suffers and to reflect on our service here this week, inspired by our primary purpose. Could we please have the Serenity Prayer in:

1. Arabic
2. Danish
3. Farsi
4. Filipino
5. Finnish
6. French
7. Gaelic
8. German
9. Greek
10. Hebrew
11. Hindi
12. Italian
13. Japanese
14. Lithuanian
15. Manipuri
16. Maori?
17. Norwegian
18. Polish
19. Portuguese
20. Russian
21. Swedish
22. Spanish
23. Others?

24. English

Thank you, and we'll see you back here at 11:00.

In Front of Room:

Just For Today

12 Concepts

WSC Mission Statement

A Vision for NA Service

Seat assignment chart

Languages List

Next was The 31st WSC: Inspired by our primary purpose”.

As we sat in the Rounds we went around the table and shared our Name, Service position, where we were from, one hope and one fear.

One hope that stuck out for me was to learn how to better communicate with the people who entrusted me to fulfill a task. We then discussed our 5th Tradition.

Sunday, 29 April

11:00 am-12:30 pm

Rounds

Leaders: Mary and Piet

Goal of Session:

- Create community and a common vision for the week by focusing on the conference theme

On tables: Brainstorming/Ground Rules, Facilitator's Guides, Generic Notes Sheet, Excerpt from IW:HW Fifth Tradition Applying Spiritual Principles, Fifth Tradition Handout with the Spiritual Principles, Fifth Tradition question sheet (with copyright release form @ bottom)

Session will begin with gifts for first table back from break on time

Mary and Piet provide a set up of session

5 minutes

Screen: Session Opening Screen

Piet opens the session, covering the following points:

PIET: We just want to let you know that staff will be coming around to take a picture of your table. We will post these photos on the inside of the doors as a way for everyone to connect names and faces. If you do not want to be included, please say so when staff approaches, and you will not be included in the picture.

MARY: Later today, we'll review the flow of the week's schedule. When we are on this side of the room in the rounds, we will use large and small groups processes to facilitate our discussions.

Screen: On Your Tables Diagram: Facilitator's Instructions, Brainstorming Guidelines, Ground Rules, Handouts and Notes Sheets

MARY:

- Most of you are probably familiar with the materials on your table: **Facilitator's Instructions, Brainstorming Guidelines, and Suggested Ground Rules**. Are there any present who are not? If you have members at your tables who are not familiar with the process, please take a moment when we break into small groups to review these materials and explain the process.
- It is very important to choose good recorders in our small group sessions. As we grow, it is impossible to hear from all of the tables, so we will collect each table's notes from small group discussions. We need your help to make this work.
- There are generic notes sheets on your tables, which you can use for any notes you want to take. In the second part of this small group activity, we'll ask each of you to do some writing about the spiritual principles that guide our service. For that writing task, please use the sheet with the question printed on the top of the page. We'll collect those sheets and we may use your writing in one of our publications or we may call on you sometime this week to share what you wrote.

PIET: Small Group: Introductions, Hopes, and Fears 30 minutes

Screen: Round I questions: Your name, current service position, where you are from

Piet introduces the small group: (10 minutes)

What we would like you to do, first, is just get to know each other a little bit. To do this, please take turns around your tables to share your name, your current service position, and where you are from. First, please choose a facilitator who can help keep things moving. You will have 10 minutes to do this, so please be brief.

Screen: Round II questions: One hope and one fear

PIET: introduces Round II: Sharing Hopes and Fears 20 minutes

- In this round, please share one hope and one fear you have for serving at the WSC. Again, take turns around the table. You have a little more time for this, but we have a lot of people, so, again, please be brief. You will have 20 minutes.

MARY & PIET: Report to Large Group 15 minutes

- Remind the group that there is not time to hear reports from every table. Ask for a few reports from random tables.

PIET: Small Group Discussion/Individual Writing 35 minutes

Screen: Tradition Five: Integrity, Responsibility, Unity, & Anonymity

Piet sets up small group discussion: The spiritual principles of our program are a common bond for us. We find a harmony of purpose that unites all of us when our service is inspired by our spiritual principles. Our Fifth Tradition guides us to maintain focus on our primary purpose: to carry the message to the addict who still suffers. In the Fifth Tradition essay in *It Works: How and Why*, we read:

Some of the principles we have applied to help us observe the Fifth Tradition include integrity, responsibility, unity, and anonymity.

On your tables is A reprint of the “Applying Spiritual Principles” section of this chapter. Also, there is a sheet that lists the four spiritual principles identified in this section, along with a brief quote about that principle.

Ask volunteers to read the four quotations:

INTEGRITY

Groups demonstrate [integrity] when they offer vigorous, conscious support for addicts seeking to work the NA program.

RESPONSIBILITY

Each group is responsible to become as effective a vehicle for carrying the NA message as it can be.

—and—

Each member is responsible to help the group keep our primary purpose in focus.

UNITY

Unity is one of our greatest strengths in carrying the message. Unity of purpose keeps our focus on carrying the message.

ANONYMITY

In anonymity, our personal differences are insignificant compared to our primary purpose. When we come together as a group, our first task is to carry the message; all else ought to be set aside.

Screen: Question displayed on screen: How do the spiritual principles of the Fifth Tradition inspire our service?

PIET EXPLAINS SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION:

Thank you, everyone, for reading for us. Now, we would like to you to take about 20 minutes to talk at your tables about how the spiritual principles of the Fifth Tradition inspire our service. After your sharing, we will ask you do some writing about these spiritual principles, but for now, please spend some time talking with one another. You have 20 minutes;

Screen: Question displayed on screen

After 20 minutes, Piet wraps up the sharing session and explains the personal writing task:

Please spend 15 minutes to write about your personal experience

- Choose one of these four spiritual principles.
- And answer the question, “How will this spiritual principle inspire my service efforts here at the conference this week?”

Wrap-Up and Close

5 minutes

MARY: At 12:25, wrap up.

- Please leave your writing on the tables. Please be sure to include your name and region at the bottom of the form. If you are willing for us to consider your writing for publication, please be sure to complete and sign the release at the bottom of the form.
- We’ll collect those sheets and we may ask if we can use your writing in one of our publications or we may call on you sometime this week to share what you wrote. If you want a copy of your writing, we’ll be happy to make copies for you in the onsite office.

Announcements:

TODAY’S DEADLINES:

6PM: Old Business, Nominations, and Resumes

Remind members to return from lunch on time for the orientation session on the other side of the room. Please respect the reserved signs for those needing translations. –We will restart at 2 PM.

In Front of Room:

Gifts for first table back

From the Fifth Tradition in *It Works*

Applying spiritual principles

The Fifth Tradition complements the Twelfth Step: It asks *groups* to carry the message to addicts. As individuals, we are asked in the steps to apply principles in all our affairs; this is also important in our actions as groups. Some of the principles we have applied to help us observe the Fifth Tradition include integrity, responsibility, unity, and anonymity.

Integrity, or fidelity to the principles embodied in the Twelve Traditions, is demonstrated when groups carry the NA message of recovery. Many of our members have much to offer on a variety of subjects, but our fellowship has its own special message: freedom from active addiction through practice of NA’s Twelve Steps and the support of the fellowship of recovering addicts. Groups demonstrate this when they offer vigorous, conscious support for addicts seeking to work the NA program. When groups

conscientiously cultivate this kind of integrity, their meetings further our primary purpose.

The Fifth Tradition gives our groups a great responsibility: to maintain our fellowship's primary purpose. Each group is responsible to become as effective a vehicle for carrying the NA message as it can be. Allowing our groups to lose sight of our primary purpose may deprive an addict of a chance to hear our message of hope. Each member is responsible to help the group keep our primary purpose in focus.

Unity is one of our greatest strengths in carrying the message. Unity of purpose keeps our focus on carrying the message. As groups, we work together to ensure not only our own personal recovery but the recovery of every NA member. The evidence of many addicts staying clean and seeking our common good is very persuasive. We don't recover alone.

In anonymity, our personal differences are insignificant compared to our primary purpose. When we come together as a group, our first task is to carry the message; all else ought to be set aside. Groups can practice the Fifth Tradition by reminding their members that the recovery message, not individual personalities, is primary in Narcotics Anonymous.

Narcotics Anonymous is a fellowship with meetings around the world. Our primary purpose is a common thread that unites us. Tradition Five defines the focus of Narcotics Anonymous. This focus also helps to ensure our survival as a fellowship. The Fifth Tradition asks us to serve other addicts by carrying the message that recovery is possible in Narcotics Anonymous. This concentrated focus protects the integrity of our fellowship.

Next set of Rounds was on Thursday May 3rd @ 9am. Jim D. who was facilitating workshops at WSC2010 was here again to help us. Communications was the topic of this workshop.

We learned about proper wording while facilitating. Being clear and to the point. Preparing an effective report. Utilize all human senses when trying to communicate with your audience. Visual, Inclusive, Positive and Sincere. Communication brings transparency. We were given statements and was tasked with rewriting the statement in a more positive manner using the tools/ suggestions provided.

11AM- Collaboration

Autonomy and collaboration enhances our goals. "Now that we talked and understand each other better where do we go from here? What is important about what we discussed?"

Key Messages-

Communication Version 1

- The Chairperson of the Area Service Committee says to the committee members: "It's going to be a real challenge to get the committee's goals accomplished. Let's do the best we can, despite the heavy odds against us. Here's what I think we should do..."

Communication Version 2

- The Chairperson of the Area Service Committee says to the committee members: “It’s going to be a real challenge to get the committee’s goals accomplished. I think if we pool our talent and experience and work together, we can make some tangible progress this year. What do you think?”

Power of words exercise

① “This is all well and good, but we just don’t have the time or the money to try something like this.”

Rewrite:

② “Serving as you chairperson this year, along with my 20 years of experience in this Region, I have the ability to see the big picture. I know now what needs to be done to move us forward.”

Rewrite:

③ “If we can achieve the goals I have outlined, we can provide tremendous value to our members. I’m very excited about what I think we can accomplish.”

Rewrite:

④ “Although we know approaching the issue this way will not be effective, it’s the way the Chairperson wants us to do it. You know, sometimes you have to let him fail before he sees the light.”

Rewrite:

2012 World Service Conference

RD Session on Communication

Thursday, May 3 • 9:00am-10:30am and 11:00am-12:30pm

PART 1: Effective Communication – Principles and Practices

9:00am

- Context for the topic of communication
 - Eighth Concept: “Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications.”
 - Internal Communication key result area in the Strategic Plan, Objectives 1 and 2
- Communication icebreaker (*small group activity*)
- RD role in communication
 - RD survey results related to challenges and successes with communication
- Components of effective communication
 - Content
 - Perspective
 - Words
 - Tone
 - Integrity

- Non-verbal

9:20am

- Content: How to determine what is important to communicate
 - Delivering information effectively (tool)
 - (*small group activity*) Case study

9:45am

- **Sharing our experience RON H.**
 - RD success stories (*individual RD presenters: Ramy Rafat/Egypt and Amanda Murphy/Iowa*)
 - NAWS tools that can support RDs in effective communication
 - Additional tools/support that NAWS can provide to help you be more successful? (*solicit ideas from the group as a whole*)

10:00am

- Words/Tone: Communicating in challenging situations
 - Ask the group for examples of when communication is most challenging
 - Focus on: Communicating in times of change
 - (*solicit ideas from the group as a whole*) What are the dynamics of change that make communication so challenging? What are the keys to success when communicating about an issue that could represent significant change for your audience?
 - Communication when the goal is to build a spirit of unity (from RD survey)
 - Qualities of language that builds unity
 - (*small group activity*) building unity through words you use
- Building trust through effective communication

10:30am Break

PART 2: Communication in the 2012-2014 Cycle

11:00am

- Introduction
 - How communication needs/topics get defined in a cycle

11:05am

- **Work Session 1: Helping Shape Cycle IDTs**
 - Principles before Personalities (frame the issue) **RON H.**
 - Collaboration (frame the issue) **RON H.**
 - (*small group discussion*) Split the room in half – one half works on “Principles before Personalities” and the other half on “Collaboration”

- What are the reasons this is an issue?
- What change are we seeking through communication and discussion with the fellowship on this issue? (In other words, what specific changes in understanding, attitude, behavior or action would we like to see happen?)
- Process the discussion and get at the “need for understanding” on each issue **RON and JIM**

11:45am

- Work Session 2: Developing Key Messages
 - What are key messages
 - Qualities of effective key messages
 - (*solicit ideas from the whole group*) practice listening for the key message
 - (*small group activity*) using the same groups as above, work with them to set up a simple mind map on flip chart paper, and have them work on their IDT assigned, coming up with a few concepts they would want to communicate to raise understanding of this issue
 - Process the activity **RON and JIM**

12:25pm

- Use of key messages
- What will be done with their input

12:30pm Session Close

Friday, 4 May 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Rounds

Leaders: Franney and Jim

Slide: session goal

Goal of Session:

- Create a discussion about how NAWS and zones can better collaborate on workshops

Franney provides a set-up & Large group discussion 20 minutes

Session will begin with gifts for first tables back from break on time.

Franney will begin the session with a large group discussion sharing ideas about the current role of zones in the NA service system:

- We know that zones vary widely in their functions and roles.

- The role of zones in a “system” of service delivery is a conversation we need to have, but for now, we’re trying to take a small piece—not bite off more than we can chew.
- One of the things most have in common is that they provide a great opportunity for NAWS to communicate to regions between conferences.
- We need to interact, not just with RDs but with members—especially with the service system project in progress. We need to communicate with members who do local services.
- In a time of scarce resources, we’ve had to cut our workshop budget but we still travel to zones, and we would like to use this session to talk together about how those trips can be more effective.

Slide: NAWS and Zones Today

Take some time to talk about the current collaboration between NAWS and zones.

- What is NAWS role in your zone?
- What specifically has NAWS done when attending your zone?

Jim will lead a Small Group Exercise 50 minutes

We would like to take some time in small groups to discuss what kinds of partnership might be possible between zones and world services for cooperative workshops for this cycle only.

We know that time and agenda constraints may be different in different zones. This is why we seated you in zones, so that you can talk with your zone-mates about what might work best for your situation. We do know we need a minimum of 4-6 hours, but we are hoping in many—perhaps most cases to do more—perhaps have a Saturday with the zone meeting Sunday.

Slide: Small Group Discussion

We will spend 25 minutes in small groups brainstorming on this topic:

- Based on your experience with zone, what needs and objectives could NAWS workshops in your zone help to fill?
- What would your zone be willing to do to help this to happen?

Spend 25 minutes discussing question.

25 minute random reporting back to the large group about the most interesting thing heard at various tables, remind them that not all tables will get to report.

Wrap-up 20 minutes

In the Worldwide Workshop model participants came in on Saturday and there were workshops all day with closing sessions on Sunday. We are not necessarily looking to recreate the WWW model but we are hoping to do more than a “normal” zonal visit and pull in local members.

Slide: Making Workshops Successful

Large group questions (perhaps the last two are straw poll questions(?))

- How can we work together to attract members to workshops before or after your zf meeting?
- Are zfs willing to meet on Sundays or Fridays so that workshops can be scheduled for Saturday?
- We would need meeting space for 100-200 people. What zfs/communities could host workshops?

In the cycle ahead your input will help us when we are planning trips to your zone and putting together sessions and workshops. Please don't hesitate to contact us at any time after the conference if you have more thoughts on the subject.

WSC 2012

http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/conference/ConfReport/2012June_WSC2012_summary_of_decisions.pdf

Elections were held on Wednesday morning 5/2
Election Results

WORLD BOARD

TANA A
PAUL C
IRENE C
PAUL F
BOB G
ARNE H-G
MARK H
FRANNEY J
TALI M
TONIA N
MARYELLEN P

HUMAN RESOURCE PANEL

LIB E
DAVID J

WSC COFACILITATOR

DICKIE D
MARC G

11am 5/3– Key mess...

“Successful service provision depends on all the elements of a service system working together toward a common goal. Consensus-based decision making encourages collaborative efforts within service bodies. Communication and planning help service bodies cooperate and synchronize efforts both ‘vertically’ and ‘horizontally’ throughout the structure.”

We need something that reflects our understanding of the audience. If this connection is missed we will not be able to get anywhere else. There is value in repeating information in different forms. IE. Talking, writing, text/email, phone, power points etc.

Show value in everyone in the audience. Most people don't realize their own value.

Don't be afraid to reach your full potential. I am here for you and want to help you.

Goals-

- raise awareness
- challenge your apathy
- assure people
- customize / connect yourself to your audience
- working the steps help us achieve our common welfare

We want to give the audience the ability to participate. Be compelling.

6pm. 5/3

Delegates sharing-

Workshop facilitated by Delegates from Minnesota & ..they shared their PR efforts and use of the Planning Basics workbook.

5/5 2:30pm

Goodbyes, Certificates, Appreciation

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Regional Delegate,

Andrew L.

Thank you.

New England Regional Delegate Alternate Report on NA WSC 2012

Jaime V. NERDA June 2012

Wow. Where to begin? Truly, this experience cannot be condensed into so brief a format as a report. As verbose as I am, I lack the vernacular to accurately convey the feelings, inspirations, hopes & happenings of this experience. I wished many times while in California to be able to bottle the moment and let you all drink of it when we returned. I wanted so badly for it to last forever. I shed more tears from joy & identification & connection than I ever have from sadness and am now more in love with Narcotics Anonymous than ever. My spirit will never be the same as it was before our World Service Conference, before meeting addicts from Nepal, Sweden, Canada, Brazil, Spain, Greece, the UK, Ireland, South Africa, Columbia, Idaho, the Rockies, Japan, Iran, Egypt and on & on... Nor would I want it to be.

Enough about me though, on to what happened:

As many of you are aware, we were for the first time, experimenting with a consensus & discussion based conference, rather than a motion driven one. This did not happen without challenges but, we met them head on and found our stride eventually by working together and listening to one another. What resulted may not

have been perfect, yet it was productive & fulfilling. This was due in no small part to our CoFacilitators whose patience was damn near saintly in my estimation. I want to quote one of them here as it is a wisdom I hope always to heed; Mark said “Do not seek like-minded people. Seek like-hearted people who want to serve.” Moving forward, we will have a much better sense now of how to pursue consensus based conferences in the future.

We met in two different forums throughout the week, which were referred to as the “rounds” & the “risers”. The rounds were small group workshops and the risers were set up more like a tiered horseshoe, with non-English speaking Regions and World Board Members peppered throughout and the CoFacs/WSO in the heel to lead us. Since Andrew kept much better notes than I on the small group discussions, he will report on the rounds, and I on the risers.

Primarily, the risers were used for business of all types. We had extensive discussion on all CAR Resolutions, Proposals and Motions, as well as items in the CAT. We also did our “voting” in this forum. Since today’s schedule is compressed due to both a late start and our service rotation elections, I will keep it as short as possible and then open up to any questions as per usual. Keep in mind that I also e-blasted my raw notes during the conference and will happily forward those to any interested member upon request. So, in a sense, I have already reported all of this. Regarding the Service System Proposals Project, the first six resolutions carried with strong support, and the remaining two with support. The CAT motion to approve the project for the next conference cycle also carried with strong support. This means we are full steam ahead and should anticipate a lot more work in the coming years as we take a holistic look at revitalizing our service delivery mechanisms and how we work together to carry the message in support of and

under the direction of our Groups.

All three Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust motions carried with strong support and we can now look forward to seeing not just the types of items mentioned in regards to those motions, but also some other goodies the Fellowship has asked NAWS for. Such as an NA App which will include a clean time calculator, access to web-based literature, a meeting locator, JFT meditation and similar features. We will also be seeing NA.org launched anew and the peak we got at it looked great! Clean and user friendly.

The motion regarding WCNA and its cycle also carried without amendment, so we will see that change take place in 2018. No worries, the northeastern states will still play host to our 60th birthday in Philly next year in August.

We also saw the approval, at long last, of the Traditions Workbook project plan so get excited! We will begin by soliciting source material, then will move into review & input sessions and eventually to an approval draft scheduled to be available in May of 2015 so we can have it one full year before accepting it or not at the WSC 2016. This is the process by which we created Living Clean: the Journey Continues, and we want to mimic that as it was a huge success, bringing more fellowship input than any other book length piece in NA history. I am sure it is not news to anyone at this point that we adopted Living Clean unanimously by all 112 seated Regions present.

This was quite a magical moment. We stood in ovation, embracing, cheering, applauding and weeping with joy. At least, I did. If there were a dry eye in the room, I could not see it through my own tears.

In addition to the Traditions Workbook project, we will see NAWs reworking the Introduction To NA Meetings service pamphlet and offer it up as a new information pamphlet during this next cycle, and I expect we will also have more service related materials arise in regards to CBDM, planning processes, and so forth.

Last, but far from least, I would like to take a point of personal privilege to say thank you to Andrew. For his dedication, his experience, his wisdom and his tutelage. Rarely have I had the pleasure of working with so warm a person, and it has been my pleasure all along. We have not always agreed upon things, but we have never argued. We have not always seen eye to eye, but we have never fought. Although mine has been the position of apprentice and his a position of mentor, I have never felt less than equal in his company. His humility astounds me, and I hope to emanate it in my own recovery. My gratitude to you Andrew, and thank you from the bottom of my heart for these last two years. With all of the adversity and the many challenges this work has presented, the juice was well worth the squeeze and I shudder to think where I may have found my spirit without your support brother.

Okay. Enough of the mushy shit.

Thank you all for allowing me to be of service, for giving me purpose & direction and the opportunity to continue living clean as the journey continues.

Jaime V. NERDA

Finance:

Travel Policy recommendations from the Finance Committee to all RCM's to review with their areas.

Travel Policy

The existence of a travel policy does not guarantee reimbursement of travel expenses. Whenever possible, funds should be requested in advance of travel. Every effort should be made to exercise prudence in the spending of NA funds.

The NERSC may reimburse for the following:

Trips necessary to fulfill NERSC duties. (Service conferences, workshops, learning days, and any destination affiliated with fulfilling the NERSC duties other than the Regional Service Committee bi-monthly meeting)

Travel expenses incurred by a NERSC subcommittee chair or their designee and NERSC elected officers. If additional people travel or stay with the authorized traveler, they must pay their own way.

Requests for reimbursement made within 120 days (2 Regional meetings) of the date(s) of travel.

Portal to portal unless otherwise approved

Tolls, ferry, hotel, airfare, and parking

The following guidelines apply to travel expenses:

Mileage is reimbursable at the federal charitable rate plus 0.10¢, not to exceed the Federal Business Mileage rate.

Per Diem food allowance is reimbursable for any travel equal to or greater than 24 hours and

outside of the region at \$50 per day or 50% of the General Services Administration rate which is determined by location and whichever is the greater of the two (2). GSA rates can be found at <http://www.gra.gov/portal/category/21287>

Whenever possible hotel rooms should be shared to keep costs down.

Travel reimbursement will be considered a customary expense (no motion required) if it is included in

the approved NERSC budget and is less than \$100.

Request for travel reimbursement must include:

Point of departure and arrival

Mileage traveled if ground travel

Receipts

Itemized expense form

Attendance at the NERSC meeting or its subcommittee meetings is NOT a reimbursable travel expense.

BOD/Convention Corporation:

Insurance Liability Ad-hoc:

Area Reports

Cape Cod: RCM Report June 10th 2012

Cape Cod area has met twice since the last time we did, with an average of 14 gsr's in attendance. Our areas H & I learning day went off and was a complete success. After much discussion

we decided to do an area inventory, and the area inventory sheets were sent out to the GSR'S so that

they can bring them to their business meetings and have their groups answer the questions.

Some of

our members feel that our area is donating too much money to region and would like to see a spreadsheet of how many areas donate to region and how often before giving more money.

ILS Adam

Central Mass: We met twice since our last region. Things are going well in the Central MA area. We had elections and all of our positions are filled except the Narathon Committee Chair. The two breakfasts we had over the last two months, went well and were well attended. We've had an average of 28 GSRs over the last two months. This past month we had very robust conversation about groups putting on anniversaries. Also about when should we take group attendance at Area, at the beginning or end of it.

Free Spirit:

Greater Providence: Hi, family the Gpa met twice since the last RSC meeting. We meet every 4th Sunday of the month at Anchor Recovery Center, 249 Main St., Pawtucket, R.I.. The Gpa has currently 44 meetings. 22 Groups have been showing up to our Asc meeting. We are currently operating above prudent reserve. We have 1 open position, Alt. secretary. The policy subcommittee and the vice-chair are currently updating the Gsr orientation packet. Since it hasn't been updated in some time. The P.I. subcommittee did a presentation for R.I.cares on April 29, 1-5pm at the R.I. State House. They also participated in the H-I learning day in April. They also developed a resource tool for that learning day that can be used locally and regionally. The H.I. learning day was a great success. We had over 50 addicts in attendance. They also developed a list of addicts to help support H.I. do commitments. They also have a list of addicts that are interested in serving as new panel leaders. All positions are filled on that committee. They currently serve 45 commitments a month which 21 of them taken by groups. We had no

old business and 1 motion that went back to groups. To increase the seed money for the next Gpana convention 2014 from 6000 to 7500. We have 1 new group [No matter what] Thursday nites 7-830pm, 156 Broadway Pawt.,R.I.,02860. We have 2 events coming up 23rd Annual Southside Unity picnic, Sunday, August, 12, 12-6pm, Lincolnwoods state park, Lincoln, R.I.. Women's Unity Day Saturday August 18, 1-9pm at the Anchor Recovery Center 249 Main St., Pawt., R.I.. I.L.S. Ned-John

Martha's Vineyard:

Metro West:

Nantucket:

NEMA:

SEMA: SEMA RCM Report June 10, 2012

Good Afternoon everyone,

The SEMA met twice since the last RSC had met in April. 21 groups attended in April and 23 groups attended in May. There are currently 40 groups in SEMA area. We are currently operating above prudent reserve. All SEMA area events will be on the nerna.org calendar from this point on. We currently have two positions open at ASC (Literature Chair, and Activities Chair). \$500 donation to Region for the month of May will be mailed out soon. Thank you for allowing SEMA to host the June NERSC.

I.L.S,

Gregg F.

South Shore:

BREAK FOR LUNCH

AREA CONCERNS/ OPEN FORUM:

- an area expressed questions and concerns about how NAWS is dealing with and spending funds ie \$117,000 in doubtful accounts, meaning accounts where the money most likely wont be collected. It was volunteered that the financial information is public record and can and has been accessed by various members of the region. It was also suggested that the interested members call NAWS directly and ask.

Quorum: 11 Simple Majority: 6 2/3: 8

OLD BUSINESS:

Elections:

1. Chair

Pat F was nominated and accepted

2. Vice Chair

Bob L and Chip K were nominated. The votes for Chip prevailed.

3. Secretary

Dan H. was nominated and accepted

4. Assistant secretary

- Brittany C. was nominated and accepted
5. Treasurer
Vacant but finance committee has made a nomination of Carrie B, who was unable to attend today due to previous obligations.
 6. Assistant treasurer
Sal S. was nominated and accepted
 7. Finance Chair
James P. was recommended by the finance committee and accepted by the body.
 8. Activities Chair
Vacant
 9. Fellowship development chair
Joe V. was nominated and accepted
 10. H&I chair
Ben B. was recommended by the H&I committee and accepted by the body.
 11. Insurance Chair
Bob L. was nominated and accepted
 12. Literature Chair
Vacant
 13. Policy Chair
Dave P. was nominated and accepted
 14. Phonenumber Chair
Gary B. was nominated and accepted
 15. PI Chair
John N. was recommended by the PI committee and accepted
 16. RMD
vacant
 17. Website Chair
Brandon H. was nominated and accepted
 18. RD
Jamie V. was nominated and accepted
 19. RDA
Noel was nominated and accepted
 20. Finance committee members at large (3)
Rocco A. was nominated and accepted
Greg F. was nominated and accepted

NEW BUSINESS:

Money Motions

1. Presented by RD. Motion reads "make check payable in the amount of \$1230 for travel expenses to the NEZF June 15,16 and 17th 2012." Intent "For RD and RDA to attend NEZF".
In favor - 9 Opposed -1 Abstentions- 1 Motion passes
2. Presented by RD. Motion reads "make check payable in the amount of \$565 for travel expenses to the NEZF." Intent "cost of room for newly elected RDA along with one member of the NEZF".
In favor - 9 Opposed -1 Abstentions- 0 Motion passes
3. Presented by Public Information. Motion reads "to set aside \$700.00 for New Demographics for the displays as well as a new tablecloth with updated graphics." Intent is "to further our primary purpose".
In favor - 8 Opposed - 2 Abstentions- 0 Motion passes
4. Presented by Public Information. Motion reads "to set aside \$70.00 for literature for the Cape Cod Symposium event". Intent "To further our primary purpose".

In favor - 10

Opposed - 0

Abstentions- 0

Motion passes

Non Money Motions

1. Presented by RD. Motion reads “create a subcommittee called the ‘NERSC database contact to NAWS”. Intent “keep meeting information updated along with regions and area trusted servant information”.

Tabled with creation of an ad hoc.

2. Presented by RD. Motion reads “to direct the RD/RDA to present workshop named ‘WSC Summary of Decisions’ on Saturday afternoon of the August Regional sub-committee meetings from 4-6pm.”. Intent “inform the region of the fellowships current conscience”.

In favor - 9

Opposed - 0

Abstentions- 1

Motion passes