

The regional service committee met on Sunday June 9th, 12:30
Christian Fellowship 822 Church St. New Bedford, Ma 02745

Announcements

Remaining Open Positions after elections:

Assistant Treasurer, Finance Chair, Activities, H&I, Insurance, Policy, Phoneline, RMD And Website

RCMS!!! (look below)

Jaime V (AD-HOC Regional Locator) asks you this "Does your area feel comfortable hosting regional weekend on a bi-annual basis?"

Also please remember the email that was sent out a few days after Region pertaining to policy changes (Non-Money Motion # 2) The Region needs feedback from our areas.

Next Regional Meeting:

Subcommittees will met at Church Of The Atonement 36 Court Street Westfield, Ma 01085, Saturday August 10, 2013 12PM

The Regional Service Committee will met at Church Of The Atonement 36 Court Street Westfield, Ma 01085, Sunday August 11, 2013 11AM

Subcommittees:

RSC:

Patrick opened the meeting with a moment of silence and a collaborative reading of the 12 traditions and 12 concepts of NA.

Minutes from April were accepted.

10 areas were present: Cape Cod, Central Mass, Free Spirit, Martha's Vineyard, Metro West, Nantucket, NEMA, Pioneer Valley, SEMA, and South Shore.

SUBCOMITTEE REPORTS

Chair: Hi family,

I would like to thank the south eastern mass area for their hospitality this weekend. I would also like to thank this body for allowing me to serve for this past year. I believe we got a lot accomplished and made many improvements within this body. From taking a look at our fiscal responsibilities and spending habits, to encouraging discussions and consensus throughout the region. It has been a pleasure to serve with such a patient, knowledgeable, and open-minded group of individuals. I look forward to serving this body in some capacity for another year if you see fit. Thank you again for another great year of service.

ILS,
Pat F.

Vice Chair:

Secretary: Thank you for allowing me to serve. I hope to only get better in my second term.

Opening Balance and Treasurer's Report:

Treasurers Report

Date	6/9/2013
Beginning Balance	0
Income	4478.92
Expenses	5483.7
NAWS Donation	696.22

Ending Balance 0

	Set Asides	
Prudent Reserve		3561
RD/RDA		-678.04
Insurance		483
Unfunded Travel		500

Note: New Prudent Reserve is 2561. 1500 Web set aside currently resides in Prudent reserve for safekeeping to prevent the treasurer from sending it to NAWS :-). Additionally a \$500 check was written out of the prudent reserve to open the new checking account. Once the new account is established the remainder will be transferred.

Please keep in mind that income does not reflect \$259 moved from prudent reserve to general ledger nor transfer of funds from insurance set aside to general ledger which happened because bill was paid this month.

Since there was no insurance committee person elected I took the liberty of calculating the new bill based upon the phonline percentages. Thank you to Christopher M. For supplying the percentages.

Boston Area	0.1208	\$ 349.72	\$ 29.14
Cape Cod Area	0.0698	\$ 202.07	\$ 16.84
Central Mass Area	0.1245	\$ 360.43	\$ 30.04
Free Spirit	0.0377	\$ 109.14	\$ 9.10
Greater Providence Area	0.0962	\$ 278.50	\$ 23.21
Martha's Vineyard Area	0.0151	\$ 43.71	\$ 3.64
Metro West Aarea	0.0792	\$ 229.28	\$ 19.11
Nantucket Area	0.0132	\$ 38.21	\$ 3.18
Northeast Area	0.163	\$ 471.89	\$ 39.32
Pioneer Valley	0.0226	\$ 65.43	\$ 5.45
Southeast Area	0.0887	\$ 256.79	\$ 21.40
South Shore Area	0.0906	\$ 262.29	\$ 21.86
Western Mass	0.0585	\$ 169.36	\$ 14.11

Totals 0.9799 \$ 2,836.81 \$ 236.40

Total Insurance Bill paid June 2013 2895

Convention Committee:

Fellowship Development:

The Fellowship Development committee met yesterday with 5 addicts in attendance. Here is a quick rundown of past and current events. Last month we held a workshop on CBDM at GPA Learning Day. Next weekend, we will be doing a workshop on CBDM at SEMA convention on Saturday at 2:15 PM. The CMA has invited to

workshop CBDM at their ASM in August. We are reaching out to PVA to see if there is an opportunity to take part in their event for regional weekend in August.

FD will be collaborating with the Literature committee on The Traditions Workbook in the next couple months.

We had a great discussion yesterday concerning the “hole in the donut”. These are the undeveloped communities throughout our region where there are currently no meetings being held. We will begin the process of identifying these areas with the help of our RCMs. We need RCMs to bring back to their respected areas these questions. Is there a neighborhood or community that is in need of meetings where there is currently no NA presence? By helping us identify these areas, we can collaborate with the P.R. committee and reach out to facilities and get the ball rolling. Much more on this will be revealed in the upcoming months.

H&I: We met Saturday June 8 with four area Chairs in attendance.

We held our annual elections.

We currently have no recommendation for chair.

Vice Chair: Bob S.

Secretary: Nick F.

Assistant Secretary: Vacant

WSR: Zane F.

DOC Coordinator: John L.

I have been attempting to contact all the area H & I Chairpeople. I do not have any contact information for most of the areas. I'm asking all RCMs to either provide me with their are H&I chairpersons information or to give them mine. This is just to see if the areas who don't regularly attend are doing well, if not is there anything we can assist them with.

Announcements:

WSR (writing steps to recovery) is still looking for step writing guides to correspond with inmates. There has been some progress with the program but any additional help would be great particularly women currently we have few only a few women step writing guides.

ILS Ben B

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WSR

Zane F

857-991-5798

Literature: The Literature committee met in New Bedford, and it was just this writer initially, but I was soon joined with a gentlemen from the Cape Cod Area, and we were able to engage in conversation to the importance

of this new piece of literature for the fellowship. Unfortunately we still have a ways to go here and not a lot of enthusiasm from the New England Area. Fellowship development has agreed to help our committee out until the ball gets rolling better, and we see more involvement with this project. In loving service Kevin H.

Insurance:

Policy: Policy subcommittee met Saturday 6/8/13 with three addicts in attendance – myself, Cape Cod Area policy chair and a member from the Central Mass Area. There is no recommendation for a nomination for the next policy chairperson from the subcommittee at this time. RCMs, please inform your areas that this position will be vacant and that the subcommittee needs support. This month concludes my second year as the chairperson, but I plan on continuing to serve at the regional level and will help the next policy chairperson however I can. I plan on writing up some notes to pass along to the next chairperson which will hopefully help with the transition. Unfortunately the subcommittee (which for the last year has consisted primarily of myself and the policy chair from cape cod) never got around to actually creating policy subcommittee guidelines – perhaps if support for this subcommittee grows this will actually happen one day.

There are a few minor edits that I will be making to the policy (non-substantive changes) as well as any changes resulting from motions passed at the June NERSC meeting.

Thanks for letting me serve,

Dave P

Phone Line: The Regional Phonenumber Subcommittee met Saturday, June 8, 2013, 12:00pm at Christian Fellowship, 822 Church Street, New Bedford, MA.

We opened with the Service Prayer. The 12 Traditions were read by Subcommittee.

Attendance: Chair; Secretary; Treasurer; Literature Contact; along with representatives from: Boston and Central Mass.

Chair: Thank you for allowing me to serve. In the month of May, I visited SEMA to inform them of services provided by the Phonenumber. As a result of this, SEMA rescinded their vote to remove themselves from the Phonenumber. Diamond Voice has changed the greeting to welcome Western, Central, and Eastern, Mass and RI of NA. *Accepted*.

Secretary: Reported Minutes from April 13, 2013 Regional Phonenumber Subcommittee meeting. Secretary thanked the Subcommittee for allowing her to serve and for their support. *Accepted*

Treasurer: Reported May's expenses (\$598.84) as being a little high due to post office expenses that month. Along with June's expenses of \$446.59, these amounts totaled \$1,045.43. Total deposits was \$883.05 with a beginning balance of \$2,597.73 which subtotaled to \$3,480.78 Minus expenses, the ending balance is \$2,435.35. The Treasurer further reported a total of 777 calls for the months of April and May. The Treasurer researched another bank and concluded that our account with Sovereign is actually okay with the Phonenumber maintaining a \$1500 balance or 5 transactions per month to avoid Sovereign's fees. The Phonenumber usually maintains a \$2,000 to \$3,000 balance. The Treasurer will keep an eye out for Sovereign's \$15 charge. *Accepted*

Literature Contact: Reported 20 calls during the months of April and May: 16 RMD's were mailed out; 5 Professional calls; and 2 Miscellaneous. The Literature Contact further reported a total of 52 calls for the year. *Accepted*

Professional Contact: Reported 4 calls for months April, May and June: New River Academy requesting H&I commitment; Holiday Inn, Mansfield, MA inquiring about NA events to be held at its establishment; Melrose Psych Unit requesting H&I commitment; and Executive Office of Human Health and Human Services inquiring if NA could fill out an online survey and ascertained what services NA could provide to people with HIV. *Accepted*

Non-Urgent Volunteer: Reported 47 calls during the months of April and May: 10 calls were hang-ups; 15 callers were referred to the Mass Helpline; and remaining calls were addicts looking for meetings. *Accepted*

Urgent-Volunteer reports during the months of April and May. *Accepted*

- Boston: 6 calls
- Cape Cod: 3
- Central Mass: 1

- Greater Providence:
- Martha's Vineyard:
- Metro West:
- Nantucket:
- Northeast Mass:
- Southeast Mass:
- South Shore:
- Western MA:

Meeting List Update Coordinator: No Report.

Old Business:

- Representative from Central Mass expressed serving on the Phonenumber. Chair expressed an Urgent volunteer is needed for Central Mass due to the present volunteer lives in Boston and there has been concern around that. Representative from Central Mass did not meet requirements of Urgent volunteer. Chair suggested for representative to announce in his area. *Noel D. stepped up to fill Central, Mass Urgent Volunteer position.*
- Discussion of should we have Urgent callbacks. The Phonenumber was originally created to be an information line; not a helpline. Chair will bring this discussion to the full Regional body. Chair requested all Committee members to look into a provider with comparable service. Phonenumber Subcommittee is now paying an average of \$250. Further discussion of phonenumber services in other areas. (*See Chair Report*). *Chair relayed expressing such in his Report at Regional full body meeting of April 14, 2013.*
- Vice-Chair position remains open.

New Business:

- Carolyn R. was nominated for Chair position and respectfully declined.
- Chris M. was nominated for Treasurer position and accepted. *U*
- No further recommendations received for Chair position. Present Chair volunteered to remain in position until a suitable candidate steps up.

The Subcommittee closed with the Serenity Prayer (“We” version).

In Loving Service,

Gary B, Phonenumber Chair
Carolyn R., Phonenumber Secretary,

Public Information:

Website: The new website is nearing completion, but is not quite ready to go live just yet. There are a few more steps that need to be done before we are ready to make the site live. At this point, an August (or possibly earlier) launch looks most likely.

I spoke with Aaron S. and Andrew L., who are both members of the committee who are interested in working together to take on the duties of the chairperson of this committee. Unfortunately they couldn’t be here today.

As usual some stats:

- Approx 32,000 Pageviews
- Approx 4,500 Unique Visitors
- Approximately 25 informational emails answered
- 36 New Members Joined the site

Today is my last day as the website chair. The website committee holds a very, very special place in my heart. Nine years ago I was 22 years old, life was unmanageable and I couldn’t stop using to save my life. I was given an ultimatum by my mother: go to a

meeting or move out. I went online and searched for Narcotics Anonymous. I found our website. On our website I found a meeting list where I could get to a meeting my town. At that meeting I heard our message of hope.

Keeping our primary purpose in focus can be difficult when I'm dealing with the day-to-day or month-to-month minutiae of subcommittee work. The moment of silence that we start our meetings off with reminds me that what we do here is *so* much larger than my petty arguments and my irritating personality. I have the privilege of getting to serve the fellowship that saved my life, and the icing on the cake is that I get to do so alongside some of the most humble, caring and spiritual people that I've met in my life.

My recovery journey is leading me to step down from doing service at this level for now. I want to take this opportunity to thank this body for the vast amount of experience, strength and hope that each member has freely shared with me over the years.

Thank you for letting me be of service,
Brandon H.

RD/RDA:

RMD:

Finance: We started the meeting at 12:00 pm with a moment of silence followed by 3rd step prayer. Thank you Southeast Mass. Area for Hosting. Present were:

- James P – Finance Committee Chair
- Carrie B. – Treasurer
- Chip K. – RSC Vice-Chair
- Kevin H. – (sat in)

Carrie B. – had several pressing items arrived in the mailbox most notably from the Office of the Massachusetts Attorney General – Non-Profit/Public Charities Division. The letters are requesting information on Question 24 on Form PC 2012, and Other incomplete items for 2011. Carrie B. will take care of them at the AG's office and also contact the McFadden CPA for help.

The committee reconciled 1 months' worth of bank statements.

We received budgets from the following committees: Policy, Public Information, Literature, and RMDs and from the RD/RDA.

The annual insurance bills were received and paid. The bill has gone down from \$2,318 to \$2,171.25.

We discussed Prudent Reserve for 2013 – 2014: hosting \$500; P.O. \$150; Insurance set-aside \$362; and RD/RDA set-aside \$1428. It will be set at \$2440.00.

The Finance Committee would like to address to the RSC that the RD/RDA set-aside (budget) has increased from \$1,012 to \$1,478 / region which represents an annual change from \$6,072 to \$8,868. The RD/RDA budget on an annual basis is over \$1,000 greater than the sum of all the other subcommittee budgets combined.

In Loving Service,

James P., Finance Committee Chair

BOD/Convention Corporation:

Elections were held:

President – James P.

Treasurer – Body decided Rocco A will be interim treasurer

At Large Committee Member – Jim D

Present Committee Member – Dave A's term was done, no one else elected.

BREAK FOR LUNCH

AREA REPORTS:

Boston:

Cape Cod: Cape Cod Area Service Committee has met once since the April RSC. There are 34 NA meetings running on Cape Cod, with an average of 9 GSR's attending area. Our H&I subcommittee is starting a new commitment at Nickerson state park for a boy's juvenile facility. The Wednesday night young people's group of NA will be holding their first speaker jam on June 29th from 12-6pm at 485 brick kiln road in Falmouth ma. Cape Cod area activities committee will be hosting a Bowl-A-Rama Fundraiser on June 21 st at 8:30 pm at the trade bowl center on spring bars road in Falmouth ma to raise money for our annual Fun in the Sun Campout which will only be a one night event this year. It will be held at Camp Lyndon in Sandwich MA.

ILS,

Brittany and Rachel

Central Mass: We met twice since last region. Things are going well in CMA. We've had an average of 26 GSRs attending our ASC. We are operating at prudent reserve. The 7AM group which meets in Shrewsbury, MA, had a cookout on Memorial Day. Which was brought up by a few members at Area how uncomfortable they were. There were speakers at the event from a different fellowship and an overall religious theme. This event was promoted as an NA event. Some GSRs felt that perhaps this not being the first time this group has had such problems; it should be taken from the meeting list. Our newly formed Outreach Subcommittee does not have a policy and we are wondering if any other areas have one and could share their policies with us. Thank you.

ILS

Dan H

Free Spirit:

Greater Providence:

Martha's Vineyard:

Metro West: The Metro west area is operating above prudent reserve, and are looking to fill the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Rcm, for the up coming year. It has been a pleasure to serve this body in this capacity. In loving service Kevin H.

Nantucket:

NEMA:

Pioneer Valley:

SEMA:

South Shore:

Western MA:

AREA CONCERNS/ OPEN FORUM:

Area Concerns: Ben SSA – Asked why his area would want to have a service system workshop

Jaime V – at the start of this process, yes ASC would be great

Chris NEMA – would anyone be willing to start a lending library?

Open Forum: RD – Would there be any interest/participation in having a zonal or regional service symposium. Or perhaps a NER Learning Day? If you have any questions or input, please get in touch with Jaime V – RD

James P – talking about RD/RDAs budget has significantly increased from the past few years.

Bill – We need to think about how we spend our money. And where we put our resources.

Chip – How do we better inform our Areas on how we spend their money?

Carrie – A lot of growth from our region comes from the work the RD/RDA do. There's also some other things we could invest in. Perhaps we need to look at how many places we are sending them.

Jaime – The work of the RD/RDA has grown over the last few years, including putting on workshops and etc. for this growing fellowship. It's about training and mentoring.

Rob – are we measuring our “return of investment” are our Areas implanting things through workshops?

Jaime – It's too early to tell (return of investment) but yes, we are looking at that.

Joe Fellowship Development – I went to the Florida Service Symposium and in 3 months, I put on 4 workshops. I think the personal contact is invaluable.

Bill – We don't approve budgets, there really isn't a planning process.

Quorum: **Voting Members:** 10 **Simple Majority:** 6 2/3: 7

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Money Motions

MM # 1 Made by Public Relations Subcommittee

Motion: To purchase 100 RMDs for the Roca Health Fair event. For the amount of \$100.00.

Intent – To further our primary purpose

Motion Passes 10-0-0

Make Check Payable to: New England Region

MM # 2 Made by Public Relations Subcommittee

Motion: To purchase \$135.00 worth of literature for the Cape Cod Symposium.

Intent – To further our primary purpose, we also wanted to order this session and half next. This is being done in hopes of lightening the financial burden in August.

Motion Passes 10-0-0

Make Check Payable to: Bob R

MM # 3 Made by RD/RDA

Motion: Make a check in the amount to fund the RD/RDA to attend the WSLD 27 (October 25-27)

Registration: \$41.50

Airport & Ground Transportation: \$150.00 (\$75.00/ each)

Hotel: \$319.08 (\$106.36 X 3)

Per Diem: \$440.00 (\$55 X 8)

(\$201.52 less than proposed budget)

Intent – To allow the RD/RDA to fulfill the functions assigned to them.

Motion Passes 10-0-0

Make Check Payable to: Noel D.

Non Money Motions

NM# 1 Submitted by: Carrie B **Seconded by:** James P.

Motion: to amend Article IX, Section 2, Paragraph C, to read "...Prudent reserve is defined as the amount of money held aside to cover the expenses [including Insurance set-aside & RD/RDA set-aside] of the NERSC..."

Intent: To be fiscally prudent and have policy more accurately reflect the spirit of and practical application of our principals with regard to prudent reserve.

Passed 10-0-0

NM# 2 Submitted by: This motion was sent out to RCMs and the body earlier this month, please refer to this email.

Elections

Chairperson : Patrick F – Nominated and Elected
Vice Chair : Dave P – Nominated and Elected
Secretary : Dan H – Nominated and Elected
Asst Secretary : Rachel M - – Nominated and Elected
Treasurer : Carrie B – Nominated and Elected
Asst. Treasurer : Vacant
Finance Chair : Vacant
Activities : Vacant
Fellowship Development : Joe V – Nominated and Elected
H&I : Vacant
Insurance : Vacant
Literature : Kevin H – Nominated and Elected
Policy : Vacant
Phone Line : Vacant
Public Info : John N – Nominated and Elected
Website : Vacant
Finance At Large : Vacant

NAWS donation of \$696.22