

Regional Minutes June 2017

August Regional weekend will be hosted by Central Mass Area
St. John's Church – Xavier Building
44 Temple St. Worcester, MA 01604

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

October Regional weekend will be hosted by Cape Cod Area

**RCMs: Please let groups know that they need a Rider Binder for special events coverage!!!
See Insurance Report for more info.**

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REPORTS

CHAIR- No report.

VICE CHAIR- No report.

SECRETARY-

Please email reports and any other attachments to secretary@newenglandna.org.
Thanks a million, Tiffany K.

TREASURER/FINANCE-

Saturday, June 10th, 2017

The meeting started at 12:15 pm. Thank you SEMA for hosting. Present were:

- Michelle M. – Treasurer
- Jay P. – Assistant Treasurer

The starting balance is \$13,499.90. When entering check number 1215 into QuickBooks, there was a typo. The physical check was written for 98.91. The entry in QuickBooks was inputted as 98.81. This caused a ten cent difference in our QuickBooks balance. This error does not affect our actual bank balance and was caught reconciling the account and is being reported for transparency.

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

Group and Area donations totaling \$145.85 were received. RMD Sales were received totaling \$560.13. Total Deposits = \$705.98.

Set Aside transfers were processed (\$ 761 to Insurance, \$792.50 to RD/RDA and \$144.82 to Travel set aside). Customary Expenses in the amount of \$881.26 were paid – (\$41.26 for RMD postage, \$680 for RMD Printing, and \$160 for the NERC PO box renewal fee). A check for \$600 was cut to the Central Mass Area to host Region in August.

In the month of May I cut a check to the Sturbridge Host Hotel for payment of the Zonal Forum that this region hosted in April. The total of that payment was \$1,969.96 which was transferred from the RD/RDA Set Aside. I will attach the invoices for that event in the minutes this month (see [Appendix A](#)).

In regards to the PO Box, I found out 3 days ago that if our PO Box was not paid by June 10th, 2017 that it would be closed. I reached out to the body via email for help and Bernie N. was able to go to the post office yesterday, June 10th, and renewed the box for another year. I would like to personally thank Bernie for her willingness to help. With that being said, when Bob went to the mailbox on Friday there was no mail. He asked the post master if there was anything for our box in the back and was told there was not. I do feel as though this is not true information as we would of have the very least had bank statements sent to us. I also spoke to the Martha's Vineyard region who stated that they had sent a donation to our PO Box. I have asked Bob to go to the post office again tomorrow to see if maybe the mail will be in the box now. If not, I can only assume that the mail may have been returned to sender. If I get any information before we meet again in August I will send an email to the body with an update. I would suggest that for the time being, any Areas that need to send any type of mail to the NERC forgo sending it to the PO Box and rather physically bring it with you to the regional meeting in August until we can get everything sorted out.

A transfer from the Prudent Reserve had to be made in the amount of \$2479.70 to bring the General Working Fund back to \$13,500.

Prudent Reserve is at \$672.65. Our opening balance is \$13,500

ILS,
Michelle M. and Jay P.

Sunday, June 11, 2017

A deposit was received today from the Convention Corporation in the amount of \$6000 for money that was held back for waived tax penalties.

A transfer of \$2479.70 was transferred to replenish Prudent Reserve.

Starting Balance: \$17,020.30

Prudent Reserve is full at \$3152.35

Total Motions out of General Fund: \$359.30

Total Motions from Travel Set Aside: \$84

Total Motions from Money Held Aside for Fellowship Development: \$277.80 (\$222.20 remaining)

Total Money Held Aside for Convention and BOD: \$13,000

Money Motions:

- Money Motion #1: PR Chair
 - o To place a literature order in the amount of \$105.30. This includes 200 copies of the new MAT pamphlet and 100 of the "Information about NA" pamphlets
 - o Intent: To have available the necessary literature for events in which professionals are in contact with NA. We are hoping to be prepared for September which is National Recovery Month. It is expected that these 2 pamphlets will be requested from many professionals who may visit the NA booth -- **PASSED**
- Money Motion # 2: PR Chair
 - o To purchase a tablecloth with NA graphics in the amount of \$254 for use at a variety of events including but not limited to the Cape Cod Symposium and Drug Court Conference
 - o Intent: To have necessary supplies to provide a professional display for various events. We currently have no table cloth with the NA graphics, this would be of use for years to come – **PASSED**
- Money Motion # 3: Policy Chair
 - o Reimburse travel to the 2 previous regions 110 miles to Coventry RI @ 24 p/m for \$26. 120 miles to Wood Hole Ma @ 24 p/m for \$28, boat fare of \$8.50 each way for \$17 and \$13 for parking for a total of \$84.
 - o Intent: To defray over extended travel under Article IV Sec 3 SubSect D – **PASSED**
- Money Motion # 4: Fellowship Development

- To use \$277.80 from the \$500 set aside in April to purchase a laptop and accessories for use by the Fellowship Development Committee in our service efforts (see accompanying documents)
- Intent: To secure tools which will enable Fellowship Development to more effectively carry out our ongoing endeavors -- **PASSED**
- Money Motion # 5: Joe H – NEMA RCM, Seconded by Sammy S – Boston RCM
 - To continue to hold the money for the BOD and the Convention Committee til next RSC (\$6,000 + \$7000)
 - Intent: To not loose needed funds -- **PASSED**

TOTAL PASSED FROM TRAVEL SET ASIDE = \$84.00

TOTAL PASSED FROM GENERAL FUND = \$359.30

TOTAL HELD ASIDE = \$13,222.20 (\$13,000 for Convention and BOD and the additional money from the \$500 held aside for Fellowship Development in April is being held aside again until August - \$222.20)

FINAL:

Prudent Reserve is **FULL** at \$3,152.35

A Donation to World will be made in the amount of \$3161

Ending Balance: \$13,222.20

ILS,

Michelle M. & Jay P.

ACTIVITIES- Committee vacant.

CONVENTION-

Good Afternoon,

Thank you SEMA for hosting the RSC.

We had our first meeting yesterday. There were 6 members present. We were able to elect the following positions, Mattie S was elected as Vice Chair, Evelyn F was elected as Secretary and Delia M was elected as H&H Chairperson.

We still need an assistant secretary, treasurer, assistant treasurer, Arts and Graphics, Convention Information, Fundraising and Entertainment, Merchandising, Programming, and Registration Chairperson's. Please announce that we need help and that we will be holding elections for these positions with the exception of the treasurer which will hopefully be elected today, at our next meeting in the Central Mass Area On August 12 at noon.

Hopefully a treasurer will be elected today and we will be able to transfer the money in the held aside into the convention committee's bank account.

We have a few concerns

1. We do need access to the storage and would like to know what is being done to secure a more accessible location for storing our convention and other RSC items and archives.
2. We discussed that fact that several of the regional convention banners were lost between the end of NERCXVI and NERCAVII. They were not in the storage when we went to retrieve them for NERCVII and have not been able to determine what happened to them
3. Concerned that we will not be able to function without electing BOD officers especially a treasurer

All of our penalties and fines owed to the IRS for our back taxes have been waved and we will be turning over the remaining balance to the RSC today. We will issue a check today for \$6,000.00 which will leave \$386.69. This amount will be left in the account to cover fees and keep the account open.

We discussed the motion that went back to groups and our feeling is for this convention cycle that we have the Programming subcommittee set up a specific room at the convention to hold service related workshops for the entire weekend and see how the attendance is and how the areas like this.

We feel that if a change to the format of the convention is premature and to do so would require an ADHOC TO PLAN WHAT THIS Service symposium would look like.

In Loving Service
Debbie L

FELLOWSHIP DEVELOPMENT-

Greetings everyone. We are glad to report that we were engaged in some very productive discussions yesterday and had an average on 8 members participating throughout the day.

Primarily we talked about how we operate and our need to have something more concrete, in writing, than we have at present. It was agreed that we would create a working document over the course of the next two months, and hope to have a final draft for inclusion in our Regional policy. Part of this effort is the creation of a small, user friendly document, (sort of a mini-inventory) for our member Areas to perform quick spot-checks in order to identify local needs regarding Fellowship Development services, in order to better determine how we can help.

We also collaborated with the Policy Chair who will be submitting a motion on our behalf today regarding the FD Chairperson term of service. It is strongly believed that the most effective way for this committee to work with our Delegate team is to be in sync with their terms, and that of our World Conference Cycle.

We determined that our internal positions will be as follows: a Chairperson (elected by the RSC) to operate as the primary facilitator of our meetings and efforts, and to be the clearly defined, single point of accountability to the RSC; a CoFacilitator to serve as partner to the Chair in their efforts, and ideally to step in to that role when service rotation occurs; a Recorder to keep notes, minutes, archives, etc. & to assist in compiling our assorted reports; and last but far from least: our members-at-large who's active participation in our discussions and efforts are by far the most valuable among our collective. Aside from the Chair, these positions are all either selected internally or are simply "show up and serve" volunteer placements.

As part of our scope is to operate as an extension of our Delegate Team, we were grateful to support their hosting of the NorthEastZonalForum recently, and collaborated with them on the presentation of a handful of very well received workshops and we had a great time doing so.

We began planning our August workshop in the Central Mass Area, and are looking at providing some service to the Greater Worcester Area that same weekend per their request.

We have a recommendation for the nomination of Jaime V for our Chairperson today. Patrick J has been elected as our CoFac, and our Recorder position is currently open.

We are submitting two motions today: the first is to spend \$277.80 of the \$500.00 which was set aside in April to purchase a laptop and appropriate accessories for use in our efforts. (Speaking of which, we received the projector and are thrilled with how little it is! Thank you)

The second motion is simply to ask the body to agree in principle to send a member of this committee along with one of the Delegates to the WSLD in October. The actual money motion for this will come up in August but, for planning purposes we would like to ask permission now. Since the NEZF meets that same weekend, only one of our Delegates can attend either event and the Western Service Learning Days has proven to be a valuable experience in the past, but would be overwhelming for one member to take on alone.

Thank you South East Mass Area for hosting us this weekend, and everyone for allowing us to be of service. Jaime V.

H & I- No report submitted.

INSURANCE-

Good afternoon, thank you SEMA for hosting this weekend! We had a total of six requests for insurance certificates since our last regional meeting in April. The first was for the BANAAC service slam being held on 5/6/2017 2-8 a Bruce C. Building 2300 Washington St. Roxbury MA 02119. The second certificate was for a meeting that meets 7 days a week @ 7:30 am 68 Main ST Falmouth MA 02540. The third was for meeting being held @258 Chestnut St. Chelsea MA 02150. The fourth one for a meeting that meets Thursday nights from 7-8:30 pm 519 County St. New Bedford MA 02745. The fifth certificate is for an event being held on Saturday 8/5/2017 519 County St. New Bedford MA 02745. The sixth certificate is for a meeting that meets on Tuesday nights from 7-8:15 pm 556 Cabot St Beverly MA 01915. Just a reminder, if all RCM's can let their areas know to request insurance certificates to email insurance@newenglandna.org and I am also sending with my report the information we need to obtain an insurance certificate.

ILS,
John F

INSURANCE REQUESTS

If your group or event is happening in the New England Region is in need of an insurance binder send an e-mail to: insurance@newenglandna.org

Please make sure that in the body of the email you answer the following questions

1. Day and time of meeting/event
2. Meeting/event location, street address
3. A contact person and their address for the facility. (This is where the binder will be sent)

If you do not submit all of this information we will not be able to get you the binder you need

LITERATURE- Committee vacant.

POLICY- No report submitted.

Hi Family not too much to report this month in the way of policy activity I did attend subcommittees @ NERSC in Taunton Ma. Yesterday June 11th 2017 and I sat in on the Fellowship Development subcommittee meeting.

I have 2 motions to bring to the body this month the 1st being a motion to amend policy so that the Fellowship Development Subcommittee chair position be a 2 year term coinciding with the conference cycle, so as to promote continuity of service and enhance the ability of the chair to collaborate with the Regional Delegate team.

The second motion is a money motion for reimbursement of expenses to the last 2 regions. . I am asking for reimbursement for mileage to Coventry RI. 110 miles @ .24 dollars per mile for a total of \$26 Coventry RI 110 miles.40, mileage to Woods Hole Ma. 120 miles @.24 per mile for a total of \$28.80 parking in Woods Hole \$13.00 and boat fare \$8.50 each way for total of \$17.00. The Total for expenses \$85.20 I am asking for this under the Unfunded NERSC Reimbursement Trusted Servant Travel Article IX Section 3 Subsection D

I would like to thank this body for allowing me to serve as the Policy chair this last year and I am putting myself forward to serve again if the body is willing.

ILS Duncan M.

PR/PHONELINE-

Thank you SEMA for hosting.

I. Reports:

Chair - Bridget V voted in as new chair

Professional Contact - A man named Mark Jones e-mailed about downloading meeting info off of NERNA for his app called Marsi Road (Mass Addiction Recovery Software, Inc.). The committee decided

that this is ok; he updates the data weekly. There was discussion as to whether his extraction of information led to nerna.org being down for some period of time. The website in general was discussed including the possibility of seeking professional help.

Phone-line Coordinator - All is running well. In the spirit of healthy rotation all call-back volunteer positions are open with exception of Greater Prov & Central MA. 2 year clean time/training will be provided. Our phonenumber AdHoc was discussed, a report will be passed around to all RCMs/anyone with questions. Please see David D with any questions.

Phone-line Treasurer - May + June bills totaled \$1,183.41 and were billed to all the areas. We discussed the method of billing the RSC directly for the phonenumber; this may be a simpler method.

RMD Chair - 6,150 meeting lists remaining for sale as of 6/10.

II. Area Reports

5 areas were present. Participated in 5 events, 1 learning day, and 5 drop-in events. 5 areas have introduced the literature rack program (Cape Cod, GP, MV, MW, SSA).

Misc area news - Cape Cod in contact with local High Schools, Martha's Vineyard had an incident in which 2 police-men showed up to a meeting looking for addicts. They plan to reach out to local law enforcement regarding the incident. South Shore Area developing "misconceptions about NA" communication document and talking points/training document regarding the new MAT pamphlet and DRT in general. Metro-west is focusing on outreach efforts.

We discussed PSAs and formed a Media Outreach AdHoc to gather information. See Bob R. if interested.

III. Old Business

AdHoc for NERSC PR Policy to presented at next NERSC PR meeting.

IV. New Business

Open Positions: Vice-Chair, Events Coordinator

Motions & literature orders

Lit order in amount of \$ to purchase info about NA mtgs/MAT pamphlets

Tablecloth \$254.00

V. Open Forum

Teen classification in RMDs was noted in an e-mail. The committee has elected to change "teen" to "young people" on all RMD's and the website.

PR subcommittee to form an AdHoc to specifically examine MAT for the purpose of educating those inside and outside of the fellowship on this pressing issue. South Shore area is already working on a similar project. Contact Bob R if interested.

ILS

Bridget V

RD-

Greetings and thank you to SEMA for hosting. Since the April RSC, there has been one event attended and hosted by the delegate team. April 28th-30th, we hosted the North East Zonal Forum at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, in Sturbridge, MA. There was a Zone Wide Workshop that Saturday with three workshops:

- Fellowship Development
- Promoting Unity
- Applying our Principles to Technology and Social Media

Promoting Unity featured a "bridging the gap" workshop that was created and facilitated by members of the Fellowship Development subcommittee. The delegate team is grateful to the members of the fellowship development subcommittee and the interested members who assisted with and supported the event. The treasurer has the financial information for the event. There was also \$60 for web hosting (\$180 every two

years paid by the three regions that Host during that time) and a \$50 contribution toward the funding of the unfunded trusted servants.

Sunday's business session included:

- We will have virtual meetings at 3pm on the third Sunday of the even months using "Zoom".
- Having included virtual meetings as part of our meeting rotation, should we use these meetings to conduct business?
- There has been continued discussion of "illicit literature", the FIPT (Fellowship Intellectual Properties Trust), and the Baby Blue and the Grey Form. Part of the discussion included "who decides what is "illicit literature" and how/if the fellowship should respond to groups that use "illicit literature".

The next zonal forum will be held in New Jersey the last weekend of October. This is the same weekend as WSLD – Western Service Learning Days. The delegate team has discussed with fellowship development the idea of sending the RDA with a member of Fellowship Development to WSLD while the RD attends the NEZF. It is also around this time that the delegate team will begin focusing on preparation for the 2018 World Service Conference.

Current Fellowship Projects:

- [Daily Meditation Book Project](#)
- [Mental Health/Mental Illness IP Project](#)
- [Local Service Toolbox Project](#)
- [Convention and Events Tools Project](#)
- [Service System Project](#)
- [Future of the WSC Project](#)

Additional information can be found at <https://na.org/?ID=projects>

In Loving Service,
Noel D.

RDA- No report.

RMD- See Appendix B.

WEBSITE- No report.

Regional Webpage contact to NAWS report June 2017

Hello NERSC,

We can work together to help keep our meeting information up to date with the public.

Meeting search -

Technology constantly changes so much that it's hard to keep up—and we've really noticed that at NA World Services since the introduction of the Find a Meeting service at www.na.org and the NA Meeting Search and NA Recovery Companion apps. Meeting information available on our website and the apps is supplied by you—NA members, groups, areas, and regions. Currently, only 42 service bodies (of thousands worldwide) provide regular meeting updates. Meeting data for the rest of NA remains unreliable at best. Internet access and smartphone ownership are widespread and are a common way to find information. By the end of 2016, nearly 386,000 people had downloaded the NA Meeting Search and NA Recovery Companion apps. These can be useful tools when traveling or just to hit a different meeting—IF the data is accurate. But, too often, meeting info in the apps sends people to empty rooms with locked doors. NA members may be used to such glitches, and most of us know to call the local helpline or consult the area or regional website to get current info. (Note: Our search tools recommend starting with those, but we know a GPS-powered search app draws us in and is so much more convenient—again, if the data is accurate.) We hear more and more stories from frustrated members using the internet to find NA meetings. One member shared that his smartphone helped him to emerge from homelessness, but it was not particularly helpful to him in finding NA meetings. And what about new members? The apps and our website can help them find and get to meetings. Whether

they do or not depends on you. We have the technology, but we need a human touch: correct meeting information from you.

What can you do? Check out the meeting info we have for the areas where you live.

1. Search na.org/meetingsearch or use the NA Meeting Finder or Recovery Companion app to see the most current data provided to NAWS. ? Is the information accurate? Congratulations! Now, ask your friends or sponsees in other parts of town or nearby communities to do the same.

2. If the information isn't accurate, contact your area or regional service committee and let them know about the discrepancy you've discovered. ◀ Ideally, you'll find that your local service body has a trusted servant dedicated to updating schedules throughout the service system. If not, you could suggest assigning that task to someone or—better yet—volunteer to take on that duty yourself! ◀ We want your updates and have tried to make it as easy as possible for you to get them to us! Once your service body identifies someone to take on the task, she or he can contact us at webupdates@na.org. We'll send a spreadsheet listing everything we show for your area or region, along with instructions for updating the data and getting it back to us. If it's updated at regular intervals (like monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly), together we can ensure better meeting data accuracy.

3. Raise awareness of the problem and be a part of the solution. Discuss the importance of maintaining current meeting data at your home group's business meeting and at your ASC and/or RSC meetings. Consider setting up a system for providing updates to NAWS and to your local and regional meeting directories.

While the notion of accurate data may not thrill you, the outcome of this should. It means more addicts will find their way to meetings. That's a goal we can all get behind, right?! Thanks for helping to make this a reality.

We also need your updated trusted servant information. Please see this link for the form.

<https://www.na.org/?ID=updateforms-newregfm3>

Please contact me directly for more information. rwcnaws@newenglandna.org

The group is the most powerful vehicle we have for carrying the message.” Basic Text, “Tradition Five”

In Loving Service,

Andrew L.

BOD- No report as the BOD did not meet.

AREA REPORTS

BOSTON-

Greetings New England Region! Thank you South East Mass Area for hosting us! The BASC met twice since the last RSC meeting with an average of 15 GSR/Alternates present. I am Sammy S. the new Alternate RCM for Boston Area.

The Boston Area Convention will be held at The Boston Park Plaza Hotel on January 12-14, 2018 – rooms at \$119 based on availability. The theme is T.I.M.E. – Things I Must Earn.

The most significant developments at Boston's Area meeting were in the Policy area. At the last area meeting 14 policy motions were passed. The RCM James, published a 4-page report that was distributed to the GSRs detailing each policy and change and the principle behind the change that the motion was suggesting; also included were quotes on rotation and continuity from the Guide To Local Service.

Most of the motions significantly alter and remove the stipulation of one-year prior involvement in the BASC for almost all elected positions except subcommittee chairs.

We created two new standing committees: Finance Committee and Fellowship Development.

We also altered the reimbursement policy allowing our RCM and RCM alternate to be funded to attend both Regional Saturday and Sunday.

While we have voted to hire a CPA to conduct an Audit of the BASC finances no one has been selected yet.

The H&I subcommittee has several vacancies in 31 active commitments and we are actively reaching out to correctional facilities in Suffolk County. We urgently need female panel leaders, as the South Bay Women's commitment has been vacant for a very long time. Our newest commitment at the Ostiguy Recovery High School continues well.

Our activities subcommittee held a Service Slam in May that was poorly attended. The committee has pledged to learn from this example and a) consult the regional calendar going forward; & b) not split events between two locations for all day events.

Our public relations subcommittee is completely absent, and we are actively asking for help if other areas would be willing to partner with us to get it up and running. Similarly, if other areas have experience strength and hope to share around either starting a fellowship development committee or a finance committee please let me know because we could use the help.

We sent the motion that went back to our areas from the last RSC onward to our groups and I am prepared today to vote the conscience of our area.

Next BASC is June 25, 2017 – when we will have elections.

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

CAPE COD- No report submitted.

CENTRAL MASS- No report submitted.

FREE SPIRIT- No report submitted.

GREATER PROVIDENCE-

Thanks very much to the Southeastern Mass Area for hosting this weekend.

The Greater Providence Area has met twice since our last regional meeting with 14 and 15 GSRs present. At the April meeting one bod member was reelected leaving one open position on the board of directors. Open subcommittee positions are Finance, Public Relations, and Activities as well as the alternate RCM, alternate treasurer and alternate secretary.

In April, the Greater Providence Area executive committee had a difficult time interpreting the motion sent back to areas regarding the future of the regional convention. Seeking further guidance from the regional chair, a straw poll was taken at the May meeting at which the vast majority of those present were in favor of a service symposium as opposed to a regional convention being hosted every two years. The main reasons given were the many area conventions that are held regularly. Many in the Providence area would prefer the region focus more on service rather than a standard convention.

The H&I subcommittee is looking to revamp their policy in order to make serving as a panel leader not such a burden. They are looking at how other areas are doing it and will be presenting a plan shortly. The H&I subcommittee will be holding elections at their June meeting.

The early registration for the Providence Convention has ended and registration is now at \$15.

The Providence Area is operating above prudent reserve by \$472.29.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, June 25, 2017 at 3:30 PM at
249 Main Street Pawtucket, RI

In grateful service,
Jim D. GPA RCM

GREATER WORCESTER- No report submitted.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD- No report submitted.

METRO WEST-

Hello everyone! Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend this month's RSC today. I have a family event to attend. The MWASC has met twice since the last RSC. We last met Tuesday night May 30th at our new time and location. MWASC now meets the last Tuesday of every month at 730pm at 421 Common St. in Belmont (Belmont-Watertown United Methodist Church). We had 7 GSR's there and we are still making efforts to improve our attendance.

The MWASC under the guidance and suggestions of other areas at region has recently formed an outreach subcommittee which will be meeting for the first time later this month. Our intent with outreach is to inform groups in Metro West about area and what we do with the hope that it will bring more groups to the ASC.

H&I Subcommittee now meets the last Tuesday of every month at the new location at 6pm before ASC. H&I still has a few open commitments and has taken on some new ones as well.

PR Subcommittee has been continuing to meet once a month and seems to be doing well. They recently had a flyer hanging day and plan to have more events in the upcoming future. PR will be having elections for open positions at their next meeting.

We still do not have an activities chair or subcommittee.

We have made some updates to our policy to reflect some recent changes including our new rent for our new location and just some basic changes to some other outdated items.

MWASC will be having elections for all open positions at our next ASC which will be held on June 27th. I will be staying on as RCM since I just took the position a few months ago. We are still in the need for an alternate RCM and will be needing a new secretary as well as an alternate secretary.

Again I'm sorry to miss you all today and look forward to attending the next RSC in August Thank you for letting me be of service.

Brandon W. (Metro West Area RCM)
508-728-8314
brandonwolf42@yahoo.com

NANTUCKET- No report submitted.

NEMA-

Good morning, Nema has met twice since the last RSC.

We have elected a new RCM Alternate, Welcome Kris.

The motion directing RCM's to poll our respected areas brought about some interesting conversation. The hardest questions were about the BOD, and whether or not the convention could move forward or not with or without BOD officers. The North East Area has expressed a stronger Desire to continue the Regional Convention, some interest in a symposium, and some in more service related workshop events. There were some abstentions to the latter two options, either the groups ran out of discussion time or felt it was irrelevant since they wanted the convention to continue. Our annual elections are this month; we hope transitions go smooth. The P.R. Adopt a rack project so far seems to be welcomed, and hopefully will grow as well as continue. Thank you for allowing me to be of service JOE H.

PIONEER VALLEY-

The Pioneer Valley area last met May 8th, there were 9 groups present. PR has been having great success with flyer hanging days with many addicts taking part. PR has been filling a commitment at the local Recovery High school but has had a hard time finding chairs and speakers due to the time of the meeting. As usual our H&I committee is in dire need of addict support.

A member from the Western MA area came to our meeting to discuss a possible ADHOC committee to support communication (not reunification) of the two areas. We are currently doing nominations and have open positions for alternate treasurer and activities chair.

In Service,
Jake J

SEMA- No report submitted.

SOUTH SHORE-

Hi everyone! I am an addict and my name is Becky, and I am the RCM for South Shore Area. The SSA currently has 48 meetings in 18 different towns. Our ASC has met twice since our last RSC meeting with 13 and then 14 GSRs in attendance. Group donations totaled \$916.00. I have a check for region in the amount of \$61.67. We had our yearly election process and have 7 open positions; Vice Chairperson, Asst. Treasurer, Asst. Secretary, and PR, Outreach, Policy and Activities Subcommittee Chairpersons.

Upcoming Area Events- NONE.

H&I- Had elections and all positions were filled aside from: B Side Coordinator and Assistant Correctional Coordinator. There are currently: 3 open commitments of the 27 that are in 11 different facilities. The Learning Day that took place on June 3rd was an overall success but attendance was low. Discussion ensued about future learning days being held with our area's support; as a larger event, or a service slam.

PR- Participated in the learning day along with H&I and received even less attendance; but the committee is very busy with multiple commitments and presentations monthly. Our literature rack initiative is continuing to grow and we currently have 40 literature racks at varying facilities and towns across the South Shore. We are still looking for Local PR contacts for each town to aid in our endeavors. A lists is also being compiled for a SSA PR mailing list.

Activities- Position and committee is open and we have no events scheduled.

Outreach- NO REPORT

Website Contact Person- NO REPORT

Regional Motion from Last Month- 4-8-2; 4 Groups wanted to keep the convention, 8 groups would prefer the convention be replaced with a service symposium event and 2 abstained. The wording of the motion caused a little bit of difficulty to discuss/vote on. But the majority of groups saw great benefit to a service related event.

Open Forum: There was discussion about the SSASC (as a whole), holding a Learning Day and/or Service Slam in relation to Area, Subcommittees and Group positions and participation. It was further discussed on how to get more addicts involved in service. Emphasis was on regular sharing of your experience in service *in each and every subcommittee* in order that we may continue to carry the message of recovery in Narcotics Anonymous. Also to mindful of language and attitude when sharing about attending committee meetings; people are not going to want to attend something that does not look attractive. Imparting opportunities to serve, bringing people along to service meetings and taking a special interest in those interested in being of service were all brought up.

Questions for RSC- It was brought up that the website was down for over a week and it was questioned as to what was going on?

In Loving and Grateful Service,
Becky C. SSA RCM

WESTERN MASS-

Thank you Southeastern Mass Area for hosting this weekend.

The Western Mass Area has met twice since our last regional meeting with 20/41 and 21/41 GSR's present, respectively. As of our May Treasurer's report we were operating above prudent reserve.

- Our area has been approved by TechSoup for QuickBooks online plus. It was a long process. We had to re-acquire a copy of our determination letter from the IRS to forward to the company for approval. It was a lengthy process. Our fee has been paid for the program, and we are now ready to incorporate the

financial information from area as well as the convention using class tracking to differentiate between area and convention activities.

- Our H & I chairperson had reported that they are in need of addict support for panel leaders and speakers. There are commitments that still remain completely open due to lack of support. The Ludlow men's facility is starting up soon.
- The convention committee is happy to report that the Western Mass Area convention is set to be August 17-19, 2018 at the Marriott in Springfield, MA. Open positions for the convention are: Treasurer, Secretary, Alt. Secretary, Convention Information, Arts & Graphics and Serenity Keepers.
- Discussion regarding a service symposium or one-day jam in lieu of a regional convention with area resulted in the GSR's taking the information back to their groups in May for discussion and a vote to take place in June. At our June area meeting, the majority of GSR's while the vote was for the regional convention, asked if it would be possible to have both, the bi-annual regional convention, and an alternating bi-annual service symposium or a one-day jam.

Area Current Open Positions:

PR Chairperson – vacant position

RCM Alternate – vacant position

Outreach Chairperson – vacant position

In Loving Service:

Susan RCM

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

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

MONEY MOTION #1

Presented by: PR

Motion: To place a literature order in the amount of \$105.30. This includes 200 copies of the new MAT pamphlet and 100 of the "Information about NA" pamphlets.

Intent: To have available the necessary literature for events in which professionals are in contact with NA. We are hoping to be prepared for September which is National Recovery Month. It is expected that these 2 pamphlets will be requested from many professionals who may visit the NA booth.

PASSED IN FAVOR: 10 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

MONEY MOTION #2

Presented by: PR

Motion: To purchase a tablecloth with NA graphics in the amount of \$254 for use at a variety of events including but not limited to the Cape Cod Symposium and Drug Court Conference.

Intent: To have necessary supplies to provide a professional display for various events. We currently have no table cloth with the NA graphics, this would be of use for years to come.

PASSED IN FAVOR: 10 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

MONEY MOTION #3

Presented by: Policy Chair

Motion: Reimburse travel to the 2 previous regions 110 miles to Coventry RI @ 24 p/m for \$26. 120 miles to Wood Hole Ma @ 24 p/m for \$28, boat fare of \$8.50 each way for \$17 and \$13 for parking for a total of \$84.

Intent: To defray over extended travel under Article IV Sec 3 Subsect D.

PASSED IN FAVOR: 10 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

MONEY MOTION #4

Presented by: Fellowship Development

Motion: To use \$277.80 from the \$500 set aside in April to purchase a laptop and accessories for use by the Fellowship Development Committee in our service efforts (see accompanying documents).

Intent: To secure tools which will enable Fellowship Development to more effectively carry out our ongoing endeavors.

PASSED IN FAVOR: 10 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

MONEY MOTION #5

Presented by: Joe H – NEMA RCM Seconded by: Sammy S – Boston RCM

Motion: To continue to hold the money for the BOD and the Convention Committee til next RSC (\$6,000 + \$7000).

Intent: To not loose needed funds.

PASSED IN FAVOR: 10 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

NON-MONEY MOTION #1

Presented by: Policy Chair

Motion: To amend Article V section 3 subsection A to read Fellowship Development will be a 2-year term coinciding with the conference cycle.

Intent: So as to provide continuing service and enhance the ability of the chair to collaborate with the delegate team.

PASSED IN FAVOR: 10 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

NON-MONEY MOTION #2

Presented by: Fellowship Dev. Seconded: Noel D-RD

Motion: To agree in principal to send a member of Fellowship Development along with one of our delegates to the Western Service Learning Days event in October.

Intent: To plan effectively.

PASSED IN FAVOR: 9 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 1

NON-MONEY MOTION #3

Presented by: Jim D. Seconded: Debbie L

Motion: To find a fixed location for our regional meetings to assure accessibility for all NA members.

Intent: To encourage full participation at our regional meetings and subcommittee meetings.

BRING BACK TO AREAS

NON-MONEY MOTION #4

Presented by: Becky SSA RCM Seconded: Patrick-MVRCM

Motion: For the Fellowship Development Committee to aide in helping the hosting RCM team find an accessible (handicap) facility for the hosting of the regional weekend on their areas designated weekend.

Intent: To aid the RCM team in allowing every addict to attend the RSC weekend.

PASSED

IN FAVOR: 9

OPPOSED: 0

ABSTAINED: 1

NON-MONEY MOTION #5

Presented by: MV

Motion: To create an adhoc to develop a viable & manageable alternative to our current website, to be presented in August.

Intent: To show tangible options for web presence to our member areas.

PASSED

IN FAVOR: 10

OPPOSED: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

ELECTIONS

CHAIRPERSON Rachel

VICE CHAIRPERSON Joe

SECRETARY **POSITION VACANT, BRING BACK TO GROUPS!**

ASSISTANT SECRETARY **POSITION VACANT, BRING BACK TO GROUPS!**

TREASURER Michelle

ASSISTANT TREASURER Jay P.

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

FELLOWSHIP DEVELOPMENT CHAIRPERSON Jaime V.

FINANCE CHAIRPERSON

H&I CHAIRPERSON Billy V.

INSURANCE CHAIRPERSON John F.

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

POLICY CHAIRPERSON Duncan

PR/PHONELINE CHAIRPERSON Bridget V.

RMD **POSITION VACANT, BRING BACK TO GROUPS!**

WEBSITE CHAIRPERSON

FINANCE AT LARGE (3 positions) **ALL 3 POSITIONS VACANT, BRING BACK TO GROUPS!**



North East Zonal Forum
United States

Room No. 9004
Arrival 04/28/17
Departure 05/01/17
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Folio No. 9124673
Conf. No. 8681145
Conf. No.

Group Code 1704NORTHE

Date	Description of Charge		Charges	Credits
	North East Zonal Forum Room # 9004			
04/28/17	Banquets	BEO # 48638-04/28/17	348.68	
04/29/17	Banquets	BEO # 48639-04/29/17	1,109.76	
04/30/17	Banquets	BEO # 48640-04/30/17	511.52	
		Guest Total	1,969.96	0.00
		Total	1,969.96	0.00
		Balance		1,969.96

I have reviewed this bill and find it to be correct and agree to be personally liable if the indicated person, firm, or corporation fails to pay any of the charges.

Signature _____

366 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566
Telephone (508) 347-7393 Fax (508) 347-3944
www.sturbridgehosthotel.com

Banquet Check
 366 Main Street Sturbridge, MA 01566
 Phone: 508-347-7393 - Fax: 508-347-3824



BEO#: 48,638
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 Created: 4/28/2017

Account: North East Zonal Forum	Event Date: Friday, April 28, 2017
Post As: North East Zonal Forum	Contact: Noel Nema
BEO Name: North East Zonal Forum	Phone: 508-755-8088
Address:	Fax:
	On-Site: Noel Nema
	Phone: 508-755-8088
Tax Exempt: Yes	
Method of Payment: Direct Bill Approved	

Quantity	Food	Price	Amount
1 1/2	Gallon(s) of Regular Coffee (Discounted price based on NERC contracted price)	28.00 per gallon	42.00
18	Bag(s) of Assorted Individual Bagged Snacks (charge on consumption)	2.00 per bag	36.00
2	Dozen Assorted Freshly Baked Cookies	24.00 per dozen	48.00
Subtotal:			\$126.00
Gratuity %:			14.00 17.64
House Charge %:			4.00 5.04
Tax %:			0.00 0.00
Total:			\$148.68

Room Rental	Price	Amount
Room: The Commons Function: MTG	200.00	200.00
Room: The Commons Function: BRK		
Subtotal:		\$200.00
Room Rental Tax %:		0.00 0.00
Total:		\$200.00

Grand Total:	\$348.68
Balance Due:	\$348.68

Client Signature _____

Date _____

Banquet Check

366 Main Street Sturbridge, MA 01566
 Phone: 508-347-7393 - Fax: 508-347-3824



BEO#: 48,639
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 Created: 4/28/2017

Account: North East Zonal Forum	Event Date: Saturday, April 29, 2017
Post As: North East Zonal Forum	Contact: Noel Nerna
BEO Name: North East Zonal Forum	Phone: 508-755-8088
Address:	Fax:
	On-Site: Noel Nerna
	Phone: 508-755-8088
Tax Exempt: Yes	
Method of Payment: Direct Bill Approved	

Quantity	Food	Price	Amount
24	Continental Breakfast with Fruit	11.00 Per person	264.00
4	Gallon(s) of Regular Coffee	28.00 per gallon	112.00
1	Gallon(s) of Decaffeinated Coffee	28.00 per gallon	28.00
1	Gallon(s) of Assorted Herbal Tea	28.00 per gallon	28.00
Subtotal:			\$432.00
Gratuity %: 14.00			60.48
House Charge %: 4.00			17.28
Tax %: 0.00			0.00
Total:			\$509.76

Room Rental	Price	Amount
Room: The Commons Foyer	Function: CBK	
Room: The Commons	Function: MTG	600.00
Subtotal:		\$600.00
Room Rental Tax %: 0.00		0.00
Total:		\$600.00

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Grand Total:	\$1,109.76
Balance Due:	\$1,109.76

Banquet Check

366 Main Street Sturbridge, MA 01566
 Phone: 508-347-7393 - Fax: 508-347-3824



BEO#: 48,640
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 Created: 4/28/2017

Account: North East Zonal Forum Post As: North East Zonal Forum BEO Name: North East Zonal Forum Address: Tax Exempt: Yes Method of Payment: Direct Bill Approved	Event Date: Sunday, April 30, 2017 Contact: Noel Nerna Phone: 508-755-8088 Fax: On-Site: Noel Nerna Phone: 508-755-8088
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Quantity	Food	Price	Amount
24	Continental Breakfast with Fruit	11.00 Per person	264.00
Subtotal:			\$264.00
Gratuity %:			14.00 36.96
House Charge %:			4.00 10.56
Tax %:			0.00 0.00
Total:			\$311.52

Room Rental	Price	Amount
Room: The Commons Function: CBK		
Room: The Commons Function: MTG	200.00	200.00
Subtotal:		\$200.00
Room Rental Tax %:		0.00 0.00
Total:		\$200.00

Grand Total:	\$511.52
Balance Due:	\$511.52

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Beginning Inventory	3,400		
Plus Printing	8,000		
Total available for sales	11,400		
Sold to areas, groups & individuals	-5,150		Assets
Sold to Regional Committees	0		\$ 515.00
Sold to outside vendors	-100		\$ -
Total Distributed and sold this period	-5,250		\$ 10.00
Remaining Inventory	6,150		\$ 525.00
Inventory for Sale Today	6,150		
Plus sales tax collected			\$ 27.26
Plus Shipping & Handling			\$ 7.80
Assets Total (Deposit)			\$ 560.06
Seed Money for Printing			\$ -
Total Assets - Deposit			\$ 560.06
		Expenses	
Printing 8000 RMDs		\$ (680.00)	
Sales Tax		\$ (27.26)	
Postage		\$ (7.80)	
Supplies		\$ (33.46)	
Less Total Expenses		\$ (748.52)	\$ (748.52)
Gross Profit or (Loss)			\$ (188.46)
Less Seed Money			\$ -
Net Profit or (Loss) this period			\$ (188.46)

We have the remaining May 2017 printing available for sales today.
 To make updates, remove a meeting or add a meeting to the directory: Go to the website (NERNA.org) and register at the {Getting Started} icon on the Home Screen. Check all meeting info on the website by clicking on the meeting day, then make your changes. Changes should appear on the web site within a few days and will appear in the next printing.
 We have a Customary Expense of \$ 31.20 for postage.

We sell meeting directories in quantities of 50; check table below for quantities costs.								
RMD's	COST	TAX	TOTAL		RMD's	COST	TAX	TOTAL
50	\$5.00	\$0.32	\$5.32		550	\$55.00	\$3.44	\$58.44
100	\$10.00	\$0.63	\$10.63		600	\$60.00	\$3.75	\$63.75
150	\$15.00	\$0.94	\$15.94		650	\$65.00	\$4.07	\$69.07
200	\$20.00	\$1.25	\$21.25		700	\$70.00	\$4.38	\$74.38
250	\$25.00	\$1.57	\$26.57		750	\$75.00	\$4.69	\$79.69
300	\$30.00	\$1.88	\$31.88		800	\$80.00	\$5.00	\$85.00
350	\$35.00	\$2.19	\$37.19		850	\$85.00	\$5.32	\$90.32
400	\$40.00	\$2.50	\$42.50		900	\$90.00	\$5.63	\$95.63
450	\$45.00	\$2.82	\$47.82		950	\$95.00	\$5.94	\$100.94
500	\$50.00	\$3.13	\$53.13		1000	\$100.00	\$6.25	\$106.25

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