

# New England Regional Service Committee

## June 2018 minutes

Administrative Body:

Chair : Joe H

Vice Chair: OPEN

Secretary: OPEN

Assistant Secretary: OPEN

Treasurer: JAY P.

Assistant Treasurer: OPEN

Finance: Kerri

Please be sure to announce open positions;

Open Sub committee Positions:

ACTIVITIES

LITERATURE

POLICY

RMD

Finance has an open member position also .

The next R.S.C. Meeting is August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> , hosted by the Pioneer Valley Area at this time info of where is not available.

### Administrative Reports;

Chair: no report at this time

Vice Chair: this position is now OPEN

Secretary: OPEN POSITION

Assistant Secretary: OPEN POSITION

Treasurer: not yet available

Assistant Treasurer: OPEN POSITION

Finance : no report at this time

### Sub Committee Reports :

Activities : Open Position

Fellowship Development :

New England Regional Fellowship Development Workgroup – June 2018

Hello all,

Your Fellowship Development Workgroup met yesterday on June 9<sup>th</sup> with about a dozen members participating throughout the course of the afternoon.

As usual, we had a fairly ambitious discussion based agenda and we managed to cover a fair amount of ground.

First up was a review of the surveys we had distributed some months ago. While we did not receive as many responses as I had hoped, we definitely got more than I had expected. And what's far more relevant to report here, is that we have gathered valuable insights from them which I will review in a separate report and include as a supplement to this one. The short version is that we have given some clear ideas for discussion at our Planning Session, and that is what we were aiming for so...winning! Speaking of the Planning Session, we are still trying to determine if the larger RSC body would prefer a standalone event to meet together for a day outside of the regularly scheduled Regional meeting, or should we simply integrate the discussions into our usual RSC agenda in August. Should we strawpoll this today?

Most of the rest of the day was spent constructing a draft plan for the track we will be owning at our next New England Regional Convention in the spring of 2019, which we are very excited about. Some great ideas have been floated and as of now we are still leaving some wiggle room to add in new ideas that may arise from both our local conversations and this new cycle's IDTs. Some of the things we are considering as of now, are interactive workshops around Welcoming All Members (which is an IDT leaning towards how we welcome new members who are on DRT/MAT), a Flash Group or two (which some of you may recall from our World Convention in Philly back in 2013), presentations from our essential services (such as Public Relations and Hospital & Institutions), and a report on what Fellowship Development looks like around the world.

We also talked a bit about the Boston Area FD's upcoming event: The Fellowship Forum, to be held in mid-September and to include three workshops: Building Strong Homegroups, Atmosphere of Recovery in Service, and Bridging the Gap (Diversity & Inclusion). We hope to see many members from throughout the Region show up and participate, as we expect that its going to be not only a unique event but one which will prove to be a wonderful experience for all involved.

Since I will also be going over the aforementioned survey review, I'm keeping this part of our report short and sweet (for me).

So, last and likely least, is that your Fellowship Development Workgroup has asked that we put forward me, Jaime V., as our nomination for the next cycle's chairperson. So there's that.

thNAk you for allowing me to serve,

Jaime V. - NERFDNA Facilitator

New England Regional Fellowship Development

Regional Planning Assembly – Survey Results Summary

Q1: Regarding which subject generated the most local discussion in the past 2 years:

- highest numbers reported MAT/DRT & lack of involvement in service
- lowest number stated simply "gratitude"

Q2: Regarding what the greatest challenges were over the last 2 years:

- highest numbers reported participation in service (lack of) & communication/collaboration
- lowest number simply stated "racism"

Q3: Regarding what successes were shared locally during the previous 2 years:

- average numbers throughout (no real highs or lows) reported some levels of success with consistent &/or rising attendance in service, cross-area collaboration and CBDM

Q4: When asked if they would like to share any particular additional information:

- the largest number of responses declined to do so, in some cases rudely (haha)
- the tied runners up stated a need for more participation in service & clarity on MAT/DRT

Q5: When asked what our members want to see discussed at the Regional table:

- how can we best drive participation in service
- atmosphere of recovery in service

- and one responsee specifically requested Bridging the Gap between newcomers & more experienced members

Q6: How can Region help:

- highest numbers indicated a service related event such as a learning day or symposium, as well a number of ideas for communication including eblasts, social media usage, local newsletter and an actual presence at ASCs
- lowest number (but still significant) denoted a desire for trusted servants training, particularly for Regional Committee Members

Q7: Regarding what the ASC/Group need help with most:

- highest numbers report attendance & participation along with communication & collaboration
- one responsee suggested a Regionally created IP for Membership & Service

Q8: How can service bodies generate more support & interest:

- a large number of responses indicated more effective communication and a service related event
- the largest sentiment heard here was: “We wish we knew!”

Q9: Rate the level of interest in a service related event: 76%

Q10: Rate how effective you believe your local service bodies are: 59%

- It is worth noting that it is impossible to quantify exact numbers since some responsees answered as individuals and others did so as groups, there were a total of 23 surveys completed in their entirety without the skipping a single question.

Convention: Not yet received

H&I: Not yet received

Insurance: not yet received

Literature : OPEN POSITION

Policy: Open Position

P.R./Phone Line : not yet received

RD: June 10, 2018

Greetings and thank you to the Boston Area for hosting. James and I have compiled compilations of the information from the World Service Conference which will be provided to the secretary. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to service as part of the delegate team for the past 6 years. I am open to suggestions as to how I may best continue to serve.

In loving service,

Noel D.

RDA: Regional Delegate Alternate Report NERSC

Boston, MA

April 15, 2018

Greetings New England Region!

- FIPT Inspection request– The Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust Inspection took place in the last NEZF - Met at the WSC – voted to treat virtual meetings in the same way as in person meetings
- Electing a WSC of the Future workgroup member at it’s next Zoom Meeting –
  - o The work group will be accountable to the WB (outlined in the 2018 CAT)
  - o Zone elects the member but they will not be a “zonal representative”
- Preparing a workshop for October NEZF : FD and Rural Service

Attachments will be added for the 2018 WSC meeting .

RMD : Not yet received.

Finance: Not yet received.

Website: New England Regional Website Report

June 10, 2018

## Logins for Area Web page/Events and Meetings

I sent the logins for WordPress and BMLT to the RCMs of each Area. With those, each Area can edit their Area events, Area meetings, and Area page.

## Feedback Form

As the April region, I reported that we couldn't follow up with someone who sent in feedback because they didn't include an email address. Someone asked if we could make it required. We could but I didn't feel right about forcing someone to divulge their contact information in order to give feedback. We changed the heading of the Email field from "Email" to "Email (Recommended)" in order to encourage the user to do so. Since then, however, we have run into problems because we couldn't follow up with the person who submitted the feedback. We couldn't decipher exactly what the problem was, so we can't fix it. We have decided that we must require email addresses in the feedback form.

## Next Year's Budget

At Region on Saturday, the treasurer informed me that every subcommittee needs to submit a budget in April for the coming year, June to June. I didn't know so I was not prepared. I conferred with the website committee and we came up with a budget to have ready in June. I handed it into the finance committee Saturday.

## Changing Phone Statement on Home Page

The home page had a statement in large characters regarding the phone line:

Give yourself a break and call our helpline

1-866-NA-HELP-U (1-866-624-3578)

If you need help

With the agreement of Mike and Patrick, I changed it to:

If you want to talk with someone, call our helpline

1-866-NA-HELP-U (1-866-624-3578) and leave a message. We will get back to you.

Before making any change that would affect the phone line, I conferred with David D to learn how the phone line works when an addict want to talk with someone.

## The Usual Work

I have continued to update events and meeting information. I almost always get these done the same day and email the person who submitted them that it has been done.

## The For Addicts Page

I edited the text on this page. It is aimed especially at someone who is new. I also put links to 5 pamphlets aimed at newcomers, the Little White Booklet, and The Introductory Guide.

## Area Meeting Information

With the new website, we are using the Basic Meeting List Toolbox (BMLT) for meetings. The meeting information is stored in a database in what is called a root server. Every Area that has a website can pull information from this. They use a very simple WordPress Plug-in (add-on) where all they have to do is enter to the root server and their Area ID. They can not only display their Area meeting information, they can use it to print their Area meeting list. We are more than happy to assist any Area to set it up.

## Website Guidelines

I have edited the website guidelines. I have left most of the guidelines the same. Much of the changes are because the underlying technology has changed. The website committee is all agreed on these. I propose to send them out this month with the secretary minutes, so everyone can read them, and then make a motion in August to approve or disapprove them. If they are disapproved, we will take feedback on what should be changed.

In years past, the Regional NAWS webupdate person would go over Area meeting lists and hand edit our meeting information in the NA World Services database. With the adoption of BMLT for meetings, we can now sync our regional meeting information with NAWS with a few mouse clicks. (Note: they don't want us to sync more than every two weeks, better yet once a month). We shall propose bringing the Regional web update role into the Regional Website Committee. (Note: I looked in the Regional Guidelines and found no mention of the Regional NAWS web update person).

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy F, NE Regional Web Chair

## NEW ENGLAND REGION OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

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In the case there is no sufficient technical knowledge available we may employ a special worker with the approval of the RSC. Every effort will be made by the current RWSC to complete any task before a special worker is contracted. The chair or a member delegated will work closely with the special worker to maintain these guidelines and ensure they are followed.

## AREA REPORTS:

**Boston:**BASC - RCM Report June 10th, 2018 to NERSC

Greetings New England Region! Thank you, Boston area for hosting us! The BASC met twice since the last RSC meeting with an average of 16 GSR/Alternates present. I am Sammy S the RCM for Boston Area.

Elections will be held on June 24<sup>th</sup> at BASC. All positions will be open. I will be running for a second term as RCM.

Our newly formed Fellowship Development/Outreach subcommittee has met once since last regional meeting and is meeting every third Saturday of the month at 340 Dorchester St in South Boston at 5:00pm. FD currently planning an all-day fellowship forum focusing on workshops: such as building strong home groups, trusted servant training, and bridging the gap specifically race.

Public Relations has launched its first literature rack program and currently has 8 literature racks in

the Boston area. groups are getting involved. Flyer hanging day on May 19<sup>th</sup> was a huge success with 10 members in attendance. 47 flyers were hung. Seeking new members to get involved. Many upcoming presentations and events.

The H&I subcommittee has 29 active commitments. They are actively reaching out to Suffolk County House of Corrections to mend relationships for woman's and men's commitment at South Bay. They are working with PR to coordinate new commitments at new facilities. H&I Learning Day took place on May 6<sup>th</sup>. A new email has been created for The Boston H & I subcommittee and we have transitioned all active conversations and documents to this email: [handi.na.boston@gmail.com](mailto:handi.na.boston@gmail.com)

The next meeting of BASC will start at 12:30 on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018

In Loving Service, Sammy S. 339-225-5931

[silvermansammy@gmail.com](mailto:silvermansammy@gmail.com)

Cape Code:

Central Mass:

Greater Providence:

**GPA RCM Report 6/10/18**

The Greater Providence Area has met twice since our last regional meeting with 29 and 17 GSRs present, attendance at the May meeting was lower due to it being Memorial Day weekend. Despite last month's turnout, participation at our ASC continues to improve thanks in large part to the groups and members that previously attended the Free Spirit Area.

The H&I Subcommittee reported a successful learning day with 23 addicts in attendance. H&I currently have one open panel coordinator position as well as one panel leader position open.

The Greater Providence Area Convention reports that \$8,267.70 will be turned over to the area while they are holding \$7,500 for seed money for the next convention. The convention committee is seeking to increase their seed money and that motion is going back to the groups.

The Activities committee reported that a successful event was held in conjunction with the regional activities committee. Our policy subcommittee is working to interpret and organize our area policy which has not really been updated since 2012. Everyone at the area is trying to help as we understand that we going thru some "growing pains" and we all want what will be best for the addict yet to arrive.

We are still without a PI/PR chair as well as a finance chair, policy chair and a vice chair for our area. We had elected an area chair in May as well as a convention chair.

The Providence Area is operating above prudent reserve and is working on a more "user friendly" treasurer's report.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - 3:30 PM at  
249 Main Street Pawtucket, RI

In grateful service,

Jim D. and Victoria M. – GPA RCM team

Greater Worc.:

Martha's Vineyard:

Martha's Vineyard Area Report

Thank you Boston area for hosting, our area has met twice since last RSC. All group attendance has been strong. We have been participating in our local SUD coalition. Our Area had our 29<sup>th</sup> celebration of recovery on May 4, 5, 6 where we successfully carried the message of recovery. We have (remarkably for us) already begun planning next year's celebration, which will be our 30<sup>th</sup>. We are currently transferring our phoneline to a new service where we will be able to lower our monthly payments to \$3 a month from \$18.

In Loving Service,  
Patrick J  
[pjaudiomv@gmail.com](mailto:pjaudiomv@gmail.com)  
508-939-1663

Metro West:

Nantucket:

NEMA: All is well,

Pioneer Valley:

SEMA:

South Shore:

Western Mass.:

Board Of Directors Report: Not yet received.

MOTIONS:

June 10<sup>th</sup> 2018, presented by Fellowship Development:

“To begin both Saturday and Sunday of regional weekends at 11 am moving forward”

Intnet: To allow more time for service meetings and delivery of services to our hosting area's on Saturday.

Passed 8 in favor none opposed 1 abstained.

Motion for RD.RDA

Two reimbursement motions for RD . While at WSC, on for Internet at \$139.00 , the second for Hotel stay at \$ 744.00 these both passed

9 in favor 0 opposed 0 abstained

Motion 1 for P.R.:

To purchase 50 meeting list for phone line coordinator .

Intnet: To be able to distribute RMD'S when necessary ,

Amount \$5.00

Passed 9 in favor 0 opposed 0 abstained

Motion 2 for P.R.:

To purchase a retractable banner stand

intent: to maintain a professional appearance at regional events and to continue to carry the message

(side note: this was approved once before, a price difference happened during the ordering process. The original estimate went up some due to using a Check for payment)

Passed: 9 in favor 0 opposed 0 abstained

Quorum 9, simple majority 5, 2/3, 6

# THE NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL CONVENTION, INC.

## Report to the NERSC

June 10, 2018

The BOD meeting did not open until 11:15 a.m. due to a delay caused by our conducting business at Citizens Bank. We opened with a moment of silence and the Service Prayer. Attendance was taken. There were four voting members and two non-voting members (the President & the Clerk) in attendance, as well as the Vice-Chairperson of the Convention Committee.

The Convention Committee elected a Vice-Chairperson, David A., at their April meeting. We were unable to add him as a signer on the account at that time. Citizens Bank requires all signers to be present when adding a new signer. Due to the disparate locations of the three signers at the time (BOD President, BOD/Committee Treasurer, Convention Committee Chairperson) we were unable to meet between the April RSC meeting and now. We scheduled to meet at the Brighton branch of Citizens Bank yesterday morning at 9:00 to add David A to the account. On my way to the bank, I got notification from Kevin F., Treasurer, that he was resigning and to remove him from the bank account. Therefore, we first had to have the Treasurer removed (so as not to require his presence) and then add the Vice-Chairperson. After bank personnel checked our standing at the Secretary of State's website, we were informed that the NERC Inc. Clerk also needed to be present. Steve C., Clerk, joined us at the bank and we were finally able to complete our business. I have deleted the former Treasurer from online access to the bank account.

In light of the Treasurer's resignation, the Assistant Treasurer is willing to step up to the Treasurer position but will be unable to attend a full corporation meeting to make herself available to be elected until the October RSC meeting. In the interim, she will continue to do the convention books, as she has been doing. I have been working with her and Citizens Bank to reconstruct the signer(s) history on both our former and current accounts. I have also researched our annual reports to procure full names and addresses of all signers as required for the Form(s)-PC to be filed at the Attorney General's office. This entailed requesting the bank to do research. There was no fee charged for the research on the closed account, but we were charged a fee of \$90.00 for research and document copying for our current account. That amount was deducted from our account. I will be contacting the bank to see if they will waive all, or part of, those fees.

The Treasurer did not submit a report but I do have the balance. The total balance is \$10,027.56 - NERC Inc balance of \$3,310.10 and NERC XVIII balance of \$6,717.46.

Our tax return(s) for the fiscal year 2018 will be coming due soon. The BOD found it impractical to continue with the accountant in Arizona. Therefore, the Asst. Treasurer will be contacting the NERSC's accountant to transfer the Corporation business to him. This should reduce our accounting costs significantly. I am happy to report that our request for abatement of penalties on the "0" sales/use tax returns that were filed late was granted for the amount of \$60.00.

With the election of two new BOD Directors at the April RSC, the completion of the President's term as a voting Director and the resignation of the Treasurer, that leaves two voting Director positions and the Treasurer's position open. These open positions need to be broadcast

to the fellowship. As I was informed by the NERSC Vice-Chairperson a couple of weeks or so ago that there would be an adjusted agenda for today's RSC meeting with no time for a full corporation meeting, I have informed the Board members that their attendance will not be required today for a corporation meeting. We will, however, be requesting time for a full corporation meeting at the August, 2018 RSC weekend.

The Clerk will be updating the Secretary of State's information appropriately.

Shelly A., the By-laws Ad Hoc chair, continues to review the NERC Inc Bylaws & Internal/External Guidelines, as well as the Convention Committee Guidelines. She has been compiling a list of areas that need adjustment, as well as additions to bring us up-to-date in the electronically-based world of today. She has done much research with members experienced with convention and corporation business and has incorporated that information into her notes. If you have such experience, please call Shelly at 508-452-0853. If you would like a copy of the documents being updated, please text me your request, along with your email address, to 617-835-1756. Any and all input is invited and welcome! The next formal ad hoc meeting/brainstorming group will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton Framingham hotel, in conjunction with the Convention Committee meeting, specific time to be determined at a later date.

I have been notified by Andrew L. that the location where our archives are still being stored is being vacated by the company and we will need to remove our property, at the latest by September 1, 2018. The company will be sending out a notice to that effect to all of their tenants. I have already moved some of our archives from a second location to our new storage space at ASAP Environmental, 1 Arcadia St., Dorchester MA 02122. The BOD has given a vote of confidence to the President to coordinate the move and allow for the rental of a van, if necessary, to facilitate such move. Once the records have been secured at the new location, ASAP Environmental will issue an annual invoice in the amount of \$600.00 (\$50.00 per month) payable by the NERSC to ASAP. This expenditure was confirmed with the Finance Subcommittee.

Please put the word out that we are looking to fill two BOD Director positions, as well as the Treasurer position. Any interested members are encouraged to attend the next BOD meeting to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 11, 2018 in the Pioneer Valley Area at a location yet to be determined. On August 12, 2018, we will have our next full NERC Inc. corporation meeting on NERSC Sunday.

Thanks to the Boston Area for hosting this wonderful RSC meeting!

In loving service,

Mary Anne G.

BOD President

Good Afternoon,

I have published a revised meeting schedule. I have attached this schedule to this report. We still have to find locations to meet during the Jan and Feb when we are to meet weekly.

### NERC XVIII MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Location
7/14/2018	Noon	Sheraton in Framingham, MA
8/11/2018	Noon	Pioneer Valley (Regional Weekend)
9/8/2018	Noon	Sheraton in Framingham, MA
10/13/2018	Noon	Northeast Mass Area (Regional Weekend)
11/10/2018	Noon	Sheraton in Framingham, MA
12/8/2018	Noon	Metro West (Regional Weekend)
1/12/2019	Noon	Sheraton in Framingham, MA
1/19/2019	Noon	TBD
1/26/2019	Noon	TBD
2/2/2019	Noon	Sheraton in Framingham, MA
2/9/2019	Noon	TBD
2/16/2019	Noon	TBD
2/23/2019	Noon	TBD
3/2/2019	Noon	TBD
3/9/2019	Noon	TBD
3/14/2019	TBD	Sheraton in Framingham, MA

We have a fundraiser Poker Run in SEMA and in Conjunction with the SEMACNA F&E committee which will be held on Saturday July 21 at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven, MA.

We will be planning on doing the brainstorming session regarding the convention committee and BOD on November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton

We are in need of a Convention Information Chairperson, Tre and an Assistant Secretary

Ending Balance is \$6178.00

Next meeting is May 19, 2018

In Loving Service  
Debbie L

## NERSC Policy Report for June 10th 2018

Hi Family

I attended the Subcommittee meeting on June 9th at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center there were no questions of the committee. I updated the policy this month to reflect this bodies wish to clarify and simplify the language of the policy Article IV sections 1 and 2

### Section 1

From Voting members of the NERSC shall be as follows: one representative from each member Area (RCMs or their RCM-Alternates). Or a representative of an area so elected by an area to carry their vote to the NERSC for a specific NERSC meeting. All NERSC officers and subcommittee chairs are non-voting participants.

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### Section 2

From: " New Areas can be seated upon announcement of attendance during roll call. RCM's or their RCM-Alternates in the absence of the RCM, will be granted voting privileges immediately.

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I replaced Free Spirit with Greater Worcester in the Hosting Area cycle in Article VI Section 4.

These changes should bring policies up to date and I will attach a copy of the updated policies with this report to the secretary for disbursement to the all who get minutes for the region.

I want to thank this body for the opportunity to serve as the Policy chair to the regional service body and I have no recommendation for a replacement since this is my second term and I am moving on to serve in another position.

ILS Duncan M. Policy Chair

NERSC PR Report  
6/10/2018

Good afternoon and thank you to the Boston Area for hosting. PR met yesterday with 8 addicts in attendance and 6 Areas represented.

The phonenumber received 184 calls in the month of April and 190 in the month of May. We eliminated the old call boxes and have moved to the new web interface. This way meeting data is pulled directly from the website. The greater Boston urgent call-back position is open. The phonenumber coordinator position is also open, anyone interested please see the PR Chair. 5850 of the may printing of RMDs were available for purchase as of yesterday. To make updates to the meeting lists, simply go to [nerna.org](http://nerna.org) and follow the prompts.

Areas are currently very busy. Various Areas have literature rack programs that are going well. The SSA currently has 54 racks out in the community. In addition to this Areas participate in a number of events each month including drop-in nights, task forces, coalitions, Learn to Cope presentations, presentations for College classes and flyer hanging days. Metrowest and Boston have a joint subcommittee as do Western Mass and Pioneer Valley.

We currently have an AdHoc in place to work on our policy and will be meeting soon via Skype. We also discussed the training for presentations and are looking into starting it back up in the near future. This includes a training on how to give a presentation and a public speaking training. We completed a presentation at Tewksbury hospital that went well. This contact had been made at the NEADCP and went very well.

A French reporter reached out to NERNA PR in hopes of interviewing a few women and attending a local meeting for an article are writing. The PR chair has organized a meeting between the reporter and gathered a few women with knowledge of our traditions to meet with the reporter this coming week.

We are also putting in a motion to order a banner stand. We put in one about a year ago but there is a difference in price and we would like to return the check and request a new one for fidelity purposes.

We also have asked each subcommittee member to bring a list of 3 goals they would like to see the committee accomplish in the coming year. We are also looking for volunteers for this years symposium on Cape Cod from September 13 - 16. Bridget V has been nominated for PR chairperson.

ILS

Bridget V

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We recognize that online information is not necessarily accessible to everyone. Therefore we will attempt to make online information useful for the broadest possible audience by doing the following:

1. Print the URL address of our WEB Page on our meeting lists;
2. Endeavor to make the website online content accessible to all browser software by avoiding technology that is not widely available.
3. In such cases where graphics are used, the same information needs to be reproduced in a text format, in an endeavor to be accessible to all browsers and their versions.
4. In the construction of the web pages, the alternative text field should always contain a description of the content, making all the information of each web page accessible to people with disability technology.
5. As the content of the web pages is intended to be accessible to a wide range of browser software, there should be no reference to software companies or their technology.
6. The website will accept no advertising.
7. All United States and international copyright laws or other intellectual property laws will be complied with. We may, in accordance with current NAWS suggested online guidelines, use the words Narcotics Anonymous, the stylized initials NA, appearing alone, within a single or double circle, or as part of any other graphic; and the circle-diamond symbol, which are registered trademarks of Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. (Refer to F.I.P.T. document #1 for more information.)

The website may contain the phone numbers of help-lines, hotlines, and NA service offices, and email addresses belonging to the New England Region of NA, and any other links to area or regional websites of Narcotics Anonymous. Any non-NA links approved specifically by the RWSC after consideration of the 6th Tradition may be listed with appropriate language indicating non-affiliation.

The Website Subcommittee will establish a journal, of emails & passwords. This will be the private property of the Regional Service Committee and will be kept in a password protected file in a secure location for use only by the [core group of the website subcommittee, which shall be at least the](#) RWSC Chair.

Contents: The web page will contain at least the following:

1. Meeting schedules for NA groups belonging to the New England Region;
2. ~~An HTTP~~-link to the World Service Office of Narcotics Anonymous, <https://www.na.org/>>NA World Services<http://www.na.org/></a>.
3. An E-mail link for sending messages to the Region
4. These guidelines;
5. Graphics at the discretion of the Website Subcommittee.
6. Help-line phone numbers within the New England Region.
7. A mechanism for online requests to change, add, or delete events.
8. A mechanism for online requests to change, add or delete meetings.
9. Directions and location of next Regional Service Committee meeting.

10. Links to member Areas of New England Region if they request it.

11. Information concerning New England Regional Convention.

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Material submitted for the website, other than meeting list information, must be reviewed by the Website Chair to ensure that it meets these guidelines before posting. Corrections of typographical errors will be made, but any other reworking will necessitate return to the originator.

It will be the responsibility of any subcommittees with mailboxes to check and respond to any legitimate email and to store such email for a reasonable period of time. All email that is directed to the info box shall be reviewed and forwarded to the appropriate subcommittee(s) mailbox by the Website Subcommittee at least weekly.

It will be the responsibility of the chairperson to ensure that all incoming subcommittee chairpersons & executive committee members are given login info & are made aware of the responsibility to maintain each email box. It will also be the responsibility of the chairperson to ensure the checking of all email boxes which may include answering such emails accordingly where subcommittee chairperson and/or executive committee members are absent.

It will be the chairperson's responsibility to carry out all duties as sited in our NERSC Policy ARTICLE XI Duties of Officers Section 1 Chairperson.

It will be the responsibility of the chairperson to perform and/or delegate to subcommittee members the following duties:

1) Meeting List:

a) For revisions submitted via the meeting update form (Adding new, editing existing, deleting where applicable)

b) The website Subcommittee shall make available to each Area a BMLT login they can give to trusted servant(s) of their choosing to add new, edit existing, or delete meetings,.

2) Events:

a) For revisions submitted via the Event Submission Form (Adding new, editing existing, deleting where applicable)

b) The website Subcommittee shall make available to each Area a WordPress login they can give to trusted servant(s) of their choosing to add new, edit existing, or delete events. Note: they can also use this login to edit their Area page.

3) User Accounts:

a) In general, NA members do not need logins to submit meeting or event information. They can submit it via forms.

b) New users may be given WordPress and/or BMLT logins with appropriate levels of privilege to carry out their duties.

c) Logins of members of the website subcommittee will be given only to trustworthy NA members

You may contact the Website Subcommittee at: [info@newenglandna.org](mailto:info@newenglandna.org) - General Contact



# **New England Regional Convention XVIII**

**March 15, 16, 17 2019  
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## **Programming Committee Seeking Speaker CD's**

**Main Speakers           7+ years**

**Workshop Speakers 3+ years**

**Submit your CD to:**

**New England Regional Convention**

**P.O. Box 216**

**Fall River Ma, 02724**

**Deadline date for cd submission- 12/14/2018**

**Contact: Programming Chair Marla V. (508) 558-2775**

**Programming Vice Chair Teresa D. (781) 526-4006**

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**NERC XVIII and SEMACNA VII are hosting a Poker Run on July 21<sup>st</sup>,  
2018 at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven from 10-6.**

Registering to ride starts at 10 and will kick off at 11. \$5.00 per person to participate in the ride  
no vehicle will be turned away as all ways to ride are welcome



Food, fun and fellowship from 11-4 being followed by meetings from 4 to 6 pm

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