

The regional service committee met on October 10th at the St. John's Methodist Church on 80 Mt. Auburn Street in Watertown Ma.

Announcements

1. Next Regional Service Committee Meeting -
Subcommittees: December 11, 12:00PM - 5:00PM
First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 900 Main Street, Brockton, MA
Service Committee Meeting: December 12, 2010 11:00 AM -5:00PM
First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 900 Main Street, Brockton, MA
2. The Literature Subcommittee of the New England Regional Service Committee has been reformed for the first time in a number of years. We will be involved in any review and input opportunities for NA literature, as well as considering our role and purpose and value to the members and groups and areas in the New England Region. We will be meeting next at the RSC in Brockton in December. There are several ways available to provide input for NA members with a passion for NA literature, both at the RSC, and also for those who cannot make it to an RSC but want to participate. Please read our reports in the NERSC minutes and/or contact Bill H at billanon@yahoo.com or 508.326.9183 for more info.

Subcommittees:

RSC:

Open Positions: Chair person, Activities Committee Chair

Noel (Vice Chair) opened the meeting informing the committee that the chair person has formally resigned and then followed with a moment of silence and a collaborative reading of the 12 traditions and 12 concepts of NA.

9 areas were present: Cape Cod, Central Mass, Free Spirit, Greater Providence, Martha's Vineyard, Metro West, NEMA,SEMA, South Shore.

The minutes from June 2010 were accepted

SUBCOMITTEE REPORTS

Chair: no report

Vice Chair: no report

Secretary: I would just like to apologize to the committee for the mistakes in the minutes and the delay to some e-mail responses. I am still adjusting to this position as well as some other life changes in the past few months. In the future I will make a better attempt to fulfill my position as thoroughly as possible. I have submitted a customary expense reimbursement form in the amount of \$2.61 for copying charges. I will circulate a contact sheet to be updated and I ask that everyone please try to email me their reports as early as can possibly be done or to submit a written report at the RSC meeting for me to

transcribe.
In loving service,
Brittany C.

Opening Balance and Treasurer's Report:

Report- Treasurer – Finance Committee

In attendance were James P., Delia F and Noel D.

James P. Sent the accountant the electronic copy of Quick Books and removed the copy restriction based on the CPA's phone call informing us that they were unable to access the file we sent. Both Rocco and James met in September and completed the reconciliation that could not be completed at the last Region due to issue with receiving the bank statements.

Noel was able to obtain the necessary bank statements and update the signature cards. Thank you Noel.

A General Journal entry in the amount of the ending balance in August was made to transfer the funds out of the General funds and into the RD/RDA set aside as agreed upon.

We were unable to reconcile the check book yesterday; we did not have the bank statements. James will contact the bank to one look into setting up electronic access to our bank account for Reconciliation reasons and two obtain the bank statements necessary to complete the reconciliation.

We were informed in writing from the bank that the deposit made on 8/16/10 did not equal the amount stated of \$715.03 the deposit was missing the two checks that were on the slip \$31.00 and \$60.00. James P. checked his scanner to see if checks were there – they were. The checks will be deducted from the opening balance and added to the deposit for this region.

We have noted on the deposit in Quick Books of the discrepancy and have made a correction in Quick Books under RMD income to reflect the error. The correction was noted under checks with the # being BANKNTC.

Completed this Regions transfer of funds into the RD/RDA set aside.

It was brought to the Finance Committee attention that 2 checks for PI motions that were passed at the last Region were never made out. We verified that these motions did indeed pass and that the checks were not made out. Both checks were made out to PI, 246.00 for table top display and \$200.00 for briefcase display updates.

We received a delinquency letter from the MA DOC from the first quarter taxes of \$60.69. We did pay this and also filed the RI Sales Tax in the amount of \$0.00 dollars.

Convention Committee: Hello everybody we had our 14th meeting yesterday with 10 addicts in attendance. Open positions are convention information, arts and graphics, registration, fundraising and entertainment, and assistant secretary. Our next fundraiser is October 30th from 12 to 9:00 pm. Flyers and registration flyers are here please take them back to your areas and help support our convention. WE have 74 rooms reserved so far at the hotel. Our next meeting is 12, November 6th at 20 Baker St. Halifax, Ma. Our closing balance is \$4,842.88. - ILS Dave. A.

H&I:

New England Region H&I October 2010 Report

We met on October 9th, 2010 in Watertown. We had 13 addicts in attendance with 7 areas represented including, Central MA, Free Spirit, GPA, Metrowest, Notheast, SEMA, and South Shore. We are averaging 375 commitments per month and 3 Regional commitments, we missed 15 of those. The books that are going to our correction facilities are almost finished getting to where they need to get to. Our body understands that this process has gone on longer than expected. We are working diligently to work with the facilities we have left to get them their books. They were a few areas talking about lack of support but got some suggestions from our body. Metrowest had a DOC oration with 100 addicts in attendance and most signing up for clearance, which is awesome. South Shore is having a learning day on November 20th, 900 Main St. Brockton Ma 12--4pm, with another DOC oration going on from 12--2pm. SEMA is also having a learning day November 6th, 3rd Baptist Church 260 Stafford Rd. Fall River MA from 1-5pm. WSR is going well with 2 new addicts asking for step writers. Other than that things are going well.

In loving service,

Dan H

Literature: New England Regional Literature Subcommittee Report for October 2010

We met yesterday here in Watertown. Members from 3 areas were present. We continued the discussion of our purpose and vision. We hope to remain useful and relevant. We plan to make individuals and groups aware of any current literature projects as well as the various ways open to participation in the literature creation process. We especially see the need to get our members involved in any given project in the earliest possible stages, where the chance to input raw material is greatest, and where we have the chance to best impact the piece. We feel that making any resources we find available and raising awareness to be central to the literature committee. We hope to encourage participation. We have included an announcement in the minutes that this committee has been reformed and we are working on a flyer to send to a contact list we hope to develop of addicts in our region interested in literature projects. We discussed the effect of NA literature on us personally and discussed the passion of our members who we know want to contribute their experience to NA literature.

At the December RSC in Brockton (Dec. 11th), we will review and input Chapters Six, Seven and the Preface to the Living Clean project. We welcome any members who are interested and can make it to the RSC. There are several other ways to contribute, however, and we want to first encourage people to participate in this process in whatever

ways they can. There is an online discussion board open to all members of the fellowship. This is probably the easiest way to participate if you have or can get to Internet access. The link is <http://naws.org/lc/index.php>; you will have to register to participate (this keeps spammers out). Also, you can send an email with your input to: LivingClean@na.org or send it by regular mail to: World Board; Attention: Living Clean; 19737 Nordhoff Place; Chatsworth, CA 91311. To provide input specific to Chapters Six, Seven and the Preface, go to <http://questionnaire.disc.na.org> or send it by mail to the above listed addresses. The deadline for input to the Living Clean project is December 31, 2010.

We also talked about the next issue of the NA Way, and wanted to be sure to let our members know that the next issue will be your last issue of the NA Way unless you re-subscribe to a paper or electronic subscription. If you do nothing, your subscription will end! This is due to some cost-saving decisions made by the last WSC.

We also discussed the Fellowship Literature Survey – 2010. This survey will be included in the next NA Way, but is also available online at <http://www.na.org/litsurvey>. You can submit it online, or print it and fax it to 818.700.7000; or mail it to: NAWs; 19737 Nordhoff Place; Chatsworth, CA 91311. The survey states, “We hope this survey will provide a sense of what the fellowship today would like to prioritize in the development of and/or changes to recovery literature.” We encourage everyone to take the survey. Any literature projects proposed by NAWs at a future WSC will likely be influenced by this survey. If we want to have a say in what comes next, we need to participate by whatever means available. I have, thanks to Andrew L, some paper copies of this survey available and will pass them out.

In Loving Service,
Bill H
The Literature Committee

Policy: There was no policy committee meeting

Phone Line: There were seven people in attendance for this meeting: Laurel, phone chair/South Shore urgent call back; Christopher, treasurer; Dianne, literature contact; Curtis, urgent call back; Gary, non-urgent call back/meetings list update coordinator; and two visiting members of Rhode Island: Steve and Pat (RI Regional Policy Chair)
The phone line is still in need of volunteers for a professional contact, 12 step telephone contacts and a secretary. The professional contact volunteer qualifications are 3 years clean time and two years with of experience with the phone line committee. The secretary and 12 step telephone contact volunteers need one year clean time and should have knowledge of the twelve steps and twelve traditions.

In the past 2 months the treasurer and I have updated accurate information at the bank for the phone line accounts. There are now the “two deep” signatures required for payments made. Updates to the meeting times and locations listings will be successfully running within the month. We have had 3 people working diligently, conference calls to Diamond Voice and several meetings over the past two months to understand, use and apply the equipment and knowledge needed to accomplish these updates. We are grateful for the time that Gary B. and Robert H. have committed to making this work and in doing so, saving the NA Region thousands of dollars. Also, Chris and Dianne produced a much

needed phone line guidelines update to be voted in next Region. The phone line is grateful for their work on this.

In the treasurer's report, after payments were deposited, the phone line had \$3,073.83. Our total expenses were \$1009.61 which was \$252.92 to Diamond Voice, \$87.38 to Quest, \$156.53 to Verizon, \$8.80 to Fairpoint and \$505.63 billed to areas. This leaves the phone line with a balance of \$2064.26, which is about \$400 below prudent reserve. I remind areas behind on their bills to make payments as soon as possible. If you have a question about whether or not you are behind, please see your area treasurer or you can contact me.

The literature contact reports a total of 27 calls logged. Three of these were professional. Twenty Regional Meeting Directories were sent: there was one hang up, one wrong info and five duplicate calls.

The professional contact reports three calls this month. He also turned in the official Diamond Voice Report. There is a problem with SEMA not being reported on the Diamond Voice Report, even though SEMA is an active and working line. Again, our professional contact needs a replacement as he is a PI Committee member and cannot be in two places at once.

The non urgent contact reports 34 calls. Seventeen calls were addicts looking for meetings. Six calls were addicts looking for a detox, and they were referred to the Massachusetts Helpline. Eight calls were addicts moving to Massachusetts from out of state. Three were family members concerned about addicts in their family. In loving service, Gary B.

The Central Mass Urgent Call back reported four calls to the emergency phone lines. One caller was new to the Webster area and needed help finding a meeting. They had access to a computer so I walked them through the NERNA website meeting locator. One person wanted detox information, and I referred them the Massachusetts 800 number substance abuse help line. One person left a message that they were looking for adcare, but they did not answer my return call. Another caller wanted information for her boyfriend to get help. I gave them the 800 Mass substance help line number and NA meeting locations in the Worcester area. In Loving Service, Curtis.

The Boston Area Urgent call back reports for the period of August 13th to October 7th a total of 8 calls. There were three calls for addicts looking for meetings. There were three calls from addicts looking to talk to/support from another addict. There were three calls from addicts requesting detox referral information. They were referred to the Mass drug and Alcohol hotline. In loving service, Robert H.

The Metro West Area Urgent call back reports two phone calls.

The Cape Cod and Island urgent call back reports two phone calls.

The South Shore Area Urgent Call Back reports 5 calls: One call was for meeting times and locations. One call was for help with Oxycodone addiction and detox referral information. One person wanted a ride. Another caller did not answer my return call, and the last caller was referred by her AA sponsor. In grateful service, Laurel M.

The SEMA Urgent call back reports: On August 20, 2010, I received a phone call from Andrew R. Andrew was interested in finding an NA meeting that meets at 8 AM in area of Taunton, MA. He has to attend a meeting and was hoping to find one that early in the morning so he can be at work at 930AM. Andrew works in Raynham, MA. On August 20,2010 I received a call from Bill. He is in the area from out of town. Bill was looking

for a meeting close to Mansfield, MA. The closest meeting to Bill was the Friday night meeting in N. Easton, MA at Holly house which starts at 7PM. It was approximately five miles from this location. Robert E.

The meeting list update coordinator reports that the phone line updates are being generated. They have not been implemented due to lack of computer savvy. I am meeting with a fellow addicts who will help me with the final phase within the next two weeks. It has come to my attention that we have to go through Diamond Voice to change the initial greeting to update the new website. In loving service, Gary B.

The Rhode Island Phone Line came today and discussed merging with our phone line to save money. We have a box available for them at no extra cost to us. This merger, was it approved, would happen by January 1, 2011.

This report is submitted in grateful service, Laurel M.

Committee has directed sub-committee to return with a copy of their policy for concerns that have arisen after discussion.

Public Information:

Regional Public Information Report

On Saturday, October 9, 2010 the Public Information Committee met in Watertown. Thank you to the Metro West Area for hosting us. The morning began at 11:00 am with a PI training session for all interested NA members. There was an excellent turnout of 12. Bob R. did a great job of introducing everyone to what PI does and how to put on presentations. He touched on what the NA message is and how to carry that in a professional, clear, and effective way remembering we are representing NA as a whole. He showed us some of the tools we use such as the NA bulletin binder, and the Power Point slideshow, both put together by Regional PI members. This was a very informative and motivating meeting and I would highly recommend this for everyone to take.

Following the training session the PI meeting began with Bob, Dave, Teri, Ryan, Kristin, Erica, Kimberly, John and I in attendance. The Chairperson, Secretary and Event Coordinator's reports were given. Bob detailed how the Cape Cod Symposium went in September. There were several members that went to assist and NA held 2 meetings during the event. They gave out approximately 1000 meeting lists and a good amount of I.P.'s. Basic Texts were donated by the Watertown Men's Group and were given to a few institutions that were financially struggling. We were made aware that for the first time in 25 years the Hanover Mall will not do their annual drug awareness program due to budget cuts. Mt. Ida College in Newton has requested a NA presentation for their upcoming Wellness Series for November on the 3rd. We have a great number of volunteers coming. For the first time, in preparation, we will be doing a WebEx meeting the week before. We are hoping this will be an effective tool to use in the future for conferencing between those who are in different areas. If anyone would like to participate in the Web Ex presentation, please contact Ryan F. via e-mail: ryfidelity@gmail.com.

PI will be keeping an inventory list of all of their supplies with a sign-out sheet. As the chairperson, I will be in charge of storing all PI belongings.

Central Mass, North East Mass, Cape Cod, Boston, and the Greater Providence areas were represented. Cape Cod reported that they are working on a template for an area website, they held a flyer hanging day, a mailing went out, and they are interested in holding a PI workshop possibly in January. North East Mass reported that they distributed 200 flyers in the Haverhill and Lawrence areas. It came to their attention that the phone numbers on the flyers were wrong and so unfortunately they had to remove them all. They are putting together a new flyer for NEMA and Region to approve. Boston reported that they are in need of financial help for their own PI committee. The Regional PI committee suggested that they could make a motion at area on behalf of Boston PI. Region PI is also willing to come and do a presentation.

We will be putting in three money motions. The first motion is for \$45.84 which is owed to World since we calculated a previous literature order wrong. Our next motion will be another literature order of \$256.37 to replenish our supplies and get ready for the Mt. Ida presentation. Also, we would like to make a motion for \$20 for a 4 GB flash drive.

As the PI chairperson attending for the first time, it was very encouraging to see so many members who had a wealth of information and background with PI and were also so passionate about carrying the message. I look forward to continuing to facilitate the meetings and participating in bringing the NA message to the public.

In Loving Service,
Sarah O.
Public Information Chairperson
for PI Regional Committee

RMD:

Sheet1

1 INVENTORY **2** Beginning Inventory 5,600 **3** Plus October Printing 0 **4** Total available for sales 5,600 **Assets** **5** Sold to areas, groups & individuals 3,500 \$ 350.00 **6** Sold to Regional Committees 1,250 \$ 125.00 **7** Sold to outside vendors 700 \$ 70.00 **8** Total Sales

this period 5,450 \$ 545.00 **9** Plus sales tax collected \$ 19.74 **10** Plus Shipping & Handling \$ 38.50

11 Assets Total (Deposit) \$ 603.24 **12** Expenses **13 14** Printing 8000 RMDs \$ - **15** Sales Tax Collected \$ 19.74 **16** Postage \$ 21.94 **17** Supplies \$ - **18** Less Total Expenses \$ 41.68 \$ (41.68) **19** Net Profit or (Loss) this Period \$ 561.56 **20** Remaining Inventory 150 **21 22** I just received the proof for the next printing which will go to print on Tuesday. **23** As soon as we OK the Proof we will go to print. I still have the check from last region. **24** To make updates, remove or add a meeting: Go to the website (NERNA.org) and register. **25** Check all meeting info on the website by clicking on the meeting day, then make your changes. **26** Changes should appear within a few days and will appear in the next printing of the RMD. **27** I am submitting a Customary Reimbursement form for \$ 21.94 for postage expenses. **28 29** We sell meeting directories in quantities of 50; check table below for quantities costs. **30** RMD's COST TAX TOTAL RMD's COST TAX TOTAL **31 50** \$5.00 \$0.32 **\$5.32 550** \$55.00 \$3.44 **\$58.44 32 100** \$10.00 \$0.63 **\$10.63 600** \$60.00 \$3.75 **\$63.75 33 150** \$15.00 \$0.94 **\$15.94 650** \$65.00 \$4.07 **\$69.07 34 200** \$20.00 \$1.25 **\$21.25 700** \$70.00 \$4.38 **\$74.38 35 250** \$25.00 \$1.57 **\$26.57 750** \$75.00 \$4.69 **\$79.69 36 300** \$30.00 \$1.88 **\$31.88 800** \$80.00 \$5.00 **\$85.00 37 350** \$35.00 \$2.19 **\$37.19 850** \$85.00 \$5.32 **\$90.32 38 400** \$40.00 \$2.50 **\$42.50 900** \$90.00 \$5.63 **\$95.63 39 450** \$45.00 \$2.82 **\$47.82 950** \$95.00 \$5.94 **\$100.94 40 500** \$50.00 \$3.13 **\$53.13 1000** \$100.00 \$6.25 **\$106.25 41 42** **Committee Members 43 Meeting Update Coordinator** Website Chair info@nerna.org **44 Printing Coordinator** David L 617-484-8198 (dalgraphics@rcn.net) **45 Sales/Treasurer** Christopher M 617-620-2887 (leadhead84@aol.com) **46 Outside sales to professionals** Dianne M 1-866-624-3578 (Literature menu)

Website:

NE Regional Website Report - October 2010

The Website committee has met online a number of times since the last regional meeting.

We're happy to report that the page for Online Registration for the NERC XIV Convention is finally complete and active. You can see it at <http://www.nerna.org/nerc>. Please spread the word at your home groups that this function is now available.

Our next project will be to add some neighboring area and regional NA links to the sidebar. We've already discussed this as a committee and all are agreed its a good idea. I'll be working on getting that done before the next regional meeting in December. I'll also be putting the idea of an RDA blog into discussion, something that addicts can refer to for information on our ever-changing service structure. If anyone has any input on that, please send me an email at info@NewEnglandNA.org.

A few people asked me at the last regional meeting for new email addresses, but no one has actually sent me an email requesting one. If you need something from website, please send your request in the form of an email to info@NewEnglandNA.org. We're happy to address all concerns as long as we're notified about them in writing. A casual "Hey, I

need this ..." at a regional meeting won't suffice.

In Loving Service,

Kevin F

RD/RDA:

GSR Notes- Here is some important Fellowship information. Thank you for your time and efforts.

Service system project information-

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

Our New Vision Statement-

http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/servsys/Vision_for_NA%20Service.pdf

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

Free NA Literature- <http://www.na.org/?ID=ips-eng-index>

Regional events and meeting information www.nerna.org

North East Zonal Forum: www.nezf.org

NAWS NEWS- <http://www.na.org/?ID=reports-nawsnews-nawsmain>

PR Basics- http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/PR/PR_Basics.pdf

H&I Basics- http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/PR/PR_H_I_Packet.pdf

Group Updates- Go to www.nerna.org -create an account, find the meeting you want to update, click on group name and submit the updated info. The moderator will take it from there.

Literature survey form:

http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/conference/2010_Fellowship_Literature_Survey_final.pdf

Product Update June 2010-

http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/catalogs/June2010_Product_NewsFlash.pdf

Regional Delegate Report 10/10/10

RCM Notes = All GSR Notes and the following information

Trusted Servant Update Forms- http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/ASC-Reg_Form2010.pdf

Bulletins- <http://www.na.org/?ID=bulletins-bulletins>

Handbooks- <http://www.na.org/?ID=handbooks-handbook-index>

Local Recourses page: http://www.na.org/?ID=local_resource_area_resources

Jaime and I met yesterday at noon.

We will be holding a Service System Workshop November 20th from 4-8pm at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church 900 Main Street in Brockton, MA 02301. Flyers are available on the Regional website.

Jaime and I worked on the Agenda for the day. We will complete the agenda after we attend the Workshop in Orlando. We are submitting a motion for \$300.00 for costs related to the event. We have the regional projector we used for a workshop at the South Shore ASC. We have been asked to return it to the PI committee for an event they have November 3rd. We will make the necessary arrangements.

We prepared for the North East Zonal Forum meeting (NEZF) in January. We will be supporting the transportation for the Chair and Vice Chair of the Zone. The Date and Locations are Jan. 28-30, 2011 at the Double Tree Inn and Suites in Mt. Laurel, NJ. We will be submitting a motion for travel expenses in December.

We received 7 Basic texts from the ECCNA and we have a letter they have asked us to read to the committee. We handed over the books to the convention committee. They are saving them for the Hotel and Hospitality committee. Jaime has offered to read the letter.

I am collecting group and trusted servant update forms that we handed out the June RSC. Please continue to submit your local ASC meeting directories to me for review and updates to NAWS and the regional websites. I have updated the SEMA ASC information since they have returned the update form. I will use the updated contact list to update each Areas RCM information. Please submit your Trusted Servant update forms ASAP. Thank you. Here is the link if you need it.

http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/ASC-Reg_Form2010.pdf I have added a Literature TS position to our roster and added Bill H. as the chair of the committee.

Pat and Delia report that their trip went well. They found it was very interesting. We want to thank them and we look forward to them helping with the NERSC SSW in November. The following is their report to the Region.

Service structure workshop summary-Dallas TX.

Andrew and Jaime,

We would like to start by thanking you all for giving us the opportunity to serve the New England region in this capacity. We landed in Dallas and settled in to the hotel around 2 o'clock on Friday. After a late lunch we got right to work by going to the registration table and meeting many people from the local fellowship. The workshop started at 6pm with a world board introduction and a background discussion. Arnie, Franny, Jim B, Mary, Travis, Chris and Dee were all present from the world board and WSO. They informed us that the primary purpose of this workshop was to inform and train trusted servants in the hopes that they will hold more workshops for their local groups/areas/regions. There were approximately 200 people in attendance with around 15 regional delegates/alternates. Goals expected to come out of workshop were trying to build a holistic service system, help everyone understand the proposals, help us facilitate discussion and see how structure might work in our community. There are four main concerns with our current service structure according to WB. They are insufficient communication, insufficient resources, frustrated trusted servants and a poor atmosphere of recovery in service. It is their assumption that these service models will correct these concerns. The next portion of the evening was led by Franny. She explained to us how by coming up with the structure models before they knew how the logistics of them was intentional. The work group was following a "form follows function" thought process. Franny then led a large group discussion which had various members dissecting the new vision statement for NA service. After about 40 minutes of people missing the point of this exercise we finally moved on to small group round table discussions. These were led by Jim B the world board chairperson. We discussed various concepts. Our table discussed the 5th and 12th concepts. The question posed to us was: in order to be consistent with the 5th and 12th concept a service system must... We then posted our results on the wall and closed with 3rd step prayer.

Saturday morning we started at 9 am with a recap of the previous nights session. Arnie from the world board then opened up the floor for a few questions. Q. are you looking for something to be put into CAR 2012. A. yes, this is a four part project and looking for something structurally for this CAR. Q. are workshops being done outside the country. A. yes. Question and answer session was put on hold and Franny started explaining the first aspect of the service structure model. The first thing we discussed was the group support unit (GSU). This new level of service is intended to aid groups in their efforts to carry the message. It is supposed to be a very laid back discussion based service committee. No business is to be conducted at the GSU. Groups can either send a representative to the GSU and the local service unit(LSU) or just send a rep to the GSU who then sends a different rep to the LSU. The LSU is the next level of service which is supposed to take care of the "business" aspect of service for the groups. The LSU is also intended to use consensus based decision making and utilize work groups instead of standing subcommittees. Next , Jim B. presented the LSU models and explained the differences between the linear and two-track options. (see page 9 of the hand out). After the presentation a straw poll was taken to see which model was preferred. After the straw poll one member asked what about taking a vote with neither model being an option. The world board members informed us that this was not an option. We then asked for an

abstention vote to be taken. The final vote came out to be about 1/3 for linear option, 1/3 for the two-track option and 1/3 abstaining. Jim then went on to briefly explain the intermediate level which serves as a metro committee for shared services..

BOD/Convention Corporation:

Insurance Liability Ad-hoc: Bill contacted the insurance agency that was working on the proposal. His expectations in terms of what this ad hoc will be is to obtain a completed form and information about an Umbrella policy for the entire region. In December a price and a funding mechanism will be brought to bring back to areas.

AREA REPORTS:

Boston:

Cape Cod:

Central Mass:

Free Spirit:

RCM Report – Free Spirit Area 10/10/10

Thank you to the MetroWest Area for hosting this weekends RSC & Subcommittees. I would like to take a moment to introduce my Alternate RCM, Brian S. and mention that it is his very first time at region. Not only is he a friend and trusted servant to our area, he is also my sponsor which truly shows the two-way street that sponsors/sponsees have. Many of the things you have helped me with and answered during the past regions he will be learning for the first time. Thank you in advance for helping us grow.

Our area has met twice since the last region. We average 11 GSR's in attendance. One item I brought back from the last region was the possibility of hosting region in February, 2011. The GSR's voted unanimously in favor of this, we have appointed and adhoc chair (Michelle P.), and have tentatively secured a location near the URI campus in Kingston, RI. I will be submitting a motion today along with a draft flyer. More to be revealed.

There were no area concerns but one addict asked for any updates towards having insurance during events and the status of the regional adhoc concerning that subject.

We have made a donation today in the amount of \$768.09.

In Loving Service,

Ray K. & Brian S.

Greater Providence:

Martha's Vineyard:

Metro West:

Greeting New England Region I like to welcome you to Metro West Area today for the regional meeting I like to thank members of the region who me set up for this meeting. All is well in Metro West we are presently working 75 dollars's under prudent reserve..

All our bills have been paid and if treasure pick up mail we should have donation to bring us above prudent as stated by GSR that attend are meeting and the preferable check is in the mail. Our area has the foiling vacancy Vice Chair Alt RCM and Secretary even though these vacancies are there we are still able to conduct business. All our bills are paid and all H&I Commitments are filled in loving service BOB L.

Nantucket:

NEMA:

Our area has met 2 times since the last Region with an average of 27 addicts in attendance. Currently we have all positions filled and are chugging along to get an area inventory completed. We are on target to have it done and implemented after this next area elections, providing time for area discussion about suggestions that are brought forth from the inventory. My area made a decision to send me to the service structure workshop in Baltimore from Oct. 29th-31st my goal will be to collect enough data to provide area wide workshops to gather input from our area two of these have been set up for November 4th and November 16th I will also be attending the regional workshop hosted by the RD-RDA team in Brockton in November. Our area activities committee has been putting together some great events recently and there will be a cosmic bowling night on Sat. November 6th from 7-9pm at Townline Bowling in Malden for \$12. A flyer is attached. Our area convention committee has many open sub-committee positions and is looking for support.

SEMA:

Area Report

All is well with SEMA. Thanks Metro west for hosting. I would like to introduce a new Alt RCM Dan O. He is at region as well for the very first time. We have approximately 35 groups with about 25 GSR's present. Our convention will be June 24-26 2011 in Mansfield, Ma. Registrations are on table. We have a few upcoming events. SEMACNA will be having a harvest festival Sunday Nov. 7, 1-5. Please join us. Also H&I will be having a learning day Nov 6, 1-5. It will be at Third Baptist Church, 260 Stafford Road Fall River MA. We are still struggling with PI that position will be open soon and no one is looking to taking it. Our ending balance is \$5869 and we have no concerns. We have also submitted a motion that was brought back to groups to send two members to the workshop in MD. More will be revealed.

ILS D'Lanor & Dan O.

South Shore:

South Shore Area Report to the Region

October 2010

The SSA has met twice since the last region. There has been an average of 15 voting members. The SSA has been very busy preparing for its 25th anniversary. With many fund raisers being held many addicts helping out and even more showing up to support these events. The 25th anniversary will be held in East Bridgewater at the East Bridgewater Commercial club on Dec.11, 2010 from 6 to 12 pm. There will be a flyer posted NERNA soon.

The H&I subcommittee has also met twice since the last region. There has been an average of 25 addicts in attendance. We have 31 commitments in 16 facilities all are filled and covered with exception of the young woman's DYS in Brockton. We suspended all commitment at MATC Treatment Facility on the Bridgewater complex. (More will be revealed.)The minimum at the Bridgewater State Prison contacted us for information about bringing a commitment into their facility. We did a presentation with addicts from H&I and PI and we tentatively have a date for carrying out this commitment in November.

We had 2 non money motions brought up and discussed. The first motion was to waive clean time for the Area chair position which is a 2 year clean time requirement. The clean time was waived the addict has 21 months and a willingness to serve. We are left with one open position (Activities Chair). The second motion was to fund the RCM to attend one of the Service System workshops which I respectfully declined.

The Green Initiative motion was brought up & discussed. The consensus from our area is that this is an outside issue.

There were two area concerns brought up in open forum. The first was misappropriated NA funds. Second was active addicts putting their names on phone lists. The consensus here is that each group is autonomous.

We are grateful to be hosting the next RSC which will be Dec 11/12 in Brockton at the Lutheran Evangelical Church, 900 Main St. I will be presenting a flier to the body today. I also have two donations from the SSA in the amounts of \$50.79 for September and \$628.47 for October.

ILS,

John L., RCM

Chris L., Alt. RCM

AREA CONCERNS/ OPEN FORUM:

Discussion about misappropriation of funds in a certain group. There was discussion about meeting lists not being accurate and directing addicts to incorrect locations. The green initiative project was also discussed again in more depth and it was basically decided that a more specific and detailed motion would need to be brought forth to continue on with this.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Money Motions

1. Made by Andrew L, and seconded by Evelyn D.. Motion reads to "make a check payable to the RD in the amount

Passes unanimously

2. Made by Andrew L, and seconded by Evelyn D.. Motion reads to "make a check payable to

Passes unanimously

3.

4. Made by PI Committee. Motion reads “PI Committee is asking for \$20 to purchase a 4GB flash drive to store all PI information electronically” Intent - Back up our data. Make check payable to Sarah O.

Passed unanimously

5. Made by PI Committee. Motion reads “ PI Committee is asking for \$256.37 for literature to replenish our supplies and prepare for the Mt. Ida College presentation” Intent - Restock Literature. Make check payable to NAWS

Passes

6. Made by the PI Committee. Motion reads “ PI Committee is asking for \$45.84 to be paid to NAWS, which is the balance owed for a previous literature order” Intent - To pay a debt to NAWS. Make check payable to NAWS.

Ruled out of order and submitted to the treasurer as a customary expense.

Non Money Motions

1. Made by South Shore Area “

2. Made by Ray K, seconded by John L.. Motion reads “Free Spirit Area to host region during the Feb 12-13th 2011 time frame.” Intent - to take our turn in the rotation to host.

Passed unanimously

Motion to Adjourn