

The regional service subcommittee met on October 9th, 2011 at Iyannough Road, West Barnstable MA 02668

Announcements

1. The next regional subcommittee meeting will be December 10th at 12:00 at the First Evangelical Church on 900 Main Street in Brockton MA. The next Regional service committee meeting will be December 11th at 11:00 at the First Evangelical Church on 900 Main Street in Brockton MA.
2. WSR is seeking male and female step guides to help incarcerated addicts within the New England Region. Please contact Andy from Central Mass.
3. The 3rd NEMA convention will be held March 2-4th 2012 at the Sheraton Ferncroft, Danvers MA.
4. Halloween Party SEMA- October 29th 6-12 at 399 Hope St. Bristol RI
5. Points of Recovery Greater Providence Area- GPACNA VI February 24-26 2012

Subcommittees:

RSC:

Open Positions: Activities Committee Chair, PI chair and 1 finance member at large.

Noel opened the meeting at 11:17 am with a moment of silence and a collaborative reading of the 12 traditions and 12 concepts of NA.

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

Boston Area placed a bid to host Regional weekend in April 2012.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair: no report

Vice Chair: no report

Secretary: contact sheet sent around for updating.

Opening Balance and Treasurer's Report:

NERSC Treasurer's Report October, 2011

On Saturday, October 8, 2011 the Finance Committee met in West Barnstable, Ma. Present from the committee were James P., Carrie B., Sal S. Thank you CAPE COD AREA for hosting us.

I have asked the chair to please submit the bank paperwork to the bank. We are considering switching to another bank – but as of today have not made the switch.

I will detail in the finance committee report the two payments that occurred between the August report and today but the short version is we reimbursed the person who personally paid the web site hosting bill, and we electronically paid our Q2 taxes. Hence our initial starting balance is in the negative.

There were some Sales and Use tax filing errors which I corrected resulting in abatements coming back from Massachusetts DOR and again these are detailed in the finance committee minutes.

We received notice from our CPA Brenda McFadden that our taxes are done and we will be cutting a check accordingly.

I realized there were some administrative reports that I was supposed to be saving that I had not done in the last few regional meetings and will start saving these reports moving forward.

I would like the body to discuss amending our prudent reserve definition to include one regional RD/RDA set-aside.

Starting Balance: -\$413.36. Prudent Reserve is \$1,552.50.

Thank you to Carrie and Sal for all your hard work.

In Loving Service,
James P.

Finance:

October 8, 2011

We started the meeting at 1:05 pm with a moment of silence followed by 3rd step prayer.

Present were:

- James P – Regional Treasurer
- Karrie – Assistant Regional Treasurer
- Sal S - Secretary

The committee reconciled 2 months' worth of bank statements. We also discussed the following topics:

Mass Department of Revenue Sales and Use Taxes

The Treasurer created his own log-in for the Mass DOR website (as discussed in last month's meeting) and established 3 new security questions. They are:

- Name of Elementary school attended;
- Street lived on in 3rd grade;
- Your dream job as a child.

Since the last regional meeting, the Treasurer sent NERSC's financial information to our CPA to do our taxes. The CPA has notified us that our taxes are done and has submitted an invoice for this service.

Q1 2010

- For Q1 2010, Mass DOR shows that they owe NERSC \$24.81. We previously incorrectly filed a return for \$8.69.
- The Treasurer filed a Q1 2010 amended return of \$29.38
- The Mass DOR sent an abatement check to NERSC for of \$52.23 for the period ending 3-31-10.

Q1 2011

The Treasurer submitted the first electronic report (The Q1 2011 taxes). However, the taxes were submitted electronically for the wrong Fiscal Year and calculated incorrectly. The electronically filed original amount was for \$50.63 (correct amount should have been \$36.88). The finance committee had submitted a paper check of \$45 to DOR on April 10, 2011. The taxes were again recalculated (due to clerical and transposition errors) and the new corrected amount is \$36.88 (a difference of \$8.12).

2011 Q 2 and Q3

- Our FY11 taxes for Q2 (ending 6/30/11) were \$33.44. This is based on the August 2011 RMD report.
- The Treasurer is prepared to file Q3 taxes based on the October RMD report.

Banking

We are starting this month at (\$446.90) in the hole. This is prior to accepting any donations or set asides.

The signature cards have not been turned into the bank. As a result, the bank still has on file that the prior trusted servants are on the bank account. The Regional Chair and the Finance Committee Chair have not yet moved the regional checking account from Sovereign bank to Citizen bank.

Unusual Events Occurring Between Regions

NERSC policy states that the Treasurer must file sales and use taxes. Now, DOR requires that the taxes be filed electronically, which occurs after NERSC send its donation to NA

World Services. Thus we need to amend the Treasures duties section of NERSC policy to state that the Treasure must file the state sales and use tax at the RSC meeting prior to making any donation to NE World Services. For this month, this activity put us further in the red for \$33.44. Our average quarterly state sales and use tax averages about \$30. (Except when region falls on the state sales tax holiday weekend.) The RMD Chair took this into account by stipulating that checks for the August RSC meeting had to have been dated on that weekend to benefit from the sales tax holiday.

The Finance Committee cut a check to one trusted servant for reimbursement of the annual web site hosting expense. This servant paid this expense out of his own pocket and asked over 4 months ago for reimbursement. This expense would normally be handled as a customary expense, but the Treasurer cut the reimbursement check after sending NERSC's donation to NA World Services. This put us \$413.46 in the red.
Treasurers Responsibilities.

Policy states that the treasurer must do the following:

- Create a written report for each region, describing any Treasurer activity and submit it to the Secretary. This is to read to the region. Save a copy to the hard drive and to a flash drive. (Must save a summary copy Without Individual Names of the QuickBooks General Ledger and a summary copy Without Individual Names of both reconciliation Reports as well. Print and file a copy of the written reports, the General Ledger (omitting the name column) and both Reconciliation Summary Reports.

The last two items have not been consistently done. The Treasurer will now conduct all items above. He also noted that all of the reports above mentioned are in QuickBooks.

Convention Committee:

Convention committee met Saturday 10/8/11. Elections were held and Nick G was voted in as Arts and Graphics chair. There are still 3 positions to be filled: Asst. Secretary, F&E Chair and Registration Chair.

A logo and theme was selected for the Convention which I will pass around. The theme will be "Freedom to Choose". I am also passing out flyers for the RCM's from the Programming chair requesting representation from all of our areas. There was also discussion concerning where the convention will be held. The BOD will be looking into RI and Mass and will hopefully have two chosen for the next regional meeting.

Ending balance as of yesterday \$6,790.00. Our next meeting will be held December 7th, 2011.

ILS, Deb P.

H&I:

Regional H&I Report / October 2011

The New England Regional H&I subcommittee met Saturday 10/8 at Cape Cod Community College. eleven addicts were in attendance, seven areas were represented. All is well. We're currently looking to fill the following positions:

Facility Coordinators:

MCI Gardner
MCI Norfolk
MCI Concord

Panel Leaders:

MCI Pondville (4th Friday)

For additional information on these please contact Vasco N at 774-212-2515 or Kevin F at 617-913-5512.

Open Forum Topics:

Chip K was appointed adhoc chair to compile a regional panel leader list - more will be revealed

Kimberly Y asked for a regional donation of meeting lists for Boston Area H&I (no area funding available)

Regional H&I will be assisting Central Mass and SEMA with their upcoming Learning Days

Money Motions:

Meetings Lists for DOC Commitments: \$26.50 (budgeted)

IPs and White Books for DOC Commitments: \$200.00 (budgeted)

For additional information, please attend our next regional H&I subcommittee meeting in December.

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ILS,

Kevin F

Literature:

Literature Committee

Brenda V.--Chair

The literature committee met yesterday with 3 members attending. We reviewed the following agenda items:

- NA World Services Service System Project--Ongoing
 - We will review the final proposals in the CAR when it becomes available.
- Web page
 - Thank you to the Web committee for our new page!
 - We currently have the Literature Committee survey posted.
 - Thank you to those who have already submitted completed surveys.
 - Input by individual NA members, groups, and our member areas is requested and will be accepted on an ongoing basis.
 - The information will continue to be compiled as it is submitted to the committee.
 - We plan to utilize the web space for links to NAWS drafts and input & discussion topics as well as for locally developed resources submitted to the literature committee.
- Review of the Living Clean project.
 - The draft version of the Living Clean project is out for final up/down vote.
- Review of the NAWS position paper on use of social media.
 - Discussion about the general utility of the position paper despite its apparent specificity to Facebook®.
 - Discussed concerns that this position paper may rapidly become outdated with new social media outlets.
 - Input will be submitted by the Literature Committee prior to the October 31st cut-off date.
- Mission and vision statements
 - The committee will continue to review and develop as our committee evolves.

We continue to seek input from Areas of the New England Region. If any Areas have completed our survey, I would be happy to collect those today or they may be submitted via the Literature Committee email: Literature@newenglandna.org. We welcome any and all addict/group participation in this process.

In Loving Service,
The Literature Committee

Insurance Liability:
REGIONAL LIABILITY REPORT

OCTOBER 2011

I first would like to apologize for not being present at the last RSC. I did although attend the RSC Sub-Committee on Saturday. I met with Dave P. from policy and we continued discussion on creating policy and guidelines. I also met briefly with web page and expressed the need for a Regional email address to be posted on the NERNA web page for this committee. The email will be a link between the fellowship, the insurance

facilitator and the agency where any questions or concerns may arise as well as for certificate of insurance to be made available by request. Please keep in mind we are insured. All meetings and events held under the NERNA are automatically covered under the regional insurance policy. There is no need to provide proof of insurance unless it is required and requested by the facility. Many times facilities have their own insurance coverage and that is good enough for them. It is not suggested that a group volunteer proof of the regional insurance coverage. It is suggested that it be provided only if requested by the facility. If there is any group that currently has proof of insurance under their old policy I will be able to provide them with a current copy of the certificate of liability insurance. I also spoke with RMD Chris from phone lines. He is going to provide us with envelopes to send invoices to the areas for billing purposes.

Below are questions brought by the Cape Cod Area and answered directly from our insurance agent.

1. The current named insured is "The New England Region Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous". New England Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous (NERSCNA). JOHN, THIS IS THE NAMED INSURED ON THE POLICY. THE CAPTION BELOW IS FROM THE MA SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WHEN YOUR GROUP HAD A FILED CORPORATION. PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT NAME YOU ARE OPERATING UNDER AND I CAN HAVE THIS CHANGED. YOUR WEBSITE SAYS YOU ARE "NERNA – NEW ENGLAND REGION OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS". ARE ALL OF THE GROUPS A PART OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE? LET'S DISCUSS.

This infers that the service committee is the only insured on the policy. Shouldn't the named insured read "The New England Region of Narcotics Anonymous"? This of course would include the service committee, all NA meetings, activities, etc.

The exact name of the Nonprofit Corporation: NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL SERVICE OFFICE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, I

Entity Type: Nonprofit Corporation

Identification Number: 042956900

Old Federal Employer Identification Number (Old FEIN): 000115057

Date of Organization in Massachusetts: 03/20/1986

2. The location on the policy is Oak Bluffs with no mention that the service committee moves throughout the region, meeting at different locations throughout the year. [Mark Sawyer] THIS WAS BILL'S MAILING ADDRESS TO SET UP THE POLICY. YOU HAVE COVERAGE FOR CLAIMS FOR ALL OF NORTH AMERICA. WE USED THE ATTACHED MEETING LIST TO GET AN IDEA OF WHERE AND HOW MANY MEETINGS ARE HELD.

3. Shouldn't there be a "schedule" of all areas insured on the policy clearly showing coverage? [Mark Sawyer] AGAIN WE USED THE LIST AS A REFERENCE, YOU HAVE COVERAGE WHEREVER YOU HAVE A MEETING.

4. I recently spoke with a member who helped attain a policy for SEPRNA (South Eastern Pennsylvania Region of NA). They were/are required to list all scheduled events/functions such as picnics, Unity Days, etc on the policy. The Cape Cod Area has a 2 day camp out at Camp Linden in Sandwich. Is this something that is "automatically covered" on the policy or does an event like this have to be scheduled and where/how would we get the certificate of insurance proving liability for that as well as other functions?[Mark Sawyer] AGAIN YOU HAVE COVERAGE WHEREVER YOU ARE ATTENDING FOR COVERED CLAIMS FROM MEETINGS, EVENTS OR FUND RAISERS

5. If, at an event that doesn't require that we have a rider, there is an incident... are we covered? [Mark Sawyer] YES. LET'S REVIEW THE POLICY AND DISCUSS EXACTLY WHAT IS AND WHAT IS NOT COVERED WHEN YOU HAVE TIME.

Questions from the South Shore:

1. What period of time (begin/end date) does the current insurance policy cover?

4/14/11-4/14/12

2. The \$238. -- that the SSA is putting up, is that the whole premium for the current policy? Or, will we be required to pay more money before the end of the current policy? Your annual premium is \$2310 – you need to pay the entire premium and bills are sent to from the carrier

3. Is there any indication of what the projected cost will be for next year?

The cost for next year should be the same unless you have losses

Insurance Liability:

Area % annual cost

Boston: .1236 \$ 286.50

Cape Cod .0719 \$ 166.66

Central Mass .1506 \$ 349.09

Free Spirit .0449 \$ 104.08

Greater Providence .0989 \$ 229.25

Martha's Vineyard .0135 \$ 31.29

Metro West .0854 \$ 197.96

Nantucket .0112 \$ 25.96

Northeast Mass .2045 \$ 474.03

Southeast Mass .1011 \$ 234.35

South Shore .0944 \$ 218.82

This does not include our newest member to the region (welcome) Western Mass. More will be revealed.

ILS JOHN L.

Any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at johnnieb1122@gmail.com

Policy:

The Policy subcommittee met on Saturday 10/8/11 with 3 addicts in attendance. The

Central Mass Area policy chair was present, and shared that the area is having trouble getting several of the subcommittee chairs to submit policy guidelines.

The subcommittee wants to clear up a few phrases in the policy:

On page 8, Article XI, Section 1, subsection H reads:

To decide all questions of order, subject to appeal unless, when in doubt, the Chairperson prefers to submit such a question to the assembly for decision. To respond to inquiries of members relating to parliamentary procedures or factual information bearing on the business of the assembly and cause to be elected a parliamentarian.????????????

It is unclear what this last phrase means, and should probably be removed unless someone can explain its meaning and purpose.

On page 10, Article XI, Section 5, subsection B, number 5:

That the outgoing Treasurer signs the tax return for the year that they held the office

On page 10, Article XI, Section 5, subsection B, number 6:

That RSC Treasury set up a subsidiary ledger specifically to account for printing and sale of meeting directories-????????? Check minutes

It's my understanding that the RMD subcommittee handles this and submits reports re: printing and sales to the finance committee.

On page 10, Article XI, section 6 (duties of Assistant Treasurer), subsection B:

Shall attend all Finance Committee Meetings????????? Check Minutes

I spoke to the Assistant Treasurer, and she said that this is her understanding of the position, and she has been attending all the finance committee meetings. Since the position is being fulfilled as it is written, I will delete the question marks.

Phone Line:

Meeting opened with the serenity prayer. There were 6 addicts present discussed were dropped calls on literature. Western Mass with 37 meetings joining the phone line. Laural M to be removed from urgent call back from South Shore. Kristoph new urgent call back for Cape Cod. Noel is the new urgent call back for central mass. Joe Black, diamond voice rep will be contacted Tuesday 10/11/11 to address these changes. Request that the update coordinator update. Open positions: vice chair, secretary, professional callback, south shore urgent callback. ILS, Gary B.

Public Information:

RMD:

Website:

Website Committee Report

Over the last two months the website committee has continued to update the site with meeting revisions and event notices.

We added a "Literature" section of the website which can be found in the menu in the top right. I met yesterday with the Literature committee and discussed different ways that the

website can be used to spread the word about the current literature projects being worked on.

Sometime in September the registration for the domain 'nera.org' expired. It was renewed for 5 years at a cost of \$41.70. The 'newenglandna.org' domain will expire in Feb 2012, and it will be renewed prior to expiring.

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

RD/RDA:

RD Report October, 2011

Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

GSR Notes- These notes are vital for GSR's to have for their groups.
Thank you for your time and efforts. Please cut and paste the links into your browser for best results.

Building Strong Home groups:

http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/IDT_Frame_27Feb07.pdf

Living clean Approval draft available-

http://www.na.org/?ID=Living_Clean_Project

Or order online

https://cart.na.org/IW_Products.m4p.pvx?;SEARCH_SUBMIT

Service system project information-

Second Draft

http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/servsys/Service_System_Proposals_Report_March2011.pdf

Please feel to contact me with any questions. rd@newenglandna.org

New info regarding Third draft is available 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.

We have also added them to the Regional website:

http://www.nera.org/Service_Structure_Project%20

We as a fellowship are looking at proposals that restructure the service system. The current system was created in 1976 to support 5000 groups. We now have over 50,000.

For all the information

Our New Vision Statement-

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

A Vision for NA Service

All of the efforts of Narcotics Anonymous are inspired by the primary purpose of our groups. Upon this common ground we stand committed.

Our vision is that one-day:

- Every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in his or her own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life;
- Every member, inspired by the gift of recovery, experiences spiritual growth and fulfillment through service;
- NA service body's worldwide work together in a spirit of unity and cooperation to support the groups in carrying our message of recovery;
- Narcotics Anonymous has universal recognition and respect as a viable program of recovery. Honesty, trust, and goodwill are the foundation of our service efforts, all of which rely upon the guidance of a loving Higher Power.

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, meeting information and 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.

NAWS annual report - <http://www.na.org/?ID=reports-ar-2010-TOC>

Connecticut regional convention is January 6-8, 2012 in Stamford please follow the link below in NEZF member websites for more info.

RCM Notes = All GSR Notes and the following information

Please submit your local Area Meeting directories to us. We will cross reference them to the NAWS and Regional databases. You can also mail your local Area meeting directories to the NERSC mailbox at PO Box 437 Quincy, MA 02132

Trusted Servant Update Forms for NAWS-

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

Conference Agenda Report (CAR) will be available November 21, 2011. Jaime and I will

have group voting forms available at the December RSC meeting.

Click a Link Below to visit the NEZF Member Region Web Sites:

[ABCD](#)

[Buckeye](#)

[Connecticut](#)

[Eastern New York Region](#)

[Greater New York](#)

[Mid-Atlantic](#)

[Mountain Valley](#)

[New England](#)

[New Jersey](#)

Northern New England = www.namaine.org and www.gsana.org

[Northern New Jersey](#)

Northern New York

[Western New York](#)

[Tri-State Region of Narcotics Anonymous](#)

Service pamphlets- <http://web.na.org/?ID=servicemat-svc-pamphlets>

Hello fellow NERSCNA members. It has been a quiet two months.

We would like to hear feedbacks after the report or in open forum about what your needs are as areas and if you would like to see us do anything specific to meet your goals as Area Service Committees.

The next NEZF (Northeast Zonal Forum) will be in
Comfort Inn

298 Queen City Avenue "Conference Agenda Workshop" Saturday 9AM-5PM
Manchester, NH

<http://www.nerna.org/node/811>

NAWS is no longer in the EAP stages. Here is a copy of the e-mail sent to us on Monday Oct. 10.

Hi Andrew – Thanks for writing. As a result of stabilizing our expenses over the past fiscal year, we are no longer in our EAP. Here is a portion of the Fiscal Report from the last NAWS News:

As is our practice, we provide you with our financial picture in each NAWS News. Fiscal year 2010-11 closed 30 June 2011, which represents one year of our WSC approved budget. We did not meet the approved budget with fellowship contributions; yet, we are closer this year than 2009-10. We ended the year in the black for the first time in several years. Although donations and literature sales improved slightly this year, cutting costs coupled with prudent fiscal management were the primary factors in reaching this accomplishment. We are also aware that our literature sales were artificially inflated in

June, as service offices planned ahead and made larger purchases before the price increase took effect 1 July 2011.

We were able to suspend the Emergency Action Plan; gratefully, we have money for 65 operating days on reserve. We were able to gain seven days, which affords some breathing room. This was made possible with continued support from the fellowship and an austere program at WSO-Chatsworth where we now function with nine less staff members. Minimally, the aim is to hire two staff in the upcoming fiscal year.

Regards,

Steve Rusch
NAWS Staff

I would like to take a straw poll to see who would be in favor of the New England region expanding to the 6 States know worldwide as "New England". I would like to bring it up at the NEZF in December.

I collected the regional mail and handed it out. I returned the regional laptop and pop up tent to Sarah O. so PR can do upcoming events.

ECCCNA donated a case of books to the NERSC. Read letter. Please let me know what you would like to do with them.

12 books were given to The Western Mass. Area RCM for their H&I commitments. We have 16 left that I will hold for to Regional H&I.

I have collected a trusted servant update form from the CCA and will update information accordingly. I also handed out a blank form to the Western Mass. Area RCM.

Connecticut Regional Convention - Jan 2012 - <http://ctrcna.org/>

here is a rumor that the leftover merchandise will be on sale from WCNA 34 on the NAWS website. Please check online-

https://cart.na.org/IW_Products.m4p.pvx?:products_no_tree?company=NAW To see if the items have been posted.

I attended WCNA 34 and attended some World board forums. These forums are similar to Worldwide workshops and Service Symposiums etc.

10 AM Building Cooperative Relationships with the Criminal Justice System

2 Panelists

Madeline O. – the director for Rehabilitation and re-entry programs division of the Texas department of criminal Justice. Her duties include oversight and development of re-entry and treatment programs for a population of approximately 150,000 offenders in over 100 facilities across the state of Texas. She has 23 years of experience in the criminal justice field. She received a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Maryland, Master's Degree from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and Juris Doctorate from Seton Hall University Law School. She began her career in New York, as a Prison Legal Assistant at

Riker's Island. She went on to direct the State of NY's first in-prison therapeutic community for women. She has served as the Warden of a 500-bed male treatment facility, the Administrator of the Substance Abuse Treatment initiative for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and as Correctional Program Specialist with the National Institute of Corrections in Washington, D.C. She has co-authored several publications.

-Texas has 166 state prisons. They are the second largest jailor in the world.

-she works with evidence based practices

-she shared about a support group for ex-offenders called the winners circle

-they do interventions with the entire family so everyone can be on the same page with an inmate's recovery process.

Texas department of corrections has a volunteer website page to submit an application.

See link –

https://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/php/volunteer_application/

Terri O.- is the Director of the Division of Adult Institutions for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. She earned her degree in Public Administration from the U of San Francisco. Terri began her career as a correctional officer in 1988 at the Sierra Conservation Center state Prison. She worked her way up through the ranks of the California Department of Corrections at Folsom State Prison. Prior to her current assignment, she served as Associate Director of Reception for California out-of-state correctional facilities. She was also the Chief of the classification services unit for the division of Adult Parole Operations. She currently serves on the board of Directors of several non-profit organizations responsible for providing inpatient and outpatient drug and alcohol recovery services in her community.

She shared of her experience watching addicts gain freedom from the NA program.

-help realign public safety

-non violent offenders sent to county jails

-suggests we visit local sheriff and probation offices

-mentioned the "Brown act"

-has 33 state facilities "political will" is no breaks for violent offenders

-60 DOC (all) facilities were phone linked to the WCNA Unity day Sept 4th because of her actions.

-treatment money goes 10 x's further then prison money

-PACT meetings / housing authority

-some people have more then an addiction problem

-restitution centers...to help people re-enter society with outstanding restitution issues-
create case plans-

4pm Building Cooperative Relationships with Drug Courts-

They had two Judges present to share with us. One from Santa Clara Superior and one from Los Angeles County.

The goal of the workshop is to build and improve cooperative relationships with the drug court system. After they shared we had an opportunity for Q&A.

Some of the content of the workshop included-

-That the court system is realizing more and more that the tired old lie once an addict

always an addict has never been true.

-We are responsible to help others better their lives = both judges and people in recovery...it's good human nature.

-make meeting lists available in Drug Courts

-find out how closely related the probation office and the drug courts are.

-they talked about parole re-entry court and taking away the power to punish that judges have.

-California is working on legislature that reviews a doctors right to prescribe and having a system in place to keep tabs on the stats.

-encouraged to hold oneself accountable

-presentation of the truth is shocking on offensive

-they assist in building drug court relationships

-judicial educational branch

They also sighted the National Association of Drug Court Professionals

<http://www.nadcp.org/nadcp-home/>

and the National Drug Court Institute- <http://www.ndci.org/ndci-home/>

You can buy the entire WCNA speaker @ <http://www.na.org/?ID=wcna-index> .

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Approval Processes for NA Material

There are three types of approval processes for NA World Services and they are noted on each piece when it is published. Those three processes are called Fellowship Approved, Conference Approved, and World Board Approved. The conference typically establishes the approval process to be used when it approves the project plan at the WSC.

Fellowship-Approved

As covered in the following section on the approval process for recovery literature, all NA

recovery material is Fellowship Approved. This means that it is developed by NA World Services, sent out to the fellowship for review and input, and ultimately sent out for approval by the fellowship in the Conference Agenda Report. The specifics for each piece

of Fellowship Approved recovery literature are covered in the project plan for each piece that is presented and approved by the World Service Conference before work is begun.

This applies to all recovery books, recovery booklets, and recovery pamphlets as well as material that establishes or changes philosophical position or NA principles. NA

Fellowship

Approved recovery material is typically the only thing that is read in NA meetings. Conference-Approved

NA Handbooks and service booklets are Conference Approved. This means they may or may not have been sent out for review and input according to the specifics of the project plan presented to the WSC and are always included in the Conference Approval Track material for approval at the upcoming WSC. These pieces tend to convey NA's fundamental ideas about certain areas of service. Both Conference Approved and World Board Approved material is intended to show how to implement or put into practice the principles established by core NA philosophy and Fellowship Approved material. The

World Board may decide that some change in Conference Approved service material is so significant that it should be included in the Conference Agenda Report, but the piece will still be designated as Conference Approved. This has happened in the past with both A Guide to World Services in NA, The Group Booklet, and A Guide to Local Services in NA.

Adopted at WSC 2000, this designation came about partly as the result of years of input from members and groups regarding the types of issues they were being asked to review in the CAR. Establishing Conference Approved material as a separate approval track means that materials intended for committees and boards, such as handbooks or service manuals, are distributed directly to conference participants 90 days before the WSC, allowing time for the regional delegates to workshop it in a manner that fits within their local community. Each local community can determine for itself how the material will be reviewed and how to direct their regional delegate. As the 2000 CAR explains, “This frees up our members and groups to devote their attention to holding meetings and carrying the message of recovery, without having to ratify every decision made on their behalf at every level of service.”

World Board-Approved

At WSC 2006, the conference decided that the World Board could approve and publish a number of informational pieces. This included revisions to Chapters 10–13 of the PR Handbook and the Area Planning Tool, as well as development and approval of service related

informational pamphlets and tools. At WSC 2008, Chapters 5–9 of the PR Handbook were also made adaptable by the World Board. These service-related informational pamphlets and tools contain practical experience gathered from the fellowship about how to apply some of the principles contained in NA Fellowship- and Conference Approved material. They are usually the result of the Fellowship Issue Discussions or contain a compilation of material already being distributed to the fellowship upon request, which was the case with the Area Planning Tool.

36 A Guide to World Services in NA

All service-related informational pamphlets, whether Conference Approved or World Board Approved, are easily distinguishable from recovery pamphlets by their appearance and should be used by members, groups, and service committees as a resource rather than being read in an NA meeting. Before approval and distribution, Service Pamphlets will be sent out to conference participants for a 90-day review-and-input. Service tools, PR material, bulletins, and other material will continue to be developed and approved by the World Board. The World Board has long been able to approve bulletins, but these bulletins only had limited distribution to those who knew that they were available. The advantage of this approval process for informational pamphlets is that material is made readily available, and can be easily changed or pulled from inventory if there are concerns.

Approval Process for Recovery Literature

Note: Policies regarding recovery literature are also contained in the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT). The FIPT was adopted in 1993 after conference action at WSC 1991 that affirmed that what was then the World Service Office, Inc. (now NA World Services, Inc.) was the exclusive authorized publisher and distributor of NA’s

literature and that they hold in trust for the fellowship the ownership of all NA-related copyrights and trademarks. Conference action also instructed the WSO to take legal action against any infringement of this trust at their discretion. The FIPT lays out the operational rules of this trust. It is available upon request.

Most fellowship questions about the FIPT and the use of the NA literature and copyrights can be found in NA Intellectual Property Trust Bulletin #1, Internal Use of NA Intellectual

Property, which can be found as an addendum in this guide.

A. Review-form Literature

1. Literature developed by the World Board is sent out for a review period before the development of an approval-form draft. The time and method of this review, considering translations, is determined by the World Board based on the needs of the fellowship and the piece in development.

2. Review-form literature is not for use or display in NA meetings.

B. Approval-form Literature

1. Approval-form literature is prepared by the World Board and is distributed for a period of time, considering translations, determined by the World Board of not less than one hundred fifty (150) days. The length of this approval period is determined by the World Board based on the needs of the fellowship and the piece being considered for approval.

2. Approval-form literature should not be read during NA meetings, although it may be sold and made available to members at NA meetings.

C. WSC Approval

1. The conference shall not vote on any proposals to change existing fellowship-approved NA recovery literature unless such changes have appeared in the Conference Agenda Report.

2. All literature submitted to the conference for approval requires a two-thirds majority vote of regional delegates, and it also takes a two-thirds majority vote to withdraw current NA literature from the category of approved literature.

3. Literature approved under this process is marked as Fellowship Approved.

WCNA STATS Financial Facts

All of NAWS independently audited financial reports, including WCNA activities, are published as part of our NAWS Annual Report. The most current report (2009-2010) is available online at na.org. The 2010-2011 report will be available in January 2012. It is helpful to remember that while the reports might not include the level of detail that some members would like to see, they do meet the expectations of the WSC.

Below is an overview of net gain/loss for the past five WCNA's that may also be helpful:

29 2002 Atlanta, GA USA 420,372

30 2003 San Diego, CA USA 33,831

31 2005 Honolulu, CA USA 172,476

32 2007 San Antonio, TX USA (596,000)

33 2009 Barcelona, Spain (212,895)

Net gain/loss for last 5 conventions: (10,416) = loss

Thanks for the additional information about your region. That is an interesting turn of events, for sure. As usual, let us know if we can be any service.

Regards,

Steve R.
NAWS Staff

ILS,
RD/RDA Team

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Cape Cod Area RCM Report

Cape Cod Area has met once since last region, September 14th. There are currently 26 meetings in Cape Cod Area and 11 GSRs were present at the last Area Service Committee. We have all of our positions currently filled.

Public Information Committee meets once a month. Harold L., our PI chair attended the Cape Cod Symposium and was able to put together a N.A. meeting on Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning. They were well attended by people at the symposium and received a good response. Harold was approached by someone there who was interested in having a PI presentation at Gosnold's outpatient program in Centerville. This will be further discussed at their next subcommittee meeting.

Hospitals and Institutions meets the first Saturday of every month. Chris S. was voted in as H&I chair. Discussion at H&I has consisted of the growing need for more literature due to the fact that patients in the facilities we bring commitments into have been actively taking the literature we provide. As we all know this is a good thing because it means the message is being carried, however it has brought up some discussion as to how we can try to be more prudent and fiscally responsible as a subcommittee.

Cape Cod Area Activities committee has been planning a couple upcoming events. One of them being a spaghetti dinner to be held on Saturday October 22nd from 5:30-6:30 at the Heritage Christian Life Center on Boxberry Hill road in North Falmouth. Fun in the Sun was a success and we are thankful to all who supported it. Also, Danny D. was voted in for another term as Activities chair.

Tree B. was voted in as our new Policy chair.

My area is still looking for answers to the insurance questions we brought up last region and would please like them to be in writing from the insurance agent.

That is all!

In loving service,
Meaghan R.

Central Mass:

Free Spirit:

Free Spirit Area Report

10/9/2011

The Free Spirit Area Service Committee met twice since our last meeting. In our August meeting 9 groups were represented and at our September meeting 7 groups were represented. With the exception of a few open positions all is going well. Free Spirit Area was able to donate \$439.91 to Region. We closed with a balance of \$1350 which is \$100 over prudent reserve. A motion passed to close \$100 over prudent reserve to cover unbilled area phone line obligations.

In Loving Service
Brian S

Greater Providence:

Martha's Vineyard:

Metro West:

Greeting New England Region like to thank Cape Cod Area for hosting. All is well in Metro West area, we are operating above prudence reserve and all are bills are paid. In Loving service Bob L.

NEMA:

SEMA:

South Shore: Good afternoon everyone. The SSA met twice since the last RSC. We met on 9/11/2011 and 10/2/2011 with about half of the groups present at each meeting. The SSA has regional donations in the amounts of 110.70 for Sept and 427.68 for the month of Oct. Also the Area has chosen to pay their portion of the insurance policy of 218.82 to the Region. All but one position is filled at the ASC as members stepped up and filled the policy chair, outreach chair and secretary positions. The only open position is Alt RCM at this time. The SSA 26th anniversary fundraiser Dino Day II was a success. There was great attendance at this event. The SSA would like to thank all who participated and attended this event. We will be hosting Region on Dec 10th and 11th with the area celebrating its 26th anniversary on the 10th with an H&I learning day, dinner, speakers and a dance. The SSA H&I committee is currently holding 33 commitments at 13 facilities with 6 of those commitments open but covered. The PR committee also is attending the Canton health fair on Oct 22nd, 2011 from 10am-1pm at the Canton High School. The SSA has also formed an Ad-Hoc committee to look for a new location to hold our ASC to better fulfill our needs. The next ASC meeting will be held on Nov 6th at 2:30pm at the Quincy Medical Ctr, 114 Whitwell St Quincy Ma.

I.L.S.
Brian R
RCM

AREA CONCERNS/ OPEN FORUM:

- The issue of non funded trusted servants at the regional level was discussed.
- The idea of the 6 original New England States forming New England Regional was discussed.

Quorum: **Voting Members:** **9** **Simple Majority:** **5** **2/3:** **6**

OLD BUSINESS:

Boston Area was voted in to host area in April 2012.

NEW BUSINESS:

Non Money Motions

1. Submitted by Ben B., seconded by Rose C. motion reads “Central Ma Area of NA has asked region to stop sending world any money till world convention can provide financial statements concerning loss of money from 2007 and 2009 World Conventions”. Intent “to hold NAWS accountable for reporting funds and loss of funds”.

Referred back to areas

Money Motions

As we are starting motions below prudent reserve, all motions involving money must pass by 2/3.

1. Submitted by the H&I subcommittee. Motion reads “\$250.00 for facility safe white booklets, sponsorship IP, behind the walls, staying clean on the outside”. Intent “to carry the message behind the wall”.

Tabled because no representative from the subcommittee was present

2. Submitted by the H&I subcommittee. Motion reads “\$26.50 for 250 meeting lists”. Intent “to carry the message behind the walls”.

Tabled because no representative from the subcommittee was present

3. Submitted by Dan O., seconded by Jonathan K. motion reads “to send a pair of people to the United States Fellowship Assembly II in Tulsa OK from October 28th-October 30th. In the amount of \$1500.” Intent “to gather information and have the groups within the New England Region voice be heard”.

Motion withdrawn by maker

Closing balance of \$0.00 and prudent reserve is at \$560.91. No donation was made to NAWS, as we are currently under prudent reserve.