

January 22, 2005 Minutes

The next meeting is February 26th, 2006

Area Meeting Times:

Administration 12:00-1:30 pm
Literature Sales 1:30-3:00 pm
Subcommittees 2:00-3:00 pm
New GSR Orientation 3:15-3:30 pm
Area Service Meeting 3:30-5:30 pm

Area Service Meeting Agenda

1. Meeting called to order / Moment of silence / Service prayer
2. Reading of the Twelve Concepts
3. Introduction / Roll Call / GSR Report
4. Secretary Report
5. Treasurer Report
6. Vice-Chair Report
7. RCM Report
8. BOD Report
9. Subcommittee Reports including:
Activities, Convention, Finance, H&I, Literature, Phone Line, Policy, PI, Ad-Hoc
10. Old Business
11. New Business
12. Motions (submit at beginning of ASC meeting)
13. Open Forum

Roll Call and GSR Reports

Groups in Attendance (15)
Total Area Meetings (61)
Groups that made a donation (11)

Hardcore Recovery..... @
IP Time..... @Need Support
Keep it Simple Saturday..... @
Loveline..... @ ..\$
The Lie is Dead..... @ ..\$. 4th Anniversary on March 31st
Meeting Street Meeting..... @
Never Alone Again..... @ ..\$
New Associations..... @
Primary Purpose..... @ ..\$
Ray of Hope.....Need Support
Recovery in the Chapel..... ..\$
Recovery in the Country..... @
Recovery and Beyond..... @ ..\$
Recovery is More Than Abstinence...@..\$
Recovery in the Lake..... @ ..\$
Sisters in Recovery..... @
Starting Over..... @ ..\$
Stepping Out Wednesday..... @
Straight Forward..... @Need Support
Surrender of Die..... @ ..\$
Traditions at the Crossroads... ..\$

Key: @-Attended GSR Meeting; \$-Made Area Donation; !-Group Anniversary

Reports:

Activities :: Jackie L.

I believe the see money for activities is \$350. I see a problem with the first activity starting up. I will make a motion for the old policy for \$500 just for the first function because we will be starting activities from scratch: we will need food, supplies, etc. I believe once we get this committee started we will then have supplies left over after the function. Then we will have less to buy for the next function. Starting in March 2006 we will start having Greater Providence Area activities again. Please get involved. Our first activities will be held on March 25, 2006: the March into Spring Speaker Jam and Dance at St. Teresa's at 275 Manton Ave, Providence, RI. The function will take place from 7pm-11pm. Donation is \$3 but no addict will be turned away. Anyone wanting to get active, please contact me or Staci V.

Activities has a lot of upcoming events for our area so we would like people to get involved. We are also looking for some ideas for topics.

Board of Directors :: Kevin V.

No report given.

GPACNA IV Convention :: Dave A.

Hello everybody, we had our 25th meeting today. I'm very proud of your convention committee: they are doing an awesome job. We have sold 40 full registration packages, 179 registrations, 64 banquet tickets, and 50 brunch tickets to date. We have sold around 130 rooms so far. We have to sell 225 rooms to have a free meeting space, so please, everybody please reserve a room. The \$99 room rate is available until February 10th. After that time it will cost more to reserve a room. Our last fundraiser is February 11th at the Silver Lake Community Center: Meeting from 7 to 9pm and dance to follow. Please help support our convention. Our next meeting is January 29th at 12:30pm

at the People's Baptist Church. Our ending balance is \$7,674.01. Open Positions: Arts and Graphics, Assistant Secretary, and Assistant Treasurer. ILS, Dave A.

Finance :: **Susan W.**

I'm waiting to hear from Kevin V. on the BOD about our corporation status. I need to get 2004 bank statements from the treasurer to complete 2004 paperwork so we can file taxes for 2004. I will keep you posted. ILS, Susan.

H&I :: Celia W.

We need more groups to get involved in commitments. We are in need of having commitments filled. All Panel Leaders should make the H&I subcommittee meeting as often as possible. If groups are taking more than 2 commitments, they might want to try and fulfill another that is struggling. Some Panel Leaders showed, 6 H&I reps showed. If a group has a commitment, they are not to enter the building

unless the Panel Leader is present. Absolutely no groups are to enter facilities without a Panel Leader.

We still need women and men to fill out forms for the ACI and Wyatt Center. Allan was elected as the Roger Williams Saturday mornings Panel Leader, and Lean Mc was elected as Secretary of the H&I subcommittee. Doug L was elected as Panel Leader of the Boy's Training School, and Guy S. for the Wyatt Center as alternate Panel Leader—Congratulations to all of you!

Recovering addicts who are willing to fill a commitment at the ACI, please fill out the forms.

Literature :: Jim S.

I've brought back my CD-R drive supplied by the GPANA ASC. It is dysfunctional.

Literature is up to stock level at this time, spent \$1,300 on this month's order, but from this point onward I will be able to purchase replacements for what is bought at Area. I need to thank the NY Region for sending us the specialty books ordered by phone, which is usually not done. I have designed a new order form, which will be distributed when I run out of the ones in stock. Formatting a program. We have New England Region meeting lists.

Literature orders Jan 1, 2006-\$1,316.75	Literature sales Jan 1, 2006+\$1,530.13
Cost for 100 NE Region Mtg Lists	-\$10.70 Phone Line sales +\$15.00
	H&I sales +\$82.80

Phone Line :: Position OPEN (Susan W. Acting Chair)

Phone line has been running smoothly. I've had help from the Free Spirit Chair with answering the voicemail box. I will be giving the answering service. 100 meeting list this month. ILS, Susan W.

Policy :: Vincent C.

Hello NA Family, during the past month the Policy Chair met informally with a few NA members who

have expressed interest in working on the policy sub-committee. Major goals for the month of February will be: establishing a full-body working Policy subcommittee, appointment of the subcommittee vice-chair and secretary, scanning of the GPA archives, and developing a working agenda. The Policy Chair cannot do this by himself and any NA member with a sincere desire to serve is welcome. On another note, the Policy subcommittee is continuing to review and revise area policy where appropriate and approved by the General Body. It should be noted the GPANA may have huge information gaps with regard to updated policy-related matters. For example: where is the GPA's policy regarding sponsoring our local convention? In my participation with the convention committee, we presently utilize the New England Regional Convention and World Policy. Another good suggestion—passed on to me from our Area's Regional Committee Member (RCM), Lewis S.—is that all standing committees should pass on to Policy copies of any and all policy-related motions passed by their individual subcommittees. Motions should include dates. I'm also requesting that the GPA Treasurer submit a copy of policy pertaining to our prudent reserve. Question: Do we have policy written down as to when the GPA came into existence (our anniversary date)? ILS, Vincent C.

PI :: Claude J.

This past month was slow for PI. We mailed out an information package to the Family Life Center and did not receive a request for a presentation at this time. The new meeting lists are in with all the changes. Also the Regional list is updated. We have elected someone to fill the position of website coordinator and met with her last month at the PI subcommittee meeting. We are always looking for new committee members to help us serve. ILS, Claude J., and Helena C.

RCM :: Lewis S.

Hi family, Northeastern Mass. Area is hosting the Regional Meeting on February 10-11, 2006 in Lynn, Mass. @ Club America, 65 Monroe St. Saturday will host a Subcommittee meeting from 1pm to 6pm and on Sunday the Regional meeting from 1:30pm to 6pm. Also in February there will be a Regional Assembly Meeting on February 4th, 2006 from 1pm to 6pm @ St. John's Methodist Church, 80 Mt. Auburn St., Watertown Mass. All GSRs and RCMs and all interested NA members may attend. For more information please contact Don B. @ 401-741-2224. The Greater Providence Area is putting in a bid to host a Regional Meeting for April 8-9, 2006, with a speaker Jam and Dance. More will be revealed in our next area meeting. Flyers will be put together and passed out for the event if we get the bid. As the RCM of the GPA, I would like to have a GSR Presentation in the area to help better inform our GSRs in their positions. ILS, Lewis S.

Treasurer :: Position OPEN (Hal B. Acting Treasurer)

See attached report. Rene (GPANA Chair) and I went to get my name on the signature list for the GPA checkbook. I received 1 laptop, P.O. Box key, box of old treasury stuff, one case with mostly old bills paid, and a bag of old stuff also. She also gave me the deposit slip dated 1/04/06 for \$1,306.35 and a bag of change to start-up the monthly literature sales. In closing, while at the bank we re-ordered our checks as we were at the end of our current book. To better safe-guard our area funds, our new checks will reflect our policy regarding having two signatures. We also need another signature so that we always have two available. I thank Chrissy for all her help and love during her term. In Service, Hal B.

Old Business

:: POSITIONS STILL OPEN—Nominations will be accepted again in February.

Please announce these openings in your groups.

General Qualifications for Area Service Positions: A. A willingness and a desire to serve

B. A level of recovery that reflects their ability to apply the twelve steps to their personal lives and the twelve traditions to their personal interactions with others.

C. The ability to give the time and resources necessary to fulfill the obligations of the elected office.

D. The suggested clean time requirement as established for the individual office.

E. Prior service experience on a group level and working knowledge of the elected office.

AREA PHONE LINE CHAIR

Area Phone Line Subcommittee Chairperson Qualifications: A. The above stated

qualifications of general service

B. Clean-time requirement (to be clarified by Policy or amended from 2 to 1 years by a policy motion up for vote in February.)

Responsibilities: A. Maintain line of communication between NA and the answering service and/or any other phone service we use.

B. Respond to all requests for information in a timely and effective manner.

C. Insure that those requests are handled at the appropriate level of service.

D. Establish and maintain the integrity of guidelines for handling phone line requests.

E. Meets one hour prior to the ASC meeting and as often as the subcommittee deems necessary.

AREA TREASURER

Area Treasurer Qualifications: A. Three years of continuous clean time from all drugs.

B. Has bookkeeping or accounting skills.

C. Ability to organize and keep financial records.

Responsibilities: A. Accepts group donations at the ASC meeting.

B. Gives report of donations, other revenue and expenditures from the previous month.

C. Maintains and keeps accurate balance of ASC checking account.

D. Pays all bills as needed and keeps accurate receipts of all monies paid out.

E. Keeps accurate receipts for all monies collected.

:: Vincent C. has been nominated by the GPA ASC Chair as the chair of the Ad-Hoc Committee exploring having an Inventory Day.

The Inventory Day would be sponsored by our area, but will involve Free Spirit Area, the Region, etc.

The intent is to reestablish our area as a functioning body and to establish unity within our area through a thorough housecleaning and information process.

New Business

Motions

(01-22-2006-0001)

Type: Non-Administrative; policy change

Motion: To change the clean time requirement for all subcommittee chair positions to 1 year clean (subcommittee vice chairs to 6 months clean).

Intent: Willingness to serve can be better accommodated

Submitted by: Mike F.

Seconded by: Lee Anne Mc

Amendment: All subcommittee chair positions excluding the Finance chair.

Amended by: Kim L.

Seconded by: Paulette C.

Note: quorum established at 9 votes

Outcome:

Open Forum

:: Discussion about a comment in the H&I report regarding the lack of participation of groups going on commitments. Some groups are very active in going on commitments.

:: There is a lack of policy available for running a convention. There was concern expressed over this.

:: Hope expressed that there will be a lot of support for our convention.

:: We need to get newcomers more involved in service.

:: A Convention's by-laws help provide guidelines for running a convention. These, along with World Service Guidelines, and established policy help to manage operation and accountability of the Convention Corporation.

:: Area needs to work on being less dogmatic and rigid: one example of a possible change is to reevaluate the order of the agenda.

:: Treasury concerns: last month we overdrew by \$100+, this needs to stop. Concern over folding charge.

:: Volunteers will now fold the meeting lists.. interested parties should come to the Literature room to help out.

Announcements

POSITIONS OPEN Area Phone Line Subcommittee Chair
 Area Treasurer
 Literature Co-Chair

GENERAL Anyone willing to donate NA-Related items to the convention auction, please see/contact Bob D.

 NA Softball is official!
 Co-ed, open to all addicts and their immediate families 18 years of age and older.

 More will be revealed ...
 Sponsored by the Free-Spirit Area. Sign up if you see a clip board come your way in a meeting, or
 Contact: Mike F. (401) 263-6303 or Gina M. (401) 837-2434

WEEKLY Sunday Morning Starting Over
 10-11:30pm Sunday Mornings
 HAS MOVED to Crossroads RI, service road 7, Providence, RI

 Stepping Out Wednesday Nights
 7-8:15 pm Wednesday Evenings
 HAS MOVED to Crossroads, 160 Broad St., Providence, 02903

 Traditions at the Crossroads
 Crossroads/YMCA 160 Broad St., Providence 02903
 HAS CHANGED MEETING TIMES New meeting time is 6-7:30 pm Friday Evenings.

 NA Winter Bowling League 2005
 10 am-12:30 pm Sundays :: Begins October 16 through April (24 weeks)
 Cranston Lanes, Elmwood Ave, Cranston
 \$11 per week + shoe rental
 Contact: Cathy C. 383-5376 or Rick M. 481-4969

FEBRUARY GPACNA IV Hotel & Hospitality Fundraiser Raffle (see attached flyer)
 15 Chances to win in the month of February. Prizes consist of convention packages, merchandise, and event tickets.
 This for only \$5! For more information contact: Donna W. (401) 437-8351 or Pam G. (401) 451-8676 or
 Wayne G. (401) 473-1749
 Winners for January are: 1/1::Mark V., 1/4::Rick F., 1/7::Rob S., 1/8::Ron R., 1/11::Erine C., 1/14::Scott, 1/15::David A., 1/18::Mark V., 1/21::Sean G., 1/22::Eugene F.
 GPACNA IV Fundraising

 Regional Assembly for the New England Region of NA
 February 4, 2006 :: 1pm to 5pm :: St. Thomas Methodist Church, 80 Mount Auburn St., Watertown, MA

 Who should attend? GSRs, RCMs, and Regional Committee members and interested members of NA

 Topics: The Conference Agenda Report (CAR Report)
 Contact: Jeremy F. (Regional Delegate) (978) 697-8032 or

jdfreeman2000@yahoo.com or

 Don B. (Alternate Regional Delegate) (401) 741-2224.
 New England Regional Event

New England Regional Meeting
 Hosted by the Northeastern Mass Area of NA
 February 11 and 12, 2006 :: Club America, 65 Monroe Street, Lynn, MA 01901
 Feb 11 (Saturday) :: 1pm to 6pm :: Subcommittee Meetings
 Feb 12 (Sunday) :: 1:30pm to 6pm :: Regional Meeting
 New England Regional Event

Sophisticated Valentine Dance and Meeting (see attached flyer)
 February 11, 2006 :: Saturday :: 6:30pm to 12am :: Silver Lake Community
 Center, 529 Plainfield St., Providence
 Guest Speakers on the topic of Relationships. Meeting: 7pm to 9pm, Dance: 9pm
 to 12am. Adults only, please. Prizes awarded for best dressed! \$5 at the door.
 Contact: Linda J. (401) 465-1684, Rene G. (401) 641-2204, or Wayne VW (401)

944-0843.

GPACNA IV Fundraising Event

Sisters in Recovery 14th Anniversary (see attached flyer)
 February 18, 2006 :: Saturday :: 5pm to 9pm :: Crossroads, 160 Broad St.,
 Providence, RI, 02903
 Bringing food and drinks to share is appreciated. Meeting and anniversary is
 for women only.
 Contact: Pam G. (401) 451-8676

MARCH
 March into Spring Speaker Jam and Dance (see attached flyer)
 March 25, 2006 :: Saturday :: 7pm to 11pm :: Saint Teresa's Church, 275 Manton
 Ave., Providence, RI
 Speakers from 7pm to 8:30pm and dance from 8:45pm to 11pm. Suggested donation
 is \$3, but no addict will be turned away due to lack of funds.
 Contact: Jackie L. (401) 215-4467

Contact Information

Administrative Body:

Position	Name	Phone Number
Chair	Rene G.	641-2204
Vice Chair	Sully D.	954-8745
Treasurer	[Open]	
Alternate Treasurer	Hal B.	578-4888
Secretary	Kim L.	751-0181
Alternate Secretary	Paulette C.	699-2363
Board of Directors	Kevin V.	331-2871
Regional Committee Member	Lewis S.	473-5463
Alternate RCM	Stacy H.	553-4422

Subcommittee Chairs:

Subcommittee	Name	Phone Number
Activities	Jackie L.	215-4467
Convention	Dave A.	727-4349
Finance	Susan W.	438-2375
Hospitals & Institutions (H&I)	Celia W.	475-5992
Literature	Jim S.	846-7899
Phone line	[Open]	
Policy	Vincent C.	941-8336 or 421-5270 x231
Public Information (PI)	Claude J.	432-4548

Recap

:: There are still Area positions open see the Announcements section of these minutes--announce these at your groups.
 :: Don't forget our convention --- coming up the 24th-26th of this month!