

The Greater Providence Area (GPA) Service Committee of NA – May 17, 2015

The next meeting will be held on 28 June, 2015

Area Meeting Times:

- Administration: 12:30 to 2:00pm
- Literature Sales: 1:45 to 2:45pm
- H&I Panel Leaders: 1:30 to 2:00pm
- Subcommittees: 2:00 to 3:00pm
- New GSR Orientation: 3:15 to 3:30pm
- Area Service Meeting: 3:30 to 5:30pm

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. Officer reports including: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer
5. Regional Committee Member Report
6. Board of Directors Report
7. Subcommittee Reports including: Activities, Convention, Finance, Hospitals and Institutions, Literature, Phone Line, Policy, Public Information
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Motions (submitted at beginning of ASC meeting)
11. Open Forum

Roll Call and GSR Reports:

Groups in Attendance: How many groups attended? Only 7 groups attended this meeting

Total Area Meetings: 51 7*=GSR representation

12 Steps in the Old Chapel	New Way of Life
Basic Step Study	Open Minds
Basic Text	Opt 4 Life
Better Life	Positive Steps
Better Way	Ray of Hope
Breakfast Club * -----X	Recovery and Beyond
Change or Die	Recovery in the Chapel * -----X
Choose Life	Recovery in the Country
Clean & Crazy	Recovery in the Lake
Dig Deep	Recovery is More than Abstinence
Faith in Recovery -----X	Resurrection
Gimme Shelter	Road to Recovery
Hardcore Recovery	Set-em Free
HOPE	Sisters in Recovery
IP Time	Smith Hill NA -----X
Jamestown NA	Start your Nite Right
K.I.S.S. *	Starting Over
Late Nite	Step Sisters *
Latino NA	Stepping into Recovery
Lie is Dead *	Straight Forward
Living Clean	Straight Today
Living Free	Stepping Out Wednesday
Love Line * -----X	Sunday Serenity/Insanity
Meeting Street Meeting	Surrender or Die
NA in the Day * -----X	The Lie is Dead
Never Alone Again	Who is an Addict
New Associations *	Why R We Here *-----X

Announcements:

Area will need to be represented at the New Bedford Regional Area Meeting on June 14-15/2015 which is hosted by SEMA 1 West St., Fall River, MA at 11:00 am. Elections are open for all positions at Region Meeting.

Groups in Need of Support:

Is not clear what the groups need for support is since there was a very low number of GSR's at this meeting.

Administrative Reports:

Activities Report:

- Per Nichole there are plans for a upcoming fundraiser for the Providence Area – this is a free event, however the food is for sale.

Finance Report:

Not available at the moment.

Literature Report:

- No available (Jeremy unable to attend this meeting). However, meeting list misprint has been corrected.

Treasures Report:

- Please refer to handout.

H&I:

Per Johnny Wheels: H&I has joint with Free Spirits and have agreed to work on new policies. All recommendations were passed. A written report will be submitted in the next Area Meeting.

Guide Lines addressed in their meeting:

- To vote in H & I must attend two consecutive H & I meetings.
- Panel Leaders will report to H & I Chair.
- Corrections coordinator must report to H & I chair and body as well.

Chair: James M./401.516.3863

Vice Chair: Jay C./401.451.8726/jayc5101@gmail.com
No report.

Secretary: Nina L./978.879.3733/janina.levasseur@outlook.com

Treasurer: John D./401.640.1456/john.delicio03@gmail.com

Board of Directors: Wanda

Regional Committee Member (RCM): Ned L./774.254.7968/nedlandry4@gmail.com
Alternate RCM: Jim D./401.261.5473/jimd12102008@aol.com

Activities: Nicole R.

Convention: Rosalind M. (Chair)/401.524.3283/rosalindwallace1995@gmail.com

Vice Chair: Dave A./401.865.6536/portmoto@aol.com

Finance: No chair

Hospitals and Institutions: Johnny Wheels (Vice Chair) Johnny Wheels/401.714.9765/john.fallon1@verizon.net

- Share the message not the mess – people are not screened for what they have to say. (Wanda)
- Ray – do we share all H&I – yes.

Literature: Jeremy report has been emailed. 5th tradition.

- Roz – clarify financials. Behind a month.
- Alan – how do we contact groups for follow-up?
- Jeremy – needs help in going to copy world.

Phone Line: (Acting) Johnny Wheels/401.714.9765/john.fallon1@verizon.net

- Last four months – we've received five phone calls. 1 addict looking for a suboxone clinic explained NA. Other calls, loved ones of addicts trying to understand NA and help for their loved ones.
- Requirement – 2 years.
- Chandler – any hang-ups. Johnny, messages as far as he knows. Regional call to make sure someone is still handling calls. Why don't we have any live phones? When we shared with free spirit we did this. Ray – are you the only one who handles this?

What if someone wants to commit suicide uses a referral list.

Policy: Open

Public Information: Joel

- Send meeting list corrections to Joel.
- Status of parole board – Jay has heard nothing. Jim wants to know. Will discuss with Joel this week (Jay). James confirmed that they are working on date for us.

Treasurer Report: Clarification of expenses and how accounting is done.

Old Business:

Open Positions

Policy Chair – Back out to minutes
Phone Line Chair – Back out to groups
Convention Alt. Secretary – Back out to groups.
Convention Alt. Treasurer – Back to groups.

Please announce this at your meetings. Next area will be June 28 due to observance to fathers day.

022215-01

Maker: Nina L. Seconded by: Jim D.

Motion: To review responsibilities of Area Secretary to distribute area minutes 15 days following the Area Service Committee, rather than the current ten.

Intent: To allow sufficient time for area secretary to gather all information from subcommittee reports for accurate minutes.

Tabled for receipt.

writeorreadme@yahoo.com

New Business:

- Next area will be Sunday 6/28. Please let your groups and other NA members know that ASC needs support.
- All subcommittee chairs need to attend the Executive Committee meetings held prior to ASC from 12:30 – 2:00 PM.

New Motions:

PASSED

042615-01--

Maker: Mike C. Seconded by John F.

Motion: Obtain funds for IP's for corrections facilities in the amount of \$ 31.06.

Intent: Purchase IP's to carry the message.

PASSED

042615-02

Maker: John F: Seconded by Ray D.

Motion: To pay the Free Spirit area for the H&I Literature that was supplied by the Free Spirit area over the last 7 – 8 months. Total amount: \$702.68.

Intent: To pay our half of H & I literature

Motion Amended – to make payment pending receipt of documentation for

Open Forum:

Old Business

Meeting Adjourned

Addendum 1:

Greater Providence Area Service Committee (GPASC) Administrative Positions:

Chairperson Vice Chairperson Secretary
Alternate Secretary Treasurer
Alternate Treasurer
Regional Committee Member (RCM) Alternate RCM
Board of Directors

Qualifications of General Service:

The following is a suggested list of qualifications for N.A. members who might wish to become involved in the area service structure of the Greater Providence Area.

- 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 other.
- 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.
 - Chairperson Four (4) years
 - Vice Chairperson Three (3) years Secretary One (1) year
 - Alternate Secretary Six (6) months Treasurer Three (3) years Alternate Treasurer Two (2) years RCM Three (3) years
 - Alternate RCM Two (2) years BOD Five (5) years
- E. Prior service experience on a group level and working knowledge of the elected office.

Qualifications of the Area CHAIRPERSON:

- A. The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.
- B. Four (4) years continuous abstinence from all drugs. C. Prior service experience as Area Service Committee (ASC) officer, subcommittee CHAIR, or Group Service Representative (GSR).
- D. The ability to conduct an ASC meeting with a firm yet understanding hand.
- E. Sensitivity to the needs of the Area, Region, and N.A. as a whole.
- F. Tolerance and objectivity with those who are unable to see beyond the needs of their groups.
- G. Working knowledge of the Greater Providence Area (GPS) Guidelines and the N.A. 12 Traditions.

Responsibilities of the Area CHAIRPERSON:

- A. Preside over the GPASC meetings and remain throughout.
- B. Set the ASC agenda prior to the ASC meeting. C. Preside over the Area Administrative Committee

meeting.

- D. Maintain the integrity of the GPASC meeting with respect to the GPA Guidelines.
- E. Maintain the GPASC archives.
- F. Conduct orientation including distribution of the Greater Providence Area GSR Introduction Booklet prior to the start of the ASC meeting.
- G. Is available to the GSRs as a resource of information pertaining the ASC meeting.
- H. In the absence of an Administrative Officer (Treasurer, Vice Chair, Secretary, etc.) fulfill or delegate the responsibilities of said office.
- I. Fulfill all reasonable responsibilities that become necessary to collect and distribute information resulting from the ASC meeting.
- J. Compile reports and files from the GPA Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- K. Must be a signer of the GPASC bank account. L. Does not vote at the GPASC meeting.

Qualifications of the Area VICE CHAIRPERSON:

- A. The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.
- B. Three (3) years continuous abstinence from all drugs.
- C. The ability to conduct an ASC meeting with a firm yet understanding hand.
- D. Sensitivity to the needs of the Area, Region, and N.A. as a whole.
- E. Tolerance and objectivity with those who are unable to see beyond the needs of their group.
- F. Working knowledge of the GPA Guidelines and the N.A. 12 Traditions.

Responsibilities of the Area VICE CHAIRPERSON:

- A. Is a member of the Area Executive Committee, which meets prior to the GPASC meeting.
- B. In the absence of the Area Chair; preside over the Area Executive Committee; formulate the ASC agenda prior to the ASC meeting; and preside over said meeting, remaining throughout.
- C. In the absence of the Area Chair, fulfill or delegate the responsibility of any Administrative Officer (i.e. Area Treasurer, Secretary, or Subcommittee Chair).
- D. In the absence of the Area Chair, conduct the GSR orientation including distribution of Greater Providence Area GSR Introduction Booklet, prior to the start of the ASC meeting.
- E. Maintain the integrity of the GPASC meeting with respect to the GPA Guidelines, and fulfill all other reasonable responsibilities that the ASC Chair may deem necessary.
- F. Develop personal knowledge of the inner workings of all ASSC Subcommittees. Act as a resource, and help to maintain the structure, and integrity of all ASC Subcommittees, without being a voting member of those committees.
- G. In the absence of the Subcommittee Chair fulfill or delegate the responsibility of said office from within that committee. [When applicable.]
- H. Maintain a line of direct communication between ASC Subcommittees and the ASC Chairperson.
- I. Assist the Area Chair in conducting the GPASC meeting. Conduct the review and confirmation of Area Subcommittee reports during the ASC meeting and distribute to the Area Secretary at the end of the ASC meeting.
- J. In the absence of the Area Chair fulfill or delegate all reasonable responsibilities that become necessary to collect and distribute information resulting from the ASC meeting.
- K. May be a signer of the GPASC bank account. L. In the absence of the Area Treasurer, pick up an

distribute all Area mail from the GPA PO box in a timely manner, prior to the GPASC meeting.

Qualifications of the Area SECRETARY:

- A. The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.
- B. One (1) year continuous abstinence from all drugs. C. Adequate secretarial skills.

Responsibilities of Area SECRETARY:

- A. Is a member of the Executive Committee, which meets prior to the GPASC meeting.
- B. Record attendance at the beginning of the GPASC meeting.
- C. Compile and maintain a current list of all recipients of the GPASC minutes.
- D. Provide a brief overview of the prior ASC meeting in a written secretary's report. To be read at the present ASC meeting.
- E. Tabulate an accurate vote count for motions, to be recorded on the submitted motion form, and to be included in the minutes.
Each motion is to include: month, day, year, number (01-22-06-1 is January 22, 2006, motion #1).
- F. Organize and create concise minutes of each GPASC meeting.
- G. Distribute minutes no later than ten (10) days after the GPASC meeting. Make additional copies available at the next GPASC meeting.
- H. Distribute a copy of GPASC minutes to the New England Regional Service Committee and the Free Spirit Area.
- I. Keep an accurate record of GPASC motions and policy created during their term and make copies available at the ASC meeting upon request. Turn this record over the Policy Chair at the end of each term.
- J. Compile (to be included in the minutes); Groups in Attendance at ASC meeting, and Groups that Donated to the ASC. Provide a Legend of Symbols to facilitate understanding of above lists. (As provided in past minutes.)
- K. Compile a current Group contact list containing; Group name; GSR name, phone number, mailing address, and email (if available).
- L. Provide a current list of Administrative Officers names and phone numbers to be published in the GPASC minutes.
- M. Provide a Group Announcement page to be published in the Area minutes.
- N. May vote on administrative motions only.
- O. Care for and maintain the laptop provided for the Area Secretary position.
- P. Maintain the supply of ASC forms (subcommittee report, motion, and announcement) and makes these available at the ASC meeting.

**Qualifications of the ALTERNATE Area
SECRETARY:**

- A. The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.
- B. Six (6) months continuous abstinence from all drugs.

C. Adequate secretarial skills.

Responsibilities of the ALTERNATE SECRETARY:

- A. Assist the GPA Area Secretary in performance of all previously stated responsibilities.
- B. In the absence of the Area Secretary, and at the direction of the Area Chair, perform the ASC Secretary responsibilities.
- C. Is not required to relinquish concurrent GSR position (if applicable).
- D. Attend all GPASC meetings.

Qualifications of the Area TREASURER:

- A. The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.
- B. Three (3) years of continuous abstinence from all drugs.
- C. Bookkeeping and/or accounting skills.
- D. Ability to organize and keep financial records.

Responsibilities of the Area TREASURER:

- A. Accept Group donations during Literature Sales prior to the GPASC meeting.
- B. Accept the money from sales during Literature Sales prior to the GPASC meeting.
- C. Report at the GPASC on donations, other revenue, and expenditures from the previous month's ASC meeting. Provide a written copy of said report for inclusion in the ASC minutes. (E.g. June ASC minutes will contain May ASC Treasury report.)
- D. Maintain and keep an accurate balance on the ASC checking account.
- E. Pay all bills as needed.
- F. Keep accurate and careful record of all Area financial transactions, including receipts of all monies paid and collected.
- G. Care for and maintain the laptop provided for the Area Treasurer position.
- H. Coordinate with the Finance Subcommittee Chair as needed. (Tax filing and payment, yearly budget, etc.)
- I. Prepare an Annual Budget for the GPASC.
- J. Collect mail from the GPASC PO box prior to the monthly ASC.

Qualifications of the ALTERNATE Area T REASURER:

- A. The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.
- B. Two (2) years of continuous clean time from all drugs.
- C. Bookkeeping and/or accounting skills.
- D. Ability to organize and keep financial records.

Responsibilities of the ALTERNATE TREASURER:

- A. Assist the GPA Treasurer in performance of all previously stated responsibilities.
- B. In the absence of the Area Treasurer, and at the direction of the Area Chair, perform the ASC Treasurer responsibilities.
- C. Attend all GPASC meetings.

Qualifications of the REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER (RCM):

- A. The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.
- B. Three (3) years continuous abstinence from all drugs.
- C. Prior experience as a GSR and/or completion of one or more terms in an area-level elected office.
- D. Communication and organizational skills and has displayed significant leadership skills.
- E. Objectivity and tolerance with those who are unable to see beyond the needs of their areas.
- F. Working knowledge of GPA Guidelines and the N.A. 12 Traditions.

Responsibilities of the REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER (RCM):

- A. Attend each meeting of the Regional Service Committee (RSC) and GPASC.
 - B. If unable to attend an RSC or GPASC meeting it is essential to ask the Alternate RCM to assume said responsibilities.
 - C. Suggested involvement with a Regional Subcommittee to promote the RCM participations with the region.
 - D. In keeping with the Seventh Tradition of N.A., deliver the Area donation to the Region.
 - E. Carry Greater Providence Area Conscience on all matters affecting the GPA or N.A. as a whole.
 - F. Keep the Region informed in a written report of all GPA activities, strengths, and problems.
 - G. Inform the G.P.A. in a written report of all business, activities, all finances and special needs discussed at the R.S.C. meeting.
 - H. Chair a special session of the ASC to vote on the World Service Committee (WSC) agenda report.
 - I. Distribute informational flyers at the ASC meeting (Distribution thereafter is left to the discretion of the RCM.)
- Qualifications of the ALTERNATE REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER (ALT RCM):**
- A. The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.
 - B. Two (2) years continuous abstinence from all drugs.
 - C. Previous GPASC service experience.
 - D. Communication and organizational skills and has displayed significant leadership skills.
 - E. Objectivity and tolerance with those who are unable to see beyond the needs of their areas.

Responsibilities of the ALTERNATE REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER:

Qualifications of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) MEMBER:

- A. The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.
- B. Five (5) years continuous abstinence from all drugs. [Motion 5-25-97-3]
- C. Bookkeeping and/or accounting skills.
- D. Ability to organize and keep financial records.
- E. A Board Member may not hold another area-level financial position.

Responsibilities of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) MEMBER:

- A. **Make sure that the GPA tax returns are filed.**
- B. **Take care of legal problems/fund misappropriation. C. File yearly RI state sales tax.**
- D. **Receive the monthly report from the Finance Subcommittee Chair (or Area Treasurer if there is no Finance Chair).**
- E. **Attend an annual BOD meeting.**
- F. **Coordinate storage and maintenance of legal documents.**

Suggested Qualifications of the GROUP SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (GSR):

- A. The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.
- B. One (1) year continuous abstinence from all drugs.
- C. Prior service experience serving as an Alternate GSR.
- D. Active participation in the group they are representing.
- E. Knowledge of the GPANA service structure.

Suggested Responsibilities of the GROUP SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (GSR):

- A. Attend each meeting of the GPASC.
- B. If unable to attend the ASC meeting, asks the Alternate GSR, or in the Alternate's absence, another group member to assume the GSR responsibilities.
- C. Suggested participation with and Area subcommittee to promote the GSR involvement with GPA.
- D. In keeping with the Seventh Tradition, and Second Concept of N.A., bring group donation to the ASC Treasurer.
- E. Carry Group Conscience on all matters affecting their group or N.A. as a whole.
- F. Inform the GPA of all Group activities, strengths, and problems.
- G. Inform the Group of all business, activities, and special needs discussed at ASC meetings.

- A. Attend each meeting of the RSC and the GPASC.
- B. Suggested participation with a Regional Subcommittee to promote the Alternate RCM involvement with the Region.
- C. Vice Chair a special session of the GPASC to vote on the WSC Agenda Report.
- D. In the absence of the RCM, assume the responsibilities of the RCM stated above.

Subcommittee Officers: Qualifications & Responsibilities

Greater Providence Area Service Committee (GPASC) Subcommittees:

Activities Finance
Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) Literature
Phone Line Policy
Public Information Convention

Subcommittee Positions: Chairperson
Vice Chairperson Secretary
Treasurer (if necessary) Others as needed

Qualifications of General Service:

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- 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.**
- F. Out-going chair will work with in-coming chair for one month. To ensure a smooth transition.**

Qualifications for GPASC Subcommittee Officers:

- A. The stated Qualifications of General Service apply to these positions.**
- B. Clean time requirements for subcommittee officers: Activities, H&I, Literature, Phone Line, Policy, PI:
Chairperson Two (2) years
Finance: Chairperson Five (5) years Convention: Chairperson Five (5) years
Vice Chairperson Four (4) years Treasurer Five (5) years Secretary Two (2) years**

Responsibilities of the ACTIVITIES SUBCOMMITTEE:

- A. In keeping with the 12 Traditions of N.A., provide celebrations of recovery in order to promote unity throughout the Fellowship.**
- B. Proceeds from all activities are placed in the general ASC treasury.**
- C. Provide a calendar of upcoming activity events for inclusion in the Area minutes.**
- D. Inform surrounding Areas and Regions of upcoming major events planned by the GPA.**
- E. Meet one hour prior to the ASC meeting and as often as the subcommittee deems necessary.**
- F. Attend the GPASC meeting, provide a verbal subcommittee report to the service body and a written report for inclusion in the Area minutes.**

Responsibilities of the FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE:

- A. Review all financial statements—past, present, and future—to help guide the Area to financial responsibility.**

- B. Assist the Area Treasurer in compiling quarterly balance sheets, profit and loss statements.
- C. In keeping with the Seventh Tradition of N.A., works with the Area Treasurer to formulate an Area budget, with expenses not to exceed the income generated by the Area.
- D. Oversee all expenses and research alternatives in order to curtail unnecessary expenses.
- E. Fulfill all other responsibilities that the GPASC deems necessary.
- F. Meet one hour prior to the GPASC meeting and as often as the Finance Subcommittee deems necessary.
- G. Attend the GPASC meeting, provide a verbal subcommittee report to the service body and a written report for inclusion in the Area minutes.

Responsibilities of the HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS (H&I) SUBCOMMITTEE:

- A. In keeping with the Fifth Tradition of N.A., carry the message to the addict unable to attend regularly scheduled meetings.
- B. Coordinate and distribute specific H&I commitment to hold meetings at existing facilities and to be keenly aware that all said obligations are fulfilled.
- C. Research and develop as many new institutional meetings as possible.
- D. Provide a monthly account to the GPASC of all literature disbursed.
- E. Meet one hour prior to the GPASC meeting and as often as the subcommittee deems necessary to fulfill its responsibility.
- F. Elect an H&I Correctional Facilities Coordinator, accountable to the GPA H&I Subcommittee.
- G. Attend the GPASC meeting, provide a verbal subcommittee report to the service body and a written report for inclusion in the Area minutes.

Responsibilities of the LITERATURE SUBCOMMITTEE:

- A. In keeping with the Sixth Tradition of N.A., maintain an accurate inventory of literature on hand to supply all the needs of the GPA.
- B. Coordinate the sales, and inventory count and reorder, of the literature inventory.
- C. Meet prior to the GPASC meeting to sell literature to groups and as often as the subcommittee deems necessary.
- D. Review and supply input on literature submitted by the World Service Committee Literature Committee (WSCLC).
- E. Submit literature to the WSCLC from Area groups and individual addicts.
- F. Make the starter kit:
 - One (1) of each
 - One (1) Group booklet
 - One (1) group starter kit checklist Fifty (50) meeting lists
- G. To have access to a computer in order to maintain inventory.
- H. Attend the GPASC meeting, provide a verbal subcommittee report to the service body and a written report for inclusion in the Area minutes.

Responsibilities of the PHONE LINE SUBCOMMITTEE:

- A. Maintain lines of communication between N.A. and the answering, and/or any other phone service used by the GPA.
- 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. Maintain helpline and Twelve Step call list.
- E. Establish and maintain the integrity of guidelines for handling phone line requests.

- F. Meet one hour prior to the GPASC meeting and as often as the Phone Line Subcommittee deems necessary.
- G. Attend the GPASC meeting, provide a verbal subcommittee report to the service body and a written report for inclusion in the Area minutes.

Responsibilities of the POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE:

- A. Research and seek guidance in gaining a better understanding of the 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts of N.A. and WSC guidelines, bulletins, and other information as it is developed.
- B. Develop ASC policy to be considered for approval by GPA groups.
- C. Compile and maintain all approved policy.
- D. Maintain past and present motion lists organized by position and subcommittee.
- E. Review all past and present motions (and all other business) that require clarification.
- F. Meet one hour prior to the GPASC meeting and as often as the subcommittee deems necessary to fulfill its responsibilities.
- G. Attend the GPASC meeting, provided a verbal subcommittee report to the service body and a written report for inclusion in the Area minutes.

Responsibilities of the PUBLIC INFORMATION (PI) SUBCOMMITTEE:

- A. Uphold the integrity of the Eleventh Tradition of N.A.
- B. Maintain: Distribution and sales of meeting lists to rehabilitation centers as well as the general public. Review, update, and oversee the publishing of the Area meeting list as often as the Area deems necessary.
- C. Arrange all public information speaker commitments.
- D. Conduct a minimum of one public information workshop per year.
- E. Meet one hour prior to the GPASC meeting an as often as the subcommittee deems necessary to fulfill its responsibilities.
- F. Elect a Web Coordinator responsible to the PI Subcommittee.
- G. Attend GPASC meeting, provide a verbal subcommittee report to the service body and a written report for inclusion in the Area minutes.

All Greater Providence Area Convention Executive Committee positions will be nominated and elected at the GPASC meeting. This is to take place in July prior to the beginning of the Convention cycle.

Purpose

The Convention Subcommittee Executive committee executes the conscience of the overall committee. It functions as the administrative committee of the convention and holds separate, periodic and special-subcommittee meetings. Its function is to ensure that the various subcommittees work together and to assist subcommittees that may need extra help. The Executive Committee also makes regular reports to the Area Service Committee sponsoring the convention. The members of the Executive Committee discuss the performance of Subcommittees as well as the convention budget and other matters that affect the convention. The results of these discussions are included in reports at the convention committee meetings.

Qualifications of General Service for Convention Subcommittee Officers:

- A. Clean time requirements for Convention Subcommittee Officers:
Chairperson Five (5) years

Vice Chairperson Four (4) years Treasurer Five (5) years Secretary Two (2) years
Subcommittee Chairs Two (2) years

- B. Working knowledge of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of N.A.
- C. Willingness to give the time and resources necessary.
- D. Ability to exercise patience and tolerance.
- E. Active participation in Narcotics Anonymous.

Qualifications of the GPA Convention Subcommittee CHAIR:

- A. Five (5) years continuous clean time.
- B. Demonstrated stability in the local N.A. community.
- C. Administrative abilities.

Responsibilities of the GPA Convention Subcommittee CHAIR:

- A. Organize subcommittees, and delegate major tasks to specific subcommittees. Stay informed of the activities of each subcommittee, and provide help when needed.
- B. Helps resolve personality conflicts.
- C. Keeps activities within the principles of the Twelve Traditions of N.A. and in accord with the purpose of the convention.
- D. Monitors the fund flow and overall convention costs, and helps organize the subcommittee budgets. Prepares a budget for the Executive Committee function.
- E. Prevents important questions from being decided prematurely, in order to foster understanding by the entire committee prior to action.
- F. Allows the subcommittees to do their jobs while providing guidance and support. Only major issues need be brought to the Convention Committee meeting. Subcommittees should be given trust and encouragement to use their own judgment.
- G. Prepares the agenda for Convention Committee meetings and Executive Committee meetings.
- H. Votes only to break a tie.
- I. Chairs the Convention Committee meeting as well as the convention.
- J. Gives a monthly detailed report—in person to the body at the GPASC meeting and in writing for inclusion in the Area minutes—to the supporting Area Service Committee. Included in this report: all committee activities and all financial activity.

Qualifications of the GPA Convention Subcommittee VICE CHAIR:

- A. Four (4) years continuous clean time.
- B. In order to serve as a liaison between the subcommittees and hosting community, must demonstrate approachability and familiarity with all committee members.

Responsibilities of the GPA Convention Subcommittee VICE CHAIR:

- A. Acts as Chair if the Convention Chair is unavailable.
- B. Coordinates subcommittees and attends subcommittee meetings, in order to ensure that they get the necessary support to do a good job.
- C. Works closely with the Chair to help delegate responsibilities to subcommittee Chairs.
- D. Makes a report to the hosting service committee on the progress of convention planning.

Qualifications of the GPA Convention Subcommittee SECRETARY:

- A. Two (2) years continuous clean time.
- B. Accurate typing ability.

C. Demonstrated responsibility that indicates ability to ensure that accurate minutes are distributed to the Convention Committee Members.

Responsibilities of the GPA Convention Subcommittee SECRETARY:

G. A periodic review of all financial records should be made by the sponsoring service area. The records should be reviewed at the time of the actual fund distribution in accordance with the Treasurer's financial statement requirements.

- A. Keeps minutes of each Convention Committee meeting and all subcommittee reports.
- B. Mails minutes to committee members after approval by the Executive Committee Chairperson. Minutes are mailed out within ten days after the Convention Committee meeting. An agenda for the next meeting may be attached to the minutes if it will help the committee function.
- C. Maintains a list of names, addresses, and phone numbers of committee members for committee use.
- D. Keeps extra sets of minutes, updated after each committee meeting, for members who request a complete set.
- E. Communicates to the local NA membership regarding the progress and planning of the convention. Assists all committees in mailing and correspondence.
- F. Mails a copy of the minutes to the Greater Providence Area Service Committee.

Qualifications of the GPA Convention Subcommittee
TREASURER:

- A. Five (5) years continuous clean time.
- B. Demonstrated stability in the local N.A. community.
- C. Accounting skills.
- D. Service experience with conventions or other large scale Fellowship activities.
- E. Accessibility to other committee members, especially the Registration Subcommittee.

Responsibilities of the GPA Convention
Subcommittee TREASURER:

- A. Opens a bank account for the Convention Committee. Usually the signatures required for the account are any two of the four signatories (Convention Subcommittee Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. The cards and account information are filled out at the committee meeting.)
- B. Works with the Chair and Vice Chair to prepare a budget for the convention that is used for planning fund-raising activities. The budget is based on the subcommittee's recommendations as to the monies they will need to carry out their tasks. The budget can be a rough estimate at the beginning of the planning, and revised as the convention draws near. When all of the financial needs of the subcommittees are listed and totaled, the income should be outlined: one source of income comes from fund-raisers, and the second from registrations.
- C. Writes all checks and is responsible for collecting receipts from subcommittees for money paid out.
- D. Responsible for all monies—including revenues from registration and banquet tickets: pays all bills; and advises the Chair on cash supply, income flow, and rate of expenditures.
- E. Reviews subcommittee reports for departures from the financial plan not mentioned in the original budget so that an accurate budget can be maintained. This information is included in the Treasurer's report.
- F. Each check should require two signatures. Additionally, a complete Treasurer's report within three months after the convention should be submitted to the sponsoring service committee along with fund distribution. Many convention committees also have the report audited as a further safeguard of convention funds.