

**The Greater Providence Area (GPA) Service Committee of
NA
September 24, 2006 Minutes**

The next meeting is October 22, 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, Finance, H&I, Literature, Phone Line, Policy, PI, Ad-Hoc
(Inventory Day)
10. Open Forum
11. Old Business
12. New Business
13. Motions (submit at beginning of ASC meeting)

Roll Call and GSR Reports

Groups in Attendance (20)
Total Area Meetings (57*) *Please note that this number is updated and correct as of 9/24/06 for RI meeting listed on meeting list.
(Previous months have show 62, but this was in error and based on a combination of Free Spirit, Greater Providence, and SE Mass Area meetings.)

List of GPANA Meetings as of Spring 2006 (Only RI)

Sundays

J.D.D.

Sunday Serenity/Insanity
Never Alone Again
Recovery Is More than Abstinence
Faith in Recovery
Starting Over
Dedication

Mondays

Basic Steps
Narragansett Recovery Systems
Grow or Go
Straight-Forward
Primary Purpose
Smith Hill NA
New Freedom

Tuesday

Blackstone NA
Recovery in the Country
Not High Nooners
Living Free
A Ray of Hope
We Do Recover
Road to Recovery
Positive Steps
Recovery in the Beach

Wednesday

Drug Busters
Not High Nooners
Steppin Out Wednesday Night
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans Gendered & Friends NA Group
Recovery in the Lake
Love Line
Women United
Awakenings
Straight Today

Thursday

Cross Mills NA
Better Way
Free At Last
Recovery In Johnston
Not High Nooners
Recovery at the Edge
Choose Life
The Meeting Street Meeting
Hole in the Wall
Why Are We Here
Alone No More

Friday

Recovery in the Chapel
Hope Is In the Air
Free At Last
Not High Nooners
New Associations
Gimmie Shelter
The Lie Is Dead
Traditions at the Crossroads
Late Night with NA
Clean & Serene

Saturday

Hi Hopes
Recovery & Beyond
Opt For Life
Breakfast Club
Saturday Night Live
Keep It Simple Saturday
Surrender or Die
Sisters in Recovery
Hard Core Recovery
Saturday Nite Right

Groups that made a donation (15)

Love Line
Starting Over
Hole In The Wall
Breakfast Club
Recovery In The Chapel
Recovery In The Country
Choose Life
Smith Hill NA
The Lie Is Dead
Surrender Or Die
Road To Recovery
Recovery and Beyond
Recovery Is More Than Abstinence
Sunday Serenity
Men's Gathering

Groups in Attendance

Never Alone Again
Faith In Recovery
Sunday Serenity/Insanity
Living Free
Starting Over
Smith Hill NA
Recovery In The Lake
Recovery and Beyond
Recovery Is More Than Abstinence
New Associations
Ray Of Hope
The Lie Is Dead
Recovery In The Country
Sister's In Recovery
Keep It Simple Saturday
Hard Core
Love Line
Choose Life
Meeting Street Meeting
Surrender or Die
Straight Today

Chair Report-Sully D:

Please refrain from side conversation while we are conducting Area Service Meetings. Please make sure all cell phone and beepers are on vibrate. This is to keep distraction at a minimum. We would like to work at starting and finishing Areas Service Business on time. In Loving Service, Sully D.

Vice Chair-Rob S:

I attended the Inventory Day on 9-16-06. It was asked at Area Service last month that GSR attend this event and all other events for support of this Area. There was not enough GSR in attendance. Please show up for our Area event for support and better attendance. In Loving Service, Rob S.

Secretary-Donna W.:

The Lab Top provided to conduct secretary duties and responsibilities needs to be functional. To perform the desired services necessary for this position, Moneies will be needed to up scale the function of this Lab Top. This Lap Top was given with an external floppy disk adapter that does not work. This means that information can not be transferred from the lap top to print information to send out to the Area Groups. The Lab Top does not have a Case to protect it from possible destruction. There are no floppy disks or CDRs. There is no internet

accessibility to send out minutes by e-mail. A Router with Internet Card or Plan is needed. A memory Pen would also help to transfer information for lab top to other sources for scanning and printing needs. To make e-mail an option, we must get an internet plan. I will be putting in a Motions to request money to get the equipment and software to make this lap top self supporting and functional for Area Service Business needs. Please use all forms to submit reports. Please make them eligible. If your reports are not on the forms, your subcommittee report will not get into the minutes. This is to help get all information clearly out to the membership and groups in our area. In Loving Service, Donna W.

Sub committee Reports: Please be advised, to submit a sub committee report in writing on a sub committee report forms. Your subcommittee reports are very important information. Please print so that the information is legible. The information will not be in the minutes without this process. Information on scrape paper or lined paper will not be accepted. If you have flyers please give a copy to secretary to attach to minutes because scanning is not possible to date. Please see Secretary for all forms. Please submit all sub committee forms directly to Secretary for accountability. Thank you.

Activities:

No Report

Board of Directors: Kevin V

Meeting Opened at 2pm.

Attendance: Sheila M., Mike G., Kev V., Daryl F.

Discussion:

1. B.O.D. insurance-\$1,500 is paid for next year of February 2007.
2. Area Treasurer is responsible for handling BOD finances.
3. \$500 was added to pay for insurance lawyer fees bring total to \$2000.
4. Discussion of controversy with convention chair and BOD position. There is nothing in the Policy that states a BOD position holder can not be a convention chair as long as the two positions are not handling money.

Motion to close: 3pm

Finance: Susan W.

Problem: I have talked to and met with the accountant this week. I have gathered as much information as I can to present to him. There is 5 months of treasurer reports missing in 2004 and one month in 2005. I am presenting this to the accountant and will wait for his advice. Hopefully this will be resolved soon.

Committee Update: I am looking at the past 3 years of information for the area finances. We have had about a 50% decrease in group donation in the last two years. We as GSR's and NA members need to be donating to area and not holding funds. The area will not be able to continue to run business with money matters or pay bills without an increase of donations. In Loving Service Susan W.

H&I :Celia W.

Problems: If you have been accepted for the ACI, it is strongly suggested that you get your picture taken ASAP. If you have taken a commitment, please fulfill it. Watch the dates and times of the commitment. No Panel Leader is to ask or receive a suggestion from a facilitator about any NA member.

Committee Update: H& I have still a few more position open Alternate position open. Ad Hoc committee for H& I Learning Day has been appointed. Gail S. is the chair and Peter R. is the Treasurer. Anyone can be apart of this committee.

Announcements: Straight Today donated 1 Basic Text, 1 Step Working Guide, switched to NA How & Why Guide. Thank You. John N. accepted Butler Detox. If there are any women that can pass a NCI, Wyatt Center is looking for Spanish speaking Men and Women. Gail S. and Celia W. will be gong to Talbot's Women's Day to talk about going back in for a commitment. In Loving Service Celia W.

Literature: Jim S.

Committee Update: Basic Text Workshops are going to be announced soon. More will be revealed.

Sales w/o Tax	\$991.05	RI Meeting List	\$132.00
H&I Sales	\$206.45	N.E. Meeting List	\$ 12.45
PI Sales	\$ 81.95		
Total Sales	\$1,279.45		

Expenses

Expandable Wallet	\$8.31	H&I Motion Order	\$236.00
N.E. Directories	\$30.00		

Announcements: Basic Text Project In The Work-This is a project that will be changing the stories in the back of the Basic Text to update stories to show more diversity. In Loving Service Jim S.

Phone Line: (Position Open) Reported by Susan W.

The Phone Line ran smoothly this past month. The Free Spirit Phone Line chair resigned last month. I met today with another NA member that is interested in the Phone line Committee. I think he is a great asset to the committee. He will not have 2 years clean time until next May so he can not take on the chair position. I am meeting with him next month again for during the month and will suggest Vice Chair. More will be revealed. In Loving Service Susan W.

Policy: Kim L.:

Problems: I did not get the Area Policy until today so I have not had a chance to go over the Policy.

Committee Update: Over the next month, I will be forming a committee and stabling a meeting location and time. I have been familiarizing myself with Robert's Rule of Order which forms the way our area does business when we do not have specific Area Policy to go by. In Loving Service, Kim L.

PI: Claude J.

Committee Update: The Meeting Lists are in with all the changes. 1000 meeting list. PI attended the Inventory Day 9-16-06. PI hosted a table Down Town Providence for MHRH State Event for National Recovery Month. RICARE gave GPANA the invitation. This event was held on 9-16-06 as well. PI vice Chair Robin contacted the Libraries and the have a request to have all the NA Literature in 4 Libraries.

Announcements: Always looking for new committee members to help us serve. We are going to need a new Website coordinator due to the one in office is not attending Area. In the up coming months PI is planning a Poster Hanging Day. In Loving Service, Claude J.

RCM: Lewis S.

Committee Update: Next meeting (NERSC) October 14-15, 2006. Saturday, 10-14 12-5pm, and Sunday 10-15, 12:30-5:30pm. The flier says 12pm but due to last minute vote and service going on at the Church, the time will start 30 minutes later. The meeting will be held at St. John's Methodist Church, 80 Mt. Auburn Street, Watertown, MA. I have the directions. In Loving Service, Lewis S and Jackie L.

Treasurer: Paul F.

August 2006

	Income	Expenses	Check #
Literature	\$986.21		
RI State Sales Tax Received	\$ 74.23		

Group Donations	\$432.80	
Free Spirit Area		
Church Hall Rental		
2 Months	\$ 50.00	1647
Verizon 2 payments	\$ 66.51	1650
	\$ 24.20	1654
Answering Service		
(NE In Touch)	\$110.80	1653
Regional Phone line	\$ 88.16	1651
Secretary Expenses	\$ 30.13	cash
	\$ 15.05	cash
Secretary Returned		
Treasury Expenses		
P.O. Box (6 Months)	\$ 36.00	1652
Literature Purchase	\$956.21	1649
Meeting List Purchase		
H&I Sub Committee		
PI Subcommittee	\$300.00	1648
Activities Subcommittee		
Literature Subcommittee	\$ 30.00	cash
	\$ 8.54	cash
Policy Subcommittee		
RCM Expenses		
Sales Tax Balance		
Other Tax Responsibilities		
Convention Committee		
Region or World Donation		
Corporation Fee		
Previous Balance	\$7510.62	
Monthly Income	\$1484.24	
Monthly Expenses	\$1715.66	
Final Balance	\$7279.26	
Area Prudent Reserve	\$3500.00	
Activities Prudent		
Reserve	\$ 350.00	
Available Funds	\$3429.29	

Ad-Hoc Inventory Day: Vincent C.

Committee Update: Hello Family-On September 16, 2006 from 12pm-6pm, The Inventory Ad Hoc Committee sponsored its 1st event-Service = Growth In Recovery. The Event was attended by some 25 people. There were several speakers representatives from our area service and guest speaker Steve S. from the Free Spirit Area. In Addition, There were two panel discussion periods and all followed by question and answer periods. All though our event was small, it was successful on making a beginning on sponsoring an Inventory Day Event. With \$300.00 given to the committee, the Area-Expenses were \$294.34. A raffle and 7th tradition were completed. 5 T-Shirts were sold. After expenses were addressed, the Area was returned \$111.66 plus \$50.00 for the tee Shirt. To date 13 tee

shirts have been sold and the bill for the Tee Shirts will be submitted to resolve our balance. The Inventory Sub committee is seeking an addition month to resolve all of its sub committee business and to make a recommendation to the full body about the future of the Ad Hoc Inventory Sub Committee. In Loving Service, Vincent C.

Mens's Gathering: Area Event: Kev V.

Committee Update: On 9-23-06 the GPANA hosted our 1st Men's Gathering at the John Hope Settlement House from 1pm-7pm. It was a blessing. We had a lot of support in the spirit of the men. Our expenses are as follows.

Food and Soda	\$321.00
T-Shirts	\$312.00
Hall rent	\$100.00
Total	\$733.00

Our Revenue is as follows:

T-Shirt Sales	\$868.00
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Minus the \$733.00 expenses, \$135 was donated to Area. In Loving Service, Kev. V.

Old Business

Activities Chair position opened. Sheila M was nominated and accepted the nomination. Sheila qualified for this position. Sheila was asked to leave the room. Pro and Cons were discussed. Sheila was voted in this position unanimously. Sheila was voted in as Activities Chair. Congratulations!

New Business

- Inventory Day Ad Hoc Subcommittee was given a 30 day extension to sum up outcomes and recommendation for this sub committee.
- Convention Committee voting is postponed for 30 days due to the fact that the information about executive committee position and subcommittee positions did not get to the groups because the minutes were not available until the day of Area Service 9-24-06.

Alt. Treasurer Position still open.
Phone Line Chair Position still open.

Finance Chair position was open but Susan W. was nominated and accepted the nomination. No other person was nominated. Susan qualified for the position. Susan was asked to leave the room. Pros and Cons were discussed. Susan was voted in a unanimous decision. Congratulations!

There are 3 new NA Groups in GPANA the are:

Starting Over
Women United
Recovery In Johnston.

Policy Change:

No policy changes discussed for voted on this month.

Open Forum

-Discussion about holding two voting position. You can not be a GSR and hold another voting position.

-Susan discussed the missing treasurer's reports and her desire to take what she has to the attorney and move forward. Susan also discussed importance of Area Groups that are holding money need to be giving donations to Area if they can.

-Vincent C. discussed the importance of extending the Inventory Day Sub committee.

Announcements

GENERAL NA Softball is official!
Contact: Mike F. (401) 263-6303 or Gina M. (401) 837-2434

"The Gift" NERC (New England Regional Convention) XII
We need members who want to chair subcommittees or just want to become involved.
Contact: Dave A. (Chair) 401-727-4349 or Gary N. (Vice Chair) 508-230-3533

Greater Providence Learning Day

October 7, 2006

12noon-3:30pm

People's Baptist Church

Corner of Park and Elmwood Ave. Cranston, RI
One Addict Helping Another Without Parallel.....

Reach Out

Speaker's, Skits, Run, Information, Food

FREE

Hosted by Hospitals & Institutions (H&I), Public (PI), and
Phone Learning Day

If you are interested in getting active, here is a perfect opportunity!

Please contact: **H&I**-Celia W. (chair) 475-5992, John D.
(vice chair) 383-8570, or

Lee Anne Mc. (secretary) 374-3898

Or **Public Information**-Claude J. (Chair) 432-4548.

**Keep It Simple Saturday
Celebrates Its 19th Anniversary**

Saturday, October 14, 2006

St. Patrick's School Gym

244 Smith Street

Providence, RI

1pm-3pm

Free

Contact Peter R. 401-331-4282

And Please support our meeting in it's new location in the
classroom on the second level upstairs.

Smith Hill Anniversary

October 16, 2006

7:30pm-10pm

St. Patrick Church on Smith Hill

Fun, Fellowship, Food, Free

Contact: Joel-724-5327

**Gay, Lesbians, Transgender and Friends
17th Anniversary**

October 18, 2006

7:30p-9:30pm

Presbyterian Church Downstairs.

500 Hope Street

Providence, RI

Fun, Fellowship, Food Available, Free

CCNA XIV Convention

Toronto, ON

November 3,4,5, 2006

Registration forms available

Toll free-1-877-474-6835

The 12th New England Regional Convention

March 2,3,4, 2007 Sturbridge Host Hotel

366 Main Street

Sturbridge, MA

508-347-7393

Send Registrations to:

NERCXII

P.O. Box 202

Sturbridge, MA 01566

Reg. Paula K.-508846-2172

Sister's In Recovery

Shattering the Illusion of The Old Self Retreat

June 8-10, 2007

Contact: Donna W. 497-4285, or Wanda B. 226-2698, or Pam G.
521-2919

Motions:

9/24/06

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Submitted by Peter R. Seconded by Celia W. Motion: To request \$150 of funds to go towards the H&I Learning Day 10-7-06. Intent- Monies request to go towards payment of rent for the facility \$50, copies, handouts, etc.

Yes 14 passed unanimously

9-24-06

0002

Submitted by Donna W.

Seconded by Kim L.

Money Motion

Motion: To purchase items and equipment outside of the monthly secretary budget. Intent: To help make the position of secretary more self supporting to facilitate getting minutes and information to GSR and Groups of GPANA in a timely and appropriate manner.

Itemized Request:

1 Sand Disk M2 1gb	\$59.98
1 Imation 100pk CDR	\$14.98
1 Staple 40 K Neon	\$14.98
1 USL NYL Rolling Co	\$49.98
1 Speed Booster notebook	\$69.98

Total \$229.90 with out sales tax

This motion must go back to the groups and be voted on next Area Service 10-22-06.

9-24-06

0003

Submitted by Sully D.

Seconded by Kev. V.

Money Motion

Motion: To give \$100 in the form of Literature to the New Orleans Area of NA.

Intent: To help them replenish Literature in that area due to literature lost during the Katrina Disaster and to further carry the message.

This motion must go back to the groups and will be addressed next Area
10/22/06

9-24-06

0004

Submitted by Claude J.

Seconded by Robin

Money Motion

Motion: To get from this Area 4 copies of Basic Text, Just for Today,
How It Work and Why, and Sponsorship Book, to go in 4 different
Libraries.

Intent: To further carry the message to the addict that sill suffers.

This motion was tabled for next Area Service 10-22-2006

Contact Information
 Administrative Body:

Position	Name	Phone Number	Subcommittee	Subcommittee Chairs: Name	Phone Number
Chair	Sully D.	954-8745	Activities		
Vice Chair	Robert S.	339-7347	Convention		
Treasurer	Paul F.	678-0305	Finance	Susan W.	438-2375
Alternate Treasurer	[Open]		Hospitals & Institutions (H&I)	Celia W.	475-5992
Secretary	[Donna W.]	497-4285	Literature	Jim S.	846-7899
Alternate Secretary	Paulette C.	699-2363	Phone line	[Open]	
Board of Directors	Kevin V.	331-2871	Policy Public Information (PI)	Kim L Claude J.	419-1976 432-4548
Regional Committee Member	Lewis S.	473-5463			
Alternate RCM	Stacy H.	553-4422			