

**The Greater Providence Area (GPA) Service Committee of
NA
October 22, 2006 Minutes**

The next meeting is November 26, 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 (18)
Total Area Meetings (57*) *Please note that this number is updated and correct as of 10/22/06 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 (16)

Love Line
Starting Over
Hole In The Wall
Recovery In The Country
Choose Life
The Lie Is Dead
Surrender Or Die
Road To Recovery
Recovery Is More Than Abstinence
Sunday Serenity
Hardcore
New Associations
Ray Of Hope
Sister's In Recovery
Faith In Recovery

Groups in Attendance 19

Faith In Recovery
Sunday Serenity/Insanity
Living Free
Smith Hill NA
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
A Better Way
We Do Recover
Primary Purpose

Chair Report-Sully D:

H & I needs to be careful at institutions when they are there. Institutions are concerned about commitments leaving cigarettes which caused problems. This chair has gotten some calls from institutions regarding question that need to be addressed by H & I. This chair has forwarded concerns to H&I subcommittee to be addressed there. I will be attending Free Spirit Area Meeting. Free Spirit owes GPANA \$700 for phone bill and due to lack of communications, this chair will go to there to work out a payment plan concerning this matter.
In Loving Service, Sully D.

Vice Chair-Rob S:

I attended the H&I Learning Day. It was well done. I would have liked to have seen more people in attendance. Please be mindful of your money motions until we get balanced with money in this area.
In Loving Service, Rob S.

Secretary-Donna W.:

All GPANA minutes for 9/24/06 and The Convention Guidelines were mailed to the individuals that gave legible addresses. There were 20 people that signed in. There were 17 packets that were mailed successfully and 3 packets that were returned with the wrong address. 8 e-mail addresses were returned failed. If you can print clear when signing in during the main GSR meeting, I will work hard at making sure your group gets

minutes. I am in contact with Free Spirit Area Secretary to try and find out events and information in that area that we can communicate to GPANA.

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:

We are planning a New Years Eve Event on 12/31/06. This committee agreed to have a fundraiser which will be a full course meal Turkey Dinner. We will be checking for community centers. Jackie L. will make a flyer. Our next meeting will be on 11/12/06, Sunday at 3pm at Gregg's Restaurant on North Main Street in Providence, RI. This committee will be requesting a check in the amount of \$500 for this event. More will be revealed.

In Loving Service, Sheelah M.

Board of Directors: Kevin V

Problem: B.O.D needs to write up a policy to facilitate funds only being spent with proper authorization.

Committee Update: Lawyers have all taxes for GPA. It will take a couple of months to put all together. BOD to come up with a policy or strict guidelines for all positions that state certain objectives for funds being spent without being authorized. There was discussion of around The Convention Committee using there own funds to have fundraisers instead of using GPA funds. Convention 2006 mugs were inventoried at 14 mugs at \$5, 1 hat at \$5, and 1 t-shirt at \$5. In Loving Service Daryl F. and Kevin V.

Finance: Susan W.

Problem: I met with the accountant the Wednesday after area. I went over all the information with him and he said he would average out the months we did have exact figures for. He said he would need a couple of months. I am going to call him in a week to see how he is doing. Hopefully we will have answers next month.

In Loving Service Susan W.

H&I :Celia W.

Problems: Please do not bring cigarettes into facilities or detoxes. Anyone needing information on or about H&I should contact Celia W.- Chairperson of H&I, or Brenda-Vice Chair. Panel Leaders, please show up 15 minutes before commitments is to start so that the Do's and Don'ts can be read.

Committee Update: If you've taken a commitment, again please check times and dates. The H&I Learning Day went very well all who attended, supported and was involved, Thank you for your willingness.

Announcements: Rene G. has resigned as of today from the Women's ACI, Thank you for your willingness and service. Thank you Brenda for Sat. Roger Williams's Psych ward. Congratulations to Celia W. for being Alternate Panel Leader for Women's ACI. Colleen, thank you for being Panel Leader at Wed. Psych. ward at Butler Hospital. Thank you Lean M. for being alternate Panel Leader for wed. Butler Hospital psych. Ward. Thank you Gail for Ad-Hoc Chair of the guideline and policy. In Loving Service Celia W.

Literature: Jim S.

Need to extend budget in order to make additional copies of Revised Basic Text so that we can distribute them at the upcoming workshop. November 4, 2006 at CrossRoads RI will be a Basic Text Workshop for Revised Text. We are up to date with World Service.

Sales w/o Tax	\$1062.85	RI Meeting List	\$131.25
H&I Sales	\$ 239.30	N.E. Meeting List	\$ 11.25
PI Sales	\$ 56.00	Meeting List Total	\$142.50
Total Sales	\$1373.15		

Expenses

Copies	\$14.94
Calculator	\$18.12

In Loving Service Jim S.

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

Phone line ran smoothly this past month. I have not heard from anyone from Free Spirit Area since their Chairperson resigned. I do have a committee member that I will be meeting with during this upcoming month. He could not come today. We are going to go over the phone bills to see if we can maybe save anything and be sure we are running efficiently. In Loving Service Susan W.

Policy: Kim L.:

Problems: None

Committee Update: I have made my way through the box of Policy materials except for a large pile of back minutes. This next month, I intend to bring our motion lists up to date for the current year 2006-07, and form a committee. Then, it will up to the committee to decide what needs to be done next. Additionally, I am researching policy for the answers to the following questions:

1. Is there Policy regarding using money designated as the GPA prudent reserve?
2. What is the policy on how the money generated by the convention is handled?
3. What are the operating budgets for the subcommittees?
4. What is the policy on literatures monthly, literatures purchases?
5. What is the GPA's anniversary date?
6. What is the policy on RCM expenses? (specifically the travel mileage reimbursement allocations)
7. and 1 issue: creation of policy regarding reimbursement of non-approved spending/expenses of committee members and/or sub-committees.

H&I is working on revising and updating their policy; I have turned over materials to both Hal B. and Celia W. and will continue to collaborate with the H&I sub-committee over the coming months.

In Loving Service, Kim L.

PI: Claude J.

Committee Update: The new meeting lists are in with all the reported changes. We have a new web site coordinator, Gail L. Please contact Gail L at www.GPANA.org , gail2001@cox.net, or 401-954-6642 for website changes or additions. The temporary site is <http://llmembers.cox.net/gail2001>. Gail gave three quotes for plans and made a recommendation for Host Monster plan costing \$59.40 per year which includes disk storage 50g, Domain accounts-unlimited, emails (pop)-unlimited, Ecommerce/Shopping carts-Free, Data Transfer 999g/month, Setup Fee-Free, FrontPage Extensions-yes, SSL FTP Statistics-yes, Domain registration-free for life, and support-best 99.9% up time guarantee. We have one contact from the P.O out of Cranston. Then we have a request for PI pamphlets which will be sent out this month. PI is always looking for new committee members to help us serve.

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In Loving Service, Claude J, Robin, and Gail L.

RCM: Lewis S.

Committee Update: Hi Family, Regional hosted their meeting on October 15, 2006 at Saint John's Church in Watertown, MA. The sub committee met on Saturday October 14, 2006.

Sub Committee Reports

1. Activities Reports (see announcement and flyers to GSR's)
2. Regional Convention reports (Chair Dave A.) they are having registration problems. Registration is down from the quote of last convention. The next convention meeting will be held at 11/11006 at Brockton, MA at the VA Hospital.
3. H&I report (Sean G.) needs support from area chairs.
4. Regional BOD Convention Committee, position is open on BOD for the Convention Committee Chair. Addicts with 3 years clean time to qualify to help make decisions with finance for the regional convention.
5. Open positions at region are Treasurer and Alternate Treasurer at Regional Level. Next Regional meeting will be held at Weymouth MA Athens St. December 10, 2006.

RCM expenses for this month for to and from Watertown, MA, total 102 miles and copies for flyers total \$69.00 We would like to be reimbursed for our expenses. I need to find out our Area's Anniversary Date for Region Records.

In Loving Service, Lewis S and Jackie L.

Treasurer: Paul F.

September 2006

	Income	Expenses	Check #
Literature	\$1074.63		
RI State Sales Tax Received	\$ 75.23		
Group Donations	\$ 501.28		
Free Spirit Area Church Hall Rental		\$ 50.00	1656
Verizon 2 payments		\$ 48.65	1661
		\$ 135.09	1662
Answering Service (NE In Touch)		\$ 228.03	1663
Regional Phone line Secretary Expenses		\$ 50.00	cash
Secretary Returned Treasury Expenses		\$ 14.49	cash
P.O. Box (6 Months) Literature Purchase		\$ 105.26	1655
		\$ 1378.66	1658
Meeting List Purchase		\$ 180.00	1664
H&I Sub Committee PI Subcommittee-T-Shirts		\$362.00	1660
Activities Subcommittee			

Literature Subcommittee

Policy Subcommittee

RCM Expenses

Sales Tax Balance

Other Tax Responsibilities

Convention Committee

Region or World Donation

Corporation Fee

*Check 1657 Void

Previous Balance	\$7279.26
Monthly Income	\$1651.14
Monthly Expenses	\$2552.18
Final Balance	\$6378.22
Area Prudent Reserve	\$3500.00
Activities Prudent Reserve	350.00
Available Funds	\$2528.22

Ad-Hoc Inventory Day: Vincent C.

No Report.

Old Business

The Alternate Secretary for GPANA will be sent a letter to find out if she wants to continue to hold this position. She must show at next GPANA meeting 11/26/06 or that position will become open. The Alternate Treasurer position is still open. The Phone Line position is still open. The Ad Hoc Chairperson did not submit recommendations and comments after findings of the Inventory Day. Opportunity for this report will be extended for next months area meeting.

New Business

The next GPANA Convention Executive Committee was voted on the results are as follows:

Daryl F was nominated for Convention Chair. This nomination was seconded. Daryl F accepted the nomination. There were no other people who were nominated. Daryl qualified. He was asked to leave the room where pros and cons were taken. Voting was conducted with 18 GSRs. Daryl F was voted in 17 in favor and 1 abstained.

The Vice Chair position entertained nominations. Dave A was nominated. It was seconded. Dave A accepted. Wayne G nominated himself for this position. No other people sought for this position. Both people were asked to qualify. They both were asked to leave the room after qualifying. Pros and cons were discussed for both people. Voting was conducted with 18 GSRs. Dave A was voted in 17 in favor and 1 opposed.

The Secretary position was opened for nominations next. Kim L was nominated for this position with no opposition. This nomination was

seconded. Kim L accepted. Kim L qualified and was asked to leave the room. Pros and Cons were accepted. Voting was conducted with 18 GSRs. Kim L was voted in this position 17 in favor with 1 abstain.

The Treasurer position was opened for nominations next. Gail L was nominated for this position. It was seconded. Gail L accepted this nomination. Gail L qualified. Gail left the room were pros and cons were discussed. Voting was conducted with 18 GSRs. Gail L was voted in 16 in favor with 2 abstain.

The Convention Committee will hold it's first meeting during next months, 11/26/06 from 1:30pm-2:30pm were Convention Subcommittee Chairpersons will be nominated.

Policy Change:

No policy changes discussed for voted on this month.

Open Forum

-Importance of keeping the place where we have GPANA Area Service clean. Cigarette butts are being left around the facility. It is suggested that we handle this responsibility without jeopardizing losing where we hold GPANA Areas Service business.

Announcements

Keep It Simple Saturday (K.I.S.S) is meeting in a new location at St. Patrick School.
244 Smith Street
Prov. RI 02903
NOW IN MAIN LOT, 1ST FLOOR, 2 LEVELS UP
1PM-2:30PM
K.I.S.S. NEEDS SUPPORT!!!!!!!!!!

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

Sponsor-Sponsee Spaghetti Dinner and Speaker Jam
November 11, 2006

2-8pm Dinner at 5pm
John Hope Settlement House
7 Thomas P. Whitten Way
Providence, RI 02903
Suggested Donation \$6 this includes Dinner
T-Shirts available Contact Donna W. 497-4285 or Wanda B.
226-2698

GHANA Activites Subcommittee Presents

Four Months of Entertainment
Two Months of Events Left

Thanksgiving Unity Dance 11/11/06
Holiday Ol' Skool Dance Party 12/16/06
\$5 at the door
9pm-1am
Saint Jean Baptiste Hall
209 Smalley Street
New Britian, CT
Direction on Flyer: Contact Christine E 860-818-3058
www.ctna.org

Central Mass Area Activities Committee Presents

The First Area Service Slam
Learn How It Works
Main Speaker, Dinner, and Dance
This is a FREE Event
Waters will be sold.
December 16, 2006
12noon-11pm
YMCA, 766 Main Street, Worcester, MA
Contact: James F. 508-740-0795, Pia G. 508-792-6129 or
Stacy M. 508-335-0869
Directions on flyer

The Watertown Men's Group Invites You to Join us as we
celebrate our 16th Anniversary
Gratitude Meeting, Live Music, Dinner and Dance
Free Admission
Saturday, January 27, 2007
6pm to Midnight
St John's Methodist Church
80 Mt Auburn Street
Watertown, MA
Contact: Johnny Mac- 617-872-1817 or Mattie 781-953-4168
Direction on the flyer.

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.

Motions:

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 GSRs and Groups of GPANA in a timely and appropriate manner.

This motion was passed with 18 GSR votes with 17 in favor and 1 abstain.

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 to further carry the message.

This motion was taken back to groups and voted with 18 GSRs and passed with 18 votes in favor.

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

This motion will go back to groups for vote on 11/26/06 Area Meeting

Contact Information
 Administrative Body:

Position	Name	Phone Number	Subcommittee	Chairs: Name	Phone Number
Chair	Sully D.	954-8745	Activities	Sheela M.	475-7485
Vice Chair	Robert S.	339-7347	Convention	Daryl F.	226-2556
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 Alternate RCM	Lewis S.	473-5463			