

The Greater Providence Area (GPA) Service Committee of NA
October 23, 2005 Minutes

The next two ASC Meeting will be on November 27th, Dec 18th, 2005

Area Meeting Times:

Administration	12:00--1:30pm
Literature Sales	1:30--3:00pm
Subcommittees	2:00--3:00pm
New GSR Orientation	3:15--3:30pm
Area Service Meeting	3:30--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. 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 (20)

Total Area Meetings (63)

Groups that made a donation (8)

Choose Life	@	
Faith in Recovery	@ \$	Needs active members
Hardcore	@	
Loveline	@ \$	
The Lie is Dead	@	
Meeting Street Meeting	@	
New Associations	@	
Primary Purpose	@ \$	
Ray of Hope	@	Need Support -- all positions are open
Recovery in the Country	@	
Recovery in the Lake	@	
Recovery is More Than Abstinence	@ \$	
Sisters in Recovery	@	
Smith Hill NA	@	
Stepping Out Wednesday	@	Need support
Straight Forward	@ \$	(\$Last Month)
Surrender or Die	@ \$	Meeting has moved -- see announcements
section		
Sunday Serenity/Insanity	@ \$	
Traditions at Crossroads	@ \$	Needs support
We Do Recover	@	

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

Reports:

Activities :: Jackie L. (Rene G. gave report)

We need the support of recovering addicts. WE NEED AN ACTIVITIES CHAIR. Upcoming events -- 12th Annual Thanksgiving Marathon. See announcements section of the minutes for details.

Board of Directors :: Kevin V.

Discussion: 1. Insurance for all of the GPANA: meetings, events. Convention will pay their own insurance for the convention.

2. Proposals were discussed for vendors who sent letters of interest to sell items at the convention.

3. Taxes due for July, August, September 2005. Sheelah sent in January, February, and March. She will call Phillip Clinton of the RI Division of Taxation because we paid 16% late fees when the letter stated only 10%.

GPACNA IV Convention :: Dave A.

Hello everybody, we had our 19th meeting and it was well-attended. Your committee is doing such an awesome job, it give me meaning to my life that we can serve this fellowship in a loving and spiritual way. Our September fundraiser was a success on carrying the message and afterwards enjoying ourselves at the dance. Please support your fundraisers! It takes money to put on this convention, but the rewards, the friendships we make, there is no price you can put on that. I'm sad to announce our Treasurer Wendy K. resigned. Thank you, Wendy, for your service. That will go back to the Area meeting for an election.

Our next meeting is November 6th at 12:30pm at the People's Baptist Church. Our ending balance is \$8,863.94. Also, I would like to thank Free Spirit Area for a \$90.00 donation to the convention.

Finance :: Position OPEN (Susan W. filling in)

I sat in with the BOD today. We are still working on organizing the BODs to handle their financial responsibilities. We are still working on getting taxes filed for 2003-04.

H&I :: Celia W.

We need other groups to take different commitments. Groups doing commitments need to show up 15 minutes early. If you have given up a Panel Leader position at a facility, you are not allowed back in the facility as an active Panel Leader.

Applications for ACI need to be in for November 1st. Some have been filled out and passed already. No more than 4 people may go in on a commitment including the H&I Representative.

Panel Leaders are not to count themselves and are not to speak at commitments.

Henry S. has been nominated and excepted for the position of H&I Secretary. Congrats!

More groups need to get involved with commitments. Panel Leaders and Alternate Panel Leaders are still needed. Vice Chair of H&I is still an open position.

Addicts that applied before for ACI must re-apply.

Literature :: Jim S.

We need to be able to order online from World Service to speed things up. We have new items! Cloth Banners: 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts, Serenity Prayer, Just for Today, Third Step Prayer. Coming in November: Sponsorship Book -- Gift Edition, and the Basic Text -- Pocket Edition!

Need a Literature co-chair.

Phone Line :: Position OPEN (Susan W. filling in)

Phone Line ran smoothly this month. I'd like to share about a call I received Friday night from a

young man from Dover, New Hampshire. He called the regional phone line and kept pressing buttons until he got a person on the line. The line was the RI Help line. He was very appreciative to get to speak to someone right then. Just a story to share that having a phone service like we have truly helps that addict that needs immediate help. This chair position is still open. Please see me if you are interested or have questions.

Policy :: Vincent C.

Hello Family. As Your newly elected Policy Chair, I want to thank everyone for your consideration and vote of confidence to serve. I will do my best to be of service. First order of business has been seeking out area members to serve on the Policy committee. I need help with the functioning of this subcommittee, and welcome all those who may be interested. Of immediate concern are policy updates and review, which I hope all subcommittees might be able to contribute-pertaining to all area business related to policy. Policy is concerned about our policy concerning member groups contributing financially to the functioning bodies of the area. Case in point, literature - many groups now order their literature online - bypassing the area literature committee. This, in my opinion, poses financial hardship for the maintaining of our area business. In addition, an Area member raised a policy-related question about a Board of Directors member - serving on a subcommittee in a financial position. Supposedly in violation of area policy. In loving Service.

PI :: Claude J.

On 9/10 and 9/11 the Greater Providence Area along with the Free Spirit Area manned a booth at the 4th annual Health Fit Expo sponsored by Channel 10 and NBC. The outcome of the event was 1) PI was able to inform the public that NA exists, 2) It gave PI new contacts: Johnson & Wales, and Planned Parenthood. The event went well thanks to addict power! For the month of October, PI has received requests in regards to Literature and meeting lists. This came from our newest contacts at the Kent House, the Providence Center, and Roger Williams Hospital. On October 28 & 29 the Recovery Ministries is requesting NA to set up a table at their mini-convention to be held at Rhodes on Pawtuckets for a Q&A. Also, the newly updated meeting lists are out today! And PI is always looking for new subcommittee members. In loving service.

RCM :: Lewis S.

Regional meeting was held October 15 & 16; everything went well. The main agenda talked about the Regional Service Office (RSO): the pros and cons and benefits to the area. They suggested that the RCMs bring back to the Areas and ask the GSRs to bring back to the Groups to get feedback.

Will an RSO be a benefit to our Area?

Pros: Purchasing literature, a full-time phone line service, and any questions about public information would be more available.

Upcoming WSO Service Meeting February 4, 2006 at St. Thomas Methodist Church, 80 Mount Auburn St., Watertown, MA.

Next Regional Committee Meeting: December 10 & 11, 2005. Subcommittee meetings Saturday starting at 12 noon. RSC meeting on Sunday starting at 12 noon. At the Pilgrim Congregational Church, Athens Street, Weymouth, MA.

Treasurer :: Chris E.

See attached report.

Old Business

:: Elections

Activities Chair

Jackie :: NOMINATED -- Accepted; Election Results -- ELECTED.

Congratulations Jackie!

Stacy :: NOMINATED -- Decline

Dave M. :: NOMINATED -- Decline

:: Remaining Subcommittee Elections:

POSITIONS STILL OPEN--Nominations will be accepted again in November--
please announce these openings in your groups.

Finance Chair

Phone Line Chair

New Business

No new business this month. (We had to be out of the Church at 5--No time!)

Motions

(10-23-05-0001)

Motion: To start "Informational Pamphlet" literature meeting beginning November 3rd, 2005 from 6:30pm - 8pm. This meeting will be held at the Family Life Center Building on Broad St.

Intent: To serve the still-suffering addict.

Submitted by: Tavis C..

Seconded by:

Outcome: No vote needed; administrative motion.

Note on the motion from last month:

The Ad-Hoc Committee Chairperson position will be appointed by madam chair. Those interested should contact Rene G.

Open Forum

Announcements

POSITIONS Area Phone Line Chair
 Area Finance Chair
 H&I Vice Chair
 Literature Co-Chair
 GPANA Convention Treasurer

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 Fox Point Boy's Club (Basement) at 90 Ives Street,
Providence, RI 02906

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

NOVEMBER **CVACNA XVI :: Out of the Darkness into the Light**

Nov. 11, 12, 13, 2005 :: Burlington, VT

1st Pre-Thanksgiving Speaker Dinner and Dance

Saturday, November 19, 2005 :: 5pm - Midnight :: Silverlake Community

Center

\$5 meeting and dance, \$3 turkey dinner

Contact: Linda J. 465-1684 or Rene G. 641-2204 or Wayne V.W. 944-0843

GPACNA IV Fundraising Event

Thanksgiving Day Marathon (see attached flyer)

Thursday, November 24, 2005 :: 10am - 10pm :: People's Baptist Church

(corner of Park and Elmwood Aves.)

NEEDED: Groups willing to share their experience strength and hope.

Call Rene G. 641-2204 to get involved/participate.

Hosted by the Straight Forward Group

DECEMBER

3rd Annual Holiday Meeting and Dance

December 10, 2005 :: 6pm - Midnight :: Silverlake Community Center

\$5 suggested donation, \$3 spaghetti dinner w/salad

Contact: Linda J. 465-1684 or Rene G. 641-2204 or Wayne V.W. 944-0843

GPACNA IV Fundraising Event

South Shore Area 20th Anniversary (same flyer as New England Regional

Meeting)

December 10, 2005 :: more details coming.

Contact: Patrick P. (781) 925-3046

New England Regional Meeting (see attached flyer)

Hosted by the South Shore Area of NA

December 10 and 11, 2005: Saturday (subcommittee meetings) at 12 noon.

Sunday (regional meeting) at 12 noon :: Pilgrim Congregational Church on

Athens St., Weymouth, MA.

JANUARY

12th Annual Dopes on Slopes (see attached flyer)

January 27 - 29, 2006 :: River Ski Resort, Bethel, Maine.

Reservations: (800) 430-0767

Single Adult \$475, Double Adult \$315, Triple Adult \$365 (lower rates

available for children)

Cut Off Date: November 28, 2005

Contact: Bob B. (781) 331-4838, Dan H. (603) 786-4151, or Bruce L. (508)

755-8015

New England Regional Event

FEBRUARY

WSO Service Meeting

February 4, 2006 :: St. Thomas Methodist Church, 80 Mount Auburn St.,

Watertown, MA

Contact Information

Administrative Body:

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>
Chair	Rene G.	641-2204
Vice Chair	Sully D.	954-8745
Treasurer	Christine E.	864-6064
Alternate Treasurer	Hal B.	578-4888

Secretary	Kim L.	751-0181
Alternate Secretary	Paulette C.	699-2363

Subcommittee Chairs:

<i>Subcommittee</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>
Activities	Jackie L.	952-0727
Convention	Dave A.	727-4349
Finance	[Open] (Susan W.)	438-2375
Hospitals & Institutions (H&I)	Celia W.	475-5992
Literature	Jim S.	846-7899
Phone line	[Open] (Susan W.)	438-2375
Policy	Vincent C.	941-8336 or 421-5270 ext. 231
Public Information (PI)	Claude J.	432-4548
Board of Directors	Kevin V.	331-2871
Regional Committee Member	Lewis S.	473-5463
Alternate RCM	Stacy H.	553-4422

Recap

- :: There are still Subcommittee chair positions open (Finance and Phone line) -- announce these at your groups.
- :: Jackie was elected as the Activities subcommittee chair, Congratulations!
- :: Discuss at your groups whether a RSO would be good for our area; bring ideas and opinions back to be discussed in
Open Forum.
- :: A new meeting is trying to get started and could use some support (see the motion for this month).
- :: A lot of activities planned for the Fall. Be sure to make the announcements in your meetings and get those flyers out!