

The Greater Providence Area (GPA) Service Committee of NA

October 25, 2009

The next meeting is November 22, 2009

Area Meeting Times:

Administration 12:30–2:00pm
Literature Sales 1:45 to 2:45 pm**Note time change
H & I Panel Leaders 1:30-2:00 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, Convention, 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 (17)

Total Area Meetings (41*)

Groups that made a donation are marked with \$

Groups that attended ASC meeting marked with @

Addicts "R" Us
Breakfast Club.....\$
Blackstone NA
Choose Life.....\$
Clean & Crazy... @
Dig Deep... ..\$
Faith in Recovery... @. \$... needs active members and support
Gimme Shelter.....@. \$
Hardcore Recovery.....@. \$
Jamestown NA
K.I.S.S.
Late Nite
Living Free.....@
Loveline.. ..@. \$
Lie is Dead.....@. \$

Meeting Street Meeting..@..\$
 Narragansett Recovery System
 Never alone again.....@..\$.. needs active members and support
 New Associations.....@
 New Way of Life
 Opt for Life.....@. needs support
 Ray of Hope.....\$
 Recovery and Beyond
 Recovery in the Chapel.....@\$
 Recovery in the Country.....@
 Recovery in the Lake
 Recovery is More then Abstinence.....@
 Resurrection
 Road to Recovery.....@....\$
 Sisters in Recovery...
 Smith Hill NA
 Start your Nite Right
 Starting Over.....@
 Step Sisters
 Stepping into Recovery
 Straight Today
 Stepping Out Wednesday.....\$
 Sunday/Insanity... ..\$
 Surrender or Die.....\$
 We do Recover.....@
 Why are we here

Administrative reports

Vice Chair: Delia F

I would like to apologize for missing the last GPAASC meeting. I am trying to work out the best day and time for us to meet as an Area for the round table discussions on "leadership in NA." It should take us 1 hour for the round table discussions and since our ASC meeting has been running late we are faced with time constraints. I will continue to work on finding the best possible solution to this matter. I feel that it is important that we do follow through and have the round table discussion on "leadership" since that was the outcome of you Area Inventory. If any one has any suggestions please feel free to contact me. ILS, Delia

Secretary: Dawn J

I was unable to work on the "group report form" due to internet problems. My computer is up and running now and I will present this form at the Next ASC meeting.

BOD: Kevin V

The BOD did have our monthly meeting held at John Hope which was 10-2-09 at 6:00pm. We discussed and viewed our policy. ILS, Kev V

Treasurer Report: Please see attached reports

RCM: Lyz M. (SEE ATTACHED REPORT)

Subcommittee Reports:

H&I: Bob (not present), Stephen reports

Grievance was discussed. Corrections C. Hal B will be sent a letter to appear at next H & I subcommittee mtg. Panel position was filled for Mondays at The Providence Center. Louis S. was appointed Alt. CC position. A learning day will be planned because there are a lot of new panel leaders. 2 panel leaders need to be notified of their No-Shows. John D. is doing orientation for new members of H & I subcommittee. ILS, Stephen

Phone Line: John D

Hi family, No messages to report this month. Attended region on Saturday, Oct. 10. They elected a new update coordinator and they are in the process of updating meetings on the phone line. They have an open position (Secretary). A motion was passed at the subcommittee to separate Phone Line and P.I. ILS, John

Policy: Robin D

Hi Family, Policy met on Oct. 20. There were 3 members in attendance. Reviewed H & I policy. For more information on policy's next meeting contact Robin D. 952-6316. ILS, Robin

PI:

No report

Convention Committee: Wayne G 473-1749 (subcommittee chairperson)

The subcommittee did meet on September 13th and conduct a purpose of seeking and researching subcommittee members and to follow-up with any research responsibilities for each subcommittee. Also there will be a change of day and time for the convention committee mtg. as of November-the next meeting will be held on **Sunday November 15, 2009 at 5:00 PM** at the Nickerson House on Delaine St. in Providence's(Olneyville). Anyone wishing to serve on the convention committee may want to attend our next meeting and there is still an open executive committee position-Convention Treasurer. Also, there are 3 subcommittee positions available: Arts and Graphics/ Merchandising/ Convention Information. ILS, Wayne G

ADHOC Committee Report: Lyz M-Verbal Report Given

ADHOC Committee on Area History: Steve S.

Hello Family,

Over the last month I have met with members from South Shore, SEMA, Free Spirit and GPA. The purpose was two-fold: 1) to gather input on a structure or format for this project and 2.) to sew the seeds of enthusiasm.

I am happy to report that both were received extremely well. Everyone I spoke with offered support and spontaneous offers of assistance were the norm. Many members either had/have or know members who do have info/mtg. lists from our past. I have developed a tentative format for this project.

Phase I: I will locate a hall and hold an open call for all members with 15yrs or more, or who were clean between 1982 and 1999. I will be requesting that they bring meeting lists and flyers. The goal will be to scan meeting lists from the original handwritten ones to the present day. All materials will be returned after being scanned.

Additionally, a roll of craft paper will circle the room. It will be divided into years. Each member will be asked to write on each year, their recollection of when/where meetings started, moved or closed.

Phase II: After a timeline is established: Each group will be asked to complete an information form, which will include it's history (i.e. locations, formats, days, times, major changes). This info will be added to the timeline. All info will be compiled and cross referenced.

Phase III: Groups and members will be asked to provide personal recollections. Events dances, fundraisers, NA events. All written materials will be scanned and returned. Photos and events will also

be welcomed, scanned and returned.

Phase IV: The finished product will be presented to the area and placed on the GPANA website in PDF format so that it maybe downloaded, read or printed by any addict.

This is a projected project format. As it develops, adaptations will occur as needed. A meeting to form a committee will be announced at the next ASC.

Anyone with info or wishing to assist this project in any way please contact me.

ILS Steve S. (401)-338-1937 srstorti@aol.com

Finance: Tom C- not present report read by Vice Chair.

Finance Committee Report

The Finance committee met once this month to continue its work. We received some bank statements from Daryl on behalf of the convention committee, however there are still a few outstanding. We have made a request for those to be printed from the bank website. Once we have these in hand, we can reconcile and turn over complete Area and Convention records to the accountant. The accountant filed an amended 2006 tax return for a possible refund of taxes due to our new 501(c)(3) status. The committee will meet again on November 1st at 1:30pm to begin working on an area budget. Anyone who is interested in attending is encouraged to call the chair for more information.

In Service, Tom C. Cell:401-441-8632

Literature Report – Kyle

Greater providence area Literature report

Literature Sales for the month of October 2009	
Literature Sales:	\$ 886.80
HI:	\$ 158.67
PI:	
Phone line:	
Total Monthly Order	\$ 695.99
Greater Providence Meeting Lists Sold:	626
Total New England region meeting lists sold:	0

Hello Family,

The literature order did not come in this month, simply because I entered it late. For anyone who has something that is needed out of this order, I will be leaving my business card for those individuals to contact me to pick up what they need.

I was also unable to make the changes on the order form this month as discussed for last meeting, due to computer server problems we are experiencing at work. In any event, it didn't get done and it's my fault.

The new order forms will be fixed and go out to groups before their November business meetings.

Lyz M. went to Region where they did not have and New England Meeting lists for us to take.

Sorry for the sloppy month.

In Loving Service, Kyle A

Old Business:

******This motion passed******

092709m1

Submitted by Wayne G Seconded by Daryl F

To implement 2 new Convention Sub-Committee positions Alt Treasurer and Alt Secretary to be voted at the ASC.

Intent: To add these positions to the GPACNA Executive Committee and to follow GPA policy

New Business:

******This motion passed******

102509m1

Submitted by Steve S. Seconded by John D.

That the following announcement be included in the minutes so that groups may or may not read and or discuss this at their group.

(SEE ATTACHED)

Open Forum:

Elections: Open Positions

Activities Chair

Convention Treasurer

Announcements:

**1.)Greater Providence Area Convention Committee meeting
3rd Sunday of every month 5:00 PM (next mtg. is November 15th)**

Nickerson House 133 Delaine St. Providence, RI 02909

Positions Elections and openings

Treasurer

Arts & Graphics

Convention Information

Merchandising

Please come, looking for active members

2.)From 102509m1-to be read and/or discussed if group chooses:

With the current H1N1 crisis we as a fellowship should review the concept of individual responsibility.

As many of our members live with secondary illnesses or have immediate family members who do, we as a fellowship must review our responsibility to ourselves and our fellow members.

While there are no musts, it may be in our best interest to not attend a meeting if we are sick or feel as if we might be.

While normally we do not condone nor promote non-attendance at meetings, in this situation it may be prudent.

We as a fellowship may be better served by calling other members, listening to a recovery CD or tape, accessing an online meeting or reading some of our literature as opposed to attending a meeting.

This virus is spread though micro-drops when we cough. The virus can live on objects/surfaces and is also spread through touch.

3.)WHY ARE WE HERE Group Anniversary

November 12, 2009 7:00-9:00

Riverside Congregational, Riverside RI 02915

4.)THANKSGIVING 24 HR. MARATHON

Wed Nov. 25th 8:00pm to Thursday Nov. 26th 2009 8:00 PM

Followed by Gratitude Mtg. 9 PM Thursday Night

299 Broadway Arlington(right turn)

*****Includes dinner from 2-4 Thursday-Any and all are welcome**

Contact-John G. (617)823-8678

5.)Road to Recovery 24th Anniversary

December 15, 2009 Meeting 7:30-8:30pm

Followed by Countdown...

Riverside Congregational Church

347 Bullocks Point Ave. Riverside, RI 02915

6.)NA Worldwide Workshop

Boston, MA

November 20-22, 2009(Friday eve. to Sunday Afternoon)

Marriott Boston Peabody

8A Centennial Drive Peabody, MA 01960

Fore more info, call: (818) 773-9999 ext 116 or email elaine@na.org

7.)New England Region Service Committee Weekend

December 12th and 13th, 2009

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

900 Main St. Brockton, MA

Saturday Regional Subcommittee Meetings

Starting at 12 PM in GYM-Montello St entrance

Sunday Regional Service Committee Meeting

Starting at 11 AM 3rd floor in church-Rear door

For more Info, Contact S.S.A.R.C.M.- Brian R (774) 240-6288

8.)NEMACNA Fundraiser Event

KARAOKE

November 7, 2009 7PM -11 PM

Pawtucket Congregational Church

15 Mammoth Rd. Lowell, MA

Door Prize chance with \$2 Admission-Pizza, Soda, and Water will be sold

Gratitude Meeting 7-8, Karaoke from 8-11, No addict turned away

Info Carla B. (617) 312-5351

9.)To Thine own Self be True, 27th Anniversary and Holiday Party

Friday December 11, 2009 6 PM-Midnight

Gaythorne Hall, 462 Broadway, Methuen, MA

\$5 suggested donation

Info Reggie G. (603)234-4488 or Rob K.(978) 943-3534

10.)The GSACC(Granite State Area) Programming Committee is looking for Speakers and tapes for their convention at Radisson Hotel in Nashua, NH on July 30, 31, and Aug 1, 2010. Tapes must be received no later than 4/1/10.

Contact: John W. (603) 965-6127 or Peter M.(603) 738-3325

Mail tapes to: GSACNA VI Programming Committee (contd)

PO Box 564 Pembroke NH 03275-0564

***Be sure to include speaker's name address phone number and clean date on tape or CD.**

Greater Providence Area
Treasurer's Report

October
2009

Description	Income	Expenses	Check #
Literature Sales	904.95		
RI State Sales Tax Received			
Group Donations	752.61		
Free Spirit Area			
Church Hall Rent (2 months)		50.00	2012
Verizon		68.38/23.47	2013/2020
Answering Service		108.66	2018
Regional Phone line		49.55	2019
Secretary Expenses	2.70	30.00	2017
Treasury Expenses		8.55	2016
Literary Purchase		1390.37	2009
Meeting List Purchase		77.40	2005
H&I Subcommittee			
PI Subcommittee			
Activities Subcommittee			
Literature Subcommittee		30.08	2015
Policy Subcommittee			
RCM Expenses		72.38	2014
Sales Tax (Balance:)			
Convention Committee			
Region or World Donation			
Previous Balance Reported			\$ 6,935.63
Monthly Income			1,660.26
Monthly Expenses			441.07
Final Balance			8154.82
Area Prudent Reserve			3,500.00
Area Insurance (5) months Reserve \$173.30/mnth			1,039.80
Available Funds			\$ 3,615.02

RCM REPORT

The WSR Committee is seeking addicts, men & women to join us in Writing Steps in Recovery. Incarcerated addicts throughout our region have asked us for step study in any manner or form. This is our regions response. NA members doing this service work are completely anonymous. If interested, please contact: WSR Committee, P.O. Box 1469, N. Falmouth, MA 02556 or WSR Chairperson, Hall B 401.578.4888, email HNIGUY@aol.com.

Please help in the construction of the New Development Website available at [Http://www.nerna.org](http://www.nerna.org) – Sign up for an account and submit your feedback in the feedback forum.
Open Position: Alt Secretary, BOD/ Convention Committee Treasurer.

Treasurer Report

Filed sales tax for RI and MA

The signatories on Regions bank account have been changed to 4 members of the current executive committee.

In the August meeting of region funds that were supposed to be for setasides and prudent reserve were accidentally made available. (In the amount of \$2,385.27) they will be replaced as funds become available.

Finance Committee

Has been looking into quotes in regards to insurance. Sarah has been in touch with one particular insurance agent and they have been discussing 3 separate types of insurance...

General Liability, which will cover meetings and events

Director and Officers Insurance that will cover things like sexual harassment, defamation of character, and if any of our members are sued. (All members are considered equal.)

Fiduciary insurance that will cover anyone stewarding NA funds in case anyone misappropriates monies. More will be revealed on this.

The question was raised about RI and MA... More will still be revealed.

The Finance Committee has extended to any Area to ask for help.

NERC has chosen the Theme and Logo for NERC XIV Let the Miracle Happen

Open positions on the Convention Committee are Assistant Secretary, Merchandising, Fundraising and Entertainment, and Hotels and Hospitality.

The convention committee has some concerns especially that the BOD has not sent out any RFP's (request for proposals) to hotels.

The closing balance of the convention committee is \$6930.00.

Withdrew the motion that to not have a banquet and have asked that the BOD get proposals for convention with a banquet and without a banquet.

The next Convention Committee Meeting will be Dec... 12 at noon at the next regional weekend.

H&I Out of the 315 commitments in the region, we have 29 open commitments. H&I did receive the books from the motion that passed to order 80 Basic Texts and 80 It Works How and Why. However, between the motion passing and the time the books were actually ordered, the price of the books went up so H&I put in a motion at region that did pass for \$89.75 to cover the remaining balance

The Regional Policy Subcommittee is currently reviewing all subcommittee guidelines.

Phone Line Secretary position is open. If interested go to the next Subcommittee Saturday. There was an Update Coordinator elected and they are currently working on updating the voice recording on the phone line.

Public Information Secretary position is open. There was a PI commitment filled at the Cape Cod Symposium that went really well. The next upcoming PI event will be Oct 17th and 18th at the Hanover Mall in Hanover MA. It is a DARE event.

RMD the new Regional Meeting Directory will be available next week. Updates for the next one need to be in by Mid November and you can do it on the website. Please verify your meetings on the Regional website. Meeting Directory prices with tax will be in the minutes.

Website

Have been working closely with Phone line over the past 4 months to get phone line updated and minimal work has been done on the website, but there is an estimated launch of the new website of January 1, 2010. Please check out the new website now at www.nerna.org. If you need to contact the regional website chair there is a link to his email at info@newenglandna.org. That is the only one he will be checking. All new committee members for NERC have been updated on the NAWS website.

RD/RDA

The Worldwide Workshop is in Peabody MA on November 20, 21, 22.

November 9th is the cutoff for the hotel.

This is potentially a once in a lifetime event for this region!!! The worldwide workshop happens every other year all over the world!!

There will be workshops on topics such as Our Freedom, Our responsibility, Leadership, Building Communications, Building Strong Home Groups, Our Service System and many more.

December 4,5,6th is MRLE (Multi Regional Learning Event) in Alfred, ME.

There will be world board members present to discuss the CARR. Very cheap!!

Northeast Zonal Forum is in January in the Greater NY Region. Anyone that may be interested in going, please contact our RD Bill H.

CARR report will be available in Dec. followed by the Conference Approval Track contact Bill H. for more information.

Under Area Concerns NEMA has discussed the fact that the Regional Meeting list is very crowded. The font is tiny and there is not much room for phone numbers. PI will bring back info for the December Region.

Open Forum discussed the region service committee meeting going "green". Sarah O. was appointed adhoc committee chair to look into recycling at our regional service committee meeting and being more environmentally friendly in general.

The Alternate Secretary of region resigned so that position is open and will be going out in the minutes.

NON-money motion

To separate PI and Phone line PASSES

By practice they do report separately and have separate chairs but by policy they meet together.

Money motions

\$31.88 to reimburse Metro West for going over the \$500.00 region gave to host FAILED

\$89.75 to H&I for books PASSED

\$610.00 to send RD/RDA to MRLE PASSED

\$550.00 to send RD/RDA to Worldwide Workshop PASSED

\$100.00 to send non-funded trusted servant to Zonal Forum TABLED

South Shore will be hosting Region in December

NEMA will be hosting in February 2010

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