

**The Greater Providence Area (GPA) Service Committee of
NA
November 26, 2006 Minutes**

The next meeting is January 7, 2007

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 (18)

Love Line
Faith In Recovery
Hardcore
Late Nite NA
The Lie Is Dead
Choose Life
Surrender or Die
New Association
Recovery In The Chapel
We Do Recovery
Recovery In The Country
Never Alone Again
Recovery and Beyond
Hole In The Wall
Breakfast
Sunday Serenity/Insanity
A Better Way
Sister's In Recovery

Groups in Attendance 17

Ray Of Hope
Recovery In The Lake
Meeting Street Meeting
A Better Way
Straight Today
Recovery and Beyond
New Associations
Living Free
Faith In Recovery
Love Line
Sunday Serenity/Insanity
Starting Over
The Lie Is Dead
Choose Life
Hardcore
Steppin Out Wednesday
Sister's In Recovery

Chair Report-Sully D:

No Report This Month

Vice Chair-Rob S:

I will continue to stress that this area needs to be mindful of money matters and motion issues until the money matters of this area are resolved. Please pay attention to the treasurer's report and finance reports.

In Loving Service, Rob S.

Secretary-Donna W.:

Making the laptop and the secretary position self supporting is moving forward. A check in the amount of \$245.00 was given towards this effort. Most of the items that this area voted on for the secretary to purchase to make the laptop equipment self functioning was purchased (please see 10-24-06 minutes for details). Total spent for 1 calculator, 1 box of pens, 1 memory pen, 1 external floppy drive, 1 USBS 4 port device, 1 (40 pack) neon floppy disks, 1 Nylon Rolling Baggage, including tax these items totaled \$168.18. I am getting recommendations from website coordinator, the company that this area purchased the laptops from, and Staples to decide what direction to go regarding internet accessibility for this equipment. If it is cost efficient, a quotes and best practices for this next level will be brought to area

executive committee and area GSR's. The remaining \$76.82 will be used to either work towards making this laptop internet assessible or it will be returned back to this area. I understand that some people do not have internet assess but it has shown to be cost effective to use e-mail to send out minutes and mail the remaining. This month I e-mailed most of the minutes to the GSR's that submitted legible e-mail addresses. The remaining only cost \$6.96 to mail 8 packets. The executive committee allowed the request to research internet accessibility for this equipment to be extended another 30 days. Unfortunately, some of the minutes to GSR group representatives could not be mailed due to lack of complete address information and again legible information. Please be mindful of these issues when signing in for your group whether your minutes will be e-mailed or sent by postal service.
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:

Greater Providence Area Activities Committee has confirmed the date, time, and place for its New Years Eve Celebration. This will be a Speaker Jam, Dinner, and Dance. This Event will be held at Lymanville VFW, Fruit Hill Avenue, N. Providence, RI Groups in this area are being asked to donate something for this event. Please call Sheelah M. 475-7485 or Jackie L. 215-4467 for donations of money, items, or food. This event will be on 12-31-06 and will start at 4pm. Contacting about donations ASAP will be greatly appreciated.

In Loving Service, Sheelah M.

Board of Directors: Kevin V

Funds were released to the Convention Committee on 11/26/06 in the sum of \$5000.00. The remaining balance is \$7821.10 was given to GPA to pay for all sales taxes. In Loving Service Daryl F. and Kevin V.

Finance: Susan W.

Problem: The taxes fir 2003,2004,2005 have been completed. The total amount owed to the accountant for his services is \$1800.00. I am meeting with him tomorrow, Monday, 11/17/06 at 4pm to pick up the

paperwork and will then be meeting the area treasurer to pick up checks to pay taxes. I will then need to meet with the B. O. D. treasurer, Sheelah to sign taxes and then they can be mailed.
In Loving Service Susan W.

H&I :Celia W.

Problems: Any concerns with and H&I sub committee member should be brought up to the H&I Chair person. ACI Coordinator's had no reports and has not turned in a new list of names that were accepted.

Committee Update: Tom C. informed the H&I Chair that Mark V and he are currently making a new list.

Announcements: A new agenda has been brought before the sub committee concerning getting the commitments out before new and old business.
In Loving Service Celia W.

Literature: Jim S.

Committee Update : We received good input for the Basic Text draft project. We will be doing a follow meeting during the month of January 2007.

Sales w/o Tax	\$1150.00	October
H&I Sales	\$ 206.00	
PI Sales	\$ 98.90	
Phoneline	\$ 3.75	

Expenses

IP Donation to Crossroads for rent of Hall
\$11.13

November Order total \$999.66

Announcements: Banners now on Sale. Just For Today, Serenity Prayer, 3rd Step Prayer, Steps, Traditions, and Concepts. \$40.00 each.

New York Regional Service office has many products available. Individual orders taken by telephone 212-929-7117, ext 2. They will ship directly to you and take Visa, MasterCard, and Debit Cards.

In Loving Service Jim S.

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

We are still looking for a phone line chair. The month ran problem free.

In Loving Service Susan W.

Policy: Kim L.:

Problems: Some trouble getting sub committee together: interest has been expressed, but the meeting fell through at the last minute. I will continue to work on this in December.

Committee Update: I've resolved some of the questions and issues from last month. I am continuing to work on compiling motion lists for 2003-2004, 2004-2005; researching the "Financial Liability Reserve" column in the treasurer's report, updating the qualification to reflect the 5 yr clean time requirement for the B.O.D. I have given the Website guidelines to PI & the Website Coordinator and will be in contact w/Gail and Claude regarding aligning the GPA website with our Area Policy. I am still reviewing the H&I Policy to assist the H&I with their upcoming Policy revision work. I will also be comparing 2 different versions of the GSR packet and working with the sub committee chairs to review and revise policy where appropriate.

In Loving Service, Kim L.

PI: Claude J.

Problem: Problem setting meetings that are not up to date. Addicts showing up to meeting that have folded and no longer on the meeting list. If any group wants to change the place on the meeting list, the change needs to be on the Group Update Form or New Registration Form.

Committee Update: No contacts this month. We have the website up and running. The website address is www.GPANA.org. Any questions in regards to the website, please contact Gail, the website coordinator. There was question as to whether the website coordinator should have been voted in through an election process. The Policy Chair reported from the current policy that website coordinator must be voted in. Until a policy change is submitted, any questions about the website needs to be directed to the PI Chair. The website is under PI business.

Announcements: PI is always looking for new committee members to join and help us serve.

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

RCM: Lewis S.

Committee Update: Hi Family, Nothing to much to report from last month, only that the next Regional Meeting will be held Weymouth, MA at Pilgrim Congregational Church at Athenst, on December 9, 2006 at 12pm.

Subcommittee meeting will be held and regular meeting will be held December 10, 2006 at 12pm. South Shore Area will be hosting the Regional Event with there 21th Anniversary Meeting on Saturday, 12/9/06 at 5pm with Food and Fellowship at 6:30pm. Main meeting, Reading, and Speakers, followed by a clean time count down.

In Loving Service, Lewis S and Jackie L.

Treasurer: Paul F.

October 2006

	Income	Expenses	Check #
Literature	\$1230.00		
RI State Sales Tax			
Received	\$ 86.10		
Group Donations	\$ 275.99		
Free Spirit Area			
Church Hall Rental		\$ 50.00	1665
Verizon			
Answering Service			
(NE In Touch)		\$ 99.87	1674
Regional Phone line		\$ 186.88	1672
Secretary Expenses		\$ 245.00/38.10	1665/cash
Secretary Returned			
Treasury Expenses			
P.O. Box (6 Months)			
Literature Purchase		\$ 953.90	1670
Meeting List Purchase			
H&I Sub Committee			
PI Subcommittee-T-Shirts		\$ 79.83	1668
Activities Subcommittee		\$ 500.00	1667
Literature Subcommittee		\$ 34.11	cash
Policy Subcommittee			
RCM Expenses			
Sales Tax Balance			
Other Tax Responsibilities/Accountant		\$ 1800.00	1671
Convention Committee			
Region or World Donation			
Corporation Fee			
Previous Balance	\$6378.22		
Monthly Income	\$1592.09		
Monthly Expenses	\$3987.69		
Final Balance	\$3982.62		
Area Prudent Reserve	\$2423.65		
Activities Prudent	\$350.00		
Area Insurance Reserve	172.71	\$1208.97	
Available Funds	\$ 0		

Ad-Hoc Inventory Day: Vincent C.

Hello, Family

"To fulfill our fellowship's primary purpose, the NA Groups have joined together to create a structure which develops, coordinates, and maintains services on behalf of NA as a whole" (First Concept)

In my opinion, the success of the Inventory Day, and all those who participated with its related activities was that Members of Greater Providence Area of NA united with the ideas and the importance for having such an event.

This was the first attempt that our Area has undertaken such a monumental task toward addressing our strengths and weaknesses toward how we do service. The major objectives of the Inventory Day were to discuss and address:

1. How well has the area committee done this year at serving the groups, and how can it better serve them in the coming year?
2. How well has the area committee served the larger community, and how can the committee better serve the community at large?
3. How well has the area committee done at supporting NA's Regional and World Services? How can the area provide better support for these services? (p.61-62, A Guide To Local Services in NA)

In answer to all of the above, there is no question that our service could be doing more, and our Inventory Day related activities sought to address our problems utilizing a new structure format. Our Area work would benefit greatly by incorporating the Inventory Day Event as part of our AD-HOC Subcommittee format structure.

This event is being recommended to be utilized by our Greater Providence Area NA Service Structure. This ad-hoc subcommittee should have its own budget, every standing committee should have a representative appointed and/or assigned to it, GSR's from each group ought to commit at least one group member to the Inventory Day AD-HOC Subcommittee, and there should be consensus built to establish the committee's work.

Our Area currently has no day time meetings which members might be able to attend. Our Area needs to establish a prudent reserve, and pay its taxes in a timely manner. Our Area needs more unity, so that we can better carry the message to the addict that still suffers! It is my hope that the Inventory Day related events become part of our service structure.

In Loving Service, Vincent C.

Convention Committee Report:

New Business:

The Greater Providence Area Convention Committee Executive body held its 1st meeting for the 5th GPANA. The elections for the sub committee chair persons were nominated and voted on by GPANA members who resulted as follows:

Arts and Graphic Subcommittee Chair-Claude J.
Convention Information Subcommittee Chair-Still Open
Fundraising and Entertainment Subcommittee Chair-Donna W.
Hotels and Hospitality Subcommittee Chair-Celia W.
Merchandising Subcommittee Chair-Robert S.
Programming Subcommittee Chair-Wanda B.
Registration Subcommittee Chair-Shemeeka S.
Alternate Treasurer- Tony C.

Discussion was held to hold the convention in February 2008 but date is still tentative. \$5000.00 is the seed money. Convention Vice Chair Dave A. discuss what made the success of the last convention which was careful spending and what made the problems for our conventions that had money problems which was grandiosity. Convention Chair-Darly F got discuss next meeting to be January 7, 2007 place to be determined.

There was discussion on what policy will guide this convention. Chair reports that this convention will keep it the way we had it. Hotels and Hospitality will negotiate the contracts for the hotels. BOD will sign contracts. We will use world convention guideline. There was some discussion on last years issues but vice chair advise to start on clean slate and move forward.

In Loving service-Convention Chair-Darly F.

Old Business

The Qualification for Phone Line Sub committee chair was read. One year clean time. No nomination this month. Alternate Secretary did not show to establish continued serve. No nominations this month for alternate secretary or alternate treasurer.

New Business

- The Convention Committee held elections for subcommittee positions.
- Issue around making sure GSR's know when they come to area that they have the ability to vote on emergency decision so that certain matters do not have to go back to the groups.
- Change the wording of Website coordinator and possible policy change for that. PI to be contact for any website information at this time.

Policy Change:

No policy changes discussed for voted on this month.

Open Forum

-There were no issues held for open forum this month which was a consensus of the GSR body in attendance.

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!!!!!!!!!!

New Freedom Group of NA
24th Anniversary Gathering
Monday, December 4, 2006
Warwick Central Baptist Church
3260 Post Road (Apponaug)
Warwick, RI 02889

Contact Mikey C. 401-556-6399 and Leah K. 837-6723
Free-Feel Free to bring food and a smile. Guest Speakers
Food, Fun, and Fellowship. Hope to see you there.

Road to Recovery
21st Anniversary
Tuesday, December 5, 2006, 7:30pm
Riverside Congregational Church
347 Bullocks Point Ave.
Riverside, RI
Food, Raffle, Fellowship

South Shore Area Service Committee
21st Anniversary Meeting
Saturday December 9th
Pilgrim Congregational Church
Athens Street, North Weymouth
Contact David 617-947-1754b

GPANA Activities Committee
Presents: New Year's Eve Celebrations
Sunday, December 31, 2006
4pm starting

Speaker Jam, Dinner, and Dance

Lymanville VFM

Fruit Hill Avenue

N. Providence, RI

Donation \$6

Contact: Errol H. 226-2417, Sheelah M. 861-5648, and

Jackie L. 215-4467

GPANA Groups, Please donate something. For details contact above names.

The Thirteenth Annual

Dopes On NA Slopes

January 26, 27, 28, 2007

Comfort Inn at Loon, Lincoln, NH

Reservation# 1-888-589-8112

More Information on Flyer or

www.goldcoastna.org

THE GREATER PROVIDENCE AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

WEBSITE www.gpana.org

If you have an NA related Event or Group Anniversary and would like to have it posted on the website, contact the Web Coordinator, Gail L. web@gpana.org or 401-954-6642

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

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.

521-2919

Motions:

11-26-06-01

Submitted by Errol H.

Seconded by Kev V.

Money Motion

Motion: The Activities Committee is respectfully requesting an additional \$250 for food, decorations, and refreshments for our GPA New Year Eve Event. Intent: To create a safe environment for addicts to fellowship on New Years Eve.

This motions must go back to GPA groups to be voted at December Area Service

11-26-06-02

Submitted by Lewis S.

Seconded by Kim L.

Money Motion

Motion: Asking for Policy Change to pay for traveling expenses of the RCM at the rate of 40 cents per mile to be calculated from the RI State House. Funds to be paid as an operational expense and ongoing travel budget.

Intent: To make it easier for future RCM Chair holders to be able to travel to and from region. Also due to increased gas prices.

This motion must go bad to GPA groups to be voted on at December Area Service.

11-26-06-03

Submitted by Claude J.

Seconded by Robin D.

Policy Change

Motion: To Change GPASC PI website guidelines as follows: 1.

Responsibility/Accountability: Web page coordinator appointed by PI and approved by the area to read appointed by PI.

Intent: Groups voted on web position being part of PI subcommittee and not an area position.

This motion must go back to GPA groups to be voted on at December Area Service

9-24-06

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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 an taken back to groups. There were 12 GSR's present that had taken this motion back to groups to be able to vote on this motion during 11-16-06 area meeting. The voting was as follows:

8 in favor

1 against

3 abstained

This motion was passed.

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	open		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					