

# The Greater Providence Area (GPA) Service Committee of NA

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**

**The next meeting will be held on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

## Area Meeting Times:

- Administration: 12:30 to 2:00pm
- Literature Sales: 1:45 to 2:45pm
- H&I Panel Leaders: 1:30 to 2:00pm
- Subcommittees: 2:00 to 3:00pm
- New GSR Orientation: 3:15 to 3:30pm
- Area Service Meeting: 3:30 to 5:30pm

## Area Service Meeting Agenda:

- Meeting called to order / Moment of silence / Service prayer
- Reading of the Twelve Concepts
- Introduction / Roll Call / GSR Report
- Officer reports including: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer
- Regional Committee Member Report
- Board of Directors Report
- Subcommittee Reports including: Activities, Convention, Finance, Hospitals and Institutions, Literature, Phone Line, Policy, Public Information
- Old Business
- New Business
- Motions (submitted at beginning of ASC meeting)
- Open Forum

## Roll Call and GSR Reports:

- Groups in Attendance: How many groups attended? 11 groups attended this meeting

12 Steps in the Old Chapel		Open Minds	
Basic Step Study		Opt 4 Life	
Basic Text		Positive Steps	
Better Life		<u>Ray of Hope</u>	X
Better Way		Recovery and Beyond	
Breakfast Club		Recovery in the Chapel	
Change or Die		Recovery in the Country	
Choose Life		<u>Recovery in the Lake</u>	X
Clean & Crazy		Recovery is More than Abstinence	
Dig Deep		Resurrection	
Faith in Recovery		Road to Recovery	
<u>Gimme Shelter</u>	X	Set Em Free	
Hardcore Recovery		<u>Smith Hill NA</u>	X
HOPE		Start your Night Right	
IP Time		Starting Over	
K.I.S.S.		<u>Step Sisters</u>	X
Late Night		Straight Forward	
<u>Lie is Dead</u>	X	Straight Today	
Living Clean		Stepping Out Wednesday	
<u>Living Free</u>	X	<u>Sunday Serenity/Insanity</u>	X
Love Line		Surrender or Die	
Meeting Street Meeting		<u>Who is an Addict</u>	X
NA in the Day		<u>Why R We Here</u>	X
<u>Never Alone Again</u>	X		
<u>New Life</u>	X		

**Announcements:**

Groups in Need of Support:

- New Associations as of July 1<sup>st</sup> is officially closed. ☹

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Chair (James M)**

- I would like to thank this body for the opportunity of being your GPA Chair and all that I have learned this time around.

ILS  
James M.  
GPA Chair

**Vice Chair (open)**

- Open

**Secretary (Ines G.)**

- Administrative bodies make all reports available to your GPA Secretary within 15 calendar days for timely distribution of minutes. Also, I am only required to send said minutes to absent Executive Bodies not to GSRS this is to encourage group representation at the GPANA.
- **THE STRAIGHT FORWARD GROUP** will be hosting their annual Thanksgiving Day Marathon on Thursday November 24<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 PM to 11:30 PM at 460 PINE STREET, PROVIDENCE RI. Asking groups from the Grater Providence Area to come out and share their experience, strengths and hopes. Your support for this Marathon is greatly appreciated. Our Primary Purpose for this Marathon is to help those who struggle over the Holiday to have the rooms of NA open as an extended family and a safe haven. Food donations are welcomed thank you in advance.

**For more information contact:**

David B. 401-390-5166  
Kevin P. 401-258-5241  
Rosalind M. 401-524-3282

- **GPACNA IX-GREATER PROVIDENCE AREA CONVENTION NA COMMITTEE/Subcommittees:** Needs you looking for help meet monthly every third Sunday of the month at 4:00 PM on 249 Main St. Pawtucket RI (Anchor Recovery Center of Pawtucket).

**For more information on how to get involved contact:**

Chair-: Rosalind M 401-524-3282  
Vice Chair: Rico W. 401-996-0567  
Secretary: Robin D. 401-347-8141

**Treasures Report: (John D)**

**Greater Providence Area Treasurer's Report  
Sep-16**

Description		Income	Expenses	Balance	Check #
<b>* Beginning Operating Balance</b>		<small>(Less Prudent Reserves)</small>		<b>\$6,103.30</b>	
<b>Income</b>	Group Donations	\$488.75			
	literature sales	\$1,193.25			
	BOD for Convention	\$0.00			
	Misc	\$0.00			
<b>Total Income</b>		.		<b>\$1,682.00</b>	
<b>Non-Discretionary Expenses</b>	Rent Expense		\$25.00		2657
	Admin-- Insurance		\$0.00		
	H & I		\$0.00		
	Regional Phoneline		\$82.17		2658

	Secretary		\$0.00	
	Activites Exspences		\$0.00	
	RCM Expenses		\$0.00	
	Literature Expense		\$1,381.39	2659
	meeting lists		\$74.00	2661
	Web Page		\$0.00	
	Total Fixed Expenses		\$1,562.56	
<b>Discretionary Expenses</b>	H&I Subcommittee		\$0.00	
	Free Spirit Area reimbursment		\$300.00	2660
	PI Subcommittee		\$0.00	
	Activities Subcommittee		\$0.00	
	Literature Subcommittee		\$0.00	
	Policy Subcommittee		\$0.00	
	Profession Expenes		\$0.00	
	Regional Donation		\$0.00	
	WSO Donation		\$0.00	
	Convention Committee Lit Order		\$0.00	
	Total Discretionary Expenses		\$300.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<b>\$1,862.56</b>	

**Operating Balance**

**\$5,922.74**

**Plus Prudent Reserves**

Area Prudent Reserve      **\$1,700.00**

Insurance Reserve Balance      **\$1,284.00**

**Total Prudent Reserve**

**\$2,984.00**

**Ending Account Balance**

**\$8,906.74**



		Income	Expenses	Balance	Check #
<b>*Literature Stock Value</b>					
Beginning Balance				\$ 428.35	
Sales	Sept	\$1,193.25			

<b>Restock</b>	World Service	\$1,381.39	2659
	Meeting Lists	\$74.00	2661
	Reg. Meeting Lists		
Ending Balance		<u>\$166.21</u>	

### Group Donations Sept.-16

<b>Gimme shelter</b>	<b>Anon</b>	<b>Breakfast Club</b>
<b>Surrender or Die</b>	<b>Start your Nite right</b>	<b>Ray of hope</b>
<b>Straight forward</b>	<b>The Lie is Dead</b>	<b>Keep it simple Saturday</b>
<b>Loveline</b>	<b>Recovery and beyond</b>	<b>Recovery in the lake</b>
<b>Meeting Street</b>	<b>Smith Hill NA</b>	<b>Never Alone Again</b>
	<b>Recovery at the Chapel</b>	<b>Insanity\Serenity</b>

### RCM Report: (Jim D)

### RCM Report 10/23/16

The Boston Area hosted the October regional weekend at which 10 of the 14 areas were represented. The approval of the minutes was delayed as there was some objection to the published minutes not being a true representation of the August meeting. Specifically, neither reports from the website committee nor the finance committee were included; both of these reports were of special interest to our area. After some lively discussion, a policy motion was passed that requires all subcommittee and area reports be submitted by the Wednesday following the regional meeting. Once the October minutes are distributed they will be available for viewing at nerna.org under 'regional information'.

The finance committee heard our areas concerns regarding how income and expenses are reported and instituted a new system effective at the October meeting. The finance chair was kind enough to send me a copy of their report so that it could be shown at our area meeting and it will be attached to this report. GSRs and other trusted servants of Greater Providence should feel a sense of accomplishment in having effected this change at the regional service body.

The website is another story. Unfortunately, the website chair was ill and not able to attend the regional meeting. In his brief report, which was read, it appeared that he was able to get a great deal of the work done without having to hire an outside vendor. Since he was not present, many questions still remain and once we have those answers, that information will be passed on.

The convention committee is progressing on schedule and looking forward to its next fundraiser which will be held on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 12-11PM @ 455 Island Point Road-Springfield, MA The registration subcommittee is in dire need of assistance! Our own Mike K from Greater Providence is the chair and would very much like assistance. Their next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM right here at 249 Main Street-Pawtucket, RI. Please mention this back at your groups as some people may enjoy being of service with a commitment that ends on March 5, the final day of the convention.

Our RD team traveled to the Multi Zonal Service Symposium in March and they feel it would be good to continue going to this on a rotating basis with the Western Service Learning Days. The RD will be attending the Northeast Zonal Forum this weekend. The RDA is currently living and working in Arizona and joined our meeting via an online hookup. It appears that she has resigned her position as RD as she sent a text announcing that to the regional chair at the very end of the meeting..... more will be revealed in the October minutes.

The next Regional weekend will be hosted by the Metro West Area and will be held on the weekend of December 10-11 – location to be determined.

Subcommittees meet on Saturday at 12 noon, all GPA subcommittee chairs are strongly encouraged to attend. The main regional meeting will be on Sunday at 11:00 AM.

In grateful service,  
Jim D. / Melissa G. - RCM team

## **Finance Committee Minutes**

October 8th, 2016

The meeting started at 12:00 pm. Thank you Boston Area for hosting. Present were:

- Michelle M. – Treasurer
- Jay P. – Assistant Treasurer
- James P. – Finance Member at Large
- Abby E. – Finance Member at Large
- Bernie N. – Finance Member at Large

The starting balance is \$0.00.

Reconciliation of the bank account was done. We received 2 service charges totaling \$6 for the months of August and September.

Group and Area donations totaling \$848.43 were received. RMD Sales were received totaling \$401.68. Insurance Payments for 2016 were received totaling \$1,415.77. Total Deposits = \$2,665.88.

The last of four insurance payments were received by the insurance company and we received a letter stating that the policy is being reinstated without lapse in coverage.

Set Aside transfers were processed (\$761.00 to Insurance, \$792.50 to RD/RDA, \$107.72 to Travel Set Aside). Customary Expenses in the amount of \$702.88 for RMD Postage (\$14.70), RMD printing (\$680) and Secretary Expenses (\$8.18) were paid. A check for \$600 was cut to the Metro West Area to host Region in December. \$17.26 was paid to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for Q3 Sales Tax.

At the last area meeting a check for \$200 was made payable to NERSC for the printing of 2000 meeting lists to go to PR (Motion # 2). This check was misplaced, therefore a new check was cut for the same amount, this check made payable to Christopher M. for the same intent. Furthermore, there were 2 checks made payable to James P. that were misplaced and rewritten again, one for hosting, and one for travel to RSC. These did not change our balance, and is simply included in this report for transparency reasons.

With all set aside transfers and customary expenses paid, our balance is \$-321.48.

\$321.48 was transferred from Prudent Reserve to cover the negative balance.

We are operating under Prudent Reserve at \$2,830.87.

Our opening balance is \$0.00.

ILS,  
Michelle M., Jay P. & the Finance Committee

**NERSC meeting date 10/9/16 Bank Balance as of 9/30/16 \$9,855.81**

<u>Set Asides</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Customary Expenses</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>To deposit</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Prudent Reserve (set at \$3,152.35)	\$2,930.96	bank charges	\$6.00	Group and Area donations	\$848.43
RD/RDA set aside (\$792.50 transfer)	\$5,929.26	NERSC Hosting	\$600	Insurance Payments	\$1,415.77
Insurance set aside (\$761 transfer)	\$1,976.50	Storage		RMD Sales	\$401.68
Unfunded Trusted Servant set aside (\$500)	\$500.00	RMD Printing & postage	\$694.70	Misc.	\$100.09
Website set aside	\$0 .0	PO Box Sales Tax	\$17.26		
		secretary printing	\$8.18		
<b><u>Total of set asides</u></b>	<b>\$11,336.72</b>	<b><u>Total Cust. Expenses</u></b>	<b>\$1,326.14</b>	<b><u>Total deposits</u></b>	<b>\$2,765.97</b>

**Opening General  
Fund Balance** \$0.0

**Opening Prudent  
Reserve** \$2,930.96

<u>Money Motion # - made by</u>	<u>Pay from account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Vote count (y/n/a)</u>	<u>Result</u>
1 - PR	General	participate in New England Assoc. of drug court profes- sionals 11/16-17	\$750.00		Not passed
2 - PR	General	Purchase updated display graphics for presentations	\$645.00		Not passed
3 - PR	General	Literature Restock	\$330.00		Not passed
4 - PR	General	Reimburse for travel to multi-zonal service symposium in Milwaukee	\$570.88		Out of Order

5 - PR	General	Reimburse for travel to PR presentation in Manchester, NH	\$40.32		Not passed
<b><u>Money Motion # - made by</u></b>	<b><u>Pay from account</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Vote count (y/n/a)</u></b>	<b><u>Result</u></b>
6 -PR	Unfunded Travel	Reimburse for travel to August RSC.	\$48.66		Passed
7 - RD/RDA	RD/RDA	Travel to Northeast Zonal Forum.	\$634.10		Passed
8 - Becky C	General	Funded trusted servant of NERSC to attend Western Service Learning Days.	\$643		Not passed
9 - Convention	Unfunded Travel	Reimburse for travel to October RSC .	\$55.58		Passed
10 - H&I	General	Reimbursement for Writing steps in recovery PO Box.	\$134		Passed
11 - Billy L	RD/RDA	Reimburse RDA difference between motion 6 in Aug and actual travel cost.	\$224.60		Not passed
12 -					
13 -					
14 -					
15 -					
Total RD/RDA	\$858.70	Passed RD/RDA Motions	\$634.10		
Total Unfunded Travel Motions	\$104.34	Passed Unfunded	\$104.34	Closing Prudent Res.	\$2,796.96
Total Website Set Aside Motions	\$0.0	Passed Website Set Aside Motions	\$0.0	Closing Gen Fun	\$0.0
Total General Fund Money Motions	\$3,113.20	Passed General Fund Motions	\$134.00	NAWS Donation	\$0.0

## **BOD REPORT (Ray D.)**

The B.O.D. did meet in October and discussions on securing a future hotel site for our up and coming Convention. We are exploring other options at this time also. There are 3 Boar of Directors positions up for elections, 5 years' clean time is required.

ILS  
Ray D.

## **Activities Report**

- Absent

## **Convention report (Ricco)**

- Nov. 20th next meeting

## **Finance Report: (Melissa G)**

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## **H&I: (Johnny F)**

*H and I Subcommittee meeting 10/16/2016*

The subcommittee opened the meeting with service prayer and 12 traditions. There were 2 group reps, 5 panel leaders and 4 main body members.

The panel leaders who attended all gave their reports:

- Adam- Adcare Friday nights all commitment filled
- Ronnie- Phoenix House Friday night all commitments filled
- Charlene – Ottmar commitment filled no issues
- Kelly- Zambarano- commitment was filled
- Mike- Phoenix House Saturday morning all filled no issues
- Marissa- Adcare Wednesday night all filled no issues
- Al- Adcare Saturday night all commitments were filled no issues

The subcommittee continued the discussion about altering the opening statement we use in facilities. After a brief discussion, there was a motion to add the statement "The stories you hear are experiences of the individuals and not necessarily a direct reflection of NA as a whole." Directly after the NA message of hope that an addict, any addict..... The motion passed unanimously.

John informed the subcommittee that corrections minimum security would like to have anyone who is coming into the facility to call the deputy beforehand.

GPA has 65 basic texts left from GPACNA and want to distribute 25 of them directly to the Department of Corrections library and continue to raffle the rest of them behind the walls meetings as they have been doing.

NA members are not to share at the commitments at the Programs that about residents being on Drug Replacement Treatment. Bulletin 29 states we have no opinion about outside issues. We cannot say at the commitment that individuals on DRTs are not clean.

Corrections need more NA members to apply. Panel Leader positions need to be filled. No one is bringing commitments to the womens' facility. Not many women have been cleared to enter the womens' prison facility. Old Business:



There was a motion to distribute the 25 Basic texts and it passed unanimously.

### New Business:

Roger Williams Saturday morning needed to be filled and there was a motion for policy to change to allow multiple panel leaders at one facility. That motion passed unanimously and John and Vinny were nominated and elected to fill in as panel leaders for the Roger Williams Saturday commitment.

New binders were passed out by GPA chair John so each facility uses the exact same binders for commitments and to ensure everyone had the readings. In the new binders in the do's and don'ts section 2 don'ts were added addressing DRT and the way it is discussed in treatment facilities. The additional don'ts were voted on and passed.

Literature didn't have the correct meeting info on this months' order, the subcommittee urged to tell addicts in treatment facilities to call the hotline for meeting confirmation. Changes will be made in next months' meeting lists.

The H and I joint subcommittee ended in the serenity prayer

### Phone Line (Nick)

- Not in attendance

### Policy

- Open

### Public Information Report

- Open

### Website [gpana.org/wordpress](http://gpana.org/wordpress)

- Johnny Wheels has taken up the task to update site and meeting lists information.

Website went live and in a couple of weeks the meeting lists will be up to date and matching the website. Money motion to request payment for previous six (6) months of server service. All local NA functions and fundraisers are now on the website. As part of the service contract the website has email accounts available which can be used by the NA bodies.

### New Motions:

- **Motion (PASSED)**

Date: 10/23/2016

Maker: Melissa G.

Seconded by: John F.

Motion: To be reimbursed \$59.48 for the money box for the treasurer.

Intent: For the Treasurer.

- **Motion (Passed)**

Date: 10/23/2016

Maker: John F.

Seconded by: Ron M.

Motion: Pay \$89.94 six (6) months Website Hosting fee.

Intent: Continue Website Service.

## **Old Business: OPEN POSITIONS**

- Vice-Chair
- Alt. Secretary
- Public Information (PI)
- Policy Chair
- Activities Chair
- Convention open positions:
  - ✓ Treasurer
  - ✓ Alternate Secretary
  - ✓ All subcommittees members are elected within this body.
- Alt Treasurer
- Website

## **New Business:**

- Next Area Meeting will be held on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- POSITIONS TO BE VOTED ON NEXT GPANA MEETING.
  - ✓ VICE-CHAIR
  - ✓ ALT. SECRETARY
  - ✓ ALT. TREASURER
  - ✓ B.O.D. positions

## **Open Forum:**

- ALL SUB-COMMITTEE POSITIONS OPEN IN NOVEMBER.
- Groups need to understand the importance of their GSRs attendance to represent them at the GPANA.

## **Meeting Adjourned**

### **Administrative bodies contact**

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Activities:

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Convention Vice Chair: Reco W.

Area Finance chair: Melissa G. (508)840-0820 [m.gagne27@yahoo.com](mailto:m.gagne27@yahoo.com)

Hospitals and Institutions: (Chair) John F.401.714.9765 [john.fallon1@verizon.net](mailto:john.fallon1@verizon.net)

Area Literature Chair: John C.

## **Addendum 1:**

### **Greater Providence Area Service Committee (GPASC) Administrative Positions:**

- Chairperson Vice Chairperson Secretary
- Alternate Secretary Treasurer
- Alternate Treasurer
- Regional Committee Member (RCM) Alternate RCM
- Board of Directors

### **Qualifications of General Service:**

The following is a suggested list of qualifications for N.A. members who might wish to become involved in the area service structure of the GPA

- A. Willingness and a desire to serve.
- B. A level of recovery that reflects their ability to apply the 12 steps to their personal lives and the twelve traditions to their personal interactions with other.
- C. The ability to give the time and resources necessary to fulfill the obligations of the elected office.
- D. The suggested clean time requirement as established for the individual office.
  - Chairperson Four (4) years
  - Vice Chairperson Three (3) years Secretary One (1) year
  - Alternate Secretary Six (6) months Treasurer Three (3) years Alternate Treasurer Two (2) years RCM Three (3) years
  - Alternate RCM Two (2) years BOD Five (5) years
- E. Prior service experience on a group level and working knowledge of the elected office.

### **Qualifications of the Area CHAIRPERSON:**

- A. The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.
- B. Four (4) years continuous abstinence from all drugs.
- C. Prior service experience as Area Service Committee (ASC) officer, subcommittee CHAIR, or GSR
- D. The ability to conduct an ASC meeting with a firm yet understanding hand.
- E. Sensitivity to the needs of the Area, Region, and N.A. as a whole.
- F. Tolerance and objectivity with those who are unable to see beyond the needs of their groups.
- G. Working knowledge of the Greater Providence Area (GPS) Guidelines and the N.A. 12 Traditions.

### **Responsibilities of the Area CHAIRPERSON:**

- A. Preside over the GPASC meetings and remain throughout.
- B. Set the ASC agenda prior to the ASC meeting. C. Preside over the Area Administrative Committee Meeting.
- D. Maintain the integrity of the GPASC meeting with respect to the GPA Guidelines.
- E. Maintain the GPASC archives.
- F. Conduct orientation including distribution of the Greater Providence Area GSR Introduction Booklet prior to the start of the ASC meeting.
- G. Is available to the GSRs as a resource of information pertaining the ASC meeting.
- H. In the absence of an Administrative Officer (Treasurer, Vice Chair, Secretary, etc.) fulfill or delegate the responsibilities of said office.
- I. Fulfill all reasonable responsibilities that become necessary to collect and distribute information resulting from the ASC meeting.
- J. Compile reports and files from the GPA Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- K. Must be a signer of the GPASC bank account. L. Does not vote at the GPASC meeting.

### **Qualifications of the Area VICE CHAIRPERSON:**

- A. The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.
- B. Three (3) years continuous abstinence from all drugs.
- C. The ability to conduct an ASC meeting with a firm yet understanding hand.
- D. Sensitivity to the needs of the Area, Region, and N.A. as a whole.
- E. Tolerance and objectivity with those who are unable to see beyond the needs of their group.
- F. Working knowledge of the GPA Guidelines and the N.A. 12 Traditions.

### **Responsibilities of the Area VICE CHAIRPERSON:**

- A.** Is a member of the Area Executive Committee, which meets prior to the GPASC meeting.
- B.** In the absence of the Area Chair; preside over the Area Executive Committee; formulate the ASC agenda prior to the ASC meeting; and preside over said meeting, remaining throughout.
- C.** In the absence of the Area Chair, fulfill or delegate the responsibility of any Administrative Officer (i.e. Area Treasurer, Secretary, or Subcommittee Chair).
- D.** In the absence of the Area Chair, conduct the GSR orientation including distribution of Greater Providence Area GSR Introduction Booklet, prior to the start of the ASC meeting.
- E.** Maintain the integrity of the GPASC meeting with respect to the GPA Guidelines, and fulfill all other reasonable responsibilities that the ASC Chair may deem necessary.
- F.** Develop personal knowledge of the inner workings of all ASSC Subcommittees. Act as a resource, and help to maintain the structure, and integrity of all ASC Subcommittees, without being a voting member of those committees.
- G.** In the absence of the Subcommittee Chair fulfill or delegate the responsibility of said office from within that committee. [When applicable.]
- H.** Maintain a line of direct communication between ASC Subcommittees and the ASC Chairperson.
- I.** Assist the Area Chair in conducting the GPASC meeting. Conduct the review and confirmation of Area Subcommittee reports during the ASC meeting and distribute to the Area Secretary at the end of the ASC meeting.
- J.** In the absence of the Area Chair fulfill or delegate all reasonable responsibilities that become necessary to collect and distribute information resulting from the ASC meeting.
- K.** May be a signer of the GPASC bank account. L. In the absence of the Area Treasurer, pick up and distribute all Area mail from the GPA PO box in a timely manner, prior to the GPASC meeting.

### **Qualifications of the Area SECRETARY:**

- A.** The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.
- B.** One (1) year continuous abstinence from all drugs. C. Adequate secretarial skills.

### **Responsibilities of Area SECRETARY:**

- A.** Is a member of the Executive Committee, which meets prior to the GPASC meeting.
- B.** Record attendance at the beginning of the GPASC meeting.
- C.** Compile and maintain a current list of all recipients of the GPASC minutes.
- D.** Provide a brief overview of the prior ASC meeting in a written secretary's report. To be read at the present ASC meeting.
- E.** Tabulate an accurate vote count for motions, to be recorded on the submitted motion form, and to be included in the minutes. Each motion is to include: month, day, year, number (01-22-06-1 is January 22,2006 motion #1).
- F.** Organize and create concise minutes of each GPASC meeting.
- G.** Distribute minutes no later than ten (10) days after the GPASC meeting. Make additional copies available at the next GPASC meeting.
- H.** Distribute a copy of GPASC minutes to the New England Regional Service Committee and the Free Spirit Area.
- I.** Keep an accurate record of GPASC motions and policy created during their term and make copies available at the ASC meeting upon request. Turn this record over the Policy Chair at the end of each term.
- J.** Compile (to be included in the minutes); Groups in Attendance at ASC meeting, and Groups that Donated to the ASC. Provide a Legend of Symbols to facilitate understanding of above lists. (As provided in past minutes.)
- K.** Compile a current Group contact list containing; Group name; GSR name, phone number, mailing address, and email (if available).
- L.** Provide a current list of Administrative Officers names and phone numbers to be published in the GPASC minutes.
- M.** Provide a Group Announcement page to be published in the Area minutes.
- N.** May vote on administrative motions only.
- O.** Care for and maintain the laptop provided for the Area Secretary position.
- P.** Maintain the supply of ASC forms (subcommittee report, motion, and announcement) and makes these available at the ASC meeting.

### **Qualifications of the ALTERNATE Area SECRETARY**

The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.

- A.** Six (6) months continuous abstinence from all drugs.
- B.** Adequate secretarial skills.

### **Responsibilities of the ALTERNATE SECRETARY:**

- A.** Assist the GPA Area Secretary in performance of all previously stated responsibilities.
- B.** In the absence of the Area Secretary, and at the direction of the Area Chair, perform the ASC Secretary responsibilities.
- C.** Is not required to relinquish concurrent GSR position (if applicable).
- D.** Attend all GPASC meetings.

**Qualifications of the Area TREASURER:**

- A. The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.
- B. Three (3) years of continuous abstinence from all drugs.
- C. Bookkeeping and/or accounting skills.
- D. Ability to organize and keep financial records.

**Responsibilities of the Area TREASURER:**

- A. Accept Group donations during Literature Sales prior to the GPASC meeting.
- B. Accept the money from sales during Literature Sales prior to the GPASC meeting.
- C. Report at the GPASC on donations, other revenue, and expenditures from the previous month's ASC meeting. Provide a written copy of said report for inclusion in the ASC minutes. (E.g. June ASC minutes will contain May ASC Treasury report.)
- D. Maintain and keep an accurate balance on the ASC checking account.
- E. Pay all bills as needed.
- F. Keep accurate and careful record of all Area financial transactions, including receipts of all monies paid and collected.
- G. Care for and maintain the laptop provided for the Area Treasurer position.
- H. Coordinate with the Finance Subcommittee Chair as needed. (Tax filing and payment, yearly budget, etc.)
- I. Prepare an Annual Budget for the GPASC.
- J. Collect mail from the GPASC PO box prior to the monthly ASC.

**Qualifications of the ALTERNATE Area T REASURER:**

- A. The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.
- B. Two (2) years of continuous clean time from all drugs.
- C. Bookkeeping and/or accounting skills.
- D. Ability to organize and keep financial records.

**Responsibilities of the ALTERNATE TREASURER:**

- A. Assist the GPA Treasurer in performance of all previously stated responsibilities.
- B. In the absence of the Area Treasurer, and at the direction of the Area Chair, perform the ASC Treasurer responsibilities.
- C. Attend all GPASC meetings.

**Qualifications of the REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER (RCM):**

- A. The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.
- B. Three (3) years continuous abstinence from all drugs.
- C. Prior experience as a GSR and/or completion of one or more terms in an area-level elected office.
- D. Communication and organizational skills and has displayed significant leadership skills.
- E. Objectivity and tolerance with those who are unable to see beyond the needs of their areas.
- F. Working knowledge of GPA Guidelines and the N.A. 12 Traditions.

**Responsibilities of the REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER (RCM):**

- A. Attend each meeting of the Regional Service Committee (RSC) and GPASC.
- B. If unable to attend an RSC or GPASC meeting it is essential to ask the Alternate RCM to assume said responsibilities.
- C. Suggested involvement with a Regional Subcommittee to promote the RCM participations with the region.
- D. In keeping with the Seventh Tradition of N.A., deliver the Area donation to the Region.
- E. Carry Greater Providence Area Conscience on all matters affecting the GPA or N.A. as a whole.
- F. Keep the Region informed in a written report of all GPA activities, strengths, and problems.
- G. Inform the G.P.A. in a written report of all business, activities, all finances and special needs discussed at the R.S.C. meeting.
- H. Chair a special session of the ASC to vote on the World Service Committee (WSC) agenda report.
- I. Distribute informational flyers at the ASC meeting (Distribution thereafter is left to the discretion of the RCM.)

**Qualifications of the ALTERNATE REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER (ALT RCM):**

- A. The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.
- B. Two (2) years continuous abstinence from all drugs.
- C. Previous GPASC service experience.
- D. Communication and organizational skills and has displayed significant leadership skills.
- E. Objectivity and tolerance with those who are unable to see beyond the needs of their areas.

## **Responsibilities of the ALTERNATE REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER:**

### **Qualifications of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) MEMBER:**

- A.** The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.
- B.** Five (5) years continuous abstinence from all drugs. [Motion 5-25-97-3] Bookkeeping and/or accounting skills.
- C.** Ability to organize and keep financial records.
- D.** A Board Member may not hold another area-level financial position.

### **Responsibilities of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) MEMBER:**

- A.** Make sure that the GPA tax returns are filed.
- B.** Take care of legal problems/fund misappropriation. C. File yearly RI state sales tax.
- D.** Receive the monthly report from the Finance Subcommittee Chair (or Area Treasurer if there is no Finance Chair).
- E.** Attend an annual BOD meeting.
- F.** Coordinate storage and maintenance of legal documents.

### **Suggested Qualifications of the GROUP SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (GSR):**

The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.

- A.** One (1) year continuous abstinence from all drugs.
- B.** Prior service experience serving as an Alternate GSR.
- C.** Active participation in the group they are representing.
- D.** Knowledge of the GPANA service structure.

### **Suggested Responsibilities of the GROUP SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (GSR):**

- A.** Attend each meeting of the GPASC.
- B.** If unable to attend the ASC meeting, asks the Alternate GSR, or in the Alternate's absence, another group member to assume the GSR responsibilities.
- C.** Suggested participation with and Area subcommittee to promote the GSR involvement with GPA.
- D.** In keeping with the Seventh Tradition, and Second Concept of N.A., bring group donation to the ASC Treasurer.
- E.** Carry Group Conscience on all matters affecting their group or N.A. as a whole.
- F.** Inform the GPA of all Group activities, strengths, and problems.
- G.** Inform the Group of all business, activities, and special needs discussed at ASC meetings.
- H.** Attend each meeting of the RSC and the GPASC.
- I.** Suggested participation with a Regional Subcommittee to promote the Alternate RCM involvement with the Region
- J.** Vice Chair a special session of the GPASC to vote on the WSC Agenda Report.
- K.** In the absence of the RCM, assume the responsibilities of the RCM stated above.

## **Subcommittee Officers: Qualifications & Responsibilities**

### **Greater Providence Area Service Committee (GPASC) Subcommittees:**

- Activities Finance
- Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) Literature
- Phone Line Policy
- Public Information Convention

### **Subcommittee Positions: Chairperson**

- Vice Chairperson Secretary
- Treasurer (if necessary) Others as needed

### **Qualifications of General Service:**

The following is a suggested list of qualifications for N.A. members who might wish to become involved in the area service structure of the GPA

- A.** Willingness and a desire to serve.
- B.** A level of recovery that reflects their ability to apply the twelve steps to their personal lives and the twelve traditions to their personal interactions with others.
- C.** The ability to give the time and resources necessary to fulfill the obligations of the elected office.
- D.** The suggested clean time requirement as established for the individual office.
- E.** Prior service experience on a group level and working knowledge of the elected office.
- F.** Out-going chair will work with in-coming chair for one month. To ensure a smooth transition.

### **Qualifications for GPASC Subcommittee Officers:**

- A.** The stated Qualifications of General Service apply to these positions.
- B.** Clean time requirements for subcommittee officers: Activities, H&I, Literature, Phone Line, Policy, PI:  
Chairperson Two (2) years  
Finance: Chairperson Five (5) year's Convention: Chairperson Five (5) years  
Vice Chairperson Four (4) years Treasurer Five (5) years Secretary Two (2) years

### **Responsibilities of the ACTIVITIES SUBCOMMITTEE:**

- A.** In keeping with the 12 Traditions of N.A., provide celebrations of recovery in order to promote unity throughout the Fellowship.
- B.** Proceeds from all activities are placed in the general ASC treasury.
- C.** Provide a calendar of upcoming activity events for inclusion in the Area minutes.
- D.** Inform surrounding Areas and Regions of upcoming major events planned by the GPA.
- E.** Meet one hour prior to the ASC meeting and as often as the subcommittee deems necessary.
- F.** Attend the GPASC meeting, provide a verbal subcommittee report to the service body and a written report for inclusion in the Area minutes.

### **Responsibilities of the FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE:**

- A.** Review all financial statements—past, present, and future—to help guide the Area to financial responsibility.
- B.** Assist the Area Treasurer in compiling quarterly balance sheets, profit and loss statements.
- C.** In keeping with the Seventh Tradition of N.A., works with the Area Treasurer to formulate an Area budget, with expenses not to exceed the income generated by the Area.
- D.** Oversee all expenses and research alternatives in order to curtail unnecessary expenses.
- E.** Fulfill all other responsibilities that the GPASC deems necessary.
- F.** Meet one hour prior to the GPASC meeting and as often as the Finance Subcommittee deems necessary.
- G.** Attend the GPASC meeting, provide a verbal subcommittee report to the service body and a written report for inclusion in the Area minutes.

### **Responsibilities of the HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS (H&I) SUBCOMMITTEE:**

- A.** In keeping with the Fifth Tradition of N.A., carry the message to the addict unable to attend regularly scheduled meetings.
- B.** Coordinate and distribute specific H&I commitment to hold meetings at existing facilities and to be keenly aware that all said obligations are fulfilled.
- C.** Research and develop as many new institutional meetings as possible.
- D.** Provide a monthly account to the GPASC of all literature disbursed.
- E.** Meet one hour prior to the GPASC meeting and as often as the subcommittee deems necessary to fulfill its responsibility.
- F.** Elect an H&I Correctional Facilities Coordinator, accountable to the GPA H&I Subcommittee.
- G.** Attend the GPASC meeting, provide a verbal subcommittee report to the service body and a written report for inclusion in the Area minutes.

### **Responsibilities of the LITERATURE SUBCOMMITTEE:**

- A.** In keeping with the Sixth Tradition of N.A., maintain an accurate inventory of literature on hand to supply all the needs of the GPA.
- B.** Coordinate the sales, and inventory count and reorder, of the literature inventory.
- C.** Meet prior to the GPASC meeting to sell literature to groups and as often as the subcommittee deems necessary.
- D.** Review and supply input on literature submitted by the World Service Committee Literature Committee (WSCLC).
- E.** Submit literature to the WSCLC from Area groups and individual addicts.
- F.** Make the starter kit:  
One (1) of each  
One (1) Group booklet  
One (1) group starter kit checklist Fifty (50) meeting lists
- G.** To have access to a computer in order to maintain inventory.
- H.** Attend the GPASC meeting, provide a verbal subcommittee report to the service body and a written report for inclusion in the Area minutes.

### **Responsibilities of the PHONE LINE SUBCOMMITTEE:**

- A.** Maintain lines of communication between N.A. and the answering, and/or any other phone service used by the GPA.
- B.** Respond to all requests for information in a timely and effective manner.
- C.** Insure that those requests are handled at the appropriate level of service.
- D.** Maintain helpline and Twelve Step call list.
- E.** Establish and maintain the integrity of guidelines for handling phone line requests.
- F.** Meet one hour prior to the GPASC meeting and as often as the Phone Line Subcommittee deems necessary.
- G.** Attend the GPASC meeting, provide a verbal subcommittee report to the service body and a written report for inclusion in the Area minutes.

### **Responsibilities of the POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE:**

- A.** Research and seek guidance in gaining a better understanding of the 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts of N.A. and WSC guidelines, bulletins, and other information as it is developed.
- B.** Develop ASC policy to be considered for approval by GPA groups.
- C.** Compile and maintain all approved policy.
- D.** Maintain past and present motion lists organized by position and subcommittee.
- E.** Review all past and present motions (and all other business) that require clarification.
- F.** Meet one hour prior to the GPASC meeting and as often as the subcommittee deems necessary to fulfill its responsibilities.
- G.** Attend the GPASC meeting, provided a verbal subcommittee report to the service body and a written report for inclusion to the Area minutes.

### **Responsibilities of the PUBLIC INFORMATION (PI) SUBCOMMITTEE:**

- A.** Uphold the integrity of the Eleventh Tradition of N.A.
- B.** Maintain: Distribution and sales of meeting lists to rehabilitation centers as well as the general public. Review, update, and oversee the publishing of the Area meeting list as often as the Area deems necessary.
- C.** Arrange all public information speaker commitments.
- D.** Conduct a minimum of one public information workshop per year.
- E.** Meet one hour prior to the GPASC meeting and as often as the subcommittee deems necessary to fulfill its responsibilities.
- F.** Elect a Web Coordinator responsible to the PI Subcommittee.
- G.** Attend GPASC meeting, provide a verbal subcommittee report to the service body and a written report for inclusion in the Area minutes.

All Greater Providence Area Convention Executive Committee positions will be nominated and elected at the GPASC meeting. This is to take place in July prior to the beginning of the Convention cycle.

### **Purpose**

The Convention Subcommittee Executive committee executes the conscience of the overall committee. It functions as the administrative committee of the convention and holds separate, periodic and special-subcommittee meetings. Its function is to ensure that the various subcommittees work together and to assist subcommittees that may need extra help. The Executive Committee also makes regular reports to the Area Service Committee sponsoring the convention. The members of the Executive Committee discuss the performance of Subcommittees as well as the convention budget and other matters that affect the convention. The results of these discussions are included in reports at the convention committee meetings.

## **Qualifications of General Service for Convention Subcommittee Officers:**

### **Clean time requirements for Convention Subcommittee Officers:**

- A.** Chairperson Five (5) years
- B.** Vice Chairperson Four (4) years Treasurer Five (5) years Secretary Two (2) year
- C.** Subcommittee Chairs Two (2) years
  - Working knowledge of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of N.A.
  - Willingness to give the time and resources necessary.
  - Ability to exercise patience and tolerance.
  - Active participation in Narcotics Anonymous.

### **Qualifications of the GPA Convention Subcommittee CHAIR:**

- A.** Five (5) years continuous clean time.
- B.** Demonstrated stability in the local N.A. community.
- C.** Administrative abilities.

### **Responsibilities of the GPA Convention Subcommittee CHAIR:**

- A.** Organize subcommittees, and delegate major tasks to specific subcommittees. Stay informed of the activities of each subcommittee, & provide help when needed.
- B.** Helps resolve personality conflicts.
- C.** Keeps activities within the principles of the Twelve Traditions of N.A. and in accord with the purpose of the convention.
- D.** Monitors the fund flow and overall convention costs, and helps organize the subcommittee budgets. Prepares a budget for the Executive Committee function.
- E.** Prevents important questions from being decided prematurely, in order to foster understanding by the entire committee prior to action.
- F.** Allows the subcommittees to do their jobs while providing guidance and support. Only major issues need be brought to the Convention Committee meeting. Subcommittees should be given trust and encouragement to use their own judgment.
- G.** Prepares the agenda for Convention Committee meetings and Executive Committee meetings.
- H.** Votes only to break a tie.
- I.** Chairs the Convention Committee meeting as well as the convention.
- J.** Gives a monthly detailed report—in person to the body at the GPASC meeting and in writing for inclusion in the Area minutes—to the supporting Area Service Committee. Included in this report: all committee activities and all financial activity.



### **Qualifications of the GPA Convention Subcommittee VICE CHAIR:**

- A.** Four (4) years continuous clean time.
- B.** In order to serve as a liaison between the subcommittees and hosting community, must demonstrate approachability and familiarity with all committee members.

### **Responsibilities of the GPA Convention Subcommittee VICE CHAIR:**

- A.** Acts as Chair if the Convention Chair is unavailable.
- B.** Coordinates subcommittees and attends subcommittee meetings, in order to ensure that they get the necessary support to do a good job.
- C.** Works closely with the Chair to help delegate responsibilities to subcommittee Chairs.
- D.** Makes a report to the hosting service committee on the progress of convention planning.

### **Qualifications of the GPA Convention Subcommittee SECRETARY:**

- A.** Two (2) years continuous clean time.
- B.** Accurate typing ability.
- C.** Demonstrated responsibility that indicates ability to ensure that accurate minutes are distributed to the Convention Committee Members.

### **Responsibilities of the GPA Convention Subcommittee SECRETARY:**

Keeps minutes of each Convention Committee meeting and all subcommittee reports. Mails minutes to committee members after approval by the Executive Committee Chairperson. Minutes are mailed out within ten days after the Convention Committee meeting. An agenda for the next meeting may be attached to the minutes if it will help the committee function. Maintains a list of names, addresses, and phone numbers of committee members for committee use. Keeps extra sets of minutes, updated after each committee meeting, for members who request a complete set. Communicates to the local NA membership regarding the progress and planning of the convention. Assists all committees in mailing and correspondence. Mails a copy of the minutes to the Greater Providence Area Service Committee.

### **Qualifications of the GPA Convention Subcommittee TREASURER:**

- A.** Five (5) years continuous clean time.
- B.** Demonstrated stability in the local N.A. community.
- C.** Accounting skills. Service experience with conventions or other large scale Fellowship activities.
- D.** Accessibility to other committee members, especially the Registration Subcommittee.

### **Responsibilities of the GPA Convention Subcommittee TREASURER:**

**A.** Opens a bank account for the Convention Committee. Usually the signatures required for the account are any two of the four signatories (Convention Subcommittee Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. The cards and account information are filled out at the committee meeting.)

**B.** Works with the Chair and Vice Chair to prepare a budget for the convention that is used for planning fund-raising activities. The budget is based on the subcommittee's recommendations as to the monies they will need to carry out their tasks. The budget can be a rough estimate at the beginning of the planning, and revised as the convention draws near. When all of the financial needs of the subcommittees are listed and totaled, the income should be outlined: one source of income comes from fund-raisers, and the second from registrations.

**C.** Writes all checks and is responsible for collecting receipts from subcommittees for money paid out.

**D.** Responsible for all monies—including revenues from registration and banquet tickets: pays all bills; and advises the Chair on cash supply, income flow, and rate of expenditures.

**E.** Reviews subcommittee reports for departures from the financial plan not mentioned in the original budget so that an accurate budget can be maintained. This information is included in the Treasurer's report.

**F.** Each check should require two signatures. Additionally, a complete Treasurer's report within three months after the convention should be submitted to the sponsoring service committee along with fund distribution. Many convention committees also have the report audited as a further safeguard of convention funds.

**G.** A periodic review of all financial records should be made by the sponsoring service area. The records should be reviewed at the time of the actual fund distribution in accordance with the Treasurer's financial statement requirements.