

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

June 25th, 2017

The next meeting will be held on July 23rd, 2017

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 Reports
- Officers 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: 10 groups represented

12 Steps in the Old Chapel	New Life
Basic Step Study	Open Minds
Basic Text	Opt 4 Life
Better Life	Positive Steps
Better Way	Ray of Hope
Breakfast Club	Recovery and Beyond
Change or Die	Recovery in the Chapel
Choose Life	Recovery in the Country
Clean & Crazy	Recovery in the Lake
Cookies in Recovery	Recovery is More than Abstinence
Dedication	Resurrection
Dig Deep	Road to Recovery
Faith in Recovery	Set Em Free
Gimme Shelter	Smith Hill NA
Hardcore Recovery	Start your Night Right
HOPE	Starting Over
IP Time	Step Sisters
K.I.S.S.	Straight Forward
Late Night	Straight Today
Lie is Dead	Stepping Out Wednesday
Living Clean	Sunday Serenity/Insanity
Living Free	Surrender or Die
Love Line	Tuesday Not Use Day
Meeting Street Meeting	Who is an Addict
Men with a Spirit	Why R We Here
NA in the Day	
Never Alone Again	

Announcements:

- New Associations as of July 1st 2016, is officially closed. ☹
- GPACNA IX - 2018
 - Registration Chair: Lilly B. (401) 516-1763
 - Vice Chair: Pam F. (401) 559-7401
 - Email; gpacnaIX@gmail.com
 - Please use a separate registration form for each person, and make checks payable to GPACNA IX
 - Mail registrations forms to: P. O. Box 29493 Providence, RI 029009
- **AUGUST 13TH – SOUTH SIDE UNITY PICNIC NEED VOLUNTEERS HELP WITH INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SETTING UP, COOKING, AND CLEAN UP.** Please bring this call for volunteers back to your groups.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Chair (James M)

- Hi everyone:
First and foremost, this body will not put up with any disrespect like last months. Our Tenth Concept encourages us to treat each other with respect in the service environment and provide us with the means of making amend when we wrong others. "Any member of a service body can petition that body for the redress of a personal grievance, without fear of reprisal."

ILS, James M

GPANA Chair

PS: To all GPANA meeting if you don't have a GSR your group Secretary should be representing your groups.

1. Group starter kit motion 0123201703 will have:
 - a. 5 of each IP
 - b. 1 set of group readings
 - c. 25 meeting lists
2. Could not find any information on money to help the groups.
3. ASC Meeting Motion 123020010 states:
That any interference during an ASC meeting will be addressed by the Chair to come to a halt. If after this warning the individual(s) continue to interrupt (S)he will be asked to leave the meeting. If havoc continues, the chair will stop the meeting until the individual(s) leave. If said individual(s) and/or havoc/disruption continues the meeting will be closed for the day.
4. We have to go by the rules of the place we are meeting at, so please remember when having an event someone from the property should also be present at said event.

Vice Chair (Cyndi W.)

Secretary (Ines G.)

- Administrative bodies please make all reports available within **10** calendar days for timely GPANA Minutes distribution, however, the Minutes will be distributed within the 15th calendar day mark as voted two years ago just before I filled this position. I am only required to send said minutes to absent Executive Bodies not to GSRS this is to encourage group representation at the GPANA.
- **GPACNA IX-GREATER PROVIDENCE AREA CONVENTION NA COMMITTEE-Subcommittees:** Needs you; looking for help, meets 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. Tel. (401) 524-3282 Vice Chair: Rico W. Tel. (401) 996-0567

- GSRs please make sure you write on the sign in sheet the group that you are representing.

Literature Report: (John C.):

- See finance Report for sales info.

Treasures Report: John D.

Greater Providence Area Treasurer's Report

May-17

Description	Income	Expenses	Balance	Check #
Beginning Operating Balance		(Less Prudent Reserves)	\$472.29	
Income	Group Donations	\$611.54		
	literature Sales	\$1,919.46		
	Convention Committee	\$0.00		
	Miscellaneous	\$0.00		
Total Income		.	\$2,531.00	
Non-Discretionary Expenses	Rent Expense		\$25.00	2702
	Admin		\$0.00	
	Secretary of State		\$0.00	
	Regional Phonenumber		\$59.13	2703
	Meeting list		\$148.00	2704-2706
	Activities Expenses		\$0.00	
	NERSC Insurance		\$0.00	
	Literature Expense		\$824.40	2705
	Tres. Expense		\$0.00	
	Web Page		\$0.00	
	Total Fixed Expenses		\$1,056.53	
Discretionary Expenses	FSA H&I reimbursement		\$400.00	2707
	H & I Corrections		\$0.00	
	PI Subcommittee		\$0.00	
	Activities Subcommittee		\$0.00	
	Literature Subcommittee		\$0.00	
	Policy Subcommittee		\$0.00	
	Profession Expenses		\$0.00	
	Regional Donation		\$0.00	
	WSO Donation		\$0.00	
	Convention Committee Lit Order		\$0.00	
	Total Discretionary Expenses		\$400.00	
Total Expenses			\$1,456.53	

Operating Balance **\$1,546.76**

Convention Set aside **2000**

Plus, Prudent Reserves

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

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

Set-aside **\$2,000.00**

Total Prudent Reserve **\$2,984.00**

Ending Account Balance **\$6,530.76**



			Income	Expenses	Balance	Check #
*Literature Stock Value						
Beginning Balance					\$(978.00)	
Sales	May		\$1,919.46			
Restock	World Service			\$824.40		2705
	Meeting Lists			\$148.00		2704-2706
Ending Balance					-\$30.94	

Group Donations May 2017

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| <p>Recovery and Beyond
 Faith in Recovery
 Surrender or Die
 Recovery is more than abst
 Loveline
 Meeting Street
 Men with a Vision</p> | <p>Sunday Serenity/Insanity
 Dedications
 The Lie is Dead
 Hope group
 Smth Hill NA
 Recovery at the Chapel
 Na in the Day</p> | <p>Cookies and Recovery
 Step Sisters
 why r we here
 Recovery at the Lake
 Never Alone Again
 ANON</p> |
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RCM Report 6/25/17

The region had its regional weekend, hosted by the Southeastern Mass area on June 10th and 11th in Taunton, MA. Eleven of the fourteen-member areas were present. The Boston Area reported that their convention will be held on January 12-14 at the Park Plaza Hotel and the room rate is \$119/night. Cape Cod reported that their Fun in the Sun event may not be going forward this year.... more will be revealed. The Central Mass area says they should have a facility available in the next two weeks for hosting the August regional weekend. Their RCM assured the body that the facility being considered was fully accessible. Greater Worcester reports that both the treasurer and assistant treasurer positions have been filled and they are requesting the regional fellowship development committee to do a presentation in their area. Martha's Vineyard reported that their Celebration of Recovery in May went very well; they made a \$1,500 donation to region and \$1,500 to NAWS. MVA has also started their own phonenumber (866-MVNANOW) using Grasshopper Phonenumber Service. Northeast Mass reports that an alternate RCM was elected and they will be having their area elections in June. Pioneer Valley reports 9 groups in attendance at their area meetings, had a "great" flier hanging day and are continuing to work with Western Mass on some issues such as PR. Southeast Mass reports that their area anniversary will be held in July and that their convention committee is considering a different hotel for its convention in 2 years. South Shore reported that have an average of 14 GSRs in attendance at their area meetings. They have 40 literature racks across the area which are supported by the groups. They expressed concerns about the website having been down for a number of days. Western Mass reports that their convention will be held August 17-19, 2018 at the Marriott in Springfield. They are now using QuickBooks for their accounting. There was some confusion about the motion related to the future of the convention and it is being sent back to groups.

The Treasurer reported a starting balance of \$13,499.90 (more detailed treasurers report will be in the regional minutes when they are released and can be viewed by going to NERNA.org and searching under 'regional information').

The convention committee reported that 6 members were present at their meeting and a vice chair, secretary and Hotels and Hospitality chair were elected. They said they need better accessibility to the storage facility and that 5 banners were missing at the last convention. They discussed having a room of meetings at the convention be dedicated to service issues, similar to how all the meetings are at a service symposium.

Fellowship Development is putting in a motion to have their chair serve in the same terms as the delegate team as they tend to work together during the conference cycle. Their committee would have a chair-elected by the regional body, a co-facilitator, recorder and members at large. They were able to purchase a laptop for \$277 from the \$500 which was set aside for this purpose. They will be asking the body to send a representative from their committee to the Western Service Learning Days in October to assist the RDA.

H&I reported that 3 areas were in attendance at their meeting and Boston continues to have an issue with a "rogue" commitment at a correctional facility there.

Insurance reported 6 requests for certificates.

Policy mentioned about the motion that fellowship development was submitting.

PR/Phonenumber did not have the person present to discuss the new phonenumber and as such it will be discussed at the August meeting.

Website was down for a time since the last area, no website person was at the meeting so please check the regional minutes when available for more info on this.

The Delegate team hosted the Zonal Forum in April at the host hotel in Sturbridge, MA at the Host Hotel more info on this can be found at NEZF.org and in our regional minutes.

Please read the regional minutes for more detailed information, especially treasurer and finance.

A motion was made by our area to discontinue the area rotational hosting of the regional meetings as this regional venue (in Taunton, MA) was not accessible and it is the fourth time this has happened in the last 2 years. The motion asks that a centrally located, handicapped accessible facility be used rather than risking having regional meetings at locations that are not available to all in our fellowship. The chair sent this motion back to areas.

Elections were held at the end of the meeting and the following positions are still open: Secretary and Assistant Secretary, Finance Chair and 3 at large finance committee members, literature chair and website chair.

The next regional meeting will be hosted by the Central Mass Area on August 12th and 13th at a location to be determined. Subcommittees meet on Saturday at 12 noon and the main regional meeting will be at 11 am on Sunday. All GPA subcommittee chairs are strongly encouraged to attend their respective subcommittee's meeting on Saturday.

In grateful service, Jim D. – RCM

nercna.org for Regional information such as minutes with financial reports and other information.

BOD REPORT ()

- BOD was present at the Convention Fundraiser on June 3rd. It was a success and great time had by all. A situation occurred which was handled with love and respect.

Convention Committee held its meeting at the Crown Plaza on June 10th, so all members could have a walk through and work to finalize the brochures. We continue to renew all contracts for Convention.

Corporation papers for Area was filled (Annual Report). The BOD will be meeting July 7th for our annual meeting and elections will be held.

ILS, Wanda B.

Activities Report (Shannon) Voted onto this position by GPANA body on this day 06/25/2017.

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Convention report (Rosalind)

- Please see attachment to read said report.

Finance Report: (Open)

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H&I: (Johnny F):

- Verbal report given.

Phone Line (Nick S.)

- No phone calls to report.

Policy - Nichole H.

- Due to work responsibilities and lack of information availability to update policies she is unable to fulfill this position. James M. will get in touch with Nichole to get whatever paperwork she may have.

Public Information Report (open)



Website Chair (John F.): www.gpana.org/wordpress

- Verbal report given.

Motions:

- **Motion 06252017-01**

Date: June 25th, 2017

Maker: Wanda B.

Seconded by: Robert S.

Motion: To continue being the BOD president due to lack of position being filled and willingness to continue to serve.

Intent: To continue business needed to oversee Convention Committee and other pertinent responsibilities.

- **Motion**

Date:

Maker:

Seconded by:

Motion:

Intent:

- **Motion**

Date:

Maker:

Seconded by:

Motion:

Intent:

Old Business:

GPANA open position

- ✓ Alternate Secretary
- ✓ Alternate Treasurer
- ✓ Alternate RCM
- ✓ PI Chair

Convention open positions:

- ✓ **Secretary**
- ✓ **Alternate Secretary**

New Business:

- ✓ Next GPANA meeting is on July 23rd, 2017
- ✓ Shannon voted new GPANA Activities Chair.

Open Forum:

Meeting Adjourned

Due to the lack of GSR's
consistent attendance the matter
of voting to change the clean
time requirements from two
years to one year for the
Convention Secretary and
Alternate Secretary will be
tabled till further notice, this is
to follow and respect policy as
they stand. Please note if your
groups do not have a GSR it
falls on the groups secretary to
fulfill this position at the Area
Meeting.

Administrative bodies contact

- Chair: James M. (401)516.3863
- Vice Chair:
- Secretary: Ines G. (401)837-3740 writeorreadme@yahoo.com
- Website: Acting John F.
- Treasurer: John D. (401) 640.145 john.delicio03@gmail.com
- Board of Directors:
- Regional Committee Member (RCM): Jim D (401) 261.5473 jimd12102008@aol.com
- Alternate RCM Melissa G (508)840-0820 m.gagne27@yahoo.com
- Activities:
- Policy: Nichole H. (774)216.1561 nhennigan1990@gmail.com
- Convention Chair: Rosalind A. M. rosalindwallace1995@gmail.com
- Convention Vice Chair: Reco W.
- Area Finance chair: Melissa G. (508)840-0820 m.gagne27@yahoo.com
- Hospitals and Institutions: (Chair) John F. (401) 714.9765 john.fallon1@verizon.net
- Area Literature Chair: John C (401) 286.4662.
- Phone Line: Nick C. (401) 225.7692

Addendum

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:

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- 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 an 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 fills; 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.