

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

The next meeting will be held on Sunday November 22, 2020

Area Meeting Times:

- Administration: 12:00 to 1:30pm
- Literature Sales: 1:00 to 2:45pm
- H&I Panel Leaders: 1:30 to 2:30pm
- 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

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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GSR'S IN ATTENDANCE FOR GROUPS ARE HIGHLIGHTED GSR'S IN ATTENDANCE: 12

The 107 Club *	On a Mission
Better Way	Recovery and Beyond
Breakfast Club	Recovery on the Beach
Clean and Serene	Recovery in the Chapel
Cookies and Recovery	Recovery in the Country
Dedication moved time to 6:00pm hybrid	Recovery in the Lake
Dig Deep	Recovery is More than Abstinence
Edgewood NA	Regardless of Sexual Identity
Faith in Recovery	Resurrection
Free at Last	Rockets in Recovery
Frightening Bottoms	Serenity/Insanity
Foundations for Success	Serenity Maniacs
Gimme Shelter	Serenity Plus
Grow or Go	Serenity Seekers
Hardcore Recovery	Smith Hill NA
H.O.P.E.	Start Your Nite Right
Hope Not Dope	Step Sisters
IP Time	Steppin' Out Wednesday Night
Just for Tuesday Morning	Steps in the Chapel
KISS celebrating 33rd anniv sat oct 31st virtually	Steps to Freedom
Late Nite NA	Straight Forward

Learn to Live	Surrender or Die
The Lie is Dead	The Text Message
Little Rhody	Under the Bridge
Living Free	Who is an Addict?
Loveline	Why R We Here? Haven church 200 taunton avenue hybrid meeting
The Meditation Meeting	Why Not Men's Group
Men with a Vision	Straight Today *
The Message of Hope	New Life
NA in the Day	Opt for Life
Never Alone Group	Warehouse Meeting
NA in NA	Water Place
New Freedom meeting in person	
New Normal	

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Chair (Bill H.)

We discussed a few things in the executive committee meeting, but I will let the subcommittee chairs explain that in their reports. I will be reaching out to the church that area is held at and get a little bit of clarification for when we do decide to open things back up. I'm excited for today with elections.

ILS,
Bill H

Vice Chair (Chelsea B.)

no report

Secretary (Mollie B.)

no report

Literature Report: (Victoria M.):

We are still not doing literature sales. I would like to have another show of hands for how many groups are meeting and purchasing literature. (0 groups raised their hands)

As far as buying supplies, I haven't been able to get a second signature on the check yet so I haven't bought the supplies from last months motion. I do have some disinfectant spray on hold.

The literature committee and I have gone over the document I drafted for how Literature Sales will be started back up.

With elections coming up, I'm still taking suggestions for someone to begin training for the position. if anyone has suggestions please let me know.

ILS,
Victoria M

Treasurer's Report: (Rosalind M.)

Greater Providence ASC Treasurer Report

Report Date: 11/22/2020

Bank Statement Closing Date:	<u>11/22/2020</u>	Closing Balance:	<u>\$8,527.64</u>
Set Aside and Reserve Accounting		Total outstanding debits:	<u>\$1,432.84</u>
Activities Set Aside:	<u>\$250.00</u>	Total of any unreconciled Deposits:	<u>\$0.00</u>
Insurance Reserve:	<u>\$1,284.00</u>	Set Aside Funds:	<u>\$3,634.00</u>
Prudent Reserve:	<u>\$1,700.00</u>		
Set Aside Total:	<u>\$3,634.00</u>		

Beginning Operating Funds: \$3,460.80

INCOME

Total Group and individual Literature Purchases: \$0.00
 Total Group Donations: \$71.92
 Subtotal: \$71.92

Other Income	
Description	Amount
0	\$0.00
0	\$0.00
0	\$0.00
0	\$0.00
Subtotal \$0.00	

Total Income: \$71.92

EXPENSES

Customary Expenses (No motion needed)

Description	Amount
Bank Expense	\$0.00
IRS Payment	\$0.00
Literature Adjustment	\$0.00
Literature provided to Subcommittees (H&I), restock cost	\$0.00
Literature Restocking (Groups and individuals)	\$0.00
Meeting Lists	\$0.00
Regional Contribution	\$0.00
Regional Insurance	\$0.00
	\$0.00
Rent	\$16.04
WSO Contribution	\$0.00
0	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$34.03

The literature amount is an estimate during the ASC meeting based on what is sold. Any amount spent over or under that amount will be put in the Literature adjustment line when the actual amount is known. This is obtained from the literature committee when they purchase and will be sent in the minutes.

Working balance available for money motions: \$3,498.69 (Does not include any reserves)

Non Customary Expenses (Motion and Vote Required)

Description	Amount	Pass/ Fail
0	\$0.00	0
#REF!	\$58.97	0
0	\$0.00	0
0	\$0.00	0
0	\$0.00	0
0	\$0.00	0
0	\$0.00	0
0	\$0.00	0
0	\$0.00	0
0	\$0.00	0
0	\$0.00	0

Total of Money Motions Passed: \$0.00
 remaining Working Balance: \$3,498.69
 Set Asides: \$3,634.00
Final Balance: \$7,132.69

RCM Report: (Mike D.)

They are having another NAWS virtual meeting on 10/31 that anybody is welcome to anticipate or sit in., The zoom meeting has a limit of 1000 people. NAWS news is no longer going to be sent out in email. Now you can access that directly on na.org for the latest NAWS news. All of the latest conference happenings and potential world convention information can be found there. Also, information about the upcoming items that will be on the next upcoming conference cycle will be there. More will be revealed. Second, at the next regional meeting our current ADA will not be seeking a second term, so if you know anyone who will be interested in this position for the next conference cycle please attend the next regional meeting in December. Also, I sat in on the Northeast Zonal Forum and they discussed the NESSNA topics. As far as the two donations we made the regional treasurer said they were received and deposited. I will make the regional minutes available to anyone who wants them as soon as they come out.

Mike D

BOD

no report

Activities Report (Sandy S.)

no report

Convention report (Susan W.)

Please announce to your groups that we are looking for committee members.

H&I: (Rachel C.)

H&I met today from 1:30- 2:15 pm in our usual manner over Zoom. There were 4 of us in attendance. We discussed the main issue that we've been having which is some problems with attendance from Adcare. We've been notified that the facility has had some recent changes in staff and they have experienced some technical difficulties when logging on. We are continuing to keep in very regular contact with them and do everything we can to have commitments happen and run as smoothly as possible.

Liz C and I both attended Region on Saturday October 10th via Zoom and have nothing to report from that meeting.

H&I and PR are putting on our annual learning day this year over Zoom on Thursday November 12th from 7:00- 8:15 pm. That info and the Zoom link can be found on our website. We're excited to have a friend from the SEMA area who's agreed to come and share his experience with Region's covid response adhoc that was formed.

ILS,
Rachel C

Policy (Steve W.)

The subcommittee met on 10/21/2020, made the approved updates to the policy manual, and discussed some additional recommendations that have been referred to the subcommittee by the area.

We will be submitting the following motions to the ASC:

1. In keeping with concept five, we are recommending that the BOD be the single point of accountability for the maintaining GPA property/assets. As such we recommend that the GPA area policy be amended as follows:

In addition to the existing bullet point,

- Coordinate storage and maintenance of legal documents.

The following should be added:

- Coordinate storage and maintenance of GPANA tangible property, such as equipment, supplies, and electronics when not in use.
 - Communicate with Area chair and subcommittee chairs to monitor GPANA property while in use by GPA ASC or subcommittees.
2. We are also submitting a motion to amend the voting procedure section of the GPA policy to reflect the fact that elections are decided by the candidate with the most votes, rather than the 2/3 rule used for other decisions, by adding the phrase:
 - For elections with more than one candidate, the position will be occupied by the candidate with the largest number of eligible votes.

Intent: to rectify a mathematical oversight in the initial drafting of the 2/3 rule.

We are also asking to include a bullet point in line with our longstanding practice explaining that

- Elections for ASC executive committee positions will be held in October of each year (except for RCM, which is elected for a two year term) and elections for subcommittee chairs will be held in November of each year. Executive committee includes the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and RCM.

In loving service,

Steve W. on behalf of the Policy Subcommittee.

Public Relations Report (Steph G.)

The PR subcommittee met on October 25 at 2:15 pm with good attendance. We opened with the serenity prayer followed by the service prayer.

Topics Discussed:

Guidelines from the Dept. of Health RI- I was informed by the area chair that the Health Dept. had reached out about potential guidance being issued for 12-Step fellowship guidelines. There will be a zoom conference next week that they asked us to attend to discuss the guidance being issued and for any potential questions on the subject. I will be attending the meeting this week along with Billy H. and will include the guidance in my report that will be going out in the minutes. My hopes are the zoom meeting will answer all questions, however as a subcommittee we discussed a few things we think are important to cover:

1. Contact tracing if it is required or if it is the facilities guidelines we are to follow.
2. Are we under the Church regulations or are we a separated bracket, this is in case we are to go back or forward into another phase, other than Phase 3 which we are currently in, where would we look to see what guidelines we must follow?
3. Is there a hotline or contact name for questions that may come up in the future?

As I stated before I do feel like the zoom meeting will be very informative but we do want to make sure those few things are covered along with the obvious points of the actual regulations and what is required of us. I do want to take this time to ask the area if there are any questions you feel you would like to be answered.

Update: On 10/26 at 5pm a zoom conference call was held to discuss these guidelines. I personally could not attend, but Billy H and Steve W. did. I have attached a copy of the highlights and also a copy of the guidance issued along with my contact information if anyone has any questions.

Learning Day: H&I and PR will be hosting a Virtual Learning Day on Thursday, November 12, at 7 pm. We discussed a little bit of how the learning day will go, myself and James will be giving the presentation on what PR is, what we do in GPANA, and how our service in PR has affected our recovery. A member of the Region will also be joining to give a COVID related presentation following the PR and H&I presentations.

ADHOC: We discussed again a potential ADHOC to get more involved in the DOC, Probation, etc. in RI. More details on the ADHOC will come next month.

We closed with the Serenity Prayer.

In Loving Service,
Steph G.
GPANA PR Chair

Website Chair (Paul P.): www.gpana.org/wordpress

no report

Motions back to groups

- **Motion:**
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Maker
Seconded by:
Motion:
Intent:
Count: Yes: No: Abstain:

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Administrative Motions:

- **Motion:** 20201025-01
Date: 10/25/20
Maker: Policy Subcommittee

Seconded By:

Motion:

Clarification #1

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Count: Yes: 14 No: 0 Abstain: 0

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Count: Yes: No: Abstain:

Old Business:

Alternate RCM open

Convention open positions:

Convention Vice Chair

Convention Treasurer

Convention Secretary

New Business:

Executive Committee Elections:

Area Chair - Bill H nominated, accepted. Voted in.

Vice Chair - Chelsea B nominated, accepted. Voted in.

Secretary - Mollie B nominated, accepted. Voted in.

Alternate Secretary - open

Treasurer - Ambur F nominated, accepted. Voted in.

Alternate Treasurer - open

Holding on to and creating a set aside for the website was discussed.

Open Forum:

- Lawrence - I was curious about the convention. Was that being postponed or was that going to be virtual or in person?
- Susan W - it isn't until 2022 so we are hoping it will be in person. More will be revealed.

Meeting Adjourned

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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

- Willingness and a desire to serve.
- 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.
- The ability to give the time and resources necessary to fulfill the obligations of the elected office.
- 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
- Prior service experience on a group level and working knowledge of the elected office.