

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

The next meeting will be held on: JUNE 25th 2023

Area Meeting Times:

- Literature Sales: 1:00 to 2:15pm
- H&I Subcommittee: 1:30 to 2:30pm
- PR Subcommittee: 2:30 to 3:15 pm
- Activities Subcommittee: 2:30 to 3:15pm
- Convention Subcommittee: 1:30 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 Concept of the Month
- Officers reports including: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer
- Regional Committee Member Report
- Board of Directors Report
- Subcommittee Reports: Activities, Convention, Hospitals and Institutions, Literature, Policy, Public Relations
- Group Concerns
- Old Business
- New Business
- Motions (submitted prior to ASC meeting)
- Open Forum

Administrative bodies contact

- **Chair: Sandy**
- **Vice Chair: Thom**
- **Secretary: Steph C. secretary@gpana.org**
- **Website: Tyson D.**
- **Treasurer: Peter R.**
- **Board of Directors: Carrie**
- **Regional Committee Member (RCM): Marissa J.**
- **Activities: Lizzie**
- **Policy: OPEN**
- **Convention Chair: Susan W. 401-480-4835**
- **Convention Vice Chair: Cindy W.**
- **Hospitals and Institutions Chair: Tyson D.**
- **Area Literature Chair: Rick D. 401-230-0061 richarddelano2@yahoo.com**
- **Public Relations: OPEN gpanapublicrelations@gmail.com**

GSR'S IN ATTENDANCE FOR GROUPS ARE HIGHLIGHTED

GSR'S IN ATTENDANCE: 12

Active to Action	Recovery and Beyond
Better Way	Recovery in the Beach
Breakfast Club	Recovery in the Chapel
Clean and Serene	Recovery in the Country
Cookies and Recovery	Recovery in the Lake
Dedication	Recovery is More than Abstinence
Dig Deep	Regardless of Sexual Identity
Edgewood NA	Resurrection
Faith in Recovery	Rockets in Recovery
Foundations for Success	Serenity Plus
Free at Last	Serenity/Insanity
Frightening Bottoms	Serenity Maniacs
From Active to Action	Serenity Seekers
Gimme Shelter	Smith Hill NA
Grow or Go	Step Sisters
H.O.P.E.	Start Your Nite Right
Hardcore Recovery	One day at a Time
Hope in the Dark	Steppin' Out Wednesday Night
Hope Not Dope	Steps in the Chapel
IP Time	Steps to Freedom
Just for Tuesday Morning	Straight Forward
KISS	Surrender or Die
Late Nite NA	The Text Message
Learn to Live	Who is an Addict?
Little Rhody	Why R We Here?
Living Free	Why Not Men's Group
Loveline	New Life
Men with a Vision	The Journey Continues
NA in SA	Warehouse Meeting
NA in the Day	Water Place
Never Alone Group	Spiritual Solutions
New Freedom	Recovery in the Bucket
New Normal	On a Mission
The 107 Club	Under the Bridge
The Lie is Dead	Straight Today *
The Meditation Meeting	Opt for Life
The Message of Hope	Opt for Life

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Chair (Sandy)

no report

Vice Chair (Thom)

Hello,

I sat in on H&I and PR subcommittees this month.

Thom

Secretary (Steph C.)

Hi All,

Please continue to send your reports to the new secretary email: secretary@gpana.org .
Thank you.

ILS,
Steph C.

Literature Report: (Rick D.):

Greater Providence Area

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Literature Sub-Committee Report Form

“God, grant us knowledge that we may write according to Your Devine precepts; instill in us a sense of Your purpose, make us servants of Your will and grant us a bond of selflessness that this may truly be Your work, not ours, in order that no addict, anywhere, need die from the horrors of addiction.”

Narcotics Anonymous has no big shots & no little shots, one shot and we’re all shot

Literature Sales for the month of October 2022	
AREA	
ACTIVITIES	

CONVENTION	
FINANCE	
H&I	\$102.15
PHONELINE	
POLICY	
PUBLIC INFORMATION	
PUBLIC RELATIONS	
GROUP SALES	\$1470.17
EXPENSES	\$96.25
GROUP SALES AND EXPENSES TOTAL	\$1566.42
LITERATURE RESTOCK	\$1607.39
GPA MEETING LIST RESTOCK (500)	\$106.00
REGIONAL MEETING LIST RESTOCK (100)	0.00
TOTAL LITERATURE RESTOCK	\$1713.39

Treasurer's Report: (Peter R.)

TREASURER'S REPORT
GREATER PROVIDENCE AREA
May 28, 2023

Closing Balance Apr'23.		<u>\$4,917.64</u>
Expense Adjustment - Zoom Mar'23.		\$17.11
Opening Balance.		<u>\$4,900.53</u>
Income		
Literature	\$1,470.17	
Contributions.	\$1,305.75	
Total Income.		<u>\$2,775.92</u>
Sub-Total.		<u>\$7,693.56</u>
Expenses		
Rent.	\$50.00	
Zoom.	\$17.11	
Meeting Lists.	\$106.00	
Literature Restock.	\$1,607.39	
NERNA-Fund Flow.	\$200.00	
Total Expense.		<u>\$1,980.50</u>
Sub-Total.		<u>\$5,713.06</u>
Less: Prudent Reserve & Set Asides		
Prudent Reserve.	\$1,700.00	
Activities.	\$250.00	
H&I.	\$150.00	
BOD Insurance.	\$500.00	

Public Relation.	\$300.00
Convention.	\$1,500.00
Total Prudent Reserve & Set Asides.	<u>\$4,400.00</u>
Closing Balance.	<u>\$1,313.06</u>

RCM Report: (Marissa J.)

BOD (Carrie)

BOD President and treasurer met along with area chair and area treasurer at Bank of America to update account signatories.

We've received bank activity from the area . Once we receive the transaction history we'll perform the annual audit

On behalf of the BOD,
Carrie B

Go the extra mile, it's never crowded.

Activities Report (Lizzie)

Activities met Sat May 13th with 4 people in attendance as well as today May 28th with 2 people in attendance.

We have settled on a date of Sat October 7th for "NA's 70th Birthday Party" Dinosaur Speaker Jam in honor of the 70th anniversary of the first ever NA meeting.

We are looking to do fundraising events to go towards this larger event, including a "5¢ Beach Party" in July where we would take donations in the form of redeemable empty cans, minimum of 1 but no limit on how many you can bring. Date for this event is tentative on finding a location. Other events are in the works as well.

Our next meeting will be June 10th at 2pm. Please reach out to Lizzy F for location (774-274-7844)

-Lizzy F
(774)274-7844

Convention report (Susan W.)

5/28/23

Convention Comm. Report
Chair Susan W
V. Chair Cyndi W

We met today before area with 16 members in attendance. Overall things are good and moving forward.

Our opening treasury balance was \$14607.57.

We have received a hotel link to start reserving hotel guest rooms. It will be added to a new flyer this month & put on the website.

Registration has received 33 new registration & 42 previous with a total of 75 registrations to date. They are also working on pricing for packets & a committee budget.

Merchandise is also working on prices for merchandise & hope to have some for our next fundraising event.

The F & E 5/22 event was very successful. Total received was \$1545.35 less expenses of \$700.00 giving a profit of \$845.35. Our next event will be a fashion show/talent show on 7/22/23 at 7 Thomas P Whitten Way, Providence, RI. 4-8, \$10 donation. Flyers are circulating and info will be on website this month.

Our next meeting will be before next area on 6/25 at 1:30. Our closing treasury closing balance is \$14512.90.

ILS Susan W

H&I: (Tyson D.)

Open the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the service prayer.

Reports:

Chair: N/A

Vice Chair: All commitments filled.

Secretary: Nothing to report.

Policy: N/A

Literature: Ordered 40 of each IP's, a plan was developed to split surplus IP's in half between ASU and Adcare to fulfill new IP racks. Zinnia coordinator will split existing IP's on existing rack in half to new IP rack being placed at detox unit.

Zinnia Coordinator: All commitments filled, need to fill panel leader position for 2nd saturday.
Facility requesting literature (books).

Ad-Care Coordinator: Mask requirements have been lifted. Facility requested panel from 2nd Tuesday move to 4th Tuesday which is now filled appropriately via Rob R. Will be working on placement and fulfillment of IP rack.

ACI Coordinator: Filling Monday, Wednesday and Friday commitments at ACI. Plans to have recent applicants resubmit in the same time frame allowing for collective orientation to take place. Discussed holding additional ad-hoc prior to orientation at ACI in order to educate panel members on the clearance process.

ASU Coordinator: All commitments filled, will be installing IP rack and filling this month.

Roll call : Tommy G., Mike M., Rich G., Ashley R., Amy D., Jenn V., Tyson D., Herb, Tom

Old business-

OPEN POSITIONS:

New business: Rich G. discussed a home group wanting to establish another facility (Jellison). Discussion took place on requesting ASC to announce H&I looking for participation and willing panel leaders. Chair will bring requests to ASC as of next month.

Motions/Concerns

Open Discussion: Discussed possible concerns of rogue commitment going into ASU.

Policy (OPEN)

Public Relations Report (OPEN)

PR met with 4 people in attendance, and discussed the possible need for presentations for the new facilities H&I is considering going into. Thom and Mike will be getting training so we can also give presentations. We talked about the rally for recovery coming up in September, and the cost increase from \$250 to approximately \$500 this year. As an area, we think it is important for the groups to discuss the benefits of NA being present at this event versus the cost. And if the area would like us to continue attending, we will need to increase our set aside for that event in the PR set aside as

well. We also discussed a possible flier hanging day in June, and we are looking for active participants within the subcommittee.

ILS,
PR Subcommittee

Website Chair (Tyson D.): www.gpana.org/wordpress

No report.

Motions back to groups

- **Motion:** 052723-01

Date: 5/27/23

Maker: Kevin P

Seconded By:

Motion: Requesting help with the funding of the 34th South Side NA Unity Day Cookout. Due to high inflation and the slow sales of fundraising tee shirts, we are projecting a shortfall in cash flow. We are requesting funds of \$300.

Intent: A free cookout for addicts and their families that will take place at Lincoln Woods State park August 13th from noon till 6pm.

Count: Yes: 0 No: 0 Abstain: 0

- **Motion:**

Date:

Maker:

Seconded by:

Motion:

Intent:

Count: Yes: No: Abstain:

Administrative Motions:

- **Motion:** 052723-01

Date: 5/27/23

Maker:

Seconded By:

Motion:

Intent:

Count: Yes: 0 No: 0 Abstain: 0

- **Motion:**
Date:
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Seconded by:
Motion:
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Group Concerns:

Edgewood NA is having its anniversary JUNE 14th at 1788 Broad St. in Cranston, RI. at 7pm.

Old Business:

OPEN POSITIONS:

- **ALT. SECRETARY**
- **POLICY CHAIR**
- **PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR**
- **BOD POSITION (1)**

Discussion on the possible conflict of the 6th tradition and listing facility names in our meeting list. The RCM brought information from the Region and 10 areas in our Region have the facility names in their meeting lists, including the Regional meeting list, and 1 area no longer does. Some areas use disclaimers to reiterate that they are not affiliated with these facilities. Groups in our area discussed it and a group felt it was a 50/50 split, and another group had a discussion that they could see both sides, but inevitably the tradition can be practiced to serve the people that know about the tradition or those who do not know about this tradition yet, and those are the newcomers and they felt having the facility names listed helps them find us better. Only two groups discussed, so please again, take this back to your groups and discuss and bring back next month so we can get a consensus of how the area feels and if there needs to be a motion made for a change.

New Business:

Rally for Recovery in September is expected to have increased their charge from \$250 to \$500. Discussed pros and cons. The price is high, however, the PR efforts in this area are limited and this is the only event we do every year and have been consistent

with. This is a helpful event to show a presence in the community. This event has many treatment facilities, politicians, addicts, family members, etc., present and it does get our name out there. This event can carry the message further than we do on a daily basis, and the increase would only be a \$200 increase to the PR set aside. An addict exclaimed, "Our mission is to carry the message to the addict who stills suffers, and I don't think you can put a price tag on that. I think that if you can give that spark of hope to one person or one family a price doesn't matter." The consensus of the area was we are interested in more information and a finalized number.

Regional donation was discussed last month to contribute half of the balance of \$417 to the region and the other half to convention. Because the treasurer was not present this month and we have questions with the quickbooks numbers, we decided as an area to fund flow \$200 to region because

Southside Unity Picnic came requesting funds to help fund their event (see motions for details). The motion was sent back to the group for discussion and a vote, please discuss and vote in your business meeting and bring it back.

Open Forum:

Holiday conflicts with area meetings were discussed again, the chair will check into the holiday conflicts and speak with the church.

An addict was at a speaker jam and another individual was smoking a substance in the bathroom. This was discussed at the area meeting. Many members exclaimed their thoughts. The consensus was: We cannot police the world nor do we police our meetings, we ask that people not carry the paraphernalia on their person in events but we will not tell people to leave the meeting because they are getting high, we can lovingly guide people to leave their drugs outside and please come back in.

Meeting Adjourned

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- **Public Relations: OPEN**

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.

Qualifications of the Area CHAIRPERSON:

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

Responsibilities of the Area CHAIRPERSON:

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

Qualifications of the Area VICE CHAIRPERSON:

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

Responsibilities of the Area VICE CHAIRPERSON:

- Is a member of the Area Executive Committee, which meets prior to the GPASC meeting.
- 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.
- In the absence of the Area Chair, fulfill or delegate the responsibility of any Administrative Officer (i.e. Area Treasurer, Secretary, or Subcommittee Chair).
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - In the absence of the Subcommittee Chair fulfill or delegate the responsibility of said office from within that committee. [When applicable.]
 - Maintain a line of direct communication between ASC Subcommittees and the ASC Chairperson.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - May be a signer of the GPASC bank account. L. In the absence of the Area Treasurer, pick up an distribute all Area mail from the GPA PO box in a timely manner, prior to the GPASC meeting.

Qualifications of the Area SECRETARY:

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

Responsibilities of Area SECRETARY:

- Is a member of the Executive Committee, which meets prior to the GPASC meeting.
- Record attendance at the beginning of the GPASC meeting.
- Compile and maintain a current list of all recipients of the GPASC minutes.
- Provide a brief overview of the prior ASC meeting in a written secretary's report. To be read at the present ASC meeting.

- 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).
- Organize and create concise minutes of each GPASC meeting.
- Distribute minutes no later than ten (10) days after the GPASC meeting. Make additional copies available at the next GPASC meeting.
- Distribute a copy of GPASC minutes to the New England Regional Service Committee and the Free Spirit Area.
- 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.
- 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.)
- Compile a current Group contact list containing; Group name; GSR name, phone number, mailing address, and email (if available).
- Provide a current list of Administrative Officers names and phone numbers to be published in the GPASC minutes.
- Provide a Group Announcement page to be published in the Area minutes.
- May vote on administrative motions only.
- Care for and maintain the laptop provided for the Area Secretary position.
- 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.

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

Responsibilities of the ALTERNATE SECRETARY:

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

Qualifications of the Area TREASURER:

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

Responsibilities of the Area TREASURER:

- Accept Group donations during Literature Sales prior to the GPASC meeting.
- Accept the money from sales during Literature Sales prior to the GPASC meeting.
- 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.)
- Maintain and keep an accurate balance on the ASC checking account.
- Pay all bills as needed.
- Keep accurate and careful record of all Area financial transactions, including receipts of all monies paid and collected.
- Care for and maintain the laptop provided for the Area Treasurer position.
- Coordinate with the Finance Subcommittee Chair as needed. (Tax filing and payment, yearly budget, etc.)
- Prepare an Annual Budget for the GPASC.
- Collect mail from the GPASC PO box prior to the monthly ASC.

Qualifications of the ALTERNATE Area T REASURER:

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

Responsibilities of the ALTERNATE TREASURER:

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

Qualifications of the REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER (RCM):

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

Responsibilities of the REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER (RCM):

- Attend each meeting of the Regional Service Committee (RSC) and GPASC.
- If unable to attend an RSC or GPASC meeting it is essential to ask the Alternate RCM to assume said responsibilities.
- Suggested involvement with a Regional Subcommittee to promote the RCM participations with the region.
- In keeping with the Seventh Tradition of N.A., deliver the Area donation to the Region.
- Carry Greater Providence Area Conscience on all matters affecting the GPA or N.A. as a whole.
- Keep the Region informed in a written report of all GPA activities, strengths, and problems.
- 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.
- Chair a special session of the ASC to vote on the World Service Committee (WSC) agenda report.
- 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):

- The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.
- Two (2) years continuous abstinence from all drugs.
- Previous GPASC service experience.
- Communication and organizational skills and has displayed significant leadership skills.
- 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:

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

Responsibilities of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) MEMBER:

- Make sure that the GPA tax returns are filed.
- Take care of legal problems/fund misappropriation. C. File yearly RI state sales tax.
- Receive the monthly report from the Finance Subcommittee Chair (or Area Treasurer if there is no Finance Chair).

- Attend an annual BOD meeting.
- 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.

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

Suggested Responsibilities of the GROUP SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (GSR):

- Attend each meeting of the GPASC.
- 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.
- Suggested participation with and Area subcommittee to promote the GSR involvement with GPA.
- In keeping with the Seventh Tradition, and Second Concept of N.A., bring group donation to the ASC Treasurer.
- Carry Group Conscience on all matters affecting their group or N.A. as a whole.
- Inform the GPA of all Group activities, strengths, and problems.
- Inform the Group of all business, activities, and special needs discussed at ASC meetings.
- Attend each meeting of the RSC and the GPASC.
- Suggested participation with a Regional Subcommittee to promote the Alternate RCM involvement with the Region
- Vice Chair a special session of the GPASC to vote on the WSC Agenda Report.
- 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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- Willingness and a desire to serve.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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:

- The stated Qualifications of General Service apply to these positions.
- 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:

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

- Review all financial statements—past, present, and future—to help guide the Area to financial responsibility.
- Assist the Area Treasurer in compiling quarterly balance sheets, profit and loss statements.
- 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.
- Oversee all expenses and research alternatives in order to curtail unnecessary expenses.
- Fulfill all other responsibilities that the GPASC deems necessary.
- Meet one hour prior to the GPASC meeting and as often as the Finance Subcommittee deems necessary.
- 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:

- In keeping with the Fifth Tradition of N.A., carry the message to the addict unable to attend regularly scheduled meetings.
- Coordinate and distribute specific H&I commitment to hold meetings at existing facilities and to be keenly aware that all said obligations are fulfilled.
- Research and develop as many new institutional meetings as possible.
- Provide a monthly account to the GPASC of all literature disbursed.
- Meet one hour prior to the GPASC meeting and as often as the subcommittee deems necessary to fulfill its responsibility.
- Elect an H&I Correctional Facilities Coordinator, accountable to the GPA H&I Subcommittee.
- 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:

- 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.
- Coordinate the sales, and inventory count and reorder, of the literature inventory.
- Meet prior to the GPASC meeting to sell literature to groups and as often as the subcommittee deems necessary.
- Review and supply input on literature submitted by the World Service Committee Literature Committee (WSCLC).
- Submit literature to the WSCLC from Area groups and individual addicts.
- Make the starter kit:
 - One (1) of each
 - One (1) Group booklet
 - One (1) group starter kit checklist
 - Fifty (50) meeting lists
- To have access to a computer in order to maintain inventory.
- 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:

- Maintain lines of communication between N.A. and the answering, and/or any other phone service used by the GPA.
- Respond to all requests for information in a timely and effective manner.
- Insure that those requests are handled at the appropriate level of service.
- Maintain helpline and Twelve Step call list.
- Establish and maintain the integrity of guidelines for handling phone line requests.
- Meet one hour prior to the GPASC meeting and as often as the Phone Line Subcommittee deems necessary.
- 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:

- 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.
- Develop ASC policy to be considered for approval by GPA groups.
- Compile and maintain all approved policy.
- Maintain past and present motion lists organized by position and subcommittee.
- Review all past and present motions (and all other business) that require clarification.
- Meet one hour prior to the GPASC meeting and as often as the subcommittee deems necessary to fulfill its responsibilities.
- Attend the GPASC meeting, provide 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:

- Uphold the integrity of the Eleventh Tradition of N.A.
- 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.
- Arrange all public information speaker commitments.
- Conduct a minimum of one public information workshop per year.
- Meet one hour prior to the GPASC meeting and as often as the subcommittee deems necessary to fulfill its responsibilities.
- Elect a Web Coordinator responsible to the PI Subcommittee.
- 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:

- Chairperson Five (5) years
- Vice Chairperson Four (4) years Treasurer Five (5) years Secretary Two (2) year
- 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:

- Five (5) years continuous clean time.

- Demonstrated stability in the local N.A. community.
- Administrative abilities.

Responsibilities of the GPA Convention Subcommittee CHAIR:

- Organize subcommittees, and delegate major tasks to specific subcommittees. Stay informed of the activities of each subcommittee, & provide help when needed.
- Helps resolve personality conflicts.
- Keeps activities within the principles of the Twelve Traditions of N.A. and in accord with the purpose of the convention.
- Monitors the fund flow and overall convention costs, and helps organize the subcommittee budgets. Prepares a budget for the Executive Committee function.
- Prevents important questions from being decided prematurely, in order to foster understanding by the entire committee prior to action.
- 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.
- Prepares the agenda for Convention Committee meetings and Executive Committee meetings.
- Votes only to break a tie.
- Chairs the Convention Committee meeting as well as the convention.
- 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:

- Four (4) years continuous clean time.
- 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:

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

Qualifications of the GPA Convention Subcommittee SECRETARY:

- Two (2) years continuous clean time.
- Accurate typing ability.
- 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:

- Five (5) years continuous clean time.
- Demonstrated stability in the local N.A. community.
- Accounting skills. Service experience with conventions or other large scale Fellowship activities.
- 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.