

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

The next meeting will be held on: May 26, 2024

Area Meeting Times:

- Literature Sales: 1:00 to 2:15pm
- **H&I Subcommittee: NOW MEETING FROM 2:30 to 3:30 HYBRID**
- **PR Subcommittee: 2:00-3:00**
- Activities Subcommittee: 2:30 to 3:15pm
- Convention Subcommittee: 12:30 to 2:30
- 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 (858) 353-2443**
- **Vice Chair: Thom Thomdovidio@gmail.com**
- **Secretary: Chelsea B. secretary@gpana.org**
- **Website: OPEN**
- **Treasurer: Peter R. (401) 525-1916 treasurer@gpana.org**
- **Board of Directors: Carrie**
- **Regional Committee Member (RCM): Gail L.**
- **Activities: Lizzy (774) 274-7844**
- **Policy: Open**
- **Convention Chair: Susan W. 401-480-4835**
- **Convention Vice Chair: Cindy W.**
- **Hospitals and Institutions Chair: Mike (619) 347-9425**
- **Area Literature Chair: Arrianna literature@gpana.org**
- **Public Relations: OPEN gpanapublicrelations@gmail.com**

GSR'S IN ATTENDANCE FOR GROUPS ARE HIGHLIGHTED

GSR'S IN ATTENDANCE: 16

Back 2 Basics	New Normal
Basic Text Message	Recovery at the Beach
Better Way	Opt for Life
Breakfast Club	Recovery in the Chapel
Clean and Serene	Recovery in the Country
Cookies and Recovery	Recovery is More than Abstinence
Dedication	Regardless of Sexual Identity
Dig Deep	Serenity/Insanity
Edgewood NA	Serenity Maniacs
From Active to Action	Spiritual Solutions
Hope in the Dark	Step Sisters
Hope Not Dope	Steps to Freedom
IP Time	Start Your Night Right
KISS	One Day at a Time
Learn to Live	Steps to Freedom
Living Free	Straightforward
Loveline	Surrender or Die
Men with a Vision	The Journey Continues
NASA	The Lie is Dead
New Llife	Warehouse Meeting
New Freedom	Why are we Here?

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Chair (Sandy) Michelle from the church is leaving, to be replaced by Heather for the near future.

Vice Chair (Thom)

Secretary (Chelsea) If you did not receive the minutes, please leave a star next to your name on the sign in sheet so i can double check our mailing list.

Literature Report: (Arrianna B.):

[NAWS NEWS](#)

[THE NA WAY](#)

[REACHING OUT](#)

Literature Sales Report

TOTAL SALES

TOTAL OF ALL SALES	\$2,051.12
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INCOME BREAKDOWN

Total of all meeting lists sold	\$0.00
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Total of all NA WEARS items sold	\$10.80
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Total of all NAWS items sold	\$2,040.32
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RESTOCK COSTS

NAWS REORDER EXPENSE	\$2,164.24
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GPA MEETING LIST RESTOCK (750 MEETING LISTS)	\$127.50
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NA WEARS ITEMS EXPENSE	\$0.00
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TOTAL LITERATURE RESTOCK	\$2,291.74
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Treasurer's Report: (Peter R.)

GPANA Treasurer's Report

01/28/24

Opening Bank Balance			\$6,932.63
Plus Income:			
	Literature Sales	\$1,920.82	
	Contributions	\$874.05	
	Contributions - Online	\$57.78	<u>\$2,852.65</u>
			\$9,785.28
Less: Prudent Reserve	\$1,700.00		
Set Asides:	Activities	\$250.00	
	Hospitals & Institutions	\$150.00	
	BOD Insurance	\$500.00	
	Public Relations	\$300.00	
	Convention XI	<u>\$4,300.00</u>	<u>\$7,200.00</u>
Operating Balance			\$2,585.28
Minus Expenses:			
	Printing	\$120.00	
	Zoom	\$17.11	
	Rent	\$50.00	
	Literature*	\$1,836.18	
	Activities	\$250.00	<u>\$2,273.29</u>
Working Balance			\$311.99
Notes: Literature made two purchases in the month.			
Activities received money for February Sock Hop Event			

RCM Report: (Gail)

GPANA RCM Report April 28, 2024

Region met on 4/24 so the minutes are not available yet. My report will have some bullet points and

any further information, handouts or flyers will be added to my report next month.

- Open positions at region
 - Secretary, Asst Secretary, Asst Treasurer, Website Chair, Literature Chair, RMD (Regional Meeting Directory – really obsolete so we still have to change policy on this) 2? Finance
- NESSNA II is happening this weekend so more will be revealed on that.
- Next NESSNA (North Eastern States Service Symposium NA) will be in Philadelphia which will make it more expensive to fund 2 people from each area. We discussed alternative ways other than flying like renting buses etc. More discussions are coming and no decisions have been made yet on that.
- During open forum I would like to discuss requesting FD to develop and offer a presentation to

our area about fund flow. This presentation would be open to all members and could be presented at a function or activity. We are a worldwide fellowship that requires paid employees at world service level to handle day to day operations. Unfortunately there is a large percentage of NA members that really do not understand how we operate and what we all do to keep NA alive. There are a lot of groups that do not contribute. And too often I hear members complain about funds that are spent through service from their areas up to world service. And these complaints are usually rooted in the lack of knowledge of our service structure, what we do and how it ties into the fellowship as a whole. I would like this presentation to be in a format that would interest members not bore them. We don't need to hear long financial explanations and I think maybe a simple presentation like "Where the money goes" that explains in simple terms for example a group in Iran where meetings are still illegal can go to world service to get free assistance setting up meetings and getting literature in their own language. And that world services is the sole producer and distributor and all of our literature which saves us money in the long run. I have had experience in the past talking to members on a basic level and they were really surprised when they learned how important it is to put that dollar in the basket and where it actually goes. Too many members have negative ideas and we see it at our area with the low percentage of groups that attend and contribute. (NOTE HAVE ACTIVITES WORK WITH FD).

That's it for now. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Gail L.

BOD (Carrie)

The BOD filed our annual taxes with the IRS.

We reviewed the convention finances and no changes were needed. The process utilizing quickbooks has made the auditing significantly easier.

We will make arrangements with the area treasurer to do that audit.

Carrie B

Activities Report (Lizzy)

The Activities Committee met 4/14 with 6 people in attendance & 4/28 with 6 people in attendance.

We are still having a moratorium on coffee hours, but with the weather beginning to get better, we do hope to bring them back in the near future.

We have solidified more details for our next event which will be "The NA Summer Olympics". This event will be held on Sunday, June 23 at Slater Park, Field #13 in Pawtucket RI from 10:30am to 6pm. There will be a plethora of games, food for sale, prizes, & children are welcome! We will now be accepting payments for food (or donations) via cash or venmo for added convenience.

We have begun discussion about holding a beach party sometime in July - more information to follow.

As mentioned previously, the GPA Activities Facebook page may be difficult to locate, so this is the HTML for anyone looking to join: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/553764073604401> PLEASE make sure you answer all of the entry questions in entirety or we will not be able to allow you access. This is for the safety of the anonymity of everyone within the group.

Unfortunately we have been having a large number of people that are getting denied to the facebook events page because they are not answering the entry questions in entirety, or checking off that they agree to the group rules. The requests to be added to the event group is automated by facebook pending the answers to the questions & agreeance of the group rules. The way this is set up is the page gives you 1 hour after your initial request to join the group to answer the questions/rules. If this is not completed within the hour, it will automatically deny you entry. Answering a question with any variation of the phrase "no response" will automatically be filtered as unanswered, & you will be denied entry.

This page is the best way to also contact any of our Activities Committee members if needed. If you are having difficulty gaining access to the page with all security questions answered, please contact me directly.

-Lizzy F

Convention report (Susan W.)

Convention Comm Report

Chair Susan W

V Chair Cyndi W

We met today with 11 members in attendance. Our treasury opening balance was \$29490.49 + Income \$325.00 - expenses \$350.00 = \$29,465.94. We are still waiting for a check from the Omni Hotel for \$860.14.

We are finishing sub-committee reports, reviewing and updating our guidelines.

We talked about increasing our seed money from \$9500 to \$12000. We are putting in a motion today to increase our seed money.

We are looking at and pricing laptops for the convention treasurer.

We are recommending our V Chair, Cyndi W for the next convention chair.

Our next meeting is 5/19/24, 12 Bassett St. Prov, 1-3pm.

ILS

Susan W.

H&I: (Mike M)

Good afternoon,

The learning day on 4/20 was a tremendous success. Thanks for all of the support. Over the course of the day, fifty or so addicts stopped by to hear from the four speakers and the PR presentation from Chelsea and Annie. Receipts for the event were turned in as requested to Peter. Again, thanks to all that helped support this learning day.

There are currently twenty one commitments in eight facilities each month. There are roughly twenty members and no open panels. In May we will be holding elections for many positions. Facilities reach out to us on a regular basis inquiring about adding additional panels. We just voted to send commitments into Slater Hospital. Our first commitment will be on 5/2 this is our ninth facility.

As a growing subcommittee we are facing the challenge of needing additional time to meet. We request an additional 30 minutes. We would like to again begin our meeting at 2pm.

Elections for several service positions will be held at 2pm on 5/26. The policy and literature positions as well as all facility coordinators will be open and available. All panels will also be reassigned.

Policy (OPEN)

Public Relations Report (Open)

Website Chair (OPEN): www.gpana.org/wordpress

Administrative Motions

- **Motion:** 24040428-01
Date: 4/24/2024
Maker: Convention Committee
Seconded By:
Motion: to raise seed money from \$9500 to \$12,000. Amended to \$15,000.

Intent: To keep up with rising costs of hotel, food, graphics/printing etc.

Count:17 Yes:17 No: 0 Abstain: 0

- **Motion: 20240428-02**
Date: 04/28/2024
Maker: John F
Seconded by: Pete R
Motion: To purchase \$200 of basic texts for the DOC library

Intent: to carry the message behind the walls

Count:17 Yes:17 No:0 Abstain:0

- **Motion: 20240428-03**
Date: 04/28/2024
Maker: Activities Committee
Seconded by:
Motion: requesting \$350
Intent: to supply games and food at our upcoming event NA Summer Olympics
Count:19 Yes:19 No: 0 Abstain: 0

- **Motion: 20240428-05**
Date: 04/28/2024
Maker: Gail L
Seconded by: Susan W
Motion: To use Extra Space Storage on 117 Eddy St Providence for a 10'x10' unit at approximate rate of \$86/month as our area storage place. This rent will be direct debited from the area checking account each month.
Intent: To practice responsibility in safekeeping of area property
Count:19 Yes:19 No: 0 Abstain: 0

- **Motion: 20240428-07**
Date: 04/28/2024
Maker: Convention committee
Seconded by:
Motion: To give the area the remaining merchandise inventory after the end of each convention cycle
Intent: for the area to do with the merchandise as they wish.
Count:19 Yes:19 No: 0 Abstain: 0

- **Motion:**
Date:
Maker:
Seconded by:
Motion:
Intent:
Count: Yes: No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motions to Groups:

- **Motion:**

Date:

Maker:

Seconded by:

Motion:

Intent:

- **Motion:**

Date:

Maker:

Seconded by:

Motion:

Intent:

Count: Yes: 0 No: 0 Abstain:

Group Concerns

CONVENTION OPEN POSITIONS:

- **Chair**
- **Vice Chair**
- **Treasurer**
- **Alt Treasurer**
- **Secretary**
- **Alt secretary**

**New meeting - The Journey of Hope - Tuesdays 6:30-8:00pm John Hope Settlement House.
7 Thomas Whitten Way, Providence RI. Step/Tradition meeting.**

H&I elections in May!

Old Business:

OPEN POSITIONS:

- **PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR:**
- **Website Chair**
- **Policy Chair**

New Business:

Open Forum:

Arrianna and Chelsea thanked the body for the opportunity to attend NESSSNA on the body's behalf. They will bring back a report next month.

Meeting Adjourned