

Key Takeaways, Action Items, Motions, Announcements

- Convention has 3 open positions:
 - Arts and graphics (2 years cleantime)
 - Fundraising (2 years cleantime)
 - Merchandise (2 years cleantime)
- Candida unanimously elected Vice Chair of Convention Committee
- Next H&I Learning Day will be 9/27
- Marshall is creating an Ad hoc committee to look into GSR attendance at area and what can be done to increase participation
- Anyone requesting access to the Activities Facebook group **MUST** answer the security questions & agree to the group rules so we can protect the anonymity of everyone in the group as well as the image of GPA & NA as a whole. The URL for the facebook group can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1BfV1Jc2cQ/>

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

Next Meeting - July 20th, 2025

Times

- Literature Sales: 1:00 - 2:30
- Convention Subcommittee: 1:00 - 2:30
- H&I Subcommittee [HYBRID]: 1:45 - 3:15
- PR Subcommittee: 2:00 - 3:00
- Activities Subcommittee: 2:30 - 3:15
- New GSR Orientation: 3:15 - 3:30
- Area Service Meeting: 3:30 - 5:30

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

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- **Board of Directors:** Robin
- **Regional Committee Member (RCM):** Milinda
- **Activities:** Lizzy 774-274-7844
- **Policy:** Gene F. 401-358-8313
- **Convention Chair:** Cyndi W
- **Convention Vice Chair:** Roz M
- **Hospitals and Institutions Chair:** Jenn V
- **Area Literature Chair:** Arrianna literature@gpana.org
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18 Voting Members, including 16 GSRs in Attendance [Highlighted]

MEETING GSR	CONTACT PERSON
Back 2 Basics GSR	
Basic Text Message GSR	
Better Way GSR	
Breakfast Club GSR	Brian F.
Clean And Serene GSR	
Cookies And Recovery GSR	
Dedication GSR	Taylor H.
Dig Deep GSR	
Edgewood NA GSR	
From Active To Action GSR	Racheal F.
Hope In The Dark GSR	Jenn V.
Hope Not Dope GSR	
IP Time GSR	
J.J.D. GSR	
Journey of Hope GSR	Ron R.
Keep it Simple Saturday GSR	Linda R.
Learn to Live GSR	
Living Free GSR	
Loveline GSR	Robert R.
Men With A Vision GSR	
Meeting In The Bucket GSR	
NA In The Bucket GSR	
NA In The Day GSR	
NASA GSR	Ashley O.
New Freedom GSR	
New Life GSR	Jeffrey V.
New Normal GSR	Linda R.

REPORTS:

Chair (Thom)

None

Vice Chair (Marshall)

Hello all, I am interested in forming an adhoc committee on determining what we can do to attract more gsr's and people in general to area. I think the first order of business would be determining why approx 2/3 of the groups in our area aren't sending a GSR to the 3:30 meeting on Area Sunday. It's been stated that in some groups, gsr is almost hazing. But, area is a welcome experience since I've attended. It's possible that former participants have a different experience with area service, and haven't been recently to potentially change their thoughts. Yet, are still sharing there experience with newcomers in a group; and potentially scaring members away from being a GSR. Our goal should be to make area service attractive to everyone. I think we've made some good progress in usually having the meeting end within 90 minutes. I think us potentially going hybrid could alleviate members who don't want to drive to Pawtucket. I also think for the people who are part of subcommittees. We offer some kind of treat. Either cookies, or water, or coffee. Something to help those of us who are there for 3+ hours. Feel free to BCC anyone whom you think it's a good idea to add to this potential adhoc committee.

Secretary (Robert)

Moving forward, I will be sending out PDF and Word document versions each month. No more Google Docs. There were numerous requests each month to get edit access to the Google Doc when I sent out the notes. Whether intentional or unintentional, I am unwilling to accommodate those requests. The master Google Doc needs to remain intact in order for me to generate the minutes each month.

For those that attend in person, I updated the sign-in sheet. It is identical to the one you saw above. Moving forward, all people will need to do to sign in is to write their name down next to their group. That's it.

Future GSRs wanting the minutes will need to email the secretary at secretary@gpana.org. I no longer will be asking people to write down their emails and then attempting - sometimes unsuccessfully - to transcribe the address from a small, handwritten response. Handwriting quality varies, sometimes an "n" can look like an "m" or an underscore looks like a hyphen. This eliminates my user error and puts the ask on y'all to request the notes if you want them.

Lastly, I'm tightening up the minutes to make them more printer friendly. Before, I sought to space out the notes to make them easier to read on devices. This neglected the fact that some people want to print out and read the minutes. Totally get that. Some folks prefer to read on a device. Some prefer to read a book. Personal preference is varied. Between making it more printer friendly and providing access to a Word version, there should be plenty of opportunity to customize what people want to print - if they want to print.

Literature (Arrianna B.)

Literature Sales Report

TOTAL SALES	
TOTAL OF ALL SALES	\$1,585.42
INCOME BREAKDOWN	
Total of all meeting lists SOLD	\$0.00
Total of all NA WEARS items Sold	\$0.00
Total of all NAWS items sold	\$1,585.42
RESTOCK COSTS	
TOTAL COST OF ITEMS PROVIDED TO SERVICE/SUBCOMMITTEES	\$253.75
NAWS REORDER WITH SHIPPING (VALUE OBTAINED FROM NA.ORG)	\$1,436.06
GPA MEETING LIST RESTOCK (750 MEETING LISTS)	\$127.50
NA WEARS ITEMS EXPENSE	\$0.00
TOTAL LITERATURE RESTOCK	\$1,563.56

Treasurer (Brian F.)

Following BOD audit, an order discrepancy of \$222.72 appeared. The invoice did not always match the final order, depending on availability of books. The Treasurer worked with BOD to spend the funds and eliminate this issue in the future with NAWS.

Treasurer is also working to create a workflow chart to assist the next treasurer in their duties.

Opening Balance	\$4,462.85
Plus Income:	
Literature Sales	\$1,585.42
Contributions	\$555.21
Activities from Prom	\$256.28
Online Contributions	\$2,396.91
	\$6,859.76
Less: Prudent Reserve	\$1,700.00
Set Asides: Activities	\$250.00
Hospitals & Institutions	\$350.00
BOD Insurance	\$500.00
Public Relations	\$300.00
	\$3,100.00
Operating Balance	\$3,759.76
Minus Expenses:	
Printing Meeting List	\$49.00
Zoom	\$17.11
Rent	\$100.00
Literature*	\$1,204.75
Storage Fees	\$176.00

	\$1,546.86
Ending Balance	\$2,212.90

*Used \$222.72 Credit with NAWS

Convention (Cyndi)

The Convention committee met today, opening Balance 14,142.27. We have open positions in Arts and Graphics, Merchandise, Fundraising and Entertainment. We discussed the May 31st event which was successful. 1,137.65 was turned in from the event to the convention treasurer after the event. We currently have 97 pre registrations and 4 newcomer donations. We had 20 members in attendance. We also have 38 nights booked at the Omni. Thank you to chair and vice chair for your support with the convention committee.

RCM (Milinda)

None

BOD (Robin B)

Finalized Audit running from May of 2024 to May of 2025

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Activities (Lizzy)

The Activities Committee met Sunday, June 15th with 3 people in attendance

We had our prom last weekend & it was a raging success. Everyone had a great time & we received a ton of positive feedback. All receipts were settled within the following days & a full financial breakdown report was emailed to the Treasurer. We ended up with a surplus of \$256.28 which was given back to the ASC on June 15th.

Our committee has decided to join hands with the Convention F&E committee in their upcoming fundraising events as they have had a shift in trusted servants & could use some support. We look forward to working with them, being of any help/service as needed, & continuing to bring fun & unity to the GPA.

The "Capture the Flag" is still in play (pun intended) & we encourage others to join the GPANA Activities Facebook group so they can track it's location & join in on the fund. We also remind everyone that anyone requesting access to the group MUST answer the security questions & agree to the group rules so we can protect the anonymity of everyone in the group as well as the image of GPA & NA as a whole. The URL for the facebook group can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1Bfv1Jc2cQ/>

With all that was needed to plan the NA Prom & now looking to help with F&E we currently do not have any upcoming events at this time, but are throwing around a couple of possible ideas & will report back when more information is available.

H&I (Jenn V.)

Next Learning Day will be 9/27

Policy (Gene)

Cleaned up policy document
Completed website chair description
Updating subcommittee policy

Public Relations (Pride)

Attended region and met with other PR folks. Discussed a few ideas for increasing awareness of NA and GPANA specifically. This included putting up pull-tab flyers for people to grab or hang posters so they could get in touch with the regional helpline or find meetings. Business cards were discussed and are well within the PR budget to obtain.

Looking to create a PR committee. Wanting a vice chair and secretary to be of help.

Exploring having a learning day

Cape Cod Symposium on Addictive Behavior upcoming

Rally4Recovery booth volunteers sought

Website Chair (John):

None

MOTIONS, CONCERNS, OLD/NEW BUSINESS, OPEN FORUM

Administrative Motions:

- **Motion:** 6.15.25-1
Date: 6/15/25
Maker: Pride I
Seconded By: Stacy
Motion: To receive \$500 for Ally-level sponsorship table at the 2025 Rally4Recovery (Saturday 9/13) from 12-4 PM at 195 District Park in Providence

Intent: To continue our 5th tradition and primary purpose of the PR Committee

Count: Yes: 18 No: 0 Abstain: 0 MOTION PASSES

- **Motion:** 6.15.25-2
Date: 6/15/25
Maker: Pride I
Seconded By: Jeff V.
Motion: To purchase business phone line cards from region to assist with fulfilling our 5th tradition

Intent: to distribute to facilities, patients of facilities and various community agencies providing services to those affected by active addiction

Count: Yes: 18 No: 0 Abstain: 0 MOTION PASSES

- **Motion:** 6.15.25-3
Date: 6/15/25
Maker: Cyndi W.
Seconded By: Ron R.
Motion: All GPANA events must be held in handicapped-accessible locations

Intent: To abide by state law and foster inclusivity

Count: Yes: 18 No: 0 Abstain: 0 MOTION PASSES

Group Motions:

None

Group Concerns:

Hope in the Dark anniversary (women's meeting) is July 10 from 7-9

Men with a Vision anniversary is August 23 from 7-830. Men and women are welcome.

Sisters in Spirit women's retreat cornhole tournament is July 12

Recovery in the Chapel in Cumberland and online on Friday nights needs support.

3rd Tradition meeting in Woonsocket on Wednesday nights needs support. It is not handicapped accessible.

Sanctuary in the City meeting in Providence on Saturday nights needs support.

Old Business:

New Business:

Candida unanimously elected Vice Chair of Convention Committee

Open Forum:

Discussed the possibility of offering Area hybrid to address attendance issues at area and allow more groups to attend and the creation of a google form to solicit feedback on how to grow attendance.

Tabled initial review of NESSNA due to time constraints