

**THE GREATER PROVIDENCE AREA (GPA) SERVICE COMMITTEE OF NARCOTICS**  
**ANONYMOUS NOVEMBER 2025 MEETING MINUTES**

Area Meeting Opened 15:30

Opened with Service Prayer & Concept of the Month

**KEY TAKEAWAYS, ACTION ITEMS, MOTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **MOTIONS BACK TO GROUPS:**
- **12-21-2025-3: (TWO PART)**
  - **Move February Area meeting from February 15 (2/15) to February 22 (2/22) - Due to Regional meeting that is in person and is in Boston. Regional representatives cannot be at Area and Region on the same date.**
  - **Move June Area meeting from June 21 (6/21) to June 28 (6/28) to allow for Area Service Members that wish to celebrate Father's Day availability.**

**Suggested possible modifications to meeting list have been made (attached as PDF). Looking for group feedback.**

**ELECTIONS:**

**Vice Chair - Steve L.**

**PR - Pride I.**

**OPEN POSITIONS:**

**Website - Open**

**Alt. Treasurer - Open**

**Alt. Secretary - Open**

**Greater Providence Area Convention of  
Narcotics Anonymous - GPACNA XII**

January 23-25 2026 at the Omni Hotel in Providence

- [Click here to register for the convention](#)
- [Click here to book a room at the Omni for the convention](#)

## MEETING 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

## 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

## CONTACTS

- **Chair: Marshall H. - 401-470-0739**
- **Vice Chair:**
- **Secretary: Robin B. ; [secretary@gpana.org](mailto:secretary@gpana.org)**
- **Alternate Secretary: OPEN**
- **Website: (Acting) Johnny Wheels 401-714-9765**
- **Treasurer: Brian F. 401-225-2452; [treasurer@gpana.org](mailto:treasurer@gpana.org)**
- **Alternate Treasurer: OPEN**

- **Board of Directors: Robin B. ; [bod@gpana.org](mailto:bod@gpana.org)**
- **Open Position BOD - General Member (1)**
- **Regional Committee Member (RCM): Thom D.**
- **Alternate Regional Committee Member (RCM): Gene F.**
- **Activities: Rene G.**
- **Policy: Carrie B.**
- **Convention Chair: Cyndi W.**
- **Convention Vice Chair: Candida F.**
- **Hospitals and Institutions Chair: Jenn V.**
- **Area Literature Chair: Rick D. [literature@gpana.org](mailto:literature@gpana.org)**
- **Public Relations: OPEN [gpanapublicrelations@gmail.com](mailto:gpanapublicrelations@gmail.com)**

## MEETING ATTENDANCE

Voting Members, 17 including 17 GSRs in Attendance [Highlighted]

MEETING GSR	CONTACT PERSON (First Name, Last Initial)
Back 2 Basics GSR	
Basic Text Message GSR	
Better Way GSR	
Breakfast Club GSR	
Clean And Serene GSR	
Cookies And Recovery GSR	Erica E.
Dedication GSR	Taylor H.
Dig Deep GSR	
Edgewood NA GSR	

From Active To Action GSR	
Hope In The Dark GSR	Jenn V.
Hope Not Dope GSR	
IP Time GSR	
J.J.D. GSR	
Journey of Hope GSR	Rene G.
Keep it Simple Saturday GSR	
Learn to Live GSR	
Living Free GSR	
Loveline GSR	Joey M
Men With A Vision GSR	George V.
Meeting In The Bucket GSR	
NA In The Bucket GSR	
NA In The Day GSR	
NASA GSR	Chris WE.
New Freedom GSR	
New Life GSR	
New Normal GSR	
One Day At A Time GSR	
Opt For Life GSR	
Out to Lunch Bunch GSR	Steve L.
Recovery And Beyond GSR	
Recovery In The Beach GSR	
Recovery In The Chapel GSR	Jim D.
Recovery In The Country GSR	
Recovery Is More Than Abstinence GSR	
Regardless Of Sexual Identity GSR	
Room To Grow GSR	
Sunday Serenity Insanity Group GSR	Ross I.
Serenity Maniacs GSR	Melanie M.
Serenity Seekers GSR	
SPA Day GSR	
Spiritual Solutions GSR	

Start Your Night Right GSR	
Step Sisters GSR	
Steps To Freedom GSR	Lindsay J.
Straight Forward GSR	Ron R.
Surrender Or Die GSR	
The 3rd Tradition Meeting GSR	Stacy K.
The Journey Continues GSR	
The Journey Of Hope GSR	
The Lie Is Dead GSR	Gene F.
The New Normal Group GSR	
The Offshore Meeting GSR	
Warehouse Meeting GSR	Bill L.
Why Are We Here? GSR	Michele R.
<b>AREA ROLE</b>	<b>CONTACT PERSON (First Name, Last Initial)</b>
Chair	Marshall H.
Vice Chair	
Secretary	Robin B.
Alternate Secretary	
Literature	Rick D.
Treasurer	Brian F.
Alternate Treasurer	
Convention	
RCM	Thom D.
Alternate RCM	
BOD	Robin B.
Activities	
H&I	Jenn V.
Policy	Carrie B. (Zoom)
PR	
Website	
	Pride I.

## REPORTS

### Chair (Marshall H.)

Chair Report for December '25:

Hello everyone,

Over the last month. I have worked with others in the service structure to form relationships appropriate for NA service. Sitting with the convention committee to offer my perspective on things I'm asked, and also learning the level of cooperation to put a convention on. I am also involved in the decision making process of the adhoc committee. But, I have passed on the chair of the Ad-hoc to another recovering addict because it seems appropriate to empower others to make their own progress in whatever way I can. I'm grateful for the continued opportunity to learn, and for how these roles will strengthen my own recovery.

ILS,

Marshall H.

### Vice Chair (Open.)

No report

### Secretary (Robin B. )

No report

### Literature (Rick D.)

Please note - costs will increase January 2026 due to NAWS 15% price increase - the Jot form will be updated to reflect this. The new Literature Order Form was distributed. (Attached as Excel)

**Greater Providence Area**  
**P.O. Box 72792, Providence, RI 02907**  
**GPANA.ORG**

[NAWS NEWS](#)

[THE NA WAY](#)

[REACHING OUT](#)

**Literature Sales Report**

**EXPENSE BREAKDOWN**

AREA	\$0.00
ACTIVITIES	\$0.00
CONVENTION	\$652.80
BOD	\$0.00
HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS	\$271.20
PHONELINE	\$0.00
POLICY	\$0.00
PUBLIC INFORMATION	\$0.00
PUBLIC RELATIONS	\$0.00

**INCOME BREAKDOWN**

GROUP SALES	\$1,423.15
NAWEARS	\$0.00

**TOTAL SALES, EXPENSES & MEETING LISTS**

EXPENSES	\$924.00
GROUP SALES	\$1,423.15
<b>TOTAL GROUP SALES &amp; EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,347.15</b>

**RESTOCK COSTS**

NAWS RESTOCK	\$1,200.55
NAWEARS RESTOCK	\$0.00
GPA MEETING LIST RESTOCK	\$125.00

**TOTAL LITERATURE RESTOCK**

**\$1,325.55**

## Treasurer (Brian F.)

GPANA Treasurer's Report			
12/21/25			
Opening Balance			\$3,607.79
Plus Income:			
	Literature Sales	\$1,422.95	
	In-Person Contributions	\$530.52	
	OnLine Contributions	\$190.87	
			<u>\$2,144.34</u>
			\$5,752.13
Less: Prudent Reserve	\$1,700.00		
* Set Asides:			
	Activities	\$250.00	
	Hospitals & Institutions	\$350.00	
	BOD Insurance	\$500.00	
	Public Relations	\$300.00	
			<u>\$3,100.00</u>
Operating Balance			\$2,652.13
Minus Expenses:			
	Printing Meeting List	\$128.00	
	Zoom	\$18.18	
	Rent	\$100.00	
	Literature	\$1,200.55	
	Storage	\$176.00	
	Snacks	\$50.00	
	Erroneously Entered Hosting Cost (Nov)	-\$20.99	
			<u>\$1,651.74</u>
Ending Balance			\$1,000.39

(PDF attached as well)

## Convention (Cyndi W.)

Good afternoon,

OPENING BALANCE: 7933.74

The Convention committee has been meeting weekly and we are finalizing preparations for the Hotel as well as schedule for the convention. Unfortunately we did not get the direct billing for the hotel so therefore we have to pay the hotel up front. The convention committee today put in a motion for 2,500 to help the convention with the final bill. Unfortunately we do not have the exact number to

which we owe the hotel right now, we will have that number in a couple of weeks. Room cut off is January 16th if you have not booked your room yet and you plan on staying at the hotel you may want to do that soon. We received a full inventory of merchandise which will be sold at our new year's fundraiser. Hats, sweatshirts, sweatpants, long sleeve t-shirts. Supplies will be limited at the event. To date there are 147 registrations, 161 room nights at the hotel. Please continue to announce the convention. It is coming up fast.

In loving service  
cyndi w

### **RCM (Thom D.)**

(Attached as PDF) - Main take aways below

Region posted the flyer for the upcoming Conference Agenda Report (CAR) workshop on January 10 2026 @12:00 PM to 5:00 PM in person at 106 Carter St Suite 40 Leominster ,Massachusetts Flyer on regions calendar

[https://nera.org/event/conference-agenda-report-workshops/?instance\\_id=5470](https://nera.org/event/conference-agenda-report-workshops/?instance_id=5470)

### **Regional Chair presented a list of questions for GPANA to talk about and bring back to Region:**

1. In the past 3 years. Does it seem as though the Fellowship in your region is growing, shrinking or staying the same?
2. Does any areas use Consensus Based Decision Making? In term of your experience at Region?
3. What (if any )subject generated significant interest and discussion over the past 3 years?
4. What has been the most significant challenge we have faced over the last 3 year?
5. Is there any additional information you would like to share with the World Service Conference?
6. Do we want to formally and fully participate with the US Collaboration of Zones (USCOZ)?
7. What are your thoughts surrounding the budget and the idea of the NEZF financially supporting the hosting region?

## **BOD (Robin B.)**

No report

## **Activities (Rene G.)**

Preliminary Valentine's Day activity discussed. Details to come at January Area meeting.

Planned 2026 Activity Calendar (below attached as JPG and PDF for sharing):

February 14 - Valentine's Dance

April 25 - Spring Fling Fashion show & Dance

May 16 - Give Back Dance (with food donations)

June 13 - Talent Show

August 29 - Spring Fling Dance

October 31 - Halloween Party & Costume Contest

November & December holiday NA rathons

Refreshments will be sold at all events

## **H&I (Jenn V.) Active Committee Contact Sheet Attached PDF**

The H&I subcommittee met on 12/21/25 from 2:00pm to 3:15pm with 19 members in attendance. All commitments have been filled this month. We are currently in 10 facilities with 26 total commitments. We voted in 1 new panel leader and covered all open commitments. We do currently have the 3rd Thursday at Fuller OPEN from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.

We have two open positions: Policy chair (9 month clean time requirement) and Secretary (6 month clean time requirement). Please pass along to your groups. The new contact lists for commitments with panel leaders contact info will be sent out in the minutes. GSRs please share with your groups if you are interested in coming on a commitment. We want to continue getting NA commitments into more facilities in the new year and we can always use more support so please come to

our next subcommittee meeting if interested in learning more about H&I or becoming a panel leader on 1/18/26 at 2:00pm.

Thank you!

ILS,  
Jenn V.

### **Policy (Carrie B.)**

I reviewed the current policy and added a few motions which had passed but had not yet been added. I reformatted the document as the numbering was not in a logical order and added a table of contents. I'd like to ask all the administrative and subcommittee persons to forward to me any internal guidelines or "how to" documents as these should be either on the website or in the google drive. There was no position in policy for website so with the agreement of the current website chair a motion is being submitted to create the IT qualifications and responsibilities.

### **Public Relations (Open.)**

### **Website (Acting) (Johnny Wheels)**

No Report

## **MOTIONS**

### **MoneyMotions**

**12-21-2025-1**

Maker: Cyndi W.

Seconded: Ron R.

Motion: To ask for the area for a set aside of 2,500 for final bill if needed for convention.

Intent: To pay for GPANA convention.

Favor: 18

Passed

## Administrative Motions

**12-21-2025-2**

Maker: Taylor

Second: Carrie

Motion: To postpone regular area service for one, TBD, in order to have region come and give a presentation on reimagining and revitalizing area and its service committees. A pot luck style event will be included.

Intent: To learn how are area can better serve the groups and make our community of NA more unified, as our 1st tradition states, Personal recovery **DEPENDS** on NA **UNITY**. Lets make this a fun and productive learning experience for us all.

For: 17                                      Passed

## Group Motions

12-21-2025-3

Maker of Motion: Taylor H.

Seconded By: Thom D.

Motion: To move area service to the 4th Sunday of the month in Feb '26 and June '26.

Intent: To accommodate Regional Service (Feb) and Father's Day (June)

## Group Concerns

NA in South Attleboro

Is basically a newcomers meeting

Is needing group members with time

## Old Business

**Motion Number:** 9.21.25-2    **Date:** 9/21/25

**Submitted By:** Gene F.

**Seconded By:** Marshall H.

**Motion:** To create an Online Overseer position. This person must have 90 days of clean time, a working knowledge of Area service and a willingness to learn. 1 year position.

**Intent:** To create a new position at GPA ASC to monitor zoom for the hybrid Area Service Meeting

\*\*\* WAS TABLED FOR 90 DAYS \*\*\*

Passed - Erica E. voted in

### **Area Revitalization Ad-Hoc Committee**

Service Slam Learning Day idea

5 people - not longer than 3 hours

However the decision was made that perhaps the presentation should be given at

Area and not at the Service Slam

Motion presented 12-21-2025-2

### **New Business**

Modifications to meeting list for readability. Attached as PDF. Requesting feedback from groups.

### **Open Forum**

N/A

Area Committee Meeting Closed 17:30