

THE GREATER PROVIDENCE AREA (GPA) SERVICE COMMITTEE OF NARCOTICS
ANONYMOUS JANUARY 2026 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. - Passed**
 - **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. - Passed**

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

OPEN POSITIONS:

Website - Open

Alt. Treasurer - Open

Alt. Secretary - Open

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**
- **Alternate Secretary: OPEN**
- **Website: (Acting) Johnny Wheels 401-714-9765**
- **Treasurer: Brian F. 401-225-2452; treasurer@gpana.org**
- **Alternate Treasurer: OPEN**
- **Board of Directors: Robin B. ; 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**
- **Public Relations: OPEN 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	Maxine R.
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	Angel R.
Loveline GSR	
Men With A Vision GSR	George V. - stand in
Meeting In The Bucket GSR	
NA In The Bucket GSR	
NA In The Day GSR	
NASA GSR	Chris W.
New Freedom GSR	
New Life GSR	
New Normal GSR	George V. - stand in
One Day At A Time GSR	George V.
Opt For Life GSR	
Out to Lunch Bunch GSR	
Recovery And Beyond GSR	
Recovery In The Beach GSR	
Recovery In The Chapel GSR	
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	
Straight Forward GSR	
Surrender Or Die GSR	
The 3rd Tradition Meeting GSR	
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	Melaine M.
Why Are We Here? GSR	Michele R.
AREA ROLE	CONTACT PERSON (First Name, Last Initial)
Chair	Marshall H.
Vice Chair	
Secretary	Robin B.
Alternate Secretary	
Literature	Rick D.
Treasurer	Brian F.
Alternate Treasurer	
Convention	Cyndi W.
RCM	Thom D.
Alternate RCM	Gene F.
BOD	Lizzy D.
Activities	Rene G.
H&I	Jenn V.
Policy	Carrie B. (Zoom)
PR	
Website	

REPORTS

Chair (Marshall H.)

No report

Vice Chair (Open.)

No report

Secretary (Robin B.)

Going forward, immediate notifications will be sent out via informal email right after Area Service Meeting prior to official minutes.

Literature (Rick D.) - also attached as PDF

Jan-26	
NAWS NEWS	THE NA WAY
REACHING OUT	
Literature Sales Report	
EXPENSE BREAKDOWN	
AREA	\$0.00
ACTIVITIES	\$0.00
CONVENTION	\$5.65
BOD	\$0.00
HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS	\$282.80
PHONELINE	\$0.00
POLICY	\$0.00
PUBLIC INFORMATION	\$0.00
PUBLIC RELATIONS	\$0.00
INCOME BREAKDOWN	
GROUP SALES	\$1,371.19
NAWEARS	\$139.99
TOTAL SALES, EXPENSES & MEETING LISTS	
EXPENSES	\$288.45
GROUP SALES	\$1,511.18
TOTAL GROUP SALES & EXPENSES	\$1,799.63
RESTOCK COSTS	
NAWS RESTOCK	\$1,913.72
NAWEARS RESTOCK	\$139.99
GPA MEETING LIST RESTOCK	\$165.00
TOTAL LITERATURE RESTOCK	\$2,218.71

Treasurer (Brian F.)- also attached as PDF

Jan26

GPANA Treasurer's Report

01/18/26

Opening Bank Balance		\$4,100.39
Plus Income:		
Literature Sales	\$1,376.04	
Contributions	\$630.63	
		<u>\$2,006.67</u>
		\$6,107.06
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		\$3,007.06
Minus Expenses:		
Printing (Meeting List)	\$165.00	
Zoom	\$18.18	
Rent	\$100.00	
Literature	\$1,902.84	
NA Wears	\$139.99	
Storage	\$176.00	
Activities (Valentine's Day)	\$250.00	
Bluehost	\$5.99	
Snacks	\$50.00	
Receipt Book	\$19.99	
		<u>\$2,827.99</u>
Working Balance		\$179.07

Convention (Cyndi W.)

The convention will not need the approved \$2,500 set aside for the Convention. The Omni guidelines will be sent out as an immediate notice following the Area Service meeting.

RCM (Thom D.)

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://nerna.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?

BOD (Lizzy D.)

No report

Activities (Rene G.)

Presented flyer for February 14, 2026 Valentine's Day Dance
Motion presented for set aside of \$250.00 for event.

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

H&I January Report

The H&I subcommittee met on 1/18/26 with about 14 members in attendance. We currently have 27 commitments per month in 10 facilities. The Policy chair is an open position. We also have 3 panel leader positions open- Jellison House 2nd Wednesday 7p-8p, Wilson House 2nd Wednesday 7p-8p and Elenaor Slater 3rd Thursday 5p-6p. We also have facility coordinator positions open for all 3 facilities listed above.

Please share this with your groups. We could use more panel leaders as we have these open commitments and would love to get into more facilities to continue to carry the message. If your group is interested in going on a commitment please contact myself or reference the contact list and reach out to a panel leader directly. Our next meeting will be on 2/22 from 2p-315p.

Policy (Carrie B.)

Discussion regarding the possibility of online literature sales payments. Summary in new business.

Public Relations (Pride I.)

No report.

Website (Acting) (Johnny Wheels)

No Report

MOTIONS

MoneyMotions

12-21-2025-4

Submitted by Rene G. Seconded by Ron R.

Amount: \$250.00

Motion: Monies for Valentine's Dance. Flyers, Place, refreshments, stamps, & paper. Set aside \$250.00.

Intent: To come together and enjoy Valentine's Day / night dance, DJ.

Passed 19 yes / 0 no

12-21-2025-5

Submitted by Rick D Seconded by Robin B

Amount: \$500.00

Motion: Purchase a new laptop for literature sales.

Intent: The current laptop is a Windows 10 Home addition and it is slow, with minimal processor speed and RAM to operate efficiently. I was looking into upgrading it to a windows 11 but does not meet the minimum system requirements to run windows 11.

Motion tabled for investigative ad-hoc for February Area for feedback on technology possibilities.

Administrative Motions

N/A

Group Motions

N/A

Group Concerns

N/A

Old Business

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

New Business

Discussion of possibilities of online payments for literature sales. Two most promising platforms shown below:

Platform	Fee for online ordering/Payment	Fee for tap to pay with phone app	Key in on app?	Digital Store?	Inventory Management	Automatic bank transfers?
Square	3.3% + 0.30c	2.6% +.15c	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
WooCommerce	2.90% + \$0.30	2.70% + \$0.10	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

Open Forum

Narcotics Anonymous in South Attleboro (NA in SA)

Looking for donations of Basic Text books for meeting. Any donations can be communicated to meeting or to GSR (via ASC).

516 Newport Ave

South Attleboro, MA

Area Committee Meeting Closed 17:30