

Eastern PA Regional Service Minutes December 3, 2006

- 2:15pm Meeting called to order with the Serenity Prayer.
- 12 Traditions read by: Henry D.
- 12 Concepts read by: Andrew.
- Last month's minutes read and accepted with amendment.
- Roll Call:

RSC Chair	Michelle M
RSC Co-Chair	<i>Position Open</i>
Secretary	Lin M.
Co-Secretary	<i>Position Open.</i>
Treasurer	Acting Treasurer Henry D.
Co-Treasurer	<i>Position Open</i>
Literature Review	<i>Position Open</i>
H & I	Jamie B co-chair
PI/Helpline	Not Present.
Activities	<i>Position Open</i>
Policy	<i>Position Open</i>
Meeting List	Chris L
Regional Delegate	Henry D.
RD Alt.	Merle H.
RCM Beehive	Jeff R
RCM Bucks Co.	Barry H
RCM Mont. Co.	Todd S
RCM Pure & Simple	Debbie M.

- Quorum met.

Regional Delegate Report:

To the RCS:

Hello everyone, Henry and I had a very slow couple of months attending meetings around the region in and outside to continue visibility as trusted servants. We also kept an ear to the ground to help support Bee Hive in their decision to move from our region. We will let their report answer your questions.

Unfortunately, we both had cars trouble the day we were supposed to attend the ASC. (That may have been divine intervention!) And we will both continue to show up sporadically at areas and any of their functions we can to support NA as a whole.

We are still fielding questions from Pocono Mt. and Little Apple Area folks on their interest in the Eastern PA Region. Henry represented us at the Beehive Public Information & H&I day last week, which was a big success.

We attended the coming together of the "multi-regional" meeting list! The contract is signed and we have the meeting list here. Great job from the EPARSC Chair and our new Meeting List Chair!! Michele and Chris did a very nice job, along with Todd, in the bonding of two regions for this work. We feel this will also help our two regions move on in the Twelve Step work for our local communities.

The position paper on "What it means to [be seated] at the NA World Service Conference" is ready.

There are handouts being passed around that can be copied if need be. Just remember, this is for **SERVICE PURPOSES ONLY.**

Our plan is to attend the Mid Atlantic Learning Conference in Feb. 2007 to gather information from World Service issues. This budgetary motion will be included for our next RSC meeting inn Feb.

ILS Henry D & Merle H

POSITION PAPER #002:

WHAT IT MEANS TO "BE SEATED" AT WSC.

Being seated is a relative term that basically refers to "voting privileges" at the World service Conference (WSC) of Narcotics Anonymous. The understanding of "seating" holds many parts to involvement at the Conference. Held bi-annually, the WSC is where the WHOLE of NA is apparent in compiling information/discussion/voting on issues that affect NA as a whole. Participation at World level as a seated region gives us the ability to speak out "directly" to the WSC on issues concerning our region.

With such privileges, our region will be recognized as a full participant in ALL activities with the WCS or WSO (World Service Office). We would be able to receive up-to-the-minute information from the worldwide fellowship.

An additional privilege of seating is each participating region is given funds for travel and lodging (for one person) to attend the conference each year. This comes from what is called a "unified budget" of the WSC. This encourages participation from any region regardless of their financial capabilities.

Area Reports

Beehive: All is well with the Bee Hive Area. I am personally sorry for the poor turnout from our Area with the subcommittees. The motion to leave EPARNA has failed. It was a very emotional day at Area but our Area's conscious was to stay with EPARNA. The motion was 9-2-1 to stay. We voted on the prudent reserve motion! We had a H&I and PI Learning Day and all went well. We didn't have the turnout that we wanted due to it being open to the public, it was however, well attended by the region and we thank you.

In Loving Service, John P. & Jeff R

Bucks County: The Area is doing well. We have a new meeting on Fridays from noon to 1pm and it meets at the Emily United Methodist Church on New Falls Rd in Levittown. Upcoming events are a Bowling Night at Morrisville lanes in Morrisville PA and a New Year's Eve dance on Sunday, Dec. 31st from 9pm till 1am at 6131 Emily Rd in Levittown.

In loving service, Barry H.

Montgomery County: Montco has established a Literature inventory to reconcile the problem we have had getting literature at the RSO. We will purchase meeting lists as they become available. Our election process is on going and will be completed at our next Area Meeting. Currently we have the following vacancies. Literature Co-Chair, RCM, PI Chair, Unity Chair and Literature Review Chair. We have a donation of \$286.65 and will forward it to the Treasurer. Our vote for the motion is to ask the motion be rewritten.

In loving service, Todd S. Alt RCM

Pure and Simple: Area News: All positions at Area level are filled. Our next area service is on December 10, 2006 at 2pm at St. Michaels Church in Sellersville, PA.

Public Information is looking for suggestions of where to post flyers in the area. They are also looking for volunteers to post these flyers. As a group, PI is struggling for support. Any ideas from the Region as to how we can attract support for PI will be greatly appreciated.

H&I traveled to Kingston for the H&I Learning Day. We hear they had a good time.

We are working on creating a Pure and Simple Learning Day. An ad-hoc committee has been formed to set-up this learning day. More will be revealed. We will announce the date when one is available.

Our Policy Chair is busy keeping our policy up to date.

Our donation to region this month is \$345.02.

Regional Meeting List: The conscious of our Area is that we would like the region to handle the purchase and distribution of the regional meeting lists. Our Area feels this way due to prior difficulty with getting adequate amounts of literature from the GPRSO.

Our Area will research how many meeting lists we need to make sure an adequate amount of meeting lists are requested from the printer to supply our area. We suggest other areas do the same and get this number of needed list to the meeting list chair to guarantee supply.

We provided the groups of the area with the list of topics to be used on the new meeting lists given to us from the regional meeting list chair. The list of topics went back to the homegroups to conform their topics to the available list and to get this information back to our Area's literature chair, who deals with meeting list changes.

Additional note: I, Kevin P, will be becoming the RCM for the P&S Area. Deb will be running for the regional Secretary.

In loving service, Debbie M

Subcommittee Reports

H&I: Total number of H&I meetings in EPARNA (monthly) 164 meetings. H&I no longer needs the \$62.00 we requested to get two subscriptions for "Reaching Out" magazine because we found out from World that every Area receives them along with NA Way magazine. World will include a cover letter with the next printing letting the secretary know that the twelve Reaching out magazines should go directly to the H&I chair to be distributed to the H&I meetings. We would like to use the \$62.00 to purchase Intro Guides to send to prisoners who write us. This will include envelopes, stamps and pre-paid postage, self addressed envelopes with a subscription order form so that prisoners can request their own free copy of "Reaching Out" magazine from World.

Regional H&I was represented at the Bee Hive H&I/PI Learning Day by Tom F. and Sue from P&S Area. We are asking for \$70.00 from our budget to include the cost of intro guides, envelopes and postage.

I'd like to thank everybody for letting me be in service through H&I for the last two years. I hope to continue serving NA through other avenues.

In loving service, Tom F.

Meeting List: I met with Dennis V. from Philly Region in Nov. We inputted the data on hand from the last Regional printing. There was not time for updates. The Philly list uses a different set of meeting format codes. We did our best to integrate their codes to our meetings. There will need to be corrections. There is other meeting info needed for their data base. Forms were given to Area Reps to collect the data. Multi-Regional lists should be available at the Philly RSO Tuesday. It is the responsibility of each area to purchase lists from the RSO cost .25 cents each.

RSO/1243 C South 22nd St/Philadelphia PA 19146 215-755-8200

Hours: Tues 5-10 Thurs 5-10 Sat 9-3 Sun 12-4

I have had no response from Bee Hive Area in regards to meeting lists. The other area reps have met the past two months. Communicating and support is getting better.

In Loving Service, Chris L.

PI: Acting Chair Mark R P&S Chair

Attendance: Mark R (P&S Area)

Meeting suspended due to lack of attendance.

P&S PI Chair was the only representative in attendance.

To my knowledge there is still no regional PI Chair.

Recommendation to the RSC:

It may be necessary to initiate efforts at the Regional level to ensure that all Eastern PA areas have at least the bare minimum PI activities in effect.

That is;

Production and distribution of fliers throughout the community announcing the availability of NA in the area and directing those interested (in the flyer content) to call the phonenumber or attend local meetings.

I am sure most areas are doing this and much more, but it is time to ensure we are doing at least the minimum in all areas. I as PI chair (P&S Area) will begin service efforts to achieve this and more in the P&S Area.

In Loving Service, Mark R

Old Business

NO OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer Report: See Attachment

New Business

Bucks Area motion for prudent reserve to be amended. (See motions)

Meeting Lists will be printed on Tuesday; Chris will look into getting them shipped. (See motion by Montco about getting meeting lists)

PI Chair vote tabled till next meeting.

• **Motion by RD/RD Alt.:** RSC Chair create an Ad-Hoc committee to research feasibility of creating a position of literature sales @RSC.

This position would be meeting back at next RSC (Feb) with proposals of the following:

Meeting lists sales

Literature sales

Temporary Policy for positions.

Intent: To consolidate & unify our needs of our Areas.

Passed Unanimously (Henry will to form Ad-Hoc committee)

AMENDED:

• **Motion Bucks County Area Barry H:** That EPARNA establish a prudent reserve of \$1,500.00 and make *semi*-annual donations to World Services *in Oct and April*. The amount of the donation to World Service will be all monies above the prudent reserve after all debts are paid in full for that month.

Intent: To adhere to the principle of fund flow in Narcotics Anonymous.

Sent back to groups for two months

• **Motion by Montco Area:** RSC to purchase 1500 multi-regional meeting lists for sale at Feb RSC.

Cost \$375.00 + shipping.

Intent: To help addicts and serve those we represent.

Passed YES: 3 NO: 0 Abstentions: 1

• **Nominations** (For Feb. 7)

Position	Nomination	Accept	Qualify
Chair	Michelle M.	Yes	Yes
Co-Chair	Open		
Secretary	Debbie M	Yes	Yes
Co-Secretary	<i>No nominations</i>		
Treasurer	Tim R.	Yes	Yes
Co-Treasurer	<i>No nominations</i>		
Activities Chair	<i>No nominations</i>		
H&I Chair	Jamie B	Yes	Yes
Lit. Review Chair	<i>No nominations 4</i>		
Meeting List Chair	Chris L	Yes	Yes
Policy Chair	<i>No nominations</i>		
PI Chair	Greg A	Yes	Yes

Elections (Dec. 3, 2006)

Chair: Michelle M Elected Unanimous (Votes 9)

Secretary: Debbie M Elected Unanimous (Votes 9)

H&I Chair: Jamie B Elected Unanimous (Votes 9)

Meeting List Chair: Chris L Unanimous (Votes 4)

Open Forum

Combining P&S and Bucks PI committees to form an active committee.

Have any announcements emailed to each area RCM.

**Montco has a special email for this: montcoareana@yahoo.com

• **5:10pm Meeting closes with the Serenity Prayer.**

Regional Services	Subcommittees
February 3rd at 2pm	January 6 th and February 3rd at 1pm
April 7th at 2pm	March 3rd and April 7 th at 1pm
June 2nd at 2pm	May 5 th and June 2 nd at 1pm
August 4 th at 2pm	July 7 th and August 4th at 1pm
October 6th at 2pm	September 1 st and October 6 th at 1pm
December 1st at 2pm	November 3 rd and December 1st at 1pm

**Dates and times are subject to change.*

Position Open at Region:

Co-Chair • Co-Treasurer • Lit. Review • Activities Chair • Policy • Co-Secretary

Announcements:

Bucks County Area: Bowling Nights Friday Dec 8 & Jan 19 10pm-1am Morrisville Lanes Morrisville PA
New Year's Eve Dance Sunday Dec 32, 2006 9pm-1am 6131 Emily Rd Levittown PA