

## **Eastern PA Regional Service Minutes**

**Date: February 4, 2007**

- 2:15pm Meeting called to order with the Serenity Prayer by chairperson: Michelle M.
- 12 Traditions read by: Tim R.
- 12 Concepts read by: Kevin P.
- Roll Call:

RSC Chair	Michelle M.
RSC Co-Chair	<i>Position Open</i>
Secretary	Debbie M.
Co-Secretary	<i>Position Open.</i>
Treasurer	Tim R.
Co-Treasurer	<i>Position Open</i>
Literature Review	<i>Position Open</i>
H & I	Jamie B.
PI/Helpline	<i>Position Open</i>
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.	Allison S. (Alt.)
RCM Mont. Co.	Todd S.
RCM Pure & Simple	Kevin P.

- Quorum met.
- Last month's minutes read by: Debbie M. – accepted with a correction to the minutes that the vote for the Bucks County Area motion in December regarding establishing a prudent reserve was voted on at region was not sent back to groups for two months. The vote for this motion taken at December's regional meeting was: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions – motion passed.

### **Area Reports:**

**Beehive Area:** Hi. I'm, Jeff and I'm an addict. The Beehive area is in desperate need of support. Last month the Beehive area voted out both the PI chair and the RCM which now leaves us with a Chair, a Secretary, an Alt. RCM, and a H&I chair. All other positions are open.

I was nominated as RCM and respectfully declined it.

I am submitting a motion for the multi regional meeting lists. This motion is not from the area but from a group within our area. The motion is that EPARNA give the meeting lists that are purchased with 7<sup>th</sup> tradition money equally to the area's involved in the region. Since it is 7<sup>th</sup> tradition money being used to purchase these meeting lists in the first place. Intent – that areas are only paying one time for these meeting lists. (Note: Motion to be brought up in Open Forum because it is from a group not a region.) We have donated \$368.21 to region this month.

In loving service.....Jeff, Alt. RCM

**Bucks County Area:** Barry could not make it here today. Our area met December 31<sup>st</sup> & January 29<sup>th</sup>. Our convention is coming up March 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> at the Bucks County Sheraton. We have several functions coming up. A Valentine's Dance at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church, 6131 Emilie Road, Levittown from 9 to 1. A Bowling nite at the Morrisville Lanes, W. Trenton Avenue in Morrisville PA. Basic Recovery home group is celebrating 14 years of recovery on February 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9:30. I have submitted a motion regarding meeting lists. Our regional donation is \$167.50. Area is doing well.

In loving service, Alt RCM for Bucks County, Allison S.

**Montgomery County Area:** The Montco Area as a whole is doing well. Our H&I committee is always in need of help and is currently undergoing some changes. We have completed our area elections and still have a few vacancies. Most noticeable in its absence is our Public information committee. We have a new Unity committee headed by Dave W. 610-348-8255. Perhaps some of our experienced members could contact him.

We welcome Kevin Q as area Chair, Rina E as Secretary, Ryan H as Treasurer, Michele A as Meetinglist Chair, Jim S. as H&I Chair, Eric P as Alt-RCM and Todd S. as RCM.

The Recovery First Group is celebrating 35 years on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Meeting starts at 7 PM. Food, fun and fellowship. 3 speakers.

We have last regions donation for 286.65 and this meetings donation for 662.93. Total donation is 949.58.

With gratitude, Todd S. 610-506-8976

**Pure and Simple Area: Regional Meeting Lists** - Our area did pass a motion to purchase 500 multi-regional meeting lists from the Eastern PA Region at this meeting. We'll be presenting a check for \$125.00 to the treasurer today. Our area will also like to bring a motion to the committee today regarding regional meeting lists. We'll be suggesting the region continues to buy regional meeting lists for sale at regional meetings to the areas.

**PI Committee** - Our PI committee continues to struggle. The PI chairperson was voted out of their position due to noncompliance of duties as stated in our area guidelines. Damian B. is acting as an interim PI chairperson. He's expressed that he does not wish to fulfill the chairperson commitment on an ongoing basis, but will stand in until a chairperson is found. He asked each homegroup to send one member from their homegroup to the PI subcommittee meeting to be held February 11th, 2007 at 1:00PM. The purpose will be to discuss how the groups can support the PI subcommittee.

**New Meetings starting soon** - "Manageable Mondays" is a new group starting 2/12/2007 in Quakertown. The group will meet every Monday 12:00 – 1:00PM. This will be an open, non-smoking meeting with a "Free-flowing" format. The location of the meeting is as follows: Morning Star Fellowship, 425 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Quakertown, PA 18951 (Located at 9<sup>th</sup> & Main Street across from the Strayer Freshmen Center. From Rt. 309 N (West End Blvd), turn right at 7-Eleven, Church is on right.) There's also talk of a new meeting starting in Doylestown on Saturdays at 7:00PM. More will be revealed at our next ASC meeting on February 11th.

**Group Losing their meeting place** - The Steps in Action group (Thursday nights in Sellersville) will be losing their meeting place. The church recently raised their rent to \$25/week and are requiring proof of insurance from the group. The group did attend a church board meeting to discuss this matter. Members of the church expressed their regret and stated this was a business decision. The church can not be held legally and financially responsible for any lawsuits that may occur relating to NA events. This is the main reason they'll be requiring the group to provide proof of insurance. Since the area does not have liability insurance, the group will be forced to find a new meeting location in February. The fact that the issue hasn't yet been brought up at the area floor means this information is purely FYI; more will be revealed.

**Change in meeting location** - The Recover or Die group, Lansdale at 4:00PM, has changed its meeting location. The new location is at follows: Recovery after Work building, 1107 E. Main St., Lansdale, PA (Corner of Welsh Rd (Rt. 63) and North Wales Rd.)

In loving service, Kevin P.

**Regional Delegate Report** -Hello from Henry and Merle - For our first report for 2007, we want to express how wonderful it has been in 2006. After the conference, we started working on the issues of being "seated". Part of this work surrounds the need to support each others areas and become more unified within our region. We believe this year can show the NA world who we are and how we are carrying the message in unity to the still suffering addict. The rumors of our region not being seated cannot be supported with any real information. Last years conference basically showed us the work we need to do for admission to this level. The Eastern PA Region has become a place where people can find recovery, "the EPARNA way"! We have come a long way in three years that some regions have struggled to get in ten! We ARE carrying the message.

With that said, we can now say where your delegates have been focused. We continued to attend area service meetings, as well as the Fellowship Day for Bucks County Area and a Learning Day in Bee Hive Area. On January 27, we attended the Autonomy Zonal Forum, which was held in Baltimore, hosted by the Free State Region. We presented our report to the Zonal Forum having extensive discussion of [Resolution A] which involves a motion passed in 1996. This motion was all completed except the part regarding the seating of new regions and revising the WSC representation structure. The final consensus was to take this back and see if we could brainstorm within our region any possible solutions, alternatives, or ideas about Resolution A. Our next Autonomy Zonal

Forum will be held in the Greater Philadelphia Region on July 28, 2007, location TBA.

We will be attending MARLCNA February 9 & 10, 2007 and are requesting reimbursement for two regional rooms for any RSC-elected members who would like to stay Friday overnight and participate in World Service discussions.

Also we are submitting a motion for our 2007 budget which includes two RSC Assemblies we'll hold throughout the region. The approximate dates and locations will be announced. Content on the assemblies will depend on the information we receive from NA World Services. In one of these meetings, we'll workshop the issues surrounding the motion we are submitting to be seated at the next WSC '08.

Everyone please make sure your email address and phone numbers stay current with the RSC Secretary so we can keep you in the loop for the workshops. What happens in the next year within our region is how the world may view our need to be represented at the Conference and whether we have a strong enough structure to support and represent our groups. Please inform your groups on the understanding of being connected to Narcotics Anonymous as a whole.

Still in Loving Service,  
Henry D. & Merle H.  
February 4, 2007

**Further explanation about Resolution A was given by Henry at the request of Todd S & other committee members. See discussion under Open Forum and more will be revealed!**

### **Subcommittee Reports:**

**H&I:** H&I is doing well. All areas are really coming together at a regional level to support on another. We do miss Beehive but have been contacting chairperson by phone.

We are addressing the prison mail issue. We continue to receive mail from prisoners. We will be purchasing the white intro guides with our budget and sending them to the prisoners along with the "reaching out" subscription form and an envelope to send the forms back.

Some areas are having a difficult time understanding the Panel System suggested by World as H&I structure. We have decided to do a mini workshop to explain the panel system in perhaps May.

In loving service, Jamie B.

**PI:** Tom F. (subcommittee member giving the report). Discussed renaming the subcommittee Public Relations to conform to World. Tim R. will fix out of date meeting lists and assist PI in updating 12 step call list. Also discussed rollowing up with webmaster concerning accuracy of website.

Jill G. elected PI Secretary.

Tom F. nominated as PI Chair.

We are discussing ways to increase support for PI on regional and area levels.

In loving service, Tom F.

**Meeting List:** Chris L. Meeting List Chair Report.

We have 1500 lists for distribution today.

The spring list is currently in printing and should be available by the end of the month.

I was given updates from P&S, Bucks, and some Montco which will be compiled this week and sent to Phoneline & Web.

Shipping is available from Philly RSO – shipping req. were given to the areas. \*

I don't mind picking up list in Philly for distribution at region if region decides to distribute.

**\*Meeting List Shipping Requirments**

Philly RSO, 1243C South 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146, (215) 755-8200

Meeting List Cost= \$.25 each

Requirements - As per one of our discussions, please be advised that for orders to be shipped to various customers the criteria is as follows:

- 1) The value of the order must be \$150.00 minimum prior to shipment costs.
- 2) The customer must pay for the order via credit card or money order prior to us shipping the material (we can charge their card without them coming to the office, but they must sign an approval form first via fax)
- 3) We will be shipping orders via UPS
- 4) We expect a reasonable lead time for orders to ensure that we have all of the ordered items

**Adhoc Report:** Henry - 1. Literature chair will be elected by the RSC within EPARNA Policy requirements.

Committee will be gathered from the participating ASC's literature sales people.

Duties will include the following, but not limited to:

- Purchasing Literature for a standing inventory on a monthly basis,
- Store and inventory all items, reporting these amounts to the region,
- Receive orders and bring to the RSC,
- There will not be a separate bank account, however, the literature sales will be earmarked for continued use in the RSC bank account,
- There will be several NA Offices that the Lit Sales committee could purchase from, WSO, Free State RSO or GPRSO; shopping for the best price and most reliable,

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2. The three bids I have found are:

FACILITY	SIZE	MONTHLY AMOUNT	DISTANCE
MACOBY STORAGE	5 x 10	\$60	1 MILE
R & H STORAGE	5 x 10	\$50	3 MILES
PLANET SELF STORAGE	5 x 5	\$39	7 MILES

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3. The bins for literature are approx. as low as \$7.00 each.

We can purchase 10 bins for use inside the storage facility only.

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4a. Literature sales approximately averaged through one year:

Area Liter Sales	Monthly	Inventory	Uses storage facility	Where
Beehive	\$	\$	YES/NO	
Bucks	\$1000	\$2500	YES	@ASC
Montco	\$700	\$2000	NO	X
P & S	\$600	\$1000	YES	@ASC

<b>TOTALS</b>	\$2300	\$5500		
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4b. We factored a basic set of inventory based on WSO pricing, using Basic Texts, standard IP's and Key tags. This does include shipping & handling. We did not figure in meeting lists since we don't have real time numbers for these amounts.

The presumed need to inventory for the combined four areas would be...

Monthly inventory - \$5500/ Sales - \$2300

Yearly inventory - \$66,000

Bimonthly sales - \$4600

**This Adhoc Committee has become dissolved.....see notes under Open Forum.**

### **Old Business:**

NO OLD BUSINESS

### **B R E A K**

**Treasurer Report:** See Attachment

### **New Business:**

#### ***Motion from Treasurer***

Motion: To be reimbursed \$44.68 for supplies. (supplies = ink & stamps)

Intent: To be financially responsible & the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition.

RCM only Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.....motion passes

#### ***Motion from Bucks County Area.....Motion Withdrawn***

Motion: That Region provide area's with 500 regional meeting lists every other month at Region's expense.

Intent: To serve area, to carry the message, financial impact \$500.

Vote: **Motion Withdrawn**

#### ***Motion from Pure & Simple Area***

Motion: To have the Eastern PA Region purchase multi-regional meeting lists for sale to the areas in the region at Eastern PA Regional service meetings. The quantity of meeting lists to be purchased is 1500 at a cost of \$375.00. This quantity is based on the number of meeting lists purchased for the February Regional Service meeting. The quantity can change based on the demand for meeting lists from the areas in the region.

Intent: To better serve the addict who still suffers.

RCM only Vote: 3 yes, 1 no.....vote passes. RCM's to give the Meeting List Chair a number of meeting lists they can commit to buying to have for next region. Commitments: Pure & Simple – 500, Beehive Area – 0, Montco Area – 200, Bucks County Area – 1000. Total = 1700 meeting lists for April.

#### ***Motion from RD/RD Alt. – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Todd S.***

Motion: To accept our budget of 2007 as follows:

*MARLCNA (2 rooms) one male/one female overnight	\$155.40
*Regional Assembly Workshops – rent & incidentals	<u>\$200.00</u>
Total	\$355.40

Intent: To be able to communicate information from world services of NA to further our region's growth.

RCM only Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.....motion passes.

***Motion from Todd of Montco Area – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin of P&S Area (brought up at end of meeting under open forum but moved to new business for secretarial minutes)***

Motion: Budget \$40.00 for 2000 meeting list supplementals for multiregional list. Format to be determined by committee at March meeting. Distribution to be free to areas based on need.

Intent: To best serve the addict who still suffers and the homegroups of the areas we represent.

RCM only Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.....motion passes. Treasurer to give Meeting List Chairperson \$40.00 to create this supplemental.

### **Positions Open at Region - Nominations:**

**PI Chair** - Nomination from Public Information Committee - Tom F - also nominated by Henry D. Tom F. qualified himself.

Vote: yes – unanimously!!!

**Positions Open for Nominations:** Please bring nominations &/or volunteers to our next regional meeting.

<b>Co-Chair</b>	<i>No nominations</i>
<b>Co-Secretary</b>	<i>No nominations</i>
<b>Co-Treasurer</b>	<i>No nominations</i>
<b>Activities Chair</b>	<i>No nominations</i>
<b>Lit. Review Chair</b>	<i>No nominations</i>
<b>Policy Chair</b>	<i>No nominations</i>

### **Open Forum:**

***Motion from New Thoughts Group in the Beehive Area..... Motion Withdrawn***

Motion: That EPARNA give the meeting lists that are purchased with 7<sup>th</sup> tradition money equally to the area's involved in the region since it is 7<sup>th</sup> tradition money being used to purchase these in the first place.

Intent: That area's are only paying one time for these meeting lists.

Vote: **Motion Withdrawn**

Discussion on Resolution A – The restructuring of the actual world service conference itself is what Resolution A is about. Some discussion followed Henry's informative description of Resolution A.

Discussion by Kevin P – Regarding updating the NAWS meeting list database....the RD, the website person for each area, and website person for the region might want to take into consideration updating this information . We might also want to consider updating at a regional subcommittee level. Merle can provide future information.

Discussion by Henry – it's important for us to be a “large” presence at the assemblies that are put on by RD & RD alt. WE NEED SUPPORT from all the areas....bring yourself, bring your sponsees, bring any recovering addicts who want to stay clean. If our region wants to be seated at a world level we must all be involved to prove our intended involvement. Also World Service Conference people are looking to get minutes from region. Debbie (the regional secretary) will discuss submission requirements with Henry.

Discussion by Henry – Requested a “straw-poll” vote to indicated area interest in the general idea of having a storage facility for the purpose of stockpiling literature. Montco – liked the idea, P&S – liked the idea, Bucks County - ????, Beehive Area - ????. The general consensus is that having this information on file is ideal, but we do not need to pursue this at this time. **The Ad-hoc Committee created to research feasibility of creating a position of literature sales is now dissolved.**

- **4:40pm Meeting closes with the Serenity Prayer.**

## **Upcoming Dates:**

<b>Regional Services</b>	<b>Subcommittees</b>
April 1st at 2pm	March 4th and April 1st at 1pm
June 3rd at 2pm	May 6 <sup>th</sup> and June 3 <sup>rd</sup> at 1pm
August 5 <sup>th</sup> at 2pm	July 1 <sup>st</sup> and August 5th at 1pm
October 7th at 2pm	September 2 <sup>nd</sup> and October 7 <sup>th</sup> at 1pm
December 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 2pm	November 4th and December 2nd at 1pm

*\*Dates and times are subject to change.*

## **Upcoming Events:**

GPRCNAXXII – The Greater Philadelphia Regional Convention – April 6, 7, 8, 2007. Radisson Hotel Valley Forge Convention Center, 1160 First Avenue, King of Prussia, PA 19406. For more information contact Richard C. 267-266-2820.

CIRCNA IX – California Inland Region Convention of NA – July 6-8, 2007 in Palm Springs, CA. For more information go to convention web site [www.cirna.org/convention](http://www.cirna.org/convention).

Bucks County Area - Homegroup Anniversary – Basic Recovery in celebrating 14 years of service in Bucks County – 479 Stonybrook Dr. and Sexton Lane, Levittown, PA. February 27, 2007 from 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm. Food, fun and fellowship with clean time count down.

Bucks County Area - BCACNA Convention – Bucks County Sheraton, 400 Oxford Valley Road in Langhorne, PA 19047 on March 2-4, 2007. For more information call Pam M at 215-459-0956.

Bucks County Area - BCACNA Talent/Open Mic Night – Friday night at the convention – 10 pm till ? for more information call Jim M 267-236-5542, Brian D 215-327-1542, Lin M 215-431-8634 or email [gottalent@comcast.net](mailto:gottalent@comcast.net). Reserve your spot today!

Bucks County Area – BCACNA Fund Raising Committee presents Valentine’s Day Dance on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 pm – 1 am at First Baptist Church, 6131 Emilie Road, Levittown, PA. Donation \$8.00....if you don’t have the donation come join us for the fun anyway. Food, Fun, Fellowship.

Bucks County Area – BCACNA Fund Raising Committee presents Bowling Night on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 pm – 1 am at Morrisville Lanes, W. Trenton Ave., Morrisville, PA. Donation \$15.00 for bowling & food, \$5.00 food only.

Montco Area – The Recovery First Group of N.A. is hosting it’s 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Tuesday, March 20, 2007. Food, fun fellowship at 7:00 pm, intro-preambles 8:00 pm, history, speakers, cleantime countdown. Church on the mall, Plymouth Meeting, PA.