

## **Eastern PA Regional Service Minutes**

**Date: April 1, 2007**

- **2:15 pm Meeting called to order with the Serenity Prayer by chairperson: Michelle M.**
- **12 Traditions read by: Eric P.**
- **12 Concepts read by: Eric P.**

- **Roll Call:**

<b>RSC Chair</b>	Michelle M.
<b>RSC Co-Chair</b>	<i>Position Open</i>
<b>Secretary</b>	Debbie M.
<b>Co-Secretary</b>	<i>Position Open.</i>
<b>Treasurer</b>	Tim R.
<b>Co-Treasurer</b>	<i>Position Open</i>
<b>Literature Review</b>	<i>Position Open</i>
<b>H &amp; I</b>	Jamie B.
<b>PI/Helpline</b>	Tom F.
<b>Activities</b>	<i>Position Open</i>
<b>Policy</b>	<i>Position Open</i>
<b>Meeting List</b>	Chris L.
<b>Regional Delegate</b>	Henry D.
<b>RD Alt.</b>	Merle H.
<b>RCM Beehive</b>	Jeff R.
<b>RCM Bucks Co.</b>	Barry H.
<b>RCM Mont. Co.</b>	Todd S.
<b>RCM Pure &amp; Simple</b>	Kevin P.

- **Quorum met.**
- **Last month's minutes read by: Debbie M. – motion to accept by Kevin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Henry. Motion passed.**

### **Area Reports:**

**Beehive Area:** Jeff R. Hi I'm Jeff and I'm an addict serving as the Alt. RCM for the Beehive Area. Due to a church function we had to move area service to a new location on the spur of the moment. Area started a little late but all went well. I would like to thank the regional treasurer and Alt. RD for attending area and being a part of. The Beehive area is not taking in enough monies and every month we are going into Prudent Reserve. We had a little discussion on what we can do to help out area. There was a discussion on whats going on with the regional phoneline. The outcome was some call and get the operator and some don't. The Beehive area asked me to bring 3 motions to the floor (see motions under new business). We have a group that might lose its meeting place because they do not have any insurance. Living Recovery is having a campout July 20-22<sup>nd</sup> at Frances Slocum State Park. It's \$10 per person before June 30<sup>th</sup> and \$15 after. They ask that you BYO Bug Spray. April 5<sup>th</sup> is a skating party from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Admission is \$5 + \$2 skating rental at 610 Blackman Street in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Proceeds to benefit the 2007 Beehive area convention. For more information come see me. In loving service, Alt. RCM, Jeff R.

**Bucks County Area:** Barry H. Bucks County Area is doing well. We'd like to thank the EPARNA region for helping to make our convention a huge success! We have added a new group to the area which will focus on women's issues in recovery and meets on Thursdays at 7:30 pm at Libertae in Bensalem. All are welcome. We are having a bowling night on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 pm till 1:00 am at Morrisville Lanes in Morrisville, PA. We decided to make our Unity Day picnics free of charge for 2007. That includes our Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and Labor Day picnics. This is our way of saying thanks for supporting of convention. We are bringing a motion to form and Ad-hoc committee to research insurance for the groups in EPARNA (see motion under new business). Our area donation to region is \$500.00 and we are purchasing 1000 regional meeting lists. Also, the meeting list chair has stepped down and the area now has no-one to fulfill this commitment currently.

In loving service, Barry H. 215-805-6059.

**Montgomery County Area:** Todd S. Montco Area is well. We are paying bills, serving the homegroups, and have new representatives joining our service body regularly. We do however still need more trusted servants. We lack a co-chair, co-secretary, policy chair, and PI committee. We have a new group meeting in Hatboro. We have concerns about insurance. We have a donation of \$309.40. We are trying to rebuild our Unity committee and have no activities planned at this time. In loving service, Todd S.

**Pure and Simple Area:** Kevin P. Donation to Region \$1000.00. Amount for 500 regional meeting lists \$125.00. **Group Loses Their Meeting Place** The Thursday Night Perkasio meeting, Steps In Action, lost their meeting facility and held their last meeting at the end of February at Jerusalem Lutheran Church. They were asked to leave because they were unable to provide proof of insurance. Their rent was also raised to \$25 per week. They are currently looking for a new facility and I'm told one has been found, but has not been officially announced. **New Groups in the Area** There were two new homegroups officially accepted into the Pure and Simple Area in March:

**Manageable Mondays,** Mondays Time: 12:00 – 1:00PM

Where: Morning Star Fellowship Church 9<sup>th</sup> & Main St 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.

**Seven by Seven,** Saturdays 7:00-8:00PM 711 Hyde Park Buckingham, PA 18901 In the Hyde Office Park off of Rt. 202 between Rt. 413 and Rt. 313.

**Insurance** Due to the recent loss of meeting place by a group in our area due to not having proof of insurance, we're re-opening the discussion of getting insurance for our groups. New information from the NA World Services is now available entitled “#33 USA Liability Insurance Bulletin” which is currently being read by our homegroups. We plan to discuss the bulletin at our April area service meeting which will be held on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM. The bulletin can be obtained at this web address:  
[http://www.na.org/bulletins/Bulletin\\_33\\_Jan07.pdf](http://www.na.org/bulletins/Bulletin_33_Jan07.pdf)

**PI Subcommittee** Damian B. is acting as an interim PI chairperson. He will be sitting in until the PI Subcommittee is able to stand on its own. Damian asked for at least one person to attend the PI subcommittee from each homegroup in February and there was a decent turn-out. Many people stuck around for the March PI subcommittee and they were able to vote in a secretary.

There was interest in both the chairperson and vice-chairperson position but neither position was filled during our area service officer's election. Lack of PI experience was a main factor in either positions from being filled. If any area has contact information for their PI chairperson that I can pass along to potential PI chairpersons in our area, that would be very much appreciated. It seems the psychological aspect of never being a part of a PI subcommittee is keeping members from stepping up to the chairperson position.

### **Literature Subcommittee**

The literature subcommittee will be reviewing the new Youth IPs at their next subcommittee meeting which is held before P&S Area Service at 1PM on April 15th. Information for the literature review of the new Youth IPs are available at the following website: <http://www.na.org/conference/youth/index.htm>  
All literature review input is due by May 31, 2007.

**Unity Adhoc Committee Formed** Michelle B. is chairing the committee. The purpose of the committee will be to hold events within the Pure and Simple Area. Events that will be to promote unity and raise awareness of subcommittees. The adhoc committee will last for 6 months; ending at the October Area Service meeting. The

committee has decided to have an event at Peace Valley Park in Doylestown, PA on June 30th. Details and a flyer will be sent to RCMs for distributions within their area within the next few weeks. More will be revealed.

**Officers Elections** We had a great turn out for people who want to be involved in area service. There's currently only 5 open positions on an area level.

**The next Pure and Simple Area Service** April 15th, 2007 2:00PM (Sub-committees meet at 1:00PM.) St Michael's Lutheran Church 25 E Church St Sellersville, PA 18960  
In loving service, Kevin P.

**Regional Delegate Report:** Henry D. Hello everyone! As trusted servants, we continue to be vigilant in learning about what's going on at our group level. We attended MARLCNA '07 and met with service members from WSC, and attendees from other regions. We tried to find a common ground so we can better understand how to represent our interest in seating at world level. Several issues are still pending as to what the conference as a whole wanted. Some believe the WSC is too big and have specific views on "who" and "how" to welcome new regions while others state a feeling of strong opposition for "criteria" for such a process! Recently, we are looking into the World Boards decision NOT to meet with any new regions and formulate opinions, FOR or AGAINST. What has happened in the past was a committee would review a new regions information and suggest to the conference what they believe would be the right decision. Now, this could go either way for us, but more may be revealed. Nevertheless, we are still visiting your neighborhood ASC to lend support with whatever we are able to do.

Another hot topic that is arising again is the quest for "group insurance". We will leave that one up this body as to how we should look into this further. The WSO has presented several position papers on this topic and we may be closer to a way of taking care of this. For more information on the website search for #33 Bulletin on Liability Insurance or use this link <[http://www.na.org/bulletins/Bulletin\\_33\\_Jan07.pdf](http://www.na.org/bulletins/Bulletin_33_Jan07.pdf)>

We are also discussing several topics for upcoming Regional Assembly days. The "seating criteria" issue will probably be held in the early fall after the World Convention in San Antonio, Texas. [Look to the NAWs website for information on the convention.] The upcoming assembly will be held in late spring before the June RSC. The topics will be determined after we can come to an agreement on what the best discussion will be...possibly insurance??? Look for more details at your next area meetings! And you can believe we will be out there promoting this event in a big way!

If you plan on attending the convention, book your registration ASAP online or by mail. However you do it, make your registration now! It'll be one event you don't want to miss!!!!

Still in Loving Service, Henry D. & Merle H., April 1, 2007

### **Subcommittee Reports:**

**H&I:** Jamie B. H&I is doing well. We are having a Learning Day Workshop next month after our meeting on the "panel system" (flyer attached to the minutes). I will be putting out a motion for \$150.00 to cover expenses for the workshop (see motion under new business). We drafted a formal letter to send as a response to the many prison letters we receive. We will also send "Reaching Out magazine subscription" and the NA white booklet. We continue to look at ways we can support each area's H&I committee. Also, Jessica was voted in as the new H&I Vice Chair! In loving service....Jamie B.

**PI:** Tom F. We have been discussing holding a regional Learning Day. The webmaster gave a report on some upgrades to the website: new links have been added and there was discussion about adding a cleantime calculator, maps to meetings and adding more space to site to support more features. We have had a fairly decent turn-out for the last several months. Area PI chairs attendance has been sporadic. We are working on updating our policy and creating a website policy. In loving service.....Tom F.

**Meeting List:** Chris L. Meeting list updates were compiled this past month. Updates were sent to phoneline and website as well as printed as a supplement. 1700 meeting lists were purchased. Only 1500 were picked up.

The remaining will be picked-up this week and delivered to the Pure & Simple Area. The total cost \$425. Receipt submitted. Supplements were printed, cost \$45.05. We need to discuss policy of meeting list updates (see discussion and motion under New Business).

### **Old Business:**

NO OLD BUSINESS

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

**Treasurer Report:** Update expected and will be emailed separately. Report handed out at meeting.

### **New Business from Areas:**

#### ***Motion from Beehive Area***

Motion: To ask EPARNA to look into a tax exempt number.

Intent: To save monies for all area's and region to save monies.

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

#### ***Motion from Beehive Area***

Motion: That EPARNA hold every other Regional Service Workshop in the Beehive Area.

Intent: To bring some unity to the Beehive Area.

Discussion: Is it prudent to have 50% of our workshops in 25% of our area. Unity means to rotate from area to area. We have four areas. Can we amend the motion to say one of every four workshops?

Vote: 1 yes, 10 no, 1 abstentions.....***motion fails.***

THE REGIONAL BODY AGREED TO CONSIDER THE NEXT TWO MOTIONS REGARDING THE INSURANCE ISSUE TOGETHER AS FOLLOWS....MOTIONS TO BE COMBINED AS ONE AS FOLLOWS:

#### ***1<sup>ST</sup> Motion from Beehive Area***

Motion: To ask EPARNA look into insurance for region.

Intent: To safeguard all area's & region with its meetings & events.

#### ***2<sup>ND</sup> Motion from Bucks County Area***

Motion: To form an Ad-hoc committee to research the costs to provide insurance to the groups in EPARNA. We request researching the cost from 3 different insurance companies.

Intent:

Discussion: Be prudent in getting quotes from insurance companies that already serve similar situations such as AA or other regions. Do we have willing participants.....the answer is yes.

Vote: 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.....***motion passes.***

The Regional Chairperson, Michelle M., appointed Barry H. the Ad-hoc Committee Chairperson, Debbie committed to participate and Todd committed to participate as well.

### **New Business from RD:**

None

### **New Business from Subcommittees:**

#### ***Motion from H&I Committee***

Motion: For \$150.00 to cover expenses for our "Learning Day Workshop".

Intent: To carry the message to the addict who still suffers

RCM Only Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 1 abstentions.....***motion passes.***

**Motion from Meeting List Chair – THIS MOTION MUST GO BACK TO AREAS FOR A VOTE!!!**

Motion: To create a policy stating meeting additions to meeting list will only be accepted from areas RCM and Meeting List Chairs and will only be added after meetings are added to the respective areas meeting list.

Intent: To simplify update process.

Discussion: is there old policy that states that a meeting has to be in existence for 6 months before it is added to the Regional Meeting List???? No one knows for sure! This motion will establish regional policy and regional policy motions must go back to the areas. Subcommittee policies are part of the addendum to Regional Policies. It might need to be Regional Policy since Subcommittee policies tend to disappear! **THIS MOTION IS A REGIONAL MOTION WHICH MUST GO BACK TO THE AREAS TO BE VOTED ON AND WILL BE DUE BACK FOR A VOTE HERE IN JUNE.**

RCM Only Vote: yes, no, abstentions.....motion passes.

**Open Forum:**

Discussion regarding: secretarial update of policy by typing & keeping track of an Addendum sheet of any policy motions since the last update of the policy. This addendum to be distributed along with all future Regional Policy copies. In lieu of having a Policy Chairperson, someone needs to be keeping track of the updates. The secretary volunteered to work on this with the RD, Henry's help. Also the secretary will email everyone on the Regional Directory list an updated policy file. We might consider once a year having an Adhoc committee who will be responsible for updating policy to include the addendums, in lieu of a policy chair.

Discussion regarding: distribution of the Meeting List supplemental. There are 2100 total supplements. How will they be divided? The motion as of last region was that they be distributed as needed. We ordered 1700 meeting lists and everyone can have one for every meeting list then there are 400 left over. Montco can have the additional 400 leftovers. Pure & simple will give Montco an additional 200 for a total of 600 supplementals to Montco which is acceptable to them.

Discussion regarding: FYI, Montco area has an issue with a new homegroup that just appeared without becoming an official part of their area. The group had printed flyers distributed with a direct association to NA. The flyers were then updated/corrected but this group emailed information directly to Philadelphia to be included in their meeting list without area acceptance. This group started as seven meetings a week and now it's decreased to three or four meetings a week. This meeting tried to join Philadelphia area and then did show up at Montco area service and introduced as a new homegroup so at the next area service meeting she will be welcomed into their area as a homegroup.

Discussion continued by addressing an old policy of "does a meeting need to be in existence for six months before it can be included in the meeting list"? This policy is not reflected in EPARNA policy. Do we have any agreement with Philadelphia as to what meetings are listed there on behalf of our areas. Anyone can go directly to their website and make a change that will go directly to their meeting list. Our motion above (being sent back to areas for a vote) should help us to ask Philadelphia not to put any homegroups on the meeting list in our geographical areas unless they are directed to do so by our region. Philadelphia might not have a policy about whether or not a meeting needs to be on our meeting lists. We cannot dictate to them what they put on their meeting list or website, but we can strive for co-operation and communication.

**Motion from RD, Henry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barry H.**

Motion: The meeting (new) in Hatboro, PA be removed from regional database until Montco RCM reports back on how this meeting is corrected and validated as a functioning NA meeting.

Intent: to rectify any tradition violations needing to be addressed.

Vote: 9 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention....**motion passes.**

Updated Treasurer's Report by Tim F. EPARNA Regional donation to world = \$6,307.89, check #212.  
See attached Treasurer's Report.

**Positions Open at Region - Nominations:**

**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>

- 4:15 pm Meeting closes with the Serenity Prayer.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

<b>Regional Services</b>	<b>Subcommittees</b>
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 5 <sup>th</sup> at 1pm
October 7 <sup>th</sup> at 2pm	September 2 <sup>nd</sup> and October 7 <sup>th</sup> at 1pm
December 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 2pm	November 4 <sup>th</sup> and December 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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.

Autonomy Zonal Forum – July 28, 2007 – Greater Philadelphia Region

H&I Workshop, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at St Marks Church in Pennsburg – See attached flyer.

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Bucks County Area – Memorial Day Unity Picnic, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Unity Picnic, Labor Day Unity Picnic...all FREE OF CHARGE in 2007!

Little Apple Area – Speaker Jam, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm at Sacred Heart Hospital, 4<sup>th</sup> & Chew Streets in Allentown, PA. For more information contact Todd B. 610-434-5189 or Blake B. 484-951-8705.