

Eastern Pennsylvania Region of Narcotics Anonymous  
Regional Service Committee Report

MEETING MINUTES

The EPARNA RSC Meeting was called to order on  
SUNDAY – AUGUST 4, 2013 at 06:40PM by the Regional Chair  
with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

NA Vision Statement was read by: Harry D.  
12 Traditions were read by: Joe S.  
12 Concepts were read by: Kim D.

**ROLL CALL**

<b><u>REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE</u></b>								
<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>AREA</b>	<b><i>ATTENDANCE 2013</i></b>					
			FEB	APR	JUNE	AUG	OCT	DEC
Chair	AJ B.	Twin Rivers	P	P	P	P		
Co-Chair	Todd S. ( <i>Acting</i> )	MontCo	V	V	P	P		
Secretary	Todd S. ( <i>Acting</i> )	MontCo	P	P	P	P		
Co-Secretary	VACANT	-	V	V	V	V		
Treasurer	Sarah S.	Pure & Simple	P	P	P	P		
Regional Delegate (RD)	VACANT	-	V	V	V	V		
RD Alternate	VACANT	-	V	V	V	V		
RCM, Bucks County	Rick D.	Bucks	P	P	P	P		
RCM, MontCo	Kim D.	MontCo	P	P	P	P		
RCM, Pure & Simple	Marc W.	Pure & Simple	P	P	P	P		
RCM, Twin Rivers	Gentry L.	Twin Rivers	P	EX	P	EX		
<b><u>REGIONAL SERVICE SUBCOMMITTEES</u></b>								
<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>AREA</b>	<b><i>ATTENDANCE 2013</i></b>					
			FEB	APR	JUNE	AUG	OCT	DEC
H&I Chair	Joe S.	Bucks	P	EX	EX	P		
Policy Chair	Harry D.	Pure & Simple	P	P	P	P		
PI Chair	Merle S.	MontCo	P	EX	EX	P		
Unity Chair	VACANT	-	V	V	V	V		
Newsletter (Clean Sheet) Chair	VACANT	-	V	V	V	V		
Literature Review Chair	VACANT	-	V	V	V	V		
Meeting List Chair	Paul B.	Pure & Simple	-	-	P	EX		

Last Region's minutes (June) were read by: *Acting* Secretary, Todd S.  
Regional Chair asked for a show of hands of RCMs, 3 out of 4. Quorum is met.  
Minutes were accepted as read, with no opposition.

## AREA REPORTS

Bucks County – Rick D.	<p>Bucks county is doing well. We are currently serving 40 home groups. Our fundraising committee is holding a Gender Bender Beauty Contest on Saturday, August 10 from 8:30-11:30PM at Bristol Hope Assembly Church. 343 Wood Street in Bristol. Food, fun, prizes for best male and female gender bender. Fundraising is also having our annual Labor Day picnic on Monday, September 2 from 12NOON until dusk, at Hickory Nut Grove in Tyler State Park in Newtown. Adults are \$10, and children under 8 years old are free. Last fundraising event is set to have a fall camp-out on Friday, September 22 at Tinicum County Park, on Route 32 in Upper Black Eddy. Adults are \$15, kids (ages 3 through 11) are \$5. The Saturday Night Live group of NA is having a home group appreciation night, schedule for Saturday, September 28 from 7 to 9PM at 6131 Emilie Road in Levittown. Food, Fun &amp; Fellowship. Also, the Path of Light group of NA is having a mini-marathon on Sunday, August 18 from 10AM-1PM at Good Friends Incorporated. 868 West Bridge Street in Morrisville. Food, Fun &amp; Fellowship. Bucks County is still planning our 2015 Convention which will take place from Friday, January 30 through Sunday, February 2 at the Sheraton Hotel. 400 Oxford Valley Road, in Langhorne. I have 2 checks today. One for \$200, and another for \$300 – making a grand total of \$500.</p> <p>In Loving Service, Rick D.</p>
MontCo – Kim D.	<p>All is well with the MontCo Area. We have a donation in the amount of \$524.29. We have vacancies of Co-Secretary, Alternate RCM and Literature Co-Chair. Alan C. was nominated and elected as Co-Chair, and Larry E. was nominated and elected as Literature Chair. There is a new meeting to the MontCo Area: The Grateful Living Group. They meet on Mondays at 7:30PM at Church of Epiphany, 209 S. 3rd Avenue in Royersford. H&amp;I Commitments are filled. Unity held an event to see the Reading Phillies on July 3, and there were 160 people in attendance. The next scheduled event is “Back to the Books” scheduled for Saturday, September 14 at the cost of \$10. All benefits proceed to get NA literature to incarcerated recovering addicts. I have received Area assignments for home groups that shown interest in hosting marathon meetings from Craig R. I am in the process of getting OK’s from groups to see if they work for them, or not. Lastly, I regret to inform that we had to say goodbye to our NA founding father, Bob McK.</p> <p>In Loving Service, Kim D.</p>
Pure & Simple – Marc W.	<p>Donation to Region today is \$300. Our Unity Day Picnic was a huge success! We counted 499 years in cleantime. We also have a camp-out set for in October.</p> <p>In Loving Service, Marc W.</p>
Twin Rivers – AJ B. (proxy)	<p>Twin Rivers has a \$250 donation today. The Tri-Area subcommittee forum ad-hoc committee has been working to discover feasibility and the likelihood of cooperation and shared non-financial resources between the Twin Rivers Area, Poconos Area and Little Apple Area of NA in further carrying the message of NA. Our Area celebration will be held for September 21 at Hackett’s Park in Easton. Area elections are scheduled for September Area.</p> <p>In Loving Service, AJ B.</p>

## **REGIONAL DELEGATE (RD) REPORT**

(Acting) Regional Delegate  
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Merle S.

With the conscience of the regional body, I attended the Autonomy Zonal Forum on July 27, 2013. Greater Philadelphia Region hosted this event, and all were welcome. Thank you to the EPARNA people who attended. We completed our Zonal Inventory, and are now in the planning process. We have decided, based on feedback from the regions that we should move forward from an informational only body. Some of the changes are as follows: We have been considering moving our AZF (Autonomy Zonal Forum website (currently <http://www.autonomyzone.cprna.org>) which part of the Chesapeake and Potomac website to our own page. One of the members of the delegate team from Central Atlantic has a hosting site. She has offered to provide a site for an annual cost of \$15.00. The six regions would have to agree to pay this annual fee in order to maintain a new domain name. The delegates requested that she investigate domain names, and develop a beta site for us to discuss at our next meeting. We felt that we needed to increase our communication. Our first step will be to hold conference calls to discuss ongoing issues every two months in between our physical gatherings. Our first call is planned for August 11, 2013. We will discuss the website issue, and will have some feedback from most of our regions. We realize most of the fellowship within each of our regions do not understand or know about the Autonomy Zonal Forum; our purpose or our function. We are hoping to change that perception. We are discussing ways to have an event to include fellowship participation. Presently, being a non-funded body, an event could be added during a Zonal Forum meeting, or during one of a region's conventions. Mountaineer Region invited members from the Autonomy Zonal Forum to participate in their Traditions Workshop, which will be held at their Regional Convention in Ripley, West Virginia on November 1,2, 3, 2013. Three of our delegate members, EPARNA, GPRNA, and Central Atlantic agreed, as volunteers, to attend. WNCA 35: On-line registration closed on July 31. You can no longer register on-line. About 11,000 people have pre-registered. These are the largest pre-registration numbers in the history of the World Convention. Please announce to your areas **THERE WILL BE ON-SITE REGISTRATION at the convention.** If you have pre-registered, you can pick up your registration package on Wednesday August 28, from 10 am-7 pm. On-site registration will be open Thursday August 29, until Saturday August 31. Everyone that shows up wishing to purchase a registration will be able to do so. Remember, this is a registration-only event. If you do not have a badge, you will not be permitted to enter the convention center. There will be a pre-convention speaker on Wednesday evening, as well as a dance, both at the Marriott, across from the convention center. If your home group has volunteered to participate/chair the marathon meetings, Craig R will notify you as to your times very shortly. There are still some after hour marathon meetings in need of a chair. If you are interested, please call Merle at 215-275-3141. We are also still looking for volunteers to help, and again you can call me to let me know of your interest. I can give you a volunteer position immediately; just remember you will need to be registered to be there. Service System Project: Some areas and regions in our fellowship have volunteered to field test some of the ideas and concepts already developed by the fellowship and the workgroup. As a result, the World Board is looking at the feedback adjusting some of their suggestions. Information can be found in the July copy of NAWS NEWS. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Merle S.

## SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

H&I – Joe S.	No report, sat in on PI subcommittee meeting.
Policy – Harry D.	No report.
PI – Merle S.	<p>Steve Rusch from NAWs forwarded an e-mail from a treatment professional who is interested in an H&amp;I panel in their facility. I am giving this information to H&amp;I to contact this person and set up a meeting.</p> <p>Michael J has reported that he has worked with the Web Servant from GPRNA, and now you view both Region's meeting lists in one place; either from <a href="http://eparna.org">eparna.org</a> OR <a href="http://naworks.org">naworks.org</a> We are returning calls from ANSERCOMM as they come in.</p>
Unity Chair – VACANT	POSITION IS VACANT – NO REPORT.
Newsletter (Clean Sheet) – VACANT	POSITION IS VACANT – NO REPORT.
Literature Review Chair – VACANT	POSITION IS VACANT – NO REPORT.
Meeting List Chair – Paul B.	<p><b>GPRSCNA Meeting List Subcommittee Meeting</b> August 4, 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opened with Serenity Prayer - Debbie</li> <li>- Introductions</li> <li>- Debbie passed out forms</li> <li>- Read 12 Traditions - Paul B.</li> <li>- Read 12 Concepts - Chrissie M.</li> <li>- Read June Minutes - James H.</li> <li>- Marshall M. read addendum - 326 groups participating in the region, there is a total of 406 in the region. Groups are suggested to pay for insurance in the amount \$50.00 annually.</li> </ul> <p><b>- Chairperson Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussed Ordered and Sold Meeting Lists Summer was delivered in two batches, second batch was increased by one cent per booklet. In discussion with ABC Chair - Paula.</li> <li>- Motion to accept minutes - Accepted</li> </ul> <p><b>- Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Philadelphia - No Report</li> <li>• Clean Acres - Not Present</li> <li>• Delco - Not Present</li> <li>• Schulykill Valley - Present, Report</li> <li>• Greater Camden - Not Present</li> <li>• West Southwest - New Meeting; Our Primary Purpose Group at 6150 Cedar Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19131 Meets Thursday 6PM - 7:30PM</li> <li>• Northwest Area - Present, No Report</li> <li>• EPARNA - Present, there were 8 changes submitted to the Regional Service Office at the direction of the previous Subcommittee Chair Person. I have two changes today. A)The Jenkintown Morning Meeting has been discontinued. B)The Freedom Rings group in Southampton has added a Friday meeting, same format and time.</li> </ul> <p><b>- Nominations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Voted to waive qualifications for RLSC Secretary to elect Paul B. - Paul B. elected to hold off and run it past EPARNA before accepting nomination.</li> <li>- Co - Chair none</li> </ul> <p><b>- Old Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Philadelphia Area - asked if there is a need to submit a form to have an event covered by insurance.</li> <li>• Chair answered with no, events are covered under current insurance.</li> </ul> <p><b>- New Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- None</li> <li>- Meeting closed.</li> <li>- Next Meeting - 1st Saturday every month, Roxborough Hospital, 10:00 AM.</li> </ul>

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**RSC meeting was re-opened at 07:25PM.**

## **TREASURY**

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6/3/2013 through 8/4/2013

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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Tag	Amount
<b>BALANCE 6/2/2013</b>						<b>6,201.76</b>
8/4/2013	438	C. M. Stauffer ...	6 MONTH PREMIUM	Insurance, Bus		-1,443.00
8/4/2013	440	Paetec	acct# 4395889	Utilities, Bus:T...		-60.00
8/4/2013	441	Ansercomm	TWOMONTH#040...	Ansercomm		-200.00
8/4/2013	442	St. Mark's Lut...	August 2013	Rent		-25.00
8/4/2013	1510	Montco Area	Donation	Donation		524.29
8/4/2013	2091	Twin Rivers	check	Donation		250.00
8/4/2013	2537	Bucks County		Donation		200.00
8/4/2013	2532	Bucks County		Donation		300.00
8/4/2013	1135	Pure & Simple	Donation	Donation		150.00
8/4/2013	1140	Pure & Simple	Donation	Donation		150.00
<b>6/3/2013 - 8/4/2013</b>						<b>-153.71</b>
<b>BALANCE 8/4/2013</b>						<b>6,048.05</b>
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>						<b>1,574.29</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>						<b>-1,728.00</b>
<b>NET TOTAL</b>						<b>-153.71</b>

It was reviewed at our next Regional meeting; we will donate to NAWS (*as per Policy*).

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The topic of the new meeting time was briefly discussed. In summary, it didn't get more participation as we had hoped and we will meet at normal time for next Region. See EPARNA 2013 Calendar (page 6) for more details.

Region's draft of new Policy was voted on and passed.

Areas have received their Marathon Meeting assignments, the break-down is as follows:

Bucks County – 7 Meetings. MontCo – 9 Meetings.

Pure & Simple – 3 Meetings. Twin Rivers – None.

In summary: EPARNA has received 19 out of the 44 available slots.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

It was stressed to all Areas, that their subcommittee chairs please attend Region.

## **OPEN FORUM**

There was question raised on how to get more people involved at Region. The answer was maybe to send Regional representatives to each Area to give them a low-down of what occurs at Region. There was also a reiteration of the fact we (at last Region meeting) changed meeting times for this Region meeting to get more participation but that didn't work. It was then asked that all Areas give forth information on when their Area Service meetings are held. They are as follows:

Bucks County – Last Sunday of the month, 1PM.

MontCo – Last Sunday of the month, 12PM.

Pure & Simple – Second Sunday of the month, 2PM.

Twin Rivers – Third Saturday of the month, 2:30PM.

There was statement that MontCo had proposal on their Area floor, to have a workshop involving the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts. Each Area gave forth a positive feedback on this matter, and that maybe EPARNA should hold it as a multi-area workshop event.

**There was no further business, and it was decided unanimously to close the meeting. We closed at approximately 08:30PM, in a circle with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.**

### **EPARNA 2013 Calendar**

*\*\*Times are subjected to change.*

<b><u>RSC Sub-Committee Meeting</u></b>	<b><u>RSC Meeting</u></b>
<del>Sunday, February 3 at 1PM.</del>	<del>Sunday, February 3 at 2PM.</del>
<del>Sunday, April 7 at 12:30PM.</del>	<del>Sunday, April 7 at 2PM.</del>
<del>Sunday, June 2 at 12:30PM.</del>	<del>Sunday, June 2 at 2PM.</del>
<del>Sunday, August 4 at 5PM.</del>	<del>Sunday, August 4 at 6:30PM.</del>
<b>Sunday, October 6 at 12:30PM.</b>	<b>Sunday, October 6 at 2PM.</b>
Sunday, December 1 at 12:30PM.	Sunday, December 1 at 2PM.