



GREATER PHILADELPHIA REGION

To: All RCM,s Administrative Body Members, and Interested Parties

Date: Sunday, March 29, 2020

Re: Greater Philadelphia Regional Service Committee Meeting

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The Greater Philadelphia Regional Service Committee meeting was held via Zoom Conference on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was held one week earlier than the regularly scheduled RSC due to the Covid-19 epidemic and our need to get everyone reconnected with the service structure, and to provide discussion and assistance to those Areas that are needing help with developing *online meetings*.

Attendance: Melvin S., RSC Chair; Matt O., RSC Co-Chair; Scott D., RSO Treasurer; Lovy, RSC Secretary; Billy W., RD; Ted D., Regional Policy Chair; David G., ABC Chair; Theresa T., Special Worker; Heather B., Regional H & I Chair; Keith F., Regional Clean Sheet; Brenda M., Regional Phone Line Chair; Tarwan, Regional Unity Co-chair; Marvin E., Regional Public Relations; Clarence A., RD-Alt.; Pete-IT, Jake, Curt, Elijah, Jim, Jacob, Drew,

RCMs: Bob-Camden Area ; Dave- Downtown Area ; Karen-Phila. Area; Gene-NW Area; Na'il-South Philly Area; Carley- Montco Area (Chair); Melvin H.-WSW Area; Diane-POF; Joanna-SV Area; Tony F-WSW Area RCM-Alt.

Meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions Read

12 Concepts Read

Purpose of RSC Read

Quorum 9

This is an Ad-hoc zoom meeting

Introductions

## AGENDA

### Discussion:

1. Reports from Areas on how they are doing with developing online meetings.
2. How are you doing with Online meetings and do you need help?
  - Downtown – Meetings are on zoom, DANA has created a calendar, you can click onto a meeting and join. The meetings have been well attended and they have created a link online PayPal for 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition
  - Philadelphia- Some zoom meetings are up. People are hosting personal meetings, not NA related. We need to have an area meeting to discuss H & I, what facilities need literature.
  - NWA –Four zoom meeting in progress and online. We had no area meeting March but plan to meet in April. Facility is ok with us meeting on site as long as we adhere to social distancing. We are ok. NWA chair is sending tutorial to GSRs in his area.
  - South Philly-has 1 group on zoom and still having challenges. RCM is not tech savvy, Na'il will step up.
  - MontCo-Meetings are on zoom. Will have an ASC zoom meeting on Monday to discuss how to best carry the message.
  - WSW-Area meeting cancelled last Saturday and we don't have a list of meetings in our area, but the morning meeting is up.
  - Camden-How do we send donations? Some meetings are on zoom, but will connect with area chair to find out how many meetings are on zoom. We are not able to meet as an area.
  - POF-No zoom meetings set up in my area. Contacted GSRs and not meetings are set up. Will contact chair and secretary of area for information.
  - SV-12 groups challenged with communication. Half our meetings are on zoom. Our area will meet on Tuesday. I have provided documents on zoom information (How to set up schedule, or attend zoom meetings provided by Andrew S.

H & I- Calls have increased by 100, people are just calling in to have someone to talk to. We are doing trainings online with the online manual. We are monitoring number of call and information given for meetings.

3. What is the status on setting up your online meetings?
4. IT Committee update and report.
  - Areas should fill out the virtual online form for single meeting and e-mail for groups. IT will put it on the website. For any questions reach out to Matt O. Please help those who are having issues if you know how
  - Home groups can set up zoom accounts for about \$15 per month and up. We have enough meetings, the problem is people do not know how to access.

### Online Regional Meeting list.

- Meetings are online that were sent to IT
- If you have submitted a meeting and don't see it on line in a few hour, follow up.

### CAR Motions/ Surveys

\*See RD report at the bottom

### Treasurer's Report

1. Will set up NAC19 for donation to Region
2. Will cancel future auto pay for storage
- 3.

### Setting up Zoom Accounts for the Region

1. Phone line and Unity (online Marathon meetings) will be starting Zoom Accounts to continue their service work.
- 2.

### Regional Meetings

- 1. The next Regional Service Committee Zoom meeting will be on Sunday, May 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**

Join the Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/655735939>

Meeting ID: 655 735 939

## Open Forum

Below are instructions to allow you to have Online Meetings posted on the Regional Website/Online Meeting List, and is only for Existing Meetings in the Greater Philadelphia Region of NA that have transitioned from *face-to-face* to an online format.

### **Virtual Meeting Bulletin Greater Philadelphia Region of Narcotics Anonymous**

As meetings across the region have worked to transition from our regular meeting spaces to online virtual meetings the Greater Philadelphia Region of Narcotics Anonymous (GPRNA) has been working to provide a method that would provide a coordinated and consistent means to present all Greater Philadelphia Region online meetings to our members.

The GPRNA website now has a calendar in place that can present all of the region's online meetings. The calendar can be found on the homepage of [naworks.org](http://naworks.org). At this time there are two ways to add your meetings to the calendar.

1. There is an online form where areas and groups can submit their meetings to be posted on the calendar
2. If you have a list of online meetings from your area you can email that list to [gprcna@gmail.com](mailto:gprcna@gmail.com) and the meetings will be added for you.

If you already have a list of meetings, make sure that the information provided for the meetings is as follows

- ✓ Meeting name and Area
- ✓ Meeting day and time
- ✓ Meeting link (for example <https://zoom.us/j/383191697>)
- ✓ Meeting ID

Submit meetings via online form at <https://naworks.org/virtual-form/>

Submit list of online meetings to: [gprcna@gmail.com](mailto:gprcna@gmail.com)

**THESE ARE ONLY FOR EXISTING MEETINGS IN THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA REGION....THAT HAVE TRANSITIONED FROM FACE TO FACE MEETINGS TO AN ONLINE FORMAT**

RD Report 3-29-20  
Notes from World Board Zoom Mtg on 3-28-20

WSC Cancelled due to COVID-19; All contracts for the WSC are cancelled w/o penalties.

Virtual WSC- There is a possibility that a virtual WSC will be held. While there are a small percentage of RDs/RDAs/ZDs that want to have a virtual mtg, the majority believe that we should not. Billy & I agree for the following reasons:

1. Some RDs/RDAs/ZDs live in different time zones. It would difficult to get everyone on at the same time;
2. All voices won't be heard due to the time frames for the meetings;
3. Zoom meetings of this nature are physically & mentally taxing.

WB: All office hours are cut.

Literature sales are at zero dollars. The only literature that will be printed is "Reaching Out."

4. We believe that elections should be postponed. Bringing new trusted servants into the system at this time is not advisable; we need to maintain consistency with members that are dealing with this crisis. Most RDs/ZDs agree that the Budget & FIPT are priorities and should be voted on. All other motions and Literature surveys are not that important at this time.
5. Budget is up in the air. This crisis presents a situation that we have no experience with. The Budget needs to be fluid due to this crisis. There is no way to really determine what the monetary needs will be. We are asking members to make donations. One time or monthly. If you can donate the dollar amount that is equal to your clean time. The Site is: [www.na.org/contribute](http://www.na.org/contribute). Just click the contribute button.

GPRNA- We will have more information in the coming week after the World Board meets.

Billy & I suggest that Regional Elections be postponed until we can meet face to face. We need to maintain consistency with our services at this time. Billy & I will return the funds that Region provided for us to attend the WSC.

Everyone stay safe. Follow the Health professional's suggestions.

The Dynamic Duo  
Billy W. RD  
Clarence A. RDA

## Open Forum

- There are groups that cannot afford to get zoom. Tech will try to work it out.
- Newcomers are still getting meetings
- Zoom can have 500 people for \$50.00 and 1,000 people for \$115.00 per month
- It is easier for home groups to set up their own accounts
- Groups need information on how to collect 7<sup>th</sup> tradition
- If need be RSC chair will call an emergency meeting.

Meeting closed with a moment of silence followed by Serenity Prayer