

Greater Philadelphia Regional Service Committee Meeting



Minutes of April 11, 2021 Meeting

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Greater Philadelphia Regional Areas

1. Clean Acres Area	7. Northwest Area
2. Delco Area	8. Philadelphia Area
3. Downtown Area	9. Pyramid of Freedom Area
4. Greater Camden Area	10. Schuylkill Valley Area
5. Inner City Area	11. South Philadelphia Area
6. Montgomery County Area	12. West Southwest Area

Greater Philadelphia Regional Subcommittees

1. Regional Delegate	10. Public Relations
2. ABC Chair/Office Manager	11. IT/Webmaster
3. ABC Treasurer	12. Clean Sheet
4. Convention Chairperson	13. Administrative
5. Convention Treasurer	14. Policy
6. Meeting List	15. JAC
7. Phone Line	16. RSC Treasurer
8. Hospitals & Institutions	17. Special Worker - Admin
9. Unity	18. Special Worker - IT

PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the Greater Philadelphia Regional Service Committee (GPRSC) is to unify the Areas within the region and help carry the message to the addict who still suffers.

The GPRSC provides a meeting place for all the Regional Committee Members (RCMs) within the region to express their collective group consciences.

The GPRSC meeting is the center of communications to share information and ideas between each area and other regions. It is the intermediate position linking our area services with the worldwide services of NA.

The GPRSC provides and promotes more active service committees to fulfill the common needs of the areas they serve and the communities they service.

The GPRSC participates in the continuation and growth of NA by initiating and contributing to the worldwide services of NA each year. The GPRSC will send the Regional Delegate (RD) and RD-ALT to the biennial WSC meeting and other World Services and NAWs, Inc. functions, when funding is available. The GPRSC will also participate in World Service by involving itself in literature review and development and all other World Service projects requiring fellowship-wide input and support.

The GPRSC is a service committee created by the Areas within. The elected officers are but trusted servants to the areas; a loving and caring Higher Power has the ultimate authority to guide all the regional meetings. The Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts and Guide to Local Service are the foundation by which the region operates.

The GPRSC is responsible for bringing together all members within the region to promote unity and harmony by celebrating our mutual recovery in NA. At least once each year, the region will accomplish this goal by holding activities such as conferences, conventions, campouts, unity days, etc. The planning and implementation of these events is left to a regional sub-committee specifically established to carry out this purpose.

Regional Service Committee Meeting – 4/11/2021

Note: If there is no quorum by thirty (30) minutes after the meeting starts, we will begin with an informational meeting, which will include the reading and acceptance of reports.

The meeting was opened at 10:15 a.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The meeting was conducted via the Zoom Platform.

Quorum: 11 Areas present

The 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts were read.

The Purpose of the GPRSC was read.

Roll Call: 11 Areas Represented

Clean Acres Area	Philadelphia Area
Downtown Area	Pyramid of Freedom Area
Greater Camden Area	Schuylkill Valley Area
Inner City Area	South Philly Area
Montgomery County Area	West Southwest Area
Northwest Area	

Minutes were read from the February 7, 2021 RSC meeting.

RCM/Area Reports:

Philadelphia Area – Alex D., RCM

We discussed the opening of more meetings, as well as the non-conformance to the Covid 19 protocols by some groups.

Also, our treasurer got the proper information to be able to make a Regional donation.

The literature person is doing a good job getting literature to the home groups.

Area is doing ok.

In loving service,
Alex D., RCM

Discussion: The RCM was asked how the Philadelphia Area is getting their literature. John C., the literature person, is getting literature from the New York RSO and keeping it in a storage facility near his home. He delivers the literature to people face-to-face.

Clean Acres Area – Eric M., RCM Alt.

The Area is doing well and growing. With the addition of 5 new meetings, Clean Acres Area now has 38 meetings, 16 of which are meeting in person.

The RCMs have been reminding all in-person groups to update the information on the Clean Acres website as to Covid compliance – mandatory masks, social distancing, etc. Most groups have updated their information.

The Unity Subcommittee will be hosting a Speaker Jam/Marathon in May. The information will be added to the website when available.

Donations for this month are \$196.36 to World and \$196.36 to Region

Thank you.

Trusted Servant
Eric M., RCM Alt.

Inner City Area – Apirl S., RCM

[No written report. The following is from the Secretary’s notes.]

All is well so far. We have had a few glitches getting people in service. Some of the larger meetings are opening up.

We need a copy of the insurance policy for groups. I have explained why we still need to pay insurance, but there are still questions.

Is there a pamphlet available concerning use of medical marijuana?

Apirl S., RCM

Discussion: The ABC Chair can answer questions concerning insurance. We don’t give out copies of the insurance document, but we can give a certification of insurance (COI) to any groups who are required to show proof of insurance. (Not all facilities ask for insurance verification.) Remember that no Covid-related injuries are covered. Members of the Regional body are available to come out to the ICA ASC meeting to explain insurance requirements. We do not currently have literature specifically addressing use of medical marijuana. (It may fall under the heading of medication assisted treatment.) A proposal could be made for the next Conference Agenda Report to request that literature on that topic be created. Clarence, the RD, will talk with Apirl about this further after the meeting.

Schuylkill Valley Area (SVA) – Joanna G., RCM

- SVA holds their Area Service Committee meeting (virtually/online) on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm. None of our subcommittees are currently meeting. Many positions remain open, and there continues to be less interest/ engagement with Area level service.
- Prior to the pandemic, SVA had 14 member groups. To my knowledge, three of the groups are currently not meeting, leaving 11 member groups that are meeting in some capacity. Out of the 11 groups that are meeting, one is meeting only in person: Turning Point Group on Mondays in Roxborough. One meeting is a hybrid meeting (they meet in person and also have an online meeting): Living the Dream group on Thursdays in Manayunk. The remaining nine groups are meeting only online. All meeting information for SVA (including addresses for the in-person meetings) on naworks.org is accurate/up-to-date.
- SVA has a PayPal account so that groups are able to submit contributions electronically. Some groups are choosing to donate directly to region (or NAWS) instead. Our treasurer is sending any contributions to Region electronically from our Area PayPal account.
- At the ASC meeting at the end of March (3/23), the Area voted to donate \$500 to Region, which was sent electronically.
- SVA has not been purchasing/distributing literature throughout the pandemic. (Individual members have acquired what their group needed from RSOs and other sources.) Our inventory is still stored in the space where the ASC meeting was held. We also had regular meetings at that facility, but the facility has not yet reopened. We are trying to discuss our options, re: storage and distribution, as we don't currently have a Literature Purchasing Chair.
- Upcoming changes to meeting info:
 - The Sunday evening group, Here At Last, which is currently only meeting online, will reopen as an in-person meeting in June. (Current plan is the first Sunday in June. It's unclear if it will only be an in-person meeting, or if it will be hybrid, as it was when they briefly reopened a few months ago.)
 - The Monday afternoon group, Our Diversity Is Our Strength (ODIOS), which is currently meeting online, will not be meeting between the end of June and early September. Their last online meeting before their break is planned for the last Monday in June; resuming their meetings on the first Monday after Labor Day in September.

In grateful service,
Joanna G., SVA RCM

Greater Camden Area – Bob R., RCM

The Greater Camden Area Service Committee meets every 3rd Sunday of the month on the Zoom platform at 4 pm. The subcommittees meet at 3 pm in breakout rooms.

We now have a Venmo account as a way for the groups within our Area to collect 7th Tradition donations. Not all groups have been using the app.

We currently have 22 groups that area meeting on Zoom and 1 in-person meeting – the 11th Hour Group, which meets on Saturday at 9:30 – 11 am at 36th & Rodderow Ave. We have a new group that joined the Area – Let’s Grow Together Group, which meets every Saturday at 12 – 2 pm on Zoom. Meeting id is 309 081 5680 (no password). All area welcome.

The Unity Subcommittee will be hosting a 7-day Speaker Jam on 4/19/21 to 4/25/21, 9 am – 9 pm each day. The theme is “Living Beyond My Wildest Dreams.” Meeting id is 979 4884 2438 (no password). Come out and support. For more information, contact Sandy H., Unity Chair, at 856-203-0578.

The Area would like to thank the trusted servants of the Region for attending our last Area Service Committee meeting.

In loving service,
Bob R., GCA RCM
Juana M., GCA Alt. RCM

Discussion: Since groups may begin to re-open, there have been questions about insurance. What are we asking groups to donate?

Montgomery County (Montco) Area – Jim H., RCM

[No written report. The following is from the Secretary’s notes.]

We have no donation today. Our funds are being used to replenish our literature.

All our meeting information is on our Area website – www.montcona.org

Jim H., RCM
Pasquale P., RCM Alt.

West Southwest Area – Tony F., RCM

I apologize for not providing the last RCM report.

Our Public Relations Committee has asked all our home groups to participate in an Area Inventory, which consisted of 28 questions.

WSW Area now has its own Area website and webmaster – <https://wswana.naworks.org>.

We are hosting a Unity Learning Day on Saturday, May 29, 2021, 12 – 10 pm. Meeting id is 222 673 8711. Password is 052607.

We are also preparing for our Area Celebration at North Georges Hill on July 3, 12 – 7 pm.

Our H&I Committee has once again been providing meetings (virtually) at 3 facilities.

We are donating \$130 to Region and \$180 to insurance.

In loving service,
Tony F., RCM
Cammy C., RCM Alt.

Northwest Area – Eugene G., RCM

[No written report. The following is from the Secretary’s notes.]

All is going well in the Northwest Area.

We currently have 13 home groups that area continuing to meet via the Zoom platform. We currently have 33 home groups in the Northwest Area.

The Northwest Area currently has no in-person meetings. However, this may change as of next Region.

The Northwest Area meets every 3rd Saturday of the month from 11 am – 2 pm via Zoom. Meeting id: 849 9806 6667. Password: 395352.

In loving service,
Eugene G., RCM
Laurence D., RCM Alt.

South Philadelphia Area – Wahidah, RCM

[No written report. The following is from the Secretary’s notes.]

The South Philly Area is doing fine. We have our own website – <https://spa.naworks.org>.

The South Philadelphia Area meets virtually on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Subcommittees meet during Area via breakout rooms. Literature orders are taken during the Area meeting. When the orders are filled, the literature person makes arrangements for them to pick up the orders.

South Philadelphia Area has 10 groups that are meeting virtually.

On March 13 we held a workshop on Consensus Based Decision Making. Our Unity Subcommittee had a Speaker Jam yesterday. Both were successful.

We have had a big discussion about money – why donations are still important.

In loving service,
Wahidah, RCM

Discussion: It was suggested that the literature person reconsider having people come to her house to get their literature.

Pyramid of Freedom (POF)Area – Diane K., RCM

We still have home groups meeting on the virtual platform: Women and Men About Change, If You Want What We Have, Lion’s Den.

Donations: If You Want What We Have – 4/6/21- \$40, 3/30/21- \$320, 2/10/21- \$100.

No concerns at this time.

In loving service,
Diane K., RCM

Downtown Area (DANA) – Michael D., RCM

The Downtown Area meets virtually on the 4th Sunday of the month.

We have 19 total meetings (virtual and in-person).

We have a new home group, No Bullshit Group, which meets on Wednesdays in person at 7:30 pm, at 3rd & Reed Sts., Philadelphia.

Area Service is in need of 7 positions, including Public Relations (PR).

The Area held a Story Slam yesterday.

Love and respect,
Michael D., RCM

Delco Area – Michael S., RCM

4/11/2021 – Absent / No report

Joint Administrative Committee (JAC) – Matt O., Regional Co-Chair

[No written report. The following is from the Secretary’s notes.]

The JAC met yesterday with 5 in attendance. Subcommittees represented were IT, Phone Line, Public Relations, and Policy. Keith F., Cleansheet Chair, and Matt S., Unity Chair, were unable to attend and will send their reports to the RSC Secretary.

A calendar has been set up on our Regional website for all subcommittee meetings.

ABC Chair – Billy W.

We had our meeting with Lea, ABC Co-Chair, Abu, ABC Treasurer, and Scott, Regional Treasurer. We are still waiting to hear from our insurance carrier on whether we can get another discount on premiums due to Covid. This is taking two months for a decision ... we will see.

Tax filings: Remember that we don’t owe anything, but we still have to file to maintain our tax-exempt status. Scott is taking all the data over to CPA for filing. We will pay the CPA the \$500 for the filing as soon as we get the bill. This was approved last Region.

ABC, in conjunction with the Treasurer, will be reviewing all cash flows that are currently in place to see if we can become more efficient. This cycle we reviewed the QuickBooks service that we have. It’s accounting system software that we pay a monthly charge for. It costs approx. \$508/year. The original idea was that we would use this service to help clean up all the Convention financial data that has been an issue for some years. The downside is that people need to be trained, and we got it right before Covid, so there isn’t a need for it right now. Scott’s current system for the books is more than sufficient, and, until we start up conventions again, this committee, along with the Treasurer, is recommending that we discontinue the service and re-evaluate after we start conventions again.

ABC was present, along with the RD, for a presentation at the Greater Camden Area this cycle. The conversation was largely about insurance. The Area felt better informed after the meeting.

At some point, we’ll be reviewing re-opening our in-person RSC meetings. We have the option of continuing virtual meetings, which would be a cost savings to the Region, or possibly alternating virtual and in-person meetings. Let’s start thinking about it.

In loving service,
Billy W., ABC Chair

ABC Chair Report (continued)

Discussion: A new RCM asked what ABC stood for. It is the Advisory Board Committee (formerly the Board of Directors). Billy said that a Cheat Sheet is available that explains the common abbreviations and acronyms used at the RSC.

There was a question whether there would be a proposal today concerning re-opening the RSC meeting. Billy did not think we were ready for a specific proposal yet, but just wanted to start the discussion.

ABC Treasurer – Abu S.

Not present. No report.

RD Report – Clarence A., RD

The RD Team thanks everyone that participated in the GPRNA Information Day. We shared a lot of good information and going forward we’re looking at having another one. The RD Team made a suggestion of possibly every three months.

The RD Team is working on a GSR Information Day. More information to follow.

The RD Team discussed best practices for reopening meetings and marketing ideas to reach our members.

The RD Team continues to meet twice a month. The current issue of NAWS News is available.

Included in this report is information from the Autonomy Zonal Forum (AZF) Service Task Team. (See attachment to these minutes.)

God Bless. Stay Safe.

Clarence A., RD

Ted D., RDA

RD Team

Discussion: There was a question whether there were any ideas about May 1, World Service Day. Clarence said that an event related to that would come under PR or Unity.

Subcommittee Reports

Phone Line – Brenda M., Chair

Introduction of Members and Reports:

Natalie (Inner City Area Co- Chair) – All is well.

Gerald (GSR)

Lupe (Bi-Lingual Coordinator):

All is well.

I'm helping with bi-lingual translation of flyer for H&I and PR. I wanted to know if I can personally reach out to facilities myself and let them know I have a bi-lingual flyer.

Gerald let Lupe know that it should be a joint effort with Public Relations.

Latrice (PL Rep, Upper Darby Hilltop Group)

Toya (Pyramid of Freedom Rep) – All is well.

Point of interest for Brenda. The PL Regional Chair can go to JAC (Joint Administration Committee) and request funds for PL.

Harry (NW Area PL Chair) – All is well.

Craig (Philadelphia Area) – All is well.

Brian (PL Rep. for Lion's Den)

Anthony (PL Volunteer West Southwest Area)

Jimmy (NW Area Volunteer)

Cynthia (PL Rep, Recovery in the Morning; Regional PL Co-Secretary)

Joi (Downtown Area) – All is well.

Marvin (South Philly Area)

No report. Going to Area and will find out if Rep will be able to continue in her position.

Sid (DELCO Area)

No report.

Phone Line Report (continued)

Greater Camden Area
No Rep

Razmig (Schuylkill Valley Area)
No report.

Tee (Schedule Coordinator)
No report.

James (Technical Liaison):

75 calls
219 minutes were used in March.
Monthly bill paid in full.
No outstanding issues reported.

West Southwest Area is in need of a PL Rep.

WSW Area is having a celebration picnic July 3, 2021 in the park. I will have time and location of picnic soon.

Chair Report (Brenda):

We still have 39 vacancies. Orientation on 3/28/21; no members from PR showed up. We did have orientation for Cynthia (PL Co-Secretary). PL is looking good.
PR is doing a flyer to see if it will help with an influx of calls. There's a CR code and website for PL. 250 flyers have been made.

Old Business:

Learning Day
Address Consensus Based Decision Making

New Business:

Topics for Learning Day
Brian – How to do a 12 step call
Cynthia – Orientation

Phone Line Report (continued)

Tentative Workshop Topics (12 – 6 pm)

- 12-1 H&I
- 1-2 Public Relations
- 2-4 Consensus Based Decision Making
- 4-5 Phone Line (How we do 12 step calls/Orientation)
- 5-6 How our Service Structure has been affected by the pandemic.

Please have the subcommittees identify their purpose.

(See Learning Day flyer attached to these minutes.)

Starting in June, Phone Line will have bi-monthly orientations. Next orientation will be June 27, 2021.

Brian has 3 home group members who would like to be put on the 12 step call list. Help is also needed on how to teach people to download app for meetings on Zoom and call in to meetings.

Brenda M.
Regional Phone Line Chair

H & I – Heather B., Chair

[H&I Chair was not present. The following report was sent to the RSC Secretary.]

Areas Present: Clean Acres, Downtown, South Philly, Montco, Schuylkill Valley, West Southwest, Pyramid of Freedom

Areas Not Present: Greater Camden, Delco, Inner City, Philadelphia, Northwest

Administrative Report:

Previously we held virtual H&I presentations with the P.O.C. at Gaudenzia DRC, where they requested additional meetings during the week from: Pyramid of Freedom, Schuylkill Valley, and Northwest Areas. We had multiple attempts and start dates to get those meetings started without success. Reached out to the P.O.C., and she relayed the information that they are extremely short staffed at the moment and are currently not staffed/equipped to start those additional meetings.

H&I Report (continued)

Working with the Clean Acres Chair to reach the correct P.O.C. at Recovery Centers of America in Devon. The alumni coordinator is requesting in-person meetings at the facility with trusted servants arriving early and taking on-site rapid COVID test. The director of the facility has been in contact, saying the facility is on blackout and not moving forward with meetings.

Regional Chair, Pyramid of Freedom Chair, and West Southwest (WSW) Chair participated in 3 virtual H&I presentations for the WSW Area on 3/15 and were very successful in establishing start dates for the message to be carried.

Area Reports:

Clean Acres: *No meetings in person, 1 virtually, 0 misses.* Gaudenzia West Chester location is looking forward to in-person H&I meetings this time next month outdoors. Malvern is very happy with the virtual meetings currently. Subcommittee nominated new H&I Co-Chair.

Downtown Area (DANA): *No meetings in person, 2 recovery houses virtually.* Printed out H&I meeting flyers to distribute to facilities so addicts can find us. We are currently in a holding pattern with the facilities: Gaudenzia, Charter Fairmount, and Presbyterian. New director at Charter Fairmount. Will be joining Clean Acres and Schuylkill Valle in a metro.

South Philly: *No meetings virtually or in person.* Been providing literature to addicts at facilities.

Schuylkill Valley: *No meetings virtually or in person.* In the process of beginning virtual meetings at Charter Fairmount. Goal is no later than the end of April. Conducting a dry run next week to see how it goes. No meetings a DRC due to staffing problems.

West Southwest: *No meetings in person, 3 virtually, 0 misses.* Learning Day on 4/10, 12-4pm. Trying to ensure all trusted servants have H&I handbook. Conducted virtual H&I presentations and established meetings at Interim House, female facility, every Wednesday @ 3pm; Family House, female facility, every Wednesday @ 6pm; and Kirkbride, co-ed, will hold 2 meetings every week - 1 for men (Thursday) and 1 for women (Thursday) @ 7pm. Continuing to seek support from all GSRs.

Montgomery County (Montco): *1 virtual meeting twice a week and 2 in-person meetings, 3 misses.* Did a policy review. Chair will now be the tie breaker. Will be sending out flyers and literature to the facilities this upcoming week. Had some misses at Valley Forge due to miscommunication. Eagleville still has high COVID cases. Waiting to hear back from them.

H&I Report (continued)

Pyramid of Freedom: 2 virtual meetings, no in-person meetings. Two virtual meetings at DRC – 1 for men and 1 for women. The meeting has been going well when the facility shows up. There have been quite a few misses on their end. Trying to reach P.O.C. to see if a different time will work better for them.

Outreach: No report given.

Old Business: Until we are able to meet in person, we will continue to meet the 1st Saturday of each month @ 9 am via zoom. ID#: 275-856-6387. Password: 123456.

New Business: Sending out the RSC H&I Policy to all trusted servants for review and input. Will also be attaching RSC H&I trusted servant contact list. (See attachments to these minutes.)

In Loving Service,
Heather B., H&I Chair

Unity – Matt S., Chair

[Unity Chair was not present. The following report was read by Diane K.]

The Unity Committee met on Saturday, April 3, 2001.

Attendance:	Matt S.	Chair
	Lettie	South Philly Area Chair
	Danielle	Inner City Area Chair
	Chuck	Northwest Area Chair
	Christine E.	Pyramid of Freedom Area Chair
	Joe A.	West Southwest Area Chair
	Antonio C.	West South Area Co-Chair

Absent: Clean Acres Area, Delco Area, Downtown Area, Greater Camden Area, Montco Area, Philadelphia Area, Schuylkill Valley Area

West Southwest Area is hosting a marathon on May 29, 2021, from 12 – 10 pm. Meeting id is 222 673 8711. Password is 052607.

West Southwest Area is having its Area Celebration, July 3, 2021, 12 – 7 pm, at N. Georges Hill.

Unity Report (continued)

The Region is hosting a marathon on June 13, 2021, from 12 – 8 pm, Strength in Numbers Thru Unity. 5 slots are filled. We want to fill the remaining 3 slots from other Areas.

- 12 – 1 South Philly
- 1 – 2 Inner City
- 2 – 3 Northwest
- 3 – 4 Pyramid of Freedom
- 4 – 5 West Southwest
- 5 – 6 *Open*
- 6 – 7 *Open*
- 7 – 8 *Open*

Open positions: Unity is looking for a Co-Chair and a Secretary.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2021, at 10 am.

In loving service,
Matt S., Unity Chair

Public Relations – Marvin E., Chair

[The following is a summation of the minutes from the March and April PR minutes.]

The Regional PR Subcommittee met on 3/6/21 and 4/3/21.

Attendance:

3/6/21 (14) – Marvin E. (PR Chair), Michael W. (Northwest Area Chair), Paul L. (Northwest Area), Clarence A. (RD), Brother James (WSW Area Chair), Tanya W. (PR Secretary), Cheryl W. (Greater Camden Area), Keith (Schuylkill Valley Area Chair), Mark B. (Philadelphia Area), Darryl R. (Northwest Area), Naim Ali (Northwest Area), Alicia W. (Montco Area), Michelle (Philadelphia Area), Chuck R. (Philadelphia Area Chair)

4/3/21 (13) – Marvin E. (PR Chair), Michael W. (Northwest Area Chair), Paul L. (Northwest Area), Clarence A. (RD), Brother James (WSW Area Chair), George (WSW Area), Tanya W. (PR Secretary), Cheryl W. (Greater Camden Area), Naim Ali (Inner City Area), Jesse (Montco Area), Michelle (Philadelphia Area), Chuck R. (Philadelphia Area Chair), Edna S. (Meeting List)

PR Report (continued)

Chairperson Report:

Of our original annual budget of \$4100, the PR Subcommittee has allocated \$550 for the Work Group Project, including envelopes, postage, and PSAs. We have not yet received the \$50 disbursed at the last RSC from the Regional Treasurer.

We received a call from Councilman Kenyatta Johnson's office regarding the letter addressing PR concerns about PSA. However, the PR Chair has not responded yet without knowing exactly how to address questions the councilman's office may have had.

Area Reports:

Schuylkill Valley Area (SVA): Their PR Subcommittee has not been meeting. At this time, there is only one member on the subcommittee.

West Southwest (WSW) Area: The WSW Area now has its own website. Any other Area interested in having a website designed can reach out to the WSW PR Chair to be put in contact with an IT Rep. The WSW PR Chair reminded other PR Chairs about the Area Inventory, which is an evaluation of how your Area is performing. It can be found in the back of the PR Handbook. Posters for the Poster Drive have been completed in both English and Spanish. The WSW PR Chair rode to Kensington & Allegheny (a heavily drug-infested area) to determine possible locations for billboards and PSA posters. He reported that they received a response from a councilman's office regarding the committee's concerns about PSAs.

Philadelphia Area: They are still setting up the subcommittee and following suggestions given by other PR subcommittees. Kensington is a part of the Philadelphia Area, and in January/February 2021, the Area has done outreach, distributing personal care packages for the still sick and suffering addicts. The Philadelphia Area was contacted by an administrator from a high school in the area that is interested in having a PR presentation, asking if there is a presentation designed specifically for youth. (In discussion of this report, the RD suggested several questions that should be asked in preparation – e.g., How long is the presentation? – and offered to support the committee with this effort. Another member at the meeting asked whether the school could possibly serve as a site for distribution of NA literature and posters.)

Northwest Area (NWA): The NWA PR Subcommittee held its first meeting of the year with 6 members in attendance, 2 from the Phone Line. They are working with the Area Unity Committee to create a flyer to recruit members to get in service. They are learning how to operate on the Zoom platform and will use a consensus-based format to streamline the meeting. They are determining how many posters to request.

PR Report (continued)

Greater Camden Area (GCA): Their Area subcommittee is in need of home group participation. It meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month. They participated in a Speaker Jam hosted by the Area Unity Committee on March 27, 2021. The GCA Chair reported that a church in their area is stating that NA meets there and asked if this is a violation and how they should approach the church about this. The RD responded that the church is not endorsing NA, but they might want to suggest that the message be changed to say “12 Step Meetings” instead.

Montco Area: Their subcommittee is working together with H&I, because there are not many members in service. They weren’t very active last year due to the pandemic, but are getting ready to kick off the poster drive and hope to build on that.

Inner City Area: This Area subcommittee needs help getting started. There is a rep from the Stick & Stay home group.

Note: There was a suggestion that Area PR Subcommittees might benefit from reaching out and supporting each other. Information about when your committee meets (including meeting codes) can be sent to the PR Secretary, Tanya W., by email to relationsp53@gmail.com, or text to 215-600-9116.

Panel Letters Work Group:

Letters were sent out to 17 Councilmen and Council members at large. The letters to the Camden Area did not go out due to lack of contact information. Also, two work group members sent the same information to Philadelphia City council because of a breakdown in communication. The cost was \$13.20 for stamps, \$3.12 for copies, and \$1.07 for envelopes. The subcommittee will reimburse Paul L. \$17 (Cash App). Clarence A. opted not to be reimbursed, and the subcommittee agreed to return \$33 of the original \$50 disbursement to Region.

Council members can respond by emailing pr@naworks.org or sending correspondence to our virtual office address on Monument Road.

PR Week:

PR Week is from June 6 – June 12, 2021. An outdoor event can be held in Philadelphia at Cobb’s Creek Park (63rd & Cedar) or in Camden’s Farnham Park. The Chair suggested that the subcommittee plan 2 events – 1 virtual and 1 in person. Philadelphia and Camden could host one each.

PR Report (continued)

Poster Drive:

The subcommittee approved the poster and will get as many as possible within the \$500 allotment. The subcommittee will reimburse the WSW Area \$100 it already paid for 200 posters.

It was agreed that each Area would get 20-25 posters to start, and to create a spreadsheet to track how many, how often, and where the posters are being distributed. The RD noted that posters should not be placed on telephone poles, but inside of a location.

The Montco Area Chair suggested that for the poster drive each Area may want to ask to speak with a manager or supervisor about placement and not to go alone (take another committee member with you).

PR members should contact the WSW Area Chair to make arrangements to get the posters.

Upcoming Agenda:

- Poster Drive
- Cards with QR codes
- Virtual Mock Presentations
- Check-in with Work Group on proposal to the City of Philadelphia
- PR Week 2021

Marvin E., PR Chair

Discussion: There was discussion about targeting the Kensington Avenue with the posters. The Chair said the subcommittee is still discussing that and has not yet decided on specific locations for the posters. (One member noted that she did not see phonline information on the poster.) There was a question whether we should consider partnering with the Philadelphia Police Department, ODAT, or other organizations working in the Kensington area for our poster drive. Brenda M., Phone Line Chair, said she has a working relationship with several organizations in that area and would be glad to assist in contacting them.

The RSC Secretary suggested that, in the future, the Chair give a summary of the information in the subcommittee minutes rather than reading them in their entirety. This would apply to all subcommittee chairs giving reports.

Regional Cleansheet – Keith F., Chair

[Cleansheet Chair was not present. The following was submitted to the RSC Secretary.]

The current Cleansheet is available and in the minutes (see attachments) and online at www.naworks.org.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Keith F., Regional Cleansheet Chair

Policy – Curt L., Chair

The Regional Policy Subcommittee has met twice since I was elected. There were five (5) Area Policy Chairpersons in attendance on Saturday March 12 – Downtown, Northwest, West Southwest, Schuylkill Valley, South Philadelphia, and Inner City Areas. On Saturday, April 3, there were two (2) Area Policy Chairpersons – Schuylkill Valley and Inner City – in attendance. Also in attendance were the Policy Rep from the Buckle Up the Journey Continues home group, Jim, Montco RCM, and Matt (not sure of his service position). All have been instrumental, along with the former Policy Chair, in getting me up to speed as to where this committee is in the policy review process.

Upon further review, there are a few minor tweaks that have to be addressed before a draft of the revised policy is submitted to the RSC.

- Due to the RSC adopting the use of Consensus Based Decision Making, verbiage, grammar, etc. have to be addressed.
- In light of our newly hired Website Special Worker, the Website Subcommittee guidelines in our policy have to be revised. I have talked to Pete, and he will be assisting us with this.

My Warmest Regards,
Curt L.
GPRSC Policy Chairperson

Meeting List – Monique H., Chair

Total Meetings: 315 meetings

Breakdown: 207 Virtual meetings
16 Hybrid meetings
92 In-person meetings

Thanks for allowing me to serve.
Monique H., Meeting List Chair

IT – Pete B., Chair

The IT Subcommittee meets the first Saturday of every month at 11:30 am.

We met on 3/6/2021 and 4/3/2021. Our attendance is consistently going well. We encourage new members.

The Zoom subcommittee meetings went well this past month. The subcommittees meeting in breakout rooms were IT, PR, Policy, and Unity. The secretary sent out a list of subcommittee Zoom meeting times and meeting IDs. We would like to encourage the subcommittees to use the Regional Zoom account so that we can have a set calendar with consistent meeting times and using the same meeting ID and password.

Reminder that you can use the Zoom meeting schedule from the naworks.org web site to schedule a meeting. When a form is filled out, Pat C. will create the meeting and email you with details.

Bruce R. continues to add events to the web site and events calendar. If you have a flyer, you can send an image with the event info. You can also send the flyer in PDF or document form.

We opened the meeting on 4/3 by discussing the 7th Tradition Workshop that was recently organized by Region. Primarily, we discussed option for hosting video and audio. The 7th Tradition Workshop was recorded on Zoom. The IT Subcommittee will be able to post both audio and video for the Region on the web site.

IT Report (continued)

Adding 7th Tradition options to web site: Based upon the discussion from the 7th Tradition Workshop, the IT Subcommittee discussed options for receiving 7th Tradition contributions on the web site. Items discussed were adding a link to the NA World contribution portal to our web site and adding a method for recurring contributions to Region on the web site. This discussion was tabled until we can speak with the Regional Treasurer and others to gather more information.

The Regional Zoom meeting scheduler is going well. Pat C. has been adding meetings to the calendar as needed.

The subcommittee discussed outreach to NA IT resources such as NA World Services, and other Regions, Areas, etc. in Narcotics Anonymous to share ideas (steal ideas) and collaborate.

The meeting was turned over to Michael J. the Web Master to update us on the web site and the upcoming Zonal Forum.

The IT Subcommittee requests \$70.19 for reimbursement for the Zoom account for March.

The IT Subcommittee meets next on Saturday, May 1st, at 11:30 am – 12:30 pm.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83938375504?pwd=c2w3WUJmZWpKZWZlSkIISkVPMWVEQT09>

Meeting ID: 839 3837 5504

Passcode: 1234

Thank you.

Pete B., IT Chair

Special Worker – IT – Michael J.

Greetings,

The following updates have been made to the website:

- **7th Tradition Page** - The words “donate/donation” have been changed to “contribute/contributions” as mentioned in the 7th Tradition Workshop.

Special Worker – IT Report (continued)

● **Wordpress Plugins** - All plugins have been kept up-to-date. Plugins no longer being used that were deactivated have now been removed. This is for the security of the site.

● **AZF Survey** - A link to the AZF Survey was added to the front page. Later, a note was added to alert visitors that the survey will be ending on April 15th.

● **Regional Minutes** - The minutes have been organized on <https://naworks.org/rsc-minutes/>. There are now two columns, one for 2020 and another for 2021. This is to optimize space.
Note: When the minutes are sent out they contain personal identifying information in the body of the minutes – names, emails, and phone numbers. Before uploading to the website, this text is replaced by an image of that information. The information can be read if the file is downloaded and opened by members, but that personal information will not be indexed in search engines. If anyone does find their personal information in an online search, let us know and we will have it removed.

● **Cleansheet** - The Cleansheets can now be found at <https://naworks.org/cleansheet/>

If you have a regional trusted servant position and would like a @naworks.org email, please reach out and we will set up the account. We will need your personal email and a cell phone number. Email michaelj@naworks.org to get this process started.

If you want an event, group or subcommittee, posted on the events calendar, send an email to events@naworks.org. Please include the text of what you want posted in the body of the email. Even if you send a flyer, it helps if you include the text to copy and paste.

The website is monitored daily, and updates are installed as they become available. This keeps the website as secure as possible. We continue to review the website and make changes as needed.

In Loving Service,
Michael J., IT Special Worker

Special Worker – Admin – Theresa T.

Not present. No report.

Convention Committee Chair

Convention Treasurer

No reports.

RSC Treasurer – Scott D.

[See attached Excel file for the complete Treasurer’s Report, which includes results of all financial proposals made today.]

Total donations of \$8,638.34 were made. Of this amount, \$6,979.34 was for Region, \$1,305.00 was for insurance, and \$354.00 was for the Phone Line.

The attached Excel file shows opening balances, total donations, and payments/disbursements for each account.

The RSC balance following disbursements approved today is \$9,719.51.

Scott D.,
GPRSC Treasurer

Discussion: In addition to the funds in the RSC account, the Region also has \$6,732.29 in the Convention account and \$6,636.98 in the Meeting List account, for a total of \$31,212.31.

Financial Proposals

PROPOSAL (IT): Disburse \$70.19 to pay for our Regional Zoom account.
Proposal approved without objection.

PROPOSAL (PR): Disburse \$100 for PR posters.
Proposal approved without objection.

There was a recommendation to donate \$1000 to the World. After discussion of our current financial situation, including the need to maintain a sufficient cushion to pay our ongoing expenses, the following proposal was made:

PROPOSAL: To donate \$3,000 to World.
Proposal approved without objection.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were no elections, but we still have the following open position:

Advisory Board Committee (ABC) Secretary

Qualifications:

- Suggested minimum three (3) years clean time.
- Prior NA service experience on the group, area, and regional levels.
- Time and resources necessary to fulfill the commitment.
- Sound understanding of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts, and the Guide to Local Services.
- Business or organizational experience outside of NA.
- Basic clerical or office skills.
- Free from any theft related felony convictions for the past five (5) years.

Duties:

- Conduct ABC meetings in the absence of the Chair and Co-Chair.
- Keep accurate minutes of ABC meetings and distribute them to participants.
- Keep corporate archives of all RSC and former RSO minutes, corporate correspondence and files, audio recordings of meetings, copies of the Articles of Incorporation, bylaws, policies and procedures, and employee files. The archive shall be maintained at the principal office of GPRS, Inc.
- Bear the Corporate Seal.
- Exercise all other powers or duties granted by the RCMs.

NEW BUSINESS:

CAR

There was a question whether there would be a Conference Agenda Report (CAR) this year. The CAR is scheduled every 2 years. At the end of September 2021, we should receive the CAR for 2022.

QuickBooks

PROPOSAL (ABC): To discontinue QuickBooks service.

(Note: This will save the Region approximately \$500 per year.)

Proposal approved without objection.

OPEN FORUM:

Reopening Meetings

There was a discussion of reopening in-person meetings. It was mentioned that the City of Philadelphia may be reopening recreation centers with minimal capacity.

If a home group opens and follows the guidelines of the facility where it is meeting (e.g., masks, social distancing, attendance limits, etc.), that should be ok. We want to be careful about criticizing groups that we feel may be doing something wrong. This can foster disunity within our Region. It can be difficult dealing with situations where someone does not want to wear a mask or attendance is slightly over limits.

On the other hand, we don't want our meetings to turn into "super spreaders." The reality is that we may have to turn people away, even if we don't want to. We want to be safe and make sure we keep our members healthy.

Someone suggested that the Region could purchase masks and sanitizer for home groups to have on hand. The general consensus, however, was that the home group or the Area should be responsible for that expense. If it turns out that some groups need help, we should wait for groups to ask for help and then respond accordingly.

With the summer coming, there may be groups/Areas hosting combination indoor and outdoor events. How can we handle that? It was suggested that we make sure we are following any guidelines or restrictions established by the city or other authorities. Also, we should keep in mind that our current insurance does not cover incidents that occur outside our meeting facilities.

Insurance

There were additional follow-up questions concerning our Regional insurance. Our insurance is currently paid up until June. Our initial premium payment, which will be due in June, is approximately 25% of the total yearly amount. (Last year that was about \$2500.)

Convention Committee

Our Regional Convention has been on hold for a while now. We need to make a decision or recommendation about how to proceed going forward. The ABC can work on that.

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Meeting closed with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

The next regularly scheduled RSC Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 6th, 2021, 10:00 am, on the Zoom platform. Meeting id is 532 740 6231. Password is 1234.

In loving service,

Arlene C., RSC Secretary