

Central Massachusetts Area of Narcotics Anonymous Meeting Minutes

April 7th at 6:30 p.m.

Mailing Address: Central MA Area Service Committee
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Next Meeting: May 5th at 6:30 p.m.
Hybrid Format
Physical Location: Greendale People's Church
25 Francis Street, Worcester, MA. 01606
Zoom: Meeting ID: 982 1512 6502
Passcode: NA1953

Meeting Opened

The meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. with a moment of silence, followed by the "We" version of the serenity prayer, the 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts, and A Vision for NA Service.

Announcements to Groups

GSRs are asked to please read all announcements at your group business meeting. If your group does not have a GSR, any trusted servant or group member can attend the Area meeting to bring concerns, changes, or announcements from the group and to bring information and Area news back to the group.

- Anyone new to Area should attend at 6:00PM for orientation
- Events:
 - Northeastern States Service Symposium (NESSSNA) April 25th-27th @ 707 Lancaster Ave, Frazer PA
- New Meetings:
 - "Bridging the Gap" Tuesdays 6:30pm-7:45pm @ 219 Everett St, Southbridge
 - "Stick and Stay" Wednesdays 7pm @ 44 Temple St, Worcester
- New GSR:
 - "Straight Stepping" - Eric F.
 - "Rise and Shine" - John Da.
- Announcements:
 - "Women Do Recover" Thursdays at 7pm has moved to 44 Temple St, Worcester
 - "Just Don't Drug" Sundays @ 17 Winter St, Milford will now run 7pm-8:30pm
 - Public Relations Demographics Survey is LIVE and available for both individuals and groups, you can find the survey [here](#). **The deadline for submission is June 1st.**
 - NA World Services has a survey available to gather input on a proposed draft for the revision of IP #21 "*The Loner- Staying Clean in Isolation*". The draft for revision is available [here](#) and the survey is available [here](#). **The deadline for submission is May 15th.**

- NA World Services has a survey available for individual members to collect input regarding this year's World Convention and World Conventions to come. The goal is to gather opinions and experiences and take this data into account when planning future WSCs. You can find the survey in English [here](#). **There is currently no deadline listed for this survey.**
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- Meetings in need of addict support:
 - “Women Do Recover” Thursdays 7pm @ 44 Temple St, Worcester
 - “Living Clean” Sundays 6pm @ 695 Southbridge St, Worcester
- Motions:
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 - Mark \$12.59 as a misc expense to balance bank balance with treasurers reports
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- Motions that affect policy and will need to be brought back to groups:
 - None

Attendance Report

Attached to these minutes.

Area Trusted Servants and Subcommittee Reports

Chairperson: Dennis M.

No report

Vice Chair: Craig R.

- The next Executive Subcommittee Meeting will be at 6:30 PM on Monday April 28
 - Zoom Meeting ID: 982 1512 6502
 - Passcode: NA1953
- The Executive Subcommittee met on March 31st
- The Vice Chair has been added to the checking account and online banking is set up. The financial review and audit for 2023 and 2024 will be difficult to do because the bank statements have Area and non-Area transactions co-mingled. We will find a way, but it will take time.
- We will need to change banks because Santander has a \$5000 minimum. They have waived the \$15 fee for this month. Citizens Bank and TD Bank are both business friendly and have branches nearby. Citizens has no fees and no minimum balance requirements and is also used by the New England Region.
- We are behind on tax filings on MassTaxConnect for both st-9 and st-10 filings. Vice Chair will coordinate with the Treasurer to bring the filings current. No taxes are owed, just the filings.
- Lila will confirm the transfer of Dropbox files and load them to google drive. Gina will send her the login information.

- Password Protection issue is handed off to the Website chair.
- The Collaboration of Zones has an online survey that all addicts are encouraged to complete.
- The Service Slam is still scheduled for May 3rd but needs additional organizing and will be discussed at the Events Subcommittee mtg on April 2nd and at the April Area meeting and at an additional zoom meeting on April 9th at 6:30 PM.

RCM: Teri T.

The regional meeting will be held virtually this month. This coming weekend, the subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Saturday, and the full committee meeting will take place on Sunday.

The deadline for receiving Regional Zonal motions is July 2025, with a requirement for them to be CAR-ready by August.

September 30 deadline for Region/Board/Zone. Recommendations to hrp@na.org.

November 3, 2025, Conference Agenda Report Translated Posted.

February 2026 Conference Approval Track is Posted.

May 3-9, 2026 World Service Conference 2026

Please, if any group or Area members have any concerns that need to be brought up in Regions open forum, let me know at the ASC meeting or email me personally at ttirado34@gmail.com

Thank you very much for allowing me to serve as your Regional Committee member.

Alternate RCM: *Vacant*

Secretary: Lila H.

No Report

Asst. Secretary: *Vacant*

Campout Committee: Kyle C.

Hello Everyone!

The Committee has met a plethora of times in the last month while preparing for the Virtual Speaker Jam that was held via Zoom on 4/6. Attendance averaged about 15 people at any given time - with a max of 19. We had speakers from Canada, UK, and the US (Arizona, Hawaii, New Hampshire, California x2 and Michigan) all carrying a message of hope! In attendance we even had members from Madrid and NY!

We were able to raise \$252.81 at the virtual fundraiser. Big thanks to all who donated!

Our current priorities will be deciding if we should host another fundraiser or move forward with the current monnies. The next objective will be to discuss ways to entice pre-registration as well as what food we will have so we can create a food menu that is within our budget.

We love having attendance at our committee meetings! Show up - we won't force you into a position!

In loving service,
Kyle C.

Hospitals & Institutions: John D.

We had our subcommittee meeting on March 16th with 9 (nine) addicts in attendance. Literature is available if people need it. We have 53 commitments in 9 facilities and are always looking for speakers and panel leaders. Region H&I is on zoom at 11:00am on the 13th of this month. If people want information on Writing Steps for Recovery for incarcerated individuals information is available. This month's Central Mass Area H&I Subcommittee meeting will be rescheduled due to the Easter holiday more will be revealed.

ILS,
John D

H&I Orientation video: <https://youtu.be/izgiNI81qeM>

Next Subcommittee Meeting:

Sunday, April 13th , 6:00pm at 44 Temple Street (Saint John's Church) in the Rectory, with orientation held at 5:30pm. The meeting will also be available via Zoom: ID: 98215126502 Passcode: NA1953

Events:

Pasta and Game Day-

The event was a great success! We had \$670 in contributions that was sent to the ASC Cash App, and \$235 in cash. The facility rent was \$170, and the cost of supplies was \$50 totalling a contribution of \$685 to ASC. \$200 from seed will be utilized for the next event.

Events will have their next subcommittee meeting on April 16th @ 630pm.

-CJ

Outreach Committee: Mike A.

Mike A. has vacated the position of Outreach Chair and will send any relevant subcommittee documents. The subcommittee is currently inactive; if you are interested in the position please attend next month's ASC meeting.

Website/Media: Jonathan S.

- Please email event information to websitechair@centralmassna.org so it can be uploaded to our [area calendar](#). A reminder that for any events that groups or subcommittees would like placed on the [NERNA calendar](#), we will do so for you and to let us know as soon as possible.
- Will continue to ask for contacts for every group that is currently meeting to get email contact information for the BMLT. (this does not have to be a GSR).

- [ASC minutes and Attendance](#) were uploaded when they were emailed out by the Vice-Chair.
- Several updates were made to the ASC calendar for groups and service bodies as well as upcoming and concluded group and area events.
- The zoom team is still looking for members to train in using the equipment. Some equipment has been purchased and/or lent by members.
- [Cashapp button](#) has been placed on our homepage (please specify group or event contribution in the notes)
- A speaker/mic combo was purchased for the ASC by a member, a television and wired speaker are on loan from another member.
- Task team led by VC to review other sites for ideas on how we may improve ours, anyone is welcome to participate. Contact websitevicechair@centralmassna.org
- NEZF has given us a Service Volunteer to help us develop Guidelines/Policy.
- Task Team has been set up for the Website portion of the upcoming Service Slam to be led by Sean B. and Courtney D.
- Assist in creating the YAP workshop at NESSSNA III.
- Full analytics in Addendum A of full report **Total Views: 2,186 Total Visitors: 1,295**
- We continue to offer walk-thrus for any interested member, please contact websitechair@centralmassna.org to schedule.
- [Minutes can be found here](#)

Next Meeting will be held on April 21st at 7:00pm on the ASC Zoom:

[Zoom: ID: 98215126502 Passcode: NA1953](#)

*****Based on a unanimous straw poll, the Website Subcommittee has been **renamed the IT Services Subcommittee*****

Policy: Gina W.

- The meeting was held on March 24 at 7:00 PM via Zoom, with two participants in attendance. The committee is currently seeking a Vice Chair. The clean time requirement is 6 months, and the ideal candidate would be willing to work alongside the Chair, learning the position with the goal of eventually assuming the role.
- We reviewed the current Policy Subcommittee guidelines as outlined in the CMA Policy and discussed the immediate tasks and objectives of the committee. Our first priority is to go through all the minutes dating back to November 2022, identifying any policy motions that were approved but not yet incorporated into the policy. Once this is completed, we will begin the process of updating the policy guidelines by following these steps: review, evaluate, edit, and finally we will present the changes for review.
- Anyone with knowledge of policy or an interest in learning more is encouraged to attend our monthly meetings and contribute to this process. There are no clean time requirements to participate and everyone is welcome to join.
- The next meeting will be held April 14 at 7:00pm via Zoom, and following that the meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm via Zoom, using the same link.
 - [Zoom link](#)
 - Meeting ID: 895 3770 5637
 - Passcode: 1953

Public Relations: Riss R.

Hello!!

Public Relations met on 3/26 and first and MOST importantly! Public Relations released a demographics survey on 3/18 and is LIVE on centralmassna.org under the Projects and Survey tab on the website!! All groups are encouraged to fill out the survey as well as individuals! Information was sent over to the regional PR chair regard the table event at the DCU center this next week and is slowly gaining momentum. Public Relations is discussing 2 more upcoming table events that have been sent to us in the past week and will be re-evaluated shortly, these are much smaller scale and within our means. We did another learning video this month as a follow up from our Presentation Workshop from 3/19. NA members are super encouraged to join as PR is always looking for support and we are willing to take time to mentor!

ILS,
Riss

Inventory/Scan Ad Hoc: Jonathan S.

Waiting on an update from the presenter on who will be joining us for the strategic planning.

Phone Line: Anthony L.

The phone line received one call this month.

Treasurer: Annastasia D.

Prior Bal: \$447.11
Contributions: (11) \$1,549.00
Paid Out: *(see below)*- \$1,996.11
Prudent: \$1900
Events: \$300
GROSS: \$2,200.00
AVAILABLE: \$0.00

**NESSNA set aside and Campout seed money were paid out, individual members reimbursed for area expenses, balance adjusted to account for -\$12.59 discrepancy and filed under expenses*

**Expense list: Rent, H&I rent+lit., cust. expenses, Campout, NESSNA, regional contribution*

Asst. Treasurer: Josh M.

No report

Old Business

- More details on financial review and policy review to come

Group Concerns

- “Women Do Recover” looking for a new location due to excessive noise coming from a restaurant downstairs.
- “Living Clean” Sunday in Worcester is asking for addict support from experienced and new members.
- “Oxford Group” is happy to report that after asking for support attendance is improving!
- “Step On Greenwood” inquired about prizes won from environmental scan.

Open Forum opened @ 7:47pm

- Multiple members expressed concern over the lack of planning for the upcoming Service Slam, questioning if it should be delayed or cancelled until a later date. While some members agreed that it may be best to reschedule for another time when proper planning is available, other members expressed that the importance of the event is too great to postpone. A number of solutions were mentioned, such as pushing the event until Unity Day in early September or combining it with PR week in June. Two members volunteered to step in with the organization and planning, and there appeared to be consensus to merge the event with PR week in June. More updates to come.

New Business

- Password protection for the creation of a portion of the area website exclusively for members has been reassigned to the website subcommittee.
- It was discovered that there were a number of large discrepancies in the area bank account of unknown origin during the term of the previous treasurer. The final amount reflected by the balance was only \$12.59 less than the latest treasury reports. The current treasurer will balance the \$12.59 by marking it as a miscellaneous expense. Incidentally, the vice chair and current treasurer are investigating what it would look like for the area to potentially switch to a different bank from Santander.
- It has been decided that Jonathan S., Teri T., Michele B., and Patti M. will attend NESSNA to represent CMA and will report back anything they have learned.
- **ELECTIONS**
 - **NEWLY ELECTED TRUSTED SERVANTS:**
 - Chair- Craig R.
 - RCM- Noel D.
 - Secretary- Lila H.
 - H&I Chair- Patti M.
 - Events Chair- CJ
 - IT Services Chair- Jonathan S.
 - PR Chair- Riss R.
 - Treasurer- Anastasia D.
 - Asst. Treasurer- Josh M
 - **TO BE VOTED NEXT MONTH:**
 - Campout Chair- Kyle C.
 - Policy Chair- Gina W.
 - Phone Line- Anthony L.
 - **REMAINING OPEN POSITIONS:**
 - Vice Chair
 - Alt. RCM

- Asst. Secretary
- Outreach Chair
- Congratulations to all those who have been elected! If you or anyone you know are interested in learning more about the open positions listed above please attend the next ASC meeting. Thank you all for your service.

Motions:

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 - *Passed unanimously*
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 - *Passed unanimously*
- *(Misc. motion-not policy)* Change banks from Santander to Citizen's Bank
 - *Passed unanimously*

Next Subcommittee Meetings:

- H&I- 4/13/25 @ 6pm
- Campout-4/13/25 @ 7pm
- Policy- 4/14/25 @ 7pm
- Events- 4/16/25 @ 6pm
- IT Services- 4/21/25 @ 7pm
- Service Slam- 4/23/25 @ 7pm
- Executive Subcommittee- 4/28/25 @ 7pm
- Public Relations: 4/30/25 @ 7pm

ILS,
Lila H.