

**Southeastern Massachusetts Area  
of Narcotics Anonymous**

February 2025  
Area Service Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
2/16/25  
*GSF Format*

**REPORTS:**

**Treasurer**

Good afternoon SEMA,

Today we brought in \$575.40 in group contributions and \$920 in literature sales. Our General Balance is \$3,970.95 and our Working Balance is \$0. Our Regional Contribution is \$0. Prudent Reserve is \$2024.97 which is -\$488.03.

The finance committee met once since last Area. We filed the federal postcard 990n filing for the area. I have attached it to the minutes for record keeping.

The finance committee meets the Thursday before Area at 6pm on the digital meeting platform. In addition I took the \$100 set-aside for literature development and added it back into the working balance since that committee has been dissolved.

Thanks

In Loving Service,  
Andy

Surrender and Unity	\$ 11.00
Morning Message	\$ 80.00
Making Changes	\$ 22.00
Natural High	\$ 13.00
Men and Women Together	\$ 31.00
Room to Grow	\$ 65.00
Stepping Up 123	\$ 28.00
Stepping Out	\$ 50.00
Love Group	\$ 48.00
12 and 12 for all	\$ 92.00
Back to Basics	\$ 65.00
United We Stand	\$ 29.00
Way of Life	\$ 12.00
Taking Care of Yourself	\$ 29.40

Aug-24	Working Balance	H&I	PR	Convention	Literature Dev	Activities	Fellowship Services	PRUDENT RESERVE	General Balance
STARTING BALANCE:	\$395.72	\$37.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$2,513.00	\$4,045.72
MONTHLY TRANS TOTAL:	\$610.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$610.84
ENDING BALANCE:	\$1,006.56	\$37.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$2,513.00	\$4,656.56

  

MONTHLY TRANSACTIONS (Activities & Expenses)									STARTING BALANCE	FINAL WORKING BALANCE
									\$4,045.72	\$1,006.56
Transaction Description	Working Balance	H&I	PR	Convention Bill Set Aside	Literature	Activities	Fellowship Services	PRUDENT RESERVE	Transaction Total	BALANCE
group contributions- cash app	\$670.40								\$670.40	\$4,716.12
group contributions- cash/check/money order	\$549.90								\$549.90	\$5,266.02
Literature sales- cash/check/money order	\$725.00								\$725.00	\$5,991.02
literature sales cash app										
Regional Contribution										
Literature Order Projection	-\$1,750.00								-\$1,750.00	-\$1,750.00
Literature Order Adjustment	\$715.54								\$715.54	-\$1,034.46
h and l learning day	-\$300.00									



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## GSF

**Strategic Planning Workshop:** Fellowship Services hosted a strategic planning workshop facilitated by members of NERNA’s Fellowship Development Subcommittee concerning increasing engagement within the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous and with the greater community of addicts at varying stages of and seeking recovery as a whole.

Topics and scenarios for presented include:

- Theme 1: We have increased participation from members
- Theme 2: PR efforts have been re-invigorated
- Theme 3: We have a strong atmosphere of recovery in our service efforts

- Theme 4: We have a system in place that offers strong mentorship
- Theme 5: We have lots of opportunities for fellowshiping.
- Theme 6: We have enhanced our personal recovery efforts

A vote was taken among present members of the SEMA service body to determine which themes they would like to focus on and explore in a more in-depth fashion. Themes were narrowed down to:

- Theme 1: We have increased participation from members (*14 votes*)
- Theme 3: We have a strong atmosphere of recovery in our service efforts (*13 votes*)
- Theme 4: We have a system in place that offers strong mentorship (*12 votes*)

Breakout groups were formed to brainstorm actionable ideas that could be carried out moving forward. Many were presented to the body and a second round of voting followed, which narrowed the plans down to:

- **Service Slam/Service Learning Day:** A task committee for planning a Service Slam/Service Learning Day is to be formed (overseen by Fellowship Services' *Kayla G*) to come up with a plan to host an event to increase awareness of & demystify, as well as to destigmatize and increase the attractiveness of service opportunities within Narcotics Anonymous; with a formal action plan being presented at the April ASC meeting.

Any interested parties are encouraged to reach out to *Kayla G*

- **SEMASC “Bring A Newcomer Day”:** To similar ends of the previous item, a task committee is to be formed (overseen by SEMASC’s Vice Chairperson, *Laura G*) to plan a “Bring A Newcomer To Area Day”; with a formal action plan being presented at the April ASC meeting.

Extra emphasis is given here to positively influencing the perception of Area service within the local community, as well as helping to affect a greater “cultural shift” within SEMA. GSRs are encouraged to contribute by regularly inviting companions to attend ASC meetings and fostering a spirit of fellowship-within-service in our Area.

Any parties interested in helping to plan the formal event are encouraged to reach out to *Laura G*

- **“ASC Greeter” Service Position Creation:** A formal service position is to be created within SEMA introducing an ASC meeting greeter; in order to foster a personally welcoming and congenial atmosphere (especially in regards to newcomers). The Policy Subcommittee will be drafting formal roles and responsibility to present to the body for approval.

### Group Concerns

- **CONCERN–Activities Subcommittee: SEMA Anniversary Celebration**

The Activities Subcommittee Chairperson has submitted a concern regarding the planning of the SEMANA Area anniversary celebration, who bears the responsibility for doing so, and requesting input from more experienced trusted servants of NA concerning formulating a game plan . Points discussed include:

- The fact that SEMA's anniversary date overlaps with the month (June) we will be hosting the New England Region's in-person Service Committee Meeting; and whether SEMA members would like to do so in tandem, if at all.
- The Activities Subcommittee Chairperson and SEMA Regional Committee Member have agreed to collaborate on the matter moving forward.
- Debbie from Warren has offered to lend her assistance, as well

The conversation is to be revisited again when we get closer to the timeframe concerned.

- **CONCERN–Activities Subcommittee: Budget and Funding Allotment**

The Activities Subcommittee Chairperson has submitted a concern requesting clarification pertaining to the SEMA policy regarding the allocation of Area funds to the Activities Subcommittee which they may use to plan events. Points discussed include:

- The somewhat vague nature of the language used in the current policy, cited below:

- “Activities: \$500 budget for marathon meetings and area anniversary [...]” (*Section XIII, Item A*)

And how it lacks clarity as to whether it communicates a budget of \$500 total, covering both annual marathon meetings and the Area anniversary celebration; or \$500 per event. It was clarified that the intended meaning is the latter. Policy Subcommittee will

- Members of the body highlight that both group contributions and group representation at the ASC have been down lately, as well as the overall lack of surplus funds

*Given the information surrounding the prior concerns, the body would like feedback from groups as to whether or not an Area anniversary celebration is desired by SEMA members*

### **Open Forum**

- **CONCERN–April ASC Date**

A potential conflict was brought to the body's attention concerning the currently scheduled date for the April ASC meeting: 4/27/25, the 4th Sunday of the month, as opposed to the customary 3rd. Concerns include:

- The currently scheduled date coincides with NESSSNA, which would account for at least four Area servants' inability to attend the ASC, as they will be attending the event on behalf of SEMA
- The 2nd Sunday of the month coincides with the NERNA's Regional Committee meeting, which would account for for at least two Area servants' inability to attend the ASC meeting
- The customary 3rd Sunday coincides with a calendar observance

- Members note that April is *not* a Subcommittee report month, giving the aforementioned trusted servants some leeway regarding the imperative necessity of their attendance at the meeting in question

Conversation to be revisited and plans finalized at SEMA's March 2025 ASC meeting (3/16/25)

- **Printed Meeting Lists: Expense vs Practicality and Alternatives**

Last month, the Convention Subcommittee submitted a concern suggesting SEMA undertake a trial through which we will transition from the dated and ineffective printed meeting list directory currently and historically used.

They suggested we introduce a business/postcard with a text-only number which will provide a response listing the times/locations of the nearest local meetings, believing it to be a more effective platform for providing addicts seeking meeting information with what they are seeking.

Additionally, they believe the transition will save the Area an estimated \$1,000 annually by discontinuing the more customary tri-fold printed meeting lists

- UPDATE:
  - Samples for three designs were presented for consideration and voted on, with proofs to be introduced at the March ASC to be distributed to groups for consideration, and as a trial run
  - The estimated cost of the newer alternative would be approximately \$150 for 1,000 copies; proving more cost effective
  - Additional pros to the newer alternative would be the inclusion of a QR code which would link interested parties to meeting listings that could be updated in real time, minimizing the spread and perpetuation of out-of-date misinformation
  - It was suggested that meeting lists may still be printed and kept available for sale to groups who prefer them; with the difference being that groups electing to use them would be doing so at their own expense, with the newer pilot cards being provided by the Area for no additional charge

### **Roll Call**

		February '25	January '25	December '24	November '24
Addicts Unite	1		1	1	1
Back to Basics	1	1	1	1	1
Breakfast Club	1	1			
Boys to Men	1	1	1	1	1
Carry the Message	1		1		1
Give Yourself a Break	1	1	1		1
Growing Up	1				
Hope Shots	1				1
Spill the Tea	1	1	1	1	1

Living the Dream	1	1	1		1
Living Clean - Just for Tu	1				
L.O.V.E. group	1	1	1	1	1
Ladies, We Do Recover	1				
Making Changes	1	1			
Man up	1				
Men and Women Together	1	1	1	1	1
Morning Message	1	1	1	1	1
New Beginnings	1				
Newport NA	1	1	1	1	1
Natural High	1	1	1	1	1
Out to Lunch	1	1	1	1	1
Primary Purpose	1				
Room to Grow	1	1	1	1	1
Saturday Night Live	1				
Simply Serene	1	1	1	1	
Spiritual Junkies	1				
Stepping Out	1				
Steps are the Answer	1				
Stepping up 1,2,3	1	1	1	1	1
Take Care of Yourself	1		1		
Surrender & Unity	1	1	1		1
United We Stand	1	1	1	1	1
Way of Life	1				
12 & 12 for All	1				
TOTAL GROUPS	37	37	37	37	37
GROUPS PRESENT		18	19	14	18
QUORUM		10	10	8	10
2/3 MAJORITY		12	13	10	12
		February '25	January '25	December '24	November '24
Admin	1				
Chair	1	0	0	0	1

Vice Chair	1	1	1	1	1
Secretary	1	1	1	1	1
Alt Secretary	1	0	1	0	1
Treasurer	1	1	1	1	1
Alt Treasurer	1	1	1	1	x
Finance Committee 1	1	1	1	1	1
Finance Committee 2	1	0	1	1	x
Finance Committee 3	1	x	x	0	x
Web Servant	1	1	1	1	1
Alt Web Servant	1	1	1	0	1
RCM	1	0	1	1	1
ARCM	1	1	1	1	x
Lit Dist	1	1	1	0	1
Alt Lit Dist	1	1	1	1	1
Lit Development	x	x	x	x	1
H&I	1	0	1	1	1
PR	1	1	x	x	x
Fellowship Services	1	0	1	1	1
Activities	1	1	1	1	1
Policy	1	1	1	1	0
Convention	1	1	1	0	1
Campout	1	1	1	1	1
Total Admin Members		22	22	22	23
Present		15	19	15	17
Not Present		6	1	6	1
Vacant		1	2	1	5

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **MOTION-Web Servant:** SEMA Web Servant, Jay P, has submitted a motion (seconded by John O [Room To Grow]) requesting \$175 in SEMA funds for the ASC to purchase a refurbished laptop for use in the position; with the intent to provide the service body the mean to be more fully self-reliant and self-sustaining, as well as to facilitate website updates in between the regular monthly ASC meetings should the arise
  - **MOTION WITHDRAWN**
- **MOTION- Lost Campout Check:** SEMA Treasurer, Andy W, has submitted a motion (seconded by Finance Committee members) requesting that the Campout Committee incur the cost of a \$35 stop-check fee, which was required due to a \$100 check issued to the Campout Committee being misplaced by one of its members; with the intent to uphold financial responsibility

- **MOTION WITHDRAWN**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- See section on strategic planning workshop above

### **ELECTIONS**

- Finance Subcommittee Member: **POSITION REMAINS OPEN [GSRs: Please Bring Back To Groups]**

*Meeting adjourned at 3:03pm*

**NEXT ASC MEETING TO TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 16th, at 12:15pm**

**At 777 Elsbree St, Fall River, MA; in the Building G Staff Lounge**

**Closest/most convenient parking can be found in Lot 12**