

**Southeastern Massachusetts Area
of Narcotics Anonymous**

April 2025
Area Service Committee
Meeting Minutes
4/27/25

REPORTS:

Treasurer

Good Morning SEMA,

Today we brought in \$1499.50 in group contributions and \$1238 in literature sales. The general balance is \$4,163.84. The working balance is 0 dollars. We did replenish the prudent reserve by \$450.93. The prudent reserve is now at \$2045.88, which is \$467.12 short of being full. The Regional Contribution is \$0.

The finance committee met once since last area and 3 people were in attendance. We discussed an adjustment of the recurring expense setaside. After a closer look at our expenses we are now contributing around 150 dollars less to the recurring expense account and the prudent reserve in June will be adjusted down by 900 dollars. Those changes came from money saved on the meeting lists and the area anniversary. We also looked at how much group contributions need to come in to have a positive working balance. Group contributions each month need to be about \$650/month, and that's not including the remaining \$100 monthly we need to make to the campout (3 more months). Please remember that prices have gone up and to put an extra dollar in the basket when you have it to make up for these added expenses. We also went for a long time without paying rent for a physical location which added to our previous financial windfall.

Thanks

In Loving Service,
Andy

Apr-25	Working Balance	H&I	PR	Activities	Fellowship Services	Recurring Expense Account	NESSNA	PRUDENT RESERVE	General Balance			
STARTING BALANCE:	\$0.00	\$430.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$974.31	\$420.00	\$1,594.95	\$3,819.26			
MONTHLY TRANS TOTAL:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$302.17	-\$408.52	\$450.93	\$344.58			
ENDING BALANCE:	\$0.00	\$430.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1,276.48	\$11.48	\$2,045.88	\$4,163.84			
MONTHLY TRANSACTIONS (Activities & Expenses)									STARTING BALANCE	Working Balance	\$0.00	
									\$3,819.26			
Transaction Detail	Working Balance	H&I	PR	Activities	Fellowship Services	Recurring Expense Account	NESSNA	PRUDENT RESERVE	Transaction Total			
group contributions- cash app											Ending Working Balance	Regional Donation 20%
group contributions- cash/check/money order	\$1,499.50								\$1,499.50	\$5,318.76	\$0.00	\$0.00
Literature sales- cash/check/money order	\$1,238.00								\$1,238.00	\$6,556.76		
literature sales digital												
Regional Contribution												
Literature Order Projection	-\$1,750.00								-\$1,750.00	-\$1,750.00		
Literature Order Adjustment	-\$132.22								-\$132.22	-\$1,882.22		
NESSNA SETASIDE							\$60.00		\$60.00	-\$1,822.22		
Yearly Expense Setaside	-\$302.17					\$302.17			\$0.00	-\$1,822.22		
campout	-\$100.00								-\$100.00	-\$1,922.22		
prudent reserve adjustment												
PR Adjustment	-\$450.93							\$450.93				
Bank reconciliation	-\$2.18											
Nessna Registration							-\$378.52					
Nessna Travel							-\$90.00		-\$90.00	-\$90.00		

Making Changes	\$ 76.00
Living the Dream	\$ 66.00
Back to Basics	\$ 67.00
Surrender and Unity	\$ 29.00
Natural High	\$ 164.00
Boys to Men	\$ 275.00
Men and Women Together	\$ 220.00
Stepping Out	\$ 50.00
Breakfast Club	\$ 25.00
Spill the Tea	\$ 155.00
United we Stand	\$ 32.50
Tuesday Night JFT	\$ 20.00
Morning Message	\$ 251.00
Man Up	\$ 21.00
Room to Grow	\$ 43.00

Convention

Good Afternoon People,

The convention committee last met on April 3rd. The Dodge Ball tournament/ speaker jam returned to add \$801. 00. The current working balance in the MACNA II account is \$14,031.35.

Our next F&E event will be "Rollin' In Recovery II," on Friday, June 13th, from 5:30-10pm at 75 New Road, Rumford, RI. Tickets are \$20, including admission, skate rental, and all-you-can-eat cheese pizza.

I would encourage everyone, when they announce the convention, to direct our members to www.mac-na.org to both register for the convention and perhaps more importantly to reserve a room from the limited number of rooms that we have available to us per our contract. Thank you in advance for your commitment and enthusiasm.

Our website for MACNA II is live and includes a "shopping cart" feature. Our goal is that this will expedite the registration, merchandise procurement, Saturday and Sunday brunch tickets, and events process.

That website is www.mac-na.org. Make reservations at the host hotel soon as rooms are already going fast...don't get left out. Our next meeting will be held on May 4th at our usual location...come out and support your convention.

In Loving Service,
Tommy P.

PR

Good Morning SEMA Area,

The Public Relations Regional Committee met this month on 4/12/25, with nine in attendance on Zoom. We opened with the service prayer, read the 12 Traditions, read the Public Relations statement and introduced ourselves.

We read some of the PR handbook: What we do in Public Relations and Public Relations Information Committee. PR reports were read, we discussed upcoming events in May. We discussed that all positions would be opened in June. Chair, V. Chair, Secretary, Helpline Coordinator, Training Coordinator, Inventory Coordinator, and Social Media Coordinator. We discussed CBDM.

Project Radio Public announcement: they met once and put together a list of 300 radio stations in the region. 10 stations were selected to outreach and send out NA PR letters too. One radio station WBCS in Waltham will air a Public Service announcement. Western Mass donated 500 posters, and they will be shared at the next regional meeting.

Next PR regional meeting will be in 2 months in person location TBA.

We closed with Serenity prayer.

The PR subcommittee met on 4/19/25 with three in attendance to discuss PR monthly budget, literature racks needed and cost, what literature needs to be replenished, and placed a order.

We discussed the public relations list of facilities and updating where we recently place literature.

We discussed going into the Criminal Justice Centers and asking to place literature in that facility.

If you are looking to get involved, our next meeting will meet at 10am, May 17, 2025, on our Area Zoom link [Zoom ID: 885 373 0525]

In Loving Service,
Gwen W

Open Forum:

- **Strategic Planning Meeting Follow-Up:** SEMA Vice Chairperson, Laura G, gave a detailed presentation detailing plans for a “Bring A Newcomer To Area’ Day”; details surrounding venue policy regarding event hosting are to be gathered to be taken into consideration for the final planning.

She also reports that a similar action plan was prepared regarding an upcoming Service Slam by Fellowship Services chairperson, Kayla G, who was not able to attend to present.

- **“Bring A Friend To Area” Day:** SEMA’s May 2025 ASC meeting day (5/18/25) will serve as “Bring A Friend To Area” day, with members being encouraged to bring a companion
- **New SEMA Group!!! - The Doorbell Group:** SEMANA welcomes a new stepwork meeting, The Doorbell Group, based in Taunton, MA. The group meets on Sundays at 8:30am at the following location:
 - 1 Washington Street, Suite 230 (2nd Floor)
Taunton, MA, 02780
- **Area Orientation Time Moved:** SEMA’s Area Orientation, hosted by Fellowship Services, *has been moved to 11:30am* on ASC Sunday, and will continue I be hosted in the foyer of Building G, 777 Elsbree St, Fall River, MA

- **New Service Position Policy - ASC Greeter:** SEMA's Policy Subcommittee has presented roles and responsibilities for the new ASC Greeter position. The policy is as follows:

1. GREETER:

1) Qualifications:

- a) Clean time requirement of one day clean
- b). Must have attended minimum of 3 consecutive Area meetings

2) Responsibilities:

- a). Willingness to serve
- b). Knowledge of the facility
- c). Welcome attendees and create a positive first impression
- d). Provide initial guidance and information
- e). Must be able to arrive prior to start time and stay through closing

- **Drafted Policy Language Change - Activities Subcommittee Budget:** The Policy Subcommittee also presented suggested language changes to the section regarding the Activities Subcommittee's annual budget. The suggested changes are as follows:

Activities: \$500 budget for marathon meetings, ~~and area anniversary~~ **\$500 for area anniversary, and \$500 for additional events to be replenished in January every year** ~~A \$500 for additional events to be replenished in January every year with any money collected at events (up to \$500). All monies in excess to \$500 will be added to the area's working balance.~~

Group Concerns - NONE

Roll Call

		April '25	March '25	February '25	January '25
Addicts Unite	1	1	1		1
Back to Basics	1	1	1	1	1
Breakfast Club	1	1		1	
Boys to Men	1	1	1	1	1
Carry the Message	1	1	1		1
Doorbell Group	1	1	-	-	-
Give Yourself a Break	1	1		1	1
Growing Up	1				
Hope Shots	1				
Spill the Tea	1	1	1	1	1

Living the Dream	1	1		1	1
Living Clean - Just for Tue	1				
L.O.V.E. group	1	1	1	1	1
Ladies, We Do Recover	1				
Making Changes	1	1	1	1	
Man up	1				
Men and Women Togeth	1	1	1	1	1
Morning Message	1	1	1	1	1
New Beginnings	1				
Newport NA	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	1
Spiritual Junkies	1		1		
Stepping Out	1				
Steps are the Answer	1				
Stepping up 1,2,3	1		1	1	1
Take Care of Yourself	1				1
Surrender & Unity	1	1	1	1	1
United We Stand	1	1	1	1	1
Way of Life	1				
12 & 12 for All	1				

TOTAL GROUPS	35	35	34	34	34
GROUPS PRESENT		19	18	18	19
QUORUM		10	10	10	10
2/3 MAJORITY		13	12	12	13

		April '25	March '25	February '25	January '25
Admin	1				
Chair	1	0	1	0	0
Vice Chair	1	1	1	1	1
Secretary	1	1	1	1	1
Alt Secretary	1	1	1	0	1
Treasurer	1	1	1	1	1

Alt Treasurer	1	0	1	1	1
Finance Committee 1	1	0	1	1	1
Finance Committee 2	1	0	1	0	1
Finance Committee 3	1	x	x	x	x
Web Servant	1	0	1	1	1
Alt Web Servant	1	0	1	1	1
RCM	1	0	0	0	1
ARCM	1	1	1	1	1
Lit Dist	1	0	1	1	1
Alt Lit Dist	1	1	1	1	1
Lit Development	x	x	x	x	x
H&I	1	1	1	0	1
PR	1	1	1	1	x
Fellowship Services	1	1	1	0	1
Activities	1	1	1	1	1
Policy	1	1	1	1	1
Convention	1	1	1	1	1
Campout	1	1	1	1	1
Total Admin Members		22	22	22	22
Present		13	15	15	19
Not Present		8	6	6	1
Vacant		1	1	1	2

OLD BUSINESS

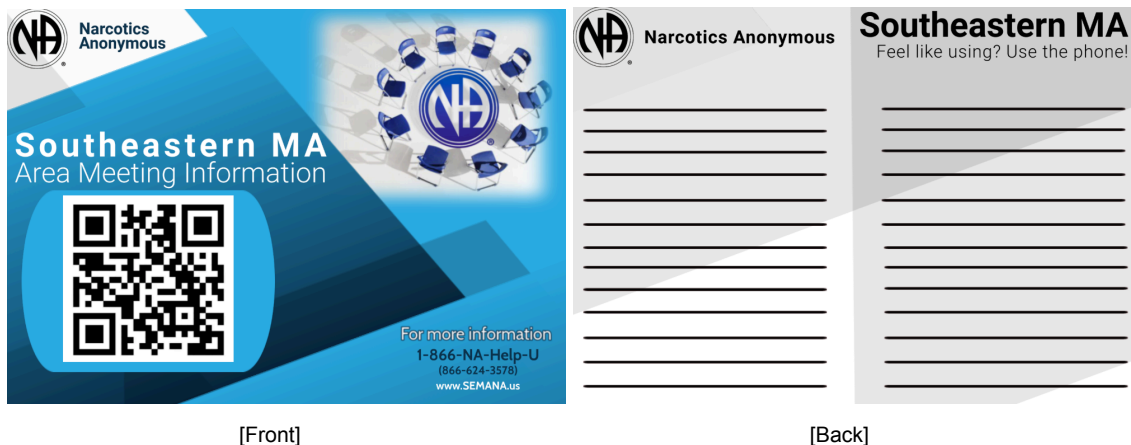
- **MOTION - Literature Pricing:** A motion was made by Boys To Men (seconded by Spill The Tea) to increase the cost of NA literature sold through SEMA, with the intent to offset the expense of providing literature to the H&I and PR subcommittees
 - **GSRs: Bring Back To Groups**
- **MOTION - Meeting Card Expense Reimbursement:** Motions were made by Amanda M & Guy P [Literature Distribution] (both seconded by Lauren C [Fellowship Services] & Jay P [Website/Boys To Men], respectively) to utilize \$175 in SEMA funds to reimburse Tommy P the expense he incurred in printing the new QR code meeting cards, with the intent to promote financial responsibility
 - **GSRs: Bring Back To Groups**

NEW BUSINESS

- **MOTION - Doorbell Group:** The *[new!]* Doorbell Group of Narcotics Anonymous (Taunton, MA) put forth a motion requesting a new group starter pack, with the intent to further carry the NA message to addicts in their locale
 - **MOTION PASSES** [In Favor: 17, Opposed: 0, Formal Abstentions: 0]

- **MOTION - Subcommittee Budgets:** A motion was put forward by members of the Spill The Tea group of Narcotics Anonymous to dissolve all subcommittee budgets until individual subcommittees present their annual projected expenses to the ASC, with the intent to reevaluate subcommittee and Area finances until we are out of the red and operating above out prudent reserve
 - **MOTION DOES NOT PASS** [In Favor: 2, Opposed: 12, Abstaining: 2]
- **MOTION:** A motion was put forward by Josh D requesting that \$180 in SEMA funds be put toward printing 450 more of the new QR code meeting cards for distribution to SEMA groups, with the intent to gauge how long they last before being depleted
 - **MOTION PASSES** [In Favor: 12, Opposed: 1, Abstaining: 3]

Aside: Of the three proof designs presented & distributed at last month's ASC meeting, a vote was taken to choose the most popular. Among those voting, the following design was deemed most popular:



ELECTIONS

- ASC Greeter: **TC A elected! Thank you, TC, for your service!!!**
- Finance Subcommittee Member: **POSITION REMAINS OPEN [GSRs: Please Bring Back To Groups]**

Meeting adjourned at 2:30

**NEXT ASC MEETING TO TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, MAY 18, 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**