

Southeastern Mass Area Of Narcotics Anonymous

May 17 2026

Area Service Committee - Meeting Minutes

- Area started at 12:15 PM
- All Traditions and 5th Concept was read
- April Minutes - Accepted

REPORTS

Chairperson- Good afternoon SEMA,

Meeting lists have not yet been picked up, I apologize for the delay. I was able to include Coralee in the process though, she will be ready to do it next month. If you need them for your group or subcommittee, we will have them by Wednesday. We will update everyone in the slack.

Next Month will be my last month, although I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve in this position but I must admit I am glad it is coming to an end.

ILS,

Laura G.

Vice Chair- Good afternoon, SEMA,

I would like to thank everyone for their grace and support as I chaired the ASC for the first time last month. I was definitely nervous, and you all helped make the process run so smoothly.

After an unsuccessful attempt to get assistance adding the QR code to our meeting list, I tapped into my inner young adult, dusted off my HTML knowledge, and somehow figured it out myself. The QR code has now been added to the meeting list, and as I'm sure Laura has already shared, the updated lists should be arriving this week.

Lastly, As my position is up next month, I would like to sincerely thank all of you for your confidence in allowing me to serve as the SEMA Vice Chair. I would also like to especially thank Laura G. for her guidance and mentorship throughout this process. It has truly been both an honor and a privilege to serve, and I look forward to what may come next.

Thank you all again.

ILS,

Coralee

Secretary- Reminder to please send reports to both secretary and alt secretary emails. Please remember to copy and paste them to the body of the email not as an attachment for easier formatting. Also, motion and concern forms please be forwarded as well.

Thank you all for allowing us to serve- Julie and Cheridan

RCM- Good afternoon, all!

The last RSC met on April 12 with 9 areas represented.

There was a theft of funds discovered from a check that was made out to a printing company for \$52.06. It was doctored and cashed for \$8,553. A police report was filed, and a fraud claim was put in with Citizen's Bank. The bank account was not reconciled because of this, but the estimated ending balance was \$5,991.22, which does not include the fraud claim.

NERC XXI early bird registration is \$35 until June 30, pre reg \$45 until March 4, 2027, and on-site reg will be \$50. The proposal for NERC to gain a line of credit for the hotel balance was not passed. They will use fundraising efforts as suggested and will ask for help from region later down the road if needed. There was also a suggestion to ask areas for help. Open positions for NERC include Vice Chair, asst. treasury, asst secretary, arts and graphics and F&E.

Members of Public Relations attended the "Together for Hope" event in Boston on April 29-30. The next event they will be tabling is the Cape Cod Service Symposium on August 6-9, which will be in Providence this year.

Fellowship development wants to remind people that there is a service volunteer form if you would like to volunteer to help with service requests based on your personal experience. You can find it [here](#). Some project updates include a strategic planning session on July 18 at 106 Carter St. Leominster, MA from 12-5pm. We are also encouraging members to fill out the [Environmental Scan](#). This survey is Phase One of the New England Region Service Committee (NERSC) Strategic Planning process. The purpose of this phase is to listen and learn. We want to better understand what is happening in the fellowship today, what is working well, and what challenges members and areas are experiencing. We would like all responses by June 13.

The travel spending plan approved by our area did not pass at the regional level. There are three regional spending plans that need our area's input, and we can discuss them during open forum. The delegate team asked members at the RSC the central question that would be discussed at the World Service Conference, "What issues, challenges and needs do we need to address to be ready to serve the addict today and who will be here in the future. One member stated three major criticisms of NA that they find on social media: NA being abstinence based, Predatory behavior (sexual advances at our meetings) and the way we approach step work (i.e. in step four we are encouraged to look at our part in abuse).

Lastly, we want to thank our delegate team, D'lanor and Jim, for carrying our conscience at the World Service Conference! Thank you for your service and I'm sure the area looks forward to hearing more about it!

The next regional service committee meeting will be held on June 14 in Central Mass with the location TBD. We will provide the info when it's available. All positions will be up for election.

If you'd like to get involved in regional service or just want to see what it's all about please come!

In loving service, Justin and Jimmy.

H&I- Good afternoon SEMA,

H and I met twice since my last report. There has been an average of 12 addicts in attendance. We currently have 23 commitments filled with six facilities. No issues with commitments have been reported. SSTAR ATS has opened back up and standing commitments that were going into other units are now going back into the detox. Southcoast behavioral health is ready to start having us come into the facility. If there is anyone interested in going into this facility, please attend our subcommittee meeting for more details. We have initiated talks on our annual learning day and plan to discuss possible collaboration with fellowship services. The Alternate Secretary position is currently open. Finally, ain't no high like H and I.
ILS, Jay P.

Public Relations- Good afternoon SEMA,

Public Relations has met twice since our last reporting month. We currently meet virtually and in person at 11:15 am on the day of the ASC in the cafeteria at 777 Elsbree St Fall River. The PR subcommittee had 6 members in attendance in April and 4 in attendance this morning. We utilized our April budget to purchase 22 shirts at a cost of \$200.00 for members to wear the day of our PR walk and poster drive. From our May budget we purchased \$22.40 worth of tape and thumbtacks for our poster drive, and a \$ 147.00 literature order to refill our racks in the community we serve and to have enough supplies for any pending presentations. The public relations subcommittee has a flyer encouraging members to join our subcommittee that was provided at February's ASC as we gear up for Public Relations week, this year's PR week is set for the first full week of and as per the flyer provided to the area last month we will be doing a PR walk and flyer hanging day on Saturday June 6th 2026 from 12 to 2pm meeting that day at 360 Coggeshall St New Bedford and dispersing teams of 2 or more to go into the community to hang flyers.

ILS, Gabriel G

Fellowship Services- Good afternoon SEMA!

Fellowship Services has met once since our last ASC. We did not have any newcomers at April or May newcomer orientation. We have visited 5 groups since our last report, and we have about 5 groups left to visit for this cycle. We continue to provide support, including but not limited to, information about SEMA services and how to attend Area online, resources for purchasing literature and addressing other group needs, and support with business meeting facilitation.

From the groups we've visited, a pattern for lack of attendance at Area continues to be limited member availability, members who do not have the clean time to be a GSR, and overall low meeting attendance.

One of our subcommittee members attended the most recent NERNA Fellowship Development Subcommittee meeting. on Saturday, April 11. Fellowship Services also visited Morning Message to support them with concerns raised at the last Area meeting. If a group is in need of support or in need of fellowship services, please feel free to reach out to me. ILS, Lauren C

Policy- Not present, no report

Webservant- Good afternoon Sema,

The website committee has met once since the last ASC with 2 people in attendance.

All regular updates to the website have been made (minutes, projects and surveys)

I have been working on fixing issues with the calendar and I seem to be making progress on it with the help of the program editor. Thanks for your patience while I get it ironed out.

We are considering trying out a new meeting finder app that has been released called Crumb. It allows you to search for meetings specifically within a certain geographical area. Please see test site <https://crumbsearch.org/>

The committee has a recommendation for the next alternate webservant, however they are currently filling a position until June.

As always please subscribe to the webservant slack channel for all updates and lively discussions on all things IT.

Thanks, ILS , Andy

Activities- Not present, no report

Convention- MACNA III last met on May 3, 2026, at 4:30 PM, with fifteen decision makers present and a two-thirds consensus of ten required for decisions.

Reports reflected continued organizational progress, including the successful transfer of bank account signatures and positive feedback from the recent Online Speaker Jam coordinated by the Fundraising & Entertainment Subcommittee.

Treasury reported a current balance of \$10,244.97, with no deposits made since November 12, 2025. F&E shared that the April 26th Online Speaker Jam brought together addicts from around the world and raised over \$300 toward fundraising efforts. Registration has begun reconnecting with previous trusted servants and welcoming new volunteers ahead of formal planning once convention dates are finalized.

Technology & Graphics reported that all committee logins and official MACNA email accounts are now functional, while communication platforms including Slack, Facebook, and the website continue to be maintained to support collaboration and outreach.

F&E also announced an upcoming in-person Barbecue/Speaker Jam on May 30th in Falmouth, MA, featuring food, fellowship, and recovery speakers throughout the day.

During open forum, members discussed formally welcoming the Martha's Vineyard Area into MACNA III in the spirit of unity. The body also announced a call for logo and theme submissions due by July 20th, with voting scheduled for the July 26th meeting.

Additionally, the committee voted to move meetings to the fourth Sunday of each month following the June 7th meeting, with the next meeting scheduled for July 26th.

Overall, the committee continues to demonstrate enthusiasm, collaboration, and growing fellowship participation as planning efforts for MACNA III move forward.- D'Lanor

Campout Committee- Good afternoon Sema,

The campout committee has met multiple times since the last ASC. We have a fundraiser/speaker jam/ cookout planned for this upcoming Saturday at 360 Coggeshall St in New Bedford 12-5. Some local and out of town speakers, food, fun, fellowship, and raffles. And also, you can pay to see your best friend get a plate of whip cream in the face. Please join us to help contribute to this year's campout. Speaking of which, we are locked in at YMCA Cape Cod Camp Lyndon in Sandwich MA for August 7-9. Sema and Cape Cod Area have been working together vigilantly to provide an awesome campout this year. Flyers will be made public in the next few days. Registration will open on June 1st. Pre registration is \$35 and day of registration will be \$40. There are 4 large cabins that sleep 10 people. 2 will be for SEMA members to rent, and 2 for Cape Cod members to rent, first come first serve. The price is \$275 for a large cabin and also 6 registrations are required. There are also 5 small cabins available that sleep 6. (4 registrations required) These small cabins will be available from a lottery. When the flyer comes out, there is a QR link to follow. On the page there will be a place to enter the lottery for a small cabin. The 5 winners will be selected on July 31st. At that time, the small cabin will be \$225.

Also, the treasurer position for the SEMACOC has become open. We would like to thank Mike C for his service. In Loving Service, Jeff M

Literature Distribution- Good afternoon, I'm an addict recovering from the disease of addiction, my name is Christopher.

Over the past 2 months we had a total Literature sales of \$1584.39

I will be placing an order the following week to replenish Area's literature supplies.

Our last 2 orders were a total of \$1852.21

(shipping and 7% bulk discount included).

We do ask for subcommittees to place their order 1 month in advance, as we have always done in the past, so our committee can have the adequate supplies for your orders. That means if you want literature in the next area I need the order today, preferably before I close my table.

As a reminder:

We do have medallions from 1year - 40 years on hand medallions higher than that need to be pre ordered you can send the pre order to the email.

Pre-ordering is recommended. Please use the attached jot form link for orders. Literature sales will be going on from 10:15am to 11:30am on June 28th before Area.

<https://form.jotform.com/252007172944151>

Prices have gone up. Our online form is up to date. If you are using paper forms still, make sure they are marked for February 2026.

Thank you and in loving service Christopher G

Treasurer- Good afternoon SEMA, The Finance Committee has met once since the last report with six addicts in attendance. We reviewed the bank account and the spreadsheet - the spreadsheet has been updated to reflect the monthly regional contribution increase to the 30% proposal that was carried last month. All historical and current finance documents have been transitioned to the Treasury Google Drive, which will support future Treasury transitions. We will also be looking into the tax postcard filing sometime this month. The Finance Committee meets the Thursday before area at 6 PM virtually.

Group contributions this month totaled \$465.80. We received \$546 in cash from the Literature Distributor and \$159.60 in electronic funds from their sales today. The ending general balance is \$10065.32. The prudent reserve is \$2704.50 and is full. The ending working balance is \$1172.44. The regional contribution is \$351.73.

The subcommittee budgets were replenished at the start of business. PR spent \$169.60 of their budget this month. H&I spent \$211.20 on literature. Fellowship Services spent \$0 of their budget.

Campout received a check today for \$500 from their seed money to be able to pay for upcoming expenses. Campout's remaining seed money is \$2908.00.

I will not be present at the ASC in June. Alternate Treasurer Bill M. and the finance committee members are prepared to conduct business and report next month.

ILS,

Kayla G.

Southeastern Mass Area of Narcotics Anonymous Treasury									
May-26									
4/20/26 - 5/17/26	Activities	Fellowship Services	Hospital & Institutions	Public Relations	Recurring Expense Account	Prudent Reserve	Working Balance	General Balance	Regional Contribution
Starting Balance	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ 2,677.03	\$ 2,704.50	\$ 2,229.75	\$ 11,202.28	
Monthly Transactions Total	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ (211.20)	\$ 30.60	\$ 142.75	\$ -	\$ (1,057.31)	\$ (1,136.96)	
Ending Balance	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 118.80	\$ 30.60	\$ 2,819.78	\$ 2,704.50	\$ 1,172.44	\$ 10,065.32	\$ 351.73
Monthly Transactions Ledger									
Transaction Description	Activities	Fellowship Services	Hospitals & Institutions	Public Relations	Recurring Expense Account	Prudent Reserve	Working Balance Adjustments	General Balance Totals	NOTES
Group Contributions Cash							\$ 351.80	\$ 351.80	
Group Contributions Digital							\$ 114.00	\$ 114.00	
Literature Sales Cash							\$ 546.00	\$ 546.00	
Literature Sales Digital							\$ 159.60	\$ 159.60	
Literature Order							\$ (1,089.46)	\$ (1,089.46)	write and mail check 5/17
Expense Account Set Aside					\$ 400.75		\$ (400.75)	\$ -	does not hit GB
April Regional Contribution							\$ (445.95)	\$ (445.95)	direct transfer completed 4/27
FS Replenishment		\$ 100.00					\$ (100.00)	\$ -	
Bank Adjustment							\$ 7.45	\$ 7.45	
PR Replenishment				\$ 200.00			\$ (200.00)	\$ -	
H&I Lit Order			\$ (211.20)				\$ -	\$ -	does not hit until replenish
PR Lit Order				\$ (147.00)			\$ -	\$ -	does not hit until replenish
PR Wal-Mart				\$ (22.40)			\$ -	\$ (22.40)	cash given to Gabe G.
PO Box Annual Fee					\$ (258.00)		\$ -	\$ (258.00)	check written and mailed 5/17
Campout Payment							\$ -	\$ (500.00)	check given to Jeff M.
							\$ -	\$ -	
							\$ -	\$ -	
							\$ -	\$ -	
							\$ -	\$ -	

OPEN FORUM

Meeting lists- ready next week. Will put in slack once picked up and if your group is in need, I will make arrangements to meet somewhere.- Laura G

Supporting Regional Convention fundraising efforts

As your Regional Delegate team prepares to share information from the 2026 World Service Conference, we want to know what would be the most helpful way for your group to receive and discuss that information?"

Examples could include:

Have a fun service event

Written summaries

Motion-by-motion breakdowns

Workshops or presentations

Q&A sessions

Short videos or graphics

Hosting a local event or sharing session

Focus on decisions that directly affect groups

Other ideas from your group conscience

Positions are being voted in next month, be present if you are interested in service.

Group/ Subcommittee Concerns

None

Consensus-Based Decision Making (CBDM)

This committee uses CBDM as its primary decision-making process. This means we discuss, listen, and seek to reach agreement that reflects the conscience of the group, not just the loudest voices. Each member has an equal opportunity to share concerns or support. If consensus cannot be reached, the chair may call for further discussion, table the item, or the proposal does not carry.. Our goal is unity in service, not uniformity of opinion.

Initial questions on any proposal are limited to clarifying questions pertaining to the language of the proposal only, no debate or discussion at this stage. When a straw poll is called, members indicate one of the following:

In Support: I support this proposal and am ready to move forward.

Not in Favor: I do not support this proposal.

Abstain: I have questions or need more information before deciding.

Present Not Voting: I am present but choose not to participate in this decision.

ROLL CALL Present 13 80% 11 2/3 majority9

	July 2026	June 2026	May 2026	April 2026	March 2026	February 2026	January 2026
12 & 12 for All	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Addicts Unite	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Back to Basics	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
Boys to Men	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Breakfast Club	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Carry the Message	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
Doorbell Group	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Give Yourself a Break	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Hope Shots	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
L.O.V.E. group	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Ladies, We Do Recover	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Living Clean JFTuesday	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Living the Dream	0	0	1	1	1	0	1
Making Changes	0	0	1	1	1	1	0
Man up	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Men and Women Together	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Morning Message	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Natural High	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
New Beginnings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newport NA	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
Out to Lunch	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Primary Purpose	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Room to Grow	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Saturday Night Live	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Simply Serene	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Spiritual Junkies	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Spiritually Refreshed	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Spill the Tea	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Stepping Out	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stepping up 1,2,3		0	0	1	1	1	1
Steps are the Answer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Surrender & Unity	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
Take Care of Yourself	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
United We Stand	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Working Knowledge	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Way of Life	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL GROUPS	36	36	36	36	36	36	36
GROUPS PRESENT	0	0	13	23	19	18	17
80% Consensus	0	0	11	19	16	15	14
2/3 MAJORITY			9		13	12	12
Admin							
Chair			1		1	1	1
Vice Chair			1		1	0	1
Secretary			1		1	1	1
Alt Secretary			1		1	0	0
Treasurer			1		1	0	1
Alt Treasurer			1		1	1	1
Finance Committee 1			0		1	0	-
Finance Committee 2			0		1	0	-
Finance Committee 3			0		0	0	-
Web Servant			1		1	1	0
Alt Web Servant			0		0	0	0
RCM			1		1	1	1
ARCM			0		1	1	1
Lit Dist			1		1	1	1
Alt Lit Dist			0		0	1	0
H&I			1		1	0	1
PR			1		1	0	-
Fellowship Services			1		1	1	1
Activities			0		0	1	1
Policy			0		1	1	1
Convention			1		1	0	1
Campout			1		1	0	-
Total Admin Members			22		22	22	22
Present			14		18	11	13
Not Present			8		2	11	
Vacant					2		
TEMPORARILY CLOSED							
12 and 12 for all							
All About the Literature							
Back door group							
Basic Serenity							
Breakfast Club							
Freedom from Pain							
High Hopes							
Living clean - Just for Tuesday							
Living in the Solution							
Making Changes							
Monday Night Message							
NASIA							
Natural High							
Onset Friday Night							
Out to Lunch							
Primary Purpose							
Recovery in the River							
The Journey Continues							
The Only Requirement							
Westport NA							
Growing up							

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS- Regional spending plan. See below, general discussion was that no one opposed and RCM has vote of confidence to bring back to Region.

Delegate Team Spending plan											
June 2026 - June 2028											
Function	Date	Ask Date	Location	Reg.	Air Fare	Mileage	Ground	Hotel	Per Diem	Zonal Contribution	TOTAL
NEZE I (RD/AD)	Friday October 23 2026 - Sunday October 25, 2026	Sunday, August 9, 2026	Northern New England Region (Portland)			(\$ 154.56)	(\$ 22.00)	(\$ 700.00)	(\$ 450.00)	(\$ 500.00)	(\$ 1,826.56)
NEZE II (RD/AD)	Friday, April 23, 2027 - Sunday, April 25, 2027	Sunday, February 14, 2027	Northern New York	(\$ 70.00)	(\$ 600.00)			(\$ 700.00)	(\$ 450.00)	(\$ 500.00)	(\$ 2,320.00)
										Jun 26 - Apr 27	(\$ 4,146.56)
NEZE III (RD/AD)	Friday October 22 2027 - Sunday October 24, 2027	Sunday, August 15, 2027	Buffalo NY		(\$ 800.00)			(\$ 700.00)	(\$ 450.00)	(\$ 500.00)	(\$ 2,450.00)
NEZE IV (RD/AD)	Saturday April 28, 2028 - Sunday April 30, 2028	Sunday, February 13, 2028	Albany NY	(\$ 70.00)		(\$ 200.00)		(\$ 700.00)	(\$ 450.00)	(\$ 500.00)	(\$ 1,920.00)
										Jun 27 - Apr 28	(\$ 4,370.00)
Delegate Team Spending plan											
June 2028 - June 2029											
NEZE V (RD/AD)	Friday October 27 2028 - Sunday October 29, 2028	Sunday, August 13, 2028	Central Atlantic Region		(\$ 800.00)			(\$ 700.00)	(\$ 450.00)	(\$ 500.00)	(\$ 2,450.00)
MRLE	Friday December 1, 2028 - Sunday December 3, 2028	Sunday, October 15, 2028	Nashua NH?	(\$ 70.00)		(\$ 200.00)		(\$ 700.00)	(\$ 450.00)		(\$ 1,420.00)
WSC (RD/AD)	Saturday April 29, 2029 - Sunday May 6, 2029	Sunday, February 11, 2029	Los Angeles, CA		(\$ 1,000.00)		(\$ 120.00)	(\$ 2,400.00)	(\$ 1,350.00)		(\$ 4,870.00)
											(\$ 8,740.00)

PR Spending Plan 25-26										
Month	Event	Fees	Event	Travel	Event	Hotel	Lit.	Other		Total
Aug	NEARCP	\$1,000	Misc PR	\$200						\$1,200.00
Aug			CCSAD	\$250	CCSAD	\$440				\$690.00
Oct				\$25	NEARCP		\$345			\$370.00
Dec			NEARCP	\$150	restock		\$265	\$55	PR Cards	\$470.00
Feb	Together f	\$400	Misc PR	\$150	T.F.H.		\$230			\$780.00
Apr			Misc PR	\$150	restock		\$115			\$265.00
June			Misc PR	\$150	CCSAD		\$518			\$668.00
TOTALS		\$1,400		\$1,075		\$440	\$1,473	\$55		\$4,443.00
Date of event	Event Name									
April	Together For Hope									
Sept	Cape Code Symposium									
Nov	New England Assoc Rec. Court Prof									

Event	Attendees	Date	Location	Registration	Lodging	Transportation	Per Diem
Multi-Zonal Service Symposium		2 October 2nd-4th, 2026	Wichita Kansas (Virtual option)	\$20 per person	N/A	N/A	N/A
Western Service Learning Days		2 October 16th-18th, 2026	Burbank, California (no virtual option)	\$35 per person (pre-registration)	1 room, 2 guests: \$411.42 (taxes and fees included)	Airfare, commute from airport: \$500	\$75 per day per person
Totals							
NZSSNA: \$40							
WSLD: \$1,431.42							
Grand Total: \$1,471.42							

ELECTIONS

Alt Web Server - **Open - Bring Back To Groups**

Campout Committee Treasurer- **Open- take back to groups**

Next Area Service Meeting will take place Sunday June 28, 2026 at 12:15PM

777 Elsbree St Fall River, Mass Building G “ Staff Lounge “

Closest Parking can be found in Lot 12