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ON SEPT 15, 1991 FOUR SERVICE AREAS KNOWN AS GRANITE STATE, SEACOAST, SOUTHERN MAINE AND CENTRAL MAINE FORMED THE NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND REGION SERVICE COMMITTEE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS. THE FORMATION OF THIS NEW REGION GREW OUT OF THE RESTRUCTURING PROCESS WITHIN THE NEW ENGLAND REGION THAT BEGAN MAY 7, 1989. LAST YEAR THE MOUNTAIN VALLEY REGION EMERGED FROM THIS PROCESS AND WAS SEATED AT WSC '91. OUR MEMBER AREAS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE NEW ENGLAND REGION AD HOC ON RESTRUCTURING AS WELL AS AREA LEVEL AD HOC COMMITTEES ON REGIONAL GROWTH. ATTACHED YOU WILL FIND A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE RESTRUCTURING PROCESS INCLUDING AREA PARTICIPATION AT BOTH AREA AND REGIONAL MEETINGS, A MAP TO IDENTIFY THE AREAS AND MINUTES FROM OUR MEETINGS. GUIDELINES ARE IN THE FINAL STAGES AND WILL BE FORWARDED.

IT IS OUR INTENTION TO BE INTRODUCED BY THE NEW ENGLAND REGION TO THE WSC AS A NEW REGION AT THE WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE IN APRIL 1992. AT THAT TIME WE WILL ASK TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A VOTING PARTICIPANT. WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE POLICY COMMITTEE INCLUDE OUR INTRODUCTION AND REQUEST FOR VOTING PARTICIPATION AS AN AGENDA ITEM FOR THE APRIL WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE AT _____.

THE NNERSC MEETS ON A MONTHLY BASIS AND CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE NEW ENGLAND REGION

BOTH SPIRITUALLY AND FINANCIALLY.

NOMINATIONS FOR TRUSTED SERVANTS WERE TAKEN AT OUR OCT. MEETING AND AGAIN PRIOR TO ELECTIONS AT OUR NOV. MEETING. ALL TRUSTED SERVANTS POSITIONS WERE FILLED BY MEMBERS FROM THE FOUR AREAS. ALSO ELECTED WERE CHAIRPERSONS TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONING SUBCOMMITTEES: H&I, PI, LITERATURE, OUTREACH AND ACTIVITIES.

THE NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND REGION WAS FORMED IN THE BELIEF THAT THE FELLOWSHIP WITHIN THE MEMBER AREAS WILL BE BETTER SERVED BY A SMALLER, MORE EFFICIENT SERVICE STRUCTURE. WE WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO REACH OUT TO THE NORTHERN MAINE AREA TO HELP THEM DETERMINE THEIR NEEDS.

WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE SUPPORT AND DIRECTION RECEIVED FROM THE NEW ENGLAND REGION AND LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING THE MEMBERS OF OUR REGION AS WELL AS THE FELLOWSHIP AS A WHOLE.

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THE GRANITE STATE AREA HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE RESTRUCTURING PROCESS WITHIN THE NEW ENGLAND REGION FOR THE PAST 30 MONTHS. OUR AREA WAS FORMED IN 1990 WHEN THE ORIGINAL FOUR SEASONS AREA Grew INTO THREE AREAS AFTER SPENDING OVER A YEAR RESEARCHING THE MOVE. CURRENTLY WE ENJOY A MEMBERSHIP OF 31 GROUPS WITH 36 MEETINGS PER WEEK. OUR MEMBERS ARE ACTIVE AT THE GROUP, AREA, REGIONAL AND WORLD LEVELS. WE ARE FAMILIAR WITH GROWTH AND THE NEED FOR CHANGE IN ORDER TO BETTER SERVE THE ^{REVEREND} ADICTS IN OUR AREA. TO THIS END WE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE Ongoing REGIONAL GROWTH PROCESS. WE FORMED AN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL GROWTH TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF LEAVING THE NEW ENGLAND REGION BECAUSE OF THE SIZE OF THE REGION AND THE ASSOCIATED PROBLEMS WE FACED GETTING OUR NEEDS MET. THE AD HOC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED JOINING THE MOUNTAIN VALLEY REGION. IT WAS THE FEELING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE THAT WE WERE TOO SMALL TO BE A NEW HAMPSHIRE REGION AND THE MAINE AREAS HAD NOT YET DETERMINED A DIRECTION FOR THEIR MOVE AND WERE STILL GATHERING INFORMATION. A GROUP CONVENIENCE DIRECTED THE AREA NOT TO JOIN THE MOUNTAIN VALLEY REGION AND FORMED A SECOND AD HOC TO SEEK OUT OTHER AREAS TO

FORM A NEW REGION. AT THIS TIME COMMUNICATION LINES WERE OPENED TO ALL INTERESTED AREAS. WE ALSO CONTINUED TO MEET AT THE NEW ENGLAND REGION ~~READ~~ HOC MEETINGS ON REGIONAL GROWTH AND TOOK THE DIRECTION AND SUPPORT THAT WAS OFFERED. THE RESULT OF THIS WORK CULMINATED IN THE FORMATION OF THE NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND REGION SEPT 15, 1991 AT LEWISTON, ME.

OUR ~~AREA IS SOLIDLY BEHIND THIS MOVE~~ ^{1 GROUPS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO SUPPORT}

AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE CONTINUED GROWTH OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS IN NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND. IT IS OUR FEELING THAT OUR LOVING AND CARING HIGHER POWER HAS ENABLED US TO REACH THIS POINT. MORE WILL BE REVEALED.

TO WSC

From: GRANITE STATE AREA
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- ON MAY 7, 1989 A MEETING WAS HELD AT SPRINGFIELD, MA TO INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF THE NEW ENGLAND REGION RESTRUCTURING INTO SEVERAL SMALLER REGIONS. AT THE TIME THE NERSC CONSISTED OF AREAS AND THERE WAS INCREASED DIFFICULTY CONDUCTING BUSINESS. SEVERAL AREAS WERE REPRESENTED AT THIS MEETING AND IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE GROUP THAT RESTRUCTURE WAS FEASIBLE, DESIREABLE AND INEVITABLE.
- AT THE JUN 89 NERSC MEETING A MOTION WAS MADE AND PASSED TO BEGIN THE RESTRUCTURING PROCESS AND AN AD HOC COMMITTEE WAS FORMED. AT THE SAME TIME THIS MOTION TOOK EFFECT THE RISMA AREA ANNOUNCED THAT IT WAS THEIR INTENTION TO FORM A RHODE ISLAND REGION.
- BY THE FALL OF 89 THE AD HOC BEGAN WORKING ON REGIONAL INVENTORY QUESTIONS SUPPLIED BY THE WSC POLICY COMMITTEE. PARTICIPATION AT THIS POINT CAME MOSTLY FROM VERMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE, WESTERN MASS AND BERKSHIRE COUNTY.
- MORE AREAS BECAME INVOLVED BY DEC AND WORK CONTINUED ON THE REGIONAL INVENTORY. AREA INVENTORY QUESTIONS WERE CIRCULATED AND WORK BEGAN ON THEM BY THE PARTICIPATING AREAS.

- AT THE FEB '90 MEETING THE IDEA OF 5 REGIONS BY THE END OF 1990 WAS DISCUSSED. IT WAS DECIDED THAT ONE REGION AT A TIME BRANCHING OUT WOULD BE MORE REALISTIC. RISMA BEGAN RESTRUCTURING INTO 3 NEW AREAS. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE AD HOC WOULD BE A RESOURCE FOR AREAS AND WOULD NOT DECIDE WHICH AREAS WOULD GO WHERE. IT WAS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE RSR ALT. WOULD BE A GOOD CANDIDATE TO CHAIR THE AD HOC COMMITTEE DUE TO THE ONGOING NATURE OF THE RESTRUCTURING PROCESS.

- BY APRIL '90 SEVERAL AREAS HAD FORMED REGIONAL GROWTH AD HOC COMMITTEES. VERMONT GREW INTO 2 AREAS AND BEGAN MEETING WITH BERKSHIRE COUNTY TO FORM A NEW REGION. THE FOUR SEASONS AREA AND THE BOSTON AREA BEGAN RESTRUCTURING INTO 3 AREAS EACH WHILE CONTINUING TO ATTEND REGIONAL AD HOC MEETINGS.

- RISMA FORMED 3 AREAS IN JUN '90 AND THE NEW HOPE AREA ALSO EMERGED.

- DURING THE SUMMER OF '90 CENTRAL MAINE BEGAN PARTICIPATING IN THE RESTRUCTURING EFFORT AND THE PROPOSED MOUNTAIN VALLEY REGION CONTINUED TO WORK ON THEIR FORMATION PLANS WITH WESTERN MASS.

- IN THE FALL OF '90 ALL OF THE NORTHERN AREAS WERE INVOLVED AT SOME LEVEL WITH REGIONAL GROWTH. THE GRANITE STATE AREA PROPOSED A 1-1½ YEAR TIME SPAN. THE REGIONAL AD HOC PROPOSED A 2 YEAR TIME SPAN FOR OVERALL RESTRUCTURE. A REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH AREA WAS REQUESTED TO ATTEND THE REGIONAL GROWTH MEETINGS. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE ASR ALT. COULD FILL THIS POSITION INSURING COMMUNICATION WITH THE AREAS. THE AREAS IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE REGION BEGAN LOOKING INTO FORMING A SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND REGION. THE MOUNTAIN VALLEY REGION FORMED.

- IN DEC THE MOUNTAIN VALLEY REGION REQUESTED THAT THE NEW ENGLAND REGION INTRODUCE THEM AT WSE '91 AND THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

- OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF DISCUSSION OVER THE ROLE AND DIRECTION OF THE REGIONAL AD HOC. THERE WERE QUESTIONS AS TO WHAT TO DO WITH ALL THE INFORMATION THAT HAD BEEN GATHERED AND A REVIEW OF MAPS OUTLINING THE REMAINING AREAS. WORK CONTINUED WITHIN THE AREA LEVEL AD HOCs TO FIND A SOLUTION.

- A TURNING POINT CAME AT THE APR 91 NERSC. THE REGIONAL AD HOC COMMITTEE SUBMITTED A MOTION TO RESTRUCTURE THE NEW ENGLAND REGION (CONSISTING OF 23 AREAS AT THIS POINT) INTO 3 REGIONS NO LATER

THAN JUN '92. THE THREE REGIONS WOULD BE THE NORTHERN, CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND REGIONS. A LIST OF AREAS THAT EACH PROPOSED REGION WOULD INCLUDE WAS INCLUDED. AREAS AND GROUPS WERE ASKED TO CHOOSE ONE OF 3 OPTIONS: 1/ APPROVE AS SUGGESTED 2/ DISAPPROVE AND CONTINUE "AS IS" 3/ APPROVE WITH CHANGES AS SPECIFIED BY AREAS. THE MOTION PASSED 15-1-0

- A TIME SLOT WAS MADE IN THE AGENDA BEGINNING AT THE JUN 91 NERSC MEETING FOR THE 3 PROPOSED REGIONS TO MEET SEPERATELY AND SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE REGIONAL AD HOC CHAIR TO BE INCLUDED WITH HIS REPORT. THIS PROVED TO BE A PRODUCTIVE AND UNIFYING MOVE.

- THE PROPOSED NORTHERN REGION INCREASED COMMUNICATION AMONG THE AREAS AND BEGAN MEETING ON THE MONTH BETWEEN THE NERSC MEETINGS. AT THE SEPT 15, 1991 MEETING FOUR AREAS (GRANITE STATE, SEACOAST, SOUTHERN MAINE AND CENTRAL MAINE) MET WITH 36 MEMBERS AND VOTED TO FORM THE NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND REGION. SUBSEQUENT GROUP CONCINCES OF THE AREAS INVOLVED CONFIRMED THIS DECISION TO SUPPORT A NEW REGION. THE CANADIAN AREAS FORMED A NEW REGION AS WELL.

- THE RESTRUCTURING PROCESS CONTINUES WITHIN THE REMAINING 17 AREAS OF THE NEW ENGLAND REGION.

Proposed Northern New England Region

- 1 Spokesperson
- 2~~7~~ Participation
 - a which areas have voted and how the vote went
 - b list of ad hoc chairs or contacts
- 3 Finance
 - a what amount does it take to fund a region
 - b support from member areas- donations
 - c activities to promote unity and eventually funds
- 4 Policy
 - a decide to keep or revise New England
 - b form adhoc
- 5 Identify
Bring proposed names to next meeting, talk to Areas, Groups,
and individual members
- 6 Other concerns
- 7 Date and time of next meeting

- NEW BRUNSWICK SO. SHORE VALLEY, NOVA SCOTIA
LOOKING TO FORM NE ATLANTIC REGION
- NORTHERN MAINE LOOKING TO HOLD UNITY DAY
SEPT. 15 LEWISTON, ME. 12 NOON @
CENTRAL MAINE MEDICAL CENTER
- OCT MTO. - OCT. 13 10 AM

MINUTES FROM ADHOC ON REGIONAL GROWTH

THE SECOND MEETING WAS HELD ON JUNE 1ST, AT 29 PROSPECT ST., MANCHESTER AT 4 P.M. THERE WERE 9 IN ATTENDANCE.

MOST OF THE TIME WAS SPENT DISCUSSING AND CONFIRMING OUR GOALS:

- 1) FORM NEW REGION (N.H. REGION), WHICH WOULD INCLUDE GRANITE STATE AREA AND SEACOAST, WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF A NEW LAKES REGION AREA
- 2) GO WITH REGIONAL SUGGESTION OF A NEW REGION WITH MAINE AND CANADA.
- 3) JOIN MOUNTAIN VALLEY REGION.

EACH MEMBER OF THIS ADHOC COMMITTEE TOOK ON SOME RESPONSIBILITY IN CONTACTING OUR SURROUNDING AREAS TO SEE WHAT THEY WANT TO DO. ALSO INTEND TO BRING UP AT AREA AND REGION THIS MONTH.

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD JUNE 18TH AT 88 HANOVER ST. MANCHESTER AT 6 P.M.

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IN LOVING SERVICE, ADHOC ON REGIONAL GROWTH



To: Granite State Area
From: Regional Formation Committee for Central New England
Subject: Regional Formation
Date: June 21, 1991

Dear Granite State Area:

In response to the suggestion by the New England Region Ad Hoc Committee on Regional Growth, we are initiating contact with the areas in the proposed Central New England Region. These areas include Seacoast, Four Seasons, Boston Northwest, Boston, South Shore, Chapter 10 and Central MA.

We will be meeting to begin discussion on implementing plans to form a new region. We wish to know if you are interested or not in participating in this process. If your area is interested in actively participating in this process or gaining more information, we invite you to join us at our meeting on July 20th at 9:30 a.m. to be held at St. Andrew's Community House at the corner of Walk Hill and Wachusett Streets in Forest Hills (Jamaica Plain, MA). Directions are enclosed.

If you are interested but are unable to send a representative, please feel free to send all input and questions to Mike P., P.O. Box 1041, Lawrence MA 01842. Phone contacts are as follows: Mary Anne G. (617) 522-0521 (h) and (617) 621-5167 (w), Kevin C. (617) 749-9904, Gary M. (617) 241-7442 and Mike P. (508) 685-4283.

If your area is not one of those listed as a proposed member area of the proposed Central New England Region but you have some interest, please come and join the discussion. All areas and addicts are welcome!

We urge you to discuss this at your area meeting!

With our common welfare in mind

Lovingly in service,

Regional Formation Committee
for Central New England

P.S. We will also be meeting some time during the August RSC in Boston. More will be revealed!