

CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 1991

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by the moderator, Mike D. of the Four Seasons Area. The meeting was opened with a moment of silence, the Serenity Prayer and the reading of the 12 traditions.

A panel presentation with open forum began with Don C. explaining the history of the regional growth ad hoc, followed by Mary Anne G.'s recap of the current ad hoc activity, and concluding with Mike P. discussing the projection of things to come and policies to be used as interim measures. Discussion after the presentation centered around the need for three separate regions instead of the northern area breaking away from the New England Region and the remaining areas continuing as is; is this committee really necessary?

The meeting was turned over to Mary Anne G. who conducted the roll call. There were eight areas represented by either an ASR, ASR Alternate or an Area Rep, as follows:

BOSTON:	Nick G., Alternate ASR
BOSTON NORTHWEST:	Gary M., Rep.
CAPE COD & ISLANDS:	Tripp P., ASR
CENTRAL:	Absent
CHAPTER 10:	Jim Mc., Rep.
FOUR SEASONS:	Pari A., Rep.
MARTHA'S VINEYARD:	Steve G., ASR
SOUTHEASTERN MA:	Dave L., Rep.
SOUTH SHORE:	Katrina S., Alternate ASR

Other NA members present were: Mary Anne G., Don C., Michael P., Michael D., Tony H., Andrew L., Patti D., and Linda G.

The quorum of voting members was set at 8. For the September and November RSC meetings, an area will be represented by an ASR, ASR Alternate or duly appointed representative.

Elections for a six-month interim office were discussed.

Motion #1: That the term of interim offices will not exceed nine months
Carried: 8-0-0

Elections:

A. Chairperson. Description of the job was read by Mike D. from the Temporary Working Guide. Mary Anne G. was nominated from the floor. After qualifying and leaving the room, Mary Anne G. was elected unanimously.

B. Secretary. Description of the job was read by Mary Anne G. from the Temporary Working Guide. Linda G. was nominated from the floor. After qualifying and leaving the room, Linda G. was elected unanimously.

C. Vice Chairperson. Description of the job was read by Mary Anne G. from the Temporary Working Guide. Mike P. was nominated from the floor as was Mike D. The nominees left the room and Mike D. was elected.

D. Treasurer. This position will be a training period to research our preliminary needs and help devise a financial system and come up with guidelines for financial planning. It is suggested that there are resources available that can be utilized such as sitting in on the Article X ad hoc committee meeting. Mike P. was nominated as was Jim Mc. and they both declined. The treasurer position issue will be brought up in "Old Business" at our next meeting of this committee.

AREA REPORTS

BOSTON:

The Boston Area which is just over one year old has, as of last month, a prudent reserve. Our subcommittees are functioning well. Our Activities Committee is now in the process of putting on a "Second-Chance Prom" on October 25, and a celebration of 10 years of NA in the Massachusetts area on November 22.

We continue to share the Help-line with the Boston NW Area. Our H&I subcommittee is holding commitments in 23 locations.

Because of the closing of the RSO, there has been some discussion and a motion, which will be voted on at our September ASC, that our Group Services Subcommittee handle all literature requests from our groups - more will be revealed.

The BASC and the groups we serve are committed to our continued participation in the Region's restructure.

In loving service, Nick G., Alternate ASR

BOSTON NORTHWEST:

We presently have 77 groups holding 84 meetings with about 25-30 GSRs voting each ASC. We have six subcommittees. Our PI committee is putting together posters and is working with the Boston Area. We are sharing a helpline with Boston Area. Our literature committee is holding a workshop on the daily meditation book. The Group Services committee has two members and is evaluating its purpose. Our H&I committee is handling about 25 commitments. We are asking our groups to order literature from the WSO. Our subcommittee literature orders are being handled by the H&I literature coordinator.

In loving service, Gary M.

CAPE COD & ISLANDS:

Hi family! Cape and Islands area is doing well. Looking forward to the restructure of the regions. H&I commitments are fulfilled. Need a little more willingness on the area level.

Love in service, Tripp P.

CHAPTER 10:

Hello family, greetings from Chapter 10! We have existed as an area for 5 months now, and we are still experiencing formation (growing pains). We lack an activities chair, an alternate ASR and a co-treasurer. We currently hold one H&I commitment, and addict power is scarce throughout the area subcommittees. Plans are being made for an open house to be held sometime in November to encourage awareness and support of the area. Although this lack of support is discouraging, the area is optimistic and we realize we are right where we are supposed to be. We look forward to our future growth and participation in the new region.

In loving service, Jim Mc.

FOUR SEASONS:

The Four Seasons area is glad to say that we have voted to join with this body. Our vote was unanimous. We feel that it would be in the best interest of the addicts in our area to take this action.

For the most part things are going well in our area - in all but financial matters.

We have only one major point of dissension and we are working that issue as spiritually as our collective personalities will allow. Meeting time moved to 3rd Sunday of month. Need ASR alternate.

Report delivered by Pari A.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD:

Martha's Vineyard area needs help. We are reaching out to any addicts willing to help support our small groups thru this time of need. Our groups have been folding, H&I is just barely holding on. For commitments, call Steve G. 508-693-3384.

In service, Steve

SOUTHEASTERN MA:

Area is doing well. Groups need more trusted servants. Area picnic was cancelled due to Hurricane Bob.

All positions are filled at area level except Policy.

Yours in service, Dave L.

SOUTH SHORE:

The South Shore area is overall doing fine. Our Activities Subcommittee is planning a Halloween dance with Chapter 10. All subcommittees are functioning well except for "Outreach Subcommittee". Open positions at area level are ASR and Outreach Subcommittee chair. We had 20 groups in attendance last ASC (not bad for a holiday).

We have two group anniversaries coming up, one in September with an H&I learning day on the 21st; the other in October.

Our convention is going just the way it's supposed to. All is well. We are holding our own financially and with addict power.

In loving service, Katrina S., Alt ASR

Ongoing Concerns:

- (a) Our next meeting of this committee is scheduled for November 10, 1991 at 1:30 p.m. in Plymouth. We requested that Katrina look into a meeting space for us at the Sheraton Hotel, the site of the South Shore Area Convention. If this is not possible, we also requested input on an alternative site in that general vicinity.

Our meeting after November 10th will be in January. The New England Regional H&I Subcommittee is tentatively holding a function on January 11th. January 12th is an option.

Motion #2: That this Committee set the January meeting for Sunday, January 12, 1992 at 12 noon. Location to be determined by November 10.

Carried: 8-0-0

Dave L. will look into the possibility of a meeting place in Southeastern MA area.

Motion #3: To end the business of this Committee by 4:30.

Carried: 8-0-0

Hat passed for today's rent.

- (b) Discussion took place as follows:
Subcommittees concerns - an ad hoc committee for meeting lists and an ad hoc committee for phonline. This would be more feasible than new subcommittees being formed; come up with a proposal for other areas to vote on regarding phonline; policy should be changed by the regional body not a subcommittee; committee change in policy should be done by this Committee; should have a policy committee and liaisons from the existing RSC; possibility of a fundraiser for this particular body; various subcommittee representatives would meet and decide what they want to do - how they want to handle this - let them tell us their needs. Priority is to

take the time to go over the guidelines of the subcommittees and come up with goals and objectives for these subcommittees; work with our existing subcommittees to come up with guidelines, goals and objectives; ask for some help and some guidance on how to do this.

Liaisons from this committee were chosen and they are to go back to their respective subcommittee and let them know what is going on with the restructuring, do they have any particular concerns or changes they would like addressed; and these representatives can report back to this body. They are as follows:

H&I	Dave L.
Activities	Katrina S.
Convention	Patti D.
Convention Corp.	Patti D.
PI	Nick G.
Policy	Mike P.
Literature	Gary
Bd. of Dir.	Jim Mc.

(c) Policy review including financial planning:

An ad hoc committee to be formed; set up a time in the agenda to discuss any possible changes, to review policy, review input with this body on how to best serve the needs of our member areas.

There was a show of hands and all agreed to meet to discuss policy prior to our regular meeting of this committee and to include a time period in the agenda. Specifically, for the next meeting this will take place at 1:00 and then we will set aside an hour for the following meetings.

Motion #4: That Mike P. be the facilitator of the meeting on policy review prior to our regular meeting.

Carried: 8-0-0

The review committee can decide on how much time they will need for their next meeting.

In the Agenda, we will add in subcommittee liaison reports and policy review; ongoing concerns will be changed to "Old Business".

(d) WSC representation:

World Service policy committee is submitting a motion for conference agenda report to include a new policy for setting up regions. We are concerned about maintaining our voting seat. Bring back a conscience that we would like to see someone retained in the New England Regional position for WSC representation. Our primary concern is protecting our representation at the WSC.

NEW BUSINESS;

Minutes/7th Tradition. The minutes of this meeting will be handed out at our next meeting; \$3.60 has been set aside to prepare minutes; \$18.00 for rent.

Motion #5: That each ASR/Rep. request \$5.00 to fund the Central New England Regional Service Committee meeting.

Intent: To keep in line with TWIGs and have participation from all areas involved both spiritually and financially

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.