

Northeast Mass Area of Narcotics Anonymous
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When goodwill supports and motivates both the individual and the fellowship. We are fully whole and wholly full.

**North East Mass Area Service Committee
Meeting Minutes**

A meeting of the North East Mass Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous was held on Sunday, April 25, 2021 virtually via **ZOOM ID 835-4005-0878@3:00 pm** with a moment of silence, followed by the “we” version of the Serenity Prayer. We read the tradition & concept of the month followed by the Roll Call of Administrative Committee. Next ASC will be Sunday, May 23, 2021 @ 3pm

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
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AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **NEMA DONATIONS=**
Please use the VENMO application and the link @Treasurer-Randy for any NEMA GROUP DONATIONS
*insert your GROUP NAME & Day/Time so your group gets the proper recognition DO NOT USE
NORTHEASTMASSAREA@GMAIL.COM FOR ANY DONATIONS!!
- **Convention Committee will be meeting May 27@6pm Zoom ID 881-0312-5658**
- **Fellowship Development subcommittee will be meeting on Zoom on Saturday, May 9 @12pm zoom code is 82511138075 password is nemaafd.**
- **H & I subcommittee meeting will be held on Sunday May 23, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. Zoom ID: 844 9598 8269 Password: 703768**
- **ACTIVITIES subcommittee meets every other Wednesday at 6pm EST on Zoom. We encourage all addicts regardless of clean time to attend our meeting, participate & join the committee. Zoom ID # 848 5220 5273 (No password) Please contact Mike B, Chair for further information**
- **We are actively seeking facilities that we can host having “In person” ASC meetings, on the last Sunday of the month. This meeting space will be voted on soon. There has been one location suggested, in Wakefield, MA. If you know of a facility that can house our ASC monthly meeting in a hybrid setting, please research rent cost and potential other sub committee usage. And please come to our next ASC on May 23 @3pm. Zoom info listed in the first paragraph of these minutes. See NON MONEY motion below for more details on subcommittees using same space as ASC once a space is found
* see motion 1 below**
- **NEMA ACTIVITIES SUBCOMMITTEE IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THEIR NEXT EVENT “FROM THE HOODS TO THE WOODS” -Join us on Sunday, May 16th at 12 pm for a brisk serenity stroll through Pine Banks Park in Malden, Ma followed by a gratitude meeting. Meet up at the B1 Picnic area parking lot. See Mike B or Jess N for more information about this event. *flyer attached***

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

- **NEMA LITERATURE will no longer be available for sale. Groups and individuals can order their needs at NAWS website or <http://newyorkna.org/>. *see motion 2 below**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

CHAIR

NO REPORT

VICE-CHAIR

NO REPORT

TREASURER

Below is a summary of the donations and expenses for April 2021:

\$502.00 received in donations

\$75.00 will be paid for the NERSC phone line

\$296.70 literature sold (held based on motion from April 2021 motion)

\$427.00 will be donated to NERSC

Please see attached spreadsheet for the financial breakdown of the April 2021 Treasurer Report.

Any donations to NEMA please use @Treasurer-Randy through VENMO. Please use the MEMO/NOTE section to insert your GROUP NAME, DAY & MEETING TIME

& NEMA DONATION AMMOUNT.

Tom S. (Treasurer) – 339-440-2388

Matt D. (Assistant Treasurer) – 413-231-0233

SECRETARY

Below is a list of which groups were represented at AREA:

GSR's in Attendance:

Sunday-

Dennis- Free to be Me, Lynn ONLINE
Christie- Cope without Dope, Lynn ONLINE
Johnnie- Serenity by the Sea, Winthrop IN PERSON
Pete- Not Alone, Together We Can Salem ONLINE

Monday-

Tuesday-

Sleepy John- Surrender is the Key, Lynn ONLINE
Chris G- Just for Tuesday, Beverly IN PERSON

Wednesday-

Nikki- Spiritual Foundations, Beverly ONLINE
Al- Caring and Sharing, Lynn ONLINE

Thursday-

Mike B- I can't, We can, Everett ONLINE
Richie B- Feel the Freedom Lynn ONLINE

Friday-

Tricia H- Miracles in Medford IN PERSON

Saturday-

Kris R-Unity over Using, Billerica HYBRID
Erica- 24hr Clean Group, Malden HYBRID

Quorum for today was: 13 (7 being majority and 9 being 2/3rds)

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS

1. Started the meeting in the customary way:
 - a. Moment of Silence
 - b. Serenity Prayer
 - c. 12 Traditions 12 Concepts
2. Continued the meeting in the customary way:
 - a. Definition and purpose
 - b. Attendance
 - i. 8 People in Attendance
 - c. Approved Previous Month's Minutes
3. Roll call:
 - a. 1 of 4 Facilities had Panel Coordinator reports given
4. Voting and Motion Making policy
 - a. Quorum was 7, Majority 4, 2/3 Was 5
 - i. No money motions
5. New Business

- a. Kimberly O. joined us as a new Co-Panel leader
- b. Lawrence Farm requested commitments. Dennis M. is in communication for requirements and to coordinate resuming.

6. Commitments

- a. Commitment Status:

STATUS START END

OPEN 5 6

OPEN / COVERED 1 1

COVERED 29 28

- b. Panel Coordinator Positions OPEN at: none
- c. Panel Coordinator Positions OPEN / COVERED at: Serenity at Summit

7. Closed the meeting in the customary way.

In Loving Service,
Kaitlin M. and Jennifer A.

RCM

Thank you for allowing me to be of service, addict named Val
It was decided to try staggering meetings on Subcommittee Saturdays to allow addicts the opportunity to attend more than one subcommittee meeting.

11-12:30 H&I/Finance/Convention

12:30-2 PR/Insurance/Policy

2-3:30 Website/FD/Literature

3:30-5 Presentation

Money motion #1 put \$6867.63 in a set aside until June RSC for convention
all(9) in favor

Non-money motion #1 to add policy that online options remain available for RSC
meetings moving forward deferred to Policy Committee

Non-money motion #2 create an ad hoc for NERNA to host April 22 Month of
Caring and Sharing all in favor

John F elected Convention Chair

DLanor elected Chair for C&S ad hoc

No nominations for asst secretary, asst treasurer, Website Chair

Next RSC subcommittees June 12 RSC June 13

In loving service,

Val

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

The Convention Committee met in April via Zoom format

Open Positions at this time include:

Arts and Graphics

Convention Information

Hotels and Hospitality

Programming

Members at large are always welcome.

No clean time requirement for members at large

The above positions have a clean time requirement of 3 years

The NEMACNA 7 was postponed one week before the event in 2019.

The Convention Committee has decided to keep the same theme as 2019.

More will be discussed at our next convention committee meeting on May 27 at 6:30

Zoom # 881-0312-5658 No password needed.

In loving service,

Pam M

PUBLIC RELATIONS

NO REPORT

POLICY

NO REPORT

LITERATURE

NO REPORT

*****no report was generated, nor is there ever a report given*****

ACTIVITIES

Hello!

My name is Mike and I am an addict. First, I'd like to say that it is an honor and privilege to serve as the chair for the NEMA Activities committee. It has been a very interesting year to say the least. Onward & forward...

The Activities Subcommittee met on first and third Wednesday in April at 6:00 PM on Zoom (Meeting ID 848 5220 5273).

Meeting was opened with a Moment of Silence & the Serenity Prayer.

Tradition & Concept of the month were read

Our next event is a walk and meeting at Pine Banks in Melrose/Malden, on 5/16/21 at 12:00 PM (rain date 5/23/21).

We are please to announce our next event....

The NEMA Activities Committee presents...

"From the hoods to the Woods"

Join us on Sunday, May 16th at 12 pm for a brisk serenity stroll through Pine Banks Park in Malden, Ma followed by a gratitude meeting.

Meet up at the B1 Picnic area parking lot.

Pine Banks Park
1087 Main St.
Malden, Ma 02148

For more information...

Mike B: 978 809 7430 or Jess N: 617 650 0201

Nemasc.activities@gmail.com

Nemana.org

In loving service,
Mike B
Chr.

FELLOWSHIP DEVELOPMENT & WEBSITE DESIGN

Fellowship/ Website Development met twice in the last month.

Once on April 11th and again on April 25th at 12pm.

We have elected to reach out to groups to attempt to increase Area attendance.

Some of the feed back we received is as follows from 20 meetings we attended lately:

- 1.Groups without GSR representation
- 2.Groups looking for 1 member to represent multiple groups
- 3.1 group that does not identify as NEMA
- 4.1 group that does not want to be on the meeting list but does donate to Area.
5. 1 group that does not believe Area benefits the Groups.

With this information we addressed the concerns to Area and are looking into the policy based around the concerns in an attempt to make the area more appealing to gain support.

We will now follow up with additional groups and have more responses back next month.

Our next meeting is on May 9th on zoom at 12pm.

Zoom Code is 825 1113 8075 Password is nemaafd.

In Loving Service

Dennis M

GROUP CONCERNS/NEW BUSINESS/OPEN FORUM

Things we discussed throughout this past ASC meeting:

1. Activities would like access to their “set aside” funds. The chair is looking for \$100.00 (half for their zoom account & the other half to fund their upcoming **“From the Hood to the Woods” event on 5/16/21**)
2. Literature:
We discussed how to sell Literature. The treasurer is always involved in the ordering process, the paperwork and also the reporting of our Area’s inventory. Our literature was set up for a convenience for our NEMA groups, but multiple complaints from our current Literature chair that dispersing the literature is no longer convenient for him. There is no consistency in a scheduled time to purchase literature. And it was also brought up that more than a few people from NEMA, purchase our inventory in bulk, leaving ordering our literature from NAWS inconsistent and hard to track. We took a vote, motion below, and we as a group body decided to **STOP SELLING LITERATURE** for the time being. All our

inventory will be kept in a safe place, and any funding will be held in a “set aside” if we decide in the future to start selling literature again. Groups will need to order literature on their own from now on. Effective immediately. *motion 2

3. Fellowship and Development subcommittee needs a policy. It was brought up to have a vote on a particular meeting that chooses to not be considered part of NEMA, but is currently listed on our meeting list. Without a subcommittee policy for this, we are unsure how to handle the situation at this time. More will be revealed. (there is nothing in our NEMA ASC policy guidelines either to reference)
4. We discussed a possible location for ASC to meet in person: Aftermath Recovery 607 North Ave Suite 11E, Wakefield, MA. We also discussed if just ASC would meet there or would we open the facility for other subcommittees to hold their monthly meetings there as well on the last Sunday of the month, in a similar fashion, as we did at our past location. A motion is below for GSR's and subcommittees to review, vote and return with feedback for our next ASC meeting on May 23, 2021 *motion 1
5. Due to the last Sunday of the month falling on Memorial Day in May, we voted as a body to have our next ASC on May 23, 2021 at 3pm

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Two motions listed below. Motion 1 was voted on as a “housekeeping motion”

Motion 2 is also a “housekeeping motion”.

1. Date Motion Submitted 4 / 25 / 2021

Presented By: Dennis M

Seconded by: Tom S

Administration: NEMA ASC in person/hybrid

Money motion? Yes ___ No X ___

Make check payable to: _____

Policy?: Yes X ___ No ___

The motion reads as follows:

_To vote whether subcommittee chairs and GSR's are willing to start having ASC meet in person /hybrid

Intent in this motion:

To begin to look to secure a location where the ASC can begin to meet in person. And allow for GSR's to purchase Literature at said meeting

Housekeeping vote:

Yes 13 No 3 Abstain 2

Vote passes and shall be carried

This is not a policy change

2. Date Motion Submitted ___4___ / ___25___ / ___2021___

Presented By: _____ Tom S _____

Seconded by: _____ Kris R _____

Administration: _____ Literature Subcommittee _____

Money motion? Yes ___ No X ___

Make check payable to: _____

Policy?: Yes ___ No X ___

The motion reads as follows:

The Literature subcommittee will temporarily suspend the sale of literature until NEMA ASC begins meeting in person again. Funds from existing literature sales will be held until ASC begins meeting in person again.

Intent of this motion:

_As the selling of literature was ment to be a convenience to GSR's attending area in person, and the ASC is not meeting in person, currently but is meeting virtually, selling literature virtually does not meet the spirit or intention of the subcommittee. Literature

can be purchased directly by the Groups or individuals on the NAWS website or
<http://newyorkna.org/>_____

_HOUSEKEEPING VOTE:

**YES 13 No 0 Abstain 3 Vote passes Effective Immediately NEMA ASC will halt
the sale of all Literature.**

THERE ARE NO MOTIONS TO BE TAKEN BACK TO GROUPS

NEXT NEMA ASC:
SUNDAY, May 23, 2021 @ 3PM
VIA ZOOM LINK LISTED ABOVE IN FIRST PARAGRAPH