

Western Mass Area of Narcotics Anonymous

191 Montcalm Street, Chicopee MA 01020

May 4, 2026

The meeting opened with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer
We read the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts.

BEGINNING ATTENDANCE: **19 groups;** A Change For the Better, A Fellowship For Living, A New Way, A New Way of Life, Attitude of Gratitude, Indian Orchard New Beginnings, Miracles Do Happen, Noontime Today, No Pain No Gain, Pasos Y Tradiciones, Powerless Not Helpless, Screaming Dogs In Recovery, Sistahs Steppin, Steps to Freedom, Terminally Hip Fatally Cool, Time Group, Un Nueva Dia, Western Mass Mid-day, Wild Cats of NA

New Groups: none

EXECUTIVE/SUB-COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE: Activities, ASO, Chair, H&I, PR, Secretary, Alt. Secretary, Treasurer, Alt. Treasurer

CHAIRPERSON/VICE-CHAIRPERSON REMARKS: none

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mike S. told us of the merging of PROS and Write To Recover meetings into A Fellowship of For Living, which will meet on Wednesday and Thursday, same time and location.
Steps to Freedom will be moving to 104 Springfield Street, Chicopee starting July 2, 2026.

ADDICTS CONCERNS (not verbatim): Pete requested an updated Policy be sent to him for posting on website. Also to include a copy this month to with minutes.

David R. is a blind addict in need of literature; he was directed to go NA.org.

Steps to Freedom (GSR Lynn) requested that subcommittee meeting minutes to be condensed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Stacy F. reminded this committee that in our policy we are to have a learning day every year. Article III Procedures, section 6 states: **All ASC Officers and Subcommittee Chairpersons are to organize and attend an annual Area Planning Tool. All subcommittee Chairs are to form an adhoc committee by 2/28 to organize and attend and Area Learning Day, which will occur no later than August 26.** It was left in Stacy's hands to contact the other subcommittee chairs to implement this policy.

NEW BUSINESS: Responsibility of new Convention committee to assume raffle refunds.

Lynn is going to chair an adhoc committee to compile questions for all positions related to qualifications.

ELECTIONS: Chanel was elected chair of the Convention, Tommy was elected Vice Chair of the Convention, and Elizabeth for Treasurer of the Convention.

NOMINATIONS: Stacy F. nominated **Lynn** to be Policy Chair, seconded by Steve S.

Qualifications: My name is Lynn; I am an addict. My clean date is 6/20/2003. I have been involved in service since 2004. I have held most positions at the area and group level. I am currently the Policy Chairperson, as well as GSR for my homegroup.

I have a working knowledge of the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and 12 Concepts. I have a sponsor, who has a sponsor.

Herschel nominated **Bonnie** to be Alternate Treasurer of Convention, seconded by Tommy

Qualifications: My name is Bonnie S

I'm a grateful recovering addict. My clean date is October 7, 2008...I have a sponsor. I am working the steps. I am very involved in my recovery. I'm a group member and have been the treasurer for a little over 4 years. I

am a very responsible person. I do have a bank account. I have the willingness to do what needs to be done. I've never took funds from treasurer. I'm responsible for paying rent at original noontime meeting. I'm also very involved in Spanish meetings. I'm also involved in H&I commitment at Hope center. If there is anything else please contact me at any time

Open positions: Policy chair (2 yrs), Literature chair (2 yrs), RCM (3yrs), Alternate RCM (3yrs), BOR at large(5yrs)

RCM Report. No report

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities- Mike S. reports that he set up two meetings on google and had no participants.

ASO- May 4th 2026 ASO Report

ASO is open from 5:45 - 7:00 pm.

Large book orders for groups should be placed the month before to ensure we can fill the order and not take from other groups.

We have a specialty order form for anyone that is interested with specialty books, medallions and lots of other items we don't keep at the Area.

ASO Sales \$576.15

Tax \$36.01

Specialty \$0

Total Cash \$612.16

Fellowship Development \$0

H&I \$0

PR \$11.70

Max Reorder minus sales tax \$623.86

NAWS Reorder \$543.83

Please try to get there earlier so we don't have to rush to get the orders together. Thank you.

Our committee could use some help. We are open from 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM just before the ASC meets. We need members to help pull orders for the Groups.

ILS,

Pete C.

BOR- Board of Representatives

Meeting - Annual Meeting April 26, 2026 @ 6:00 pm on Zoom

Attendance: Stacy F(President), Susan (Treasurer), Cheryl C (Area Chair), Scott (Area Treasurer), Lynn S-L (Director)

Absent: Steve F (Clerk)

New Business:

Susan presented detailed financial statements showing area and convention revenues and expenses, including a significant issue with 27 fraudulent charges on the convention account from Fortune Pay and Seed Ramas for a total amount of \$317.04. This was resolved and the money was returned to the account. Funds in the amount of \$6,764.62 were transferred from the convention account to the area checking account. The account was subsequently closed, and a new one needs to be opened.

Susan prepared the 990-N, e-postcard filing with the IRS for tax year 2025. The Form PC was filed with the Attorneys General's office for tax year 2025. Both returns were due May 15, 2026.

Once a convention chair and convention treasurer are voted in at an area, coordinate with all required signers to go to the bank to open the new convention account, bringing both area and board minutes as required documentation.

Authorized signers on the new convention account will be the board president, board treasurer, convention chair, and convention treasurer.

The board discussed a lack of questions for all positions being voted on. We are suggesting that the area establish a list of standard questions for all positions which would be based on the requirements for those positions. If it is a money position for instance, do they have experience with a computer and an excel to keep track of funds or secretary should have a computer and experience with google doc/Word in order to create and send the minutes. All positions should have a list of questions relevant to their position.

Open Positions:

We have one BOR position open. 5-year clean time requirement.

Motion to close

Convention- No committee at this time

Fellowship Development: Tommy F. reported that Miracles Do Happen is open and running but could use support.

H&I- no report available

Literature- open position

Policy – position open

Public Relations- PR met on April 9 at 5:45.

We had 8 people in attendance.

We had 1 call to the phone line on March 16. 0 hits on the QR code. Website is up to date with any changes.

We currently have 17 literature racks that we are servicing and we just added the Easthampton Wellness event.

We have no open positions.

We have the following table events coming up.

- May 16th - World Largest Pancake Breakfast @ 8:00am-11:00am
- May 16th- Umbrella of Wellness Fair @ 12:30pm-4:00pm Chestnut Hill Community School, Chestnut Hill Recreation Area - 59 State St. Belchertown;
- May 30 The 2nd Annual Housing Resource Fair South End Community Center
- June 14th- Whoopie Pie Waddle @ 9:00 am Forest Park Springfield

Our PR event was a success with 8 teams and 16 people. We were able to hang 250 flyers. We had a few areas we still weren't able to reach such as the South End, Hampden and Upper Holyoke. I am hoping we will continue to get this support.

Our next PR subcommittee meeting will be on May 14th, at 5:45pm- at Saint Ann's Parish 30 College Street Chicopee, MA 01020

ILS,
Stacy

Adhoc Committee- Service Slam Adhoc Meeting

Date: Sunday, May 3, 2026. 6pm via TEAMS

Attendance:

Stacy F (AdHoc Chair & PR Chair)

Ashley F (Note Taker)

Sonya (Fellowship Development)

Steve S (H&I Chair)

Pete C (ASO Chair)

Chanel D (Convention Chair)

Mike S (Activities Chair)

A learning day is a way to learn about service with the hope that people will get involved who have not yet experienced the different positions at ar4ea. There can be many styles done- a power point, a scene play, a Q&A. Overall, it's a way for us to share with members what it is we do, how we do it, and why we do it.

We would like to have one in Springfield on August 22 from 2 – 7pm and one in Greenfield on September 19, 2 – 7pm.

Springfield we are looking at Valor or Wesley United and Greenfield where the Friday night meeting meets.

We would like to provide food (pasta and salad), coffee and drinks.

Next steps: reach out to other addicts about the different options that we have for these locations. We will then see if these dates are available.

Next meeting Sunday, May 17th at 6pm.

Treasurer's Report- please see attachment

Ending Attendance- 9 groups-A Change for the Better, A Fellowship for Living, A New Way of Life, Attitude of Gratitude, Indian Orchard New Beginnings, Miracles Do Happen, Screaming Dogs in Recovery, Steps to Freedom, Wildcats of NA

In Loving Service,
Rhon S.