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Mid-Atlantic that we know now as the Mid-Atlantic Region, had its origin back in 1970-72. 1st groups sprung up in Central Pennsylvania in 1970, another group sprung up in '72 in Northtown, Southeastern Penn. area, an interesting comment that was pointed out to me by the people with me from that area, at best count there are 10 of the original people who started that group who are enjoying drug-free recovery in NA today, continuous. 1st Area Service started in June, 1973, in the Northtown Area. Dutch H. was the first chairman, and as they got it together they then started a hot-line in '73. The first regional efforts consisted of 2 areas in 1975. The initial efforts of regionalization were awkward, to say the least. Some Regional meetings were held, with as many GSR's as possible to gather up. 1st East coast convention brought a lot of experience, strength and hope and communication to the N.E. and one day a California transplant showed up with a service manual under his arm and you wouldn't believe what he told us. "You'all are doing it wrong." With a lot of guidance and some time we started to re-structure that Region and the RSC, using the guidelines that were found in the structure and shared with us, that were found successful in the other areas of the World. The committee meetings were hosted by different areas each quarter. Interest grew rapidly, new areas and groups were formed. The 2nd East Coast Convention brought more unity and many new friends in the fellowship. Surrounding areas grew, joined the RSC. The hosting areas now offer warm hospitality, buffets, speaker meetings, social gatherings, enthusiastic participation in meetings, 7 secret spiritual herbs and spices, conducive to the unity we truly cherish. We enjoyed a kind of unity in that Region that is just fantastic. The last Regional meeting was hosted by the Washington, D.C. Area which boasts a fantastic recovery atmosphere for the black community, they're doing a tremendous job. That hosting area brought 150 addicts to that Regional Meeting. The Region now consists of 10 areas, 10 ASC's and 10 hot-lines. Region includes: Connecticut, New York City, N. New Jersey, Eastern Penn., Baltimore, Delaware and South New Jersey, Tidewater area of Virginia, and metro Washington D.C.. Those ASC represent 205 groups, hold 287 meetings per week, 32 H & I meetings, 1,435 addicts voices and group conscience. Voices through which our ultimate authority expresses himself. This past year we have enjoyed a maturing process that has provided motivation of many, many recovering addicts to participate, as well as host in the service conferences, literature conference, conventions, service workshops and many other fellowship functions. A lot of effort has been given this year to carrying the message of our fund flow, and repeated and repeated through communication. Our fund flow represents a process that has proven itself in many other spiritual fellowships, to be successful. We are seeing success, we are seeing it start to work, we are seeing it start to generate funds in following the service structure. Another area that a lot of effort has been put into and I'm proud of has been our Regional Directory. The Regional Directory, which is not yet in press, put together in 3 sections, 1. listing of meetings by state and day. 2. Service Committee information

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3. Cross reference-by state, groups, day, GSR's, phone numbers, addresses, group phone numbers. We'll be ready for distribution in July, much work. The rapidly increasing number of service enthusiasts have developed committees within the Region, including 4 newsletters, H & I, PI, literature committee, etc.. Recently the development of a service advisory committee, which will share experience assistance to service workers and workshops, new areas and additional RSC's. We anticipate that now what we know as the Mid-Atlantic Region will be, by this time next year, at least 3 regions. Three regions created in unity, to better serve the recovering addicts who are out there carrying the message of recovery. I personally can't put into words my gratitude for having been a part of this maturing process. I have gained so much, having seen so many people strive to maintain spiritual principles, while working through many controversial issues. The unity that I have seen demonstrated in the past year has been, for me, overwhelming. I would like to introduce my Alternate, John, who has spent a great deal of time and help in all areas. Introduced others from his region. God Love You and thank you.