

June 10, 2018 Group Conscience Minutes

John, chair

Beth, secretary

Mark D., Marianne, Sandra, Sally from CA, Peter - Mass., Darlene, Kathryn, Davy-O, Christine,

Laura

- (Doris) - MOTION to begin a Spanish language meeting
 - Tabled until Doris is present
- (Darlene) - MOTION to move 3 paragraphs of Preamble section of script to the Meeting Norms because it is not actually part of the Preamble
 - Davy-O agrees: it would be less confusing to the newcomer
 - John: would adding a title to those 3 paragraphs or moving it be easier?
 - Mark D.: Friendly amendment to eliminate the “we don’t say hi” part in meeting norms.
 - Marianne seconds the motion
 - **Motion passes, no opposition**
- (Beth) - Motion to add link for schedule to sidebar and home menu
 - Mark announces that as webmaster, he can do this. It doesn’t need to be passed through Group Conscience, he says. No opposition.
- (Mark) - Amend the newcomer part of the script
 - Beth asks for a draft before a vote as has been asked for from several others over the last few months.
 - John agrees, do we kick it to next month?
 - Davy O. says he can whip up a draft for the amendment during the meeting [We run out of time, so it will be re-addressed at next month’s meeting.]
- Beth: Before moving to New Business, I need to acknowledge that I had two motions in Old Business that have been removed.
- Mark: There was some confusion when the new agenda was put up.
- Beth: I offered to put up the new agenda, and you told me you were already doing it. I don’t think there was confusion.

- Darlene: I have a timely motion I want to make sure gets discussed.
- Beth: Since Mark has stated that he just needs to agree for an update to the website to be made, I think it can just be done rather than becoming a motion. Is that right, Mark?
 - Mark: Yes, that's fine.
 - (Darlene, Marianne) - Add to Announcements: Registration is now open and space is limited for the [2nd Annual MAWPM Face-to-Face Gathering](#). Please see the flyer for pricing and availability. Registration ends August 1st and space is limited. Contact Darlene or Marianne if you questions.
- (Beth) MOTION - Add to the website wherever meeting schedules are posted a disclaimer that a Dashboard Console is being used to monitor the group for safety purposes and that names and numbers of participants are viewable.
- (Beth) MOTION - Determine the scope and power of the apparent Dashboard Committee. Including a description of the duties, a record of the members, and a monthly report from the committee on any action taken, any new members, or any changes to committee policy.
- DISCUSSION - discuss the requirements and responsibilities of the folks who operate the dashboard and require a monthly report with new business.
 - Beth: we need to determine sobriety requirements and term lengths for service members. We need to understand the responsibilities and expectations. Reported that I have been muted by an outside source and kicked off the call while dialed in with *67 to block my ID information.
 - John: doesn't like the idea of people seeing callers' name and phone information
 - Sandra: clarification about did Beth get kicked off for *67'd on MAWPM, getting the queue jumped by a console person, was John joking about the idea of getting tracked
 - Christine: Read a report compiled by the "Dashboard Committee"
 - All MA groups are autonomous, phone meetings have specific issues.
 - Original MAWPM
 - Free conference call console - comes with the account

- Abilities: Mute or unmute lines individually, broadcast recordings, hanging up lines
 - On the dashboard: Do not make public any identities, change name to identified name or wireless
 - Choosing to use the console to maintain serenity and security; it's a responsibility not a privilege
 - Chosen to be of service by internal members: Davy O., Cheryl, Jordan, Christine, Darlene, Mark D., Marianne
 - No power held by the console people
 - Facilitates the technical side of running a meeting, harassers
 - There is not someone assigned for each meeting
- What are the sobriety requirements?
 - Darlene: Yes
 - Mark D. says 1 year that I trust
 - Mark D: At the time we had the outbursts, there wasn't time. I knew who I trusted. Made a decision on the fly.
 - Sandra: has a question, but John tells her to wait
 - Beth: Length of terms?
 - No - needs to determined
 - Who determines who joins?
 - Mark D. did based on who he trusted
 - What about the times when someone is kicked off, muted, console skips queue?
 - All deny interfering with anyone else's participation in a meeting
 - Schedule?
 - There is not a dashboard person assigned to each meeting
 - Console schedule needs to be published
 - Abilities: Override QA if needed - if host accidentally mutes

- Sandra: If it should be more transparent - that person be made known at the meeting, announce the monitor, anyone is a fellow using a host code - abuses of power to jump the queue
 - Laura: Chairperson not give input while conducting the meeting?
 - Sandra: they are wanting something in return - they may want information in return - who are the free conference call people?
 - Davy O. - never knocked anyone off the line, look at free conference call, they get their money from the phone companies
 - Marianne - there was a way it was started and it may not continue that way, but now that it's grown, we can spread out the responsibilities
 - Motion: The sobriety requirement to serve on the dashboard console is 1 year and the service term is 1 year, for the dashboard console to report to GC as needed, and list it as a service opportunity in our announcements.
 - Sandra: It needs to be clear what the new business is.
 - Christine suggests breaking the motion up into separate parts for those who agree with one part but not others.
 - Marianne: Would Christine's statement get put on the website.
 - Sandra: Agrees, plus including it on the individual meeting.
 - Darlene: Include a Script change
 - Mark: acknowledges that these motions seemed like "too much work"
 - Beth: appreciates that the motive behind the dashboard committee was to protect the meeting from disruptive and harmful speech, and that it's important to keep the perceptions of the newcomer in mind going forward.
 - John: Keep it simple.
- Summary:
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