

MAWPM Business Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2019

Summary:

- Further strategy on chairperson training desired, but maybe not necessary. Discussion for next month's meeting.
- Password-protected chairperson contact list (without email addresses) to be posted to ma-phone.org.
- Further discussion requested on best way for group to communicate (i.e. app).
- Script subcommittee to take up the issue of chairpersons speaking words that are not on the MAWPM script, with special focus on language to describe meeting topics or focus.
- WIR permitted to use MAWPM service position documents.
- Need for further discussion regarding coordination of chairperson assignments when new chairpersons desire to chair, with special focus on chairpersons who have more than one meeting assignment.

Attendance: 11

Secretary read 12 Traditions

Last month's meeting minutes

Secretary read summary of last month's meeting minutes.

Motion to approve last month's meeting minutes

Motion seconded

No proposed amendments to last month's minutes.

No opposition heard, minutes approved by acclamation.

Subcommittee Reports

MA Daily Meditation/Reflections Reader Subcommittee - Form with guidelines for ma-phone.org and MAWS website. Still looking for others to participate. Writers workshop at convention. Subcommittee meetings every other Tuesday at 5:00 PM, subroom #1. Email reflections@marijuana-anonymous.org for submissions.

Internet/Script Subcommittee - focus on shortening announcements in script. Hoping to present draft script revision next month. Subcommittee decided it's OK (aligns with Traditions) to distribute chairpersons list within fellowship. Open question regarding email addresses.

Subcommittee meets every other Wednesday (11/13) at 4:20 PM in subroom #4. Suggestions can be sent in to webadmin@ma-phone.org.

Chairperson Coordinator Report - Friday 7 AM, and every other Wed and Sun 8 PM chairs open. Chairpersons contact list is in hand, with phone numbers and a few emails.

Old Business

Chairperson Training - Recording for chairpersons training to be made available. Chairperson guidelines and chairperson service position documents available on ma-phone.org. Need to confirm 6 month commitment requirement. Option for smart phone app for group blast messaging.

Chairpersons contact list - Discussion. Contacts only to be shared within fellowship and not shared publicly.

Motion to post password-protected chairpersons contact list with no email addresses on ma-phone.org website. Motion passed

Discussion- Why no emails? Phone numbers are only thing necessary and not emails, as well.

Discussion-Concern that too much emphasis is made regarding Chairpersons vacancies during meetings and that this could be seen negatively by newcomers. Meetings for sharing, not for announcing need for chairpersons.

Motion passed to post password-protected chairperson contact list on ma-phone.org.

Motion to continue dialogue on chairperson coordinator and chairperson responsibilities and requirements to meet the fellowship's needs. Motion withdrawn.

New motion to table discussion on how to best contact chairperson (app idea). Motion to table discussion approved by acclamation.

New Business

Motion to modify Friday 10 AM script (Promises focus). Discussion - take this to script subcommittee or directly to GC/Business Meeting. Internet and script subcommittee to review the idea of different scripts for 10 AM meetings with particular focus. Agreed to temporarily allow Promises script until subcommittee discusses and makes further recommendations. Motion tabled for further review and discussion.

Discussion- why do we need to approve the way which chairpersons introduce topic? Good to have it recorded in script just in case the chairperson changes. Shouldn't need to approve

everything that is outside of script, as this is done in other meetings already. But not conference approved literature. But we read plenty of non-conference approved literature. We try to indicate whether language is part of non-conference literature or personal opinion. Issue of chairpersons deviating from script has been an important point of discussion in fellowship, so maybe important to discuss this further.

Original motion withdrawn. New motion to send this issue to subcommittee (if script modification is required to go through script subcommittee then overall Group Conscience). Seconded. No opposition. Motion passed.

Motion to allow WIR to use MAWPM service position descriptions, with changes to fit WIR standard requirements. Motion for MAWPM to give permission with slight modifications. Motion passed.

Agenda item to post Roberts Rules on ma-phone.org for review. No opposition.

Discussion of chairpersons with two meetings designating one meeting their primary meeting, so that those who wish to become chairpersons can have the opportunity to chair. Rare for all positions to be full. Chairperson coordinator could coordinate to accommodate new chairpersons. Are we putting a cap on the number of meetings a person can chair? Hope to allow for shifting of those chairpersons with two or more meetings to accommodate new chairpersons.

Password for file with chairperson contact info is the host code. Posted on bottom of page with chairperson list.

Motion to add state or territory after a person's name if there are two or more chairpersons with the same name. Motion passed.

Serenity Prayer

Meeting adjourned.