**Marijuana Anonymous World Phone Meetings Business Meeting Minutes:**

**[July, 12 2020 1:10pm EST]**

**Summary from last meeting:**

* **MOTIONS PASSED**:
* To send our money to FCC after MAWPM website is paid for in August.
* To create assistant web administrator position with attached description and to amend the web administrator service position description according to document provided
* For Leigh (TX) to be our new assistant web administrator.
* Change the script: Speaker tapes will be played daily on this line at 2pm EDT. Please listen if you like.
* Eliminate the line: “If you don’t have Internet access, ask me to read the announcements after the meeting.”
* **MOTIONS FAILED:**

* **MOTIONS TABLED:**

**Meeting opened with Serenity Prayer at 01.10pm Eastern**

**Read**[**12 Traditions**](https://ma-phone.org/meeting-readings)

[**Reconciliation Prayer**](https://ma-phone.org/prayers#1fbe0845-8005-48e7-8b16-8153852b8322)

**Roll Call: #16**

[**Minutes from Last Business Meeting**](https://ma-phone.org/mawpm-meeting-minutes#679a3c8d-0704-4c80-910e-36de1d64de75) were summarized. Motion to approve as read. Seconded. Approved by acclamation.

**Subcommittee and Service Reports:**

- Web Administrator and Internet Subcommittee:

(The notes for the following report were provided by Web Administrator and Internet Subcommittee Chair): I failed to meet some of the responsibilities of my position in an accurate and timely manner this month. As an amends to the group, I have instituted a new tracking system and will be more diligent in fact checking before acting.

Website changes:

- Removed COVID information about difficulty dialing in from Home page

- Added press #7 to enter fellowship subconference to Meeting Schedules and Topics page

- Added announcement for Internet Subcommittee meetings on MAWPM Announcements page

Web Admin and Internet/Website Subcommittee Updates

- From MAWS Internet Committee: new meeting finder for MA app is being beta tested

- Preface to Subcommittee report:

o Thank you to everyone who is of service to our organization.

o I have participated on numerous subcommittees where detailed questions and concerns are addressed and decisions made by trusted servants through our collective GC.

o I invite anyone who is interested in the details to join the subcommittees. Meeting dates and times, when provided to me, are posted in MAWPM Announcements.

- Discussed best way to ensure continuity of website with August renewal (>1 trusted servant with login information) and have additional assistance with website tasks which can be time sensitive à Agenda item for creation of Assistant Web Administrator position and changes to Web Admin

- Will be reviewing draft of Newcomer Page for website at upcoming meeting with intention of presentation for GC approval

- Website fees are on agenda page of our website

o Did not have figures in front of me when motion was made at June GC. When asked, I said, “If that’s what I sent you.”

o $339.95 to Davy O in 2019 included 5 year domain registration

§ $191.76 website builder software and e-mail

§ $7.99 for Linux but we were unable to convert old WordPress to this platform. Had to use website builder

§ $140.20 to transfer domain from Mark to Davy O

o 2020 renewal = $193.75

§ Website builder $119.88

§ Online storage (media for website including business meeting minutes, virtual chips, etc.) $1.99

§ E-mail $71.88

o Contacted Domains Direct HQ who hosts website re: August renewal of hosting and website building software fees

§ Have to purchase plan in new account and clone the website into it which has a one time $60 restore fee

§ Other fees are supposed to stay the same as listed per rep

o $533.70 total not $635 reported at GC in June

- Script Subcommittee: No report.

- Chairperson Coordinator: No report, but the position is up for renewal. If interested, the service description is on the MAWPM website under Business Meetings, then MAWPM Service Positions, and contact [agenda-mawpm@ma-phone.org](mailto:agenda-mawpm@ma-phone.org) to get on next month’s business meeting agenda.

- "A New Leaf" Liaison: Position up for renewal.

- Treasury (7th Tradition) Subcommittee:

* Initial fundraising goal estimate for two years web expenses: 635.00
* Adjusted goal due to reported invoices from ISC: 509.00 + 60.00 one time cloning fee
* Fundraising Result: 614.00 raised
* One time direct send of money to Davy-O + website expenses left
* Left MAWPM a 45.25 overage

Discussion about Overage Use:

From Life With Hope, 3rd Edition, p.77

“Our Seventh Tradition money goes to paying group expenses such as rent, coffee, literature, chips, and refreshments. As groups get larger and begin collecting more than they need to cover these basic expenses, they usually place a small amount aside for emergencies (called a “prudent reserve”) and then start sending any excess funds to the local service committee. These funds are used to carry the message of recovery, helping with expenditures such as local newsletters, public information mailings, local hotlines, and post office fees.

Similarly, local service committees usually send any monies above their prudent reserve to World Services to further carry the MA message by typesetting literature, sending out meeting starter kits, maintaining our web site, and preserving MA unity between the districts….

A group is not self-supporting until it pays its own expenses and contributes its fair share to the larger society. The group not only supports itself but MA as a whole. That is what is meant by “fully” self-supporting, since there would be no groups without the fellowship. A group that does not raise enough money during meetings may raise it by having fund-raisers or events. We all have to pull together, and by doing so we learn that we are truly part of something greater than ourselves.”

* No need for prudent reserve, and no district to receive overage
* **Motion: To send extra 45.25 to MAWS**. Seconded.

Discussion: Making a donation to Free Conference Call would make us truly self-supporting, since the goal is to eventually accept no free services from outside the organization.

* Dollar amount to FCC and dollar amount to MAWS.
* FCC makes money off phone companies.
* Only long distance charges apply… not a clear way to pay them.

Tradition Seven states: “By staying financially independent, we do not have to become obliged to any outside sources or contributors. We remain unaffected by outside financial influences because we do not depend on their contributions. This is why it is important that we support ourselves and pay rent to facilities we use for our meetings even though the rent may be nominal. Acceptance of any gift or contribution from an outside source that may carry with it an obligation by the fellowship is truly unwise and defeats the spirit of Tradition Seven. By paying our own way, we remain free; we have earned the privilege of making our own decisions.”

* Possible way to donate to FCC: ‘Pay what you can option’
* Email sent to FCC HD
* Link to contribute to FCC allows any amount to be paid

Amending original motion: That we send this overage money to FCC or FCC HD at this time, and when we need to raise money for the website next year, overage money can be sent there again.

Discussion: SC is creating a way for phone lines to collect donations for sustaining the website, and eventually we could fold a regular contribution to FCC into that, but for now, 45.25 at this time, and streamline a process down the road.

* **Amended Motion: That we send our overage of 45.25 to FCC.** Seconded.

Discussion: How to follow up and inform Morgan?

* Not yet paid the money for the website; wait until after website expenses are paid.
* **Amended Motion: To send our money to FCC after WS is paid for in August**. Seconded. Discussion. Vote: Yea-15 Abstention-1

Motion passed by acclamation.

- Speaker Tapes Subcommittee:

* Met 7/11/20
* Working on a spreadsheet with names of speakers and where talks were given
* Next task: Go through the list and call speakers and verify that they are ok with recorded talk being shared publicly and collating responses on spreadsheet.
* Verbal assent is sufficient, but text consent would also be helpful
* Lastly, researching a couple different podcasting platforms. Main concern is download vs. streaming.
* Meet again July 25 at 3pm, subconference room #4. All are invited for help with gathering contact info on inspiring leads. If interested in participating or seeing documents, contact: 307-349-0450

Questions/Discussion for Christopher from MAWS: Currently have 50-60 speaker tapes and add 1 each week. What’s MAWS’ experience with sharing such files? Is anyone else doing it?

* District 8 is the only one doing it. Most recently with their Founders Meeting, now available on their website, where they ask for voluntary support
* MAWPM could do their speaker-tape project in a similar way, as a fundraiser for the phone lines.
* Our speaker tape project is an innovative thing that virtually no one else is doing on such a scale.
* Could be valuable for MA as a whole

- District Service Subcommittee:

* Has met three times since its creation.
* At present DSSC is not in position to make a recommendation since the decision wouldn’t take effect until next May. Therefore no rush, but to encourage discussion, pros and cons will now be shared and DSSC will reconvene in the fall.

On June 20, 2020 the committee met and compiled the following pros & cons list:

PROS

* As a District MAWPM would have a voice and a vote in MAWS decision-making actions
* Would allow MAWPM to give back to MAWS that which has so freely provided to us (i.e. literature, internet resources, MA App)
* MAWPM Delegates would be able to keep MA phone members better informed of MAWS policies, goals, service opportunities and resources
* Per Tradition Four, MAWS flexibility in membership (district) requirements would allow MAWPM to become a District while recognizing its unique structure
* Would allow MAWPM to become better connected with MAWS and other District counterparts. This, in turn, strengthens the carried message
* 7th tradition would be upheld beyond meeting expenses. “A group is not self-supporting until it pays its own expenses and contributes its fair share to the larger society. The group not only supports itself, but MA as a whole”.
* 7th tradition collection can be done using MAWS tax ID, rather than getting our own (to be confirmed by 7th Tradition Subcommittee)

CONS

* Current participation level in MAWPM service commitments, MAWPM Group Conscience attendance and GC service commitments suggest there may be inadequate resources to pursue District membership and meet additional service expectations
* The structure of MAWPM could require re-evaluation and modification in order to create groups. This will present unique challenges and requires careful consideration. Alternatively, MAWPM can maintain its current structure as one group representing 30 meetings.
* If the decision is to form separate MAWPM groups (ex. 7am group, 10 am group), additional Group Conscience meetings would be required
* Must evaluate if MAWPM has the maturity to become a District. (i.e. are we properly honoring Service Position Guidelines?)
* The decision to become a District should not be based solely on collecting Seventh Tradition funds for MAWS. Individual members will continue to be encouraged to contribute independently
* 7th tradition collection requires our own tax filing (to be confirmed by 7th tradition sub committee)

Questions/Discussion from Chris from MAWS: The request from MAWS for delegates to serve on the WS committee for a year is a flexible requirement.

* Getting a vote at the conference/all people should feel welcome and like they have a voice in the fellowship
* MAWS offers scholarships to conferences - 3 offered to people who showed financial need.
* MAWS Tax ID usage - District 15 is down to 1 meeting - therefore if MAWPM decides to use the tax id, there’s relaxed treatment of it.
* Next DSSC meeting is in the fall, time tbd.

**Old Business:**

1. Withdrawn. Replaced with New Business #1

**New Business:**

1. Proposal from Internet Subcommittee to create Assistant Web Administrator service position and amend Web Administrator service position description as per these documents:

[**https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ze-3Z8xMHnrTyflzhkJdXwJSuUZfXQbBVWCOVjSyowY/edit?usp=drivesdk**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ze-3Z8xMHnrTyflzhkJdXwJSuUZfXQbBVWCOVjSyowY/edit?usp=drivesdk)

[**https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XCF9tXYIwEaFafFW-K6p2\_O3S1HfofJttcy2t1tZV\_4/edit?usp=drivesdk**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XCF9tXYIwEaFafFW-K6p2_O3S1HfofJttcy2t1tZV_4/edit?usp=drivesdk)

* Transitioning over to a new web account
* More than one trusted servant should have access to account in order to make changes
* Large position, many different duties, assistant loosely defined, but primary and secondary web administrators are required
* Recommendation: to create an assistant web administrator position.
* See position description in above links

**Motion: To create assistant web administrator position with attached description and to amend the web administrator service position description according to document provided.** Seconded. Passes by acclamation. Lee volunteers and is happy to help. **Motion: For Lee to be our new assistant web administrator.** Seconded**.** Discussion. Passes by acclamation**.**

2.When chairpersons interrupt a share to say the caller can’t be heard, this can sound a little intrusive to the caller & almost like crosstalk, or even a personal preference. In other fellowships on phone meetings, what happens in these situations is the caller is given the space to share how they are able. Please consider adding this chairperson guideline into the script.

Discussion:

* Opposition to this discussion point. Four minutes of an inaudible share is not of service to the listeners on the phone line.
* Since voted on last month, the meeting proceeds to the next business item.

3.Current liaison wrote: “I'm well over my 6 month commitment as New Leaf newsletter MAWMP liaison. Can we add an open service position announcement to the script?”

Discussion:

* Is this given to the script committee, can someone make a motion, put it in the script, etc.?
* Announcement can be put in the script without GC vote, as long as Web Admin is notified with enough time
* Language in all of the service position descriptions is unclear: “Two months prior to the completion of term, submit vacancy as an agenda item and script announcement.”
* Intention was for agenda item to be informational and gauge interest at GC and also email should go to Web Admin
* No interest vocalized at this GC

4. Suggested Script Changes.

Discussion:

* Script is lengthy and can appear redundant
* Looking for possible ways to tweak script and gauge interest in doing so
* It is possible to discuss these possible changes at the next GC

**Motion: To extend the meeting an additional 10-15 minutes.** Seconded. Passes by acclamation.

* *See our website, under Meetings & Contacts, Meeting Schedules to learn about meeting topics and specific meetings for LGBTQ members; as well as women only and men only meetings.*
* This could be re-written and announced early in the meeting along with other meeting times.

* *Speaker tapes will be played daily at 2 and 4:20PM Eastern. Since the broadcast will interrupt fellowship, please press #7 if you wish to join the fellowship subconference.*
* Does not flow real well and is confusing
* *If you don’t have Internet access, ask me to read the announcements*
* Suggests that this be removed since this has never been asked of host
* Not all of our announcements are in our script and speaker tape announcement is very confusing.
* It was added, though, to facilitate people playing the speaker tape, and in the last month, playing speaker tape for no one 95% of time.

Should we continue speaker tape playing service with the same frequency?

* One person with access to speaker tapes could make their number available to anyone who wanted to listen to speaker tape on demand.
* We can stop 4:20pm playing of speaker tape and just do the 2:00pm playing of speaker tape.
* **Motion: Change the script: Speaker tapes will be played daily on this line at 2pm EDT. Please listen if you like.** Seconded. Passes by acclamation.
* **Motion: Eliminate the line: “*If you don’t have Internet access, ask me to read the announcements after the meeting.”*** Seconded. Passes by acclamation.
* First suggested script change will be part of August’s GC.

5. When sharing your number, consider reaching out cross-gender.

* Suggested by our parent program that sponsorship is of the same gender.
* Since there’s no directive in the script, it is up to each individual’s preference.
* Not necessarily a GC matter.
* But the point for discussion was shared at GC so it could get an audience

**Motion to Adjourn. Seconded.**

**Serenity Prayer**

**Meeting ended at 02.56 Eastern**