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

**[August, 9 2020 1:10pm EST]**

**Serenity Prayer**

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

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

**Roll Call: #18**

[**Minutes from Last Business Meeting**](https://ma-phone.org/mawpm-meeting-minutes#679a3c8d-0704-4c80-910e-36de1d64de75)

**Summary from last meeting:**

* **MOTIONS PASSED**:
* **That Rick and Mike are instated as new Chairperson Co-Coordinators**.
* **That the internet subcommittee guidelines be adopted as posted**.
* **To put Daily Reflection submission announcement back into our MAWPM script.**
* **To replace the “About Marijuana” page of the website with a Newcomers Page, replacing “Placeholder for newcomer link” with additional information available on the newcomers page of the ma-phone.org website and to add “How to Participate in MA World Phone Meeting” page under the meetings and contact drop down menu.**
* **To use the free Anchor podcast platform to share approved speaker tapes and make available on the website.**
* **To make Sean the first Podcast Administrator.**
* **To accept podcast administrator service position description as amended during the business meeting discussion**.
* **MOTIONS FAILED:**
* **MOTIONS TABLED:**

**Subcommittee and Service Reports:**

- Web Administrator and Internet Subcommittee:

Changes to the website: Changes to the announcements and script that were voted in at the last group conscience with the exception of adding, “please listen if you like” after the speaker tapes announcement.

Contacted Mar-anon representative. Mar-anon is the program for loved ones of marijuana addicts. Confirmed with rep that that group is still active, and that has been in the website announcements for some time. They currently offer a chat weekly and then they have an email support group so that is still active.

Tested the new meeting finder for the MA website and worked with MAWS webmaster and internet trustee to troubleshoot some programming issues on their end that were causing the meeting listings to display incorrectly. Requested that the listed descriptions for each of the phone meetings include a phone number to the meeting listing so that people can, when they look up the results on the meeting finder, click the number and it will open in their phone dialer.

Very grateful that we voted in last month to bring Leigh on as assistant web administrator. She's already been trained and has been super helpful to me in getting some things done.

Found that we could **not clone the website to a new account**. Therefore, Davy O was removed from the current account so he has removed his separate website from the account, and everything has been updated in Laura’s name and I have added Marijuana Anonymous World Phone Meeting as the organization name and this eliminated the additional $60 cloning fee. As per the service position descriptions, Leigh who is the assistant web administrator is now the second trusted servant holder of the login information for the website. Also put in a request to have the domain registration transferred to my name under Marijuana Anonymous World Phone Meetings and that change is pending.

Paid for the annual renewal for the website for MAWPM’s five email accounts and for an online storage for our documents and that total was $193.75. I have sent documentation of these transactions and the change in ownership to the members of the internet subcommittee the chair of the seventh Tradition sub committee and the person who had the 7th tradition funds and I have already been reimbursed the $193.75

Future projects for the internet subcommittee may include things like doing search engine optimization and Google analytics. We currently don’t use cookies on our website, but that is the next step.

Thank you to all who’ve faithfully served on this committee we have met numerous times each month for almost the last year and those people include Anna, Christine and Davy O. We have done a lot of work, and pending the passage of today’s agenda items, we will be taking a month off.

- Script Subcommittee: No report.

- Chairperson Coordinator:

* Mike from DC and Rick are going to co-chair this position
* Question: Capability to maintain spreadsheet and send it to Laura? Answer: Yes.
* Delineation of responsibilities can be variable, but both Mike and Rick are agreeable to each other’s view of the partnership
* Motion: **That Rick and Mike are instated as new Chairperson Co-Coordinators**. Seconded. Motion passes by acclamation.

- "A New Leaf" Liaison:

* Susan B will contact liaison.

- Treasury (7th Tradition) Subcommittee:

* $193.75 was transferred to Laura to cover website annual expenses
* Money was to be sent to FCC after bill was paid in August. At one time it was approx. $45.00, but per Laura’s announcement, money sent to FCC was approx. $105.00 due to unnecessary projected cloning fee.
* $105.25 is the exact amount of remaining balance of the fundraiser
* Is GC agreeable to donating $105.25 to FCC?
* No new motion made since there was no opposition to donating new amount

- Speaker Tapes Subcommittee:

* Received permission from 30 addicts to publish recordings/leads
* Permitted to use MA logo and preamble and other official texts from MAWS
* Two motions below in today's agenda new business
* Susan B contact for getting involved in this sub committee: 307-349-0450

- District Service Subcommittee:

* Hiatus until the fall
* MAWS announced a quarterly roundup - if MAWPM were a district, our delegate would be in attendance to hear reports from every MAWS committee, and to bring back to MAWPM a summary
* Christine and another fellow were invited as an observer
* Next GC will include an agenda item to accommodate Christine’s update on happenings at MAWS levels
* In September, District Service Subcommittee will be restarting activity and meetings and revisit idea of MAWPM district involvement in MAWS

**Old Business:**

1. *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.
* Person who suggested the agenda item was not in attendance.
* Suggestion of shift responsibility of change to script committee - important to let listeners know about men-only, women-only and LGBT focus meetings - expecting listeners to do their own research beyond what is mentioned in the script
* Internet Sub Committee and Script Sub Committee used to be one and the same - old-business documents the separation of one into two sub committees
* Procedurally more efficient to motion for someone to draft the changes and bring new wording to future GC, rather than use the present time to draft a change
* Susan B will reach out to fellow who brought agenda item forward

**New Business:**

**1. Internet Subcommittee Guidelines being submitted for approval**

[**Internet Subcommittee Guidelines**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1a7S1zp_S9oAJOWFlV4aiVIiGA-65_r5sXn9jNMcGJCY/edit?usp=sharing) **document for review**

* Link to entire document that was created using MAWS internet guidelines and feedback from Sub Committee discussions informing how Internet Sub Committee will conduct its business
* Motion: **That the internet subcommittee guidelines be adopted as posted**. Seconded. Motion passes by acclamation.
* This document will be added to the MAWPM service position description page on the website.

**2. Consider putting a call for Daily Reflections submissions back into our MAWPM script**

* Announcement should be made in the script again since it’s easier now to make a submission than before and we’re almost halfway to completion of our own daily reflection book.
* This isn’t a MAWPM initiative, but a MAWS initiative, so at MAWS level anyone can join this subcommittee
* Suggested meeting time for creating pieces for Daily Reflections Book - like a writer’s workshop - meeting idea put forward
* Motion: **To put Daily Reflection submission announcement back into our MAWPM script.** Seconded. Passes by acclamation.

**3. The Daily Reflections Committee would like to dedicate the book to Leah F from Ohio (RIP)**

Leah was a big cheerleader on the phone lines and even when actively dying in hospice care she still contributed to the meetings and had a special fondness for helping the newcomer and sharing her experience, strength and hope with all of us.

SPECIAL NOTE- not an agenda item- Her speaker tape from our Saturday Night Live speaker meeting is available to be played - thank you Davy O and others for making that available so that her message and countless others have been recorded and archived for us!

* It is not MAWPM GC that determines the dedication page in the forthcoming daily reflections book.
* Daily reflections is managed by a subcommittee of the MAWS literature subcommittee, and this subcommittee brings everything to the annual conference to be voted on by the conference body.

**4. Motion to make the following changes to the website:**

**Replace "About Marijuana" page of website with "Newcomers" page** [**ma-phone.org/newcomers**](http://ma-phone.org/newcomers)

* Newcomers Page under development to take the place of About Marijuana Addiction page. Link on the agenda. Trying to not reproduce MAWS newcomer page, but tailor it to what it's like to be a newcomer on MAWPM.
* New language on the script: Placeholder for newcomer link on website would be replaced with “additional information is available on the newcomers page of the ma- phone.org website” followed by “Please join our newcomers meeting on Wednesday at noon.”
* Additionally, subcommittee has also made a ‘How to Participate in MA World phone Meetings” page that explains the technical aspects of phone meeting participation for the newcomer. Link included.
* Motion: **To replace the “About Marijuana” page of the website with a Newcomers Page, replacing “Placeholder for newcomer link” with additional information available on the newcomers page of the ma-phone.org website and to add “How to Participate in MA World Phone Meeting” page under the meetings and contact drop down menu.** Seconded.
* Discussion: Is there anything significant that we want to keep from “About Marijuana” page?
* Removed part: “Who is a marijuana addict? We who are marijuana addicts…” as is in our script and then there's a second paragraph that says “based on our own experiences we who seek recovery consider ourselves to be marijuana addicts….” Subcommittee has taken that paragraph and incorporated it into the new Newcomers page, so no information will be missing from anything that anybody would hear either on a meeting or on the newcomers page.
* Other SEO strategies will offset any negatives in losing a page titled “About Marijuana”
* Passes by acclamation.

**5. Replace this part of the MAWPM script "[Placeholder for newcomer link on website.]" with "Additional information is available on the Newcomers page of the** [**ma-phone.org**](http://ma-phone.org/) **website."**

**Add "How to Participate in MA World Phone Meetings" page to website under the Meetings & Contacts dropdown menu** [**ma-phone.org/how-to-participate**](http://ma-phone.org/how-to-participate)

**6. The Speaker Tape Committee proposes to use the free Anchor Podcast platform to share approved speaker tapes. Links will also be available on the MAWPM website.**

* Motion: **To use the free Anchor podcast platform to share approved speaker tapes and make available on the website.** Seconded. Passes by acclamation.

**7. Consider a new service position, Podcast Administrator, to carry out the necessary duties regarding Speaker Tapes dissemination. Position description link:** [**https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-TAvGh9F6A9B9YOEiUUr-63ULR6mllwvDXNInmJsWD0/edit?ts=5f2b3b80**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-TAvGh9F6A9B9YOEiUUr-63ULR6mllwvDXNInmJsWD0/edit?ts=5f2b3b80)

* Motion: **That we have a new service position designed for podcast Administration as stated in the position description link.** Seconded. Amended motion: **To make Sean the first Podcast Administrator.** Seconded. Passes by acclamation.
* Change to the position description to mirror other service position responsibilities for monthly updating of group conscience. Therefore, monthly attendance of GC should be added to description of responsibilities.
* Question: Condition of outside affiliation and endorsing outside providers, eg: Google Podcasts, Spotify, etc. Uncertainty what the guidelines are for putting link directly on our website to any of these providers and if it goes against tradition of not accepting outside contributions.
* Comment: anyone from the Speaker Tape subcommittee could report. And Sean has made change to service description concerning monthly GC attendance.
* On the MAWPM webpage there are already references to the Apple Store and the Google Play store and in both of those places “this does not imply endorsement or affiliation by Marijuana Anonymous” is stated to address aforementioned tradition.
* Position description should also include that “two months prior to the completion of the term submit vacancy as an agenda item and script announcement” to be in alignment with the other service position descriptions.
* Add to service description: That the podcast administrator serves as the member of the MAWPM Speaker Tape subcommittee, so that if they’re unable to attend group conscience, fellow from the Speaker Tape subcommittee could update group conscience for the Podcast Administrator.
* Amended Motion: **To accept podcast administrator as amended during the business meeting discussion**. Seconded. Motion passes by acclamation.
* Suggestion to contact Christopher at MAWS for an announcement about speaker tapes in upcoming “Carry the Message.”

**Motion to Adjourn**

**Serenity Prayer**

**Meeting ended at 02:34 Eastern**