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

**[September 13, 2020 1:10pm EDT]**

**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%22%20%5Cl%20%22679a3c8d-0704-4c80-910e-36de1d64de75)** were approved as read.

**Summary from last meeting:**

* **MOTIONS PASSED**:
* **Stop playing the speaker tapes daily at 2pm EDT. Seconded. Motion passes. 12Y, 5A, 1N**
* **Increase meeting time for SNL meetings for 90 minutes. Seconded.** **Motion passess.** **15Y, 2A, 1N**
* **To reconvene the script subcommittee to address the new 90-minute format for the Saturday Night Live meeting. Seconded. Passed by acclamation.**
* **MOTIONS FAILED:**
* **MOTIONS TABLED:**

**Motion from Internet Subcommittee:**

**Make these changes to meeting structure and script:**

* + - **Add 5 minutes to the sharing portion of the meeting.**
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**Subcommittee and Service Reports:**

- Web Administrator and Internet Subcommittee:

* Website now includes Speaker Tape, “For the Newcomer” and “How to Participate in an MA Meeting” links that were approved in group conscience last month
* Pages were reordered in the Readings and Resources drop down menu
* Updated MAWPM announcement page with Speaker Tape page, information on Step 1,2,3 workshop and the MAWS Town Hall
* Removed sub conference instructions from the 420 Fellowship announcement
* Updated Chairperson Coordinator contact information and chairperson list
* Added information about Step 1,2,3 Workshop and the Town Hall to the script
* Met September 9th to discuss the handling of request for announcements to be added to the script
* Determined that the Web Administrator service position description allows discretion to add or deny any request
* Discussed complaints of the announcements being too long: see - New Business
* Discussed search engine optimization and Google analytics for the website. MAWS Public Information Committee is working on this too. Attn: Internet Sub Committee or anyone in the fellowship for help with this work.
* MAWS Internet work: ANLP website to include issues of “A New Leaf”, enhancing website for newcomers, updating Meeting Finder and improving app functionality

- Script Subcommittee:

* Motion needed to resume Script Subcommittee work

- Chairperson Coordinator:

* Rick officially took on the role after an unexpected and more-involved start without DC Mike. Thank you Rick for taking the position on and many here to help.
* Rick welcomes feedback in his new role
* Positive Response and interest in late-evening meetings (10pm EDT)
* Newcomer Meeting and Artist/Musician Themed meeting possibilities for 10pm EDT slots
* Prospective host of such meetings would need to bring interest to CP and then bring agenda item to instate a new meeting

Discussion:

* 8pm meetings are open topic meetings and there are WIR meetings (Tuesday at 10pm) that should be considered when establishing new meetings @ 10pm time slot
* Hybrid meeting is a great option for starting a new meeting

- "A New Leaf" Liaison:

No report, and still in need of person to fill service position

- Treasury (7th Tradition) Subcommittee:

No report

- Speaker Tapes Subcommittee:

* Drafted script for requesting permission from people to publish their leads
* Approx 20 episodes uploaded from archives to more recent leads, and eventually newest lead will be uploaded weekly

Discussion:

* What are we doing currently with current MAWPM 2pm plays? See New Business
* Refer to new Speaker Tape script for related questions on how leads are gathered
* Major kudos to everyone part of this project
* Contacted MAWS? How can we get the word out to the greater MA fellowship?
* Corresponding with someone from MAWS and intend to keep in contact with MAWS, but level of communication with MAWS is currently evolving
* Any podcaster carries the Speaker Tapes
* Anonymity is kept to first name on titles of each lead, keeping confidential any other identifying information of the speaker

- District Service Subcommittee:

* District service subcommittee has been on hiatus for the summer
* Will meet in October
* Needs a Chairperson
* End of February or March date for May MAWS annual conference agenda inclusion
* Next GC will address organizational questions for this subcommittee

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

1. **Quarterly Roundup Report:**

A report of MAWS Level Activity by committee, all of which was shared at Town Hall, and Town Halls are open to all:

Literature Subcommittee:

* Three Pamphlets:

1.CBD Pamphlet: approved at last May’s MAWS conference pending changes; will be found in “Carry This Message”, and “A New Leaf Newsletter”

2.“A Safe Place” - re: safety in meetings

3.“Spiritual Program for Recovery” (formally “The God Thing”) - available via “Carry This Message”

* Life With Hope translation guide, standardizing how to go about doing translation work for other countries desiring MA literature
* ANLP - past versions of MAWS book, literature and pamphlets were lost in website; therefore, updating access and availability
* Offering digital subscription for newsletter by next year
* LWH Audiobook and Ebook format offerings without favoring ebook readers
* 30th Edition Life With Hope available for purchase (money goes to MAWS)

Internet Subcommittee:

* Update meeting finder on MAWS website, including ZOOM additions
* Update of meeting finder on app

Public Information Subcommittee:

* Social Media presence - Facebook page
* PSAs - evolved from “MA exists” to now “Marijuana addiction is real, and here’s the solution”
* Outreach - hospitals and institutions, dispensary signage, tapping into corporate responsibility, colleges, high schools, professional communities
* Google analytics
* Meme creation too

Policies and Procedures Subcommittee:

* Making MA Service Manual revisions
* Discussion of simplifying definition of what it means to be a district, and acting as a link between independent groups and MAWS in encouraging independent groups to become districts under MAWS’ structure
* Facilitating remote sponsorship project and sponsorship workshops

Hospitals and Institutions Subcommittee:

* Making available MA literature in these settings

Treasury Subcommittee:

* Donor Box as new fund collecting method: number of ways to donate, international currency accepted now, by end of September
* Detailed financial information - published in “Carry This Message”, in service of more transparency

Always looking for help on these committees: see MAWS website and Christine for more info

***MAWPM Announcements is an under-utilized source for answers to questions related to MAWS level activity and aforementioned ways to be involved….***

2.**Motion: Stop playing the speaker tapes daily at 2pm EDT.**

* July and September noticed a trend of decreasing interest in the MAWPM line speaker tape plays. They can be played ad hoc as requested, via CD as well.
* Console access required to play leads on the MAWPM line; internet needed to play podcasts
* Laura will take the announcement out of the script

**Motion: Stop playing the speaker tapes daily at 2pm EDT. Seconded. Motion passes. 12Y, 5A, 1N**

3.**Motion: Increase meeting time for SNL meetings for 90 minutes.**

* To accommodate potentially longer shares, large numbers of grateful seat-claimers, and additional shares from listeners, it would be good to have 90 minutes
* Recording would not include shares following the speaker
* Shortened, tailored to SNL new script might be necessary, but mandated 90 minutes may not be required
* Additional line in present script may be the only requirement, not necessarily another script
* Host discretion may be all that’s necessary
* If we were to make script changes, MAWPM would need to reconvene script committee to address
* Rapid fire seat claiming should remain in usual sequence
* Announcing variable length format could be confusing - make it 90 and keeping it fixed, don’t announce that it could be variable length

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4.**Motion: To reconvene the script subcommittee to address the new 90-minute format for the Saturday Night Live meeting.**

* Seat claimers should still be allowed to thank the speaker in the order they normally do
* Volunteers for Script Subcommittee: Leigh, Sally, Davy O., Jessie, Mike D.
* October GC will approve the script change to accommodate the extended time
* Ad hoc treatment of chairing the meeting occurs frequently
* Important to follow GC approved script directives
* New motion might be required to address some of these issues
* Feeling of rigidity within the script - good to address in script subcommittee
* Unity and expected consistency were overriding values in developing current script

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Motion tabled by submitter.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded.

**Motion to Adjourn**

**Serenity Prayer**

**Meeting ended at 00.00 Eastern**