**Marijuana Anonymous World Phone Meetings**

**Group Conscience Meeting Minutes**

**Sunday, August 8, 2021**

**Summary:**

* **MOTIONS PASSED**:
  + Amend all meeting scripts to extend the closing time of the meeting from 50 to 53 minutes after the hour.
  + Amend script request for volunteers to read one of the Twelves to state that the updated 12 Questions can be found on the MA website. "Life with Hope" printed copies contain the old version.
  + Approve [Newcomer meeting script](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gk7b5dCz3LZdrBYa4-qQ11LaUGjn4whWU4kf07zBoeM/edit?usp=sharing) as posted
  + Approve [Promises meeting script](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_vsWFu190tn5HO6aM6_g0ckf0Tfv-puBgvtEYHbOWZM/edit?usp=sharing) as posted
  + Distribute $193.75 to the Web Administrator to cover the annual website renewal fees.
  + Split excess 7th Tradition contributions collected, sending half each to Free Conference Call and MA World Services.
* **MOTIONS FAILED**: none
* **MOTIONS TABLED**: none
* **DISCUSSED BUT NO MOTION**: How to help blind members

**Meeting opened with Serenity Prayer at 1:10 PM Eastern**

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

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

**Roll Call: 13 present (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,14,57)**

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

**Subcommittee / Service Reports**

**- Web Administrator and Internet Subcommittee:**

Website changes:

* Updated chairperson lists
* Uploaded new script and reformatted MAWPM Announcements page
* Added safety verbiage to script
* Updated script announcement for 7th tradition fundraiser twice (discussion to follow in 7th Tradition Subcommittee update)

Web Admin Update

* Met with Mike once for training
* Working out duties between the two of us
* Mike will take over Web Administrator in September.
  + I am willing to be Assistant Web Admin unless someone else steps up.

Internet/Website Subcommittee Update

* Did not meet

**- Script Subcommittee: Met to create Newcomer and Promises meeting scripts (motions to follow). Members adjusted wording of Chairperson announcement as it didn’t make sense; asking forgiveness since we didn’t get permission. Members wrote safety language and posted it as per July GC.**

**- Chairperson Coordinator: No meetings open. Encouraging people to start new meetings, possibly last three days without 10PM meetings and afternoon meetings between noon and 8PM Eastern). Don’t focus on what time it is in your time zone but think of members in other locations. Rick is willing to continue being CP Coordinator indefinitely but would like someone to step up and take it over. Familiarity breeds contempt. “We are trusted servants. We do not govern.” He does not want to be seen as an authority figure.**

**- "A New Leaf" Liaison: Nothing to report. July anniversary dates have been submitted to ANLP. No article submissions.**

**- Treasury (7th Tradition Subcommittee): Eight donations raised for $230.33. Excess is $36.58 after the website fee of $193.75. Last year, the excess was donated to Free Conference Call. Morgan and Miriah reviewed the donation records and receipt for payment of website fees. Motions to follow to distribute the funds.**

**- Podcast Administrator and Speaker Tapes Subcommittee: One new podcast was posted yesterday. There are 88 podcasts currently posted. Another 40+ have not been posted from the past and from April to now.**

**- Not sure if there is anyone else on the subcommittee except Davy O. Need at least two people to be in the Subcommittee. Recordist makes sure SNL speaker share gets recorded on the console. Editor edits share which requires computer and technical skill. Takes 10 minutes to 2 hours to edit the share. There is a Podcast Administrator position approved by GC which uploads the shares after Console Administrator edits it; reminded of sobriety requirement and term lengths.**

**- District Service Subcommittee**(inactive; anyone can restart it for consideration at May 2022 MA World Services Conference )

**Old Business**

none

**New Business**

1. Discussion: How can we support members who are blind?
   1. Would need guidance on their needs.
   2. Joseph expressed willingness to serve on a subcommittee and offered his number if anyone wants to start one.
   3. Morgan submitted the motion. A blind member reached out for support. He is unable to press \*6-1 to share during the meeting.
   4. Rick attempted to communicate with a blind member. He has auto dialer on his phone so he can press a button on his earbuds to connect to numbers handsfree. Could this member use voice commands during the meeting to say “dial \*6-1”?
   5. Instead of addressing this, a one on one training or subcommittee could better help this individual. There is a lot of technology that should be able to help them.
   6. MA World Services is helping some members with accessibility to literature. There is a Representation and Accessibility committee to help those with disabilities and minorities in the fellowship. outreach@ marijuana-anonymous.org. MA as a whole might be better able to help.
2. Podcast Administrator position is open
   1. Added that position of Secretary is also vacant. Our previous Secretary is MIA. Made a call for someone to serve.
   2. Davy O is happy to continue serving in this role but would like to have others to take it over.
3. Motion from the Script Subcommittee: Amend all meeting scripts to extend the closing time of the meeting from 50 to 53 minutes after the hour.
   1. Meetings have been ending early. This allows time for at least one more share.
   2. Motion seconded. No objections. Motion passes by consensus.
4. Motion: Amend script request for volunteers to read one of the Twelves to state that the updated 12 Questions can be found on the MA app or website. "Life with Hope" printed copies contain the old version.
   1. Questions were changed at MA World Services. App has the old version.
   2. Amended motion: Amend script request for volunteers to read one of the Twelves to state that the updated 12 Questions can be found on the MA website. "Life with Hope" printed copies contain the old version.
   3. Seconded. No objections. Motion passes by consensus.
5. Motion to approve [Newcomer meeting script](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gk7b5dCz3LZdrBYa4-qQ11LaUGjn4whWU4kf07zBoeM/edit?usp=sharing) (linked) as posted
   1. Newcomer script created because a lot of newcomer info was removed from revised script.
   2. Added mentioning Newcomer page, literature and how to order, the app, and sponsorship.
   3. Comment that there are no instructions to press \*6 to mute/unmute when not in Q&A mode.
   4. Seconded. No objections. Motion passes by consensus.
6. Motion to approve [Promises meeting script](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_vsWFu190tn5HO6aM6_g0ckf0Tfv-puBgvtEYHbOWZM/edit?usp=sharing) (linked) as posted
   1. Highlighted addition of 2nd reading of “The Promises” or “Our Awakening”
   2. Seconded. No objections. Motion passes by consensus.
7. Motion: Distribute $193.75 to the Web Administrator to cover the annual website renewal fees.
   1. Seconded. No objections. Motion passes by consensus.
8. Discussion: What to do with the excess funds collected from 7th tradition fundraiser?
   1. We contributed last year’s excess to Free Conference Call to be fully self-supporting.
   2. We could also send it to MA World Services. If we did that, people might not be as inclined to contribute to MAWS individually.
   3. Chairperson requested a vote for where to send excess contributions. Roberts Rules of Order require 2/3 majority (67%).
   4. Vote: 54% voted for FCC (7 of 13)
      1. MAWS: 1, 2, 5, 7, 8,
      2. FCC: 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 14, 11
      3. Abstain: 57
   5. 2nd Vote: 62% for MAWS (8 of 13)
      1. MAWS: 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 14, 57
      2. FCC: 4, 6, 9, 10, 11
   6. Discussion in lieu of tabling to next month
      1. In Tradition 7, we are fully self-supporting declining outside contributions. If we were a land meeting, we might pay for use of a room. This is integrity if we pay our own way. We are using FCC service 4-5x/day everyday. Paying even a nominal amount shows we are not relying on them providing a service for us.
      2. Tradition 6: MA groups ought never endorse, finance or lend the MA name to any related facility or outside enterprise. FCC is a business.
      3. What is the FCC model? Company gets money from phone carriers. Some carriers won’t pay the fee and members have to access calls another way.
      4. Motion: Split excess 7th Tradition contributions collected, sending half each to Free Conference Call and MA World Services. Seconded. No objections. Approved by consensus.

**Announcements**

- 2021 MA World Convention will be via Zoom October 15-17. Hotels were not accepting reservations because of COVID so an in-person convention wasn’t feasible.

-  A ballot will be sent to all groups to vote on changing the word "God" to the phrase "Higher Power" in the short version of all applicable Steps and in Tradition Two, and after six months the results will be counted. If approved by three-quarters of voting groups, such a change will be made in all MA literature and online presences.

- MAWPM is considered one group. We have 32 meetings. We will have to announce in every meeting that the vote will be held at a particular GC. We vote in our home group. Outreach is preparing the vote now. It should come to either GC Chairperson or Web Administrator.

- Postpone announcement to membership until the official ballot comes from MAWS. Laura and Christine will be aware that it’s coming.

**Motion to Adjourn, seconded.**

**Closed with Serenity Prayer at 2:27 PM Eastern.**