**Marijuana Anonymous World Phone Meetings**

**Group Conscience Meeting Minutes:**

**Sunday, October 10, 2021**

**Summary:**

* **MOTIONS PASSED**: none
* **MOTIONS FAILED**: none
* **MOTIONS TABLED**:
  + Making Speaker Seeker a formal service position
  + Make separate Saturday Night Live script
  + Managing 2nd shares during meetings
* **DISCUSSED BUT NO MOTION**: none

**Opened with Serenity Prayer at 1:10 PM Eastern**

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

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

**Roll Call: 9**

**Summary of motions from** [**Last Group Conscience Meeting**](https://ma-phone.org/mawpm-meeting-minutes#679a3c8d-0704-4c80-910e-36de1d64de75)**’s Minutes were read**

**- Motion to approve minutes as read; seconded. No objections; motion passes.**

**Requested volunteer to be Secretary for this meeting. Meeting is being recorded. Jesse from OR will do the minutes from the recording.**

* **Secretary position is still vacant.**

**Subcommittee / Service Reports**

**Web Administrator and Internet Subcommittee**

- Website changes:

* Updated chairperson lists and script announcements with chairperson openings
* Former and current Web Administrators met for guidance on duties

**Script Subcommittee**(inactive)

**Chairperson Coordinator**

- There are a few open and vacant meetings.

- Rick’s last day as Chairperson Coordinator will be November 14. Stepping down is like tough love to have someone step up to take the position.

- He has been serving for 14-15 months and has upcoming work life changes. It doesn’t seem fair for one person to do it indefinitely.

- He is willing to serve as a Service Sponsor to someone who takes the position.

**"A New Leaf" Liaison**

* **No submissions have been received.**

**Treasury (7th Tradition Subcommittee)**(inactive)

**Podcast Administrator and Speaker Tapes Subcommittee**

**- New Podcast Administrator is not on the Speaker Tapes Subcommittee.**

**- It has been a busy month. About another 30 podcasts episodes have been uploaded. There is a plethora of recordings. There are about another 40 speaker shares to be uploaded.**

**- Looking into how to make podcasts searchable.**

**- Speaker seeking is not a committee and probably needs to be addressed through Group Conscience.**

**- Wondering if we need to reconvene Speaker Tapes Subcommittee about formalizing a Speaker Seeker service position. Two people are informally filling the role and limited access to a list of upcoming speakers.**

**- Suggested putting an agenda item for next month about this.**

**- A member volunteered to be on the Panel Subcommittee.**

**- Clarified three issues:**

**1. Format of Saturday Night Live script (reconvene Script Subcommittee)**

**2. Formalize Speaker Seeker as a service position**

**3. Panel Subcommittee (commissioned at last GC but no announcement was made about a meeting)**

**- Suggested the individuals involved in hosting and finding Saturday Night Live speakers be present when this is discussed.**

**- The individual who suggested starting a panel discussion meeting has lost interest in pursuing it. Clarified that someone who wants to start a new meeting can submit an agenda item for Group Conscience consideration.**

**- A subcommittee meeting needs to be open to anyone who wants to attend and not be between two individuals.**

**Old Business**

1. **Helping Blind members**

* A member tried to help the blind member. It seems to be a technology issue with the blind member’s phone where they had trouble pushing the buttons on the Free Conference Call app.

1. **Chairperson Coordinator could be a two-person position.**
   1. Current Chairperson Coordinator has no opinion about whether it should be a one or two person job.
   2. Current Chairperson Coordinator finds substitutes for known open meetings even though it is each chairperson’s responsibility to find their own substitute. The number of meetings has increased during Rick’s tenure. This is a large job.
   3. More often than not, people do find their own substitutes. Rick gets involved when a chairperson has an unexpected event and has been unable to find someone.
   4. A former Chairperson Coordinator shared that it is rare to have days they do not need to do something with managing meeting chairpersons. It could be advantageous to have a main and backup Chairperson Coordinator so someone with experience could step in to take the main position when terms end. This could work with strong communication between the two people.
   5. It is a myth that there is a list of people waiting in standby to take open meetings. People say, in good faith, that they are willing to substitute but may be unavailable when asked to fill in.
   6. Need to make sure people know Chairperson Coordinator position is open and evolving.

**New Business**

None submitted in advance of meeting

Member expressed concern that people are getting in the queue to share a 2nd time on the 7AM Eastern meeting without them having been asked for. The meeting is getting redundant with the same people sharing repeatedly.

* The statement about 2nd shares was removed from the script with the revision a couple of months ago.
* Maybe silence is OK and the chairperson or another member could read something instead of someone filling the silence with a 2nd share.
* Many hosts seem to be blind to the italicized portion of the script such as the suggestion to read literature during long silences.
* Another member stated he gets off of meetings because of long-winded individuals. He suggested adding to the script that 2nd shares could be done in fellowship.
* A 3rd member stated he doesn’t call into the 7AM meetings because of the 2nd shares which are “like a coffee club”. He stated this also happens in land meetings and it’s hard to regulate this other than reminding chairpersons that the italicized instructions are there to fill the silence. It would be nice to eliminate the “clique-y feel” of meetings.
* The Chairperson guidelines still say they can request 2nd shares but the instruction was removed from the script.
* Suggestion to add “second shares may be asked for if time permits” to the script.
* Suggestion to add “if you did not get a chance to share, second shares may be asked for” to the script. It seems belaboring and inconsiderate for the moderator to endure additional shares.
* Clarified that Web Administrator makes script changes according to Group Conscience decisions.
* **Motion:** Add to script “if you did not have a chance to share, second shares may be asked for”. Make this an optional italicized item. **Seconded. Motion rescinded.**
* Suggestion to add right before sharing starts: “Second shares may be asked for but there may be time after the meeting.”
* Suggested second shares should never be asked for. The issue is that people volunteer themselves to take a 2nd share during the meeting and in fellowship without having been given an invitation to do so. These people seem to have lost sight of principles before personalities and are interested in “performance art” for other attendees.
* Member feels insignificant when he hears someone taking a 2nd share and talking about how they’re performing.
* Important to make Chairpeople aware they are responsible for showing up at Group Conscience meetings. Chairperson Coordinator can remind people to come to GC meetings and review Chairperson Guidelines.
* **Motion:** Table this issue to next month. **Seconded.** No opposition.

**Motion to Adjourn, seconded.**

**Meeting closed with Serenity Prayer at 2:22 PM Eastern.**