**Marijuana Anonymous World Phone Meetings**

**Group Conscience Meeting Minutes:**

**Sunday, December 12, 2021**

**Summary:**

**MOTIONS PASSED**:

**Motion** to eliminate the Tuesday 10pm, Topic Discussion & Friday 10pm LGBTQ friendly meetings due to lack of interest. **Motion Seconded. Motion Voted. Motion Failed.**

**Motion** to change the Thursday 10pm, Young Peoples meeting to simply, Topic Discussion due to lack of attendance by youth members. **Motion Seconded. No opposition. Passed by Acclamation.**

**Motion** to add, that only those with at least 24 hours of sobriety can share, to our meeting script. **Motion Seconded. Motion Voted. Motion Passed.**

**Motion** to have Mike, Jay, Laura and Kristine formulate verbiage for this and submit at our next GC. **Motion. Seconded. No Opposition. Motion Passed**

**Motion** to make an addition to the Saturday Night Live Chairperson Guidelines to announce the different meeting format, saying that typically we don’t crosstalk but at the end of the Speaker’s share, people will be able to thank the speaker and say what resonated with them. Also, that the meeting may go longer than one hour to accommodate the Speaker’s share and thank-you’s. **Motion. Seconded. Motion Voted. Motion Failed**

**Motion** for the script subcommittee to revise the script for SNL chairperson. **Seconded. No Opposition. Motion Passed.**

**Motion** to accept the description of the Position, Saturday Night Live Speaker Coordinator as stated. **Seconded. No Opposition. Motion Passed.**

**Motion** to extend the meeting 15 minutes**. Seconded. No Opposition. Motion Passed.**

**Motion to Adjourn, seconded. No objections. Approved by unanimous consent.**

**MOTIONS FAILED**: None

**MOTIONS TABLED**: None

**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: 17**

**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, changing the three items under Motions Tabled to Discussed but No Motion.**

**-Motion to accepted amended minutes; seconded. No objections. Motion passed by acclamation.**

**Subcommittee / Service Reports**

- Web Administrator

 - Interim chairperson found fellows to take service positions

 - Website is completely up to date.

- Discussed with chairperson coordinator the lack of attendance to Tuesday and Thursday 10pm and listed it as inactive on website.

- Internet Subcommittee

 - No Report

- Script Subcommittee (inactive)

 - Inactive

- Chairperson Coordinator

 - 2 meetings open, Wednesday at noon every other week and

 - Lots of meetings were filled this last month.

- "A New Leaf" Liaison

 - No report

- Treasury (7th Tradition Subcommittee) (inactive)

 - Inactive

- Podcast Administrator

- Went through 132 records and updated text so that each has hypertext to point out specific information. I.e., doctors’ opinion, newcomer, ect.

- Posted SNL on Saturday night and added hypertext.

- Most current speaker shared a sobriety song

- Trying to post daily to get 2017 to current loaded, another 30-40 recording still needing to be posted.

- Average of 100 listeners per recording and 25,000 listens.

- Speaker Tapes Subcommittee (inactive)

 - Inactive

**Old Business**

- Group Conscious Secretary has been filled.

- Discussed creating the position, Assistant Chairperson Coordinator.

- Splitting job so that one person looks for speakers and one person chairs unfilled meetings.

- Create 2 jobs. (1 to be responsible for filling open meetings. 2. To fill vacant meeting.)

- Clarifying Chairperson Coordinator position.

 - Making a position to guide new hosts in how to lead a meeting.

 - We need a new chairperson coordinator for the phone lines

- MAWS will be putting out a ballot to change the word “God” to “Higher Power”

 - Ballot will go to every meeting, every group, every level.

**New Business**

- A member suggested that we start using Q&A mode for roll call. All participants would get in the que and chairperson would assign numbers to each person as the que is advanced.

- A member submitted the following:

1) **Motion** to eliminate the Tuesday 10pm, Topic Discussion & Friday 10pm LGBTQ friendly meetings due to lack of interest. **Motion Seconded. Motion Voted. Motion Failed.**

- Unfair to advertise a meeting when there is no meeting.

 - If LGBTQ is canceled it should be added to another part of our schedule.

- Tuesday meeting has shown good attendance, but it’s been hard to find a chair. Friday meeting, no one is identifying with the topic. Lack of attendance, lack of chairperson interest.

- People are calling in to these meetings but are calling in late. Have always been small and low attendance.

- Support for continuing to have a dedicated space for LGBTQ, maybe at another time slot.

2) **Motion** to change the Thursday 10pm, Young Peoples meeting to simply, Topic Discussion due to lack of attendance by youth members. **Motion Seconded. No opposition. Passed by Acclamation.**

- A few members showed interest in wanting to take on service positions.

- A member voiced concern that members may be sharing while under the influence and glorify their use.

1) **Motion** to add, that only those with at least 24 hours of sobriety can share, to our meeting script. **Motion Seconded. Motion Voted. Motion Passed.**

- Member discussed how will this be controlled / policed.

 - Suggested that its ok if you are high but please don’t share.

 - Doesn’t need to be policed just make it the meeting norms.

 - Reminder that we don’t police, we do not govern.

- Suggested that people who are under the influence can share after the meeting.

- Having this stipulation may encourage people to get 24 hours

 - Member who suggested motion would like to have the motion reworded.

- **Motion** to have Mike, Jay, Laura and Kristine formulate verbiage for this and submit at our next GC. **Motion. Seconded. No Opposition. Motion Passed.**

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 - Member suggested we make a separate script for SNL chairperson.

- Hosts do have the flexibility to let an individual meeting to go longer if needed

**Motion** for the script subcommittee to revise the script for SNL chairperson. **Seconded. No Opposition. Motion Passed.**

2) **Motion** to accept the description of the Position, Saturday Night Live Speaker Coordinator as stated. **Seconded. No Opposition. Motion Passed.**

**Responsibilities:**

* ●  Finds MA fellows to share their story and coordinates the speakers for the Saturday Night Live (SNL) meeting at 8pm EST.
* ●  Accepts recommendations and suggestions from other “speaker seekers” for fellows to share on SNL and is responsible for scheduling them to share.
* ●  The Speaker Coordinator will maintain a list of speakers that includes: the name, date and contact information of the speaker. The list will also include information about whether the speaker agrees to be recorded and if they do, if they agree to have it played on the MAWPM line and/or posted as a podcast.
* ●  Shares speaker list with SNL Chairperson and Podcast administrator. The SNL Chairperson will contact the speaker prior to their share to answer any questions (dial-in number, access code, meeting flow, approximate length of share,etc.).
* ●  Regularly attend the monthly MAWPM Group Conscience, report on the current status of confirmed speakers, and ask for help from the group as needed.
* ●  Two months prior to the completion of term, submit vacancy as an agenda item at GC and MAWPM script announcement. Agree to train their replacement.

**Requirements:** 6 months of continuous sobriety

**Term Length:** minimum: 6 months maximum: one additional term

**-** Suggested that we add this new position to script.

**-** Reminded that this is not a new position, just a description for the current position.

**-** Need to formally vote that current person filling this position be formally nominated.

**-** Discussion that since this is an existing position we do not need to formally vote in current person holding this service position.

**Motion to extend the meeting 15 minutes. Seconded. No Opposition. Motion Passed.**

**Announcements**

- The positions of Business Meeting Secretary is vacant & Chairperson Coordinator is open.

-MAWS is putting out ballot to change the word, "God," to, "Higher Power."

- MAWS conference delegates normally vote on things that effect MA as a whole, but with this large change, the vote is going out to every single member of MA. Our group conscious will calculate votes from MAWPM. Contact the outreach committee for more information. Conference is in May.

 - Need to clarify how to count votes.

 - Motion to discuss “god” vs “higher power” change

- Point of order: agenda page has rules of order that we have adopted, items that were not proposed as motions before the meeting are just discussion, items to be discussed on agenda must be submitted 3 days prior to the business meeting.

**Motion to Adjourn, seconded. No objections. Approved by unanimous consent.**

**Meeting closed with Serenity Prayer at 2:43 PM Eastern.**