**Marijuana Anonymous World Phone Meetings**

**Group Conscience Meeting Minutes:**

**Sunday, January, 9th, 2022**

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**MOTIONS PASSED:**

* **Motion** to accept the minutes from the last Group Conscious. **Seconded. No Discussion. No Opposition. Motion accepted by unanimous consent.**
* **Motion** to accept the amendment to the SNL script. **Seconded. Discussed. Voted. Motion is accepted with 10 yea’s and 1 nay.**
* **Motion** to accept the amendment to the seat claiming part of the SNL script. **Seconded. Discussed. No Opposition. Motion is accepted by unanimous consent.**
* **Motion** to form a subcommittee to put the subcommittee day and time meetings in the script so that people know there happening and bring back something next month. **Seconded. Discussed. No Opposition. Motion is accepted by unanimous consent.**
* **Motion** to make Thursdays meeting at 8pm a newcomer meeting. **Seconded. No Discussion. No Opposition. Motion accepted by unanimous consent**
* **Motion** to move LGTBQ meeting to Tuesday at 10pm and make Friday at 10pm an open topic meeting. **Seconded. Discussed. No opposition. Motion accepted by unanimous consent.**
* **Motion** to have Nafiza become our Chairperson Coordinator. **Seconded. Discussed. No Opposition. Motion accepted by unanimous consent.**
* **Motion to Adjourn. Seconded. Discussed. Motion accepted by unanimous consent.**

**MOTIONS FAILED**:

* **Motion** to accept the amendment to the script. **Seconded. Discussed. Voted. Motion Failed with 6 yea’s, 4 nay’s and 3 abstentions.**

**MOTIONS TABLED**

* **Motion** to table giving guidance to the Subscript Committee concerning the addition of the 24 hours of sobriety to our script. **Seconded. No Discussion. No Opposition. Motion accepted by unanimous consent.**

**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: 16**

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

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**Subcommittee / Service Reports**

- Web Administrator & Internet Subcommittee

 - Website has been updated and meetings have been stable.

- Image was added to our website that describes our telephones numbers and how to access them from your computer.

- Script Subcommittee

 - There is a script change that was created to address sharing while under the influence.

- Script had this addition:

 **We ask that you have 24 hours of sobriety to share during the meeting. If you have used in the last 24 hours, please speak with someone after the meeting**

-**Motion** to accept the amendment to the script. **Seconded. Discussed. Voted. Motion Failed.**

- This is in line with MAWS suggested meeting scripts.

- Members shared that they did not think the amendment was necessary.

- Point of order. Member clarified that changing the script was a passed motion from last month. This motion is whether this language is acceptable to the group.

- Member shared an alternate script that if a member has had any mind- or mood-altering chemicals, member thinks this may be more direct then simply saying sobriety.

-Member showed concern that mood stabilizers may be included in mind- or mood- altering chemicals.

- Member mentioned they were confused by the second half of the verbiage.

 - There was a motion to create a separate SNL script. The script had this addition:

**Tonight, is our “Saturday Night Live” speaker meeting. The format is a bit different from our other 8PM meetings. Our speaker, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, will share their experience, strength, and hope then you will be invited to join the queue to thank the speaker and claim your seat. If \_\_\_\_** (speaker) **has not gotten in the queue yet, please press \*6-1.**

 *[Chair: Press* ***\*02*** *to bring the speaker in. After confirming you have them…]*

*[Chair: If speaker has agreed to be recorded:*

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (speaker) **has agreed to be recorded for future playback. I will start the recording.**

*Press* ***\*9*** *to start the recording]*

**The floor is yours, \_\_\_\_\_\_** (speaker)**.**

*[Mute yourself locally on your phone so there is no background noise.]*

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*[After speaker shares]*

**Thank you \_\_\_\_\_** (speaker) **for sharing your experience, strength, and hope with us.**

**It's now time to get in the queue by pressing \*6-1 to claim your seat and thank the speaker. This means announcing your first name and, if you'd like, your location and day count. This helps us all know that we are not alone in this recovery process. Please mind your time while speaking. The meeting may run over a few minutes as we will give everyone in the queue a chance to speak.**

***[Chair: press \*02 to check the queue for seat-claimers.***

***Press \*04 to mute last caller.]***

 And

 *Closing (at 53 minutes after the hour or later if seat claimers are still in the queue)*

**Thank you everyone for being here tonight.**

- **Motion** to accept the amendment to the SNL script. **Seconded. Discussed. Voted. Motion is accepted with 10 aye’s and 1 nay**

-Member suggested it should be edited to fewer words then rescinds.

**- Motion** to accept the amendment to the seat claiming part of the SNL script. **Seconded. Discussed. No Opposition. Motion is accepted by unanimous consent.**

**Since we have more time during the meeting, we will invite our speaker to offer a recovery related question and invite you to get in the queue to share. Would the speaker please press \*6-1 to get back in the queue?**

*[Chair: Press* ***\*02*** *to bring the speaker in.*

**Is this \_\_\_\_\_? What question would you like to pose to the group as a discussion topic?**

*[Chair: Press \*04 to mute speaker]*

**\_\_\_\_ has suggested the question of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as a topic. To share, press \*6-1. The system will say, “You may now ask your question,” which means it’s your turn to share. Please keep your share to 2 minutes.**

- At the 2021 MAWS Conference, a motion was approved to send ballots to “all registered MA groups” to vote on changing references from God to Higher Power in the Steps and Traditions in all MA literature, on the website and in the MA app. After at least 6 months, the votes will be counted. A yes vote of at least ¾ of the returned ballots will be required to approve this change.

- Each meeting will get a vote: 32 MAWPM, 9 WIR, and 1 for the MAWMM if it reactivates.

- Technically, if a member attends multiple meetings, they will get a vote at each meeting. We need to decide, as a group, how we will communicate this to our fellowship, engage in conversations about the issue, and gather votes.

- Our suggestions are to add an announcement to the script, have topic meetings use this as a topic and/or host separate town hall type meetings outside the regular meeting schedule, and consider posting survey links on our website for each of our 32 meetings where members could vote for each meeting they attend.

- A member showed concern for the ability of members to vote multiple times.

- A member mentioned we should set up individual surveys for each meeting.

- A member suggested we tabulate every vote by first name and last initial.

- A member clarifies that every meeting gets ONE vote and members of that meeting vote to determine that meetings vote. This was clarified 100%

**Motion** to form a subcommittee to put the subcommittee day and time meetings in the script so that people know there happening and bring back something next month. **Seconded. Discussed. No Opposition. Motion is accepted by unanimous consent.**

- This does not have to be prepared for the May 2022 MAWS conference. It will extend past that.

- A member aggreged that a subcommittee is needed to properly inform our members and give them the opportunity to vote on this and discussed the importance of sticking with our tradition of making informed decisions. So, our fellows can understand exactly what we are voting on.

- A member proposed that it’s tabulated as a popular vote where each groups members votes are counted. Chair informed member that this a conversation for the subcommittee.

Chairperson Coordinator

- Tuesday 10pm has been gaining traction, we have had people step up to host but still need a permanent chair.

 - Friday 10pm still needs a host.

- “A New Leaf” Liaison

 - You can still send in your anniversary dates or any kind of pros to a new leaf.

 - An article was submitted about our podcasts.

 - They are always looking for stories.

- Treasury (7th Tradition Subcommittee) (inactive)

 - Inactive.

- Podcast Administrator & Speaker Tapes Subcommittee

 - Davey O.’s term is ending in 3 months, if interested please reach out.

- It’s currently set up to upload daily until we have got caught up on our backlog of recordings.

 - There will also be bonuses added from Life with Hope.

 - There is also 1 added every week from SNL.

 - About 30 added within the last month.

 - Almost 40k plays since we started just less than a year ago.

 - If you are listening, please be of service and give it 5 stars and leave a review.

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

**Old Business**

- Chairperson Coordinator is vacant.

- Podcast updates are going strong.

- Tuesday & Friday 10pm meetings are still active.

- Thursdays 10pm meeting has been changed from, young people meeting to topic discussion.

- Meeting script will soon incorporate a stipulation of sobriety to share.

- Mike, Laura & Kristine are working on the proper verbiage for this and will submit it to GC.

- Script subcommittee is working on revising the script for SNL chairperson.

- We accepted the description of responsibilities for SNL speaker coordinator.

**New Business**

- **Motion** to make Thursdays meeting at 8pm a newcomer meeting. **Seconded. No Discussion. No Opposition. Motion accepted by unanimous consent.**

- A member suggested that we discuss other timeslots to move the LBTGQ+ meeting too. Does anyone who chairs a topic discussion meeting interested in taking the torch?

-**Motion** to move LGTBQ meeting to Tuesday at 10pm and make Friday at 10pm an open topic meeting. **Seconded. Discussed. No opposition. Motion accepted by unanimous consent.**

- A member verified that Friday at 10pm will still exist.

- A member showed interest in becoming the chair for the Friday 1pm meeting

- A member of the group has volunteered to become Chairperson Coordinator.

- Nafiza has offered to be the Chairperson Coordinator and asked if she takes the position if she is responsible for chairing unfilled meeting.

**Motion** to have Nafiza become our Chairperson Coordinator. **Seconded. Discussed. No Opposition. Motion accepted by unanimous consent.**

- A member confirmed that the Chairperson guidelines states that it is not the responsibility of the Chairperson Coordinator to fill in for unfilled meetings or find substitutes for chairs that miss meetings.

- Rick was bid a loving and gratitude filled farewell.

- A member requested that the new Chairperson Coordinator reach out to Joe and let him know that there is a newcomer’s script for his newly changed meetings. As well as reaching out to the SNL chair to inform them of the new script.

- A member mentioned that there is some confusion about how the new Newcomer meeting may be chaired if they will follow the newcomer script or maybe make a motion to change the name to a Beginners Meeting.

- A member suggested that rick be a service sponsor for the new chairperson coordinator.

- A member suggested that each chair take more responsibility to find their replacements.

- It was clarified that chairs can find a temporary sub when they must miss a meeting, but it is the Chairperson Coordinators job to fill permanent chairs for meetings.

**Announcements**

-A member proposed that we change the Friday 10pm meeting to 11pm.

-Member was informed to submit this as a formal motion for next month.

**Motion to Adjourn. Seconded. Discussed. Motion accepted by unanimous consent.**

-Subscript committee asked for direction about failed motion for new script concerning 24 hours of sobriety to share.

**-Motion** to table giving guidance to the Subscript Committee concerning the addition of the 24 hours of sobriety to our script. **Seconded. No Discussion. No Opposition. Motion accepted by unanimous consent.**

**Meeting adjourned at 2:37pm. EST**

**Serenity Prayer**