**Marijuana Anonymous World Phone Meetings**

**Group Conscience Meeting Minutes:**

**Sunday, July 10, 2022**

**Summary:**

* **MOTIONS PASSED**:
  + Take the vote about MAWPM becoming a district in September.
  + **Have subcommittee bring back list of bullet points and dates/times for information sessions to August GC.**
  + Nominate Rachel as Chairperson Coordinator.
  + Activate 7th tradition fundraiser to cover $191.76 annual website fees.
* **MOTIONS FAILED**:
  + **Increase the fundraiser to $406.25 which would include a pair of air pods ($214.49) to be donated to the 2022 MA Convention. (only 33% voted yes)**
* **MOTIONS TABLED**: none
* **DISCUSSED BUT NO MOTION**:
  + Discuss sobriety requirements for SNL speakers; for example, sober from marijuana AND alcohol and/or a minimum of 9 months or 1 year clean time.

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**Opened with Serenity Prayer at 1:17 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: 11**

**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. Approved by unanimous consent.**

**Subcommittee / Service Reports**

* **Web Administrator**
  + **Updated script to add option of reading *Living Everyday with Hope* for 7AM meeting per GC decision.**
  + **Cleaned up MAWPM Announcements page.**
  + **Updated links to *Living Everyday with Hope* to the latest version from MAWS Literature Committee.**
  + **Updated chairperson lists.**
  + **Position of Web Administrator is still open. Assistant Web Administrator has not heard of anyone interested.**
* **Chairperson Coordinator**
  + **Tues 10AM, Wed 7AM & 8PM, e/o Wed noon, Fri noon, e/o Fri 8PM open**
  + **Getting calls from people interested in chairing including those with almost 60 days of clean time**
  + **Nomination to follow for Chairperson Coordinator in New Business**
* **“New Leaf” Publication Liaison Coordinator: position is very quiet. No e-mails or requests from members. Suggests members submit directly and that this position be eliminated altogether**
* **Podcast Administrator: no report**
* **Saturday Night Live Speaker Coordinator: no report**
* **Safety Support Team: no report**
* **Console Administrator: no report**
* **District Subcommittee:** 
  + **Met twice. There is interest in possibility of MAWPM becoming a district of MA.**
  + **MAWPM structure is different than land meetings. Land meetings generally each have a district representative and meet with the district monthly.**
    - **Each meeting has a chairperson that is to report monthly to GC.**
  + **Each meeting should have its own vote. Votes will be taken at each meeting and reported back to GC in August or September.**
  + **2 delegates would be elected to represent MAWPM at the annual MA Conference. MAWPM would need to pay their registration fee ($125-150 per person).**
  + **MAWPM Group Conscience would become MAWPM District Group Conscience Meeting.**
  + **Member expressed confusion about the voting. They thought the voting was going to be the same as other voting at GC, informing members about the upcoming vote and taking the vote at our regular monthly meeting.**
  + **Member said it’s hard to get meeting chairpeople to come to monthly GC. He spoke with the GC Chairperson about taking the vote at individual meetings.**
  + **Member shared they heard the end of the last subcommittee meeting and the group decided to vote at the regular monthly GC meeting.**
  + **Member said Davy O offered to hold an information session so people know what is involved and the vote would be taken in September or October.**
  + **Member said he also offered to be a contact person for information about becoming a district. He said it’s hard to get people to attend GC.**
  + **Motion to take the vote about MAWPM becoming a district in September. Seconded. No opposition. Approved by unanimous consent.**
    - **Member suggested subcommittee come up with bullet points for contact people, get with people who are willing to do information sessions to come up with dates, and bring this all back to GC.**
    - **Member wonders if October would be better than September because people’s schedules are generally changing. Could say a vote about becoming a district will be taken in the fall. Come to August GC to learn more. Could include that there will be an informational session, date TBD.**
    - **Member pointed out there is a super minority of people who come to meetings and say we need to continue doing things the way we’ve always done them. Stands by taking a vote by proxy. This issue will be overwhelmingly affirmative with no opposition. Expressed that the timing of the meeting stands in the way of more people being involved.**
    - **Member shared that there is a lot of apathy in the group about doing the business side who puts their trust in the trusted servants. It may or may not be due to the day/time of the meeting.**
    - **Member asserted that there is adequate time to get the information together for September vote.**
  + **Motion to have subcommittee bring back list of bullet points with dates/times for information sessions to August GC. Seconded. No opposition. Approved by unanimous consent.**

**Old Business**

**None**

**New Business**

1. **Motion to approve Rachel as Chairperson Coordinator. Seconded.**
   1. **Rachel has read the service position description.**
   2. **No opposition. Motion approved by unanimous consent.**
2. **Motion to activate the 7th tradition fundraiser for $191.76 to cover the annual website fees. Seconded. No opposition. Motion approved by unanimous consent.**
3. **Motion to increase the fundraiser to $406.25 which would include a pair of air pods ($214.49) to be donated to the 2022 MA Convention. Seconded. Two members opposed.**
   1. **Member asked for clarification of the motion. These are ear buds to be raffled at the Convention.**
   2. **Member thinks this should be two separate fundraisers and not combined into the one for the annual website fees.**
   3. Vote called: 3 Yes, 4 No, 2 Abstain. 33% majority. Motion fails.
   4. Member suggested we could say in the script announcement that we may decide as a group to contribute to the Convention raffle. The air pods contributed to the Convention last year made a lot of money for MAWS.
   5. Assistant Web Administrator clarified that in past years, the member collecting the 7th tradition contributions has informed the Web Administrator when the goal was met and the announcement was removed from the script. The distribution of excess funds was determined at GC, at least one year going to Free Conference Call HD to be fully self-supporting.
4. **(Not a motion) Discuss sobriety requirements for SNL speakers; for example, sober from marijuana AND alcohol and/or a minimum of 9 months or 1 year clean time.** 
   1. SNL Chairperson and SNL Speaker Coordinator discussed this. Can they allow someone with one month of clean time to share their story?
   2. Member feels strongly that alcohol sobriety should not be a requirement for speaking. People have all sorts of cross-addictions. They like a minimum time sober but endorse allowing speaker coordinator to determine with potential speaker.
   3. Member feels strongly that speakers should be clean from alcohol.
   4. Member said they are trusted servants and should be able to make the determination themselves.
   5. Member said it may be better to ask for alcohol sobriety but for singleness of purpose, we should stick with marijuana.
   6. Member said MAWS positions require alcohol sobriety too. The more restrictions we put on who can share, the harder it is going to be to find speakers. For consistency, we usually draft up requirements because trusted servants change.
   7. Member suggested the SNL Speaker Coordinator and Chairperson draft a formal motion and bring it back to August GC.
   8. Member shared that when she gives callouts for speakers at other meetings, she suggests they have enough recovery to carry the message in addition to the mess.

**Announcements**

* These service positions are open: Group Conscience Chairperson, Web Administrator, and Console Administrator.
  + Member asked how many Console Administrators there currently are.
  + Christine is one of them. Davy O still has the password and will stay on until someone steps up. Historically, there has been a lot to do when there were disruptors. There hasn’t been lately. The Console Administrator has access to all the speaker recordings and sends them to the Podcast Administrator as well as having the ability to end meetings and remove people from them.
* The MA Convention is October 7-9 in San Diego, CA. Parts of it will be available virtually. Information is available at mawsconvention.org.
* Helpful feedback received up to now about the new MA daily reflections book, *Living Everyday with Hope,* has included the suggestion to distribute subject matter throughout the year to achieve more variety, rather than group entries together by theme. You may continue to send constructive feedback to reflections @ marijuana-anonymous.org.
* The MA World Services Outreach Committee has finalized an updated version of their service handbook. The handbook is perfect for meetings, regions, and districts.

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

**Meeting closed with Serenity Prayer at 2:40 PM Eastern.**