**Marijuana Anonymous World Phone Meetings**

**Group Conscience Meeting Minutes:**

**Sunday, August 14th, 2022**

**Summary:**

* **MOTIONS PASSED**:
* Approved Morgan as a safety support team member.
* Nominated Morgan as console administrator
* To repay Laura $191.76 for the website hosting fee.
* Updating the script to “Please be of service and prepare to read one of the Twelves (The Steps, Traditions, Questions, Promises or Principles) our Awakening or The Dangers of Cross Addiction and enter the queue by pressing \*6-1” and add a link to our website for the Dangers of Cross Addiction.
* Add script announcement for the upcoming MA World Services Convention as follows: The MA World Convention, the annual recovery and social gathering for all of MA, will be held in San Diego from October 7-9.
* Approved the following list of benefits and important considerations about MAWPM becoming a District which will be shared with our members on the MAWPM Announcements page of the website, during an informational meeting.

BENEFITS

1. MAWPM has already been functioning with a service structure in alignment with MA Traditions and the Service Manual
2. 2 Delegates and an alternate would be elected and represent the Group Conscience of MAWPM at the Annual MA World Services Conference with official votes
3. Delegates can report information from the Conference back to our membership at our monthly Group Conscience meeting about the various activities of MA World Services (policies, goals, service opportunities and resources)
4. Allow MAWPM to become better connected with MA World Services Trustees and other District counterparts. This, in turn, strengthens the carried message.
	* 1. Other districts share how they have been handling problems, successes, group activities, and resources they have used in their groups.
		2. Learn about best practices and activities of MA World Services Trustees and Subcommittees, including service opportunities

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

1. The District will need to do a 7th Tradition Fundraiser to collect contributions to send the delegates to the Conference (may involve paying for travel in the future which could be several thousand dollars). The 2022 Conference was virtual and cost around $100 per person. Although the 2023 World Services Conference will be virtual, future Conferences could be in person and may cost several thousand dollars for travel to send our delegates.
2. There has been a lack of service in our group as evidenced by important service positions being filled by individuals longer than the defined service term or remaining unfilled. Finding individuals to serve as Delegates could be challenging.
3. If the Women in Recovery group and Dudes in Recovery group elect to join the District, there would need to be an additional District Group Conscience meeting to include all MA Phone Meetings.
* Having an Informational Meeting on September 6 at 7 PM Eastern where the talking points will be read, and members can ask questions or discuss their thoughts about becoming a District.
* Post that MAWPM is taking a vote at the September Group Conscience meeting about becoming an official district of Marijuana Anonymous.
* Sunday 10 am meeting be changed from a tradition meeting where we read traditions weekly to a meeting where the first meeting of the month is a tradition meeting and rest will be stories from our book life with hope.
* **MOTIONS FAILED**:
* Set SNL speaker minimum requirement of 90 days clean and the ability to carry the message of recovery working the program of Marijuana Anonymous.
* **MOTIONS TABLED**: none
* **DISCUSSED BUT NO MOTION**: none

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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: 18**

**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 & Internet Subcommittee
* Chairperson and scripts have been updated. Web admin is still unfilled.
* Chairperson Coordinator
* Monday at 12PM, Tuesday at 10AM, Wednesday and Thursday at 8PM and a Saturday 7AM rotation with 3 other fellows are available.
* “A New Leaf” Liaison
* Nothing going on, no contacts. If you want your anniversary date published, you can contact them directly.
* Podcast Administrator & Speaker Tapes Subcommittee
* No report
* Saturday Night Live Speaker Coordinator
* If anybody is interested in being a speaker, you can contact Jesse. We have speakers for the 20th and 27th and next opening is September 3rd. Question about length of time for shares discussed last meeting was not resolved.
* Safety Support Team
* We added an additional member to the team
* There was one issue that came up and it was resolved by the team after a team discussion.
* The team requires a minimum of 2 members and a maximum of 4.
* We would like to keep this a gender inclusive group.
* We do need to vote to approve new member at this GC
* **Motion** to approve Morgan as a safety support team member. Seconded. No opposition. **Passed by unanimous consent.**
* Requirements of position was read. It is posted on the ma-phone.org website.
* Console Admin
* We have someone who is interested.
* Position description was read.
* We do need to always have 2 console admins.
* **Motion** to nominate Morgan as console administrator. Seconded. No objection. **Passed by unanimous consent.**
* Treasure Report
* Fundraiser is complete, we had 8 donators and raised $192.79.
* **Motion** to repay Laura $191.76 for the website hosting fee. Seconded. No objection. **Passed by unanimous consent.**

**Old Business**

* None

**New Business**

1. **Motion** to add the dangers of cross addiction statement (located in life with hope Pg 191 3rd edition) to add script.

(As stated in our third tradition, the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using marijuana. There is no mention of any other drugs or alcohol. This is to adhere to our “singleness of purpose” concept, but many of us have found that the only way we can keep our sobriety is to abstain from all mind- and mood-altering chemicals, including alcohol.

When we give up the drug of our choice, a void is created. The initial struggle to abstain from marijuana use often leaves us vulnerable. To fill this void, we may start to use or increase the use of other substances such as alcohol, cocaine, pills, or other self-prescribed drugs. Although we may not now be addicted to these substances, their use can lower our inhibitions, leaving us open to repeating old patterns of thinking and behaving that can lead back to marijuana use. The fact that we became addicted to marijuana reflects a tendency toward behavior that may lead to cross addiction or substitution addiction to these substances.

To reiterate, the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using marijuana. It is important, however, to recognize the potential to create another problem as we strive to recover from this one.)

1. Clarify how much of this should be read. Also, when or where we should read this.
2. Discussed adding it as an optional reading for the start of meeting.
3. Also adding a button on the website

**Motion** to change the script from “Please be of service and prepare to read one of the Twelves (The Steps, Traditions, Questions, Promises or Principles) or Our Awakening, and enter the queue by pressing \*6-1.” To “Please be of service and prepare to read one of the Twelves (The Steps, Traditions, Questions, Promises or Principles) our Awakening or The Dangers of Cross Addiction and enter the queue by pressing \*6-1” and add a button to our website for the Dangers of Cross Addiction. Seconded. Discussed. No objection. **Motion passed by unanimous consent.**

1. There was a motion in December to restrict sharing to those with at least 24 hours clean, but the suggested script change did not pass. No one submitted another change, so the restriction was not enacted.
2. Point of order. Let’s get back to the motion proposed.
3. There was support for including this on the script.
4. **Motion** to add script announcement for the upcoming MA World Services Convention as follows: The MA World Convention, the annual recovery and social gathering for all of MA, will be held in San Diego from October 7-9. Portions of the Convention will be available virtually. The deadline for scholarship applications is August 15. Details are available at mawsconvention.org. Seconded. No Discussion. No objection. **Passed by unanimous consent.**
5. Scholarship will be removed after tomorrow
6. **Motion** to approve the following list of benefits and important considerations about MAWPM becoming a District which will be shared with our members on the MAWPM Announcements page of the website, during an informational meeting (if approved in later motion), and individually through designated contact people that members can call. Seconded. No discussion. No opposition. **Passed by unanimous consent.**

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3. If the Women in Recovery group and Dudes in Recovery group elect to join the District, there would need to be an additional District Group Conscience meeting to include all MA Phone Meetings.
4. **Motion** to have an Informational Meeting on September 6 at 7 PM Eastern where the talking points will be read, and members can ask questions or discuss their thoughts about becoming a District. Seconded. Discussed. No objection. **Passed by unanimous consent.**
5. Member volunteered to lead this.
6. Can we change the meeting time to accommodate west coast members.
7. Maybe we can have a subconference meeting if it interferes with another meeting time.
8. This will be added to the script.
9. **Motion** to post the following script announcement:

MAWPM is taking a vote at the September Group Conscience meeting about becoming an official district of Marijuana Anonymous. To better understand what this means for our group, an information session will be held on September 6 at 7PM on this line and members are available to discuss it individually. See the MAWPM Announcements page under the Readings and Resources tab of our website. All members are encouraged to learn about this and are eligible to vote at our September 11 Group Conscience meeting. The ONLY requirement for membership in Marijuana Anonymous is a desire to stop using marijuana. Your voice and your vote matter! Seconded. Discussed. No objection. **Passed by unanimous consent.**

a. How will members know who the contacts are? It will be on the announcements page.

1. **Motion** to change the format of the Sunday 10 am meeting from Traditions each week.  Maybe the Tradition for the month on first Sunday and read from the stories in Life with Hope for the other weeks.
	* 1. Prior motion rescinded.
2. **Motion** that the Sunday 10 am meeting be changed from a tradition meeting where we read traditions weekly to a meeting where the first meeting of the month is a tradition meeting and rest will be stories from our book life with hope. Seconded. Discussed. No objection. **Passed by unanimous consent.**
3. (Late submission) **Motion** to approve Morgan as Console Administrator. Motion Passed as seen under Console Admin report.

**9.** (Late submission) **Motion** to set SNL speaker minimum requirement of 90 days clean and the ability to carry the message of recovery working the program of Marijuana Anonymous. (This could be added to the Speaker Seeker Coordinator service position description.) Seconded. Discussed. Objections. Voted. **Motion failed**. (1 yea, 14 nay)

1. If 90 days is the minimum requirement that doesn’t seem long enough.
2. 90 days was discussed in consideration that the member could be returning.
3. Members have been in the program from many years and not worked the 12 steps.
4. Maybe add a stipulation that the person who shares should be working a program of recovery not just clean and sober.
5. It is important that we put our best foot forward for these as they represent our phone fellowship.
6. Member shared their person experience working the steps and feels 90 days to year is the time it took for the steps to sink in.
7. A member shared that if the speaker can share a message of recovery there should be no requirement.
8. Suggested that we use this information and come back next month with different parameters.

**Announcements**

- These service positions are open: Group Conscience Chairperson, Web Administrator, Secretary, and Console Administrator.

* Console admin was filled.
* \*9 to start and stop recording of meeting.

- The MA Convention is October 7-9 in San Diego, CA. Parts of it will be available virtually. Information is available at [mawsconvention.org](http://mawsconvention.org).

**Motion to Adjourn.** Seconded. No discussion. No objection. **Passed by unanimous consent**.

**Meeting closed with Serenity Prayer at 2:36pm Eastern.**