**Marijuana Anonymous World Phone Meetings**

**Group Conscience Meeting Minutes:**

**Sunday, October 10th, 2022**

**Summary:**

* **MOTIONS PASSED**:
* Approved the minutes from September.
* To change the meeting script where it states that sharers should use 'I' statements to “Please use 'I' statements instead of speaking for the group or others by using Us, We, You, or Our".
* to accept Rachel as Assistant Web Administrator.
* **MOTIONS FAILED**:
* To change the sobriety requirement for chairing meetings from 60 to 30 days.
* **MOTIONS TABLED**:
* To ﻿Create a service position for H&I for our MAWPM group, using guidelines from MA world services <https://marijuana-anonymous.org/wp-content/uploads/HI-Handbook-as-of-October-2020.pdf>
* **DISCUSSED BUT NO MOTION**: none

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**Opened with Serenity Prayer at 1:15 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: 12**

**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 (no motions to approve)**

- Web Administrator

* Rachel has expressed interest in assistant web admin which would give her have direct access to updating the chairperson list on the website.
* Nomination is in new business
* Website changes for the month; updated the chairperson list and script announcements, updated the homepage with the 988 suicide and crisis lifeline information which was formally called the national suicide prevention lifeline. Maybe we should add for the Canadian if that’s available, updates MAWPM announcements page, added information about upcoming MA townhall on Oct 22nd for the voting process of changing God to Higher Power, removed references and the service position description for the ANL lesion on the website and directed readers to The New Leaf website, deleted the ANL email address.
* Internet and website committee has not met.

- Chairperson Coordinator

* Open meetings are Sunday 10am, Monday at noon, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 8pm, the second Saturday at 7am, Saturday at noon.
* We did fill Monday at 10am.

- Podcast Administrator

* No report/Absent.

- Saturday Night Live Speaker Coordinator

* We need speakers for next week and November and December.

- Safety Support Team

* Worked with a couple of members last month to ease a conflict.

- Console Administrator

* Everything is good, they have been sending the podcast to the podcast admin.

**Old Business**

1. **Motion** to Create a service position for H&I for our MAWPM group, using guidelines from MA world services <https://marijuana-anonymous.org/wp-content/uploads/HI-Handbook-as-of-October-2020.pdf>

* No one spoke for the motion.
* **Tabled**

2. **Motion** to change the sobriety requirement for chairing meetings from 60 to 30 days. Seconded.

* There’s a need for chairpeople and this may open it up.
* We have more meetings than ever.
* It could be very helpful for someone coming up on 30 days to be able to weave themselves into the program.
* There are concerns about 30 days not being long enough.
* Changing from 30-60 days probably won’t increase the pool of candidates very much.
* A bigger hurdle for people may be the 6-month commitment requirement.
* Suggested that we consider the commitment to host should be 60-90 days with the option of up to 1 year.
* Point of order, this is about sober time to chair a meeting.
* Suggested members get a sponsor first, start working the steps then be open to service.
* There are some hard challenges chairs face that may be hard for a newcomer.
* We have a very high rate of relapse and offering someone a service position it may be what keeps someone sober in early recovery.
* Because we are online, we don’t have service positions like an in person meeting that a newcomer could take on like greeter, putting chairs away, coffee. Etc.

- voted. 5 yes, 4 no, 2 abstain, **motion failed**.

**New Business**

1. **Motion** to change the meeting script where it states that sharers should use 'I' statements to “Please use 'I' statements instead of speaking for the group or others by using Us, We, You, or Our". Seconded.

* As a host and participant, it is triggering to hear people sharing using you often,
* There are several people who constantly use the ‘we’ statement, using ‘we all’ or ‘you all’ when it in fact doesn’t relate.
* It seems when people use the terms, they aren’t malicious its likely just sloppy communication and in recovery we need to refrain from being lazy in our communication
* When we are talking about the steps or literature, love and tolerance is out code. some people call in late.
* Tolerance and patient with those who aren’t following the suggestion to use ‘i’ statements
* Using ‘you’ seems overstepping and advice giving but ‘we’ seems more of a unity piece.
* Clarification that this is specifically meant for people sharing not in reference to our literature.
* It was read in context of the script.
* Concern that it could create another impediment for people who want to share.
* It feels like sometimes people are taking the role of a teacher or lecturer on the phone line and if we can change the language to help people focus more on their own experience strength and hope.
* Suggested to include in the script we are not here to teach or lecture.

- No objection, **Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

2. **Motion** to accept Rachel as Assistant Web Administrator. Seconded. No discussion. **Motion passed unanimous consent.**

**Announcements**

* These service positions are open: Group Conscience Chairperson, Assistant Web Administrator, and Secretary.
* We need speakers for our SNL speaker meeting. Pease reach out to Jesse if you are interested.
* There will be a Town Hall about the voting procedures, including the online ballot and obtaining a Group Conscience, for the upcoming fellowship wide vote about changing God to Higher Power in our literature on October 22 from 1-2:30 PM Eastern. This is NOT a Town Hall to debate the motion. See the MAWPM Announcements page for the Zoom log in credentials.

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

**Meeting closed with Serenity Prayer at 2:04pm Eastern.**