**Marijuana Anonymous World Phone Meetings**

**Group Conscience Meeting Minutes:**

**Sunday, November 13th, 2022**

**Summary:**

* **MOTIONS PASSED**:
* Approved the minutes from our October GC.
* To form a subcommittee to determine options for voting and bring them back to GC.
* To form a subcommittee to write an agenda item submission to MA World Services requesting to become a district.
* Motion to adjourn.
* **MOTIONS FAILED**:
* To create a subcommittee for H&I for MAWPM.
* **MOTIONS TABLED**: None
* **DISCUSSED BUT NO MOTION**:
* The abundance of meetings needing chairs and what can be done to remedy the issue.

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**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: 9**

**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

* Updates, Rachel was trained on how to update the website
* Researched a free way to get password protection for the website, if anyone can support, please reach out.
* Added script update that was approved from last GC.
* Website and internet subcommittee did not meet this month

- Chairperson Coordinator

* Meetings that need chairs are Sunday at 10am, Monday at noon, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 8pm and Thursday at 10am and the second Saturday at 10am.
* A member offered to chair the Tuesday night at 8pm but would like to do a rotation with 2 or 3 other people and we are working that out.

- Podcast Administrator

* Has been posting about every other week.

- Saturday Night Live Speaker Coordinator

* Attendance at SNL is low nowadays, try and spread the word

- Safety Support Team

* No activity

- Console Administrator

* Everything is going smoothly
* SNL recording was sent within 24 hours, just want to be sure link was received.
* Free conference call recording calls are kept on file until deleted, we should discuss how to clean out older records. There will be a proposal on how to deal with this perhaps next month.
* There is a limited amount of space for storing recordings.
* SNL recording process was, they are sent to podcast admin, edited, then sent back to console admin where it goes on the website on the recording sections not the recorded section with no repercussions.
* There is also a hard drive where the recordings go to, so there are 2 backups.
* There is no need to keep the original version once it is on the google drive and the free conference call recorded section.
* Once minutes get finished for the GC that is the official copy so we don’t need to keep backups.

**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>

* We need to be voted in as a district before we can move forward with this
* There is a need for this with interactions all over the world and this is a world district so we could have our own panel.
* We have done this in the past and it worked out well.
* Since we are a phone line maybe we could have a phone line that people could call in to.
* Looking to get a group conscience if there is any interest as a group.
* If this sparks someone’s interest maybe, they can move this forward.
* **Updated Motion** to create a subcommittee for H&I for MAWPM. No second. **Motion failed.**

**New Business**

1. **Discussion** (no motion): How to get group conscience and complete ballots about changing God to Higher Power in the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions (short form, not everywhere in the literature) for each of our 32 meetings

* Each meeting takes a GC and casts a ballot
* We get to decide how those votes will be taken, we can do this at each of our 32 meeting or we can take 1 vote at GC level.
* If we do it at each of the 32 meetings, votes could be staked, we could request the honor system.
* We could have one person as the contact person to calculate the votes, using a script change to let everyone know who they can reach out to vote. We can document using first name and location to document.
* **Motion** to form a subcommittee to determine options for voting and bring them back to GC. Seconded. No opposition. **Motion Passed** by unanimous consent.

1. **Motion** to form a subcommittee to write an agenda item submission to MA World Services requesting to become a district. Seconded. No opposition**. Motion passed** by unanimous consent.

* There are a series of meetings about how to do this
* The document and agenda item has been started but we need more support.
* If another person or two can support on this matter that would be appreciated.

**Announcements**

- These service positions are open: Group Conscience Chairperson and Secretary.

* GC chairpersons last month will be December. We will need to find a new GC chairperson.

- We need speakers for our SNL speaker meeting. Please reach out to Jesse if you are interested.

-  **Service Opportunities in the MA World Services Committees**

**Conferences and Conventions:**  
Email to get involved [CoCo@Marijuana-Anonymous.org](mailto:CoCo@Marijuana-Anonymous.org)

* Conference Agenda Committee
* Convention Handbook Subcommittee
* 2023 Convention Planning Committee

**Finance:**  
Email to get involved [Treasurer@Marijuana-Anonymous.org](mailto:Treasurer@Marijuana-Anonymous.org)

* Finance handbook for Districts
* Milestone Chips Subcommittee

**Internet:**  
Email to get involved [Internet@Marijuana-Anonymous.org](mailto:Internet@Marijuana-Anonymous.org)

* General internet work to maintain the website
* PI website redesign committee
* App development for a new Marijuana Anonymous App

**Literature:**  
Email to get involved [Literature@Marijuana-Anonymous.org](mailto:Literature@Marijuana-Anonymous.org)

* Stories subcommittee: curating stores for Life with Hope 4th edition
* Detoxing Pamphlet Subcommittee: revising the pamphlet on Detoxing to include brief introduction to Cannabinoid Hyperemesis Syndrome (CHS) & Cannabinoid Induced Psychosis (CIP) which may evolve into additional pamphlets for both CHS and CIP.

**Newcomer Support:**  
Email to get involved [Newcomer@Marijuana-Anonymous.org](mailto:Newcomer@Marijuana-Anonymous.org)

* General committee work of responding to support requests
* Subcommittee for drafting the training materials for responding to Support requests
* Subcommittee For facilitating future workshops for the newcomer and sponsors alike. (Minimum 6 month sober time requirement)

**Outreach:**  
Email to get involved [Outreach@Marijuana-Anonymous.org](mailto:Outreach@Marijuana-Anonymous.org)

* General outreach work to support groups/meetings and districts/regions
* New Meeting Starter Kit (NMSK) subcommittee to rewrite the NMSK and information about how to host a business meeting.
* Representation and Accessibility

**Policy and Procedures:**  
Email to get involved [PP@Marijuana-Anonymous.org](mailto:PP@Marijuana-Anonymous.org)

* Trustee Training Handbook and Materials
* Drafting 2023 Conference Agenda items that will be sponsored by P&P

**Public Information:**  
Email to get involved [PublicInformation@Marijuana-Anonymous.org](mailto:PublicInformation@Marijuana-Anonymous.org)

* Social media subcommittee helping to manage content for Instagram and Facebook
* Website Redesign subcommittee

Additional announcement

* H&I will be having a meeting tomorrow, Monday at 8am EST reach out for more information.

Discussion

* SNL script says “you can now get in the queue to read the 12 steps” which doesn’t really give anyone the option like we do in our chairperson script.
* Because we created an SNL specific script, we have not been updating it with the changes we have been making. The script will be updated to reflect the changes we've made.

**Motion to Adjourn.** Seconded. Opposed.

* We need to redefine or update the position of the chairperson coordinator. We have a lot of meetings that are open, and we need to find a way to fill those meetings.
* This may not be about the position’s description, but more about how to get more meetings filled.
* Vote to close, 7 opposed. **Motion to adjourn failed.**
* Sharing about the importance of service may be useful.
* If we know a meeting is open, maybe we can create a text update system.
* Anyone can go on the website and see the MAWPM meeting chair list and download the pdf file, the passcode is the host code. There is a list of backups and will show vacant if it’s completely open with no host. Some say open which means the meeting is being covered but not technically filled. Whereas others say vacant which means they are not being covered or filled.
* The actual requirements for the chairperson coordinator do not include finding substitute hosts for vacant meetings and if a chairperson cannot cover their meeting it is their responsibility to find someone to cover.
* It seems a reasonable requirement for the future that the chairperson coordinator tries their best to find a substitute to fill vacant meetings.
* We should create a subcommittee or have a vote about how to get these meetings filled.
* It needs to be something active on the chairperson coordinator duties.
* It’s a tall order for a single person.
* We should consider having an assistant chairperson coordinator position again.
* We have an abnormal number of open meetings currently.
* Sometimes having these gaps let people know we really need people to set up to chair but also for the newcomer it is important to have structure and a meeting for them to show up to.
* It seemed easier back in the day before Q & A that a person could just jump in and chair without any experience.
* We need to announce more that it’s okay to step up and jump in if a meeting has no chair.
* 32 meetings a week is a lot for 1 person to cover.
* If we do decide to have an assistant position perhaps, they could be responsible for putting on a recovery related recording during open meeting so that there is something there to show up for.
* This has been done before but the problem is that you must have console administration access.
* If someone can start the recording, you can just hang up.
* Chairperson coordinator would need some advance notice and a lot of our recording right now are only a half hour. A lot of people jump on late so if we start the recording on time by 8:30 the line will be blank again.
* What if we came up with a select group of recordings that will fill an hour’s time, weather its SNL or another source maybe we can make a library.
* Another thought is there are people who want to chair but the openings don’t coincide with their schedule.
* We can teach fellows in advance how to chair so that when a meeting becomes available, they can jump in.
* Someone needs to make a motion for next month’s GC to create a chairperson coordinator assistant position.
* Is there anything we can do tonight to add to the script to help get these meetings filled.
* Perhaps we can all try to get into the announcements at the end of meetings and share that we are looking for chairs and even if you are just thinking about being a chairperson, reach out.
* The position of chairperson coordinator position carry's a burden to keep up on stuff.
* A tweak for our announcements could be to emphasize that these meetings are vacant and have no chairperson and that these other ones are open.
* Can we set up a way to have recording play on a set schedule? No, they must be done manually for each meeting.
* With some regularity someone does step up in a meeting within the first 5 minutes and we even had a newcomer lead.
* We should table this so that our current chairperson coordinator can be present for this conversation.

**Motion to close the meeting.** Seconded. No discussion. **Passed by unanimous consent**.

**Meeting closed with Serenity Prayer at 2:24 pm Eastern.**