**Marijuana Anonymous World Phone Meetings**

**Group Conscience Meeting Minutes:**

**Sunday, April, 10th, 2022**

**Summary:**

* **MOTIONS PASSED: 5**
* To add to script, that this if these guidelines are crossed, any member can ask the chairperson to reread the crosstalk statement. (To go at the end of the crosstalk paragraph.)
* to Create Safety Support Team Member service position as per attached Service Position Description.
* To nominate Mariah as Safety Support Team Member.
* To add Safety Support page to the website under the Readings and Resources tab.
* To change the phone number exchange portion of the script.
* **MOTIONS FAILED: 0**
* **MOTIONS TABLED: 0**
* **DISCUSSED BUT NO MOTION: 1**
* Suggested that members reread the crosstalk statement when needed.

**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: 14 present**

**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; seconded. No objections. Approved by unanimous consent.**

**Subcommittee / Service Reports**

* Web Administrator & Internet Subcommittee
* Website has been updated to reflect changes in the meetings
* Updated the script to take out the newly updated 12 questions part
* There is a motion today, #3 to update the script to reflect the Thursday 8pm newcomer meeting, assistant web administrator will update that now, so we don’t have to cover it later.
* Chairperson Coordinator
* Monday 7am needs a chair, 10am Monday needs a chair, 8pm Tuesday is vacant XXXX every other Wednesday at noon will be vacant soon, which is a newcomers meeting. Lots of interest in the 7am.
* “A New Leaf” Liaison
* Very quiet, the last email received was in august of 21. If anyone would like to have their birthday posted it may be faster to send it directly. The position
* Podcast Administrator & Speaker Tapes Subcommittee
* Everything is working well. Last night’s SNL is posted. About 45,000 downloads and audience is around 250.

**Old Business**

* Safety subcommittee report
* Met two times with 6-8 persons at each meeting. Discussed the current challenges brought to light. There are 4 motions that are listed under new business to address these issues.

**New Business**

* A member has expressed concern that meeting chairs have been engaging in cross talk. We need to remember that the no cross talk rule is there to respect and protect our members.
* There are times chairpersons are commenting beyond what’s typical.
* Need clarification about what is too much for a chairperson to say.
* Chairs and people who are sharing seem to be having a two-way conversation.
* On website we have chairperson guidelines that address this.
* Shared that when a chairperson comments on their share they do not feel safe.
* Chairs should respect the no cross talk rule as stated in the script.
* Maybe have a trainer for chairs.
* Does chairperson coordinator have authority to follow up with chairs about this.
* Chairperson Coordinator position description was read.
* Chairperson Coordinator can provide guidelines and asks that if chosen by group conscious, they address chairs who are cross talking.
* Fellow shared that another member corrected them about their share. Member suggested that chairs also remind members that there is no cross talk between shares.
* Sometimes it’s hard to correct a chair that has been chairing for a while.
* Maybe create an assistant Chairperson

Coordinator.

* Current chairperson has time to address this issue.
* How is coordinator to be informed about specific crosstalk situations.
* Coordinator can better train new members to not cross talk but how do we address members that are already chairs.
* Chairperson subcommittee can check in during this monthly meeting to see if anyone needs support with cross talk.
* Is saying I’m sorry for your loss cross talk.
* Specific direction was read about how chairs should respond.
* It’s hard with all the different personalities, some chairpersons are more assertive, and some are less assertive.
* Sometimes fellows jump in to chair and are not properly trained.
* **Motion** that this if these guidelines are crossed, any member can ask the chairperson to reread the crosstalk statement. (To go at the end of the crosstalk paragraph.) **Seconded**
* If someone wants to correct, they may not get in the que fast enough to
* It may be a little embarrassing to call people out and make them not want to chair.
* Clarification is needed what the chairperson coordinators job requires.
* Favored that member reach out to Coordinator directly and during GC.
* Member shared about experience with cross talk and how harmful it can be.
* Sometimes people need to be interrupted and corrected.
* If a chair is cross talking, then a fellow can state that they do not want cross talk on their share.
* To be inserted at the end of the crosstalk paragraph.

**No Objection. Motion Passed**.

* A member would like us to remember humility while participating in our meetings. Mentioning other members by name while sharing about service work has caused discomfort.
* Suggested that members reread the crosstalk statement
* We need to update the script to reflect a motion that was passed in January GC. (“Motion to make Thursdays meeting at 8pm a newcomer meeting”) Recommended script change (after we welcome newcomers): "Please stay on the line after the meeting to ask questions, receive support, and learn about recovery resources. Please join us Wednesdays at noon and Thursdays at 8pm Eastern time for our newcomer meetings."
* 8pm Wednesday is not listed as a newcomer meeting on the script.
* Correction, it has been updated by assistant web administrator.
* **Motion** to Create Safety Support Team Member service position as per attached Service Position Description

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kbrcXHgBhCiZx1odE4bKz9EnqO26_PHiZJ9Z3iQVwo0/edit?usp=sharing>

* Description was read.
* Seconded. No objection, motion passed.
* **Motion** to nominate Mariah as Safety Support Team Member
* **Seconded. No objection. Motion passed.**

-if there is a minimum of two is there another person available?

* Committee will work to fill
* **Motion** to add Safety Support page to the website under the Readings and Resources tab as follows:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/106mDRkiPK4n89NS7iOKqrjZjwmjIOSS9QohAYAnCxV8/edit?usp=sharing>

* **Seconded. No objection. Motion passed.**
* **Motion** to change the phone number exchange portion of the script as follows:

*Replace this section:*

“MEETING AFTER THE MEETING

We are responsible for our own recovery. We encourage members to develop a support network by getting phone numbers. We work recovery for ourselves, not by ourselves. If you would like to share your phone number in this public space, please join the queue.  I will now put us in Q&A mode, so press \*6-1 to share your number.

*[Chair: Press \*01 to go back to Q&A.]*

Everyone is welcome to share their number. Mention your willingness to be a sponsor or temporary sponsor. Sponsorship enhances recovery through one-on-one guidance on working the Twelve Steps and applying them in your life. We suggest you listen for those who “have what you want.”

If an outreach call makes you feel uncomfortable, consider ending contact with that individual.”

*With this:*

“MEETING AFTER THE MEETING

I will put our call back in Q&A mode for phone number exchange.

*[Chair: Press \*01 to go back to Q&A.]*

We have found telephone contact with other MA members between meetings to be supportive to maintain sobriety. We suggest that newcomers take down phone numbers from those who share and call the people you feel comfortable with.

For those who do share, please be mindful that you are sharing in a public space. No one is required to give out their phone number. If an outreach call makes you feel uncomfortable, consider ending contact with that person and refer to the Safety Support page on our website where Safety Support Team contacts are listed. Inappropriate incidents are infrequent, but they have happened.

Mention your willingness to be a sponsor or temporary sponsor. Sponsorship enhances recovery through one-on-one guidance on working the Twelve Steps and applying them in your life. We suggest you listen for those who “have what you want.”

* **Seconded, no objection. Motion passed.**
* this is closer to an older script that was changed In early 2020.
* The celebration of life observed last Sunday was a success.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded, no discussion, no opposition. Passes by unanimous consent.**

**Meeting closed with Serenity Prayer at 2:28 PM Eastern.**