**Marijuana Anonymous World Phone Meetings**

**Group Conscience Meeting Minutes:**

**Sunday, February 12, 2023**

**Summary:**

* **MOTIONS PASSED**:
  + Allow voting per Bylaws in every meeting someone attends.
  + Hold five Town Hall Information Discussion Meetings to discuss vote from God to Higher Power in the Steps and Traditions.
  + Form delegate selection subcommittee.
  + Approve [Group Service Representative service position description](https://docs.google.com/document/d/14Y3ifgxPb1sGqpyMYcLEWCZktifI9IJejwDCE3zBYDs/edit?usp=sharing)
  + Approve Tess as Group Conscience Chairperson
  + Approve Rick as Chairperson Coordinator
* **MOTIONS WITHDRAWN**: Change the Group Conscience meeting to 8 PM on the 1st Monday of each month in subconference #3
* **MOTIONS TABLED**: none
* **DISCUSSED BUT NO MOTION**:
  + How to handle 7th Tradition collection for delegates to attend MA Conference
  + Change script announcement to eliminate long list of meeting openings and give a positive message about the benefits of hosting
  + Do we have more meetings than we realistically have hosts for?

**Opened with Serenity Prayer at 1:16 PM Eastern after a previous GC Chairperson stepped up to lead the meeting**

[**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: 17**

**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**

Website changes:

* Rachel and I updated chairperson lists and script announcements
* Updated MAWPM Announcements page
* Added [delegate@ma-phone.org](mailto:delegate@ma-phone.org) email account and forwarded it to Christine
* Added MAWMM (Dudes in Recovery) script to website
* Removed forwarding of [agenda-mawpm@ma-phone.org](mailto:agenda-mawpm@ma-phone.org) email to Tess – I am now receiving those emails in the absence of Secretary and GC Chairperson
* Posted agenda for today’s meeting

Internet/Website Subcommittee Update:

* Conferred with a member of the Internet Subcommittee about request to post Vote forum dates to the script announcements and determined this needs to be approved by GC before posting

- **Chairperson Coordinator**: Half of open meetings have been filled. Tues 10pm, Wed 10am and 8pm, 1st and 2nd Sat 7am and SNL Sat 8pm meetings open.

- She is stepping down and someone has volunteered to step up later in the agenda.

- **Podcast Administrator**: no report

- **Saturday Night Live Speaker Coordinator**: not present. Speakers for next 2 Saturdays and open after that.

- **Safety Support Team**: Brief conversation this month solved by Team Member with communication assistance. Grateful there is a place to help with this.

- **Console Administrator**: everything is status quo. Podcast Admin gets recordings within 24-48 hours.

- **Subcommittee for God to Higher Power vote**: Met a few times. Two approaches:

1. Each person in MAWPM to have one vote. Easiest way is for everyone to call a phone number, listening to message asking them to vote yes or no with their name, because everyone in MAWPM knows how to use a phone. Google Voice number will need to be attached to someone’s actual phone number. With Google Voice number, there is a recording and transcript of the phone call. Subcommittee Chair has tried it but hasn’t been able to adjust the outgoing message yet. More will be revealed.

2. Have voting at each individual meeting over 1-3 weeks where at a set time, there will be a vote. Announce date in advance. A volunteer will officiate the vote for the meeting, asking them to get in the queue to vote yes or no. If you go to multiple meetings, you can vote at each of them.

Neither of these ways conflict with MA World Services guidelines.

WIR is using a website to make the votes where they can do multiple votes at one time. Not everyone in MAWPM may be digitally savvy so phone might be better.

Town Hall Meetings: Important for people to discuss this. Many have already made up their minds. Discussion gives us more information and broadens understanding. Before the vote, we will have a number of Town Hall Meetings where people can discuss the issue of God or Higher Power. Dates have not been determined because we need to decide how MAWPM will vote.

**Motion:** Allow voting per Bylaws in every meeting someone attends. Seconded.

* **Discussion**: People will be able to vote at meetings they attend. Member asked for clarification of Bylaws regarding how many votes members get.
* **No objection. Motion approved by unanimous consent.**

**Motion:** Hold five Town Hall Information Discussion Meetings to discuss vote from God to Higher Power in the Steps and Traditions. Seconded.

* **No objection. Motion approved by unanimous consent.**

A member expressed concern about content on Marijuana Anonymous website from outside sources. She was directed to contact World Services.

**Old Business**

1. Elect 2 delegates and an alternate for the 2023 MA World Conference

[Delegates shall be elected by the Third Legacy Procedure](https://mawsconference.org/delegates/electing-delegates/)

- Conference Registration is from March 1 to May 1 (we will need 7th Tradition funds to pay for this)

- Mandatory delegate training sessions are in May

**- Comments:** We run the annual fundraiser for the website for 7th Tradition. We now need to back up becoming a district with funds which was discussed when pros and cons were previously presented. The Conference is going to be virtual this year. Person who previously volunteered to be alternate is not able to. Suggested forming a subcommittee to determine how to execute Third Legacy procedure for MAWPM. Member is unsure how we can do it on the phone.

**- Motion:** Form delegate selection subcommittee. Seconded.

- **No objection. Motion approved by unanimous consent.**

-Becca (subcommittee chair) and Christine volunteered for subcommittee.

- **7th Tradition**: we need to take care of this today. Morgan has done it in the past. Web Admin has answered 7th tradition emails in the past and would like there to be another vehicle moving forward. Do we need to buy more e-mail addresses? There needs to be rotation of service so it’s not “so and so’s thing”. Begin letting people know delegates will be attending the Conference and we need money. Miriah will get with Morgan and see if he’s willing to do it again. We need a Treasurer position instead of an individual member using their PayPal account.

2. Regional Service Committee - feedback from MA World Services P&P

- No rush to do anything with RSC.

3. **Motion** to approve [Group Service Representative service position description](https://docs.google.com/document/d/14Y3ifgxPb1sGqpyMYcLEWCZktifI9IJejwDCE3zBYDs/edit?usp=sharing). Seconded.

- **Discussion:** Which meetings get a GSR? Will there be 32 GSR’s? Clarified all of MAWPM has one GSR.

- **No objection. Motion approved by unanimous consent.**

**New Business**

1. **Motion** to approve Tess as Group Conscience Chairperson. Seconded.

- **Comment:** Relief and gratitude! Ditto. Thank you Joseph for filling in today.

- **No objection. Motion approved by unanimous consent.**

2. **Motion** to consider Rick for Chairperson Coordinator. Seconded.

- **No objection. Motion approved by unanimous consent.**

3. **Motion** to change the Group Conscience meeting to 8 PM on the 1st Monday of each month in subconference #3. Seconded.

- This change would need to be made over time so people could get used to the change and not immediately.

**- Discussion:** This is not the most convenient time of day. If we have it in a subconference room, we can’t record it. This concept came up a year ago. You can pick any time of any day of the week and there will be people who can’t attend. We could have two alternating times each month so more people could attend. Motion maker is not attached to it being at 8PM on Monday. It should be any other day than Saturday or Sunday. Getting into recovery has given member her life back and she uses weekends to recreate, do spiritual activities, and spend time with family. Having the GC time announced in the script is easily understood and wouldn’t necessarily need to be implemented slowly. Alternating times would bring fresh blood. Member wants to get more involved in service and Sunday is a bad day. Uncomfortable with GC being held at same time as a regular meeting. We have a standard practice of recording GC meetings for Secretary to use. If we have a night time meeting, it will get quite late. Meeting attendance drops way off for later evening meetings. This meeting is for 1.5 hours and sometimes extended. It would be late for East Coasters. We put things in announcements for 1-2 months for people to show up to GC or to send a proxy to vote for important things. Could flip it to hold the regular meeting in a subconference. Can’t be a host or use Q&A mode in subconference. When MAWPM was started, they went through a lot to figure out a good time for GC and this was arrived at 8 years ago.

- There were two objections.

- Submitter is **withdrawing motion** for editing purposes and will present something for next month.

4. Discussion: change script announcement to eliminate long list of meeting openings and give a positive message about the benefits of hosting

- The long list of openings has decreased.

- Submitter is not present. New Chairperson Coordinator hopes to have these positions filled next month.

5. Discussion: Do we have more meetings than we realistically have hosts for?

Attendance estimates +/- 8:

7AM - 30

10AM - 30

noon - 15

8PM - 20

10PM - 10 or less, never more

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**Announcements**

- The service position of Secretary is vacant.

- Description of duties given with request for volunteers to step up.

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

- The unofficial position of seeking speakers can be done by anyone who attends other meetings.

- Sign up for the "Carry the Message" newsletter with events, service opportunities, and World Services happenings on the [marijuana-anonymous.org](http://marijuana-anonymous.org/) website. Look for the Subscribe link on the right of the page.

- MA World Services Convention will be September 1-3 in Seattle, WA. Early Bird registration ends April 30. Go to [mawsconvention.org](http://mawsconvention.org/) for info.

- Saturday, February 18 from 5-9 PM Eastern, there will be a Post-Valentine's MA Mini Convention. See [MA12.org/Convention/Valentines/Flyer](https://ma-phone.org/mawpm-agenda)for more information.

- Sunday March 5 from 3-4:30 PM Eastern, there will be a Sponsorship Q&A Panel. Join on Zoom at [MA12.org/SponsorshipQ&A](https://ma-phone.org/mawpm-agenda)

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

**Meeting closed with Serenity Prayer at 2:41 PM Eastern.**