

Business Meeting Minutes

Meeting convened at 5:10 PM.

5:00 PM: Serenity Prayer, followed by twelve steps and twelve traditions

5:05 PM: Brief check-ins. Eric G (chair), Ed W, Jenny RW, Lisa P, Rich N, Kim B, Jeff S, David B, Tim C.

5:15 PM Reports (3 Min each):

- 1 Recording Secretary (David B) Corrections suggested. Motion to accept as amended. Kim/Rich. Passes 6-0-1.
- 2 Treasurer (Eric G - Open) – Need to examine bank statements to reconstruct amount in Vermont Scholarship fund. Motion to accept report (David/Jenny): 2-0-5. Question on whether this is group conscience. Five people didn't read it initially, so they abstained. They're willing to accept approval based on the others. Suggestion that we bring paper copies to the meetings in the future.
- 3 Corresponding Secretary - open position
- 4 Outgoing Mail (Kim B) – July mail was sent on August 10. 154 pieces in the mailing. It was late because we were waiting for the Bicycling event flyer. Due date for items in next mailing is August 22.
- 5 Phone Coordinator (Open / Richie B.) – Not present, but e-mailed report to Eric. For the month of July we received 134 calls. Roughly 16 M.L. mailings. One person dropped from 2 days to 1 so currently seeking someone for Thursdays. Messages are still retrieved the following day. All call backs were made.
- 6 Internet Coordinator (Lisa P) Meeting Location requests: 10, NEI mailing updates, 2, other intergroup info: 2. Checking e-mails, we have coverage on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
- 7 Meeting List Coordinator (Bruce) - Bruce is not present. David will send the information for updating the meeting list to Bruce this week.
- 8 Vermont Coordinator (Jenny RW/ Open) – Two signups for October 3-5. We have two facilitators and a couple people to train as facilitators. Needs help sending out confirmations. Lisa volunteers to help.
- 9 Newsletter Editor (Open / Rich N) – Passed out drafts of the August newsletter. Need a lead article within the next 3 days. Should we continue “meeting in Boston?” question. Vermont weekend: need 1 co-coordinator. We have several facilitators, but we need more. Need two people to proofread by Thursday. Tim and Eric. Any suggestions for articles are welcome.
- 10 Activities Committee – Successful barbecue. 30 people with perfect weather. We should do that every year. Bicycling event on the Esplanade on the 20<sup>th</sup>. VT weekend in October. Possibility of taking people to WNEI event. Halloween party, fall recovery event. In December, we have Vermont weekend. Some people are interested in Bingo.
- 11 Literature Coordinator (Ed W) - Has one-year medallions. No orders for literature this week.
- 12 Outreach Coordinator (Tim C) – No report, aside from what was submitted in July. Suggestion that we make an outreach committee.
- 13 ABM Delegate (Eric G) – ABM was an amazing experience. They got through the agenda this year. A more formal report will follow. The one and only motion on the agenda did

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pass. This was about hiring a professional editor for the 12&12 book. Motion passed with 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

## 6:00 PM Old Business:

- 1 Intergroup Meeting Calendar (David B. to Present) – April conflicts with Easter. Motion to hold Spring Conference on April 18 w/ NEI meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> choice, April 25. 3<sup>rd</sup> Choice, May 2 with April NEI meeting on April 5. (David/Rich): Jenny amended. Passes 8-0-0. Motion to accept calendar with proposed dates (Jenny/Kim): passes 8-0-0.
- 2 Spring Gathering Surveys – Lisa passed around survey results. 15 responses. Some people were dissatisfied with UMass. Comments that people missed EDS. Suggestions that we look for another place next year. Some people were unhappy about not having food there.
- 3 Bylaws Review (10 minutes)

## 6:30 PM New Business:

- 1 Website Hosting renewal (Lisa) – We need to renew at the end of August. Opportunity for websites for host via FWS for free. Not sure how this meets our needs. Motion that we renew for 12 months (Jenny/Kim). Suggestion that we do 6 months instead. 12 month motion passes 8-0-0.
- 2 08 – 09 VT Weekend Dates (Jenny) – Motion to accept feb 6-8 (Fun weekend), mar 22-24, july 17-19, october 2-4, dec 18-20 (Jenny/Kim): passes 7-0-1.
- 3 Fall Gathering (Lisa / Activities Cmte.) – Suggestion of structure change. Chicago had one big room with a speaker and “topic tables”, about 50 tables. Suggestion of November 9. Suggestion that we leave 2 hours for meal break. No NEI meeting. Motion that we do this on November 8 or 22 (Jenny/Rich): passes 8-0-0.
- 4 Meeting Locations by Email (Lisa) – Phone service is not answering the phone. People e-mail us and ask for meeting locations. Is it okay to send meeting locations via e-mail? Motion that we call them. If they don’t leave a number, write back and ask for them (David/Tim): 8-0-0
- 5 Sobriety Requirement for e-mails (David) – We have no sobriety requirement for answering e-mails. Motion that we set it as 3 months (Jenny/Lisa): passes 8-0-0.

## Tabled Items:

- 1 NEI How-To Manual (Update from Committee)
- 2 Open Positions
- 3 Study Group Meeting / S-Group meetings on List
- 4 Request for NEI Contacts from VT Retreat Center (Jenny)
- 5 New Treasury System / Reports (Eric)
- 6 Email Inquiry from Self-Growth.com (Lisa)
- 7 Pamphlets on website (Lisa)

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, September 13, 2008 at 5:00 PM in AR100, Allen Riddle Building at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Respectfully submitted, David B.