

Meeting held on Sunday, March 8, 2009 in room AR100 of Allen Riddle Hall at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Convened at 5:00 PM. Serenity Prayer, followed by Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. Brief check-in. In attendance: Eric G (chair), Kim B, Ed W, Rich N, Curtis B, David B

Department Reports

- Recording Secretary (David B) – We will review the updates to the February minutes after they have been put into the draft minutes.
- Corresponding Secretary (David B) – Updates on meetings: Tuesday sunrise serenity will only meet on Tuesday, not Thursday. Wednesday Medford meeting now has a location.
 - We mailed 100 pieces on March 1. The mailing was a week late because we were waiting for the Spring Conference flyer. Flyer was not completed, so mailing went out without it. Included were January Minutes, Newsletter, Vermont Weekend Flyer.
 - In February, our e-mail address received 8 messages total: 1 mailing list update, 2 requests for meeting locations, 2 meeting location updates, 1 message from Other groups/intergroups/FWS, 1 message about CO-SLAA, and 1 message from a newcomer
 - Phone service had 166 total calls for February. There were 5 requests for meeting lists and call backs. From the web service, we had 18 requests for meeting lists.
- Treasurer (Eric G / Curtis B, open) – Light activity for February. Few contributions in February. Not many bills, either. We need to find a bank other than Bank of America. Eric, Jenny, and Curtis will meet about it tonight. Treasurer's report was not approved in February. **Motion to approve March treasurer's report to consolidate Jan and Feb reports into a single document (Curtis/Ed): passes 2-0-0.**
- Newsletter (Rich N) – Someone wants to include an article about the passing of a local SLAA member. We have a eulogy, but it's too long to fit in the newsletter. Round robin discussion of it. Can we acknowledge the tragedy without violating anonymity or traditions? Announcement of Spring Gathering will be included in newsletter.
- Activities Committee – Proposal to have Spring Gathering on May 2. Business meeting is scheduled for May 3. Consensus is to not have a business meeting or potluck at the spring gathering. Leave 1.5 hours for lunch. Activities Committee recommends using UMass Boston.
- Literature (Ed W) – Sold 24 pamphlets for \$24. More literature will cost about \$550. We can get some newcomer pamphlets.
- Outreach (Tim C) – No report for outreach.
- ABM Delegate (Eric G, David B) – Deadlines for 2009 business meeting: delegate sign-ups start. Delegate sign-ups due March 16. March 31 is the deadline for motions. April 10 is when initial BMIS is produced. April 30 is due date for reduced-cost registrations.

Old Business

- Elections – As outlined in Bylaws
 - Identification / Recording of Group Representatives – Group reps and alternates announced.
 - **Nomination of Eric G as chairperson (Curtis/Rich).** Do we have a quorum? Discussion on who can vote. Only one group representative with 3 months sobriety is present. Discussion on how to proceed. Decide to waive sobriety requirement for this meeting. **Motion Passes 4-0-0.**

- Kim B currently serves as Vice Chair, but she is giving it up. This is an open position.
- David B is willing to continue as Recording Secretary. **Motion for him to continue (David/Rich): passes 4-0-0.**
- David B serves as Corresponding Secretary. We will continue to delegate responsibilities of Corresponding Secretary. Lisa will continue as Internet coordinator. Kim will handle mailing. Jenny will maintain the mailing list.
- Treasurer position is still open. Curtis and Eric are willing to continue to divide the work. Curtis is not willing to do it.
- Public Information Chair: We don't have anyone who currently serves in this post. Tim serves as Outreach Coordinator, which is close to the job.
- Rich N is currently Newsletter Editor. He is willing to continue. **Nomination of Rich (Rich/Curtis): passes 4-0-0.**
- Intergroup Archivist: No nominations. This is open.
- Literature Secretary and Committee: **Ed W is willing to continue. Rich N seconds. Passes 4-0-0.**
- Telephone Coordinator. Richie has stepped down. Eric will work with previous coordinator to keep that position going.
- Prison Outreach Coordinator. No nominations. This will remain open.
- VT Weekend Policies – Jenny will send Vermont Weekend policies to our Google Group.

New Business

- Communications to N.E.I. Participants – Who is a Participant? Suggestion that we only send e-mail to Group Representatives and Alternates. Suggestion that we use a Google Group for e-mail list of people who are Group Reps and Alternates and active in N.E.I.
- April Business Meeting – **Motion to hold the NEI business meeting on April 5 (Eric/Curtis): passes 4-0-0.** David will see if AR100 is available on that date.

Tabled Items

- How Outreach, Activities, VT Coordinator fit into bylaws
- Business Meeting Expediency –
- How-To Manual
- Reducing Mailing Costs
- Group Visits – Updates
- Bylaws Review

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, April 5, 2009 at 5:00 PM in room AR100 at Newton Wellesley Hospital. Respectfully submitted, David B.