

Meeting held on Sunday, June 14, 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-ins. In attendance: Eric G (chair), Ed W, Curtis B, Michael T, David B, Rich N (timekeeper), Jim B, Debbie F, Jordan, Kim B (spiritual reminder), Donna Marie, Steve

Quorum Check: Eligible voters are selected as group reps or alternates and have 3 months sobriety. We have four people eligible to vote. **Motion to waive sobriety requirement (Curtis/Michael): 3-1-0.** Consensus is that we have group conscience on this issue. Then we have seven eligible voters.

Department Reports

- Recording Secretary (David B) – **Motion to accept May 3rd meeting minutes with amendments (Michael/Curtis): passes 7-0-0.**
- Corresponding Secretary (David B) – The May mailing went out at the end of May, although the electronic mail was sent on June 7. We mailed 100 envelopes with 2 items: the May 2009 newsletter and the BMIS flyer for the upcoming ABM. The items were also sent electronically to 66 e-mail addresses. Our e-mail address, info@slaanei.org, received 7 inquiries in May: 2 meeting address requests, 1 interim meeting location for a group, 1 from a newcomer, 1 message from a woman looking for a sponsor, 1 message from WNEI about the date of their fall conference (October 17 2009), and 1 message stating that the chair for the meeting did not show up for the first ½ hour. Phone service received 129 Calls in May, mailed 16 meeting lists and made 22 callbacks for information. Phone coordinator made quite a few random calls into the Answering Service and never encountered an issue. Someone always answered. Meeting list changes: The Tuesday and Friday groups in Natick have moved to AR100 at Newton-Wellesley Hospital in Newton.
- Treasurer (Eric G / Curtis B – open) – We’re ending the year with a prudent reserve. We have a Wainwright account in the name of NEI. Checks will require two signatures to be valid. We’ll wait a while for Bank of America checks to clear. It would be good to get a third person to assist with treasury. We’re a business account since we don’t have the proper paperwork from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, but that doesn’t change the fee structure. **Motion to accept (Michael/Rich): passes 4-0-3.**
- Newsletter (Rich N) – Rich e-mailed a draft. We need a lead article, perhaps an article on a step. Need a date for the August barbecue – it’s August 15. Summary of treasurer’s report in newsletter. Curtis will write a brief assistant treasurer’s report. Meeting List: Natick meeting changes. List meeting list as open. Treasury is no longer open – Curtis and Eric are doing it. Submit articles for the newsletter to newsletter@slaanei.org. Michael, Jim, and Debbie will review it.
- Literature (Ed W) – We have \$1092.75 in literature assets. Plenty of books available. Still waiting for 10 newcomer packets. Everyone can order literature by e-mailing to literature@slaanei.org.
- Vermont Coordinator (Jenny, open) – Not present. Two people have paid. Six more have signed-up but not paid. We need a minimum of 10 to hold the weekend.
- Activities Committee (Jenny RW, Lisa P, David B, Kim B) – 11 people came to the May

hike. The weather was great. Canoe Trip is coming up at the end of June. Kim brought copies of the barbecue flyer. Do we want to carpool to the Augustine Alchemy event in New Haven CT on August 8?

- Outreach (Open) – Last thing we did was mail postcards to therapists and institutions. Jordan volunteers to take over.
- ABM Delegate (Eric G., David B.) – David will talk to Eric about the facility and making flight reservations. New BoT member: Tom F from Florida is on the BoT as of June 6.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) – None.

Old Business

- Annual Business Meeting Items – People may respond after today. Put a note in the newsletter to send feedback by July 12. David takes notes to take to ABM. Romantic Obsession Pamphlet: People who read it like it. People of Color Pamphlet: Not sure there's a need for it. Initiating discussion with SCA and SAA on merger: We can at least discuss it. Concern that merger would mean losing focus on love addiction and losing recognition of anorexia. Journal Subscription Cards: This should be available online. Calculate the impact to staff and resource costs. Conference Translation Committee: Need for French and Spanish versions. This should expedite translations. Journal Business Report: Wednesday Men's Meeting voted "yes" unanimously for this. What's the impact to the journal?
- Outreach Coordinator – Jordan is willing to step forward as outreach coordinator. Are there requirements for this position? Must be elected representative. Eric reads description of the public information chair in bylaws. **Group conscience vote on continuation of duties for recording secretary, corresponding secretary, public information chair. Official titles to be deferred until they meet requirements and are duly elected at that time. Until that time, positions are open to people who meet those requirements (Jordan/Rich). Friendly amendment – "in order to continue practical operation." Motion passes 6-0-2.**

New Business

Tabled Items

- VT Weekend Policies
 - Policies not yet posted to Google Group
- Group Visits – Updates
- FY 2010 Budget
- Answering Service Concerns
- Final Spring Gathering Results and Feedback

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, July 12, 2009 at 5:00 PM in room AR100 at Newton Wellesley Hospital. Respectfully submitted, David B.