

Meeting held on Sunday, May 1, 2011 in room AR100 of Allen Riddle hall at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Convened at 5 PM, followed by the Serenity Prayer, 12 Steps and 12 Traditions. Brief Check-Ins. In attendance: Lisa P (chair), Bob G, David B, Eric G, Peter S, Michael T, Rosanne R, Patrick D (timekeeper), Rich N (spiritual reminder), Rich C, Clint B

Quorum: 6 elected representatives with at least 3 months continuous sobriety. We have 6 voters.

#### Department Reports

- Recording Secretary (David B) – Review of April meeting minutes. Change 2010 to 2011. Add numbers from treasury report. **Motion to approve (Bob/Rich N): passed 5-0-0.**
- Corresponding Secretary – (David B acting - OPEN):
  - Mailing Report: (Rich N & Curtis B) – The April mailing went out Thursday, April 28 to 102 addresses. It contained the April newsletter, March meeting minutes, the April meeting list, sign-up form for the July Vermont Weekend, and the Individual Contribution Month flyer. The electronic mailing went out on Sunday, May 1 to 145 email addresses. It contained links to the same items except the meeting list. That was mailed separately to 92 addresses.
  - Phone Report: (Richie B) – 127 total calls in April. 5 callers requested meeting lists. 8 requested meeting lists from the internet. 1 call regarding starting a new meeting. 1 call regarding a newcomer packet.
  - Internet Report: (Lisa P) – Total of 5 email inquiries in April: 2 CO-SLAA inquiries, 1 report that no one was at the Thursday Boston Meeting, 1 from Gay Yellow Pages wanting to confirm contact information, and 1 inquiry from a newcomer.
  - Mailbox: (Marie C) – Letter from someone in prison wanting S.L.A.A. information.
  - Meeting List: (Patrick D) – Monday Provincetown Meeting now meets from 7:30 to 8:30 PM. Wednesday Provincetown Meeting is no longer being held. It may resume in the summer. They will contact NEI if it does.
  - **Motion to accept (Rich N/Michael): passes 6-0-0.**
- Treasurer (Bob G) – We have difficulty with the spreadsheet, so we can't get budget reports printed. We have the check register report and the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition contribution report. **Motion that we delay treasury report and print in the newsletter that we are delaying it due to technical issues and change in personnel (Bob/Rich N): passes 6-0-0.**
  - Photocopying Report (Patrick) – Total expenses so far: \$968.45. We've saved \$171.86 with the printer. Need to recycle some toner cartridges.
- Literature (Peter) – No literature sales this month. Ordered more Romantic Obsession pamphlets.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (David B-chair, Jenny RW, Lisa P, Rosanne) – Canoe trip on June 18. Cookout on August 20. Fall Recovery Gathering on November 5 (first choice) or November 19 (second choice)
- Outreach (Patrick) – No contact information forms in the group visit packets have come back yet. Another intergroup contacted us about outreach.
- ABM Delegate (David B) – Lisa has registered. Registration deadline is May 28.
- Newsletter (Rich N) – Question about including “anonymity” statement in newsletter. This is from FWS and BOT. We should recommend people read this at our meetings. Should newsletter mention group reps? It will mention which groups are represented? Do we have a list of all group reps? Michael and Rosanne will proofread.

- Group Reps Reports (if any)

### Old Business

- Open Positions
  - Corresponding Secretary - temporarily filled by David B. (1 year sobriety requirement)
  - Web Site Coordinator - temporarily filled by Lisa P., Eric. G., and Rich N. (6 months sobriety requirement)
- Group Visits Subcommittee – No responses yet.
- ABM Delegates – NEI ability to send second delegate. Can't afford to send a second delegate. What happens to the delegate funds raised so far? **Motion to send one delegate only (Patrick/Rosanne): 6-0-0.**

### New Business

- Spring Gathering Survey Results – Overall, evaluations were good. Some issues with Healthy Relationships session – There were some negative comments. Suggestion that we use Northeastern: We may be able to use a room for free.
- Sobriety requirement to be NEI representative – The requirement for voting is 3 months sobriety, but a group can elect a representative who doesn't meet the requirement. If there are fewer than 5 elected representatives with less than 3 months continuous sobriety, someone can make a motion to allow the elected representatives with less than 3 months sobriety to vote. From the NEI Bylaws:
  - Article III – Section B: Each GR and AR shall have at least three months continuous sobriety in S.L.A.A. Groups without members willing to serve that have at least three months of continuous sobriety in S.L.A.A. may choose to elect a provisional representative to serve on behalf of the GR and AR. Probationary GRs and ARs will become voting GRs and ARs once they have obtained the required sobriety. Each GR and AR is required to have three months of concurrent affiliation with the group the delegate wishes to represent. In the case of a meeting younger than three months, the concurrent affiliation requirement shall be waived.
  - Article V – Section A: At a S.L.A.A. New England Intergroup business meeting held upon proper notification, those GRs and ARs present shall constitute a quorum and a simple majority of those present shall govern for voting purposes. Quorum will only include voting GRs and ARs – excluding any provisional GRs and ARs unless 2 criteria are met. 1) the number of voting GRs and ARs present at the meeting is less than 5 and 2) a vote of those voting GRs and ARs indicates a group conscience to allow provisional GRs and ARs to vote at that meeting.
- Contents of Mailing for May
  - May Newsletter
  - April Meeting Minutes
  - Canoe Flyer

### Tabled Until Next Meeting

- Crosstalk guidelines at meetings
- Speaker pool at meetings
- S-Anon and CO-SLAA representation at Fall Recovery Gathering

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, June 12, 2011 at 5:00 PM in room AR100 at Newton Wellesley Hospital. Respectfully submitted, David B.