

Meeting held on Sunday, August 14, 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), David B, Bob G, Peter S, Rosanne R, Patrick D (timekeeper), Michael T, Rich N (spiritual reminder)

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

Department Reports

- Recording Secretary (David B) – **Motion to approve with changes (Patrick/Peter): passed 5-0-1.**
- Corresponding Secretary (David B acting - OPEN)
 - Mailing Report (Rich N and Curtis B) - The July mailing went out Wednesday, July 27 to 96 addresses. It contained the July newsletter, May and June meeting minutes, the end-of-year treasury report, and the July meeting list. The meeting list only was sent to 103 addresses. The electronic mailing went out on Sunday, July 31 to 142 email addresses. It contained links to the same items plus the barbecue flyer and the sign-up form for the September Vermont weekend.
 - Phone Coordinator (Richie B) - 132 total calls in July. 7 callers requested a meeting list. From the web service, 12 people requested a meeting list. There is a new Procedure for retrieving messages. Responders just dial into the Answering Service and they will vocally give them the messages retrieved. Everyone is on board and we have a new volunteer. The phone Service is aware of the Wednesday Evening change in the Boston Men's Meeting. *Note: the phone report was not delivered at the August 14 NEI business meeting. It was sent via email after the meeting was held.*
 - Internet Coordinator (Lisa P) - 8 total email inquiries in July: 1 on how to make credit card 7th tradition donation, 3 with updated meeting information, 1 CO-SLAA inquiry, 1 meeting location request, 1 request from a newcomer for general meeting information, and 1 inquiry on the July Vermont SLAA retreat.
 - Mailbox (Michael T) - Several returned enveloped from latest mailing. The addresses need to be removed from our list. Michael has the list of names.
 - Meeting List (Patrick D) - Wednesday Boston Men's Meetings (6 PM Beginners and 7 PM Sharing Our Strength) are on hiatus while they look for a new location.
- Treasurer (Bob G.) – Start of the new fiscal year. **Motion to accept (Rich/Peter): passes 6-0-0.**
 - Photocopying Subcommittee (Patrick) – Ran out of ink, just bought more. Bought 3 new toners. We're still up \$400 on printing costs from outsourcing.
- Literature (Peter) – Sold \$24 in last couple days. Haven't ordered literature yet.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (David B-chair, Jenny RW, Lisa P, Rosanne R) – Teleconference last Wednesday. Divided responsibilities for bringing stuff to barbecue. Patrick will bring the grill. Vermont weekend: Good turnout. Kim and Chris co-facilitated.
- Outreach (Patrick) – Getting group visit packets back. Still need people to do the group visits.
- ABM Delegate (Lisa P.) – Summary of motions: Selling literature via internet did not pass (15-23-3). BOT is already looking into distribution of literature. Self-care 6th resource did not pass (15-21-2). Measuring Progress passed (28-8-5). Purging of personal information was an IFD, mistakenly printed as Motion. BOT is careful about preserving anonymity. FWS needs

to keep information to comply with laws. By-Laws change on quorum passed (40-1-0). SLAA Promises IFD: we received some feedback, good and bad. Space reserved on ABM agenda if we want to put in a motion. Combining resources: Rita on BoT asked SA or SAA and they said “no”.

- Newsletter (Rich N) – Drafts passed around. Quote is fine. Font is hard to read. In black-and-white, red comes out light gray. Blue comes out dark gray. Lisa will write article on the ABM. Rosanne will provide article on “Easy Does It”. David will try to get date for Fall Recovery Gathering. Michael and Patrick will proofread.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) – Weymouth Wednesday Men’s Meeting has been sparse. Attendance at Saturday morning Brookline meeting is down, so they can’t make contributions right now. Attendance at Saturday morning Quincy meeting is down also.

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)
- Speaker pool at meetings – Rosanne, Rich N, Patrick, and Clint met about this. They can use the conference call number. Any person in the speaker pool should have 6 months sobriety. Don’t go into the pool less than 6 months after acting out. They’ll generate flyer to invite people for the speaker pool. Discussed using Google Groups.

New Business

- FY12 Budget – Bob used last year’s actual numbers and created a budget from that. Budgeted income matches budgeted expenses. Did not budget for a second ABM delegate because we fell short of the money. Suggestion of combining reproduction and mailing into one item because they are similar. We should put in-house reproduction into one category and another for outside reproduction (\$125). Special VT Weekend does not need to be on the budget anymore because we haven’t done that for a couple years. Changing \$700 from proposed Vermont Weekend income to delegate fund distribution. **Motion to approve budget with changes (Rich/Michael): passes 6-0-0.**
- Renewal of Go Daddy Web Server Hosting – No objection.
- Contents of Mailing for August
 - August Newsletter
 - Approved July Meeting Minutes
 - WNEI Conference Date
- Electronic Meeting Registration Form – Can we post the registration form online so that people can edit it electronically? Bob will attempt to produce an editable PDF version.
- What meeting information can we send electronically? Can we send meeting locations to other people in NEI? Round robin discussion.

Tabled Until Next Meeting

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, September 11, 2011 at 5:00 PM in room AR100 at Newton Wellesley Hospital. Respectfully submitted, David B.