

The meeting began at 5:00 PM with the Serenity Prayer and the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions followed by check-ins.

Present: Peter S (chair), Rich N, David B, Mike H, Flip R, Bob G, Lisa P, Bill S, Ed L, Wil C, Mike R, John S, Kim B

Timekeeper – Rich N

Spiritual Reminder – Wil C

Quorum – 9 elected representatives with 3 months sobriety.

### Department Reports

- **Chairman (Peter S)** – Review of Agenda
- **Recording Secretary (David B)** – Review of March minutes. **Motion to approve as amended (Rich/Wil). Passes 8-0-1.**
- **Treasurer (Bob G)** – New format for treasury report in QuickBooks. Separate columns for current month, total in fiscal year, amount over budget. Only groups that donate money are listed in the report. We found \$900 from March 2013 Vermont weekend. Questions about budget and what NEI does, what FWS does. Need to do outreach to groups on what NEI does and how NEI/FWS uses contributions. In the next few weeks, the Basic Text will be available as ebook. Basic Text can be purchased as MP3s. Journal can also be downloaded electronically now. **Motion to accept report (Wil/John): passes 9-0-0.**
- **Literature (David B)** – Sold \$116.50 in literature to “Steps for a Sober Weekend” group and one book at Vermont weekend for \$19. One member donated 21 bronze medallions for various years of sobriety. We have \$1,039 in literature assets. David will order more books before Spring Gathering.
- **Activities Committee (Peter S)** – Need someone to bring coffee. People can bring stuff for bake sale. Need volunteers to help out. Still have 8 sessions that need leaders. Need raffle items. Mt. Wachusett hike coming up on May 17 with carpool leaving from Riverside T station. Picnic coming up on second Saturday in August. Need a new location for Fall Recovery Gathering.
- **Outreach Committee (Wil C)** – Bridgewater meetings are doing well. Two people have volunteered to help facilitate meetings. Discussion of group visitation packets. Need people to visit meetings for NEI outreach.
- **ABM Delegate (Wil C)** – Wil is in process of registering and looking for flights. We’ll need to spend time at July NEI meeting to discuss ABM agenda.
- **Newsletter (Rich N)** – Consensus that quote is good. Lead article on service relationship between NEI and FWS. Also article on Pen Pals: Wil writes, Rich and Bob review. We need to have this newsletter available for Spring Gathering for distribution. We’ll also run article asking for help with development of web page. Ask for more telephone responders too. Proofreaders Flip and Wil.
- **Web Site (Lisa P)** – Pass out chart with relationships between links and list of new features to add. Currently leaning toward using Wordpress, but that requires PHP and SQL. Suggestion for using website development company, but we’ll look into costs for hosting and developing. Discussion on web site templates from FWS, other intergroups.
- **Corresponding Secretary (open)**
  - Mailing Report (Kim B. & Lisa P.) – Five e-mail recipients were added. One e-mail recipient was deleted. The USPS address was deleted for one E-mail recipients when the meeting list was returned. The full USPS mailing was sent to 46 recipients on March 27th . Email mailing for March 2014 was sent out 03/25/2014 to 213 recipients. The USPS mailing included the April NEI Newsletter, February NEI minutes, the 7th Tradition Fact Sheet and form and the flyer for the May Wachusett Hike. The e-mailing also included a link for the March NEI 12-step retreat, and a link for the April Gathering. We sent out 2 meeting lists for a phone request, and two meeting list plus info packet mailings one from a web site request and the other from a phone request.
  - Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – Web Site Statistics for March 2014

March Vermont Weekend	5
Fellowship Wide Services on mtg. with dual affiliation	1
Address Meeting Request	1
Newcomer inquiry – general questions	1
Interested in facilitating prison meetings	2
Other Intergroup	1
Total	11

- Phone Coordinator Report: (Peter S.) – We don't have the total number of calls received in March. There were 11 calls returned from the answering service:

Meeting location requests	5
Meeting list requests	2
Graduate student observation	1
Therapist wanting info for patient	1
Vermont retreat info	1
General information question from newcomer	1
Total	11
- Meeting List Report: (Lisa P.) - The Thursday Barnstable meeting is reorganizing and provided a contact name for more information. The Saturday 8:00 p.m. Boston meeting at K. Street changed from a Men's only meeting to a coed meeting.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) – None

### New Business

1. Provincetown meeting has two affiliations – listed on SCA web site and on SLAA web site. Tradition 3: groups can have no other affiliation. FWS says it's ok for groups to have co-affiliation, as long as they don't say they are co-affiliated. Round Robin discussion. Lisa will contact meeting requesting they drop one affiliation.

### Contents of Mailing for April -deadline for materials to get to printed – Wed, April 23

1. Newsletter (Rich)
2. March Meeting minutes (David)
3. Treasury Report (Bob)
4. Meeting List (Lisa)
5. July Vermont Weekend Flyer

### Tabled Until Next Meeting

1. Follow up to group contact reach out 12/31 deadline –
2. Group Inventory Committee – Need a committee for this and a chair for committee. Wil is willing to chair committee. Peter, Kim willing to be on committee. Discussion on when to do inventory. We'll aim for June. If not June, September.
3. Michael S from GDVI –
4. Open Positions –

**Closing:** - 7:00 PM Serenity Prayer.

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, May 4, 2014 at 5:00 PM in room AR345 at Newton Wellesley Hospital.  
Respectfully submitted, David B.