

Present: Peter S (chair), Warren P, Mike H, David B, Kim B, Bob G

Serenity Prayer

Timekeeper – Bob G

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions

Quorum – 3 elected group reps present. Motion to allow all present to vote: 3-0-0.

Brief check-in

Spiritual reminder – All

### Department Reports

- Chairperson (Peter S) – Still need a vice-chair and a corresponding secretary. Those positions are open. We need two signers on checks, and we currently have two: Chair and Treasurer. Vice-chair has 1 year sobriety requirement.
- Recording Secretary (David B) – **Motion to approved minutes as amended (Kim/Bob): passes 5-0-0.**
- Corresponding Secretary – (open)
  - Mailing Report (Kim B. & Lisa P.) – Peter helped Kim with the mailing this month. Three e-mail recipients were added. One e-mail recipient was modified. The June USPS mailing was sent to 46 recipients on June 26th. The NEI Monthly Mailing for June 2014 was sent out 06/29/14 to 223 email recipients. The USPS mailing included the July NEI Newsletter, minutes from April and May NEI meetings, the flyer for the ABM intergroup discussion and the flyer for the August BBQ. The e-mailing also included a link for the flyer for the July 12-Step Vermont Weekend. We sent out info packets and meeting lists for one requests.
  - Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – Web Site Statistics for June 2014

July Vermont Weekend inquiry	2
Address Meeting Request	1
Looking for meetings in Rhode Island	1
Literature purchase request	1
Therapist looking to refer client to meeting	1
Member looking to start meetings in Boston	1
Other Intergroups	1
Total:	8
  - Phone Coordinator Report: (Peter S.) – In June the answering service received 133 calls. The volunteer responders returned 10 calls:

Request for general program information	4
Request for VT weekend information	1
Request to receive meeting list by e-mail (did not send)	1
Request for SANON information	1
Request for call back from a specific NEI member	1
Professional therapists who wanted program information	2
TOTAL	10
  - Meeting List Report: (Lisa P.) - There were no meeting list updates for June.
- Treasurer (Bob G) – Paid 3 monthly bills: rent for business meetings, Verizon, and answering service. Refunded someone who paid for Spring Vermont retreat but did not attend. Sent check to Nikki G for upcoming July Vermont weekend. We need to do better about getting 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions. Total for Fiscal Year (July 2013 – June 2014) in 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions is \$2,973.94, which is pitiful for 66 groups. We still owe ANTS for past conferences. **Motion to accept Treasurer’s report (Kim/David): passes 5-0-0.**
- Literature (David B) – Sold \$174 in literature. Ordered more for \$524.01. Bought two “Triggers as a Resource” and 5 booklets of Poetry Articles from the Journal.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (Peter S) – Vermont Weekend coming up next weekend. Barbecue is coming up on August 16. Still need a location for the Fall Gathering.
- Outreach Committee (Wil C) – Not present.
- ABM Delegate (Wil C) – Discussed ABM agenda items before NEI meeting. Took notes and comments and will distribute them to Wil.
- Newsletter (Rich N) – Suggestion to put article in newsletter from treasurer on end of Fiscal Year. Proofreaders: Peter and David.

- Web Site (Lisa P) – Conference call on updating web site on July 12. Decided on program to use to build web site. Once that's done, we'll have focus groups using old-timers and newcomers to give opinions on web site. David would like opinions of focus groups to take to Public Information Committee.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) -

Old Business

1. Michael S. from Greater Delaware Valley Intergroup – No report
2. Open positions: Corresponding Secretary, Vice Chair
3. Provincetown meeting – Peter talked to someone at Friday Provincetown meeting. Reported that it's fine staggering SLAA and SCA meetings every week, so there is no joint meeting. First and third weeks are SLAA meeting, second and fourth are SCA meetings. Provincetown meeting will contact SCA to change their listing. David will email Lisa to make changes to meeting list.
4. Next Year's Budget – Not enough people present to approve a budget. **Motion to adopt the proposed budget as interim budget to be used until August NEI business meeting (Kim/Warren): passes 5-0-0.**

New Business

1. NEI donation to raffle at ABM – In past years, we have had a lobster dinner from Legal Sea Foods. We'll leave the donation up to Wil. **Motion to authorize delegate to spend up to \$100 on one item for ABM (Kim/Bob): passed 5-0-0.**

Contents of Mailing for August -deadline for materials to get to printer – July 23

1. Newsletter (Rich N)
2. June Meeting minutes (David B)
3. Treasurer's report (Bob G)
4. Meeting List (Lisa P)
5. October 3-5 Vermont Flyer (Kim/Lisa)

Tabled Until Next Meeting?

1. Budget
2. Group inventory committee
3. Mailing timeliness
4. Discussion with Michael S.

Closing

Next NEI Meeting is August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at 5 PM. Respectfully submitted, David B.