

Meeting held on Sunday, March 13, 2016 in AR 100 at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Meeting convened at 5:00 PM with Serenity Prayer, reading of Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, and brief check-ins. Members Present: Patrick D (acting chair), Michael T, Seth S (spiritual reminder), David B, Peter S (timekeeper), Bob G, Lisa P, Jenny R

Quorum: 4 elected representatives with 3 months continuous sobriety.

Committee Reports

- Chairperson (Patrick D) – Review of agenda
- Recording Secretary (David B) – Review of minutes for February 2016. **Motion to approve with changes (Bob/Seth): 4-0-0.**
- Corresponding Secretary – (Wil C – not present)
 - Mailing Report (Wil C & Lisa P) – Email was sent on March 13. Email contained links to December 2015 and January 2016 meeting minutes and March newsletter. No US mail was sent.
 - Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – No information
 - Phone Coordinator Report: (Peter S) – The answering service received 127 calls in February. The responders returned 12 calls: 2 for meeting information, 1 for meeting information in Connecticut, 1 request for a meeting list, 5 for general program information, 2 for information on Vermont retreats, and 1 from a spouse looking for program info.
 - Meeting List – List is up to date. Working on the email list. New Corresponding Secretary does not have Microsoft Access.
- Treasurer (Michael T) – January: wrote checks to Answering Service and places for NEI rent and activities. Budgeted \$124 in 7th Tradition donations in January. Got \$300. Motion to accept January report (Patrick/Seth): 3-0-1. February: \$1200 in deposits, wrote checks for Answering Service and NWH rent. Received 7th Tradition donations from two groups. 7th Tradition donations are under budget by \$400. Motion to accept February financials (Patrick/Peter): passes 4-0-0.
- Literature (David B) – Sold \$10 in chips in March. David will decide if we need more literature for the Spring Gathering. David will talk to IRC planning committee about keeping literature after ABM to sell at the IRC.
- Outreach and Outreach Committee (Seth S) –
 - Bridgewater MTC Meetings – Wil C. The Bridgewater meetings (Tue. & Wed. nights) have been suspended until further notice due to my health condition. I need help to prevent canceling the meetings.
 - They need an outside S.L.A.A. member to facilitate meetings to be able to hold “meetings behind closes doors”. The state side has meetings on their floors, but they are open so anyone can hear (COs & other inmates). The civil side has no other meetings.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (Peter S) – March Vermont Retreat is at capacity of 23 people. Spring Gathering is April 23. Peter passes around a list of topic sessions. Need 3 more keynote speakers and people signing up to lead topic sessions.
- ABM Delegate (Open) – Registration form for lottery is due in April. Need to decide who is attending from NEI.
- Newsletter (Craig G) – Not present
- Web Site (Lisa P) – Web Site updating team got feedback from two Intergroup members. Ready to go live next weekend. **Motion to roll out the new web site next weekend (Peter/Bob): passes 4-0-0.**

- 2016 ABM/IRC (Seth S, Jenny R) – Seth S & Jenny R. Created list of potential topics for breakout sessions at IRC. Passed out copies of list to get feedback from area meetings. Deadline on topic feedback is April 30. Started planning how to vet speakers and plan number of volunteers. Planning to get parking passes to share with volunteers. Planning audio recording of IRC keynote speaker sessions. Some members are interested in helping to pay for recording. LPC has a proposal to use professional recording service and recover our costs by selling content for 14 days. Need to discuss this with FWS. LPC meetings are every other Thursday. Next meeting is Thursday, March 24.
- Group Rep Reports (if any) – Someone is messing with meeting materials at the Saturday Brookline meeting. The meeting is in crisis.

New Business

- Need a chair for next NEI business meeting. Patrick will Chair next month with Peter as Vice Chair.
- Rotation of chair/vice-chair: Should we set up a rotation of “Temporary” chair/vice chairs? This will avoid putting the committee (on the spot) at meetings. This also lets members know when their turn is. If a member cannot fulfill their obligation, we skip that person and add them into the rotation at a later date. **Motion to have everyone’s name on a rotating list for chair position (Patrick/Seth). Vote Fails 2-3-0.** Consensus is to use interim chairs while we try to fill chair position.
- Deadlines for Mailing – We have problems with people meeting deadlines for mailing. We need to do better about communicating with new officers on what they need to do their job. We don’t have a newsletter draft to review at this meeting. Discussion on removing deadlines for mailing. No one wants to do away with deadlines. Jenny will work with Newsletter Editor. Patrick will talk to Corresponding Secretary about responsibilities of position and responsibilities of maintaining the printer. Discussion of maintaining mailing list. List is in Access, but current CS does not have Access. Patrick will maintain backup mailing list. Corresponding Secretary email address (created by Patrick) is neicorrespondingsecretary@yahoo.com. **Motion to separate mailing list from other Corresponding Secretary duties and Patrick takes responsibility for it (Bob/Seth): 4-0-0.**

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Contents of Mailing for April: Deadline for Printing is Wednesday, March 23

- Newsletter (Craig)
- Approved December – February Meeting minutes (David B)
- Spring Gathering Flyer (Peter S)
- List of Topics for IRC (Seth and Jenny)

Next NEI Meeting is Sunday, April 10, 2016, at 5 PM. Respectfully submitted, David B.