

Meeting held on Sunday, July 12, 2009 in room AR100 of Allen Riddle Hall at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Convened at 5:00 PM. Serenity Prayer, followed by Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. Brief check-ins. In attendance: Eric G (chair), Ed W, Curtis B (Spiritual Reminder), David B, Rich N (Timekeeper), Lisa P, Debbie F, Sue

Quorum Check: Eligible voters are selected as group reps or alternates and have 3 months sobriety. We have four people eligible to vote. **Motion to waive sobriety requirement (Curtis/Rich): passes 2-0-0.** Consensus is that we have group conscience on this issue. Then we have four eligible voters.

Department Reports

- Recording Secretary (David B) – Approval of minutes from June 14 meeting. Need to add corresponding secretaries report. **Motion to approve (Curtis/Ed): passes 4-0-0.**
- Corresponding Secretary (David B) – The June mailing went out at the beginning of July. The mailing contained the June newsletter, a flyer for the NEI Barbecue on August 15, and a flyer for Connecticut Intergroup's Augustine Alchemy event on August 8. There was a delay in getting the barbecue and Augustine Alchemy flyers ready. It was mailed to 103 addresses. Our answering service received 121 calls for June. 16 callers requested a meeting list. 18 meeting lists were requested via our web site. Our e-mail address, info@slaanei.org, received 8 inquiries in June: 4 requests for meeting addresses or updates, 3 messages from newcomers, and 1 request to add a link to SLAA on a web site. US Mail Correspondence: We got a letter from Texas, addressed to CO-SLAA or c/o SLAA. This was forwarded to the Prison Outreach Committee at FWS. Meeting List Changes: The Saturday AM Men's Meeting in North Quincy has spawned a Beginner's Meeting. It meets for 25 minutes at 9:00 AM, just before the Step meeting at 9:30. There is a new meeting in Provincetown on Wednesdays from 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM.
- Treasurer (Eric G / Curtis B – open) – Report contains final numbers for the end of the fiscal year. We were under budget on the expenses and over budget on the revenue. We have \$4972.25 in reserve. **Motion to approve pending changes (David/Lisa): passes 5-0-0.**
- Newsletter (Rich N) – Need someone to write about a step: something that has meaning to someone and why. Step and Tradition of the month. Includes date of WNEI Fall Conference, Augustine Alchemy, Barbecue. Remove service positions. Also include an article on review of bylaws. Curtis and Jordan volunteer to review the newsletter.
- Literature (Ed W) – \$107 in literature sales, no purchases. We have \$983.75 in literature assets. David will purchase literature at the ABM.
- Vermont Coordinator (Jenny, open) – 20 definites and 1 inquiry about the upcoming Vermont Weekend. Our maximum capacity is 22, so they'll have a full house next weekend.
- Activities Committee (Jenny RW, Lisa P, David B, Kim B) – Barbecue is August 15, rain date is August 16. We're coordinating a carpool for the Augustine Alchemy on August 8. Canoe trip was held on June 27. There were 11 people. It didn't rain until the end of the trip. Activities Committee needs to plan and execute the Fall Conference.
- Outreach (Open) – Jordan is willing to do it, but he is not here.
- ABM Delegate (Eric G., David B.) – David is registered and ready to go tomorrow.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) – People asked about two meetings. Thursday in Boston at St. Anthony's Shrine, Cambridge Men's Step Meeting: not sure if these meetings are still active. Contact Richie about Cambridge. Lisa is working to create a meeting in the

Stoughton area. Wednesday Medford Meeting: someone was frustrated that there are no meetings for women on the weekends, except for Brookline.

Old Business

- Annual Business Meeting Items – One more motion to cover: Change to bylaws. Add Elected or Appointed BoT members to quorum, instead of just elected BoT members. Issue for discussion: Draft Booklet on Tools to maintain sobriety. No comments. CLC suggests Triggering Language.
- Group Visits – Updates – None since last meeting. Which meetings don't have a group rep and haven't been visited? Suggestion to prioritize visits to meetings that haven't contributed.
- Open Positions – Some of these positions are currently filled by someone appointed by the chair.
 - Vice Chair
 - Recording Secretary
 - Corresponding Secretary
 - Public Information Committee Chair
 - Archivist
 - Phone Coordinator
 - Prison Outreach Coordinator
- FY 2010 Budget – Eric brought drafts to the meeting. Tried to track reasonably close to FY 2009 actual revenue and expenses. **Motion to accept (David/Rich): passes 5-0-0.**

New Business

- Answering Service Concerns – There are complaints that people cannot get through to the answering service. Richie calls occasionally and he gets through right away 95% of the time.
- Final Spring Gathering Results and Feedback – Lisa brings copies of the survey results. No survey results from Abstinence and Celibacy, Letting Go & Letting God. Some meetings didn't follow the formats.
- August BBQ – In August
- CT Intergroup – Augustine Alchemy – In New Haven in August.
- Bylaws Draft - Eric sent draft of bylaws. We'll post them at our web site and announce a vote at the NEI Business Meeting in September. It will be announced in August. Removed sobriety requirements for group reps. Increased sobriety requirements for chair, vice-chair, and treasurer to one year. Reshuffled positions to make it represent what we actually do. **Motion to distribute amended bylaws, discuss in August and vote in September (Eric/Ed): passes 5-0-0.**
- NEI Document Library – Need to update Document Library link on web page. Link will be updated to locations of minutes and treasury reports.

Tabled Items

- VT Weekend Policies
 - Jenny is not expected to be present – Table

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, August 9, 2009 at 5:00 PM in room AR100 at Newton Wellesley Hospital. Respectfully submitted, David B.