

Meeting held on Sunday, May 3, 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-in. In attendance: Eric G (chair), Cathryn C, Rich N, David B, Lisa P, Michael T.

Quorum Check: So far, we have 2 eligible voters present, elected representatives with 3 month sobriety. **Motion that all elected representatives be allowed to vote regardless of sobriety (Eric/Rich): passes 2-0-0.**

Department Reports

- Recording Secretary (David B) – Review of draft minutes from April meeting. David will look up the correct format of 504C. **Motion to accept minutes as amended (Michael/Lisa): passes 3-0-1.**
- Corresponding Secretary (David B) – April Mailing: 98 envelopes had 8 items: Individual Contributions month flyer, June Canoe Trip Flyer, NEI Newsletter, July Vermont Flyer, March Treasurer's report, March Minutes, February minutes, April Meeting list. 70 envelopes had a meeting list only. A few envelopes were returned, so those addresses will be removed from the mailing list. From e-mail, we received 3 inquiries in April: 2 requests for meeting locations or location updates and one request from Bermuda for a sponsor. On request for sponsor: we will refer her to the FWS web site. Telephone service: 112 Total Calls in April. 20 Messages taken. The total time spent by the phone service was 476 minutes. The answering service now calculates minutes because of the time they spend going over the meeting list with callers. 14 Requests for Meeting List from phone service. 12 Requests for Meeting List via internet. Meeting List changes: Thursday night group in Providence on Benevolent St. has been disbanded. The Tuesday and Friday evening groups in Natick are temporarily suspended for the month of May. Leonard Morse Hospital does not want outside groups coming in due to the swine flu. Next mailing: Newsletter and Upcoming ABM Flyer.
- Treasurer (Eric G / Curtis B, open) – Spring Gathering took in \$795 in registration money, \$197 for raffle, \$488 in literature sales, and \$41 for Dollars For Delegates. We paid \$260 for rent and \$52.35 for expenses. Need money to help pay for the ABM delegate. Our income and expenses to date are +/- \$30 from what we have budgeted! NEI has a tax ID now, so we can create a checking account without putting someone's SSN on it. **Motion to accept treasurer's report (Rich/David): 4-0-1.**
- Newsletter (Rich N) – Rich sent draft copies of the newsletter. Will put preliminary treasurer's report in newsletter, notice of the Providence Meeting being disbanded. Shorten election results to open positions, encourage groups to elect their representatives. Add information about the Charles River canoe event. Newsletter editor suggests putting articles about the steps and/or traditions in the newsletter. We can encourage people at our meetings to submit articles. Ask if articles can be sent to the 12&12 book committee. Michael and Lisa will proofread the newsletter.
- Literature (Ed W) – We have \$1220.50 in inventory. We sold out of the journal books and most of the topic books.
- Vermont Coordinator (Jenny RW, open) – Not present
- Activities Committee (Jenny RW, Lisa P, Kim B, David B) – Hike coming up on May 16,

Canoe trip on June 27. We're planning a barbecue in August. Make sure it doesn't conflict with NEI meeting or Connecticut Intergroup's Conference. Need to coordinate with WNEI to make sure our Fall Gathering doesn't coincide with their Fall Conference.

- Outreach (open) – This position is open. Cathryn wants to know what the position does. Eric will send her information.
- ABM Delegate (Eric G, David B) – ABM has a silent auction. **Motion to donate a Lobster Dinner again (Rich/Michael): 5-0-0.** David will write a summary flyer of issues for the ABM that people can discuss at their meetings.
- Group Rep Reports – Someone at a group suggested making 4 and 5 month chips. This is more of an issue for FWS. Perhaps put a motion into the BMIS. A group at the Spring Gathering was grateful to pick up some texts and welcome chips.

Old Business

- Vermont Weekend Policies – Policies not yet posted to Google Group
- Group Visits – Updates: Lisa went to Wednesday Night meeting in Providence. They had no one on the NEI mailing list, so they did not have recent meeting lists or any information from NEI. Lisa brought flyers for upcoming events with her. One member offered his name for the mailing list. An updated meeting list was mailed to him. Rich went to the Wednesday Weymouth Mens' Meeting and the Saturday Quincy meeting. They have elected representatives who have yet to come to intergroup.
- How Outreach Committee, Activities Committee, and Vermont Coordinator Fit into Bylaws – We will include this as part of the bylaws review.

New Business

- Spring Gathering Preliminary Results – Lisa will compile the full report next month. Comments were positive. Some people complained that the women's bathroom was disgusting. One person missed having the NEI business meeting at the conference. Problems with two sessions that didn't follow the formats. Someone talked to the chairs between sessions and it was resolved in the next workshops they chaired. Some Co-SLAA people attended and suggested we have a Co-SLAA component at the conference.
- Annual Business Meeting Items – Eric brought copies of the Business Meeting Item Summary (BMIS) and e-mailed everyone a link to the FWS web site. Pages 12 through 29 are drafts of proposed literature, e.g. romantic obsession pamphlet, people of color pamphlet, anorexia pamphlet (for discussion). Pay particular attention to motions in the discussions with our groups. We will discuss this more at the next meeting.

Tabled Items

- None – The meeting finished early this time!

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, June 14, 2009 at 5:00 PM in room AR100 at Newton Wellesley Hospital. Respectfully submitted, David B.