

Meeting held on Sunday, 8 November 2009 in room AR100 of Allen Riddle hall at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Convened at 5 PM, followed by the Serenity Prayer, 12 Steps and 12 Traditions. Brief Check-ins. In attendance: Eric G (chair), Curtis B, Michael T (spiritual reminder), David B, Jon L, Rich N (timekeeper), Jordan R, Lisa P.

Quorum check: Eligible voters are selected as group reps or alternates and have 3 months sobriety. We have three people present who are elected representatives and have at least three months sobriety and two people who are elected reps without three months sobriety. **Motion to allow provisional reps to vote (Michael/Rich): 2-1-0.** Question on whether we have group conscience. Minority does not wish to make a statement. **Motion passes.** We have 5 voters.

Department Reports:

- Recording Secretary (David B) – 2 Months to Review: August and October. Focus on the August minutes first. **Motion to approve August minutes (Michael/Rich): passes 5-0-0.** Review of October minutes. **Motion to accept as amended (Curtis/Rich): passes 5-0-0.**
- Corresponding Secretary (David B) – October mailing went out on Oct 26 – 100 US mail addresses and 68 e-mail addresses. Treasury report was not included, so it will be sent in November mailing instead. Answering service received 167 calls in October. 22 callers requested meeting lists. From web site, 28 people requested meeting lists. Some people have been requesting newcomer packets. In October, our e-mail address received 14 inquiries: 5 requests for meeting addresses or locations or directions, 2 to update NEI's address list, 4 from newcomers, 1 seeking a therapist, 1 from a therapist seeking Spanish literature and meetings, 1 for materials on how to do a first step. From the mailbox, we received a letter from a convict at Bridgewater MTC requesting information on support for sex offenders. Curtis wrote a response and included some pamphlets and a current meeting list. Meeting List changes: New meetings in Plymouth and Wareham. Mainly For Love Addicts meeting needs support. New time and location for Monday Men's Step meeting in Cambridge. **Motion to approve as amended (Rich/Curtis): 6-0-0.**
- Treasurer (Eric G / Curtis B – open) – Checkbook is balanced to end of September. We have 1882.10 in 7th tradition contributions. Over budget-to-date on Literature purchases and ABM fees, but that's a result of carry-over from last year. We had 48 people at the Fall Conference. \$402 in on-site registrations and two people pre-registered. \$11 for delegates. \$84 in raffle. Sold \$289.75 in literature. Cost to rent the space was \$412.50. **Motion to approve treasury report (Michael/Rich): 5-0-1.**
- Newsletter (Rich N) – Draft of November article sent via e-mail. Need lead article on Fall gathering. Included notice to get people to change from the US mail database to our e-mail database. Suggestion to create new e-mail address: mailinglist@slaanei.org to allow people to change their address information. This address will be forwarded to the person in charge of maintaining the mailing list. Suggestion to include article on electing NEI group representatives. Michael and Curtis will proofread newsletter.
- Literature (Ed W – open) – We sold \$289.75 at the conference. Counted inventory before and after. Difference is \$5.25. Ed is willing to give this up, so this position is open.
- Vermont Coordinator (Jenny RW – open) –
- Activities Committee (Jenny RW, Lisa P, David B, Kim B) – Vermont Report: In order to help with heating costs in winter, Nikki may set the minimum cutoff at 15 people in order to hold a VT weekend. Jenny will check with Nikki to clarify minimum. Everyone thanks activities committee for a great conference. Wants to show "Up" in January. Needs to set a date for January or February this week. We'll get a flyer and an announcement in the newsletter. Activities committee will send announcement for conference locations to google group.
- Outreach (Jim B - open) – Not present

- ABM Delegate (David B) – Anorexia 1-2-3 teleconference today. Curtis participated in the teleconference. Consensus is it is valuable. Top line stuff. Meditations. Good stories.
- Group Rep Reports – None.

Old Business:

- Group Visits – Continue to spread the message about NEI to other meetings. Eric will present information about group visits. Officer elections will be held again in January 2010.
- Open Positions
 - Vice-Chair
 - Recording Secretary **Nomination of David until January 2010 (Michael/Rich). David accepts. Passes 6-0-0.**
 - Corresponding Secretary
 - Outreach Chair – **Jordan is willing to do it. Nomination: (Michael/Rich). Passes 6-0-0.**
 - Literature – **David nominates himself (David/Michael). Passes 6-0-0.**
 - Telephone Coordinator. Six months sobriety requirement.
 - Intergroup Activities Committee Chair. Nomination of Jenny (David/Lisa). Jenny is not a group representative, nor is she here to accept or decline. David withdraws nomination of Jenny.
 - Mailings – Currently managed by Curtis and Rich until end of December. Willing to continue (Curtis/Rich). Rich prints pages and packs the envelopes. Curtis puts address labels on them.
- VT Weekend Policies – Jenny provided a copy of the policies. Review. Clarify requirements for leaders/co-leaders. Include statement on refund policies. Clarify that single rooms are assigned to first registered, not first arrived. Suggestion that we send policies with the confirmation packet after someone registers.
- Web Content Document Library – Web site library requires password and the link is hidden. Do we want this accessible to everyone? **Motion that we move these items to the google group to maintain an archive. Documents will be read-only (Eric/David). Passes 5-0-1.** Eric and Lisa will work on this.
- Conference Update – 2011 & 2012 ABM Host Needed. November is Gratitude Month. David will provide Rich a link to the flyer to include in newsletter. FWS is looking for hosts for 2011 and 2012 ABMs. It requires a lot of work for an intergroup to sponsor this. We would need an army of volunteers to handle logistics. At our current support level, we don't have enough people to do this.

New Business:

- Outreach Postcard – David would like to share outreach postcard with the CPIC. **Motion to allow this (Curtis/Rich). Fix typos in document and resend to google group. Passes 6-0-0.**
- 60/40 Contribution Form – NEI created a 60/40 contribution form. **Motion to put it on the website (Lisa/David): passes 5-0-1.**
- NEI business meeting space for 2010 – David and Eric will discuss this and return to it at December meeting. February meeting is scheduled for February 14. Suggestion to hold a “You Are Not Alone” event, followed by NEI business meeting. **Motion to move NEI business meeting to February 7, 2010 (David/Rich): 5-0-1.**

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, December 13, 2009 at 5:00 PM in room AR100 at Newton Wellesley Hospital. Respectfully submitted, David B.