

Meeting held on Sunday, October 10, 2010 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: Lisa P., Rich N., Michael T. (timekeeper), Peter S. (spiritual reminder), Eric G., Roseanne R., Patrick D.

Quorum – 4 Group Reps – **Motion to open voting to provisional reps (Mike/Patrick) 4-0-0**

#### Department Reports

- Recording Secretary (David B) – Not present, but e-mailed minutes to everyone. **Motion to approve minutes (Patrick / Peter) passes 4-0-1.**
- Corresponding Secretary (David B acting - OPEN) – Not present, e-mailed report to everyone. Edited by Rich and included Call report (Rich will email edits to David). Need to add one meeting discontinuation.
  - Mailing Report: (Rich N & Curtis B) – Sept mailing went out on Sept 28 to 98 addresses. Contained Sept newsletter, the Aug minutes, the Dec VT weekend flyer, the Fall Recovery Gathering flyer, the Speaker sign-up form for the Fall Recovery Gathering, the WNEI Fall Conf Flyer, the Group Registration announcement from FWS, and the Group Registration form. The electronic mailing also went out on Sept 28. It contained links to the same items except the Group Registration form and the Speaker sign-up form.
  - Phone Coordinator Report: (Richie B) – 129 total calls in Sept. 3 callers requested a meeting list mailed to them. 5 people requested a meeting list mailed to them via the internet service. 8 meeting lists total mailed. Answering Service was extremely prompt in responding to a concern regarding poor service from a caller. They continue in my opinion to be very well maintained and courteous. As I have stated before I have called on different days and different times.
  - Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – Total of 5 inquiries in September: 1 asking about space at the October VT retreat, 1 looking for therapist, 1 meeting location request, 1 from other intergroups, 1 complaint about answering service.
  - From the Mailbox: (Marie C) – Nothing requiring the attention of the corresponding sec.
  - Meeting List Changes: (David B) - Friday Cambridge Men's Meeting - Open Meeting. Changed meeting time. Dropped meditation portion. Thursday Haverhill Meeting - Trying to find a new location. Joe B gave his permission to put his telephone number on the NEI web site. Sunday Winooski Vermont Meeting - New contact number for Valerie: 802-825-5481.
- Treasurer (Eric G acting – OPEN) \$2,900 in Bank. \$1,000 behind budget, Mostly due to about \$1,000 shortage in 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition. Delegate Fund also short on contributions. **Motion to approve: Peter/Michael 5-0-0 – accepted as submitted.**
- Newsletter (Rich N) - Link Giving Freely Article to be linked to 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition and Delegate fund shortfalls. Jenny RW also putting together a flyer for expected costs per group to fund second delegate. Updates to Meeting List Changes. Fall Gathering article on front page. Proofreaders chosen. Freely giving to be re-written as personal experience. Future Article Literature Purchases through N.E.I.
- Literature (Peter) - One Book Sold.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (David B-chair, Jenny RW, Lisa P, Rosanne) VT Weekend 19 people – lots of first timers. Fall Gathering coming up. Need to schedule Movie Location and Valentine's Day location. December VT weekend coming up. Should schedule Spring Gathering so the Group Visit packets can include information.
- Outreach (Patrick) - Reviewing the Bylaws for clarity on duties. Coordinator looking to expand cmte. May have some Tradition questions on future plans. Hoping to set up a sign-up at Fall Gathering so people can volunteer to do outreach work
- ABM Delegate (David B.) - Not here
- Group Reps Reports (if any) - Sunday Weymouth planning to elect new GR

### Old Business

- Open Positions
  - Corresponding Secretary - temporarily filled by David B. (1 year sobriety requirement)
  - Treasurer – temporarily filled by Eric G. (1 year sobriety requirement)
  - Web Site Coordinator - temporarily filled by Lisa P., Eric. G., and Rich N. (6 months sobriety requirement)
  - Monthly Mailings – temporarily filled by Rich N. & Curtis (1 year sobriety requirement for mailing envelopes)

### New Business

- Fall Recovery Gathering
  - Evaluations and Room Formats - Past issues with group leader shares. How to prevent issues? – Round Robin Discussion. Reminder to fill out evaluation at end of meeting. Give raffle ticket at end of each session? Brief Meeting with Co-leaders? X 3 on Keeping with Traditions, Keeping with our message, Directing to remind participants to fill out evaluations, and Focus on speaker's own ESH. Evaluation completion time prior to Serenity Prayer. Strong Co-leader to re-direct. Be careful in how we approach speakers to not diminish the importance of their own experience. Register on arrival in order to give message one on one: Post Speakers after “orientation” and discuss Basic Guidelines. Give people a chance to approach NEI members if they have issues with speakers (registration desk).
  - **Eric / Patrick move to have Activities Cmte. To take these points under advisement and develop processes and formats consistent with the suggestions 5-0-0.**
  - Snacks – Donation of baked items – individually packaged. Drinks (Coffee, Soda, Water, and / or Juice) – Donated. Snacks from store – Donated. Sell for benefit of NEI
  - Facilitator Sign-up - Need coverage for 6 sessions (still need second leader for each session)
  - Need Raffle Items.
- Group Visits Subcommittee – Proposed Packets presented. Edits to letter and NEI pamphlet proposed (Replace “probationary” with “provisional”. Jenny RW creating flyer for ABM and hope to send 2 Delegates.
- Listing CO-SLAA on Meeting List and Web Site – Co-meetings on our lists. Denied RCA Meeting listing. Link on our website to their websites? Phone number? **Moved put on the meeting list and website that “We have helpful links on our website for addicts and those affected by our addiction.” (Roseanne / Patrick) 4-0-1. Moved that we create a links page (Eric / Roseanne) 5-0-0.** Finding Co-SLAA meeting was difficult – only able to find it on our meeting list. In print note that we have a links section on our website with links to other 12-Step programs – Links page on website.
- Contents of Mailing for October – Newsletter, Meeting List, Treasury Report, and September Minutes
- Photocopying Processes – Need a criteria for allowing copying / printing. Meeting copies – should come from person responsible for report. Copy with own judgment until and unless problems arise.

### Tabled Until Next Meeting

- Replacing Preamble with Description of NEI on meeting list.
- NEI Meeting Locations for 2011 – Possibility of using Bank Meeting Room.
- Proposal to submit to ABM motion to adopt preamble to Step 10 as SLAA Promises.

### Closing

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, November 14, 2010 at 5:00 PM in room AR100 at Newton Wellesley Hospital.  
Respectfully submitted, Eric G – acting recording secretary.