

2020 NEI Business Meeting

Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 5:00 pm

Newton Wellesley Hospital – Main Hospital – Bowles Conference Rm #6, 2nd Floor

Call in (605) 313-4446– Participant Access: 774308#

Attendees: Aaron, Phil B, Chris T, Jenny R, Mark S., Betsy L., Martin, Tom W

Volunteer to chair today's meeting in absence of acting chair – Aaron.

Volunteer to be recording secretary – Betsy.

Serenity Prayer/12 Steps & 12 Traditions/Check-ins (Sobriety Accountability)

Ask for Timekeeper & Spiritual Reminder -- Phil

Affirm there is a Quorum 5 GR and AR with 3 months sobriety, Betsy/Martin – 3-0-0

If needed, vote to allow webmaster to bypass Sobriety requirement for this month – Aaron/Betsy 4-0-1

Vote to allow Phil to help with mailing labels Betsy/Chris 4-0-1

New Business

Election of service positions

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Treasurer, Jenny, Betsy/Chris 5-0-0
- Web, Chris – Betsy/Aaron 4-0-1
- Newsletter Editor
- Recording Secretary – Betsy Chris/Aaron 4-0-1
- Corresponding Secretary
- Outreach Chair
- Phone Coordinator, Geri Betsy/Aaron 5-0-0
- Literature Coordinator Aaron/Chris 4-0-1

Tabled for discussion for future meeting: should NEI continue to have a literature coordinator or leave it to groups to order directly from FWS.

Corresponding secretary: Peter, database. Chris, meeting list changes, printing; Jenny mailing label.

Newsletter, idea e-bulletin only. Discussion – people without access to computer need information; what's NEI's role in meeting the needs of the larger community, do we still need to do it the same way? Member likes getting paper copy and bringing copies to the group who pick up copies.

Motion- E-bulletin – Print and include in monthly position. Betsy/Aaron 5-0-0.

How to handle the chair position? Ideas? Quarterly basis? Rotate chair? What about the sobriety requirement? What can we do well and meet the needs of the New England SLAA community? Are current members spread too thin? Do we meet too often – do we need to scale back.

Motion: Betsy to put together agenda for next month.

Aaron to consolidate job descriptions, bring to next meeting.

Suggestion – Have an NEI retreat.

Agenda item – five open positions. Chris to include in e-bulletin.

Activities for the 2020 year

Committee down to three people. Upcoming activities in flux because not enough volunteers. Kim and Jenny to do retreats. Lisa and Jenny to do Meeting and a Movie. February meeting needs volunteers to set up for events. Lisa to oversee Bike Ride in June.

Mark to be in touch with Jenny/Lisa to get key ahead of time for January event.

Phil to be in touch with Jenny about key and event for February event.

Spring Gathering: put on agenda for next week, high priority.

Prescription Pad therapist list for counties; next steps

Department Reports

Recording sec'y – Edits offered.
Betsy/Aaron 5-0-0

Treasurer report:
Question of recording donations. Hard for treasurer to understand recurring donation. Put in e-bulletin. On agenda for February, on agenda – Jan./Feb and quarterly

Website:

47 emails, 884 visits to different pages 1,300, schedules, 1100, meeting map 400. 75% of users are using iphone.

Phone report: 111 calls for the month of December. The volunteers answered about 8 calls. Report submitted via text by Geri.

Agenda item to add: pricing for literature? Should it be the same as FWS? Do we want to add The Journal to the form?

Confirm contents for January Mailing: Deadline for materials to get to printer for both e-bulletin and hard copy distribution – Feb. 19, 2020

- Approved December Meeting Minutes/BL
- Retreat Flyer/CT
- E-bulletin/CT

Old Business

- Remove sobriety requirement from By-Laws
- 15 minutes spent on discussion of “How to increase revenue?”

Close Meeting: Check-Outs; Serenity Prayer

Recording Secretary – Peter S.
Treasurer - Jenny
Website - Chris
Telephone Coordinator - Geri
Activities – Geri/Jenny
Printing – Chris
Newsletter - Betsy
Literature – Aaron
Group Reps Reports (if any)

Next Meeting Date: Feb. 9

Group Rep report – Order online. Not aware. Thursday Newton unclear about how to order.

Stay on agenda: prescription pads

Worcester County, Martin to pay.