

Meeting held on Sunday, 11 October 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 (timekeeper), David B, Rich N (spiritual reminder), Jim B, Jordan R

Quorum check: Eligible voters are selected as group reps or alternates and have 3 months' sobriety. We have three people eligible to vote and five representatives total. Motion by Rich to waive sobriety requirement. No one seconds. **Motion that Jim be allowed to vote as representative of Quincy group, even though he is leaving the group to start another meeting (Curtis/Rich). Passes 2-0-1.**

Department Reports:

- Recording Secretary (David B) – 2 Months to Review. Review September minutes. Some changes. **Motion to approve (Curtis/Jim): passes 3-0-0.** Recording secretary did not bring draft of August minutes. Table approval of those until November.
- Corresponding Secretary (David B) – Report on September mailing: mailed to 100 addresses on September 25. Phone coordinator report: 108 calls in September. 23 callers requested callbacks, meeting lists, or info packets. 14 people requested meeting lists via the web service. Internet coordinator report: 10 messages in August; 1 about a defunct meeting, 4 requests for meeting locations, 1 update to NEI's address list, 1 on ordering literature, and 3 messages from newcomers. 9 messages in September; 5 requests for meeting locations, 2 from publications confirming NEI's contact info, 1 update to the address list, and 1 message from a newcomer. Our mailbox received just bills and VT weekend signups. Meeting List changes: new Monday meeting in Stoughton, new Friday meeting in Natick, other changes to existing meetings. **Motion to approve October meeting list (Curtis/Jim).** Stoughton is misspelled on the list. Highlight changes when meetings change frequently, even if there are no net changes between meeting lists. Report on number of meetings on list. **Approved 3-0-0.**
- Treasurer (Eric G / Curtis B – open). A little behind budget for the fiscal year. ABM Delegate bills and literature purchases from last fiscal year were paid in this fiscal year. Considering that, we're doing well. 7th Tradition contributions are up nearly 100% from expectations. We'll have an expense for the Fall Recovery Gathering.
- Newsletter (Rich N) – October newsletter will contain updates on bylaws. Include information on Fall Recovery Gathering. Add meeting list changes. **Motion to approve newsletter, subject to changes (Curtis/Jim): passes 2-0-1.** Submit additions to the newsletter this week.
- Literature (Ed W – open) – Two sales. One for \$70.50 (3 books & 30 chips). One for \$32 (2 books). David purchased 20 books for \$308 and \$77.10 in welcome chips and pamphlets.
- Vermont Coordinator (Jenny RW – open) – 17 people at recent weekend. Not all checks have been cashed yet. We paid scholarships for \$110. Nikki expressed concern about the amount of people, and how many people have to be there for her to make money. We need to discuss this with the Vermont coordinator.
- Activities Committee (Jenny RW, Lisa P, David B, Kim B) – Fall Gathering is scheduled for Saturday, November 7. We're renting Grace Church in Newton for

\$385. Fall Gathering ends at 7:00 PM. What's the policy if there is no one with 6 months sobriety to lead a topic session? The policy is that the session is cancelled. What can we do to get more people to volunteer to chair topic sessions? For next NEI business meeting, the activities committee must have schedule for planning spring gathering.

- Outreach (Jim B) – Quincy Patriot Ledger interviewed people about sex addiction. SLAA was mentioned in the article, but not in the list of resources. May have been a mistake on the part of the reporter. A number of people started coming to meetings after reading the article.
- ABM Delegate (David B) – See anorexia teleconference issue
- Group Rep Reports - None

Old Business:

- Bylaws Amendments Vote – **Motion to approve bylaws as amended, as stated in draft e-mailed by NEI chair on September 14, 2009 (Eric/Jim).** Newton Tuesday meeting suggests that setting sobriety requirements for groups violates the 3rd tradition. Discussion on the issue. **Results of vote: 2-1-0.** Minority vote agrees we have group conscience and declines to express minority opinion.
- NEI Meeting Visits
- Open Positions
 - Vice-Chair
 - Recording Secretary
 - Corresponding Secretary
 - Public Information Committee Chair
 - Archivist
 - Phone Coordinator
 - Prison Outreach Coordinator
 - Mailings
- VT Weekend Policies – Brought copies of Vermont policies to meeting for everyone to review. Common issue: we never know exactly how many people attend the weekend until the day of the event, and that's not going to change. Tabled.
- Web Content Document Library

New Business:

- Conference Update – 2011 & 2012 ABM Host Needed. November is Gratitude Month
- Anorexia Draft Booklet Teleconference – Teleconference at 10:00 AM on Sunday, November 8 to discuss opinions of the draft “Anorexia 1-2-3” booklet. Literature person should also be involved. We'd prefer to have someone familiar with anorexia. Curtis volunteers. David will get copies of the booklet from the CAC. Anyone interested, please contact David B.

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, November 8, 2009 at 5:00 PM in room AR100 at Newton Wellesley Hospital. Respectfully submitted, David B.