

The New England Intergroup was held on Sunday, March 10, 2019 in Bowles Conference Room #6 at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Meeting convened at 5:00 PM with pizza served; 5:15PM Serenity Prayer read and meeting started, including the final collating of the monthly mailing.

Members present: Geri C (Vice Chair), Betsy L, Chris T, Jenny R, Patrick D, Kevin K, Adam, Seamus P, Phil B, and Lisa P. On the conference call: Mike T.

Betsy L. volunteered to be acting recording secretary in absence of recording secretary Peter S. Chris T volunteered to be Timekeeper.

Reading of SLAA 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, brief check-ins.

Officer sobriety check-in: All officers present who have a sobriety requirement meet that requirement.

Agenda order was rearranged and started with New Business. Geri C., vice chair, presided over meeting in absence of chair.

1) ABM Delegate Raffle Deadline March 26, 2019 -- discussion led by Lisa P who explained that FWS raffles off a free registration if name submitted by March 26, 2019. May 9th is early registration deadline, June 8, regular registration price. Note: Every six meetings held within an Intergroup qualifies for a delegate. Kevin K is considering attending. Lisa P to fill out form with Kevin's name and submit to FWS by deadline. Name can be changed if needed.

2) Website Coordinator Position(s) -- Lisa P is currently coordinator; Chris T is doing back-end work. Jim G. is stepping away temporarily. Lisa P stepping down as of April 1. Lisa P. stepping off of NEI. She will bring "canned responses" for email inquiries received via NEI website. Lisa coming to April meeting, but not coming to May meeting. Lisa staying on Activities Committees and Website Committee. Noted discrepancy: Sobriety requirement for website coordinator is 6 months; access to mailing addresses is 1 year. Discussion to be continued at next NEI meeting.

3) Change Bank Account Signatories -- Bank signatories are currently Patrick & Lisa. Recommended: Jenny and new NEI chair as current Chair, Seth. S., has stepped down to take position on FWS Board of Trustees. Patrick D. volunteered to be Chair. Stepped out of room for discussion and vote.

Quorum Check: Four group representatives present met sobriety requirement. **Motion to allow group reps who do not meet the sobriety requirement to vote: Jenny/Geri 4-0-0.** Seven group reps present at meeting allowed to vote.

Discussion to elect Patrick chair. **Vote to elect Patrick chair Jenny/Geri 7-0-0.** Patrick re-entered the room and participated in the rest of the meeting.

Vote to change Bank Signatory from Lisa & Patrick to Jenny & Patrick Kevin/Betsy 7-0-0.

4) NEI portion of Spring Gathering. Handout to bring to meetings. Discussion/history about Outreach, about 12% of groups send a Rep. What to do at Spring Gathering discussed. Decided by group discussion that Lisa & Patrick to lead meeting. They will plan the meeting offline and share information with others on NEI as needed.

5) Purchasing new printer -- Patrick sent out numbers, including new and improved model of what we have that is currently 7+ years old. Further discussion tabled due to time constraints. Seamus currently has printer and will make necessary copies for Spring Gathering.

Brief discussion about filing for non-profit 501C3 status, but tabled due to time constraints.

6) New plug-in for Website coordination – truncated discussion due to time constraints, but **vote taken to renew Go Daddy for one year, plus addition for Mass Marketing feature.
Geri/Jenny 7-0-0.**

Plug-in Maps showing. Meeting list needs to be proofed. Lisa volunteered. Issue of meetings that can't be listed on the website. Huge anonymity issue about contact information, still prevalent. Further discussion tabled until future meeting due to time constraints.

7) Earmarked monies to FWS for Archives -- put forward by Seth via email, but not present to discussed. **Vote taken to table discussion until Seth is present to answer questions,
Jenny/Kevin 7-0-0.**

8) Treasurer's Report – Tabled until April NEI meeting.

9) Newsletter -- with only a few minutes left in the meeting, discussion was truncated. Group agreed that Betsy could draft the April issue and that all would have the chance to proof.

10) Contents of March mailing

February Draft Minutes reviewed. **Voted to approve Geri/Jenny 7-0-0.** [A typo in the January minutes was mistakenly verbalized as being in the February minutes. Clarification by acting recording secretary, no edits needed to February minutes as submitted.]

March Mailing to include:

- Approved February Meeting Minutes
- April Newsletter
- Cycling for Serenity flyer

Deadline for materials to get printed: Wednesday, March 20. Hard copy distribution collated at next NEI meeting, Sunday, April 14, 2019.

Corresponding Secretary report provided via email to Google group, but not discussed at meeting.

11) Corresponding Secretary report (Jenny/Geri/Seth) –

- Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – Web Site Statistics for February 2019
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| Vermont weekend inquiry | 3 |
| <u>Copy of Meeting List Request to be Mailed</u> | <u>2</u> |
| TOTAL | 5 |

Next Meeting Date: Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 5:00 pm. Seamus to return Bluetooth Speaker to Peter S who will bring it to the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Betsy L