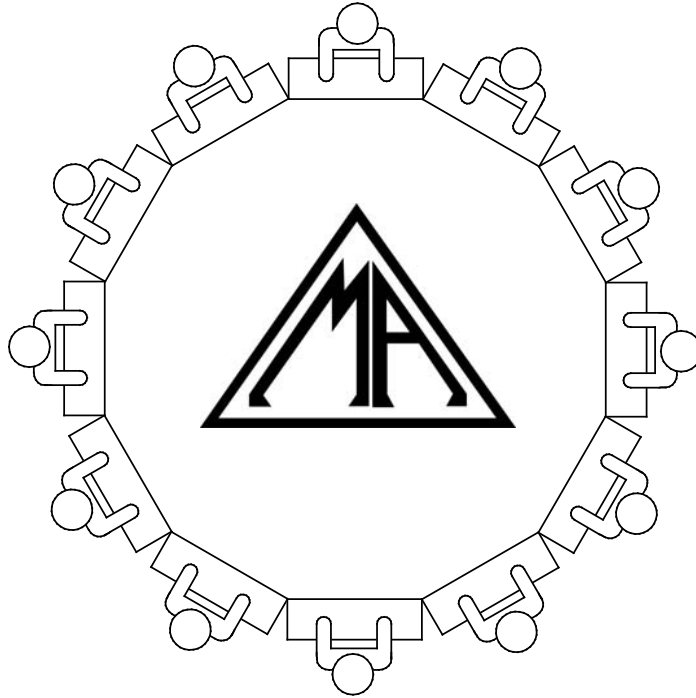


Marijuana Anonymous World Services Conference



Conference 2012

**May 26 – 28, 2012
Hofstra University
Hempstead, NY**

Conference Minutes

The 2012 Marijuana Anonymous World Services (MAWS) Conference commenced on Saturday, May 26, 2012 at 9:00 am at Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT 1: CONFERENCE PACKET. THIS ATTACHMENT WILL BE REFERENCED THROUGHOUT.

Day 1 – Saturday, May 26, 2012

GENERAL SESSION #1, SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2012: MORNING

Brought to order by Amy with the following opening remarks	9:00 AM
Reading of the 12 Traditions of Marijuana Anonymous – Jim	9:04 AM
Reading of the 12 Concepts – Keith G.	9:07 AM
President’s Opening Comments – Amy H,	9:10 AM
Overview of Conference Facilities – Loren S. (PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT 2)	9:14 AM
Further Conference Notes – Amy H.	9:16 AM

MAWS REPORTS

OFFICE MANAGER (TOM W.) 9:17 AM
(PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT 3)

I’m Tom and I’m your Office Manager for both MAWS and ANLP. When Tradition 8 speaks of special workers, I’m pretty much the one in it’s talking about.

Without going into too much detail, I’m generally the first point of contact for the program, although that somewhat changed last year when the 2010 Conference established trustee emails on the website. On the MAWS side of things, I answer the Office email, answer the 800 line, collect mail from the Post Office Box and answer or forward it as necessary, update the website, support New Meeting applications for independent meetings, handle payments to State Fund Workers Comp Insurance, update the Service Manual, and of course at the Conference I take the Minutes and publish them after the Conference is done.

On the ANLP side of things, I update and publish the literature as needed, house all the books and workbooks and ship them from my garage, maintain the online store, keep track of all the sales, and am generally the desktop publisher for the program except for the newsletter which is done currently by Mark I.

The Office Manager position is a part time position, but it’s pretty much a seven-day operation for me since I have to answer one form of mail or the other at least once every two days or it gets way behind. And I try to respond to ANLP orders within three days of their receipt, which takes some measure of concentration.

So mainly what I’m going to give you is statistics, so that you have some idea of where we’re at in this program as far as numbers, and for the first time I can give you some breakdowns year over year in more than just totals.

So the first set of slides is meetings. We had a total of 277 meetings last year, we now have a total of 302, which shows a 9% growth rate, which is the biggest growth rate I’ve ever recorded.

We also received very good news from the group in Michigan who reported that the Ann Arbor group has decided to visit the other southeast Michigan and north western Ohio groups to explore the interest in forming a regional district.

District meetings total 129 in the US, and 29 non-domestic.

We have 128 independent meetings in the US, and 15 independents elsewhere, and here is the breakdown by state and country.

And this is the exploded view of all our meetings, which now includes the new Phone Bridge meetings, which represent a nice slice of the pie, and congratulations to them for getting those underway!

The we have 800 line statistics. I measure the success rate of the 800 line by looking at how many total calls we get versus the number of voice mails that are left, and really these are statistically correct but the success rate is greater because we have bozos leaving voice mails in addition to people who really need more information. And what I mean by success rate is, the total number of calls, minus the voice mail figure, is those calls where I have to assume that people started listening to the message, and hung up without leaving one because they heard something that was of meaning to them. And there is a month-to-month breakdown but the percentage is very consistent.

Finally we have ANLP sales. This year we sold 1899 Life With Hopes and 531 Workbooks, and these give you some idea of the breakdown of sales through the online store and through the Post Office Box. Sales were down a bit this year month to month, but not to any great extent. We did have to raise shipping prices to follow the increase from the Post Office. My policy on shipping overseas is to invoice them through PayPal for however many materials they want plus the shipping cost that we pay, and then we absorb the PayPal fee, because the international shipping is ridiculous enough as it is.

So in closing I just want to remark that this is my 8th Conference as Office Manager, and I'm very happy to be doing what I do for this program, and that I hope that the service I'm rendering is satisfactory. I'm always looking for better ways of doing things and hope that I can continue doing the job. I love the program and I love what I do, and I'm grateful that you let me do it. Thanks!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

9:25 AM

The 2011-2012 Conference cycle provides us with a wealth of information about the strengths and weaknesses of Marijuana Anonymous World Service. We began the year with high hopes and a great deal of energy. As the year has progressed, our ambitions for an increased output in service and more regular communication between World Service, the Districts, Independent Meetings and the fellowship as a whole have been largely unrealized. I don't say this to diminish the ambitions we have had or to disregard the commitment that we have seen from several members throughout the year but only to highlight a continuing problem that we face as an organization. We simply do not have enough volunteers at this point to execute many of the goals that we set for ourselves. The result is inconsistent communication which leads to incomplete projects.

The most obvious example of this phenomenon is the MAWS Effectiveness Survey. This initiative, to reach out to districts and get feedback from the fellowship about issues that are relevant to MAWS and how we can best be of service, was started with tremendous energy and commitment. With no consistent project leadership and a thorough breakdown in communication, the initiative has stalled. I would like to acknowledge the volunteers in this room and throughout the fellowship who did give significant service to this project.

Rest assured that the time and effort that were invested in this project were not wasted. As we continue throughout the coming weekend, we will certainly learn more from this survey that can guide us in the future, which was our intention. In that respect, the project has been a success as not only the responses but the process itself, serve as

significant teachable moments.

The Big Book calls an inventory a “fact finding mission.” The process of the MES shows us several important facts about MAWS which are worth noting:

- The society of MAWS is committed to the vision of carrying the message in the most effective way possible. This fellowship takes its responsibility to Tradition Five very seriously.
- We are eager for communication from individual members, districts, and unaffiliated meetings.
- The number of consistently reliable volunteers to facilitate that communication is lacking.

On the Trustee level, we have the opportunity to learn a great deal from the significant changes we have seen. One Trustee, Aimee M. of District 8, resigned in mid-year. Let us take this opportunity to thank her for the contributions she made in over two years as Trustee. I would also like to thank Cheney S. who, as first alternate, stepped up to fill in as the Outreach Trustee in Aimee’s absence. Thanks also go to our second alternate, Jay I., who resigned as alternate and as Chair of the Finance Committee after long-term involvement in that committee.

In addition to these changes, there has been a great deal of fluctuation in the Treasurer position. Lou A. began the year as Treasurer, the position was transferred to Keith G. and subsequently transferred back to Lou A. Thanks go to both of them for their willingness to step into a position that can seem challenging. The changes in the Treasurer, combined with the resignation of Jay I., have led to significant instability in the organization of our finances. All of these volunteers have generously put in effort in this area but the lack of consistency did create some obstacles to smooth operation and highlighted the need for adjustment to the responsibilities of Treasurer. Kathy L, who has served on the finance committee for several years, went to significant effort to update our records. Without her efforts and those of Carol M., we would be in much worse shape. Please join me in thanking them.

Our definition of insanity is to do the same thing over and over again and expect different results. We can either continue to experience this level of fluctuation and instability in our Trustees and this degree of vulnerability in our finances or we can learn from them and improve. As a whole, we have been improving over time (sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly) and I have every confidence that we can continue to improve in our level of service and avoid the difficulties of our past.

In addition to these more difficult changes at the Trustee level, we have experienced a successful change. The Public Information/ Hospitals & Institutions Committee have been functioning effectively throughout the year under the co-leadership of two Trustees, Portia W. and Lori B. The flexibility that we have as an organization allows us to try things like this and it’s important to learn from our successes as well as our difficulties.

I have spent a lot of time talking about the obstacles to effectiveness that we have faced this year because I believe these serve as our best teachers. However, it is important to step back and see the big picture. It is exciting to have the venue to acknowledge that we are still here to serve.

To be sure, the fellowship of Marijuana Anonymous is growing. Personally, I have been privileged to attend meetings in Districts 1, 2, 4, 13, 15, my home district 8, the Convention in District 3, and an independent meeting in Texas and have been consistently moved by the level of dedication to our primary purpose. As you will hear shortly, our newest district, 18, is strengthening. Foreign language translations are underway and some are nearing completion. We are reaching more people who need our help. It feels amazing to be a part of that!

I am excited for you to hear the reports from our Trustees detailing the work that has been done in the past year. There are so many opportunities to serve and to carry the message being created and these fellows and their committees have worked to continue that momentum.

In order to further this growth, we absolutely need more consistency in our service positions. These roles are

privileges. The phrase “Trusted Servant” indicates the seriousness with which we should ideally approach these commitments. I ask each person here to help us build a more reliable structure by staying involved in these commitments throughout the year.

The biggest lesson I would like to share with you is this: Communicate.

Communicate with each other:

- Get the support you need if you’re having difficulty with your service commitments. Those of us who are in this room tend to take on quite a lot of service in addition to leading busy lives. There is no shame in needing help- asking for it gives another person an opportunity to serve.
- Give support to fellows on your committees and service panels if you haven’t heard from them in a few weeks.
- Remember that this is a “we” program. The Trustees can’t do it alone, the committee members can’t do it alone, the delegates can’t do it alone, and the members can’t do it alone. The cure for trying to do it alone is communication.
- Throughout the weekend, we will hear a ton of great ideas from our fellow members . This is an energizing time focused on how best to serve. Keep these conversation going throughout the year on the Yahoo! Group. Don’t wait for next year’s Conference to share successes!
- Communicate with your districts:
- Support the efforts of MAWS by ensuring that your districts are sending the necessary information to MAWS.
- Support your districts by communicating their requests, successes, and questions to World Service.
- Communicate with the world: Carry the message. Each of us is busy and often overloaded with service. I encourage all of us to focus our service efforts on spreading the word about MA. This weekend is a tremendous opportunity to communicate with the sick and suffering addict. The coming year is as well. Do service that communicates the message of recovery and hope.

I would like to thank you all for this opportunity to serve you and this fellowship that has saved and changed my life.

TREASURER’S REPORT (LOU A.) 9:33 AM

SECRETARY/CONFERENCE & COMMITTEES TRUSTEE REPORT (DANIEL G.) 9:33 AM

CONFERENCES AND COVENTIONS:

We provided resources for D3 from prior conventions, to help prepare for the 2012 Convention.

SECRETARY REPORT

Challenges in my work prevented me from doing the minutes on a regular basis. I have prepared the minutes from the February 11 Trustee meeting.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES REPORT (ANDY D.) 9:40 AM

The close of the 2012 MA World Services Conference will bring to a close my two-year term as a world services

trustee. I am grateful to the fellowship for placing its trust in me, and for the opportunity to serve with my fellow trustees. I also want to express appreciation to the conference host committee, and especially to the members who volunteered their time over the last year to serve on the Policy and Procedure Committee: Aimee M., Allison F., Tristan H., Marshall T. and Cheyney.

The policy and procedure committee held two conference calls this year, which led to the submission of two motions to the 2012 conference, one addressing changes to the service manual regarding service sponsorship, and one regarding the ongoing recognition of districts that do not participate in world conferences. The committee laid some groundwork in the event that the fellowship ever moves to a two-year conference cycle by identifying the portions of the service manual that would require revision.

There were two areas where the committee failed to make significant progress:

1. Despite multiple attempts, we were unable to establish a dialog with A New Leaf Publications to obtain updated position descriptions for the service manual. The position titles listed in the masthead of the newsletter do not match the titles and position descriptions in the service manual.
2. We were unable to make substantial progress on developing policies and procedures that would allow remote conference voting. It became apparent through the course of the year that close coordination with the internet committee would be necessary, perhaps through the establishment of a joint P&P and internet subcommittee.

An unfinished piece of business that arose recently is that there has been a sudden spate of requests to reprint MA's 12 Questions, and there is no policy addressing providing permission to reprint this, or other MA-copyrighted, material. The P&P Committee will attempt to address this concern during its work at this conference.

In addition to leading the P&P committee, this trustee fulfilled his generic trustee responsibilities by routinely responding to email inquiries from fellowship members, members of the general public and fellow trustees, and by participating in quarterly trustee conference calls.

Thank you again for placing your trust in me and allowing me this opportunity to be of service.

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS REPORT (PORTIA W.)

9:47 AM

When MAWS Conference 2011 completed I found myself contemplating the year ahead as "newcomer" Hospitals & Institutions Trustee trusted servant and the fierceness of the already in place working model of my home district, District 8 in New York City. I was elated and excited to get present to what was possible with Hospitals' & Institutions' in the wide world! I was specifically attuned to commentary then MAWS President Duncan had expressed during one conference session. That if MA as a whole focuses our efforts on Tradition 5 (Each group has but one primary purpose -- to carry its message to the marijuana addict who still suffers.) MAWS would take care of itself.

This comment during the conference moved me deeply and drew my attention to the fact that MA is not a baby anymore. Over twenty years old with attributes of an entity much younger. I sincerely felt it would be the challenge of Hospitals and Institutions to take the lead in maturing our Marijuana Anonymous Institution and I created a theme, a vision for the future that our H&I committee might be willing to live into "HI 5 to MAWS" meaning if we carry our message to those who still suffer and have never heard of Marijuana Anonymous we could begin to oil the MAWS machine in a new and improved manner.

We gathered in committee at the conference, folks sounded committed, authentic enough, I'd never really met most of them so I kept it moving and felt genuinely excited regarding our progress. We agreed to convene via conference

calls on a monthly basis and continue to get related alongside Public Information as we built what sounded like “rebirth” to me at the time! The conference calls continued to go on with what turned out to be a core group and report/report backs ebbed and flowed with forward movement California, Seattle, New York and there was no way to tell what the rest H&I was up to in other places and of course this concerned me the entire year and letting go and turning it over took on new and newer meaning for me and my life. I often wonder what I could’ve have done extra and where did I give up on what I’d initially envisioned and the impact that may’ve had along the journey.

In months following MA Conference ’11, I penned letters of introduction to each district addressed to the H&I chair whether the district had a Hospitals & Institutions’ chairperson or not! A few chairs replied and we were in touch a few times. Now and then I’d get a call from an H&I trusted servant inquiring what and how so had transpired for H&I in New York. I held nothing back, I gave away everything I knew and had succeeded with to each caller and remained on the line for as long as they wanted every time.

I continued along with District 8 members in New York to carry our MA message to over 1100 new people who’d never heard of Marijuana Anonymous prior to our visitation. The hospitals and institutions are generously welcoming to Marijuana Anonymous most of the time. The majority of cold calls to the hospitals and institutions meet with warmth and invitation, which is delightful and fulfilling. The challenge occurs only as we work to hold the space of visitation and coordinate and create with members to form a panel, meet and go in to get the job of carrying the message complete. This process can take weeks to gel and it is huge to finally get to the place whereby each player is on same page, same line, same word ☺!

During this past year I wasn’t certain of how H&I was faring in the world and I prayed to remain present to service as I raised my personal self-care efforts after visiting my doctor and discovering that I required meds to address medical challenge that’s come to our attention. Thank god it’s not life threatening, whew!

As a result though I believe there were times when the ball got dropped and interest of retrieval paled and vanished. i.e. when H&I members seemed ok with going it without reaching back after I’d reached out to them, I ceased reaching for them and feel that behavior and attitude has an impact on how I stood as H&I Trustee in service. At the very least I want to take responsibility for the possibility of slowing the velocity that I’d left MAWS Conference ’11 with. Apologies my people!

On another note in November 2011, as Hospitals & Institutions trustee I took on creating a conference call method of MA meeting and initially launched 10 mtgs. simultaneously. Many continue to exist 10a 4pm (m-f) and 10p (weds) all EST. There is much recovery happening in this realm even as we fall and get up day to day and look to enroll new co-chairs to cover the meetings. Formats are already established and 7th tradition is honored. We’ll keep working to move this phase of MA development to higher ground, it is working!

What I believe is necessary is to slowly work to build relatedness with other Hospital & Institutions’ trusted servants around the globe keeping a context of workability alive and present through dialogue filled with integrity and our desire to always honor Tradition 5 no matter what and to keep the doors open and open new doors for the marijuana addicts who stills suffers.

Thank you for letting me be of service. I’ll keep coming back, it’s working!!

POLICIES & PROCEDURES REPORT (LORI B.)

9:55 AM

Conference Delegates, Fellow Trustees, Tom, District 15 members, and Sundry Long Islanders:

At my first MAWS conference, I represented District 1, San Francisco, as a delegate, uncertain whether I'd have the aptitude, or the appetite, for world service. I returned happily for a second conference and was elected to the board of trustees on which I've been both honored and daunted to serve for the past 4 years. This is my sixth consecutive

and, I might add, FINAL, MAWS conference for what I suspect will be a long time. Thanking my higher power for term limits!

Last year, at Conference 2011, the board of trustees voted to split a long-standing combined trustee position, Public Information & Hospitals and Institutions, into 2 separate roles. So Portia, the newly elected H&I Trustee, and I have shared a conference committee during the year. Although my experience in the past with committee participation BETWEEN conferences has been somewhere between mediocre and abysmal, this year we managed to have NINE committee conference calls! Though we were down to 2 trustees and 2 dedicated committee members toward the end, our calls were often both fruitful and inspiring.

For several years, I fantasized about re-writing the Public Information chapter inside our MA World Service manual - sexy, huh? - to update, streamline and improve its usefulness. With a committee member, this major piece of work was completed and the conference will vote on whether or not to accept the edit. Still on the wish list, creating a template for a letter that would introduce MA to school counselors and educators: elementary, junior high, high school and college.

While working on the PI handbook re-write, I found the following text in the original chapter:

"A video Public Service Announcement has been approved by MAWS. Each district/area can obtain a copy from World Services for use in circulating to local TV stations."

Curious about why I'd never seen such a thing and excited about its possibilities, I asked our fearless office manager, Tom, who had no copies for distribution and, furthermore, knew nothing of its existence!

Undeterred, I began some detective work. I poked around in the minds of several long-term MA members and started to piece together a very convoluted trail - YES, a video had been made by a member at no expense to MAWS. YES, there had been a LONG and ARDUOUS period of consideration at conference level. and YES, the PSA was finally conference-approved in 2003. but then - POOF - it disappeared from collective memory and was never made available for general distribution.

I have remedied the particulars of this situation by having our web master create a brand new tab on the MAWS website called PUBLIC INFORMATION. The opening page reads:

"The primary purpose of Marijuana Anonymous is to help the addict who still suffers. Therefore, public outreach, in the form of education, information, and awareness is an important aspect of our program. In addition to serving addicts, we welcome interest and inquiries from service providers in all areas - medical, the court system, educators, social workers, counselors - as well as from the general public.

Local chapters of Marijuana Anonymous are often able to provide panels, comprised of members in recovery, to speak in a diverse range of settings: schools, hospitals, prisons, conferences, rehabs. We are not "experts" who lecture on scientific aspects of drug use, nor do we have opinions on controversial issues such as legalization. Our members speak from personal experience about what it was like in the throes of active addiction, what happened, and what it's like now that they are in recovery."

Through the Public Information tab, our conference-approved Public Service Announcement is now on view and can be downloaded and customized for local district use. In addition, people can download the conference-approved flyer *Has Smoking Pot Stopped Being Fun?*, the generic MA meeting sign, the *For The Loved One* pamphlet and *Letter to the Service Provider*. I am hoping that in the future, this will become a very rich and active area on our website chock full of public information about our program.

But I am concerned by a more general aspect of what I discovered which I suspect is a lingering artifact of our disease as potheads - this trouble with traction. We buried a resource because we have difficulty tracking, archiving and implementing what we've spent time doing. This reminds me, sadly, of being stoned, and I would hope that we, as an organization, can get better and better at monitoring ourselves and capitalizing on our resources.

With Tom, I created a kind of "instant MA public information to-go kit" - a box full of pamphlets, books and workbooks, plus a banner, that's been shipped to members in three different parts of the country to represent MA this year: West Coast Symposium for Addictive Disorders in Palm Springs, CA; Evolution of Addiction Treatment Conference in Los Angeles; and two LaSalle University Health Fair events in Philadelphia. The unifying comment from members who worked the MA tables at these events was: SO FEW PEOPLE KNOW WE EXIST.

And on that note, I close with the following announcement:

On June 7th, a little less than 2 weeks from today, MTV's Emmy award-winning documentary series "True Life" will air their recently completed episode about three young people who are potheads.

That means that as of June 8th, approximately one million American viewers will have put together the two words "MARIJUANA" and "ADDICTION" - many of them for the first time ever. It seems to me that there has never been a better time to beef up our efforts (apologies to the vegetarians present) at Public Information on both the local and the national level.

Although MAWS was not involved in the production in any way, I checked in with the producer and we had several conversations over the course of the year. In our last email when I asked if "recovery" had emerged as a theme in the show, he answered, cryptically

"One of the people in the episode goes to a support group for addiction."

That's all he was willing to say. And now the suspense is killing me - did a 12 step group let them film? We'll have to tune in...!

LITERATURE REPORT (RICK V.)

10:05 AM

This is a brief listing of the tasks entrusted to the Literature Trustee/Committee as I began this service position at the 2011 conference (in alpha order):

Daily Meditation or Daily Reader book

Doctor's Opinion

Edits to LWH

People of Color pamphlet

Re-Printing of the 12 Questions and other literature

Translation Guidelines

After making a general statement here, I will briefly touch on what has been done toward each.

First, I will state that I was given support by the outgoing Literature Trustee, and I was given contact information for members who had served on the committee during the course of the 2010-2011 conference cycle, members who were willing to continue being of service on the committee throughout the coming year.

While I was grateful for the offer of support, it is with a certain amount of regret that I inform the 2012 conference that I neglected to utilize that support. Much of the year I was overwhelmed with personal affairs and did not feel motivated to do much toward the goals established by the previous year's committee. I am grateful for both the opportunities to participate in the quarterly conference calls and the periodic conversations with our President to catch up on things. Without these things I think I may have allowed my guilt over lack of accomplishment take me out of the game. That said, some traction was made in a few of the areas.

Daily Meditation or Daily Reader book

I received a series of emails that included Word document attachments of submissions for the book. There are less than a dozen total. I recognize that a serious campaign would have to be undertaken, and include a process of collecting many more than 365 in order to get enough work “of value” to put in to a book, and even then, not without a considerable amount of editing.

Doctor’s Opinion

I have the contact information for two doctors who have both agreed to help with a write-up. Both are busy, but I do believe we have made inroads and will eventually get this project done. I might suggest that we actually get MORE THAN ONE doctor’s opinion and will make recommendations to the Literature Committee to this effect.

Edits to LWH

More of a historical point- Edits had been suggested in the past, paid for, and the outcome was undesirable. See previous literature trustee reports and minutes from conferences for details. It was suggested that this clearly was less important than a few other things I could work on, namely the People of Color pamphlet, Doctor’s Opinion, and Translation Guidelines.

People of Color pamphlet

At the onset of my service as trustee, 2011 Conference, I received a small stack of emails and draft bits and pieces of writing. I knew there were members who wanted to see this done. I had one committee member with me in a small room and little time to work. We choked on what we started and found we could make more progress on the translation guidelines, so we started researching and writing those. Then... I dropped the ball. I didn’t feel qualified to work on this project and people I spoke with (including people of color) didn’t think it was a good idea. I may have had a different experience had I gotten in touch with those that had submitted writing, but for the same reasons I didn’t step up to any of these projects, I let it ride.

That said, prior to giving my conference report I had been handed an AA pamphlet called “Do you think you’re different?” (P-13), by another trustee. This AA pamphlet seemed to address the issue of diversity quite well. So my suggestion to the conference body was to use this pamphlet and others like it as a model from which to build.

Re-Printing of the 12 Questions and other literature

We have received contacts from book authors and the like requesting permission to re-print the 12 Questions. Lori B., Andy D., and myself discussed via email the necessity to create a policy for addressing such concerns.

Translation Guidelines

As it happens the work that my 2-person committee did last year turned out to be unnecessary because Jay I. did such an amazing job with translation guidelines. His work, and the little bit I did to assist with proof reading, is surely the most important work done by the literature committee this conference cycle (2011-2012).

OUTREACH REPORT (CHEYNEY S.)

10:12 AM

After assuming the Outreach Trustee position a few months after the 2011 conference, I was excited to be in a position of service to marijuana addicts all over the world. I was a bit overwhelmed at first with the scope of the role and its description. I didn’t do a great job of pestering the previous Outreach Trustee, so I didn’t ever fully get all my questions answered.

However, I was able to begin doing some service almost right away. I gained access to the email account outreach@marijuana-anonymous.org and began receiving random emails within weeks of taking over. I was able to connect the address to my personal gmail account so I always knew as soon as an outreach email came in, and could even reply using the “anonymous” MA address.

These emails are generally from someone who has decided to start a meeting and has already contacted Tom and

received a startup kit electronically. I will follow up with them in an open “If you need anything else please let us know”, but seldom hear back from these “new meetings”.

Other queries include the common “Why isn’t there an MA meeting closer to me?” to which I reply, “Here is your closest meeting and if that doesn’t work you are welcome to start one on your own.”

Overall there are rarely more than a handful of emails per month, but at times they can come several per week. It feels a bit like an “on call” service position in that way.

Aspects of Outreach I never implemented including going through the existing online schedule and attempting to contact each independent meeting directly. Some fellows will contact us letting us know a meeting has gone defunct; it would be good if we had closer contact to avert a member in pain looking for such a meeting. Perhaps with an Outreach committee in 2012 this task could be undertaken.

Globally there was even less news to report. We did receive great news out of the blue from Denmark last month that they are fully operational as a district and going strong. But beyond that we still see more room for growth abroad than actual expansion. Or at least we have not heard enough about it directly.

I remain hopeful that the Outreach Trustee position can still serve to help the marijuana addict who still suffers around the world. I also hope we will see a greater impact on the global community than I was able to make in my months in this position.

INTERNET REPORT (KEITH G.) 10:17 AM

For a comprehensive report on the pre-and post-Conference activities of the Internet Committee, **please see ATTACHMENT 13.**

BREAK 10:25 AM

RECONVENE 10:35 AM

ANLP PRESIDENT REPORT (JOHN McC.) 10:36 AM

Our Board consists of Mark I as publishing editor, Susan Bas secretary, Terry Has treasurer and myself as chair. We welcome Steve R as our new field editor.

From 6/11-5/12 we've sold 1860 copies of LWH. Sales of the workbooks reached 580 copies. This year we again had a printing 3,000 copies of Life with Hope. A donation of \$4,000.00 was made to MAWS. At this time we are broke but we have plenty of books to sell. We have enough in the accounts to function until we build up our reserves.

We did have a great response from this year's Convention in San Jose. We had over 40 responses to the questionnaires. Yes, I know it says attraction rather than promotion. So I promoted the attractiveness of answering the questions. I have brought a few copies of the March issue if you haven't had a chance to see this. It enabled those that attended to remember certain events that were special to them. It allowed those that did not attend a small glimpse of what other MA'ers got out of attending and being a part of the Convention.

Guess what, we have a questionnaire for you too. We would like to hear from each of the attendees here at the Conference and also those that helped put it on. You can fill them out and give them to me or send them in to ANLP. Just as with the Convention, we would like to extend the experiences of this Conference to those that were not here.

I would now like to address the Bureau Chiefs. I looked thru the issues from 4/11-4/12. No District had submitted

birthdays for all 13 months. Most Districts had submitted birthdays for various numbers of issues but one District had no birthdays published during this time. The June issue of the New Leaf has birthdays from Independents and 5 Districts. I assume if we are not receiving birthday notices there is probably little mention of the New Leaf at DSC or the meetings.

I would ask the Delegates to contact their respective Bureau Chiefs. See if they are still involved, going to meetings and asking for Birthdays and stories for The New Leaf. I would like contact info from those continuing Bureau Chiefs or those new Bureau Chiefs.

How about a new position called District Correspondent. An MA member who enjoys writing and could send in an article or two? We would like to hear about your recovery or fellowship events, fundraisers or a road trip that turned into something great. Something that will let us know what is going on in your District.

Lastly, what are the meetings doing with the old issues of the New Leaf? Seriously, what are you doing with them? I am sure some of the older issues are sent to the trash but have any meetings come up with a novel way of recycling them. We would love to hear these stories and pass them on to the other Districts. If you don't have anything to pass along, how about coming up with some ideas and let us know how they have worked for you. You never know how a small idea could grow into something big.

DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 1 (PAUL, CRYSANthemUM)

12:06 PM

District 1, one of five Districts in Northern California, covers the City and County of San Francisco, an area of about 7 by 7 miles with a population of over 800,000.

District 1 currently has four weekly meetings, one of which has formed within the last year.

"Friends of Bud" on Tuesday night is our largest meeting with 15 to 20 people attending weekly, including a core of 10 to 15 regulars plus newcomers. The meeting features fellowship after the meeting and potluck dinner on chip night.

"Greener Pastures" on Monday night is a relatively small meeting at a Kaiser CDRP that gets a lot of newcomers that are in the Kaiser outpatient program. The meeting averages 7-11 people a week.

In its second year, our Friday night "Marina Group," an MA meeting that welcomes discussion of cross-addiction, continues to draw an average of 6-10 people week to week.

Our most recently formed meeting, "On a Mission," meets at the Om Shan Tea House in the Mission District on Saturday mornings. It is already a popular meeting thanks to the tea house's groovy ambience and the meeting's well-liked meditation format, with ten minutes of silent meditation followed by discussion.

In addition to weekly meetings, District 1 also hosts the "Women's Potless Luck" meeting on the third Saturday of every month. This is a women-only meeting, followed by a potluck dinner.

Our DSC meets on the first Wednesday of each month. Though keeping all of the District level commitments filled is an ongoing challenge, members continue to step up to fill vital roles like District Chair and Secretary.

Our District has increased its focus on Public Information efforts this year, exploring different ways to spread the word about MA in San Francisco. Our outreach includes regular presentations to Goodwill's RAMP program and a local High School. Some meetings have been passing a second basket separate from the 7th Tradition that goes directly into a District-wide PI fund. This fund has been used to buy 5000 business card-sized fliers for placement in rehabs, therapist offices, and other public spaces to increase our visibility. We have also raised money towards the

goal of placing ads on MUNI trains throughout the city.

One consequence of passing the second basket is that some donation money that might otherwise go into the 7th Tradition instead becomes part of the PI fund. This, combined with the substantial cost of sending our delegates to New York, has left District 1 with very little money left in our treasury. We are planning on holding a yard sale in the near future to recoup some of the cost, but as of now we are only able to donate \$25 to MAWS. There is a great deal of interest among members of the district in lowering the year-to-year costs associated with the conference in order that this money might be instead spent on carrying the MA message.

DISTRICT 2 (LOUISE R.)

10:50 AM

District 2 has seven meetings a week; one meeting each day of the week. These meetings are well attended by newcomers and old-timers alike. At some of the meetings, the Steps are discussed at the first meeting of the month; the Traditions at the third meeting of the month; and the last meeting of the month is a chip meeting and potluck. These correspond with the number of the month. For example, in April, the 4th month, Step 4 is discussed, and the following week, Tradition 4 is discussed.

Also, in conjunction with District 1, from San Francisco, we have a women's meeting, which meets the last Sunday of the month. This is followed by a "potless-luck" dinner. The women's meeting in SF is on the second Sunday of the month, while ours is on the 4th Sunday of the month. This allows women of the Bay Area two chances per month to attend a women's meeting.

Our District Service Committee created a new Archivist position. That officer is responsible for maintaining files of all motions by subject and chronologically as well as adopted policies and documents. Last year, DSC also conducted a DSC 4th step inventory and, after ranking actionable items in order of importance, a subcommittee followed-up on the first item to create a list of ways to improve the flow of DSC meetings. After implementing several changes, improvement has been noted and appreciated by attendees. The second action item led to the creation of district-specific DSC officer position descriptions. Other action items will be worked on as needed.

The Public Information Committee printed and distributed a color postcard this past year. Also, a local high school had again asked us to staff a booth at a health fair, which we did, providing pamphlets and schedules as well as answering questions. Several months ago we learned other local districts were posting about their meetings on Craigslist and we started posting regularly under "groups" also. The Public Service Announcement is still in process; we are working on this in conjunction with District 1.

The Hospitals and Institutions Committee is still working to rebuild an H&I program in the district. We responded to 2 requests this year, one of which was cancelled by the organization but 3 members of D2, 2 of whom were under 30 (which was good considering the young audience at the treatment center) attended the other. Our new H&I chair is continuing to look for appropriate opportunities for the district to be of service.

We liked the Newcomer Packet idea from District 8 (NY) so much that our Literature Committee has adopted the idea for our district also.

District 2 has a new phone number: (510) 957-8390. We are saving \$43 per month by switching to Google voice service instead of a voicemail box with AT&T. We are also losing directory listings but decided that was acceptable given the widespread use of the Internet for searches.

Fun events in the last year included 3 camping trips, baseball games, Halloween and Holiday parties, a post-Thanksgiving hike and some other fun gatherings.

This year, District 2 donated \$550.00 to MAWS; \$250.00 of this amount is presented at the Conference. In additions to this, we donated \$404.00 to the San Jose convention fundraising.

In District 3, we have meetings Monday in San Jose, Tuesday in Los Gatos, two on Wednesday in Los Gatos and Santa Cruz, one on Thursday in Redwood City, two on Friday in Saratoga and Santa Cruz and an open H&I meeting on Saturdays in Santa Cruz. These are all strong meetings.

One of our long-time H&I veterans Doug is the secretary for the weekly meetings at the San Jose Job Corp on Monday evenings. The group consists of co-eds, 17-22 years old, who have had a positive drug or alcohol test and must attend the meetings for 6 weeks. Number of participants varies from 18 – 40.

We take MA meetings to the Santa Clara Juvenile Hall on Wednesdays. Girls come the first Wednesday of the month and the boys the third Wednesday of the month. Attendance ranges from 0 to 12 youths. One Life With Hope book and one Work Book is given away per meeting and all participants are provided with MA literature and the Teens Pamphlet.

We are conducting open H&I meetings at the New Life Center in Santa Cruz on Saturday nights. Average attendance 10. These are serious addicts often directly from prison. Many are surprised to discover that marijuana was the beginning and background of their other addictions and how easily they return to marijuana leading them back to relapse on their 'real drugs'.

We have been doing weekly postings on www.craigslist.org for our district meetings and web site / phone hotline. The postings include the 12 questions and are invitations to explore fellowship. During the two month period before the Santa Clara MA Convention in February 2012, we also included an item about that in our postings.

All H&I meetings are supported by donations from the cans which are passed around at most of our meetings. Our H&I committee meets 3-4 times a year.

Our "core group" spent of much of last year's time and energy working on the convention and now plan to redirect that much time and effort into ramping up our district's Public Outreach. Our Santa Cruz members are in the process of creating a public outreach committee for their area.

The MA 2012 Convention was a huge success! Approximately 180 ((140 (150?) preregistered and 40 (30?) walkups)) members of the fellowship attended from all over the country and some international members as well. \$6000 was raised for MAWS after our expenses and paying forward the \$1000 seed money to District 5. Our theme was "Willingness is the Key" and our goal was to carry the message of hope and recovery through working the 12 steps. Our workshops and panels included step studies, secretaries workshop, yoga and meditation, 2 HI panels and a PI panel. In addition, we had craft themed workshops such as creating a gratitude journal, and meditative doodling. We had MA meetings going on throughout the weekend. Meeting highlights included a Mar-Anon meeting, and large Men's and Women's meetings on Sunday. Entertainment included a talent show, and a dance with music by our own MA band. The raffle during the convention was a success in raising money and also proved to be a fun event. Our keynote speaker, Dr. Jerry C., a well-respected Doctor in the recovery community, shared his story as a recovering addict and addressed the medical effects of marijuana based on his 30+ years of practicing medicine specializing in addiction and on the latest research. Fyi: CD's of his talk are available from AUDIO CHUCK (916)514-9272.

The convention was a complete group effort with many of our District 3 members being of service and volunteering. The planning began about a year and a half before the convention with a core group of about 8-10 members on the planning committee who met 1-2 times a month and then weekly in the last 3-4 months of planning. Early on the focus was on fundraising and finding a location. Our fundraising events included four special speaker meetings / dinners and a used book sale. We collected \$2,500 at these. Our most successful fundraiser was an all-day outdoor recovery event and BBQ called "Day off the Green", which raised \$1,000. The event took place at a park in the Saratoga Mountains. There were speaker meetings and workshops during the event and opportunities for fellowship

through hiking, volleyball and playing games. During the meetings the basket was passed around for the convention fund. We also had help from many other districts in the fellowship, including District 2 who were amazing in their fundraising efforts, and New York who donated to us their lanyards, supplies, and surplus of merchandise from last year's convention.

Some challenges we faced: The hotel contracts are based largely on food and beverage requirements, so approximating our attendance numbers and coming up with a menu became paramount. This was also important in determining a pricing structure to begin opening for registrations. Also we had to set up a bank account with non-profit status, due to new IRS requirements applying to the State of California. We had to track down the necessary documentation, such as MAWS Tax ID, Articles of Incorporation, etc.. We have taken great effort to document our planning process through detailed meeting notes and compiling all of our important documents such as hotel contracts, articles of incorporation, etc. which we hope will be valuable to District 5 in planning next year's convention. We hope that the delegates will pass the motion for online file storage with the addendum to add convention information as well.

Our district service committee meetings continue to go well. Our district strives to use the service manual as often as possible to structure our meetings. It has made our district more organized and efficient as a whole.

Overall, our district is working hard to come together in service. We continue to do our best to effectively spread the message to the addict who still suffers.

DISTRICT 4 (LORI B. ON BEHALF OF TRISTAN H., KATIE B.)

10:59 AM

This is probably the first time our district has chosen not to send delegates to the Conference since Marijuana Anonymous was incorporated. Sadly, it has nothing to do with the location of the Conference.

The previous year has brought about significant changes in our perceptions about service and how we go about attaining our primary purpose. As a district we embrace, welcome and are willing to list any new meeting in our area, Western Washington. It's a geographically huge and diverse area, such that many meetings have been challenged in sending their Group Service Representatives (GSRs) to District Service Committee (DSC) meetings. Our district struggles with ways to be of greater service to groups outside the greater Seattle area. District 4 currently has 15 meetings per week.

We are experiencing an upsurge of interest in Public Information and Hospitals & Institutions committees service. Our district benefitted greatly from the information and ideas our members brought home from workshops at the last 2 MA Conventions and from last year's Conference, particularly the monthly PIHI conference calls. Our website and new phone system are going great. The website gets 30-40 hits a week, where in the past it was only 5 hits a week.

One area of service in which we've had significant shortcomings though is our district's financial stewardship. This is the primary reason why we do not have warm bodies at the Conference this weekend.

Over the past several years we have taken the "easier, softer way" to managing our finances. That is to say that rather than using the Service Manual suggestions as a guide:

1. We became satisfied with installing anyone who volunteered for the district treasurer service position (and we got eager and willing, but unqualified people to serve);
2. We did not service sponsor people into the treasurer service position (and we got eager and willing, but unqualified people who didn't know what was expected of them or the position); and,
3. We did not require the presentation of written meeting reports or reconciled bank statements at our monthly district meetings, but became satisfied over time with the mere oral recitation of the bank account

balances (and we got a grossly distorted view of the district's financial health).

We realized this spring that our district had paid very few of its bills over the past 2 years. We didn't realize it was happening! During this period the district planned and funded Halloween parties and campouts but failed to pay our rent or our *A New Leaf* subscription. We lost track of 7th tradition funds we'd pledged to MAWS in 2010 and were unable to meet pledges we made at last year's Conference. We lost our post office box and mailing address two years ago because of our lack of financial oversight and came very close to repeating the same mistake earlier this year.

Today we are learning to own and be accountable for our finances. We recently made written amends to the MAWS accountant; she in turn agreed to service sponsor our district on getting up to speed with our accounting practices. For this we are grateful. This self-inflicted ordeal has given us pause to ask what are our goals with respect to our primary purpose and how do we best use our resources to achieve them.

DISTRICT 5 (AZ A., LYMAN I.)

11:04 AM

D 5 has 2 delegates in attendance at this East Coast conference

We are grateful to have had 2 yrs. advance notice to budget for this, as well as the 2013 Convention. There is a stir of excitement at our Conv. planning mtgs., with over 30 people on our volunteer list.

We maintain that we are still FULLY self-supporting and are in the 7th year of operating under our own tax ID#. MAWS has more important things to do than clean up district treasurers' missing or neglected bank statements. Things are going well in Orange Co. We have an active events chair and all our district positions are filled! We have 7 weekly mtgs., one of which is a men's stag. There is also a wandering monthly women's mtg. Our mtgs. continue to sell LIFE WITH HOPE and the STEP WORKBOOK for \$3.00 below cost when purchased together. Last year we submitted a motion to increase the sobriety terms for delegates and trustees, which was defeated. Nevertheless, we increased sobriety terms for delegates in our own district from 1 yr. to 2yrs. We believe EXPERIENCE to be a major attribute of trusted servants, mindful that experience comes with time.

Sponsorship continues to run strong in D5, for men and for women. We have no H&I panels currently, but we did get requests for our LIFE WITH HOPE, NEW LEAF, and any other available literature from 2 inmates doing time in CHUCKAWALLA VALLEY STATE PRISON. We responded by everyone at the DSC meeting signing their names and supportive sayings inside the cover of the book. MAWS also sent him a subscription to the NEW LEAF, no cost. We may be on the verge of a correctional correspondence service. We are also considering taking a monthly panel meeting into the prison if Gods will leads us in that direction.

D5 is aware that we have not contributed much to MAWS this past year, but with all that is going on, we are still in the black. It has been really encouraging to see MAWS asking for feedback in recent issues of A NEW LEAF, trying to ascertain a more accurate group conscience on what is going on in MAWS by reaching out to the MA Society at large. Kudos to our new panel of Trustees!!

DISTRICT 6 (SHEILA S.)

11:07 AM

District 6 covers the Northern Part of Los Angeles County (the San Fernando Valley) and extends north to Santa Barbara county. There are currently 11 meetings a week, with attendance anywhere from 2-30 people per meeting.

District 6 has donated \$1200 to MAWS over the past year, and in doing so, was only able to send one delegate to the MAWS conference this year.

Our district maintains a Yahoo group and district website and holds monthly DSC meetings.

We have had a number of fundraising and fellowship events over the past year. The annual District 6 campout is held over the summer at a beach in Malibu. It is a weekend event with campfire meetings on Friday and Saturday nights that are open to all MA members, and attendance at these meetings is upwards of 80 people. The event features men and women stag meetings, a potluck dinner Saturday night, and breakfast is included on Sunday morning.

District 6 holds very popular Variety Shows. This past year one was done in November and another in April. The April Variety Show on

4/20 also included a Silent Auction that raised about \$400.

Our district held a yard sale in March that made \$746. We also held a New Years' Potluck Party and a Halloween Party.

Attendance is down at meetings over previous years. We are feeling apathy from our fellowship. There are less people showing up for events, we have trouble getting people to step up to take service commitments, and we are experiencing burnout among the people who step up time and time again to take chair positions at the DSC. H&I and PI efforts are virtually nonexistent. It is frustrating to those of us who have been around for some time to feel this dwindling and we are looking for ways to combat these problems and mobilize our district so that members are fulfilled and not burdened by service work. If we can achieve that we can more actively reach out to the addict who still suffers.

DISTRICT 7 (ALAN B., RYAN K.)

11:09 AM

The state of M.A. District 7, L.A. County South, is strong. District 7 takes in downtown, Hollywood & West Hollywood, Venice / Santa Monica, and the coastline, from Malibu down through the South Bay, to Long Beach.

There are 13 weekly meetings within the District, including two meetings in Mar Vista which have met at their current location for over 20 years. At the two or three largest meetings, it is not unusual to have 40 or 50 people in attendance. Most other meetings often host 15 to 20 members. There is a weekly men's stag meeting, which has existed for 12 years, held at the aptly named "Stoner Park" in West L.A., and a women's stag meeting held at a park in Hollywood.

Our fellowship is an active one, with many fundraising and non-fundraising events. We have long held an annual "Sober Feast" in early December and a "Feast of Fools" in early April. Both are pot-luck dinners; it is not unheard of for there to be 90 or 100 persons in attendance at those dinners. We have also long-held a Thanksgiving Day marathon. We hold monthly hikes, and our active events chair & committee are planning a fireside beach party.

To raise funds for this Conference, our events committee held a silent auction (in conjunction with "Feast of Fools") and a spaghetti dinner (with a "gluten free" option, and a (gluten free) live jazz trio). We also "passed the can" at most meetings, and used funds gathered from the 7th Tradition to seed the Conference 2012 fund. We exceeded our fundraising goals by mid-April. (Any excess funds will likely be used to help fund the 2013 Conference, which we have agreed to host in conjunction with District 6.)

There are large parts of the District which are underserved by meetings. There is a new meeting in Long Beach, where there have been numerous past attempts to maintain a meeting. There are no meetings in the heart of South Los Angeles, and none directly in downtown or the east side.

We maintain several H&I panels, but believe that there is a need for many more, should we have members willing to coordinate and participate in those panels. Our PI functions are generally reactive, rather than proactive. We did participate in an "Evolution of Addiction Treatment" Conference, as one of many groups hosting a table at which information about MA was made available to the attendees, who were mostly persons involved in (for profit) addiction treatment. Several other established 12-step groups participated similarly. Our involvement stirred substantial controversy and discussion on (and off of) our District's email group regarding possible Traditions

violations.

Our District has essentially “adopted” M.A. meetings in Japan. Two of our members traveled to Japan five or six years ago, and helped to start M.A. meetings in Kyoto and Utsunomya. Those meetings remain ongoing, while a third meeting, in Yokohama, started earlier this month. We have supported those meetings through chip and book donations from the District and from members who donated “used” chips. One of our members, Jay I., who is a Japanese – English interpreter, has translated six or seven of our pamphlets, as well as a meeting format, into Japanese. He is well on his way to completing a translation of Life With Hope. (Based upon this work, as well as his experience as an interpreter for N.A. World Services, Jay came up with the proposed translation guidelines which are on the agenda at this Conference.)

We will be co-hosting the 2013 MAWS Conference. If the Conference remains over Memorial Day Weekend, we plan to hold the Conference again on the campus of Loyola Marymount University, in Westchester. If the Conference is moved to February, LMU will be unavailable. In that case, we will seek out a hotel or conference center, but expect the cost of hosting the Conference, and thus the cost of Conference registration, to escalate substantially.

We look forward to working with the other Delegates and the Trustees toward a productive conference, and thank everyone from District 15 for working so diligently to host this Conference. Thank you. Arigato gozoyus.

DISTRICT 8 (JOHN M., LARRY S.)

District 8 consists of all 5 boroughs of New York City, the northern suburbs of Westchester and Rockland Counties, and the City of Brotherly Love, Philadelphia, also known as Borough 6. Freehold, New Jersey, Washington DC, and Boston, Mass., are not big enough to be freestanding districts. While they have not formally requested to join District 8, we consider them to be de facto members. They show their love and support by attending our picnics, holiday parties and Share a Days.

Philly Bluntless is experiencing low attendance, and is down to 2 meetings a week. However, two years ago, they were very instrumental in the planning and fundraising of the 2011

Convention. Last year, they held their first MA camping trip, and Fellows showed their support despite the rain. There is great demand for an encore.

Freehold NJ, halfway between NY and Philly, filled a table at the Convention. Their weekly clubhouse meeting has been going strong. One member may start an MA meeting in nearby Princeton NJ.

Washington DC Fellows enjoy 3 meetings a week. I was privileged to attend their 4/20 picnic last month, populated by over 20 Fellows.

There are currently 15 groups in District 8. At the last DSC, 9 of those groups were represented by GSRs. Of the remaining 5, 2 are far from Manhattan, and the fledgling Staten Island group has de facto representation by an active member who is also our District's Chairperson.

There are currently 18 meetings per week in District 8. There is an MA meeting every day of the week in Manhattan, for a total of 10 meetings. There is a Women's meeting and a LGBT meeting. Two Manhattan meetings were closed since last year's Conference.

Other meetings in our District include 1 meeting in downtown Brooklyn, and the new one in downtown Staten Island. Suburban meetings include 3 in Rockland County, and 1 in northern Westchester County. The Philly Bluntless group has 2 meetings, each subsisting of a small core of regulars.

District 8 maintains a phone line, a website and an e-mail news list for announcements. In addition, the Rockland Groups have their own website and phone line, and Philly Bluntless sponsors an area phone line.

The District's special events, like the quarterly Old Timers meeting, really pack 'em in. 35+ Fellows violate numerous Fire Code regs by sitting, standing, and even squatting in the aptly-named Little Room. Most Fellows hoof it (this IS New York) over to the After Party. These happenings not only raise money for District 8, but serve to fortify the Fellowship at large. The Meeting is sponsored by the Little Room meetings, while the afterparty is sponsored by District 8.

Other District 8 events include the 420 picnic, a camping trip sponsored by Philly Bluntless and our annual Holiday Party. In response to requests by members to have more recovery- oriented, educational events, our Friday Fellowship meeting is hosting our first ever Sponsorship Workshop in June.

District 8 had another successful Share-a-Day on Columbus Day weekend. It was our fifth. MA members up and down the East Coast attended. Our main speakers were broadcast over the Internet through District 13. We have found that Share-a-Day is a great way to boost our members personal recovery as well as MA unity--kind of a mini-Convention. The event has gotten so big that our Committee is looking for a larger venue this year. We would like to invite other Districts to join us on October 6th by having their own Share-a-Day event, and possibly sharing the airwaves with us.

District 8's H &I committee consists of only 1 person. She is an Old Timer who has devoted years to speaking at prisons and clinics. However, a single person cannot do it alone. Plus she lives in the northern suburbs, and cannot attend D8 meetings and local engagements. At the southern end of the city, in Staten Island, 2 local Fellows have broken ground on a fledgling meeting. They are meeting with agencies to attract cross-addicted newcomers. Many counselors were ashamed to admit that they had never heard of MA! But, between these extreme northern and southern points, we haven't seen Fellows willing to step up and do H&I. So it's a work in progress.

In November 2011, District 8 founded the Phone Bridge call-in meetings. Originally christened Conference Calls, these are live, regularly scheduled, scripted MA meetings held over an 888- type telephone line at no fee to the user. Of course, Fellows are responsible for their own cell phone charges where applicable. Are you hearing about this for the first time? We designed this service for those marijuana addicts who cannot an MA meeting on land, but any pothead, anywhere in the world, is welcome to call into, qualify at, as well as co-chair, meetings. Call (208) 647-1600, PIN 107678. We meet at 10am and 4pm Eastern time, Monday thru Friday, but are looking for volunteers to serve at 10pm Eastern, to reach out to Fellows in the Midwest and on the Pacific.

DISTRICT 11 (JAMES S., JULIET J.)

11:23 AM

Meetings:

We have 8 weekly meetings which include 1 women's and 2 men's only meetings. Attendance is strong at all 8 meetings.

Sunday "Tokeless on Tabor" meeting continues to grow with an average of 2-4 newcomers each week. Much recovery is being shared at this meeting, attendance average is 20-30 members. This meeting also celebrates sobriety birthdays by enjoying cake on the last Sunday of each month.

Monday "Meditation Mondays" is our most recently started meeting with an average attendance of 9 members. The format is 5 minutes of silent meditation, then a topic is chosen, after which there is 10 more minutes of reflective meditation, then sharing. This meeting is brought to order using a Tibetan Singing Bowl and also enjoys a flashing Buddha.

Tuesday "Smokeless Sisters" consistently has 8-10 women attending. This is a special women's only meeting where our members can feel comfortable sharing with their smokeless sisters.

Tuesday "Talking Recovery" is a men's only meeting with a feedback format which includes specific guidelines for

feedback (Is it true?, does it need to be said?, can it be said in a loving manor?). This meeting has been very well received among its participating members.

Wednesday “New Leaf” meeting is well attended with an average for 10-12 members each week. This is long standing evening meeting in a comfortable setting with enough couch seating for all attending.

Wednesday “Best Buds” meeting remains healthy and continues to grow with an average attendance of 6-12 members. This is generally a younger group with a lot of court-mandated people. Energy is good and recovery is happening.

Thursday “Stepping Stones” is a men’s meeting with a solid core group with strong recovery. They regularly enjoy fellowship after the meeting at a nearby restaurant “The Stepping Stone” which is their namesake.

Friday “Fireside Friday’s” This meeting has a fluctuating attendance of 6-20 members. On the 1st Friday of each month, the meeting topic corresponds with that particular month (i.e.) January-step one, February-step two, December-step 12. This meeting also hosts a quarterly speakers meeting, which is always well attended. The speaker meeting may consist of 2 speakers 1 male and 1 female, or may be a panel meeting including a question and answer exchange with members. The speaker meeting always starts with a pot-less luck, and often a raffle fundraiser.

Fellowship Activities:

District 11 fellowship continues to grow in many exciting ways. These are just a sampling of the fellowship that is happening in our district. We enjoy movie nights, music nights, picnics and garden parties, pot-less lucks, hikes, holiday parties. The list could go on and on, district 11 enjoys our fellowship with each other. We also have 3 scheduled campouts each year. One of which is the Joint Campout where we meet up with the Seattle District 4 group for more camping fun and fellowship. This year we have started performing community service by volunteering as a group at the Oregon Food Bank, anonymously.

District 11:

We have a strong District Service committee, all meetings are represented by GSR’s. Presently the only district position’s that are not filled is VP, Bureau Chief, and PI. Our outgoing PI chair has agreed to facilitate this position until and new PI chair is elected. Our PI has been very strong this year. We have been running ad’s in 2 local papers and handing out flyers with tear-off tabs at treatment, recovery, and mental health centers, hospitals, homeless shelters and probation offices. HI has also been active this year doing monthly discussion panels at an outpatient treatment center, and looking forward to other opportunities for outreach to carry the message. District 11 is financially sound, being able to send 2 delegates to this year’s MAWS conference, and continuing to support MA as a whole.

DISTRICT 12 (READ BY AMY H., ON BEHALF OF RICHARD T.)

11:28 AM

District 12 serves the Northern Bay Area of California in Marin and Sonoma Counties. Our district is incredibly small and can sometimes just barely get enough people to the district meeting to be able vote. Unfortunately we cannot seem to recruit anyone from the various meetings to join the district so we are always running very lean on participation and input. We do get by month to month financially, but there are times that it can be very challenging when it seems like a number of large bills all get due at the same time of year. We are a close-knit group though and it is enjoyable for all of us at the district to be able to keep us going. We do have to maintain positions for longer than the time suggested, but we have started to shift some positions around to allow for different people to take over and reinvigorate certain roles. We are very self reliant so MAWS plays a smaller role in our district than I would imagine it would in some larger ones where I know there are some large groups. All in all we feel like like MAWS does a great job in supporting us in what little ways we can, and try to make as large of a donation, little as it is, when

we can near the Conference.

Below you will find the results of the voting regarding the motions.

1 - No

2 - Yes

3 - Yes

4 - Yes

5 - Yes

6 - No Opinion

7 - Yes

8 - Yes

9 - Yes

10 - No Opinion

11 - (10 Passes) Yes

11 - (10 does not pass) No Opinion

DISTRICT 13 (JEREMY F., LESLIE L.)

11:29 AM

<http://www.ma-online.org/>

As a recognized district of MAWS, District 13 holds the unique position of being the only online web based district in MA. We are an online community that includes structured online meetings, a 24 hour/7 days a week chat room and private messaging for individual communication. Often a persons first glimpse into the world of 12 step recovery from marijuana starts here. On a daily basis new comers arrive with that feeling of hopelessness searching for support, information and recovery. Land members are encouraged to come share their experience, strength and hope to help show that our program of recovery works.

There are 2 meetings a day, 14 a week to satisfy a global array of time zones in a unique spread of countries spanning the world. Each meeting has a host and a co-host with an average of 15-20 attendees. The host calendar is set up on a monthly basis, allowing for flexibility and new people to step up to service. The meetings are similar in format to land meetings, with the exception of it all being in type verse audio and include the Serenity Prayer, Preamble, How it Works, introduction of anyone new, day counters and anniversaries to be recognized. The format is topic discussion suggested by attendees. Meetings are non-crosstalk and are 2 hours in length. Now that you know the nature of our meetings, come lend your support and let us be there for you!

Members are encouraged to attend land meetings but are often faced with the challenge of not having a local MA chapter. Attendance of other 12 step groups is recommended, but MA online is often the preferred option of many marijuana addicts new to recovery. Due to a growing demand, district 13 has a new service position of sponsorship coordinator. Online sponsorship can be a tool of support to encourage land meeting attendance of MA or other fellowships or has even led to emerging MA meetings in new locations.

The weekly woman's meeting continues to thrive, and there has been discussion of a possible men's meeting in the works. We had a solid presence of about 9 members attend the 2012 Convention in California. It was a great turn

out filled with good times! 7th tradition collection is an area that sets us apart from the usual passing of the basket. All donations are made straight to District 13, not to individual meetings. Most of our donations come through web based PayPal. A post office box is also maintained to handle traditional cash, check and money order donations via the US Mail. We use a private Yahoo Group to conduct District business in between monthly DSC meetings, <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/ma-online-district>.

It is a goal to create a MAWS approved pamphlet to be displayed and distributed at land meetings, highlighting what online MA has to offer and how it can supplement current recovery resources. Many individuals have expressed this to be an invaluable asset in their journey and it need not be kept a secret! Many land groups do not know about this avenue of support and the internet has been our most useful public information tool. This is where we need every ones support to help spread the word of District 13 during meeting announcements.

Contributions made to MAWS since last year's conference is \$750. This year we have a ballpark figure of \$400-\$450 to donate to MAWS from District 13.

District 13 of MA is the most unique and universal district in all of MA. We literally cover the whole world 24/7. We also stand ready to help MAWS, and any other district and group in MA with any sort of support we can provide. We encourage all meeting attendees, during our meetings' announcements, to start a local MA meeting.

DISTRICT 15 (DREW D., JOE J.)

11:37 AM

Attendance at our three weekly meetings has remained constant with some fellows coming and going, those that leave have been replaced by newcomers. We continue to get newcomers who find us through the Internet and our phone number. We make it a point to reach out to them and make sure they leave with a newcomer packet and a member phone list. We have used a flyer that has been posted in public places combined with an e-mail outreach with printable PDF flyers for local hospitals and rehabilitation centers. Due to lack of attendance and difficulties finding available fellows to lead the meeting we have closed down our Thursday morning meeting at a local hospital. There is a strong dedicated group of 10 – 15 members who can always be counted on. Financially, we are able to pay our rents, supply books, chips and literature to the meetings.

Our group's focus since being given the honor of hosting this year's MAWS conference, has been preparation, planning and fundraising. The core conference planning team held their first meeting in August 2010. Since then regular meetings have been conducted in person and by teleconference, to make decisions on the conference site, setting and adjusting budgetary needs and to plan for transportation issues. Due to the size of our group we knew that we needed to begin fundraising immediately. To raise the necessary funds we have held a series of events including several bonfire meetings where we asked those attending to bring loose change, reached out for donations from some members with time that we do not see as often as we use to, immediately began passing a second can around at all of our meetings, included conference information in our GSR reports on ways to donate and set up a PayPal account so that members could make recurring donations. Due to the hard work of our conference team we have been able to meet our objectives.

We have held several fellowship-building events during the year including our annual Halloween party and a few game nights. We were proud to participate at a local college's Marijuana Awareness day where several fellows volunteered to speak and share their experience, strength and hope.

We are very grateful to be part of this fellowship and are honored for the opportunity to serve others. We are pleased to be able to offer a contribution to MAWS.

DISTRICT 17 (AMY H., ON BEHALF OF MARTIN J.)

11:41 AM

Dear fellowship of Marijuana Anonymous, USA

When we heard that you were about to hold a World Service Conference we thought it to be a good time to send you a life sign from district 17.

We are doing great as an MA fellowship and at the moment we have six different meetings in the eastern part of our small country.

We have re-established our district service committee and we are doing a lot to carry the message to marijuana addicts.

A couple of years ago we translated Life with Hope and just now we are translating the 12 Step Workbook

We hope that this can be the beginning of a more close relationship to you (and maybe other groups in Europe).

All the best wishes for your service conference and all of your members.

DISTRICT 18 (CHEYNEY S. ON BEHALF OF ZACH W.)

11:43 AM

Greetings from MA District 18, the Greater Sacramento Area. Our first year as an official MAWS District has been exciting to say the least. We have had some successes, some trials, and some changes.

Our main challenge has been the closing of our Tuesday night Newcomers meeting, "A New Leaf". We were sad to see this meeting go, but found the competition with other fellowships at its location to be too fierce for the small group. We also struggle--as so many 12-step groups do--to find members willing to be of service. However, those who do step up have been tireless in their work, and at the District level in particular.

The remaining five meetings in our area remain steady, strong, and self-supporting. We are particularly pleased to report the Grass Valley meeting is beginning to grow! Various plans for outreach and fundraising have been met with willingness by our members, but there have been a few setbacks in implementing our ideas as we have watched members go back out or stop attending meetings.

Weekly attendance at all meetings averages a total of 50-60 individuals, including our Friday-night meeting, which sees regular attendance of around 20 people. We are currently in-process on several different Public Information plans to get the word out that Marijuana Anonymous meetings are available in the Greater Sacramento Area to those addicts who still suffer and are seeking a solution.

Over the course of the year since District 18's inception at the MAWS convention in May 2011, we have donated \$215.00. We may be new, but are proud to do what we can to help support the larger organization.

END OF REPORTS

11:45 AM

Post Report Comments (AMY H)

11:45 AM

Poll for New Districts (AMY H)

11:45 AM

Trustee eligibility - review of first portion of 3rd legacy (AMY H.)

11:47 AM

2012 CONVENTION REPORT (ANDREA vdL)

11:55 AM

BREAK FOR LUNCH

12:00 PM

GENERAL SESSION #2, SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2012: AFTERNOON

Called to order by Amy H. with the serenity prayer	1:00 PM
Reading of "Rules of Order", Amy H. (PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT 4)	1:04 PM
Notes on voting procedures (Amy H.)	1:08 PM
Establishment of quorum (Amy H.)	1:12 PM
Explanation of Rapid Fire Voting (Amy H.)	1:18 PM

RAPID FIRE VOTING **1:20 PM**

Motion 1 (Motion 6 of the Conference Packet) **1:21 PM**

Moved by Amy H, seconded by Keith G.

Remove the Section "MAWS Trustee Transition" from the service manual. Insert the new section on Service Sponsorship (included in the addenda to the Conference Packet) at the end of the existing Chapter 3 of the Service Manual, THE PATH OF THE GROUP CONSCIENCE (The Inverted Pyramid).

VOTE: 0 ABSTAIN, 0 NO, 28 YES. Motion passed unanimously with 28 voting members. **1:23 PM**

Motion 2 (Motion 8 of the Conference Packet) **1:24 PM**

Moved by Amy H., seconded by Lou A.

To task the office manager with creating Life with Hope as an "eBook" in multiple standard formats that would allow for digital distribution.

VOTE: 0 ABSTAIN, 0 NO, 28 YES. Motion passed unanimously with 28 voting members. **1:27 PM**

Motion 3 (Motion 9 of the Conference Packet) **1:30 PM**

Moved by Amy H., seconded by John M.

To task the ANLP board, the office manager, the literature trustee and the public information trustee with creating a committee to investigate and research appropriate digital distribution opportunities for MAWS eBook texts.

VOTE: 0 ABSTAIN, 0 NO, 28 YES. Motion passed unanimously with 28 voting members. **1:30 PM**

Motion 4 (Motion 10 of the Conference Packet) **1:30 PM**

Moved by Amy H., seconded by Andrea vdL

To approve the updates and edits of Chapter 19 of the Service Manual as submitted.

VOTE: 0 ABSTAIN, 0 NO, 28 YES. Motion passed unanimously with 28 voting members. **1:34 PM**

Motion 5 (Motion 11 of the Conference Packet) **1:34 PM**

Moved by Amy H., seconded by Portia W.

That the office manager revise the MAWS Service Manual accordingly, replacing the old Chapter 19 with the newly edited version.

VOTE: 0 ABSTAIN, 0 NO, 28 YES. Motion passed unanimously with 28 voting members. **1:34 PM**

Motion 6 (Motion 7 of the Conference Packet) **1:35 PM**

Moved by Amy H., seconded by Rick V.

To adapt Translation Manual as suggested guidelines for MA Literature Translation and insert it in the most appropriate section of the Service Manual (see addendum).

VOTE: 0 ABSTAIN, 0 NO, 28 YES. Motion passed unanimously with 28 voting members.

1:36 PM

Motion 7 (Motion 3 of the Conference Packet)

1:43 PM

Moved by Amy H., seconded by Chrysanthemum H.

To approve the revised guidelines for district operation test of motion follows:

“Every district is expected to send a delegate or delegates to the MAWS conference, and is expected to submit a district report to the MAWS office in advance of the conference. Any district failing to both send a delegate to the conference and to send a written report will be contacted by email and mail by the Global Outreach trustee within 60 days of the end of the conference. The Global Outreach trustee will request that the district submit written or email confirmation of its continued operation as a district. Failure to respond to this request within 60 days will trigger a second mailed and emailed message from the Global Outreach trustee, informing the district that its continued recognition by MAWS is in jeopardy, and repeating the request for a confirmation of its continued operation. If the district fails to respond to this second request within 60 days, the Global Outreach trustee will submit a motion to the next MAWS conference to withdraw MAWS recognition of that district.”

Having generated discussion, the motion was tabled to the following General Session.

1:44 PM

GENERAL SESSION VOTING

1:44 PM

Motion 8 (Motion 3 of the Conference Packet)

1:43 PM

Continued from Rapid Fire Voting

AMEND to change "both" to "either": To approve the revised guidelines for district operation (included in the addenda to the Conference Packet). “Every district is expected to send a delegate or delegates to the MAWS conference, and is expected to submit a district report to the MAWS office in advance of the conference. Any district failing to **either** send a delegate to the conference and to send a written report will be contacted by email and mail by the Global Outreach trustee within 60 days of the end of the conference. The Global Outreach trustee will request that the district submit written or email confirmation of its continued operation as a district. Failure to respond to this request within 60 days will trigger a second mailed and emailed message from the Global Outreach trustee, informing the district that its continued recognition by MAWS is in jeopardy, and repeating the request for a confirmation of its continued operation. If the district fails to respond to this second request within 60 days, the Global Outreach trustee will submit a motion to the next MAWS conference to withdraw MAWS recognition of that district.”

Moved by Cheyney S., seconded by Lori B.

1:44 PM

AMEND to change "Any district failing to both send a delegate to the conference and to send a report" to "any district failing to send a delegate to the conference or send a report": To *approve the revised guidelines for district operation (included in the addenda to the Conference Packet). “Every district is expected to send a delegate or delegates to the MAWS conference, and is expected to submit a district report to the MAWS office in advance of the conference. **Any district failing to send a delegate to the conference or to send a written report will be contacted by email and mail by the Global Outreach trustee within 60 days of***

the end of the conference. The Global Outreach trustee will request that the district submit written or email confirmation of its continued operation as a district. Failure to respond to this request within 60 days will trigger a second mailed and emailed message from the Global Outreach trustee, informing the district that its continued recognition by MAWS is in jeopardy, and repeating the request for a confirmation of its continued operation. If the district fails to respond to this second request within 60 days, the Global Outreach trustee will submit a motion to the next MAWS conference to withdraw MAWS recognition of that district."

Moved by Alan B., seconded by Drew V. 1:47 PM

VOTE: 1 ABSTAIN, 14 NO, 12 YES. Motion Failed with 27 voting members. 2:08 PM

Motion to table to Committee

Moved by Lori B., seconded by Rick V. 2:08 PM

Move the previous question

Moved by Andy D., seconded by Rick V. 2:09 PM

VOTE: 0 ABSTAIN, 0 NO, 27 YES. Motion Passed with 27 voting members. 2:09 PM

VOTE: 0 ABSTAIN, 0 NO, 27 YES. Motion passed with 27 voting members. 2:10 PM

Motion 9 (Motion 4 of the Conference Packet) 2:10 PM

To make available the necessary digital assets to help Districts, assets including tips/suggestions on -- a website template (viewable by PC/Mac and mobile), help on how to build a website with Blogger (or other free hosting solutions) & pointing a District's URL to that website.

To make available a shared file storage area for meeting formats/flyers/helpful documents, some sample pre-made flyers which Districts could use for their events, examples of setting up a mail list, a place for each District to upload Minutes, flyers, and similar data.

Moved by Amy H., seconded by Paul P.

Motion to Amend Motion 4 to: **To task the Internet committee to explore making** available the necessary digital assets to help Districts, assets including tips/suggestions on -- a website template (viewable by PC/Mac and mobile), help on how to build a website with Blogger (or other free hosting solutions) & pointing a District's URL to that website.

To make available a shared file storage area for meeting formats/flyers/helpful documents, some sample pre-made flyers which Districts could use for their events, examples of setting up a mail list, a place for each District to upload Minutes, flyers, and similar data.

Moved by Lori B., seconded by Andy D. 2:25 PM

VOTE: 0 ABSTAIN, 5 NO, 23 YES. Motion passed with 28 voting members. 2:28 PM

Motion to table to Internet Committee

Moved by Chrysanthemum, seconded by John S. 2:29 PM

VOTE: 1 ABSTAIN, 14 NO, 12 YES. Motion failed with 27 members voting. 2:41PM

Call the previous question

Moved by Chrysanthemum, seconded by Alan

VOTE: 2 ABSTAIN, 0 NO, 26 YES. Motion passes with 28 members voting 2:45PM

Note: this vote was unnecessary as the Motion As Amended has already passed at 2:28 PM

Motion 10 (Motion 2 of the Conference Packet) 3:13 PM

To hold Future MAWS Conferences during President's Day weekend in February and MA World **Motion to Amend Motion 5 to: To move the deadline for submitting conference agenda items to** Conventions during Memorial Day weekend at the end of May.

Motion died without a second. 3:14 PM

Motion 11 (Motion 5 of the Conference Packet) 3:14 PM

To move the deadline for submitting conference agenda items to February 28, starting in 2012.
January 15 starting in 2013.

Moved by Alan B., seconded by Juliet 3:33 PM

Motion to Call the previous question

Moved by Alan B., seconded by Rick V. 3:39 PM

VOTE: 0 ABSTAIN, 0 NO, 28 YES. Motion passed unanimously with 28 members voting.

3:39 PM

Motion 5 as amended

VOTE: 1 ABSTAIN, 19 NO, 8 YES. Motion failed with 28 members voting. 3:39 PM

Final Vote on Motion 5

VOTE: 1 ABSTAIN, 25 NO, 2 YES. Motion failed with 28 members voting. 3:40 PM

Motion 12 (Motion 1 of the Conference Packet) 3:41 PM

Moved by Amy H., seconded by Portia W. (PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENTS 7, 8)

To approve People of Color Flier as MA literature to be distributed at meetings (included in the addenda to the Conference Packet).

Motion to amend: To task the literature committee to draft a People of Color flier as MA literature to be distributed at meetings.

Moved by Cheyney, seconded by Willow 3:46 PM

Motion to table to the Literature Committee

Moved by Andy, seconded by unrecorded person 3:48 PM

VOTE: 5 Abstain, 11 No, 12 Yes. Motion failed with 28 members voting. 4:13 PM

Motion to lay vote on table for five minutes

Moved by Andy D., seconded by Portia W. 4:44 PM

VOTE: 1 Abstain, 16 No, 10 Yes. Motion failed with 27 members voting. 4:46 PM

5 Minute Break called by Amy 4:49 PM

VOTE (On motion to amend): 1 Abstain, 2 No, 24 Yes. Motion passed with 27 members voting.

4:59 PM

Thanks to the Conference Body for an amazing afternoon of voting on every motion laid before the body in the Conference Packet. Reminder of the 3rd Legacy vote and need for service at the Trustee level.

4:59 PM

Information on meeting, dinner and dance following the proceedings by Loren S.

5:08 PM

Thanks to members of D15 and D8 volunteers who facilitated the day.

5:09 PM

Adjourn with Serenity Prayer

5:10 PM

Day 2 – Sunday, May 27, 2012

GENERAL SESSION #3, SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2012: MORNING

Called to Order with Serenity Prayer – Amy H.	9:05 AM
Reading of the Third Legacy Process – Amy H. (PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT 5)	9:08 AM
A quorum count was taken and it was found that there were 28 voting members present.	9:17 AM
Identification of Eligible Trustees	9:28 AM
List of Eligible Trustees at start of voting:	
ALAN B	JOHN M
AMY H	HEATHER T
CHEYNEY S	LARRY S
CHRYSATHEMUM H.	LOUISE R
DANIEL	MICAH S
DREW V	PAUL P
JEREMY F	RICK R
First Round of Voting	9:33 AM
2012 – 2013 Budget (continuing) – Lou A. (ATTACHMENT 6)	9:37 AM
The First Round was found to be invalid and was restarted.	9:40 AM
The First Round was found to be invalid and was restarted.	9:49 AM
The First Round was found to be invalid and was restarted.	9: 56 AM
Motion 13	10:15 AM
To approve the MAWS 2012-2013 Budget	
Moved by Rick V., seconded by Leslie L.	
VOTE: 0 Abstain, 8 No, 20 Yes. Motion passed with 28 members voting.	10:30 AM
Results of First Round of voting:	
Elected:	
Cheyney S.	
Drew V.	
Amy H.	
No one was eliminated.	10:15 AM
Second Round of Voting	10:18 AM
The Second Round was found to be invalid and was restarted	10:20 AM
Results of Second Round of Voting:	
Elected:	
None	
Eliminated:	
CHRYSATHEMUM H.	
DANIEL	
JEREMY F	
LARRY S	
LOUISE R	
PAUL P	

Break	10:30 AM
Resumption of Meeting with the Serenity Prayer	10:40 AM
Call for Volunteers for the 2014 MAWS Convention	10:41 AM
Motion 14	10:42 AM
To approve District 6 as the Host for the 2014 Convention	
Moved by Portia W., seconded by Cheyney S.	
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously with 28 voting members	10:43 AM
Call for Volunteers to host the 2014 MAWS Conference	10:43 AM
Motion 15	10:44 AM
To approve District 7 as host for the 2014 MAWS Conference	
Moved by Portia W. seconded by Lori B.	
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously with 27 members voting	11:05 AM
Third round of Voting	10:48 AM
Results of Third Round of voting:	
Elected:	
Alan B., Heather T.	
No one was eliminated.	11:03 AM
Fourth Round of Voting	11:03 AM
Results of MAWS Effectiveness Survey (Continuing)	11:03 AM
Results of Fourth round of voting:	
No one elected	
No one was eliminated.	11:17 AM
Motion 16	11:18 AM
To bypass a fifth round of voting and choose the remaining Trustees from the Hat	
Moved By Az A., seconded by Portia W.	11:18 AM
VOTE: 0 Abstain, 13 No, 15 Yes, Motion failed with 28 members voting.	11:19 AM
Fifth Round of Voting	
Results of Fifth Round of Voting:	
Elected:	
Micha S.	
No one was eliminated.	11:27 AM
There being only two Trustee candidates remaining, we go to the hat to choose 1st and 2nd Alternates.	
	11:29 AM
Results of the Hat:	
John M., First Alternate	
Rick R., Second Alternate	
Announcement concerning Transportation – Loren S.	11:59 AM
Break for Lunch	12:00 PM

GENERAL SESSION #3, SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2012: AFTERNOON

Called to order with the Serenity Prayer – Amy H.	1:00 PM
General Brainstorming Session (PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT 9)	1:05 PM
Brainstorming session wrap-up – Amy H.	1:44 PM
Review of Motions, Recommendations, and Reports – Amy H.	1:45 PM
Review of Committee Assignments – Amy H.	1:47 PM
Handing out of Committee Thumb Drives – Tom. W.	1:50 PM
Announcement of Current & outgoing Trustee Meeting @ 9:00 PM – Amy H.	1:51 PM
Room Assignments for Committees – Amy H.	1:52 PM
Break to Committees	1:57 PM

Day 3 – Sunday, May 29, 2012

GENERAL SESSION #4, MONDAY, MAY 29, 2012: MORNING

Call to Order with Serenity Prayer - Amy H.	9:10 AM
Introduction of Trustees and Assignments – Amy H.	9:11 AM
Amy H. PRESIDENT	
Micah S. SECRETARY/CONFERENCES & CONVENTIONS TRUSTEE	
Alan B. TREASURER	
Cheyney S. POLICIES & PROCEDURES TRUSTEE	
Heather T. HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS TRUSTEE	
Rick V. PUBLIC INFORMATION TRUSTEE	
Drew M. LITERATURE TRUSTEE	
Portia W. OUTREACH TRUSTEE	
Keith G. INTERNET TRUSTEE	
Rick R. FIRST ALTERNATE TRUSTEE	
John M. SECOND ALTERNATE TRUSTEE	
Announcement concerning Transportation – Loren S.	9:12 AM
Announcement concerning 2013 Convention - John McC.	9:16 AM
Committee Locations and Facilitators – Amy H.	9:17 AM
Break to Committees	9:20 AM

GENERAL SESSION #4, MONDAY, MAY 29, 2012: AFTERNOON

Called to order with the Serenity Prayer – Amy H.	1:00 PM
A quorum count was taken and 27 voting members were found to be present.	1:06 PM
Report of the Finance Committee (PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT 10)	1:08 PM
Motion 17 (Finance Committee)	1:10 PM
To allocate \$500.00 to MAWS Public Information Expenses Moved by Alan B., seconded by Andy D.	

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously with 27 members voting	1:22 PM
Recommendations and reports of the Finance Committee (John, Alan B.)	1:23 PM
Motion 18 (Policies & Procedures Committee)	1:24 PM
To develop a mechanism to removed recognition of Districts (Motion 3 reworded) Moved by Cheyney S., seconded by Rick V.	
Motion passed unanimously with 27 members voting.	1:24 PM
Motion 19 (Policies & Procedures Committee)	1:31 PM
Motion to be developed giving permission for entities outside of MA to reprint MA material Moved by Cheyney S., seconded by Lori B.	
Motion passed unanimously with 27 members voting.	1:42 PM
Motion 20 (Policies & Procedures Committee)	1:43 PM
Amend bylaws for election of new alternates trustees in emergency conditions Moved by Cheyney S., seconded by Rick V.	
VOTE: 0 Abstain, 1 No, 25 Yes. Motion passed with 26 members voting.	1:50 PM
Recommendations of the Policies & Procedures Committee	1:51 PM
(PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT 11)	
Recommendations of the Public Information/Hospitals & Institutions Committee (Lori B.)	1:57 PM
(PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT 12)	
Report of the Internet Committee (Keith G.)	2:01 PM
(PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT 13)	
Report of the Literature Committee (Drew M.)	2:10 PM
(PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENTS 7 & 8)	
Report of the Incoming Conferences & Conventions Trustee (Rick V.)	2:24 PM
Report of the Incoming Outreach Trustee (Portia W.)	2:16 PM
Onscreen peek at the Kindle version of Life With Hope (work in progress) (Tom W.)	2:21 PM
Credits for District 15 Host Committee – Loren S.	2:24 PM
President’s Closing Remarks – Amy H.	2:30 PM
Adjournment and closing of Conference with the Serenity Prayer	2:48 PM