

INTERNET COMMITTEE

MAWS CONFERENCE REPORT

Keith G., Internet Trustee
May 28, 2012

❖ Committee Members

- Delegates and Trustees
 - Chrysanthemum H., District 1
 - Jeremy F., District 13
 - Keith G., Internet Trustee
 - Larry S., District 8
 - Micah S., Conferences and Conventions Trustee
 - Ryan K., District 7
 - Sheila S., District 6
- Others
 - The Committee invites members of the fellowship to express their interest in joining
 - Volunteers joining the Committee since the Conference
 - Ari K., District 2
 - Mark S., District 3
 - The webmaster, Mike D., continues to abstain from membership due to time constraints

❖ Motions

- Motion 4, as passed, tasks the Committee to explore making available digital assets which may be helpful to Districts, including website recommendations
 - Ryan K. will manage the effort
 - The Committee intends to survey Districts to determine what website technologies are in use and what assets may be available for sharing
 - Initial discussions suggest installation of an open source content management system, e.g. Joomla!, to support collection and presentation of related resources
 - This will be done at little or no cost using existing hosting facilities

❖ Existing Projects

- Maintain and modify the marijuana-anonymous.org website to meet current and new requirements
 - Recent Additions

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- Phone Meeting information supporting a Hospitals and Institutions initiative
- Public Information page/resources
- Support the Marijuana Anonymous Connection Forum (forum.marijuana-anonymous.org) hosted at lefora.com
 - More than 450 members have joined since inception
 - Added MES support, since removed
- Keep current the forwarding of the domain names mawsconference.org and mawsconvention.org
- Maintain the MAWS audio archive at archive.org
- ❖ **Initiatives**
 - Remote Conference Participation
 - Micah S. will manage the effort
 - Met jointly with Policies and Procedures committee
 - P&P to provide technical requirements and needed capabilities
 - P&P responsible for “business” policies and procedures
 - Once requirements are known, the Committee will address technical strategies, procedures and related costs
 - Conference and Convention Support
 - Chrysanthemum H. will manage the effort
 - Coordinate with Conferences and Conventions committee
 - The Committee intends to explore the use of open source content management systems, e.g. Joomla! and WordPress, to deliver planning resources and fellowship-facing website infrastructures to host Districts
 - MA Mobile App
 - Chrysanthemum H. will manage the effort
 - The Committee will explore the development of a smartphone application which may include a meeting finder, approved literature and access to the forum, phone meetings and District 13 chat rooms
 - MAWS YouTube channel
 - Sheila S. will manage the effort
 - The Committee intends to establish a YouTube channel to enhance the online presence of the fellowship
 - Content may include the Conference Approved PSA video and other materials
 - Links will take visitors to other MA online resources including the main site and the Marijuana Anonymous Connection Forum
 - MAWS Weblog
 - Jeremy F. will manage the effort

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- The Committee intends to create a blogger-based weblog to enhance the online presence of the fellowship
 - Content may include articles from *A New Leaf* and news of general interest (e.g. MA conventions)
- Links will take visitors to other MA online resources including the main site and the Marijuana Anonymous Connection Forum
- Website Hosting Service Evaluation
 - Jeremy F. will manage the effort
 - The services and costs of the existing service provider, Verio, will be evaluated and compared to other providers in the marketplace
- ❖ **Committee Communications**
 - A Yahoo Group, MAWS_Internet, has been created to facilitate ongoing discussions and to house Committee related resources
 - Monthly Conference Calls
 - The second Sunday at 8:00 pm Eastern
 - We will be using Skype
 - Quarterly reports will be submitted to the Board of Trustees