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
- 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
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