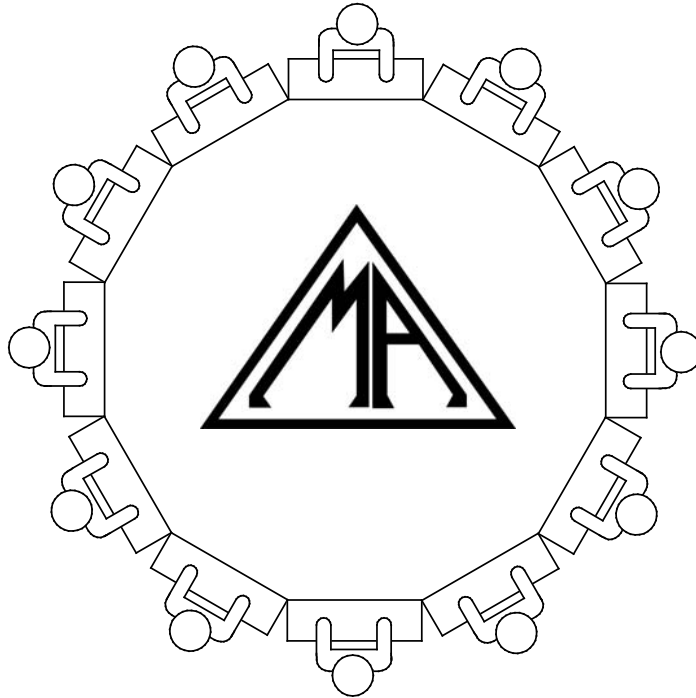


Marijuana Anonymous World Services Conference



**Marijuana Anonymous World Services
Conference 2013**

May 25 – 27, 2013

**Mount St. Mary College
Los Angeles, CA**

Conference Minutes

The 2013 Marijuana Anonymous World Services (MAWS) Conference commenced on Saturday, May 25, 2012 at 9:00 am at Mount St. Mary College, Los Angeles, CA.

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

Day 1 – Saturday, May 25, 2013

GENERAL SESSION #1, SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2013: MORNING

Brought to order by Amy with the following opening remarks	9:05 am
Reading of the 12 Traditions of Marijuana Anonymous – Ken N.	9:06 am
<i>Reading of the 12 Concepts – Lyman</i>	9:08 am
Thank you to the D7 Dost Committee – Amy	9:11 am
Facilities Notes – Ryan K.	9:12 am
President’s Opening Comments – Amy	9:14 am

Some notes on procedural matters - cell phone power, review maws finances, address motions, select 2015 hosts, transfer to forum, agenda for 2014, delegate is year-long job, be on time, principles over personalities, hands up, please check contact list, see Micah for corrections, grateful and excited

MAWS REPORTS

OFFICE MANAGER (TOM W.) 9:22 am

(ATTACHMENT 2)

My name is Tom, I’m the Office Manager for MAWS and ANLP. I started as Office Manager of MAWS at the 2004 Conference, and took over as ANLP Office Manager about a year later.

I answer all the email that comes to both the Office and ANLP email addresses, I answer the 800 line for the program, I receive and reply to postal mail from our two PO Boxes, forward 7th Tradition information to the Treasurer, make deposits as necessary, send out meeting information and/or information packs as necessary to the various recipients in response to their requests, field New Meeting Requests, update meetings on the MAWS website, maintain the ANLP online store, manage the printing of our literature, and ship all the items available from ANLP, including Life With Hope, the Life With Hope Workbooks, the Service Manual, and our newsletter, A New Leaf, and forward a detailed Excel report on ANLP sales, shipments, and inventory levels to the ANLP Treasurer and bookkeeper. I’ll be

taking the minutes for this Conference and will publish them in the weeks following. If there are edits to be made to the Service Manual, that will also be done, including re-indexing to keep the index up to date. I generally work a couple of hours per evening, and more on the weekends, depending on the time of the month and the mail traffic.

I hold myself accountable for all the work that I do, as a good trusted servant should. Although I serve the fellowship at large, enhancement of my duties comes either from a vote of the Conference or of the Trustees Group. Since my workload is pretty heavy, it's necessary for consideration to be given to any additions going forward. ANLP reimburses me \$50.00 a month for office space and storage of the materials necessary for shipment of our books and literature, but consideration of rent has never been a factor in our year-to-year budget. I only mention this so that there's the fullest understanding of what the burden of my salary entails for the fellowship.

In terms of statistics:

MEETINGS

Our meeting count is down some 4% from last year, although we did pick up meetings in four new states and one Canadian Province, those being Georgia, Kentucky, Rhode Island, Tennessee, and British Columbia. In British Columbia itself three meetings started up very quickly and are apparently doing very well. Part of the 4% is due to the fact that this time last year we had 10 phone meetings, which has since been reduced to 5. If you factor that in, the reduction in total meetings is actually 2.3%. In any case, there is always a flux of meetings opening and closing; that's very much always been the nature of things. Taking this year and last year together, we still have a decent growth rate of 2.5% over the two years. In addendum, I just heard from Palm Springs, CA about their intention to start a meeting there, as well as interest in District status. In the meantime they're going to appeal to District 5 for inclusion in that group. So the growth continues!

ANLP SALES

Our sales for ANLP have been very similar to our previous year's sales, and very consistent in terms of what was ordered through postal mail and what on the online store. Incidentally, I did a price comparison for shipping, just for the fun of it, between the Post Office Flat Rate service, which is what we use, and UPS Ground. We currently can send 23 books anywhere in the US for \$15.30. 23 books via UPS ground to San Francisco would cost us \$25.33. The same 23 books to New York would cost \$43.66.

800 LINE

The number of 800 line missed calls vs. messages left has also been very similar too last year, and consistent month to month, with the exception of February, when messages left were down to 8% of all calls. The remaining average of 87% per month is what I refer to as the "success rate", that is, the number of calls which were placed to the 800 line which did not result in a message being left, defined by our phone service as "missed". It would take more research than I have time for to analyze the various lengths of these calls; I take it on faith that people heard what they needed to hear and hung up without leaving a message. The 13%, incidentally, does not take into account very short "silent" messages ranging from 2 to 15 seconds which happen regularly, nor does it account for the negative messages, which also occur regularly. I would say that the average of messages that are legitimately asking for help evens out to about 10%, which is what it has always come out to.

DIGITAL EDITIONS

I was tasked by the Conference last year with creating a digital edition of Life With Hope, and in fact by the time of May last year had already created the Mobi version, which works on the Amazon Kindle system. This year the EPUB version is ready to go. To test it I downloaded two free EPUB readers and you can see that the difference in display results when the reader opened the book with default settings is pretty remarkable, which nullified a lot of my worries about formatting prior to publishing. Keep It Simple! The readers will adjust the formatting to satisfy their needs. Being a Kindle user, I learned that the Table of Contents in an EPUB is not in any specific place in the document, but appears by choosing the TOC from a menu, whereas the TOC in a Kindle (or Mobi) edition needs to be generated and specifically placed. Other than that, there's not much work to publishing an e-book of Life With Hope, although we could refine it further down the road as my skills increase.

It's now ANLP's decision as to how to sell the digital editions. While it can be argued that, since the actual production and distribution does not cost us anything, we should give the book away for free, I strongly advise against this. ANLP is a source of revenue for MAWS, which is always struggling financially, and we could easily produce higher 7th Traditions to MAWS at a low selling cost of the digital editions, in the same way that revenue produced by the mobile app is potentially productive. I do think that it's most proper for us to confine our materials sales to the website or the online store, to avoid comprising the 6th Tradition. For instance, if we were to sell the digital edition through Amazon, they would require 30% of the retail price.

Also in regards to ANLP, something that I've been doing, when possible, in my own time, and while performing other tasks, is scanning printed copies of New Leafs for which we don't already have digital originals. Soon we'll have a complete catalogue of New Leafs going all the way back to the first edition when it was still the "District 6 Newsletter", in PDF format. While it would be fine to have these available for free download online, we should again not rule out exploring the possibility of creating on-demand data DVD editions of these volumes. This is also a potential fairly low-cost revenue producer.

So now you know almost all that I know. It remains for me to say, as I always say, how much I'm grateful for the job that I do for MAWS, and for the trust that's placed in me each year. This is my 10th World Services Conference as Office Manager, which means that I now enter upon my 10th year in this position. My greatest wish is that I can continue to deliver the highest service and most improvement of performance that I'm capable of. I'm eternally grateful to this program, and I thank all of you, and all of Marijuana Anonymous, for letting me do this job. Thanks very much, and let's have a great Conference!

ANLP REPORT (Terry H.)

9:33 am

Current ANLP Board and Staff

Chair	John McCarthy	Executive Director
Treasurer	Terry Hagerman	Executive Director
Secretary	Open	Executive Director
Publishing Editor	Steve Rambo	Managing Director
Field Editor	Debra Mauser	Managing Director
Office Manager	Tom White	Employee
Bookkeeper	Lisa Hagerman	Employee

It has been a year of change and challenges for A New Leaf Publications.

Our Publishing Editor resigned in December 2012 after one year of service. The Office Manager put together February through April issues of A New Leaf in the absence of a replacement. Our current Publishing Editor began his tenure in April 2013 with the May issue of ANL.

We worked without a Field Editor for most of 2012. Our current Field Editor stepped up in the middle of January of this year. She has been working to rebuild the ANL Bureau Chief network. Please provide me with contact information for your district bureau chief today if possible.

Our Secretary resigned in January of this year after many years of faithful service to ANLP. She has been assisting ANLP when needed until we find a replacement.

The Chair decided it was time to step down in early 2012 and asked me if I would step up to the Chair position. I agreed providing we found a replacement for Treasurer. It no longer makes sense for me to become Chair since my second 2-Year term will end in December of this year which is the maximum time of service as mandated in the ANL Charter.

It was a difficult year as Treasurer. There were 3 different MAWS Treasurers in 2012. We did not process payroll reimbursements in a timely manner on a few occasions creating challenges for the MAWS bookkeeper. The MAWS/ANLP Office Manager was paid late twice which compelled ANLP to provide a short term draw solution until the payroll was processed. We have had delinquencies on ANL bulk subscriptions and a returned check for a book purchase. Resolution of these issues continues to be time consuming.

Our Bookkeeper of many years, Carol McDonald, decided to resign in December 2012. She completed the ANLP filing to the State Board of Equalization of CA this past January and is mentoring our new Bookkeeper. Special thanks to Carol for her many years of faithful service to both MAWS and ANLP.

Our last two printings of Life with Hope have been 3,000 copies each and they sell in roughly 17 months. Our last four printings of the LWH 12-Step Workbooks have been 500 copies each which have been selling in less than one year. We would like to print larger volumes of LWH for a discount which would allow us to donate more to MAWS, but need to build our reserves in order to do so.

We donated \$4,000 to MAWS in 2012 and \$3,000 to date in 2013. We service 13 District A New Leaf Bulk Subscriptions providing over 600 copies monthly. Maybe Tom could share with us how many current individual subscriptions are active.

Please let us know if you are interested in a service position at ANLP and please announce in your districts that we need to fill 3 executive director positions as quickly as possible.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Amy H.)

9:29 am

As a returning Marijuana Anonymous World Service Trustee, I am happy to report that the 2012-2013 Conference Cycle was one of significant improvement in many ways. Last year at this time, I stood before the Conference body reporting that, with a few notable exceptions, committees had effectively ceased to function and trustees were communicating with one another infrequently. Much of that has changed in this last year. I offer my deepest gratitude for the service of those devoted trustees and committee members who served throughout this past year. That represents a major change for our organization and I encourage each of you here to continue with that in the coming conference cycle.

An initiative that started within the last year which impacted this sustained communication was the establishment of a monthly conference call amongst trustees. This informal discussion created the time to discuss committee work, address issues more consistently, and support one another in a way that allowed the trustees to carry momentum back to their committees.

I will allow other trustees to discuss more details of the work that has been done within committee throughout the year, but the fellowship of Marijuana Anonymous will directly benefit from the service of the committees that worked throughout the year. I am deeply grateful for the service of the trustees for their involvements throughout the year.

One issue that arose during our calls was that of uncommunicative trustees. A disproportionate amount of trustee time has been spent dealing with this issue rather than with our primary purpose. This has not been confined to the previous conference cycle. A motion is being presented for conference approval to address this topic to allow the trustees to spend those hours focusing on carrying the message of recovery rather than dealing with a trustee who has become unresponsive and is, for whatever reason, not participating in the way the position requires.

We continue to examine the consolidation and co-chairing of committees. The Public Information/ Hospitals & Institutions Committee have functioned for several years now as a shared committee with two trustees co-chairing to great success. Many thanks go to Heather T. and Rick V. for successfully and energetically continuing that tradition. Internet and Global Outreach are two topics that continue to be grouped into one committee. The reality is that this committee has, for some time, focused almost exclusively on the Internet. This year that committee has undertaken and executed tremendous initiatives under the leadership of Keith G. The previous Outreach trustee had discussed Outreach as a separate committee but no actions were taken throughout the conference cycle to address that possibility. Portia W. resigned recently as Outreach trustee, having performed much service solo. Our thanks go to her for her efforts and service. Rick R. stepped in as Outreach Trustee with too little time prior to the conference to address such a large issue. There remains an issue to address regarding committee designations.

The Finance, Literature, and Policies & Procedures Committees all functioned throughout the year under the leadership of a single trustee. Drew V. resigned as trustee of the literature committee and John M. stepped in as alternate and has done admirable service in that role. I would like to extend special thanks also to committee member Andrea vdL for her level of communication with MAWS prior to the Literature trustee transition. Our thanks go to Drew for his service at the conference and John for stepping up into the role so effectively.

One added benefit of the monthly trustee conference call was the active participation of our two alternate trustees, John M. and Rick R. As both of our alternates wound up serving as trustees, the fact that they had participated on calls made for an easier transition than in years past when alternates would move into the trustee role with little background information.

The Policies & Procedures committee and the trustee body overall dealt with a new issue this year that will be relevant for our growing and global fellowship: that of a trustee not based in the United States. Cheyney S. continued to serve as best as possible while traveling internationally. However, lapses in communication highlight our need as a fellowship to create structure for communication with fellows and trusted servants overseas. We are a worldwide fellowship. The more we have the infrastructure to support worldwide involvement, the better prepared we will be to carry the message to the marijuana addicts in places like Denmark, Israel, Mexico, Canada, Venezuela, the UK and Australia. I use those examples specifically because I have been contacted by fellows in recovery from all of those places (some of which are part of MAWS formal structure already). It seems a shame not to be prepared for greater involvement from our fellows overseas. We have some work to do there.

One of the major difficulties facing MAWS continues to be finances. As we will hear in greater detail in Alan B.'s Treasurer's report, MA World Service is in financial trouble. I have heard from several districts already that they are in similar situations. This is not the first time in recent years that World Service finances are in significant jeopardy.

We continue to suffer from a lack of attention to this area of service. I am deeply grateful to Alan B. for graciously agreeing to serve as Treasurer. Very few members are attracted to the Finance committee for service. It feels as though we scrape through our budget, our IRS filling, our bookkeeping, our expenses, and our 7th Tradition of supporting ourselves every year with no real progress. It is time for that to change.

Sometimes we change quickly and sometimes we change slowly but, as we spend time examining our finances and our budget for the upcoming year, let us also examine the factors that lead us to the same difficulties year after year. What is the root cause of districts submitting financial information for our tax filing late and in poor order? How can that be changed? What is it about the finance committee that does not invite service? What is it about the Treasurer position? What is it about MAWS and money?

Last year, the central message of the conference was communication. I am so grateful that, by and large, the trustees have been communicating with each other and the committees have continued to function and communicate. One area that could still bear improvement is communication throughout the year between the delegates and MAWS. The delegates last year did an amazing job of serving throughout the year on committees. There is still space to increase communication throughout the year between districts and MAWS. This relates to MAWS finances in a very real way but also to all other issues.

This weekend, we will be unveiling the MA forum for the 2013-2014 Conference Cycle. We want to make communication easy and centralized. I ask that we continue to help build on the significant success that we've seen in terms of communication and service. Please use this to keep one another and the trustees informed throughout the year about what is happening in your districts.

Personally, I am so grateful for the opportunities I have been given to serve as President of Marijuana Anonymous. This unique service position has taught me so much, given me many cherished friendships and renewed my appreciation for those who give to MA so selflessly. It is with gratitude and sadness that I will be leaving my role as trustee this year. Having been in a position of trusted service, I take neither that trust nor that service lightly. With that in mind, it is time for me to step back to allow someone else to serve. Thank you for the opportunity to give back to MAWS in this way.

SECRETARY/CONFERENCE & COMMITTEES TRUSTEE REPORT (Micah S.)

9:50 am

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS (Heather T.)

9:54 am

As a volunteer at the 2012 Conference who jumped straight into a trustee position, I am grateful for the opportunity to be of service at the world level. I would first like to express appreciation to the conference host committee and volunteers who make it possible for MA business to take place and thank our President Amy for running business with great leadership, organization, love and recovery. More thanks to our Office Manager, Tom, trustees, and delegates, thank you for your dedication and service.

This year the Hospitals and Institutions shared a committee with Public Information. Rick V. the PI Trustee and I co-facilitated monthly committee conference calls throughout the year. Thank you Rick V. for your attention to detail, insight and support. The H/I Trustee position, which has only been separate from Public Information since 2011, posed new opportunities to develop H/I for MAWS. One way to begin my new position was to focus on service at district level as I facilitated the HI&PI in my District. With the philosophy, "think globally and act locally." I did local

outreach to Hospitals and Institutions and as you will hear from District 15, recommitted to a monthly speaking commitment to a few groups of adolescent girls in a residential treatment program. While local service is rewarding and informative, my focus became, if you are a new District and don't know what the process looks like, while the H&I handbook in the Service Manual is a great place to start, how can we effectively inform others about the "How to" of H/I?

While reviewing the H&I handbook, I noticed there is a need for development and revisions. This development will take more research, time and more than I could do alone. I have spent a great deal of time researching how other 12 step programs approach Hospitals and Institutions and collecting the resources they have developed to use as reference as we continue to develop our own. The H&I manual has potential for development and I have attempted to document the possible changes and suggestions. I decided to focus more energy on creating a work in progress pamphlet tentatively called "Carrying the Message into Hospitals & Institutions". As we have the "Why H&I" already developed, and the Service Manual provides the "what to do", this is the "How H&I". To me this was the next logical and tangible task I could accomplish for HI. To create a pamphlet to focus on the "how to" spread the message into hospitals and institutions and study what we already do across the world in various districts.

As the Trustees utilized the forum as beta testers I also volunteered for additional MAWS maintenance tasks and downloaded all of files from the Yahoo trustee group, turned them into PDF packages and transferred them by posting them on the trustee section of the new forum. This process brought up the identification of the need to have a consistent place to store information digitally so the next trustee could easily access what was done before and effectively continue service work. There is less of a need to start from scratch every year when the information is available. Also, as a world fellowship there is one space, maintained by our organization, in which we can share resources and help develop new ones as well as an easily accessible app that I had at my fingertips all year long. I personally embraced the forum and app in my own recovery, service as a Trustee and local district positions. Thank you Keith G, Internet Trustee as well as the Internet Committee for helping to create that space for all of us to utilize.

Lastly, with a recent influx of requests for speaker panels, I responded and directed those requests to the corresponding districts or surrounding districts and answered a handful of e-mails, one from Israel and one from Canada that asked if there was an increase of "Spice", of which I had to Google and then thought, have I been clean and sober that long already? I could only reply that I had no statistics on increases of Spice, but if they knew of anyone that would like to stop smoking marijuana, of any kind, this is the place for them.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

PUBLIC INFORMATION (Rick V.)

9:59 am

PIHI Committee and Monthly Calls

Public Information Trustee continues to share a committee with Hospitals and Institutions, together affectionately referred to as "The PIHI Committee."

Heather T. (H&I Trustee) and I co-facilitate the committee's monthly conference calls. The calls were generally well attended by at least four of us at a time through most of the year, though admittedly less during the last quarter.

PIHI Committee Members

The following members were present at the MAWS conference PIHI subcommittee in May, 2012.

In Service

Role for 2012–2013 Conference Cycle

Location

Paul P.	D1 Delegate, PIHI Committee Member	San Francisco, CA
Rick R.	D3 Delegate, PIHI Committee Member	South Bay, CA
Jim S.	D11 Delegate, PIHI Committee Member	Portland, OR
John McC.	ANLP Representative (D5), PIHI Committee Member	Orange County, CA
Heather T.	New H&I Trustee, PIHI Committee Co-Chair	Long Island, NY
Rick V.	New PI Trustee, PIHI Committee Co-Chair	Portland, OR
Lori B.	Former PI Trustee, 2009–2011, periodic communication and service sponsorship	San Francisco

Communication

For all intents and purposes we've transitioned away from the google group we initially created, toward the new forum as a means of communication and record keeping (especially the co-chairs). We may be continuing to use a Google docs for shared editing of documents, we'll see. All that being said, most of us used the phone (monthly calls and sporadic calls in between) to keep in touch and share about activities back in our respective districts.

Four Primary Initiatives Immediately Following the May, 2012 Conference

1. **Firing up PI at DSC and in Meetings**
2. **Contact Database (CRM)**
3. **Utilization of MAWS Forum <--> Connection of PI Chairs from Districts**
4. **Booth at the NADCP Conference in May 2014**
5. **PI-related Topics / Action List for MAWS 2013 Subcommittee (quick bullets)**

1. Firing up PI and HI at DSC and in Meetings

- Each of us did in fact launch PI/HI initiatives in our respective districts. While this wasn't exactly pertaining to the other initiatives involving a more global reach or perspective, sharing our experiences fed directly to the cause of the third initiative listed above. More on that to follow.
- Heather in fact started getting direct experience with H&I, and among other things H&I related (for her report) was critical in keeping the monthly calls going as there were several that I could not attend.
- Paul P. was involved with PI in his district (D1, San Francisco) and also helped document the public transit ad campaign in his district. Also Sam B. (see next section, Utilization of MAWS Forum).
 - Used a list of local health organizations in the area and split the list among 5 volunteers within the district to begin PI outreach to let them know MA exists and if we can provide any other information. The activity is ongoing.
- Rick R. began gathering notes from others who had done H&I service work in his district (D3, San Jose) – they've got some great experience down there. Rick R. also helped with a huge part of the fundraising for his district and reported on the following (reported a few months ago):
 - District 3 has researched and has a goal of raising \$3000 to do a bus campaign there. As of a few months ago: During the course of the last 7 months they'd gotten about halfway toward that goal.
 - D3 new PI chair, active, on fire -> Mark I. (D3 is mostly in the South Bay, and Mark is about an hour away in Santa Cruz. They are part of the district but that's a pretty good distance away. He's done a lot of activity including PSAs on 4 different radio stations in that region to the south of D3.
 - Rick R. was going to try to do that in D3 central. He's got contacts with 2 radio stations and will keep moving the initiative forward.

- Was to contact Pam L., Doug F., and Kristen C for their notes from the HIPI panels they were in charge of during the 2012 convention.
- Jim S. hit the ground running with PI letters to just about every treatment center, school, hospital etc., in the Portland Metro area, and beyond, is now sending mailings to locations within several counties in the region.

Contact Database (CRM)

- Creation of a database of national entities with whom we can communicate in order to:
 - a. let them know MA exists if they didn't already
 - b. let them know MA exists if they didn't already
 - c. offer information about MA and to...
 - d. maintain contact information for keeping them informed about important updates, regional meeting schedules, events, etc. (forward-thinking)
- Background regarding this potential database: I found a word document stored on the old PI Yahoo Group that contained only the name, description, and web address of 75 entities, national organizations, treatment centers, medical interests, and more. My goal was to begin with a shared Google doc (spreadsheet) as a central location store information; volunteers would visit the aforementioned websites to seek out contact information in an attempt to be connected with "the right person" (someone who would have interest in knowing of MA's existence and/or with whom we could share our PI Letter). The intent was to begin collecting name, phone, and email for one or two contacts at each organization for later input in to a customer relationship management system (CRM).
- The database itself: Since sometime around May 2012, MAWS has a new web host and technology stack which now allows for us to host a web-based CRM. Keith suggested SugarCRM, so I downloaded and installed it, but failed to get it off the ground myself, mostly for lack of follow through.
 - I'm hoping to pick the project up again with a little help from the subcommittee in the coming year if I continue as PI Trustee.
 - The contact database may also be a way of tracking a list of PI chairs within each district. Of course those people don't necessarily hold the positions for long, but ideally I'd like to be able to communicate with as many of them as possible, so some centralized place to store basic contact info would be useful, not only to the current PI trustee, but the following PI trustee, not to mention the chairs themselves. So be it a database, or the forum... more on the forum next!

Utilization of MAWS Forum <--> Connection of PI Chairs from Districts

- <https://www.marijuana-anonymous.org/forum/index.php>
 - <https://www.marijuana-anonymous.org/forum/viewforum.php?f=47>
- The top link is the MAWS Forum home page. The secondary link is a new subforum created specifically for the following purposes:
 - a. to collect ideas and specific service actions that are or could be impacting our local fellowships and the addicts who haven't found us yet
 - b. to provide a place for a lineage of PI trustees to track their work, share with PI chairs in districts, and in essence create an archive of service sponsorship
 - c. to provide a place for anyone interested in the subject of PI to collaborate, discuss, or just learn about what works and what doesn't
- MA Service as a forum category: Keith G. responded to a simple request. I asked, "Keith, can you create a sub-forum for me that is public, but specifically related to service in marijuana anonymous. He said "yes, of course!" We discussed it a bit and it was decided that he would create the forum category "MA Service." In

that category he created the sub-category which I chose to name “Public Information – Sharing Ideas and Actions”

- Public Information – Sharing Ideas and Actions
 - Current topics include:
 - Introducing this PI Sub-forum - Read Me & Welcome!
 - Why this forum? How does it work? What should I do?
<https://www.marijuana-anonymous.org/forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=356>
 - Emailing
 - Who can speak to the best way to get email addresses for local drug and alcohol treatment centers, counselors, or any other front-line staff that can help MA carry the message because of the nature of their work?
<https://www.marijuana-anonymous.org/forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=440>
 - Phone Bridge Flyer
 - Of course this is a great place to post about the Phone Bridge! Every PI chair in every district should know about it, and include it in DSC discussion, print flyers, whatever they can do!
<https://www.marijuana-anonymous.org/forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=439>
 - Fundraising for PI
 - We – District X – want to raise \$1500 for Project X: How should we go about it? Find out here:
<https://www.marijuana-anonymous.org/forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=382>
 - Print Materials, Flyers and Such
 - Members can share their materials here! And post about what works and what doesn't. Want a good idea? Have something to post? Want to download something someone else has used successfully? Go here!
<https://www.marijuana-anonymous.org/forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=416>
 - Does all PI materials need to conference approved?
 - No. But ideally no materials should be publicly distributed without at least a group conscience of a meeting or district, to ensure traditions are respected. More on that topic here:
<https://www.marijuana-anonymous.org/forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=407>
 - Local Outreach to Medical Communities
 - What, what, and how? What's working?
<https://www.marijuana-anonymous.org/forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=379>
 - PSAs – TV
 - They exist. Where are they? Who's got them?
<https://www.marijuana-anonymous.org/forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=383>
 - Mass Transit Ads
 - Sam B. in District 3 did a great job of posting his district's entire process
 - Mark I. in the District 1 area is working toward Mass Transit ads as well
 - Also Jim S. in Portland, District 11
 - View the conversation here:
<https://www.marijuana-anonymous.org/forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=378>
 - PSAs – Radio
 - What's the best way to have the MAWS web address spoken out loud on the radio to ensure the listener goes to the right website? Find out here:
<https://www.marijuana-anonymous.org/forum/viewtopic.php?f=47&t=382>
 - As you can imagine, the more people use this resource the more useful it will become.

- What else might be a good idea to place under the MA Service category? Let's see, we have PI, now how about...
 - Idea: _____
 - Idea: _____
 - Idea: _____
 - Idea: _____
 - Not every trustee position should necessarily have an associated publicly accessible forum for sharing ideas and actions, but I would encourage trustees and their committees to consider the benefit of a one-stop-shop forum where their counterparts in the districts around the world can come for support in their service activities.

Booth at the NADCP Conference in May 2014

Public Information Initiative for 2013–2014:

Attend NADCP Conference in July 2014 for 24th Anniversary of MAWS!

- NADCP: National Association of Drug Court Professionals
- 4000 people: Front-line professionals many of whom refer addicts to meetings, many who do not know we exist, even after 25 years
- Cost of booth: \$1,250 for booth (*registration for our representatives will be comped*)
- Location: Anaheim, CA
- Date: May 28th – May 31, 2014 (*this is Wednesday the 28th, two days after MAWS Conf*)
- Contact at NADCP: (*Lori B. made contact in 2012, and we have maintained the relationship*)

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www.ALLRISE.org

<http://www.nadcp.org/2013-drug-court-expo>

The first Unity Conference of what ultimately became the fellowship we know and love today as Marijuana Anonymous took place in June of 1989. This means that come May of 2014 MA will have existed for 25 years (will, just one month shy, to be precise, but who cares!?).

The PI Committee would like to move forward with an initiative to have a booth at the NADCP in 2014.

This is an opportunity for us to let over 4000 front line professionals who attend this annual event know that we exist. The cost for non-profit booth is \$1250 and they will **comp** the registration fees that would **normally**

be paid by any representatives we send. Registration for non-members of the organization can be as high as \$650 per person. But those we send there will not have to spend a dime on registration. All 12 step fellowships get to have any booth volunteers attend the conference free. In addition to that, they provide meeting spaces for several recovery groups, several locations, for several meetings a day.

OUTREACH REPORT (Rick R.)

10:07 am

Having served as an Alternate Trustee, I have only recently taken over the office of Outreach Trustee 23 days ago. In that time there have been 7 requests for new meeting starter kits. I have also seen emails come in to the website from fellow addicts in Israel and Costa Rica requesting help. A member of the fellowship in Canada reports that they now have a location for MA's first French Language meeting anywhere in the World. The meeting is Wednesday nights in Montreal. Information can be found at www.mamontreal.org. In the past 3 weeks, my primary function was to respond to these emails.

I have not had an opportunity to connect with Portia, the previous Outreach Trustee. Therefore, it is difficult to comment on what was accomplished and challenges faced over the past year. However, I have read the service manual description for the Outreach Trustee thoroughly and the report submitted at the 2012 Conference. There is a tremendous opportunity to the incoming Outreach Trustee to make an impact on the fellowship Globally and help our fellow addict who is still suffering. Currently the primary responsibilities of the office are responding to emails sent into the MAWS website and following up on New Meeting Starter kit requests. There is still room to create procedures and tools such as email templates to streamline how this function is handled.

The opportunity also exists for the incoming Outreach Trustee to be more proactive and in communication with new meetings and independent meetings. The 2011-12 Outreach Trustee, Cheyney, reported at last years conference that he wanted to attempt to go through the roster of independent meetings on the MAWS website and contact them. I see this as still being an important goal for the next trustee.

If proactive communication is a goal, it would also seem reasonable to explore opportunities to partner with PI on global initiatives. To my knowledge, since the creation of this office (or at least in recent years), the Outreach Trustee has not had the opportunity to serve the full year's term. I am grateful for the opportunity to have stepped into the role briefly and I am excited for incoming Outreach Trustee!

INTERNET REPORT (Keith G.)

10:11 am

“Proactively develop new ways to use the MAWS web site to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.” — Excerpt from Internet Trustee Job Description

Over the past year the Committee has been proactive in the development of the Fellowship's resources. Here are some of the highlights and milestones:

Motion 4 — The one Conference 2012 agenda item tasked to the Committee was to explore making available digital assets which may be helpful to Districts, including website recommendations. The Committee surveyed the Districts and used the results to develop two resources.

File Repository — A file repository was created at <https://www.marijuana-anonymous.org/service/file-repository>. This facility allows any Member of the Fellowship to share digital assets with the Fellowship as a whole.

The effort to-date should be considered as a successful experiment. In order to make the facility truly workable for the Fellowship on an ongoing basis, it is suggested that the Conference takes the following actions:

- Assign the management of the file repository to the appropriate committee(s). Internet /Global Outreach will maintain the facility, but is not equipped to evaluate submissions for their appropriateness or to promote the benefits of the facility to Members. Perhaps the Literature Committee would be best suited to the task, or perhaps the Fellowship lacks the resources to take the next step.

District Websites — The Committee is reluctant to promote or proscribe website technologies for use by Districts. Instead, we chose to describe what each District has accomplished. Any District, or group, can now easily compare what their fellows have done and decide for themselves which approach will work best for their particular needs. The District websites can be compared side by side at <https://www.marijuana-anonymous.org/service/ma-district-websites>.

MA Mobile App — The subject of this year's Motion 3, the MA Mobile App carries the message of recovery to a new, wide and growing audience. The app will be described more fully during the live demonstration during the Conference. In short, it brings together MA's complete library of literature, the forum, MA Online, A New Leaf and a meeting finder. MA is incredibly fortunate to have people like Chrysanthemum H., the lead developer, and Micah S. working to make this technological dream into a working reality.

The app has been available for beta testing by all Delegates and members generally at <https://www.marijuana-anonymous.org/mawsapi/dist/>.

One incredibly important benefit of the work done on the app is that we have created an online database with all the meeting directory information. Once Motion 3 is approved, as it must surely be, development will continue with a web-based administrative interface and placing the meeting finder on the primary website. Once complete, a single update to the database will result in an immediate update to the website and to MA Mobile.

www.Marijuana-Anonymous.org — The Committee's work on Motion 4 revealed deficiencies both in the technical implementation of our website and in our website hosting facilities. With support from the MAWS Board, the website was re-launched on Thursday, August 23, 2012.

The new site uses Joomla!, a modern content management system (CMS). This CMS is open source, meaning that it is free of cost to MA, and, because it is widely used, it should be easier for the Fellowship to find Members who can help support our efforts. This is a significant improvement over our old website which was created and maintained with commercial software packages requiring the purchase of licenses by/for anyone who might help.

The new hosting company, JustHost, provides more service and is saving the Fellowship money. Our monthly cost has dropped by approximately 70%. That savings takes into consideration the expense we incurred implementing SSL.

What is SSL? It stands for Secure Socket Layer and you can see it both in the change from http: to https: in our URL, and in the little green padlock some web browsers display in the address bar. What it means to MA is that we are proactively protecting the anonymity of our fellow Members. Now, instead of communications between the

Member's web browser and our site being open to hackers, those communications are encrypted. Now when a Member submits a story to A New Leaf, participates in the forum or otherwise interacts with us, their communications remain private.

The look and feel of our website has changed, but what about the content we offer? Our content is more accessible and more complete. Reorganizing the site and updating the menuing makes the content easier to find (as do the new search functionality and expanded, more extensive cross/internal links). Importantly, all MA literature is now available and easier to read.

We have implemented Google Analytics to help us better understand how Members and the public are using our website. Here are a few highlights:

- Visits have increased by more than 70% to more than 32,000 per month
- Average visit duration has increased by more than 20%
- An average month sees visitors from 145 different countries
- 1,000 of last month's visitors had viewed the site between 9 and 100 times
- 184 of last month's visitors had viewed the site more than 100 times
- 1,882 of last month's visitors viewed the site for 10 minutes or longer
- More than 40% of last month's visits were from mobile devices
- After the home page, the most popular is Detoxing From Marijuana
- 62% of traffic comes from Search, 92% of that is Google
- 26% of traffic is Direct
- 12% of traffic is Referral and we know which sites sent them
- The top ten searches resulting in visits were:
 - marijuana anonymous
 - marijuana detox
 - marijuana
 - marijuana addiction
 - quitting marijuana
 - ma
 - Colorado marijuana
 - weed detox
 - how to detox from weed
 - detox from weed
- The site has processed:
 - 64 Starter Kit requests
 - 77 Anniversaries/Birthdays
 - 20 A New Leaf story submissions
- There are 29,078 links to the site from the WWW

Marijuana Anonymous Connection Forum — The 2010 Conference directed the creation of our forum. To adhere to our traditions, we were spending \$144.00 per year on the forum to stop ads being displayed by the “free” service originally chosen (we did not use our hosting account for technical reasons). Our new hosting service allowed us to

re-launch the forum using Open Source software. This saves 100% of the cost and allows us to enjoy better control of the look and security of the site. The new site is much more accessible to mobile users.

The forum will allow all MAWS related group communications to migrate from the disparate systems that are now used to a common platform. Bringing the Fellowship together in this way should allow for greater synergy between groups, including Districts, which previously could not exist.

While the Committee will continue to maintain and administer this resource, it is suggested that there be greater involvement from the Outreach and perhaps other trustees. District 13, MA Online, should also be encouraged to play a larger role.

MAWSConference.org — Using the new web hosting facilities, a new website has been launched containing all of the appropriate “reusable” content, such as Service Manual excerpts, Bylaws and The Twelve Concepts for Service. It is updatable every year, with host committee provided content.

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MAWS YouTube channel — As a result of the “brainstorming” that occurred at the 2012 Conference, a YouTube channel was created at <http://www.youtube.com/user/MAWorldService>. The MA video PSA has since been served more than 2,100 times and a simple 12 Questions piece has been served nearly 150 times. It is recommended that this resource be controlled by the Public Information committee.

MAWS Weblog — As a result of the “brainstorming” that occurred at the 2012 Conference, a blog was created at <http://marijuana-anonymous.blogspot.com/>. The idea is that the blog would be an adjunct to the newsletter. Additional planning remains to be done to answer some basic questions such as who will be responsible for content creation, who will update the blog, etc.

Job Descriptions —

- **District Internet Subcommittee** —An agenda item, Motion 2, has been submitted for Conference consideration. Until now, MAWS has provided Districts with no guidance whatsoever with regard to their Internet presence and administration. We look forward to a positive outcome.
- **Internet Trustee** — In accordance with the Job Description contained in the Service Manual, that description was reviewed and updated. At the suggestion of the MAWS President, a Conference Agenda Item was not drafted, but the revised description was submitted for inclusion with the other submitted Trustee Job Descriptions. The revised language, which assumes that the Committee will not include Global Outreach functions, follows:

Internet Trustee

Two years of sobriety from marijuana and all mind-altering chemicals is required. Must have easy access to the Internet and email.

Approximate hours per month required to perform job: 2-4

Duties:

1. Understand and work within of MA’s Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service.

2. Assist Office Manager in answering website inquiries.
3. Oversee MAWS' online presence.
4. Solve problems related to MAWS' website.
5. Proactively develop new ways to use the MAWS website to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.
6. Ensure that Internet-related service providers, such as hosting, payment processing, etc., are a competitive value in the current marketplace.
7. Monitor site statistics and report at Conference.
8. Attend and participate in all Trustee meetings.
9. Maintain regular (1-2 times / month minimum) communication with other Trustees. Respond to questions and requests for help in a timely manner (within 10 calendar days) whenever possible.
10. Annually review Internet Trustee's Job Description in the Service Manual. If changes are needed, draft Conference Agenda Item to make the changes.
11. Post report of quarterly activity to Trustees' online networking system 20 days in advance of each Quarterly Trustee Meeting.
12. Prepare a written report of annual activities. Provide report to Office Manager in electronic format in advance of the Conference. Present report at the Conference.
13. Act as Chair for Internet Committee at Conference, or appoint a suitable Chairperson.
14. Direct the work of the Internet Conference Committee throughout the year, and meet all mandated deadlines as directed by the Conference and the Service Manual.
15. Oversee the selection and activities of the webmaster.

Remote Conference Participation — No progress has been made on this “project.” There is an agenda item addressing it this year, and perhaps the Conference will provide additional direction. There are significant hurdles that will have to be overcome, including:

- Who within the MA organization will provide the technical expertise to implement the solution year in and year out?
- How will the costs be covered?

In Other News...

- The Committee reported its activities each quarter to the MAWS Board.
- Internet Trustee participated in all quarterly and all but one monthly conference calls with the MAWS Board.
- The Committee met each month via Skype, though participation waned after mid-year.
- The Committee established a Yahoo Group for internal communications. It is planned that these communications will move to the forum in the new term.
- After many years of service to the Fellowship, including service as a Trustee, Mikey D. stepped down from his Special Worker position as our Webmaster. No replacement has been retained. Following the resignation, all administration, maintenance and development has been the work of volunteers.
- Updated MAWS email addresses to forward to current Trustees.
- Moved mawsconference.org and mawsconvention.org domain registration to JustHost (FastDomain); registered the domain marijuana-anonymous.net .
- Trained the MAWS Office Manager on website maintenance and administration.

- Installed open source Sugar Customer Relationship Management system for PI use. Still testing.
- Assisted Conferences and Convention Trustee with Google Apps configuration.
- Worked with ANLP to support submission of anniversaries/birthdays, articles for A New Leaf and automated publishing of monthly Roving Reporter questions.
- Communicated with all Districts about new MAWS website URLs and broken links on District sites.
- Worked with Treasurer to regain access to and control of MAWS PayPal account.
- Provided Outreach Trustee with all New Meeting Requests.
- Worked together with PI Trustee to create a PI service forum .
- Worked with Policies and Procedures committee to create Terms of Service for the website; a revised version has been submitted to address MA Mobile App issues.
- Addressed Member and public inquiries regarding Internet related activities.

Conclusion

The Internet Committee included:

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| ❖ Chrysanthemum H | ❖ Larry S |
| ❖ Derek H | ❖ Micah S |
| ❖ Stephen P | ❖ Ryan K |
| ❖ Richard E | ❖ Sheila S |
| ❖ Lyle D | ❖ Ari K |
| ❖ Rich F | ❖ Mark S |
| ❖ Jeremy F | |

My heartfelt thanks to all who made a contribution. Without you, this would not have been the amazing year that it has been.

Thank you, Marijuana Anonymous, for the difference you make in my life each and every day. I will be forever grateful for the opportunity you have given me to be of service to my fellows.

LITERATURE (John M.)

10:22 am

The Lit Committee lay dormant after my predecessor went AWOL on the heels of the 2012 Conference. Now, Louise and I eagerly await replacements for the 2 members who recently resigned. There is plenty of service to do.

1. The Lit Committee is rewording an AA pamphlet, "Do you think you're different?" This generic embraces Fellows of all stripes. We plan to roll it out at the 2014 Conference.
2. My home district, District 8 New York City, has approved a People of Color pamphlet whose language sets a far different tone than last year's offering. We hope it will be greenlighted at next year's Conference.
3. We would like to attract new authors of stories for Life With Hope. Perhaps some Fellows here will contribute?
4. The Lit Committee seeks the permission of ANLP to access its New Leaf archives, and the stories in Life With Hope. The idea is to index the content via keywords such as teen, career, parents, isolation, etc. In this

way, Fellows can go online and cherry-pick their story of choice. We ask the Internet Committee to advise us of the capacity of the MAWS site, and the MAWS new app, to accommodate this tool.

5. We envision a Frankenbook of New Leaf contributions and LWH stories arranged by theme. We invite creative Fellows for an appropriate label for this smorgasbord. Some starter titles: Reeferless in Seattle; Paper Promises; Life Without Smoke; Hands-free Living; Race from the Bottom; and, for the old timers, Bogart that Joint. Perhaps some Fellows with a fine hand could provide some illustrations. Not sure if this project would be hard copy or a cyber read. This project would freshen up the brand and might provide some income to boot.

Thank you for allowing us to do the service.

TREASURER (ALAN B.)

10:26 am

The state of MAWS Finances, treasury, and other financial matters is fair, and subject to substantial, possibly existential challenges this FY (2013) and for the FY ahead of us. In other words, while we are not in a current financial crisis, if we do not make significant changes in the year ahead and beyond, we will shortly be in crisis.

MAWS functions on a fiscal year which runs from July 1 through June 30th. The budget we will finalize and pass this weekend will be for the FY running from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, which constitutes FY 2014. It will be based upon our plans for the year ahead, and (hopefully realistic) assumptions about our funding and expenses.

For FY 2013, which ends this coming June 30th, we anticipated income of \$24,730, and expenses of \$24,720. Based upon income and expenses YTD, we now expect to receive income of just under \$23,000, and expenses of \$28,400, for a budget deficit of \$5,400. This deficit was created by both decreased income – almost entirely due to very poor levels of 7th Tradition contributions from the Districts, and increased expenses – mostly in the form of increased accounting / tax preparation fees – also primarily due to poor accounting practices by the Districts (and my failing to stay in close communication with District treasurers regarding what was expected of them.)

Bright spots for FY 2013 were increased small to mid-sized donations by individuals and groups (making up most if not all of the “PayPal Transfer” line item in FY 2013 income). I won’t mention any of the individual donors, some of whom made recurring weekly \$2.00 donations, others who contributed \$10, or \$50, or \$100 – 200, but will mention the “Rising Up Through The Air” group of Raleigh, North Carolina, which was “pleased to become fully self supporting, making our first contribution to MAWS (on 3/28/13) in the sum of \$111.97.”

A bright spot on the expense side is reduction of costs associated with our internet presence based upon moving providers and signing multi-year contracts for those services.

It is conceivable that in FY 2013, individuals and small groups may have contributed more in 7th Tradition to MAWS than did our Districts. I find this to be both alarming and comforting. Alarming, in that our Districts are just not stepping up, contributing less than 1/3 of what they contributed on average in FY 2012 and 2011. Comforting, in that MAWS is being supported financially by some of our newer, possibly less connected members.

Something we don’t often talk about here, other than generally is the role of ANLP in the MAWS financial situation. ANLP is a part of MAWS, and when we file our annual tax returns, income and expense of ANLP is included in that filing.

For the FY 2011 (the last return filed, just over a week ago), covering through June 30, 2012, MAWS gross receipts, including the sale of ANLP merchandise (books and such) was a bit over \$69,000, with costs of \$15,000, and other expenses of \$55,700, for a net loss of \$1,663.00.

ANLP transferred \$3,000 in cash to MAWS earlier this month. They are holding significant amounts of cash, hoping to be able to increase the size of their next printing of LWH, saving about \$1,500. I support this effort.

Looking at the year ahead, as you'll see from the budget in your packet, we're looking at a further deficit of \$3,000. The "MAWS side" cash reserves and operating capital will, by the end of this Conference, likely be below \$15,000, (absent a significant infusion of capital from individuals, groups or districts); by the end of FY 2014, we may be hovering just above the \$10,000 cash level. This is insufficient to insure the continued normal functioning of MAWS.

I urge all participants to consider other ways in which the bodies which they represent can further help the MAWS financial picture.

There are other challenges in the Treasurer / finance arena. The Treasurer job requires substantially more than one or two hours per month to be handled well. There is much personal contact with the districts, Trustees and the office manager which is called for.

There is a need for greater checks and balances. Currently the office manager operates without sufficient checks and balances. Our budget needs to be monitored more closely. Tax preparation needs to be started earlier, and Districts who use the MAWS TID number need to stay on top of their financials on a month-by-month basis. Everyone needs to keep better records, and better systems and controls are called for.

Some Districts have stopped making 7th Tradition donations. Other Districts are causing MAWS to spend excess funds – as much as \$450 each as to two Districts, on extra accounting services.

On the positive side, I believe that the ability and willingness to step up to protect MAWS exists in this fellowship.

I look forward to working with you over this weekend to discover and develop ways to move MAWS forward as a strong and growing organization.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES (Cheyney S.)

10:34 am

The Policy and Procedures committee had a good start to the 2012-2013 conference cycle. We agreed to move the committee communications from the old Yahoo group to a Google group and all of the committee members were able to successfully post.

The primary focus of the first 2 conference calls was organizing and dividing the workload required to sufficiently comb through the service manual to draft what became Motion 4 (Amend bylaws to allow remote attendance to future MAWS Conferences). Although perhaps not exhaustive, if Motion 4 passes we hope that at very least it removes the major obstacles which have been in place for years. Fostering close communication with the Internet committee and C & C trustee will help overcome any remaining obstacles that have kept the remote video conferencing from becoming reality.

In addition, the need arose for a policy to remove trustees that strangely had never been addressed in the service manual. In cooperation with 2 other trustees, we crafted Motion 6 (Policy for Uncommunicative Trustees), which, if it passes, will trigger automatic mechanisms for any future problems with unresponsive trustees. Underperforming trustees will continue to be an issue that the P & P committee regrets it cannot address at this time, as exemplified by its committee chair over the final months of the conference cycle.

The committee was involved in crafting a Term of Service template for the new MA Forum. A small but steady email load filled some of the less productive weeks of the year. One such query was reminiscent of the topics raised by Motion 5 (The Definition of Sobriety in MA is to Abstain from Marijuana). Although much has been said on the Yahoo group and elsewhere on the topic, the P & P committee recommends no action on these issues at this time.

Work that remains to be completed over the days ahead includes addressing discrepancies with the service manual on motion submission deadlines (page 85), the trustee job descriptions not submitted by the current trustees, updating the Index/Page numbering & adding a section that addresses MA Mobile.

BREAK

10:39 am

RECONVENE

10:47 am

DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 1 (Ben P., Chrysanthemum H.)

10:47 am

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 five weekly meetings, one of which has formed within the last month. Recently, three of the four evening meetings have frequently been followed by fellowship afterwards. We've had several new people stepping up to do service at both the meeting and district level, though we still struggle to fill all of our district positions.

"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.

"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.

A new men's meeting began meeting at a meeting space called the San Francisco Gratitude center on Thursday nights on May 2, 2013.

"Marina Group," on Friday night is an MA meeting that welcomes discussion of cross-addiction, continues to draw an average of 6-20 people week to week.

"On a Mission," meets at the Yoga society of San Francisco in the Mission District on Saturday mornings. It uses a meditation format, with twelve minutes of silent meditation followed by discussion. This meeting draws between 10-20 people per week.

Our monthly "Women's Potless Potluck" meeting closed due to lack of interest. Our district remains overwhelmingly male.

Our DSC meets on the first Wednesday of each month. Several new members have stepped up to do service at this level.

Our District has had one advertising campaign on municipal buses and trains in the past year, and we will be doing a second campaign this year to fulfill our minimum 2-campaign commitment in our contract with the ad agency. We held 12 PI panels to school groups and young-adult job training programs, and one was held for a female prisoner recovery program in the San Francisco jail. We have distributed information cards to cafes, meeting spaces, laundromats, and other public areas. We've discussed tabling opportunities, met several times with District 2 to discuss a new PSA video, and discussed PI strategies with the MAWS PI trustee on strategy, with the ideas being posted to the MAWS forum.

We have also had several fundraisers and events, such as a flea market sale, bonfire meeting, bowling night, and barbecue in Golden Gate Park. We have more such events planned, and we are discussing how we might make all of our events revenue-positive.

Our district has also assisted in the development of the proposed MA mobile app, with many members testing the app by using it during book study meetings.

DISTRICT 2 (Tim V., Louise R.)

10:56 am

It has been a relatively quiet year in District 2 – though our fellowship remains active both in and out of meetings. There are still seven meetings each week, with one meeting each day of the week. Happily, all meetings have kept their same locations and times. Meetings continue to draw newcomers who often stick around and we are grateful that the regulars and old-timers continue to show up. A monthly women's meeting at rotating locations that invited women from all around the Bay Area seems to have fallen by the wayside. Hopefully interested women will reconstitute it at some point. Also, there is some talk of starting a weekly men's meeting.

Fun events in the last year included two camping trips, Oakland A's baseball games, Halloween and holiday parties, a post-Thanksgiving Day hike and some other fun gatherings. In addition to special fundraisings done by passing a can at meetings in July & November, we also used a yard-sale and a coin-rolling party to raise money, while helping members get rid of unwanted stuff – including change!

We had some creative thinkers focused on the district's Chips & Literature this year. After adopting the Welcome Packet used by District 8 for use in our district, this past year we expanded on the idea by adding a Welcome Packet in Spanish, filling it with the available literature translated in Spanish. And, by popular demand, our chip stock has grown to include a new 14-day chip and we are looking to order metal chips featuring the serenity prayer and MA logo.

Our well-maintained website, madistrict2.org, continues to be our primary Public Information outreach tool though we have followed the lead of districts 1 & 3 by posting weekly ads in the groups section of craigslist.org which we see is directing a number of people each month to our website. In the past year or so, our district has received several requests to staff a table at high school or community college health fairs. We are fortunate to have a few members who have time during the day to attend these events, pass out literature, and share their experience with, for the most part, young adults. While it is difficult to know the impact of these Public Information events, it is clear that it has made more people aware that our fellowship exists!

Our H&I outreach continues to be limited due in part to our difficulty in filling the district chair position. Still, since last May, we have been able to provide a speaker at the Antioch Kaiser Chemical Dependency Recovery Program once per quarter which matches their schedule for new clients in their program for young people. Though

sometimes we attend at the same time as other 12-step program representatives, twice we have been the only speaker and had the full 90 minutes to describe the fellowship, our experience strength and hope, provide literature, and answer questions for the 8-16 teenagers and parents attending.

Since the last conference, District 2 has made three donations to MAWS totaling \$1,400 and today we have a check for an additional \$1,000 donation. We remain committed to supporting MAWS so that it can meet our common goal and mission to carry the message to the marijuana addict who still suffers.

DISTRICT 3 (Cameron P.)

10:56 am

In District 3, we currently have 11 meetings total and at least 1 meeting every day of the of week. Geographically our district spans Santa Cruz County, the South Bay and Peninsula of the San Francisco Bay Area. We have meetings in Santa Cruz, Aptos, San Jose, Los Gatos, Saratoga, and Redwood City. Meeting highlights include a Wednesday morning women's meeting, a candlelight meeting on Friday nights in Saratoga, an open H&I meeting on Saturdays, and a new meeting has recently started on the UC Santa Cruz Campus on Sundays. Most meetings in our district average attendance between 10 – 20+. A couple of newer meetings in our district such as the Wednesday night “Planting a Seed” meeting and Friday night Santa Cruz meetings has seen average attendance increase from 3-4 to 15+.

Our H& I committee holds MA meetings at the Santa Clara County 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 also hold a weekly H&I meeting at the New Life Center, a recovery home in Santa Cruz on Saturday nights. This meeting is also open to the public. Average attendance 10. These are serious addicts often directly from prison. Many of them have marijuana as part of their story and benefit greatly from these meetings.

Public Information has ramped up it's efforts this year to help the addict who is still suffering. Over the past year, we have brought a MA panel discussion to Woodside High School, participated and hosted a booth at a recovery fair called “Many Paths to Recovery”. The PI committee has public service announcements running on 4 college and local radio stations in Santa Cruz and Santa Clara counties and is continuing efforts to have more stations run PSA's. We are currently in the process of raising the funds necessary to run an advertising campaign of external bus ads.

Fundraising held several successful fundraisers over the past year to raise money for the district and our PI Initiatives. Our largest fundraiser was our 2nd annual “Day off the Green”. DOTG is a day of fellowship and recovery held outdoors. Donation includes a BBQ lunch, workshops, speaker meetings and time for hiking and other outdoor activities. Each meeting is asked to put together a themed basket which is raffled off. DotG raised more than \$1000 this year.

Our district service committee voted to adopt a document created by several members of our district called “Suggested Guidelines for MA District 3 Service Positions for Meetings” (SEE ADDENDUM ATTACHED). The document is adapted from the Service Manual and expands on the suggested requirements for meeting Secretarys, GSR's, and Treasurers. Those in service for these positions are suggested to meet the following requirements: have a sponsor, have worked the steps with a sponsor, or are currently working the Steps with a sponsor, and have a minimum of six months continuous sobriety. Sobriety is defined as abstinence from marijuana and all mind altering substances, including alcohol.

ADDENDUM: SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR MA DISTRICT 3 SERVICE POSITIONS FOR MEETINGS

**Adapted from the MA service Manual revision 4.1,
a description of the District 3 Meeting Secretary.**

I. SECRETARY - The group secretary, if wisely chosen, can add vitality and direction to the meeting. Length of term is usually six months. Dist. 3 suggests candidates have a sponsor, have worked the steps with a sponsor, or are currently working the Steps with a sponsor, and have a minimum of six months continuous sobriety* to serve as secretary. *Sobriety is defined as abstinence from marijuana and all mind altering substances, including alcohol. Typical responsibilities of the secretary include:

- Always be on time (at least 30 minutes before meeting begins).
- Make sure the meeting begins and ends on time.
- Pick a chairperson for the meeting (Secure Speakers with a Good Message). Speakers should have quality sobriety, have a sponsor, and have worked or are currently working the Steps with a sponsor.
- Make sure all service commitments are filled. If other service people don't fulfill their meeting commitment then it is the secretary's responsibility to fulfill the commitment.
- Make sure a business meeting is held once a month.
- Provide time for the GSR, committee reports, and any other MA announcements.
- Provide GSR with any changes of meeting time, format, etc., to take to DSC Meeting for changes in the schedule.
- Fill out meeting record sheet.
- Keep meeting format notebook and meeting records.

**Adapted from the MA service Manual revision 4.1,
a description of the District 3 Meeting Treasurer.**

II. TREASURER - The group treasurer is the custodian and disbursing officer of monies received via group collections, and as indicated in the 7th Tradition, accepting money only from MA members. Suggested length of term is six months. Dist. 3 suggests candidates have a sponsor, have worked the steps with a sponsor, or are currently working the Steps with a sponsor, and have a minimum of six months continuous sobriety* to serve as treasurer. *Sobriety is defined as abstinence from marijuana and all mind altering substances, including alcohol.

Typical responsibilities of the treasurer include:

- Collect the 7th Tradition from the group.
- Keep a detailed accounting of the group financial position.
- Keep the group funds. (Traditionally, groups do not accumulate funds beyond current expenses and retaining a prudent reserve of one month's expenses.)
- Pay the rent for the meeting place. (As indicated by our 7th Tradition, some kind of rent should be paid, if only a token.)
- Pay for refreshments and supplies.
- Disburse money to purchase chips and MA literature.
- Stay after meeting to collect money from the sale of literature (sold at cost).
- Keep track of chips needed to be ordered from the DSC, if the meeting has no chip person.
- Forward contribution to district office. (Local groups generally accept the 75/25 plan as recommended by the DSC, contributing 75% of the excess funds to the local district, and 25% to the World Service organization.)

- Keep the meeting records, if the secretary does not.

**Adapted from the MA service Manual revision 4.1,
a description of the District 3 Meeting GSR.**

III. GSR - The GSR (Group Service Representative) has the job of linking his or her group with the local district and MA as a whole. After a few months of service, the GSR should also be on one of the district committees to help serve MA as a whole. It is from this group of trusted servants that the MA Delegates are usually selected. Length of term is one year. Dist. 3 suggests candidates have a sponsor, have worked the steps with a sponsor, or are currently working the Steps with a sponsor, and have a minimum of six months continuous sobriety* to serve as GSR. *Sobriety is defined as abstinence from marijuana and all mind altering substances, including alcohol.

Typical responsibilities of the GSR include:

- Report the group's wishes to the monthly DSC Meeting and to the Delegates to the MAWS Conference.
- Should attend the monthly DSC Meeting, take notes, and report back to the group, keeping the group well informed about MA.
- Report to the group the minutes of trustee conference calls, MAWS financial reports and minutes of the Conference, as well as district business and activities.
- Keep report concise. This is not the place for opinions; those should be discussed at the group's business meetings.
- Confirm and/or take the group donations from the group's treasurer to the DSC Meeting.
- Confirm that adequate supplies of chips and MA literature are available for the group.
- Act as a "service sponsor" for the incoming GSRs when term is done.
- Make certain that the alternate GSR attends the DSC Meeting in the event the GSR can not attend.

DISTRICT 4 (No Delegate present, report read by Sheila B.)

11:00 am

Due to finances and a group conscious vote, we are not sending any delegates to this years MAWS conference. It will be the second year in a row that we have not done so. We are using our limited resources towards Public Information.

The past year has seen many changes. We have added new meetings and closed several long running meetings. We currently have 12 regularly attended meetings in District 4, Western Washington, down from 15 last year at this time.

We have a very active PI committee with a committed chairperson. We voted to take out an ad in the local Stranger newspaper, which is a free public "hip" news, entertainment and informational paper easily found throughout the Seattle area. Our ad was a simple statement of the availability of MA in this area. We have several other projects and ideas in the works to get the word out in the hope of reaching out to more people who want to stop using marijuana. We feel this is of primary importance so that we can continue to grow as a district and help more people.

We have significantly improved our District level service positions. We have reconciled our finance records and have a much better handle on how we are doing. We have planned for our regular expenses and have earmarked several annual events such as our yearly Halloween Party and Mini Convention, our annual campout, our yearly mailbox, internet, New Leaf and other regular expenses.

We have all taken a good look at the Service Manual suggested guidelines and are adhering to these in our different roles. These include DSC Chairperson, Treasurer and PI.

The DSC Chairperson is keeping the meetings on point and focused. The Treasurer has reconciled the books and is providing monthly Treasurer Reports to our District and to MAWS when required. And PI is actively meeting with a committee of volunteers.

Our biggest shortcoming this past year has been the involvement of our Delegates. They have not been able to perform their duties and we, as a district, failed to follow up with replacements in a timely manner. This is an area that has been resolved, but it is only beginning this May, 2013. Our new delegates are planning to be involved on a monthly basis with MAWS and reporting to our District, and they plan to attend the conference in 2014 if finances permit.

We are happy to report we, as District 4, have donated \$500 to MAWS in time for the conference. It was mailed several weeks ago and hopefully it will be received and accounted for.

DISTRICT 5 (Lyman I., Sean F.)

11:03 am

District 5 has 2 delegates in attendance at this May 24, 2013 conference.

First, we would like to mention the success we had has a district hosting the 2013 M.A. Convention :

Approximately 150 MA members attended.

Entertainment, Workshops and Meetings were well attended and we received lots of good feedback.

We had a writing workshop which produced several stories that were submitted to A New Leaf.

We had a large hospitality suite in which the merchandise and MA literature was available. This was also well received.

Merchandise sold well and we had very little surplus.

We raised \$6,500 total which was used as follows:

- \$5,000 was donated to MAWS
- \$500 was donated to this MAWS Conference
- \$1,000 was kept in District 5 coffer to give our members a one year reprieve from fund raising and restore our prudent reserve

It was also noted that more M.A. members from Canada attended the Convention than members from local district's 6 & 7

We maintain that we are still FULLY self-supporting and are in the 8th 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.: We added a Sunday meeting this year from Riverside. We are glad to have them as a part of our district. 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.

2 years ago 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. 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.

DISTRICT 6 (LoriBeth D., George G)

11:05 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 10 meetings in District 6. We lost one meeting this past year due to low attendance and lack of fellows willing to be of service.

Our district has a Yahoo group that is seldom (if ever) used, but our DSC maintains a Yahoo group that is used very often and is a wonderful tool for communicating with the District Chairs, GSRs, and ultimately our members in between meetings.

We have been struggling over the past few years to get people to step up and be of service, especially at the district level. Last year's District Treasurer was elected District Chair for the current term but has never run a DSC because no one has stepped up to take on the role of District Treasurer. He has been the temporary treasure for the last 10 months. Our GSRs pitch the open district commitments at every meeting and are met with what the DSC members have come to regard as apathy. DSC elections over the last few years have been akin to switching seats on the Titanic. The same people are taking and switching District Chair positions that in some cases lead to burnout and resentment.

The one silver lining in all of this is that with no one in the District Events Chair individual meetings have begun hosting events on their own. Our morning meetings put on our twice yearly Variety show, the Newcomers meeting threw a great New Year's Eve Party, our Sunday Glendale meeting sponsored a silent auction as a fundraiser for this Conference which we are co-hosting with District 7 and our Wednesday night Rowing Like Hell meeting is sponsoring our Annual Leo Carrillo Camp Out which is our biggest event and has been happening every summer for over 15 years. If anyone here is interested in coming, the Camp Out will be August 16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th. Please see me for information. Our Santa Barbara meeting has a meeting level Events position who plans an event once a fiscal quarter.

Our H&I Chair has established a once monthly panel at The Sober College, a transitional program for young people with addiction and behavioral problems. With one strong panel in place our H&I chair is actively seeking out another facility that is interested in having an MA panel. Our Santa Barbara meeting has been getting requests from many high schools for panels. Members of this moderately sized meeting are going out to share their stories with kids and our Santa Barbara fellows are excited about this new opportunity to be of service.

At the last MAWS Conference District 6's Delegate volunteered us to host the 2014 MA Convention. The hope is that the event will rally our fellowship and reinvigorate our sense of District unity. Our Convention name is "refresh". A beta version of our logo is available if you'd like to see it.

District 6 has had very low 7th Tradition donations over the last year, sometimes ending the month in the red. Subsequently, we have gone months at a time without being able to donate anything to MAWS.

We realize that much of this report sounds bleak, but at the meeting level there are robust groups who welcome newcomers on a weekly basis and there are strong fellowships after many meetings.

The hope of the DSC is to transfer the sense of community and service found in these meetings to the District level so we can pool our resources, put our energy into fundraising and Public Information, and reach out to the addict who still suffers and who may not even know we are just around the corner with a solution.

DISTRICT 7 (Anastasia A., Louis W.)

11:10 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 new women's meeting that has just recently begun at a members house.

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 work to provide many event sober event options, this year we have co-hosted many of these with District 6, including a New Year's Eve party, a Halloween party, and several game nights at members houses.

To raise funds for this Conference, our events committee held a silent auction (in conjunction with "Feast of Fools"). We also "passed the can" at most meetings, and used funds gathered from the 7th Tradition to seed the Conference 2014 fund. (Any excess funds will likely be used to help fund the 2014 Conference).

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 had to make several adjustments in co-hosting the 2013 MAWS Conference, including finding a new chair halfway through the process, moving the location, and re-organizing the structure of how we had hosted it before.

We look forward to working with the other Delegates and the Trustees toward a productive conference, and thank everyone for making the trip and for their service.

DISTRICT 8 (Christina B., Ken N.)

11:13 am

District 8 consists of all 5 boroughs of New York City, the northern suburbs of Westchester and Rockland Counties, and the city of Philadelphia.

District 8 currently has 15 meetings: 8 in Manhattan, 1 in Brooklyn, 4 in Rockland and Westchester, and 2 in downtown Philadelphia. Three meetings in District 8 have closed since the 2012 Conference—the Staten Island meeting, the Thursday LGBT meeting, and the Sunday women's meeting—although the women's meeting has evolved into a monthly women's brunch hosted at members' homes.

One of the challenges of our District is that the suburban meetings and Philly are a distance from the District meeting held in Manhattan and they often cannot attend. We as a District need to work on better communications. We also want to increase our H&I presence.

District 8 maintains a website, a phone line, and an email list with more than 250 subscribers. In addition, the Rockland groups and the Philly meetings both have their own phone lines.

District 8 supports the Phone Bridge Meetings by providing an email address as well as the phone number. We also list the Phone Meetings on our website and meeting lists. A few of our members have been involved with chairing these meetings. Our Public Information Committee has produced a flyer which can be used anywhere to promote these meetings. It is posted on the PI section of the MAWS Forum and on our website at ma-newyork.org.

Events in District 8 are well-attended and our main source of fundraising. Events since our last report have included a hiking trip to a state park; a Coney Island Beach Day; Summer Retreat Weekend in New Jersey; a camping trip hosted by Philly Bluntless; a Halloween Party; a Holiday Party, a St Patrick's Day Pot-of-Gold-Luck Event, and our annual 420 picnic.

We have been a bit financially challenged in the past 2 years and have had to go into our prudent reserves to pay for our monthly expenses. When our Treasurer reported that there might only be enough money to send one delegate to the 2013 Conference, the entire District, led by our two Events co-chairs, went into action. We had a dinner event at a fellow's restaurant in Brooklyn and a Variety Show. The funds raised from these events, along with the addition of a few generous anonymous donations, enabled us to send our two Delegates cross-country to this Conference. We also contributed \$445.44 to MAWS since the last Conference.

A long-standing established event is our quarterly "Old Timers" meeting sponsored by our two "Keep of the Grass" uptown meetings. This meeting has three speakers with 5 or more years of continuous sobriety and is always extremely well attended—often with standing room only. After the meeting, the District sponsors an after-party at a member's home.

District 8 had another successful Share-A-Day—our sixth on Columbus Day weekend. MA members up and down the East Coast attended. In addition to attendees from District 8, we had MA members from Boston, Washington DC, Florida, and South Jersey attend. 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. We would like to invite other Districts to join us on Share-A-Day by having their own event, and possibly sharing the airwaves with us.

After the controversial discussions at last year's Conference concerning the proposed People of Color Pamphlet, District 8 decided that since we represent one of the most diverse areas of the country, we needed to produce our own "People of Color Pamphlet. After much work and consideration, the District 8 Board approved, as "District 8 Approved Literature," our own POC Pamphlet and it is now available at our meetings. We have submitted our pamphlet to the MAWS Literature Committee as a model for this much-needed addition to MAWS-approved literature.

District 8 holds itself out as an umbrella group, reaching out to indie meetings along the Eastern Seaboard. For example, Freehold, New Jersey, is the same distance (about 90 miles) from Manhattan as Philly. Their remote location, however, did not prevent Freehold from showing their support by packing a table at our smashing 2011 Convention in Jersey City. And we recently reached out, and got, a Freehold Fellow to qualify at our most recent Old Timers Meeting.

Boston holds a few meetings a week. While it has not shown a desire to join District 8, Bostonians have shown their solidarity, for several years now, by driving down to our Share a Day and Holiday Party.

Some New Yorkers attended the 4/20 Picnic in Washington DC last year. This year, for the first time, a DC Fellow was nominated -- but not elected -- to be a District 8 delegate to this Conference. DC'ers have also driven for hours to get to our group functions. DC holds several meetings per week, but stages more events. DC may well be interested in signing up with District 8.

In the northern North Carolina triplet cities of Raleigh, Cary and Durham, several meetings per week have been held over the last 2 years. One NC Fellow drove up to DC just to qualify at its 4/20 Picnic, along with a District 8 Fellow, last year. This same Carolinian chairs a PhoneBridge meeting. Our District offers support and guidance to all non-aligned meetings, and cherishes its role as parent District of the East.

DISTRICT 10 (Kevin L.)

11:18 am

District 10 is one of three MA districts in Los Angeles County, serving Pasadena and the San Gabriel Valley.

District 10 currently has five weekly meetings:

“Manic Mondays” starts the week off in Pasadena. Format is 1-hour topic discussion. It’s a newer meeting -- less than two years old -- and usually has 5-to-8 people attending weekly, but sometimes can grow up to 15 participants. The core of this group is made up of five regulars, with the rest newcomers. The secretary, treasurer and GSR commitments continue to be held by the members who initiated the meeting.

The “Young People and Young at Heart” meeting is held on Tuesdays in South Pasadena. Format is 1-hour topic discussion, with round robin (tag) sharing. It provides a place for teens that is less intimidating to them or their parents. Many youths are in attendance, some coming independently, and some living in group homes and arriving en masse. Attendance can fluctuate, but usually amounts to 15-to-20 people, with a core of 5 regulars. Commitments are held by both adults and some of the young attendees.

Wednesday night in Claremont features a new meeting with a modest attendance of 5-to-8 people. Format is 1-hour topic discussion. Currently, there isn’t a GSR, but other main commitments stay consistently filled.

“Joint Effort” is the longest-held meeting in District 10, available Friday nights in Pasadena. Format is 1.5hr, speaker then discussion. Attendance swings erratically, but by best estimate there is usually around 5-to-8 in the fellowship. Most commitments are held by the secretary, who also performs the function of treasurer and sets out and gives the literature report. The group recently elected a GSR. Fellowship is regularly held nearby after the meeting.

Saturday night in Covina we have the “Seeds of Recovery” group. This meeting’s format rotates per week, from book study (story), to book study (step), to topic share and to speaker lead. There is a small core (3-5) and newcomers referred by the Charter Oaks Hospital on whose campus the meeting is held. Currently, there isn’t a GSR for this meeting.

During 2013 District 10 lost five meetings: the Sunday Riverside meeting became a part of district 5; Palm Springs, holding two fledgling meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays, became independent due to its geographic isolation and inability to participate in the monthly DSC; the Thursday meeting in Covina folded due to a lack of commitment holders; and, finally, Wednesdays in Pasadena at Las Encinas Hospital was no longer self-supporting.

Our monthly DSC meeting, held on the second Sunday of the month, has all district-level commitments filled, partly through some members maintaining more than one position (i.e. the commitment holder who handles chips & literature also serves as treasurer). Also, we voted to merge the positions of Bureau Chief, Public Information, and Webmaster into one commitment.

District 10 currently doesn't hold any regular H & I panels. However, we recently participated with the Chaffey Adult School in Ontario, who requested speakers for a substance abuse intervention program for young people who've been caught with substances, most often marijuana, and Citrus College who requested speakers for a workshop to help students understand the possible problems associated with marijuana abuse. Our Public Information outreach includes recorded Public Service Announcements on radio station KSPC (88.7) in Claremont and providing informational packets when requested.

District 10 started a district-wide phone list, highlighting temporary sponsors available to help support the newcomers. These lists are made available at all 5 meetings.

Finally, for events, District 10 has hosted hikes in the San Gabriel Mountains. We recently began a monthly fellowship/ fundraiser, attending the "Comedy Juice" show at the Icehouse Comedy Club in Pasadena on the third Thursday of every month. District 10 also shares flyers and makes announcements for District 5, 6 & 7 events, encouraging fellowship across Southern California.

DISTRICT 11 (Sheila B., Marshall T.)

11:25 am

District 11 Portland, Oregon and Vancouver, Washington has 8 weekly meetings. The message of recovery is strong in the Northwest as well as the attendance.

Sunday's "**Tokenless on Tabor**" meeting is still rolling strong as Portland's biggest meeting with 20-30 members. On the last Sunday of the month sobriety birthdays are celebrated in true stoner style with cake and jolly fellowship.

Monday's "**Meditation Mondays**" has 5-7 regular members. What better way to begin or enhance your 11th Step than starting off the week with this very cool, very Portland meeting that is part meditation, part meeting, and all good.

Monday's "**Vancouver MA**" meeting is our newest meeting to date that we all are extremely jazzed about. With 4-5 regular members, and newcomers at almost every meeting, Vancouver MA has the potential to spread the message of recovery across the Columbia river like never before.

Tuesday's "**Smokeless Sisters**" women's meeting is holding tough with 8-10 regular members every week. This meeting is a place that women can let their hair down, get real and get real good solid recovery.

Tuesday's "**Talking Recovery On Tuesdays**" men's feedback meeting is the first of it's kind in MA. This is a committed meeting and committed members are encouraged to check in with the group or another member if they are going to be absent or late. With 6-8 regulars, and newcomers often, this meeting is able to share the message of recovery in a new and exciting way.

Wednesday's "**A New Leaf**" meeting is the mother tree meeting which all other meetings took root from here in Portland. It is still chugging along with 6-9 regulars and lots of newcomers. Fellowship afterwards is always a fun time.

Thursday's "**Stepping Stones To Recovery**" is a men's book study meeting with 15-18 regulars and newcomers at almost every meeting. This meeting has bimonthly 7th tradition poker nights that have grown in size and donations.

Friday's "**Fireside Fridays**" has a core group of 12-14 members. The meeting hosts a quarterly speaker and "pot-less-luck" that draws 40-50 members and newcomers to share the message, eat some good food, and enjoy great fellowship. A wonderful way to start the weekend off right.

PI report: To get the word out we have been sending informational letters along with flyers, which have pull off tabs that include MAWS and local District 11 contact information. They have been sent to service providers including treatment centers, hospitals, high schools, and county court houses. Most of our individual meetings have been passing the basket a second time for a donation for PI. We have been discussing possible bus advertisements and/or an information booth at a local or health fair. This has not happened yet, we are still in the fund- raising and discussion phase.

H&I report: During the course of 2012, MA District 11 and its members were contacted to bring meetings and/or speak on panels at four locations. No specific outreach was done outside of those contacts. Of the four locations that contacted us, we brought members to speak at two, and on multiple occasions each. Before providing that detail, it is important to note that no H&I committee has ever been formed (at least not in over a decade), and that no H&I work has been done in 2013 at all. As H&I chair (Rick V,) did what he could to try and create a committee, but eventually gave up and generally spent his hours of service in MA dedicated to other things.

They went to this location 3 times in spring/summer of 2012 "Lifeworks NW"

Here they served small groups of 6-10 at-risk youth ages 14-18 who were in the Lifeworks NW treatment program and had legal and/or addiction issues related to marijuana. Most were far from admitting they had a problem. Some were disruptive, as to be expected. Some were engaging in discussion. The panelists that went, 2-4 at a time, had a general take-away experience that the best we could do is plant the seed. Normal for groups of this type.

They went to this location 2 consecutive days in June of 2012, and spoke to several small groups of students back-to-back. These students were in a specialized summer program for kids who had gotten in to trouble during the school year. "Deer Park Academy"

Very similar to the above scenario. One difference here was that because we were in a school, we were asked to forgo the reading of the 12 Steps. Susan B. (now Susan C.) and (Rick V.) were the speakers. While it is unusual for us to forgo the reading of the steps, we did as we were asked, respecting whatever guidelines the school was asking. The reason was because they wanted to leave "God" out of it. For further insight and anecdotal information, please ask (Rick V.).

Internet subcommittee report: Bill C. helped relay our current MA District 11 meeting schedule to MAWS and Keith updated the MAWS [website](#). I've been keeping our [MA district 11](#) website up to date with our events and announcements. Remember to email him if you want events or meeting information posted on our website. He has also been posting the MA 12 questions and our MA District 11 website on Craigslist Portland under community listings.

District 11 as a whole is doing quite well and the MA recovery machine is humming along smoothly. Most positions at the district level have had a switching of the guard in the last two months and we are happy to report that all positions are filled. All meetings are represented by GSR's. We also have several yearly events such as 3-4 camp-outs, hiking, St. Patties day music festival, silent auctions, garage sales, "pot-less lucks", and much more awesome fellowship.

DISTRICT 12 (No Delegate present. No report given.)

DISTRICT 13 (Jeremy F.)

11:30 am

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

Chairperson: Brain C.

Vice Chairperson: Diana S. (Elf)

Secretary: Christopher J.

MAWS Delegate & Webmaster: Jeremy F. (Jakester)

As a recognized district of MAWS, District 13 holds the unique position of being the only official online web-based district in MA, or in any 12-step fellowship. We are an online community that includes structured meetings, a 24/7 chat room and private messaging for individual communication. We have three chatrooms on our chat server: a lobby, main meeting room and a 2nd meeting room. Often a person's first glimpse into the world of 12-step recovery from marijuana starts here. We are MA's main portal to the world and the point of contact for most members. On a daily basis newcomers 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 (hopefully), or 14 a week to satisfy a range of time zones across the world. To be honest, lately we have had some problems with the schedules and hosts but are working on new approaches to revamp our meeting line-up. Most members are English speakers in the US, followed by Canada, Australia, Great Britain and New Zealand. But we do have a few from other European countries, Latin America and even a couple from India. Each meeting has a host and usually a co-host with an average of 15-20 attendees for night meetings and about 5 to 10 for day meetings. Lately meeting attendance and the chatroom traffic in general has been down as the weather turned good. The host calendar is set up on a monthly basis, allowing for flexibility and new people to step up to service. A new DIY version of the host schedule was added earlier this year. The meetings are similar in format to land meetings, with the exception of it all being in type versus speech 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 at 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 while people find land meetings to attend. Some online members have even started MA meetings in new locations.

3 of our members attended the 2013 Convention in Irvine, California in 2013 but over 10 of us made it to Santa Clara in 2012. It was a great turnout 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 are handled through PayPal. A post office box is also maintained to handle traditional cash, check and money order donations via the US Mail. Contributions made to MAWS since last year's conference are \$750. This year we will have about \$400-\$450 to donate. We usually gross about \$1500/year in donations.

We use a private Yahoo Group to conduct District business in between monthly DSC meetings, <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/ma-online-district/>. Anyone interested in MA Online is welcome to join that group too. We have a district business meeting once a month at 6 PM PST/ 9 PM EST on the fourth Thursday of the month in our main meeting room

One of our goals is 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 that we are 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 everyone's support to help spread the word of District 13 during meeting announcements. We also have a meeting announcement about starting a local traditional MA meeting and a few new MA meetings were spawned that way. Since there are whole states in the US that don't have one MA meeting, we are the front people for MAWS for most of the United States & the rest of the world geography wise.

DISTRICT 14 (Thomas N., non-delegate, report on D14)

DISTRICT 15 (Jimmy B.)

11:43 am

District 15 is doing well. Our three meetings, spanning the geographic middle of New York's Long Island, are all running fairly smoothly.

Tuesday night's "Peacefully MA" meeting in Hicksville, New York (Nassau County) continues to be our largest meeting averaging between 15-25 weekly attendees, with newcomers attending this meeting frequently. Our once-monthly District Service Committee meeting is held in Hicksville following this meeting. In July, the group celebrated its ninth anniversary with a meeting of founding members sharing their experience, strength, and hope, plus refreshments.

Saturday morning's "Serenity on Saturday" meeting in Melville, New York is just over the Eastern border of Nassau County in Suffolk County. It is maintaining its healthy, albeit small, body of core members averaging about 3-9 weekly attendees, offering a living-room ambience with couches and wing chairs. Meetings may be held outdoors in a gazebo when weather permits. This meeting also sees its share of newcomers come through its doors although some are dissuaded by its "early" 9:30am start time.

Sunday evening's "Sunday at Seven" meeting is held in Douglaston, Queens, just over the Western border of Nassau County. The group is doing well as of the last several months, also averaging about 3-9 weekly attendees.

The Saturday morning and Sunday evening meetings did experience Summer lulls in attendance. We included announcements in our GSR report to encourage attendance. It is not clear if this made a difference, but we are pleased that these meetings are being well attended now.

It had also been challenging having consistent attendance at the monthly DSC meeting during the majority of the second half of 2012. However, since December's meeting, we have gotten a bit more organized, and presently enjoy having all of our service commitments filled. GSR attendance at these meetings was also irregular up until the New Year, where improvement has occurred here too.

Our district has donated the reusable supplies left over from hosting the 2012 MAWS Conference to our current hosts. We were also pleased to have donated a gift basket to the 2013 Convention as a token of our "East Coast Love," and are appreciative of the thank you post we received.

Since last year, we have held several events of fundraising and fellowship. Two of our members hosted movie nights at their homes which were well-attended fellowship-building events. We once again held our annual "Bonfire and Change-Collection Meeting," featuring an MA meeting outdoors around a fire-pit followed by "s'mores" and an impromptu music session. Members donated their collected loose change to the district. Our annual Winter Party and potluck dinner took place again this January. This event was very well attended and was also a successful and

necessary fundraiser for the District. A few of our members were present for the Share A Day held by our sister District, District 8, and they shared of pleasant experiences from that day.

In terms of outreach, our phone line has been receiving several calls a month. Our HIPI chair has been busy maintaining our Craigslist ad and sending out letters, emails, flyers and ANLP samples to inpatient and outpatient centers. As of March, we have established speaking commitments at a local private school for female teens coping with addiction, mental health services, and poverty. Members can sign up for one of several monthly time slots using a shared Google doc. While it has been challenging filling all of the time slots, those members that did speak reported that the engagements were great successes. As a result of the HIPI outreach, we may be starting a new meeting at a space offered by an outpatient rehab facility. Stay tuned!

We are very grateful to have hosted last year's conference. It was a challenge we are quite pleased to have taken on. It has helped us grow as a district both in service as a group and in personal recovery.

We have been embracing the new online forum with many members contributing to the forum boards. We are proud to be once again sending two delegates to the 2013 Conference. Starting in March, groups had been passing a second basket during the Seventh Tradition collection to collect donations to augment our district's donation to MAWS. We are pleased to be able to contribute \$TBD. Our outlook as a district is strong and positive.

DISTRICT 16 (No delegate present. Report read by Amy H. on Behalf of District)

As usual we have a stable core of group members that continue to support our meetings. Over the past year we have seen an influx of new members, and have managed to see some stick around & become involved in service, which is great. We have been carrying the message successfully through an H & I program at 2 rehabilitation centres, our internet site, email, mail outs & phone line.

There has been one new meeting added to our existing group at Blacktown.

There are still three self-supporting meetings in Sydney, NSW:

- Glebe – Thursdays – 20 to 35 attendees
- Blacktown – Tuesday & Fridays – 6 to 15 attendees
- Manly – Monday – 6 to 15 attendees

There is still one self-supporting meeting in Adelaide, South Australia:

- Adelaide - South Australia 6-10 attendees

District Activities

Regular district meetings have been held with representatives from all meetings. The major activities of the district have been:

- Successful H&I program
- Coordination of a monitored helpline and email address
- Provision of literature to all meetings
- Organising events – Unity day
- P.I. has engaged in mail out to counselling venues, hospitals & institutions, which has proven to be a success with new members attending meetings

Challenges

MA in Sydney continues to support many addicts in staying clean. However there is only one other meeting throughout the rest of Australia, which is Adelaide (South Australia). District 16 is in regular contact with members from the Adelaide meeting and directs calls from the helpline to them.

We still have trouble getting new faces/members willing to do service at district level,

However the fact that we still attract newcomers keeps the flame alight

In loving service district 16

MAWS 7th TRADITION

\$200US being donated on 22rd May 2013

DISTRICT 17 (No Delegates present, no report submitted)

DISTRICT 18 (No Delegates present, no report submitted)

TORONTO GROUP (Amy H. read Toronto's appeal for District status)

11:51 am

From: the Toronto Marijuana Anonymous Groups, Ontario, Canada.

To: Marijuana Anonymous World Service

PO Box 7807,

Torrance, CA 90504-9207 USA

Toll Free 1-800-766-6779

office@marijuana-anonymous.org

On behalf of the following Marijuana Anonymous (MA) Groups in Toronto, Ontario, Canada:

- "First Toronto Group" Friday - 7:30pm (open meeting)
Grace Church on the Hill, 300 Lonsdale Rd, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- "The Kensington Meeting" Sunday - 8:00 pm (closed meeting)
The Minsker Shul, 10 St. Andrew Street, Kensington Market, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- "Life with Hope" Tuesday - 7:30pm (closed meeting)
St. Basil's Church, 50 St. Joseph Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- "The Etobicoke M.A. Weedless Wednesdays" Wednesday - 7:00pm (open meeting)
Franklin Horner Community Center
432 Horner Ave, Room #105, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

- “Main Hope” Thursday - 7:30 pm (open meeting)
Community Centre 55, 97 Main Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- “The Willingness Group” – Saturday 10:30 am (open meeting) L.G.B.T.
519 Community Centre, 519 Church Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- “The Light of Hope Group” Monday 8pm (service meeting)
160 Jarvis Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- “Toronto MA Mens Meeting” – Sunday 2 pm once a month (service meeting) L.G.B.T.
519 Community Centre, 519 Church Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

We, the undersigned, respectfully submit this formal request to consider the Toronto MA Groups for application as a recognized district - The Toronto MA District – within the Marijuana Anonymous World Services (MAWS).

The Toronto MA Groups have fulfilled the following requirements that constitute eligibility to become a recognized MA District:

1. There are currently six thriving, successful, and well-established groups (listed above), which meet regularly in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). There are also two established service meetings in and around the GTA.
2. The Toronto MA Groups have approximately 100 core members (plus or minus seasonal fluctuations). Our numbers are steadily increasing as word of mouth spreads about the MA fellowship in the GTA.
3. Reflecting the incredible diversity of society in Toronto, and in Canada, the Toronto MA Groups’ membership comprises a mix of individuals from many ethnic, racial, and social backgrounds, ranging in ages from 17 to 77 years of age. All are welcome.
4. We have an active website for Toronto MA: <http://www.matoronto.org/> . Its information is continuously updated.
5. In terms of geographic isolation, there are currently no other districts in Canada. The nearest MA meetings occur in Montreal, Quebec, a distance of over 500 kilometres away. There are MA meetings also starting in Vancouver, British Columbia; however, at this time, the Toronto MA Groups are the most organized in Canada.
6. The Toronto MA Groups have conducted bimonthly ‘district-level’ business meetings since April 2011, and are at present meeting monthly.
7. The Toronto MA Groups ‘district-level’ meetings follow proper meeting protocols and requirements of MAWS procedures.
8. We have also conducted proper elections for appointed positions such as Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Literature, etc, plus Group Service Representatives for all six Toronto MA Groups, in order to

organize as a complete unit responsible to these inclusive groups. Here is the current list of positions and names:

Chairperson – Freddie T.

Vice Chair – Micah B.

Secretary – Chris H.

Treasurer – Richard M.

WS Liaison – Michael O.

Literature – Saskia vT.

Webmistress – Diana V.

First Toronto Group GSR– Chris H.

The Kensington Meeting Group GSR – Daniel F.

Life with Hope Group GSR – Mike K.

The Etobicoke MA Weedless Wednesday Group GSR – Melanie B.

Main Hope Group GSR – Joel D.

The Light of Hope –Representative – Pat S. (Service Group)

The Willingness Group GSR – Lucas W.

Toronto MA Mens' Meeting – Representative – Micah B.

9. As part of our responsibilities towards both the Toronto MA Groups and towards MAWS, all Toronto MA Groups 'district-level' business meetings have consistently maintained a minimum quorum of 70% of GSRs in attendance.
10. All positions at the 'district' level require a minimum 'clean' time as per MAWS standard protocols. As well, the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer have familiarized themselves with the World Service Manual in order to administer properly the 'District's' financial affairs, including the establishment of a 'District' bank account. The Chair and Secretary have also familiarized themselves so as to conduct the 'district-level' meetings according to MAWS meeting protocols.
11. In the past year, as stated in the MA 7th tradition, the Toronto MA Groups have become fully self-supporting, and in turn, have begun to donate to the 'District.' The Toronto MA Groups are now financially in a position and willing to fulfill the obligation of supporting the MAWS through donations.

At the last business meeting, it was agreed that the Toronto MA Groups, in light of the above suggested requirements appearing to be satisfied, would apply for formal recognition as an official MA District. Therefore, we respectfully submit this application for consideration by the MAWS to recognize the establishment of the Toronto MA District as a formal entity within its organization.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter and the information contained herein, please contact us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Toronto Area MA Groups

Freddie T.

Chair Person

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416-534-9562

Micah B.

Vice-Chair

Chris B.

Secretary

Richard M.

Treasurer

END OF REPORTS 12:00 pm

Lunch Information Announcements (Jonathan R., Host Committee) 12:01 pm

Procedural notes for afternoon session (Amy H.) 12:02 pm

Afternoon adjournment with the serenity prayer 12:03 pm

BREAK FOR LUNCH 12:04 pm

GENERAL SESSION #2, SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2012: AFTERNOON

Facilities overview (Ryan K.)	1:00 pm
Called to order by Amy H. with the serenity prayer	1:02 pm
Open discussion of budget challenges for FY 2013 (Alan B.)	1:07 pm
Please see ATTACHMENT 11	
Reading of rules of order	2:01 pm
A count was made of the Trustees. All the Trustees were found to be in the room	2:19 pm
A count was made of the voting members in the room, and it was found that there were 28 voting members present. (19 voting members were thus needed to be present in order to conduct business.	2:25 pm
The group clarified the voting procedure.	2:28 pm

GENERAL SESSION VOTING 1:20 pm

Motion 1 1:21 pm

Moved by Sheila B., seconded by Christina B.

To suspend the rules under Chapter 14 requiring a proposed District representative to be present.

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

2:50 pm

Motion 2 2:38 pm

Moved by Amy H., seconded by Sheila B.

To accept the Toronto ON group as a new MAWS District, to be designated as District 19.

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

2:51 am

Motion 3 (Motion 2 of the Conference Packet) 2:54 pm

Moved by Amy H., seconded by L.B.

Motion Text of Motion 2 -- Suggested District Service Committee Addition: Internet Subcommittee

Please see ATTACHMENT 1 Motions Packet, pages 2-3

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

2:59 pm

Motion 4 (Motion 1 of the Conference Packet) 3:00 pm

Moved by Amy H., seconded by L.B.

To adopt the Meditation pamphlet into MA literature.

See sample following page 9 of ATTACHMENT 1, Motions Packet

See motions of Day 3, Morning

Motion 5 **3:06 pm**

Please note that the language of the actions that occurred on this vote are still under review. The end result was that the Meditation Pamphlet went to the Literature Committee to be further worked on and presented to the Conference Body.

Moved by LB., seconded by Christina B.

To table the submitted Meditation flyer be turned over to the Literature committee for possible revision and consideration by this body during the course of this conference.”. (*Originally moved as an amendment*)

Amend to read: “That the pamphlet be submitted to the Literature committee for possible revision and consideration by this body during the course of this conference.” (*Originally moved as amendment to amendment*)

Moved by Alan B., seconded by Louise R.

CALL FOR ORDERS OF THE DAY **3:10 pm**

Moved by Alan B., seconded by Keith G., ordered without objection by Amy H.

Please note: this is a motion provided for by the official Robert’s Rules of Order. Although not specifically defined in MA’s Rules of Order, it was agreed to as being proper and in order.

15 MINUTE BREAK PER SCHEDULE **3:11 pm**

CALL TO ORDER **3:26 pm**

VOTE ON MOTION 5: 2 ABSTAIN, 4 NO, 22 YES. Motion passed with 28 voting members. **3:33 pm**

Please note: the original motion to table was not satisfactorily resolved.

Motion 6 (Motion 3 of the Conference Packet) **3:35 pm**

Moved by Amy H., seconded by Alan B.

To publish the MAWS smartphone app, “MA Mobile”

Please see full text of motion, ATTACHMENT 1, Motions Packet, pp. 3 – 4)

VOTE: 0 ABSTAIN, 0 NO, 28 YES. Motion passed unanimously with 28 voting members. **4:08 pm**

Motion 7 (Motion 4 of the Conference Packet) **4:09 pm**

Moved by Amy H., seconded by Ben P.

To amend the by-laws to allow remote attendance to future MAWS Conferences

Please see full text of motion, ATTACHMENT 1, Motions Packet, pp. 4--8

VOTE: 0 ABSTAIN, 9 NO, 18 YES. Motion passed with 27 voting members. **4:47 pm**

Motion 8 (Motion 6 of the Conference Packet) **4:48 pm**

Moved by Amy H., seconded by Rick V.

If a Trustee does not communicate with his or her committee and fellow trustees for a period of 90 days, he or she shall be automatically replaced by the alternate trustee.

Attempts to engage the individual will be documented by the President and discussed during the Trustee meetings. No vote shall be required for the inactive Trustee to be removed and the alternate Trustee to be instated.

VOTE: 4 ABSTAIN, 1 NO, 23 YES. Motion passed with 28 voting members.

5:14 pm

Motion 9 (Motion 6 of the Conference Packet)

5:15 pm

Moved by Amy H., seconded by LB.

To define "sobriety" in the Service Manual as "sobriety from marijuana" and to remove all reference from the Service Manual that include "alcohol, and all mind altering chemicals" in the definition of sobriety.

VOTE: 0 ABSTAIN, 24 NO, 4 YES. Motion failed with 28 voting members.

5:47 pm

Schedule overview for Sunday morning Session (Amy H.)

5:48 PM

Facilities overview for Saturday night transportation and Monday morning MA meeting. (Ryan K)

5:52 pm

Enthusiastic thanks to the District 7 host committee for their awesome work in facilitating the Conference

Amy H. and the Conference Body

5:53 pm

Adjourn with Serenity Prayer

5:54 pm

Day 2 – Sunday, May 26, 2013

GENERAL SESSION #3, SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2012: MORNING

Called to Order with Serenity Prayer – Amy H.	9:00 am
Introduction to Third Legacy process and identification of eligible Trustees – Amy H.	9:01 am
Reading of Third Legacy procedure, identification of remaining eligible Trustees	9:11 am
Please see ATTACHMENT 10	
First round of voting (for 5 Trustees)	9:36 am
Poll for 2015 Conference Host – Amy H.	9:37 am
Motion 9	9:43 am
Moved by Sheila B., seconded by LB	
To accept District 7 as the 2015 MAWs Conference host, contingent upon financial support from all other Districts to extent possible	
VOTE: 0 Abstain, 0 No, 25 Yes. Motion passed with 25 members voting.	9:55 am
Poll for 2015 Convention Host – Amy H. – no result	9:57 am
Demonstration of MA Forum – Keith G.	10:01 am
Results of First Round of voting	
Invalid. New first round begun – Micah S.	10:17 AM
Review of Day's Schedule going forward – AMY H.	10:31 am
MAWS 25th Anniversary Brainstorming Session – Rick V. (Ongoing through 3rd Legacy)	10:36 am – 11:09 am
Results of First Round of voting	
Elected: Ryan K., Rick V.	10:47 am
Second Round of Voting (for 3 Trustees)	10:47 am
Results of Second Round of Voting	
Invalid. New Second Round begun. – Micah S.	10:57 am
Results of Second Round of Voting	
Invalid. New Second Round begun. – Micah S.	11:04 am
General PI Brainstorming Session – Rick V. (Ongoing through 3rd Legacy)	11:10 – 11:48 am
Results of Second Round of Voting:	
8 eliminated. 5 Eligible remain. – Micah S.	11:26 am
Third Round of Voting (for 3 Trustees) – Micah S.	11:26 am
Results of Third Round of Voting:	
Elected: Rick R., Sheila B. – Micah S.	11:41 am
Fourth Round of Voting (for 1 Trustee and 2 Alternates)	11:42 am
Overview of Afternoon activities, breakout sessions – Amy H.	11:49 am
Facilities Overview – Breakout Rooms – Ryan K.	11:54 am
Results of Fourth Round of voting:	
1 person eliminated: Ken N. is 2nd Alternate – Micah S.	11:57 am

Motion 10 **11:58 am**

To conduct 5th round of voting

Moved by LB, seconded by Christina

VOTE: 0 Abstain, 10 No, 12 Yes. Motion failed with 22 members voting.

12:03 pm

Motion 11 **12:03 pm**

Moved by Amy H., seconded by.

To choose the remaining Delegate and 1st Alternate Delegate from the hat

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously with 22 voting members

12:04 pm

Results of the Hat draw:

Chrysanthemum H. is elected Delegate, Keith G. is 1st Alternate – Micah S.

12:06 pm

Afternoon adjournment to breakout rooms – Amy H. **12:20 pm**

Day 3 – Monday, May 27, 2013

GENERAL SESSION #3, MONDAY, MAY 27, 2013: MORNING

Call to Order with the Serenity Prayer – Amy H.	9:05 am
A moment of silence for healing and wellness of Carol McD.	9:06 am
The Trustee assignments for 2013 were announced:	9:08 am
PRESIDENT	Micah S.
SECRETARY/COCO	Ryan K.
TREASURER	Sheila B.
HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS	Rick R.
INTERNET	Chrysanthemum H.
LITERATURE	Alan B.
OUTREACH	Heather T.
POLICIES & PROCEDURES	Cheyney S.
PUBLIC INFORMATION	Rick V.
Overview of Procedures for Afternoon Session – Amy H.	9:11 am
Break to Committees	9:16 am
Call to Order with the Serenity Prayer – Amy H.	11:15 am
Presentation of Budget for Approval – Alan B.	11:18 am
A count was made of the voting members was made and there were 22 members found to be present	11:28 am
Motion 12	11:29 am
Moved by Alan B., seconded by Cameron	
To accept the proposed budget as present	
VOTE: The motion passed by unanimous consent with 22 members present	11:31 am
Finance Report and Overview of Motions	11:32 am
Please see ATTACHMENTS 4&5	
Poll for 2015 Convention Host Committee	11:37 am
Motion 13	11:39 am
To accept Portland, District 11, as the 2015 Convention Host Committee	
Moved by Sheila B., seconded by Keith G.	
VOTE: Passed unanimously with 22 members present.	11:40 am
Motion 14	11:42 am
Moved by Alan B., seconded by LB	
To clarify District / District Treasurer Reporting Requirements	

Please see ATTACHMENT 4

VOTE: Passed unanimously with a22 members present. 11:53 am

Overview for checking out of facility – Ryan K. 11:55 am

Break for Lunch 11:57 am

GENERAL SESSION #4, MONDAY, MAY 27, 2012: AFTERNOON

Called to order with the Serenity Prayer – Amy H. 1:00 pm

Announcement by Louis and Anastasia

D11 would like participation from all districts so all the burden does not fall on D7 -- suggested goal of \$500.00 -- above and beyond the registration fee of \$250.00 -- meeting this goal could conceivably lower the registration cost

1:06 pm

Birthday celebration for Willow (May 27) and Tom (May 30) 1:09 pm

Beginning of service sponsorship for Micah S. – Amy H. 1:10 pm

New President's remarks – Micah S. 1:13 pm

MAWS makes the following statement of policy and intent, to be added to the Service Manual : “MAWS delegates all operational authority and power to the Districts using the MAWS Tax ID Number and to Meetings within those Districts, to operate exclusively for charitable purposes consistent with the MAWS Charter, and consistent with MAWS Twelve Traditions.” -- Discussion only. The motion was not brought to the floor or seconded, but discussed. The motion goes back to Finance on their recommendation for further research. – Finance Committee 1:30 pm

Motion 15 (Outreach Committee) 1:31 pm

To add the following description to the Service Manual under “Committees”: “OUTREACH COMMITTEE - is responsible for acting as a liaison between Independent meetings, International districts, and MAWS. This committee will also follow up with inquiries to the MAWS website and those who have received new meeting Starter kits on how best to assist them. Identify opportunities to assist the new meeting, independent meeting and international districts. The committee will proactively develop ideas and strategies for growth of the fellowship domestically and globally.”

Moved by Rick R., seconded by Alan B.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously with 22 members voting 1:38 pm

Motion 16 (Literature Committee) 1:38 pm

The Literature Committee recommends that the Delegates take the revised draft of the People of Color pamphlet back to their Districts for consideration and input for possible resubmission at next year's MAWS conference. We will also post the revised draft on the MAWS Forum for as widespread a review as possible. Our hope is that over the coming year the pamphlet will be revised to both reflect the intent of the original authors as well as be in line with Tradition 1, “Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on MA unity.”

Motion 17 (Policies & Procedures Committee) 1:47 pm

Add the suggestion of "Prudent Reserve" to the MAWS service manual, chapter 5 "Meeting Officers" in the "Typical Responsibilities of the Treasurer" line item/bullet point # 11 - "A prudent reserve is an amount of money set aside for use in extraordinary circumstances. It is not for use in ordinary circumstances nor should it be held in excess above the group conscience. The recommended prudent reserve at the individual meeting level is one month's rent and one month's operating costs."

Moved by Cheyney S., seconded by Rick R.

VOTE: 0 Abstaining, 1 No, 21 Yes. Motion passed with 22 members voting.

1:54 PM

Motion 18 (Policies & Procedures Committee)

1:55 pm

Amend the Service Manual Chapter 7, Suggested Meeting Formats.

Please see ATTCHMENT 6, Page 4

Moved by Cameron., seconded by Rick V.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously with 22 members voting.

1:58 pm

A count of the voting members was taken and it was found that there were 19 voting members remaining, therefore resulting in a quorum.

2:02 pm

Motion 19 (Policies & Procedures Committee)

2:03 pm

Amend the Third Legacy Procedure, Chapter 20 of the Service Manual

Please see ATTACHMENT 6, pp. 1-2

Moved by Louis W., seconded by Alan B.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously with 19 members voting

2:06 pm

Report and Recommendations of the Internet Committee

2:16 pm

The Internet Committee recommends that the Conferences and Conventions Trustee take ownership of Conference and Convention websites

Please see **ATTACHMENT 7**

Report of the Public Information Committee

2:31 pm

Please see **ATTACHMENT 8**

Closing remarks of the Host Committee Chair

2:38 pm

The chair would like to recognize the following people who were instrumental in : Keith G - Registration , Eric P. - Registration, Rick D., Russell R. - Finance And Volunteer, John G., -- Volunteer Coordinator, Jonathan R. -- Hospitality, Ryan N. -- Transportation, LB -- Notebooks, Alan B. -- BBQ, Service Sponsor, Karen S. -- Venue, Jane E. -- Food, Gary -- Hospitality, Susan -- Daily Support, Darius & Jay, -- Daily Support, Amy & Micah. Please clean up as you leave.

Thank you Ryan K., Host Committee Chair – LB

2:38 pm

Closing remarks of the Outgoing President – Amy H.

2:53 pm

Please see ATTACHMENT 9

Adjournment and closing of Conference with the Serenity Prayer

2:58 PM