

# **New York-New Jersey SLAA Intergroup Meeting**

## **Sunday, May 2, 2010**

Present:

Kara B. - Intergroup Chair  
Katy B - Intergroup Secretary  
Owen H. - ABM Representative  
Moe - IG Rep Men's Thursday Night Men's Step Group Manhattan Meeting  
Paul L. - Communications Co-Chair  
Tanisha G - Intergroup Rep – Women's Sunday Meeting  
David K - Intergroup Rep  
Stan F. - Intergroup Rep (Saturday Men's)  
Rebecca - Intergroup Rep. Brooklyn Women's Wednesday meeting  
Jane - Intergroup Rep, Women's Monday Night Step Writing Group

Serenity Prayer

Reading of Steps

Reading of Traditions

### **I. REPORTS**

#### **A. SECRETARY 'S REPORT (Katy B.)**

- March minutes read and passed.
- April minutes read and passed with corrections made.
- Secretary to get minutes to Comm Chair to post on website (pdf format).

#### **B. TREASURY REPORT**

- Treasurer absent. Copies of report distributed.
- There was a starting balance of \$2,626.24. Total deposits amounted to \$320.41. Ending balance is \$2,946.65.
- Report accepted.

#### **C. COMMUNICATIONS REPORT (Paul)**

- Co-chair Rachael has stepped down as communications co-chair.  
Paul is now the only co-chair.
- Co-Chair gives report on website options. Moved to new business.

#### D. LITERATURE REPORT

- Literature Chair not present
- Report tabled

#### E. PUBLIC OUTREACH REPORT

- Committee Members absent
- Report Tabled.

## II. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. SECRETARY ROLE

Discussion about the confusion with Secretary's duties and the need for a clear list of duties when turn-over happens. Chair reviewed Bylaw definition of Secretary's duties. Some job descriptions not done and don't quite apply to current IG arrangement. Regardless, Motion made to utilize the Bylaw definition of Secretary's duties as IG's official and only description of Secretary duties. Motion carries.

#### B. GROUP MEETING INVENTORY

Discussion on progress towards Group Inventory format approved by SLAANY—so that we can distribute to individual meetings. Chair makes case for using New England Intergroup's format. Owen says Nancy (former IG Rep – New Jersey?) has notes on AI Anon group inventory process from when the Group Inventory Committee met last year. Vote on which format to use tabled for next meeting when more formats and information are presented. Moe voted onto the Group Inventory Committee. Owen and Kara are also on this committee.

#### C. SIMULTANEOUS POSITION HOLDING

Question Is: "Can an Intergroup Officer and still be an IG rep?" Bylaws currently forbid this. Can we change this? Comm Chair currently serving as IG officer and de facto IG rep for his home group. Chair is in this position as well.

Motion made to delete the portion of bylaws (Article 3 section A) that prohibits simultaneous position holding. Discussion. Mentioned that changing of bylaws at one IG meeting may not be wise. Motion to change bylaws tabled.

Increased attendance at intergroup would resolve this issue. Agreed for IG officers to spread word to increase IG attendance.

#### D. WEBSITE EXPANSION OPTIONS

Comm Chair reviewed options for website upgrades.

Motion: Go with middle option for website pricing which is for \$97.08 a year.  
Motion carries.

New Business: What we want to put on our expanded capacity website? Tabled to next meeting.

#### E. NEW CO-CHAIR for Communications

Motion: Go back to groups and promote we need a new Communications Co-chair.

Motion Passed.

#### F. ONE-WAY PHONE MESSAGE

Chair says it is outdated. Paul recommends Vonage instead of current one-way only system. Vonage will send you an e-mail with the voice message. Also you get an 800 number. People can leave messages. Certain number of e-mail addresses will get the message as an attachment. Don't have to be home to hear it. Not tied to any number.

Moe makes a motion: "We change our system to Vonage."  
Motion seconded. Discussion. Motion tabled.

#### G. FREE LECTURE BY ADDICTION SPECIALIST

Rebecca reports a psychologist with 25 years experience at Village institute would like to provide a free lecture to SLAA. Wants to know what time would be good. Do we need to rent the room? Discussion about history of outsiders providing addiction recovery information. Mentioned that SLAA FWS and AA resources may have guidance. Rebecca to research and report back.

Motion to close.

Motion passed.

Adjourned!

Motions Tabled: Vote on which Group Inventory Format to use,  
Motion to Change Bylaws,  
Vote on use of Vonage

New Business for Next Meeting: What to put onto our expanded capacity website.