

NH INTERGROUP MINUTES – June 7, 2015

ATTENDEES: (alphabetical order by first name – Board members are listed with their first and last names)

Bill G. – Multimedia chair	Jill Meier – R6 rep., WSBC del. Webmaster, Concord Sunday pm rep
Cheryl L. – Retreat chair, Lebanon Tuesday alt rep.	Judy Gothreau – Treasurer (elected this meeting), R6 Alt rep., Concord Monday rep.
Cheryl W. – Derry Tuesday pm rep.	Naisa C. – Franklin Saturday alt rep, Answering Service chair
Claire – Bow Thursday rep	Nancy Sullivan – Treasurer (outgoing), Derry Thurs alt rep
Debi Granfield – Parliamentarian	Pat S. – Workshops chair, Hopkinton Tuesday pm rep
Diane L. – Twelfth Step Within chair, Meeting List chair, Monday Manchester rep.	Peter Lewis – Secretary, Nashua Thursday pm rep
Dorothy Martin – R6 rep, WSBC del, Hillsboro Mon pm rep.	Sandy M. – Newsletter chair, Nashua Monday noon rep.
Effie S. – Ways & Means chair, Nashua Thursday am rep.	Sue W. – Lebanon Tues rep.
Elaine Tostevin – NHI Chair	Susie – Franconia Monday

Opening:

Elaine called the meeting to order at 2:02PM, inviting all present to join her to recite the Serenity Prayer. All present identified themselves and their NHI roles. Naisa read the 12 Steps, Pat read the 12 Traditions, and Jill read Concept 11. Among attendees, 15 eligible voters were counted and the attendance sheet was circulated. Elaine read the disciplines for the meeting.

May Minutes:

Copies of the May minutes were available at the literature table. The May minutes were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

Copies of the Treasurer's report for May were available at the literature table, and were distributed for review as needed. Nancy walked through the income and expense sections and showed the effect on fund balances. She remarked that May was a slow month, however a \$100 donation to the Retreat scholarship fund was received. Nancy noted the accounts balanced as should be the case. The May treasurer's report was accepted as submitted. Nancy asked for two volunteers to audit transactions chosen at random from the period of January through May; Judy and Pat volunteered to stay for the audit after the meeting.

7'th Tradition:

7'th tradition contributions were collected.

Nomination and Election of Officers:

A list, prepared by the Nominating Committee, of open positions and candidates willing to serve, had been circulated. Elaine announced a change to that list, in that Jeanne, who was slated for vice chair will be unable to serve a new term. Stepping through the list, officers were nominated and confirmed as follows:

–Dorothy **nominated Judy for treasurer** and Pat **seconded** the nomination. Elaine solicited other nominations for treasurer, and none were offered. **Judy was confirmed by ballot vote** with 15 'yes' ballots and 0 'no' ballots.

–Judy **nominated Debi for parliamentarian** and Effie **seconded** the nomination. No other nominations were offered for this office. **Vote** was taken and **Debi was confirmed** with 15 'yes' ballots and 0 'no' ballots.

–Elaine solicited nominations for vice chair. None were forthcoming. The office of vice chair will remain vacant over the summer recess.

–Claire indicated a desire to serve as Region Six representative. Jill **nominated Claire for the vacant R6 Rep** position, and Effie **seconded** the nomination. No other nominations were forthcoming. A **vote** was taken and **Claire was confirmed** by a count of 15 'yes' ballots and 0 'no' ballots.

–Elaine noted that vacancies remained for 1 R6 alternate rep and 1 WSBC delegate. No nominations were made to fill these vacancies.

–Nomination and Election of Committee Chairs:

–Effie **nominated Dorothy as Event Flyer committee chair**. Judy **seconded** the nomination. There were no other nominations for this position. A **vote** was taken and **Dorothy was confirmed** by a count of 15 'yes' ballots and 0 'no' ballots.

–Eileen R.T. has agreed to serve another term as chair of the Public Information committee, however she was absent from today's meeting, so confirmation is not possible. Elaine indicated that the business of confirming Eileen as PI/PO chair would be taken up at the September business meeting.

–Meeting Dates for the 2015 – 2016 Session:

It was noted that NHI business meetings occur on the first Sunday of each month from September through June, unless a conflict of some kind forces a change to the second Sunday of a month. After discussion of alternatives for several first Sundays, the following list of Sundays was agreed upon: 9/13, 10/4, 11/8, 12/6, 1/3, 2/7, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1, and 6/5. The 9/13 date was chosen vs 9/6 to avoid conflict with Labor Day. The 11/8 date was chosen vs 11/1 so that the monthly bank statement can be available for preparation of the treasurer's report. The 5/1 date was not moved because 5/8 is Mother's Day. Judy or Nancy will confirm that the meeting room is available on the agreed-upon dates.

Committee Business:

R6 Reps: Dorothy offered a correction to the formatting of the delegates' report on the April 18 R6 Assembly. At the top of page 2, the first two numbered points were run together. Jill agreed to correct the error and publish the updated report; The correction will be reflected in the Consolidated Committee Reports, which are linked to the document being corrected.

Suggestion arising from R6 Assembly Report: Elaine suggested that the workshop committee might want to consider sponsoring one or more of the Service and Traditions Workshops or Abstinence Workshops led by R6 officers.

Retreat Update: Cheryl L. announced that the retreat committee currently has 5 members and would welcome additional members. Anyone interested in joining the Retreat committee should contact Cheryl. She said the first meeting would be Sunday 6/14 at her house in Springfield, NH. Cheryl cautioned that the cost figures listed in the latest committee report are the costs paid to the retreat center only; hence the total cost per attendee will be higher. Cheryl said she is communicating with a prospective retreat leader and should know within a week if the leader position is filled, or if the search needs to continue. Also, Cheryl said the committee is working on a flyer which should be ready for approval by the September business meeting.

Answering Service: Naisa reported that she had followed up on last month's discussion suggesting that NHI's contract with eVoice might be extended to transfer calls to local meeting contact people anonymously. Naisa said that the current contract provides for up to 6 numbers, one of which could be dedicated to "Meetings". She continued that each meeting could be allotted its own extension to the "meetings" number, with calls to each extension being transferred to the phone of the meeting's contact person; Individuals calling the main number could find the extension for any meeting of interest by listening to a (rather long) menu listing all the meetings and their extensions; Alternatively, each meeting's extension code could be added to the NHI meeting list. Naisa noted that the current eVoice package provides for 300 minutes of activity per month, and that the time interval required to transfer each call to the proper meeting contact (including time listening to the extension directory) would be charged against the 300 minutes.

She said that the cost for the current 300 minute contract is \$12.99 per month and that the next offered level of service provides for 15 numbers and 1000 minutes at 29.99 per month. Naisa anticipated there would be considerable additional labor involved for the Answering Service committee to establish and maintain such a system.

With respect to the current service, Naisa noted that eVoice had been adding variable charges to the nominal \$12.99 / month, for transcribing messages to email, and that she had stopped that service. She also noted that much of the time charged against the 800 number is due to telemarketing calls, since the DO NOT CALL list does not apply to many non profit organizations and political ads. There was some discussion about discontinuing the 800 number to avoid the SPAM, however it was noted that the current 800 number has appeared in NHI publications for years and should probably remain in effect for a while, even if its listing in new publications were discontinued. Naisa also commented that her contact at eVoice had recently added a SPAM blocker for the NHI 800 number and that this might alleviate the problem.

NHI Business:

Meeting List Anonymity: Pat had spoken with a Region Six contact, concerning how R6 and WSO handle anonymity in situations such as the NHI meeting list, where a two way communication path with the public is desirable. She said the R6 contact commented that WSO is currently reviewing this issue. She also said that media released to the public by WSO contains no personal information whatsoever. Dorothy offered the news that the WSBC bylaws committee has formed a subcommittee to study anonymity issues in light of modern communication technologies, largely in response to NHI's framing of the issue as put forward by NHI delegates. She said that the subcommittee intends to consult AA and ALANON for their experience in this area as a first step, and that she anticipates a presentation of updated guidelines for handling anonymity issues in OA outreach efforts at the next WSBC.

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As to what should be done **now** about the meeting list, Peter suggested that the NHI Meeting List, containing personal contact information for each meeting, should be moved from the public Meetings page to the Restricted area of the NHI web site; The meetings page would continue to provide a link to the WSO meeting finder as it does now. **Pat Moved** that NHI should have two versions of the meeting list, one annotated with personal contact information for each meeting and one without that information. The non-annotated version should then be posted in the public Meetings page, and the annotated version would be posted in the restricted area. **Jill seconded** the motion. The **motion passed** by unanimous show of hands. Diane agreed to generate the new non-annotated meeting list, and Jill agreed to do the postings.

Web Master Transition: Jill stated that the plan for some time has been for Barbara to assume the position of web master from Jill, probably as soon as Barbara has completed her transition of the website to the WordPress framework. The point was raised by someone that this transition had not been formally discussed at any business meeting. Since Barbara was not at this meeting, further discussion of the transition was deferred

New Business:

Update to OA Preamble: Elaine noted that the OA Preamble was updated, at the recent OSBC, to insert the phrase “and compulsive food behaviors” in the last sentence. Elaine said she would send an email with the new wording to the group reps so that local meeting formats can be updated accordingly. She noted that the NHI meeting list also contains the preamble and needs to be updated.

Raffle Basket: Elaine reminded attendees that there is \$50 in the budget for construction of a raffle basket for the Region Six Convention in October, so she encouraged reps to have their meetings consider doing this service.

Raffle Tickets for R6 Convention: Judy reminded reps that they should turn in [to Judy] the money for raffle tickets they have sold and the tickets they have not sold, at the September business meeting, if not before.

R6 Convention CDs donated by Derry Saturday AM Meeting: Jill announced that the literature table has a collection of recordings of R6 Convention presentations donated by the Derry group. She said the R6 presentations are well worth sharing with local meetings, whenever reps have an opportunity to do so.

Retained Cash in the NHI Treasury: Dorothy asked that NHI reconsider, at a future meeting, whether it needs to maintain its cash balance at current levels, and whether the next budget should allocate spending differently so that a smaller cash balance is retained. Elaine agreed to add this item to a meeting agenda in the near future.

CLOSING:

Motion: Diane *moved* to close the meeting. Effie *seconded* the motion. The motion *passed* by unanimous show of hands vote.

Elaine closed the meeting by leading a recitation of the serenity prayer. 3:29 PM.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, September 13, 2015

Respectfully submitted by Peter Lewis, Secretary.