

NH INTERGROUP MINUTES – April 3, 2016

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

Bill G. – Media chair	Madeleine G. – Nashua Mon noon alt rep.
Cheryl L. – Concord Mon pm rep.	Naisa C. – Answering Service Chair, Franklin Sat am rep, Laconia pm rep
Cheryl W. – Derry Tues pm rep.	Nancy Sullivan – Treasurer, Budget Chair, Derry Thurs alt rep.
Claire Metzger – R6 rep, Bow Thurs pm rep	Pat G. – Bedford Wed pm rep, Manchester Tue pm rep
Debi Granfield – Parliamentarian	Peter Lewis – Secretary, Nashua Thurs pm rep
Dorothy Martin – R6 rep, WSBC Delegate, Event Flyers chair, Hillsboro Mon pm rep.	Sandy M. – Newsletter chair, Nashua Mon noon rep
Effie S. – Ways & Means Chair, Nashua Thurs 6:30am rep	Sue W. – Retreat chair, Lebanon Tue pm rep.
Eileen R.T. – PI/PO Chair, Derry Thurs am	
Elaine Tostevin – NHI Chair, R6 rep.	

Opening:

Elaine called the meeting to order at 2:03PM, inviting attendees to join her reciting the Serenity Prayer. All present identified themselves and their NHI roles. Debi read the 12 Steps, Eileen read the 12 Traditions, and Pat G. read Concept 7. Among attendees, 13 eligible voters were counted and the attendance sheet was circulated. Elaine read the disciplines for the meeting.

March Minutes:

Copies of the March meeting minutes were available at the literature table. **Motion:** Dorothy **moved** to accept the March minutes as submitted. Effie **seconded** the motion. There were no questions or discussion. The motion **passed** by a majority show of hands.

Treasurer's Report:

Copies of the March Treasurer's report were available at the literature table and distributed as needed. Nancy noted that donations are down about \$800 from last year and suggested that reps be sure their meetings are aware of the need to support their service bodies and the formula for doing so. **Motion:** Pat G. **moved** to accept the March treasurer's report as submitted. Claire **seconded** the motion. There were no questions or discussion, and the motion **passed** by a majority show of hands.

7th Tradition:

7th tradition contributions were collected.

Committee Updates:

Meeting List: Diane noted that the count of meetings affiliated with NHI remains 38. She said that WSO mistakenly attributes a North Hampton meeting to NHI, while not listing the Wilder Vt. Meeting, which does affiliate with NHI. She said she has requested both meetings to correct their registrations with WSO, which should leave the count unchanged at 38.

Retreat: Sue W. announced that the Retreat Committee has a leader confirmed and a theme for the 2017 retreat. She said the committee will be creating a flyer and asked for assistance from anyone with flyer experience. **W&M Book Covers:** Sandy M. said she has prepared test craft kits for 5 different book covers, and is looking for volunteers to critique the kit design and instructions. She said the intent is to make the kits, as well as finished book covers, available for sale at the WSO convention.

Web Site: Elaine noted that the Web Committee report listed a URL for reps to get a preview of the new NHI site. She emphasized that the web committee is hoping for feedback on all aspects of the new site from NHI reps. Elaine said she hoped that the new site would go live sometime in May or June.

General Fund Surplus:

Elaine reported that the General Fund Surplus Committee had met three times and had evaluated a list of ideas for using the surplus to carry the OA message. She said the committee wanted to offer one proposal for a vote now, and to share a second promising idea being considered. She said the committee's first proposal, is to send 30% of the surplus (\$1,611.16) to OA World Service and 10% (\$537.06) to OA Region Six, following the formula suggested by WSO for group donations. She said the committee justified this use of funds by noting that R6 and WSO have demonstrated their effectiveness in carrying the OA message to a broad audience,

which serves all of NHI's member meetings. She said this leaves 60% of the surplus (\$3222.33) for spending by NHI on local projects. **Discussion:** Dorothy suggested that donations to R6 and to WSO could be targeted at specific funds, such as delegate assistance “scholarships.” Sandy said that a recent *Lifeline* article addressed targeting of donations to WSO, saying that there are only one or two allowable categories for directed funds, one of which is delegate scholarships. Sandy also suggested NHI consider directing support to *Lifeline*, which is experiencing financial stress. Nancy noted that this could be a good year to donate to R6, since R6 has no convention to generate revenue in 2016. She also recalled that an R6 Trustee and WSBC officer who spoke at the Unity Day had emphasized that WSO is committed to support *Lifeline* as an essential service. **Motion:** Diane **moved** that NHI donate the 30% of the General Fund Surplus to World Service, donate 10% to Region Six for delegate scholarships (half for R6 assembly delegates and half to WSBC delegates), and retain 60% for NHI projects to carry the OA message. Effie **seconded** the motion. **Vote:** The motion **passed** by a majority show of hands.

Lifeline dissemination project: Elaine said that the remaining \$3,222.33 in the general fund will be used for NHI projects to carry the OA message. She said that the first new NHI project being considered involves finding a way to place subscriptions of *Lifeline* magazine where the public is likely to encounter them. She said the committee is studying variations on an idea proposed by Eileen as PI/PO chair, involving the purchase of subscriptions for professional practices (medical, dental, beauty, etc.) willing to include *Lifeline* in their waiting room literature collections. Acknowledging considerable overlap of the projects being considered with the PI/PO domain, Elaine suggested that PI/PO and the General Fund Surplus committee would soon be working closely on this and other projects.

Health Fair Project: Dorothy mentioned that another project that had been discussed involves development of an OA literature display and presentation to be used at health fair events in New Hampshire. She recalled past NHI participation at health fairs seemed to connect well with the public, and urged that a health fair project should be seriously considered by the committee.

Nominating Committee:

Standing in for Jeanne, Elaine said that the NHI Nominating Committee would be reactivating in April in order to provide a list of positions to be filled at the June business meeting and a list of candidates for those positions. She said Jeanne would have a preliminary lists of candidates and open positions at the May 1 meeting. Elaine mentioned that the office of Treasurer is one that will be open and that Nancy has expressed her willingness to orient and assist her successor to come up to speed. Elaine also noted that the NHI by laws limit the term of service for officers to two consecutive 2-year terms. She said a similar limit for the terms of committee chairs, suggested in the Policies and Procedures manual, is viewed as a desirable goal.

Job Descriptions:

Elaine said that the Job Descriptions document update is nearing completion. She asked any committee or committee chair that has not submitted a mission statement for their committee to please submit one so that new committee chairs and committee members can refer to a written mission statement to explain the purpose of the committee.

Region Six Spring Assembly:

Elaine reminded everyone that the R6 assembly is April 16. She noted that if someone was willing to attend in Claire's place, the meeting could nominate and elect this person as an alternate delegate immediately. No one stepped forward.

Policies And Procedures:

Elaine mentioned that Nancy had volunteered to take on the project of updating the Policies And Procedures document, once someone else has assumed the treasurer's position. She said it has become apparent that the Policies and Procedures update will require someone's focused attention for an extended period.

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Fragrance Free Meetings:

Elaine said that, pursuant to discussion at previous meetings, the R6 delegates would seek to learn the region's view of fragrance-free meetings from fellow attendees at the Spring Assembly, and would bring information back to NHI for further consideration of the issue.

World Service Business Conference:

Nancy asked about the status of arrangements for delegates to attend the WSBC in May. She noted that the treasurer had not yet received requests for reimbursement of air fares and hotels. She also noted that it's customary to for NHI to discuss WSBC agenda items prior to the WSBC, and asked if there was a plan to have such a discussion. Dorothy responded that there were no reimbursements due yet; that Jill had made reservations, but that they were still looking for lower fares. She said that the WSBC agenda is set, with all items previewed at the February NHI meeting on the list, and any discussion would be welcome.

CLOSING:

Motion: Cheryl L. *moved* to close the meeting. Diane *seconded* the motion. The motion *passed* by unanimous show of hands. Elaine closed the meeting by leading a recitation of the serenity prayer. 2:55 PM.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, May 1, 2016

Respectfully submitted by Peter Lewis, Secretary.