



## H.A.W.S., Inc. Minutes for 6/13/21

Meeting opened with the serenity prayer at 9:34 am.

### 1. Attendance:

Adam D. (Phoenix, AZ), Katie C. (Birmingham, AL), Chris G. (New Haven, CT) Pat B. (Rochester, NY), Brandon H. (Birmingham, AL), Dalton L. (Birmingham, AL), Jon P. (Rochester, NY), Billy N. (Del Ray Beach, FL), Sara U. (Indianapolis, IN), Aiden F. (Portland, OR)

2. Tradition: Tradition 6 was read

### 3. Previous minutes read:

Motion to accept minutes passes, Adam suggests fixing minor typos before sending final copy to website.

### 4. Treasurer's Report (Melinda M.):

Account Balances  
Convention \$21431.90  
Main \$18351.66  
PayPal \$4199.00  
AZ Main \$775.70  
Reserve \$50.00  
Special Savings \$190.22

-In reference to \$259 charge, filed claim and got a call from paypal, it appears to be some type of subscription from the past. Melinda removed all bank info from this account to avoid future charges.

### 5. Webmaster Committee Report (Sara R.):

Not much to report, answering emails and updating the website as needed. Working on a way to outreach tech position in mainline. New secretary is great so far, learning and growing together. Really looking for volunteers proficient in WordPress. Chris suggests permanent or more comprehensive electronic services to better spread our message.

### 6. Chips and Literature Committee Report (Katie C.):

\$3,315 in sales, employee had to do another order to restock chips

### 7. Mainline

-Content was slow for May, so no newsletter for that month (and hence, no data report).

-June's is going out soon, just waiting on approval from contributors.

-Hoping to get a ZOOM meeting link update for July's newsletter from Webmaster.

-Aiden said his 8 years on HAWS was officially reached in April. After a good search no new candidates have been found, and the current committee members are all overextended and unable to step into the Chair role. he will continue serving on the subcommittee but would like to bow out of future attendance at HAWS and pass the baton to the board to continue searching for the Mainline Chair replacement. Can attend one more meeting if necessary.

### **8. Structure and Bylaws (Pat B.):**

Pat spoke about talking to Vance's references and attending the Conference's S&B committee. The Committee is opting to use most up to date HAWS bylaws each year for service manual while adding a disclaimer about reaching out to HAWS for most up-to-date bylaws between conferences.

### **9. Convention Chair (Chris G.):**

Things are going well, about 21k in the bank, selling lots of pre-registrations and people are booking rooms, panels and speakers are nailed down. Asks board about utilizing membership questionnaires for convention attendees, will discuss further in new business.

### **10. Haws Conference Liaison (Ole):**

Submissions went out, having trouble finding meeting times still but we have been getting a lot done via group chat. Convention committee submissions may not have made it into the packet. Conference committee has questions about what email they should be checking. Discussion about communication between board and conference committee/ delegates.

### **11. Old Business:**

- G suites needs a current federal filing papers which takes a while to get. Adam will submit the request and let us know when he has received it so it can be submitted to Google. Will set up domain name email addresses when the G suites is completed. (from previous meeting in July 2019, still in process) updated 4/11/21: still have not heard back, Adam will email Google again. 5/2/21, Submitted new case but still has heard anything back, will review next month.

6/13/21 Adam still has not heard anything back Pat will submit new request with assistance from Adam and Melinda.

- Pat B. will submit blurb in the Mainline outreaching open positions including an advisor and 2 at large positions. (will remain but originally from January 2020, Update: new positions will be added to the blurb;1 at-large, chairperson, vice chair, vice-treasurer, and secretary)
- Pat B. will draft language for how liaisons will attend these meetings, as far as at the start of the meeting or throughout the entirety of the meeting. Ole makes a motion to accept these edits and additions to the bylaws, seconded. Pat makes a motion to table this, seconded, passes.

6/13/21, Brought back on table and voted down

- Motion to close our Arizona Federal Credit Union checking and saving accounts, seconded, motion passes. updated 4/11/21: stays on old business until debit card and other issues are sorted
- Melinda M. makes a motion to remove Josh Quinn and Faith Mullender (Brewster) from all bank accounts, seconded, motion passes. updated 4/11/21: stays on old business until debit card and other issues are sorted.
- Billy N makes motion to look into the feasibility of trademarking the name "Heroin Anonymous"

\*Seconded and passes

Updated 5/2/21- got into discussion about 12 step copywrites with a paralegal involved with small trademark/ copywrite firm. Billy is sitting down with paralegal this month to go over recommendations.

Report on 6/13/2021- giving written presentation on trademarking name Heroin Anonymous next month, meeting with paralegal was very productive.

- Vance S. discussion and vote-

Update on 6/13/2021- Pat spoke to references and they spoke very highly of the candidate, discussion to follow, vote to confirm Vance passes. Pat will share the news with Vance and add him to the contact and email lists.

## **12. New Business:**

- Convention questionnaire (Chris G)- Discussion with the board about survey questions to be approved by the board. Many suggestions were made. Chris will come up with formal proposal.
- Board PICPC committee (Billy N.)- Discussion about having a committee or officer on the board to communicate with the public about HA, it is noted that the PI conference committee has an upcoming motion at conference to add a PI chair to this board.
- Discussion about how board should go over and utilize submissions for the conference.

**Motion to close passes at 12:26pm**