



“The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using marijuana.”

MAWS Conference Highlights

Marijuana Anonymous World Services made several enhancements to fellowship resources and policies during the annual MAWS business conference to further its mission of supporting members worldwide.

New England MA, District 22, was well represented during the four-day virtual conference in May. Congratulations to Rich C., a member of several NEMA meetings, who was elected MAWS President and to Delegate James N., who was elected to the MAWS Board of Trustees. James, who now serves as Newcomer Support Trustee, and District 22 Delegate skylar b., presented our district’s decisions on more than a dozen agenda items that groups had voted on this spring. District member Ann S. served as Alternate Delegate and timekeeper, and many members participated in the conference. Highlights include:

- Ireland became the newest MA District
- Enhanced versions of the MA Service Manual and New Meeting Starter Kit were approved and made available. These resources and many others, including scripts, fliers, pamphlets, and daily reflections, can be found on the new online [Meeting Resource Library](#)
- A presentation on the Intellectual Property Policy provided insight and directions on proper usage of MA’s trademarks and copyrighted materials. For more information or to view the presentation, visit: ma12.org/IP-FAQ
- A [Safety Statement](#), which groups can share at meetings, was approved
- Numerous service opportunities were announced. Visit: [Being of Service - Marijuana Anonymous \(marijuana-anonymous.org\)](http://Being of Service - Marijuana Anonymous (marijuana-anonymous.org))

Upcoming Events

MA Word Services Convention

The MA World Convention is the annual recovery and social gathering for all of MA Anonymous. This year’s convention, Gratitude by the Golden Gate, takes place Aug. 30 – Sept. 1 in San Francisco, CA. For details, visit: [Fellowship Convention - Marijuana Anonymous Convention 2024 \(mawsconvention.org\)](http://Fellowship Convention - Marijuana Anonymous Convention 2024 (mawsconvention.org))

NEMA Campout!

Get ready for a weekend of fun and fellowship! The Events Committee has reserved a campsite at Shawne Crowell State Forest in Sandwich, MA from Friday, Sept. 6 – Sunday, Sept. 8. More details, including carpooling arrangements, will be announced soon on the NEMA website: Events | newenglandma.org.



District 22 New England MEETINGS

<https://newenglandma.org>
Virtual (V) In Person (IP)

SUNDAY

X-Sunday Stoners , 6 pm (V)
Somerville SobrieteA, 7:30 pm (V)
Band Camp, 9 pm (V)

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

Rise and Shine, 6 am (V)

MONDAY

Serenity on the Sand, (IP)
6 pm, Hyannis, MA
Joint Session (IP)
7 pm, Burlington, VT
Freed from Weed, (IP)
7:30 pm, Southborough, MA

TUESDAY

Rainbow Buds, 6 pm (V)
Arlington Tuesday Nights, (IP)
7 pm, Arlington, MA
Keep Off the Grass, (IP)
8 pm, Beverly, MA

WEDNESDAY

It Doobie Like That, (IP)
5:30 pm, Portland, ME
Stone Free, 7 pm (V)
Wed. Weed Whackers, 8 pm (V)
Gathered Leaves, (IP)
8:30 pm, Northampton, MA

THURSDAY

Stomp on the Roaches, 8 pm (V)

FRIDAY

Kind Buds, 6 pm (V)
Unbaked Boston Beans, 7 pm
Brookline, MA
Fri. Night Don’t Light, 8 pm (V)
Chronically Recovering (formerly WOMD) (IP) 8 pm, Newton, MA

SATURDAY

Sober Sisters of MA, (IP)
9 am, Lynn, MA
Wake & Don’t Bake, 11:30 am (V)
Sober Saturdays, 7 pm (V)

Recovery is Discovery

Reflections from NEMA Members

What is 20 Years of Sobriety?

20 years of sobriety is 7,305 days;
175,320 hours.
It's over 10.5 million minutes.
And more than a 630 million seconds.

20 years of sobriety is zero tokes on my pipe.
It's absolutely no doobies, joints, bones or marijuana cigarettes.
It's not waiting for my dealer in a parking lot off the highway.
It's no more burn holes in the rugs of my house or car.
No ashes ruining my clothes.

20 years of sobriety is more than 18 years as a divorced man.
It's the married lives of my 3 daughters with their partners.
It's the birth of my 6 grandchildren.
It's good relationships, renewed relationships and new relationships.
And it's the rebirth of me.

20 years of sobriety is the end of the blind munchies
and really bad eating habits.
It's the end of self-destructive, secretive behaviors.
And it's the end of lame excuses, broken promises,
dishonesty and a total lack of integrity.

20 years of sobriety is the return of dreams.
It's living life with hope, joy and freedom from my marijuana mistress.
It's learning to love myself again.
It's learning to accept the struggles and the difficulties in my life.
And it's coming to terms with the truth of who I am.

Are 20 years of sobriety perfect? Hell NO!
I'm still a flawed, fragile, fickle human being.
Thanks to my higher power and the support of all of you in this fellowship;
Thanks to my family, friends and a deep appreciation for life's many mysteries...
I wake up every day, glad to be alive.

20 years of sobriety, connected and FREE of my addiction.
For one more second, one more minute, one more hour, one more day.

One day at a time.
7,305 days and counting...
20 years of sobriety is the daily striving to live the life I love
and learning to love the life I live.

~ Dean A.



Northern Lights, Massachusetts 5/10/24

"As I find ways to share my own gifts of sobriety, my once damaged self-esteem grows and I can experience love and faith in my daily life as I never did before Marijuana Anonymous.

We contribute to the legacy of this program which ensures that a strong and unified fellowship is available to the marijuana addict who still suffers and that what was given so freely to us is available for those who follow. In loving service, we recover."

~ MA Daily Reader,
Living Every Day with Hope

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SHARING IS CARING!

Submit your recovery-focused reflections, poetry, and photographs for publication in NEMA's quarterly newsletter!
Email: info@newenglandma.org