

Dear Fellows,

We extend our continued support to all of you as we make our way through this challenging time.

For many of us, life has become strange, surreal, and stressful as we continue to quarantine ourselves and practice social distancing. It can be difficult to find moments of respite and hope. Fortunately, Marijuana Anonymous stands strong and we are able to share our experience, strength, and hope with each other, providing the support that has always been the foundation of our Fellowship.

The Board of Trustees and the Ad-Hoc 2020 Conference Committee have been working diligently to organize the upcoming Online MA World Service Conference and we want to keep the Fellowship informed as progress is made.

- The Conference will be held Memorial Day Weekend, May 22-25
- Zoom has been chosen as the platform.
- All Delegates, Trustees, and Observers must register to attend the Conference by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at [www.mawsconference.org](http://www.mawsconference.org)
- The registration fee for all Delegates, Trustees, and Observers attending the Conference is \$100.00.
- There will be trainings to cover the technical aspects of Zoom and the features we will be utilizing during our Conference, as well as Conference etiquette, including Robert's Rules of Order, Delegate orientation, and much more. Training sessions will be approximately 1.5 hours long.
- It is mandatory that all Delegates, Trustees, and Observers attend at least one training session.
- Trainings are scheduled for:
  - Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm PST
  - Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 4pm PST
  - Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am PST
- Conference attendees can select which training(s) they would like to attend when registering on the Conference website.
- If there are Conference attendees that are still having difficulties with the technical aspects of Zoom after the main trainings, small group and 1-on-1 trainings will be available after May 9<sup>th</sup> and continue until the Conference begins.

There is concern about the ability of meetings, groups, and districts to gather an informed group conscience on the Agenda Items for the Conference given the limitations of online MA meetings. Some creative solutions include scheduling an additional video or phone meeting dedicated solely to reviewing and voting on the Agenda Items, addressing motions one at a time during or after regular MA meetings, or voting in smaller groups and tallying the results to come up with an overall group conscience. Discuss options with your meeting, group, or district to find what works best for you.

We expect to encounter challenges as we trudge the road of happy destiny, and the challenges we are facing now are extraordinary. However, we will make it through by continuing to trudge together. *We recover.*

Sincerely,

The Marijuana Anonymous World Service Board of Trustees