

Maintaining Our Life With Hope
A message from the MA Board of Trustees

Fellows,

We hope that you are all safe and healthy during this very difficult and strange time.

With many of us isolating ourselves and practicing social distancing, Marijuana Anonymous Fellows, Groups, and Districts have acted swiftly, with ingenuity and creativity, to transition dozens of in-person MA Meetings to phone and online meetings. Those of us attending these meetings are able to connect, share, and get the comfort from our Fellows that we have come to rely on.

If you have transitioned a meeting we can add a note to your meeting information on our MAWS website. Please submit meeting change information online using our MA Meeting Information Form (<https://marijuana-anonymous.org/maws-meetings/list-or-update-meeting>) or email directory@marijuana-anonymous.org.

In consideration of our Fellowship's safety, and in compliance with the requirements of a non-profit, the Board of Trustees voted at our last meeting to move this year's MAWS Annual Business Conference to an entirely remote meeting.

A few key points:

- The remote Conference will be developed with an ad hoc committee. Once details are finalized, we will disseminate information to you such as platform (WebEx, Zoom, etc.) and what to expect.
- The dates for the conference (Memorial Day weekend, May 22-25) have not changed.
- We will have multiple trainings that are important for those attending, in order to best prepare.
- GSRs should continue to get a group conscience on agenda items for Delegates.
- All registration fees already paid will be refunded
- A new lower registration fee will be announced in the coming weeks. The fee will support MAWS, including videoconference costs, money lost on venue cancellation and, if possible, to help cover Conference related losses incurred by Districts and Delegates.
- Observers will be allowed to attend this year's Conference, and will have a registration process including fees and deadline.

- Everyone must attend the trainings.

The world is evolving and changing around us, and our plan is in process. At the end of the day, we want to do right by our fellowship, advance the work of MA, and continue to carry the message of recovery as best we can.

Please stay safe, calm, and connected.

Sincerely,
The Marijuana Anonymous Board of Trustees