Elder Court Minutes Bridge Call: July 10, 2009

In attendance:

Steve Cooper, Jim Fannon, Jim Finley, Jim Gene McMahon, Ken Plattner, Norman Pearl, and Allan Podbelsek.

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Allan: Elder Blessing

Financial Report:

- Jim Fannon did not receive the information from MKPI and was unable to report.
- It was indicated that other constituencies are having the same problem.
- The MKPI report when issued, is not presented in a manner that is interpretable by the court.
- The next step is to request that the Elder finances be administered by the Elder Court in order to have more direct access to the information.

10C Proposal. The Project Council is considering:

- Having the MKPI intellectual property declared in the USA.
- Having only one representative for the USA and one for each country.
- Having one Elder for each Center and combining them into one for the business meetings.
- Keeping the Executive Committee; historically, they have shown that they are required to keep MKPI moving forward.

An anonymous donor provided \$5,000 to the Elders:

- The transaction and disposition have not yet been finalized.
- Half of the funds are earmarked for the WEG.

MKPI is planning a 25th Anniversary:

- It is to be held in Kentucky in October.
- It is called the 25 25.
- George has expressed strong interest in elder involvement:
 - o The nature of this involvement is not yet clear.
 - o It is thought that the interest in elders may have a financial component since the elders do show up at many events.
 - o The Elder Court would like to support this event and be able to have a portion of the revenue from elders go to the Elders.

Constituencies support themselves via events:

- A piece of the revenues would go to MKPI.
- Details need to be worked out with George.

World Elder Gathering:

• 73 men have already signed up. It's a go.

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- The WEG is better at direct revenue from the event than contributions; contributions tend to be small.
- For 2010, perhaps there will not be a WEG.
- It may work out better to have Regional Elder Gatherings than one annual WEG.
- Jim Fannon cannot afford to go to the WEG. Gene volunteered that if Jim can get \$200, that the court would probably be able to pay the rest for the trip.

Elder Web Site:

• Norman was blessed to ask the community for support for the site for articles and design.

Bridge Call Frequency:

• The participants suggested that these calls be made more frequently – perhaps monthly.

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In Service, Norman Pearl