

Napa Valley Intergroup Meeting Takebacks and Minutes

February 8, 2025

Takebacks

- Intergroup Alternate Chair position still needs to be filled. Please reach out to Meghan (chair@aanapa.org) if you are interested in being of service.
- Plain Language Big Book is now in stock, and is shown on the website order form.
- District is looking for a Bridging the Gap chair
- On Saturday on 2/15 from 9:30am to 3pm, there is a workshop on agenda topics located at: Bethlehem Lutheran Church 1300 St. Francis Road, Santa Rosa
- Intergroup is considering moving back to in-person/hybrid meetings
- Intergroup is looking for groups to host the anniversary party and alcathons
- In accordance with the 2017 GSC decision, Intergroup is considering utilizing Google to get better search results for folks looking for help
- Save the Date: Unity Day June 14th, 2025, more details to come

Call To Order

A Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer

New Rep Introduction

New Intergroup Reps and Officers packets can be found on aanapa.org

<https://aanapa.org/service/intergroup/welcome-new-intergroup-reps>

Please provide your email and contact information to the Secretary.

Meeting Participant Introductions

Sobriety Birthdays

-Cindy 2 years

Review and approval of minutes

Monthly Tradition Reading from 12 Traditions Illustrated & Discussion

Reader: Jessica Z.

2nd Tradition: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

7th Tradition

We have no dues or fees in A.A. We are entirely self-supporting, declining outside contributions. Visit <https://www.aanapa.org> and use the Venmo link or mail your contribution to NVIG, P.O. Box 10948, Napa, CA 94581-2948. Venmo link for IG contributions: <https://www.venmo.com/u/NapaIG-AA>

Housekeeping Motions

Please wait your turn to speak and raise your hand to be called on to speak. Please silence your cell phones

Announcements

Reports:

Chair: Meghan T.

chair@aanapa.org

Reminder to submit your reports on time!

- one week before the IG meeting

Alternate Chair: VACANT

altchair@aanapa.org

No submission

Literature Chair: Kevin P.

literature@aanapa.org

Napa Intergroup Literature Chair		
January, 2025		
LITERATURE REPORT		
GROUP	ITEMS	TOTAL
Monday Talking Stick	2 B-30 BBP, 2 B-15 12x12S	\$ 42.00
Wheel of Sobriety	1 B-90 PLBB	\$ 11.00
Hut Group	6 B-1 BB	\$ 72.00
Gliders	2 B-1 BB, 2 B-30 BBP, 2 B-35 BBS	\$ 58.00
Sunday Night Book	6 B-1 BB	\$ 72.00

Study		
Gliders	1 B-9 Pass It On	\$ 12.00
SNBBS	1 B-3 Comes of Age	\$ 12.00
Wheel of Sobriety	3 B-1 BB	\$ 36.00
In the Park	3 B-1 BB, 4 B-2 12x12, 3 B-12 DR, 2 B-26 CTB, 2 B-27 ABSI	\$ 151.50
Alex W	5 B-90 PLBB	\$ 55.00
TOTAL		\$ 521.50
PHAMPLETS:	102 PHAMPLETS WERE PROVIDED TO GROUPS	
PURCHASES:	Ordered 50 B-90 PLBB, 20 B-1 BB, 5 B-3 Comes to Age	

Plain Language Big Book is now in stock, and is shown on the website order form.

The online and printable literature order forms are working well and located on - aanapa.org
The order forms may require updating with several publications not listed, as well as Spanish Language items

I have completed an inventory of all items in the container and updated our worksheet.
If any questions or comments, please feel to let me know at literature@aanapa.org Thank you!

Gratefully,

Kevin P
literature@aanapa.org

Hotline Chair: Travis
hotline@aanapa.org

-issue was brought to attention that the women's hotline would be redirected to personal voicemail if person's phone is off
-that issue has been resolved
-if concerns are brought to attention again, make a note of date

Web Editor: Zane M. (Intergroup)
Website Committee Chair: Alex W.

Business Meeting

- 1) Website running and secure
- 2) Monthly Web Committee Meetings

- a. Zane, Alex, Jeff, and Derek met on January 29th for an in-person Web Committee meeting and future meetings will take place each month on the last Wednesday. Topics included handoff instructions for the new team, historical context on the website with its past versions, and some discussion of finding new plugins or resources which might improve the site.
- 3) Search Engine Optimization Investigation
- a) Zane was unable to recreate Mobile browser issue with missing search result in Google under Android using Chrome, Firefox, or Opera. Primary search phrases were "AA Napa" or "Alcoholics Anonymous Napa" and related. Will need another member with Mobile Safari to confirm if the issue persists.
 - b) Regardless, Zane has taken steps to improve SEO discoverability on the primary pages using the Yoast SEO plugin. Improvements include adding internal links, increasing total word count to reach the minimum 300 recommended, and including additional meta information which search engines use to create synopses of pages.
 - c) An additional improvement that could help SEO would be to include images on some pages. Recommendations/ideas for images from the group would be appreciated!
 - image recommendations can be sent to Zane

Zane M
Web Editor, Intergroup
Derek C
Web Admin, District 11

Meeting Schedule Chair: Glen(n) G.
meetings@aanapa.org

- No submission
- not in attendance
- Kevin met with Glen to review process of ordering more meeting schedules

Newsletter Chair: Jean
newsletter@aanapa.org

No submission
Not in attendance

Delegates at Large: Laura / Rick
delegateatlarge@aanapa.org

No submission
Neither in attendance

General Service Liaison: John

No submission
- district is looking for a Bridging The Gap chair

-next saturday 2/15- workshop on agenda topics, Bethlehem Lutheran Church 1300 St. Francis Road, Santa Rosa 9:30-3pm

Hospitals and Institutions Liaison: Heidi

No submission

- Positive discussion about the jails
- advertising for members to sponsor an AA member in prison, min 5 years of sobriety, can be done anonymously and via text
- new card being distributed thru coordinator rep (Stu), Doug has been distributing a card w/hotline number within jails
- womens jail is doing well with meetings being streamlined, brought in two meetings last month
- mens jail with 10 opportunities for service, 8 of which were completed, 3 meetings per week, but there have been some issues with men volunteers being vetted in a timely manner
- PBB are available in Spanish and in back cabinet at Sea Scouts
- BottleRock booth- public information booth for folks who have questions(PI/CPC)
- International Convention is under way and folks can now register- July 4th weekend
- new coordinator, Mark, at Napa State Hospital- weekly meeting on Wednesdays
- Napa South Shelter not active and on hold
- Dream House new center in Vallejo
- Archway meeting are doing well with meetings and literature going in

Birthday Meeting Co-Chairs: Jeff/Beth

birthdaymeeting@aanapa.org

Not in attendance

NAPA VALLEY INTERGROUP	
INCOME / EXPENSE SHEET	
EVENT:	Jan B-day meeting
DATE:	jan, 31 2025
GROUP NAME:	AA Birthday
CONTACT NAME:	Beth
CONTACT EMAIL:	bananapez2@yahoo.com
CONTACT PHONE:	707-953-0483
EVENT INCOME	
DO NOT INCLUDE H&I HERE	
NV INTERGROUP CONTRIBUTION	\$0.00
7TH TRADITION	\$173.42
GROSS INCOME	\$173.42
EVENT EXPENSES (ITEMIZED)	
ITEM	\$\$\$\$
Cake	\$94.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$94.00
TOTALS	

EVENT INCOME - EVENT EXPENSES	\$79.42
H&I (Pink Can)	\$22.91
CHECK TOTAL TO I/G	\$102.33

Treasurer: Alex W.
treasurer@aanapa.org

Summary	Opening	Ending	
Umpqua	\$7,488.52	\$7,069.81	
Income			Note
7th Tradition	\$11.58		
Anniv Party, Alcatons, Workshops	\$214.61		
Anniversary Party		\$164.61	Venmo
Monday Night Serenity		\$50.00	Venmo
Birthday Meeting	\$165.34		
Sept		\$53.65	Venmo
Oct		\$8.50	Venmo
Nov		\$103.19	Venmo
Birthday Meeting H&I			
Group Contributions	\$901.04		
Monday Night Serenity		\$50.00	Venmo
Hut Group		\$657.00	check 1056
Day at a time		\$194.04	Check
Literature Sales	\$521.50		
		\$11.00	November
		\$42.00	December
		\$468.50	January
Total Income	\$1,814.07		
Expenses			
Altathons (3@\$1350 each)	\$1,350.00		
Hotline	\$66.82		
Phone Service		\$66.82	
Intergroup	\$430.98		
Copies			
Insurance		\$365.00	
Supplies		\$34.00	
Zoom		\$31.98	
Literature	\$340.00		
Sales Tax		\$340.00	
Website	\$19.98		

InMotion Hosting		\$19.98	
Distributions	\$25.00		
Dist - H&I		\$25.00	
Total Expenses	\$2,232.78		
Totals			
Net Income	-\$418.71		

Treasurer Business:

Paid Insurance for 2024

Paid Taxes for 2024

Storage Unit - \$20 per month, propose splitting with District (\$120/year)

Proceeding 2025/2026 Budget in March

Financial Oversight Committee:

financial@aanapa.org

No submission

Committee Appointees

2024-2025		2024 (2025-2026 Staggering)	
Chair	Meghan T.	Secretary	Jessica Z.
Alt Chair	VACANT	District Liaison	John
Bday Co Chair	Jeff	Newsletter	Jean
Bday Co Chair	Beth C.	H&I Liaison	Heidi
Hotline Chair	Travis	Treasurer	Alex W.
Female Delegate at Large	Laura	Web Editor	Zane M.
Male Delegate at Large	Rick	Literature Chair	Kevin P.
Printed Meeting Schedule Chair	Glen G.	Events Chair	Laura

In December elections will be held

Old Business

-Spanish speaking liaison to their district?

-Cleaning the storage container

- interested folks: Alex, Meghan, Laura K.

- coordinate with General Service (Alex to coordinate)

- Moving to in person IG Meetings:
 - Treasurer - \$80 per meeting.
 - May consider a new location?
 - Alex to do some research on alternate location
 - Continue in-person meetings at Crosswalk until new location is identified
 - Things to consider-
 - time of meeting that a new location can accommodate
 - AV access/new position to make it hybrid/need wifi and SmartTV (optional or preferred)
 - Hybrid meeting
 - Alex picked up A/V equipment for potential Hybrid IG meeting
- Alex and Jean did not meet about the new newsletter email tool and potential cost.
- FOC - Should this be standing committee or ad-hoc
 - In March a committee will be assembled
- Approved buying a storage shed last month, Alex negotiated \$20 rental w/ Crosswalk. Proposed cost share w/ D11.
 - Motion was made and passed
- D11 Proposed last month to combine CNCA assembly with our October Birthday meeting AND Anniversary Party. This was approved. No Ma'am would like to sponsor/host.
 - Alex to be the interim point person for the No Ma'am group, Laura can be the point person to work with the chairperson for this event.
 - Move to March to vote
- Intergroup Tri-fold: new draft produced. Need to review.
 - new draft will be emailed along with "take backs"

New Business

- Google Adwords
 - Not to run advertisements, but to get targeted search results
 - Recommend budgeting \$100/month as a start
 - We can review results and adjust
 - To be managed by Web Committee
 - GSC approved use of Google Adwords for USA & Canada in 2017
 - Modern version of placing an ad in the newspaper
 - Previously paid \$280/month to the Napa Register

-Unity Day will be June 14th, 2025 which will take place at the same time as IG meeting

Closing

The Responsibility Statement:

“I am Responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.”