

Napa Valley Intergroup Agenda
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Take Back to Your Groups

WHAT IS INTERGROUP?

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- The NVIG Birthday meeting has obtained permission from Crosswalk Church to use their gym to give out chips for varying lengths of sobriety the Saturday after the birthday meeting from 12-2pm.

- The Winter Intergroup Newsletter is available on aanapa.org. If you have any contributions for the Napa AA Fellowship Spring Newsletter, please submit to: newsletter@aanapa.org

- Please send meeting changes to: reportmeetingchange@aanapa.org

- Hotline could use more Men volunteers. If interested, contact Janet at hotline@aanapa.org

- IG needs 3 people for Financial Oversight Committee. If interested, contact Lynn L. at lynn@lieberlawyers.com

- IG is looking for feedback on how IG should allocate its outreach funds to better reach the alcoholic still suffering. Napa Valley Register Ad has been suspended freeing \$194/mo.

- IG is looking for volunteers (groups or individuals) to host a workshop on Sponsorship. If interest, contact Alston at chair@aanapa.org

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Opening

- Moment of Silence & Serenity Prayer
- New Intergroup Reps/ Newcomer Packets: Introductions and your position: Officers, Reps New Rep packet can be found on aanapa.org. Please provide contact information to Secretary
- Introductions
- Sobriety Birthdays This Month:
 - Shaela A. – 18mo
 - Brian D. – 10yr
- Last month's minutes - Minutes are approved unless there are any objections.

Monthly Tradition Reading & Discussion

This month's Reader: Donna - Tradition 3 – An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money property and prestige diver us from our primary purpose.

Next Month's Reader: [John B.](#)

7th Tradition

We have no dues or fees in A.A. We are entirely self-supporting, declining outside contributions. Visit aanapa.org and use the Venmo link or mail your contribution to NVIG P.O Box 10948, Napa, CA 94581-2948

Housekeeping Motions- These are procedural motions and pass with no objections. If the motion does not pass it will move to new business.

None

Officer Reports

Chair – Alston C – chair@aanapa.org:

Alternate Chair – John K – alternatechair@aanapa.org

Hotline Chair: Janet S - hotline@aanapa.org

Co-Chair: Anthony S

Could use more men on Hotline.

Secretary – Seth T . secretary@aanapa.org:

Literature Chair – Shaela A. literature@aanapa.org

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February 2021		
Patty	1-Pass it On	\$11.00
Frank M.	1-A.A. Comes of Age	\$11.00
Doug M.	2- BB SC	\$20.00
	Total	\$42.00

I placed a large order to A.A. World Services for \$801.19 on February 13, 2021.

The literature order form is available as shown below on our website...

<http://www.aanapa.org/service/resources/group-resources/literature>

Please use it to check prices and submit with any order.

In Service,

Shaela A.
literature@aanapa.org
707.294.7023

Meeting Schedule Chair Jo M. meetings@aanapa.org

See attached draft.

Two IG members volunteered to help review the schedule before printing.

Newsletter Chair – Katherine Y newsletter@aanapa.org

Delegate at Large – Kelsey delegate@aanapa.org.

Birthday Meeting Chair – Donna R. & Patti G. birthdaymeeting@aanapa.org

7th tradition : \$40.00

Zoom expense: \$15.00

We had 9 members come get their chip on the Saturday after the birthday meeting!
Thanks for letting us be of service.

Donna R and Patti G

Web Editor – Brian D. webeditor@aanapa.org:

Webmaster Report:

- In discussions with District (Jeff D.) regarding them playing a more active role in the website. I believe our website could be more inclusive of other local service orgs, including District, NAPYPAA, H&I, and CICPC. This would potentially be more than updating static pages and include meeting minutes, videos, and events similar to what we post right now. If

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it pleases the group, I would like to make an ad hoc committee, inviting representatives of each potential partner, to explore what ramifications inclusion of other service orgs in website management would have on website content, overall look, making decisions, future planning, etc. The idea is if there's one centralized online location for local aa information, we are better fostering the 3 legacies of recovery, unity, and service.

Ad hoc Committee formed to address questions above. Committee lead by Brian D.

- The back-end editing for Wordpress is cumbersome. I would like to explore options within Wordpress to increase usability for those less experienced with Wordpress. I am not a Wordpress professional. the next webmaster will not be either. It seems silly to have someone learn Wordpress over and over every 2 years. Plus with the potential for inclusion of other service orgs in website planning/editing, this is good timing. These options will likely cost money. At the end of this exploration, I will come to IG with a recommendation and likely a request for startup/monthly funds.

Treasurer – Frank M [.treasurer@aanapa.org](mailto:treasurer@aanapa.org)

See attached report

Liaison/Committee Reports

Financial Oversight Committee – Lynn L

Need 3 people for FOC committee. Contact Lynn L. at lynn@lieberlawyers.com

Hospitals and Institutions - John C

General Service Liaison – Darlene

OLD Business

Yellow pages ad/Napa Register Ad/Alternate options (See Feb minutes for previous reports)

Napa Register Ad

- Group feedback
 - Discontinue ad and explore alternatives (5 groups)
 - Keep ad (2 groups)
- Motion: Suspend the ad in the Napa Valley register and seek out alternatives? – Frank
 - Motion seconded – John K.
 - Discussion:
 - None
 - Vote #1
 - Yes: 16
 - No: 1

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- Abstain: 7
- Minority opinion: Best to keep the ad.
- Motion Pass: Ad suspended effective at the end of the month.

Yellow Pages

- Additional research pending to confirm what is offered. Alphabetically or in a specific section – John K.
 - Likely listed in business section listing. Similar to Napa Spanish AA listing
 - Hotline listed in online Yellow Pages

Radio Ad or PSA

- NV IG will not be able to afford paid ad.
- John C. willing to draft PSA script for review next month

Alternatives

- Nothing new

Yellow Pages Update – John K

Alternate Chair Report
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Further information on AT&T Real Yellow Pages (a.k.a. The Phone Book) ad

The web version will soon be updated to “AA Napa Hotline” and include the website. Hours should show “24 hours-7 days a week” and no physical address.

The hard copy **AT&T Real Yellow Pages** distribution is approximately 26,000 copies, all within Napa County. The Hotline is not in the September 2020 edition, and would cost \$15/month for 15 months, starting in September 2021. There is some confusion as the Yellow Pages book has a White Pages section listing Napa Valley businesses alphabetically and a Yellow Pages section that lists by function/service/business type. Whether the Hotline would be in the yellow or white section is still to be determined.

To add to the confusion, there is a “Valley Yellow Pages” that has no connection to AT&T that just came out.

Respectfully submitted,

John K
altchair@aanapa.org

Queen of the Valley

- Queen is asking to post Sunday Night at the Queen meeting zoom link on the Queen’s website
- Would we want the Queen to list a link to the IG website or list of Zoom meetings
- Follow-up with Queen with what exactly they are looking for – Thom H.
- Should this go to CPCPI?
- Does having the IG website link show affiliation? Generally consensus was No
 - District has developed a Tech committee to answer some of these questions

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- No updates. No response from Queen. Awaiting feedback from GSO.
- This is public information already. Shouldn't be an issue.
- IG recommendation: Thom H. to work with CPCPI committee in District 11

NVIG Inventory –Review question 2 and calls to action (see below). Review question 3 and calls to action (see attached)

Question 2. How effective are we in communicating the purpose of intergroup within NAPA FELLOWSHIP? Do they know what we do?

Action Items:

Create an ad hoc committee to create blurbs to encourage more involvement and participation in Intergroup. Shaela, John, and Kelsey volunteer to be an ad hoc committee to create blurb.

- Update blurb shared (below). Looking for feedback
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- Feedback on blurb:
 - John hasn't received feedback to date
 - Feedback during IG meeting
 - Succinct & to the point
 - Overall positive response
- Next Steps
 - Add Blurb to New IG Rep packets & beginning of Month IG meeting take backs
- Create second Delegate-at-Large position a male would be helpful to attend Men's Meetings. (Add to Bylaws)
- John B volunteers to be 2nd Delegate-at-large

Question 3. Do our incoming IG Reps get a good understanding of what their "job" entails?

- Make handout for new Reps that has a statement of purpose.
- Communicating back to their groups.

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- We don't know who is new and who isn't.
- Welcome packet and on-line website.
- Ask Reps if they have questions about what their role is.
- A New Rep Orientation would be helpful/Reps don't know what questions to ask.
- Availability to learn job, prior Rep should inform new Rep what their job is.
- Discourage Reps to "bleed out" to their groups that Intergroup is not doing anything but going in circles.

Feedback

- Set-up buddy system with new IG rep/previous IG rep
 - Still seems as a positive
- Discuss talking with sponsor about service & concept of Service Sponsor – John C.
- Set-up Workshop on Sponsorship
 - Workshop could be based on pamphlet on Sponsorship
- Offer demo on how to give Take Backs to Groups
- Stress attraction, fun, and usefulness of IG. Try not to show frustration on a group level to dissuade people to participating
- Encourage IG reps to have a great Pass It On including sharing prior meeting minutes

Action Items

- Update New IG Rep Packet – see action from Question #2
- Look for volunteers for run Sponsorship workshop
- Find new workshop proposal form – John K.
 - To be reviewed at next IG meeting
 - Posted on website – Brian D.

Insurance for Groups - - (See previous minutes for discussion details.)

IG Incorporation into 501c3 - (See previous minutes for discussion details.)

New Business

None

Closing Statement

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.