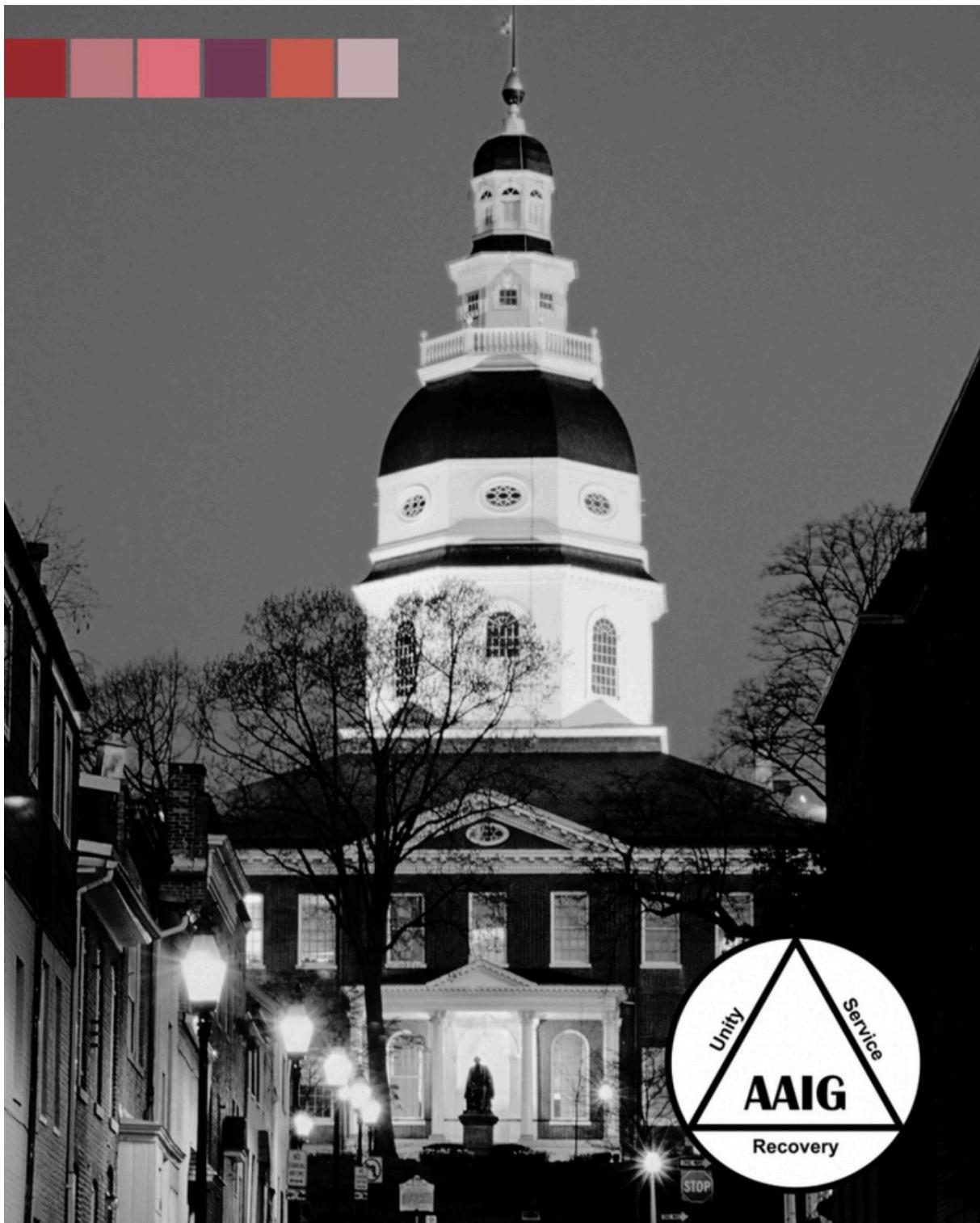


# ANNAPO利S AREA INTERGROUP

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JANUARY 2026

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

# Dear Fellowship,

We're excited to share that we're giving our bulletin a fresh look by moving to a new format. This change is simply a new way to share news, meeting updates, service opportunities, and other announcements in one easy place.

While the format is changing, the purpose remains the same—to keep us connected and support our shared recovery, one day at a time.

Thank you for your continued service and support.

[bulletin@aaigaa.org](mailto:bulletin@aaigaa.org)

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## STEPS, TRADITIONS, CONCEPTS

### STEP 1

We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.

### TRADITION 1

Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.

### CONCEPT I

Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

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## INTERGROUP NEWS

### HOW DOES OUR INTERGROUP WORK?

#### Annapolis Area Intergroup

The Annapolis Area Intergroup, Inc. is a non-profit corporation whose Council is composed of one elected representative from each participating Alcoholics Anonymous Home Group, Committee Chairs and elected officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary). The Council provides many functions not found in the General Service Structure. It is the purpose of the Intergroup Council to uphold AA's Twelve Traditions and to organize service to best "carry the message" to the still suffering alcoholic.

The Intergroup Representative (IGR) is the link between the Group and the Council as well as the Intergroup office. Through the IGR the Council learns of the needs and issues of the Group and learns the needs and issues of the Council. The IGR takes the issues discussed at the Council back to their home group and seeks the group's conscience. The IGR then votes on those issues at the Intergroup Council meeting.

The Council meeting is held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. This is a meeting for reporting on Group financials and committee reports. The standing committees are: Activities, Archives, Bulletin, Corrections, Finance, Literature, Outreach, Public Information, Red House Desk, Technology and Treatment.

IGRs are responsible for the overall operations of the Intergroup, but in no way affects the individual AA groups. Membership is voluntary and involves no financial obligation. However, the operation and services provided by the Intergroup are dependent on contributions.

If anyone is interested in volunteering for committees outlined above, please contact the "Red House" @ 410-268-5441; attend the Intergroup Council meeting held every 3rd Tuesday of the month or email [chair@aaigaa.org](mailto:chair@aaigaa.org)

## OUR BYLAWS

The Annapolis Area Intergroup conducts 12th step work for the Fellowship with the assistance of bylaws. The purpose of our bylaws is to guide actions and decisions and acts as the organization's operating rules. Bylaws can be helpful in resolving common issues which may arise throughout the year. They protect the Fellowship from potential problems consistent with our Traditions. See our [Handbook](#) for a full review of each of our bylaws.

A most recent example of our bylaws being utilized was our election in December 2025. Elections are conducted pursuant to Article 12. This article lays out how our elections are conducted, to include eligibility to vote. While our 2026 candidates had no opposition, Article 12 provides guidance in the event of multiple candidates for each officer.

In February the Council will vote to approve the 2026 budget. Article 6, section 13 of our bylaws is specific on timing guidance. It states "*Treasurer and/or Finance Committee will present an annual operating budget for adoption at the February Intergroup Council meeting*". The Council, made up of Intergroup Representatives vote after the presentation of the budget.

Any comments or suggestions please direct to [chair@aaigaa.org](mailto:chair@aaigaa.org)



# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## Statement of Activity

Annapolis Area Intergroup

January 1-December 31, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Income	
Contributions - Groups	13,018.91
Contributions - Other	3,000.00
Contributions - PayPal	8,803.57
Contributions - Red House	5,406.14
Literature Sold	937.83
<b>Total for Income</b>	<b>\$31,166.45</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$31,166.45</b>
Expenses	
Committees	
AAIG Website	1,150.00
Activities	2,708.94
Bulletin	1,275.00
Corrections	2,000.00
Literature Resale	2,104.02
Technology	681.42
Treatment	2,000.00
Where&When	852.18
<b>Total for Committees</b>	<b>\$12,771.56</b>
Operating	
Accountant/Bookkeeping	977.50
Bank Fees	35.00
Insurance	687.78
Phone/Internet/PO Box	2,459.03
Red House Maintenance	324.10
Red House Rent	11,050.00
Red House Supplies	2,025.66
<b>Total for Operating</b>	<b>\$17,559.07</b>
Uncategorized Expense	
Misc expense to be reimbursed	78.75
<b>Total for Uncategorized Expense</b>	<b>\$78.75</b>
<b>Total for Expenses</b>	<b>\$30,409.38</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$757.07</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$757.07</b>



## LITERATURE NEWS

Alcoholics  
Anonymous®

[www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.

475 Riverside Drive, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10115 / Telephone: (212) 870-3400

Please direct all  
communications to:

P.O. Box 459  
Grand Central Station  
New York, NY 10163  
Fax: (212) 870-3003

To: GSRs, DCMs, Trustees, Non-trustee Directors, Area Officers & Committee Chairs, Delegates, Appointed Committee Members, Intergroups and Central Offices, Group Contacts, GSO and Grapevine Employees

December 22, 2025

Dear A.A. Friends:

Warm greetings – we hope this letter finds you well.

We are writing to inform you of an upcoming literature price increase affecting our English, Spanish, and French books, booklets, pamphlets, and other literature items. At the December meeting of the A.A. World Services Board, the board approved a price increase of \$3 per item for books and a 15 percent increase for all other literature items, with standard rounding applied.

The new prices will go into effect on February 1, 2026.

For historical perspective, the last price increase occurred in April 2023, and the previous increase was in 2014. As with the 2023 increase, this decision is the result of prudent fiscal planning and the goal of long-range stability. Like organizations everywhere, Alcoholics Anonymous is impacted by current economic changes and challenges. One of the most significant challenges we continue to face, as we did in 2023, is the increasing costs associated with the sale of literature.

It is important to note that before the COVID-19 pandemic, the combined costs of production, materials, warehousing, and shipping—collectively referred to as the cost of goods sold—generally ranged between 31% and 34% of sales. Over the past several years, those costs have fluctuated between 42% and 56% of sales, resulting in an annual revenue loss exceeding \$1.8 million. We do not expect these costs to return to pre-pandemic levels. This impact is especially significant given that the General Service Office is supported through both voluntary contributions and revenue generated from literature sales.

We continue to diligently and carefully monitor and reduce expenses where possible, always mindful of the profound significance of each “nickel in the basket” sent to the General Service Board.

Updated pricing will be reflected in the online store when the increase goes into effect.

For this increase, the following guidelines will apply:

- **Books** are defined as any item whose item number begins with **B, SB, or FB**.
  - These items will receive a **\$3 per-item increase**, excluding B-0 (*Alcoholics Anonymous* Facsimile First Printing of the First Edition—recently reduced to a discounted \$2 USD List Price) and B-28 (*A.A. for the Older Alcoholic*).
- **B-0** will remain unchanged and is the only exception to the book price increase.
- **B-28** will receive a **15% price increase**.
- **All other literature items** will receive a **15% price increase**.
- **Literature sets** will reflect a **\$3 increase per book**.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support.

With gratitude for your service,



**Ken T.**  
Chair, AAWS Board



**Bob W.**  
General Manager, G.S.O.

# GRAPEVINE

THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS  
AAGRAPEVINE.ORG JANUARY 2026

A WELL-MADE BED

ADDING UP THE DAYS

GOING SANE

FAMILY CAN WAIT

IT WAS THE LAUGHTER

FINALLY SURRENDERED

15 MINUTES

AND OTHER STORIES!

SPECIAL SECTION  
**STORIES FOR  
DAY COUNTERS**

## Stories for Day Counters

We kick off the year with our "Stories for Day Counters" issue, full of experiences by AA members about the things that helped them most during their very earliest days in AA.



## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

The following Committees need assistance with Service Work. Our Intergroup depends on our fellowship for volunteers. See the AAIG section of our **Handbook** (pages 13-28) that describes each committee. Please reach out to [chair@aaigaa.org](mailto:chair@aaigaa.org) for questions or volunteer assistance.

**Activities:** needs committee chair

**Bulletin:** needs technical support

**Corrections:** needs volunteers for meetings

**CPC:** needs support

**Literature:** needs support

**Outreach:** needs outreach support

**Public Information:** needs committee chair

**Phone Desk:** needs phone shifts filled

**Treatment:** needs volunteers for meetings

**Tech Committee:** needs tech support for website



## MEETING UPDATES

### January Meeting Updates:

#### New Meeting Location

Wake Up West

Daily 6:00am

579 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd.

Severna Park, MD 21146

(Above Bookstore)

#### Effective Immediately Discontinued Meeting:

Young People's Living Sober

Thursday at 7:30 PM

Calvary United Methodist Church

301 Rowe Boulevard

Annapolis, MD 21401

# **NEW MEETING LOCATION!**

**Starting January 1, 2026**



## **WAKE UP WEST**

**6:00 AM  
EVERY MORNING**



**579 BALTIMORE ANNAPOLIS BLVD  
SEVERNA PARK, MD 21146  
(ABOVE THE BOOKSTORE)**

**JOIN US DAILY FOR CONNECTION,  
GROWTH, AND COMMUNITY IN OUR  
NEW SPACE!**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

# Bowl 4 Sobriety

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2026

**PENDING FINAL DATE**

AAIG + DISTRICT 22 PRESENTS  
BOWLING 4 SOBRIETY

JOIN US FOR BOWLING AND  
FELLOWSHIP 2-4PM  
SUNDAY 2/15/26

ANNAPO利S BOWL  
2057 GENERALS HWY.  
ANNAPO利S MD 21401

BOWLING TEAMS OF 5  
32 LANES  
SHOES SUPPLIED

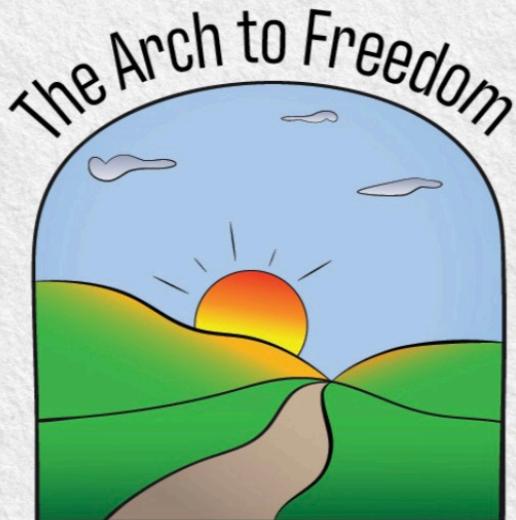
ARRIVE EARLY TO CHECK-IN  
BOWLING STARTS 2PM!  
MUST HAVE R.S.V.P.

R.S.V.P.  
[D22MD.ORG](http://D22MD.ORG)



MARYLAND GENERAL SERVICE, INC

# SAVE THE DATE



## 52nd Maryland State Convention

June 19-21, 2026

Sheraton Baltimore North Hotel, Towson, Maryland

Register at:

**[www.marylandaa.org](http://www.marylandaa.org)**

Early Bird Registration January 30 - May 18: \$40 online, \$38 mail in

Regular Registration May 19 - June 12: \$47 online, \$45 mail in

### Join us for:

Speakers  
Workshops  
Alcathons  
Old Timers Panel  
Meditation  
Delegate Report

AA Play  
History Presentations  
AA & Al Anon Literature  
Speaker recordings for sale  
Banquet Dinner  
Ice Cream Social

Hospitality Suite  
DJ Dance  
Game Room  
Song Circle  
Coffee



## GENERAL SERVICE INFORMATION



DELEGATE REPORT AREA 29



OUR COMMON WELFARE AREA 29 NEWSLETTER



BOX 459



## FELLOWSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

January 2026

Milton Q., 25 years on January 7

Pasadena Wednesday Noon

Brian M., 39 years on January 15