

**ANNAPOLIS AREA INTERGROUP
AAIG “Virtual” INTERGROUP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Zoom Meeting Held – Tuesday, November 16th, 2021**

Meeting Called to Order with Serenity Prayer and Tradition Eleven. Roll call performed by Secretary and Chair.

IN ATTENDANCE

Executive Offices

Chair, Val B.

Vice Chair, Richard Y.

Treasurer, Tim H.

Secretary, Megan J.

Standing Committees

Activities, Stan A. (On for first portion of meeting)

Bulletin, Cierra “CiCi” S. (absent)

Coop. Prof. Com., Val B, Peggy G. (absent)

Corrections, Jim O.

Facilities, Richard Y.

Finance, Aaron W.

Grapevine, Suzanne L.

Literature, Erin M.

Outreach, Tim and Megan J

Public Information, Dan H.

Co-Chairs, Red House Desk

In-House Desk, Cybele D.

Rollover Phone [Digital

Communications], Sean M.

Treatment, Jorge B. (absent)

Website, Jochen H.

Intergroup Representatives

Pam M. -- One Page at a Time

Becky -- Misfit Women (absent)

Tammy -- Arnold Monday 7:30 (alternate rep) (absent)

Tim H. -- Galesville 12 x 12

Aaron W. -- Back to Basics

Richard Y. -- Wed, 12 x 12, 6 pm

Heather W. -- Zoom-Women Lit Up

Dawn K. -- Turkey Point 12 x 12

Jochen H. -- Keep it Simple

John B. -- Crofton Friday Night

Chris L. -- Bowie Friday Night

Cybele D. -- Red House Annapolis am

Clayton U. - Herald Harbor Step

Teresa - Women Lit Mtg at Turkey Point

Donna - Nooner at First Presbyterian

Susan D. - The Hatchery

Dan H - Serenity at Seven

Peggy M - Friday noon step @ Woods Memorial

Sean M - Sat 6:30 pm Arnold Asbury

Megan J - Ladies' Night @ Club 164

Stan A. - Sat Young Peoples' (On for first portion of meeting)

Val B - Severna Park Tues 12:30 pm

Amy B - Women's Spiritual Freedom - Bowie

Allison (Ally) T - Quiet Waters

Intergroup Liaisons

Tim H - District 6
Amy B - BAYPAA Liaison
Betsy C - BAYPAA Liaison

Guest

Matt F - Guest (active BAYPAA Event Chair)	Michelle G - past delegate for Area 13
Andy - Guest (future IGR taking over for Aaron at Back to Basics)	Jeff M - Area 13
	Morgan J - Guest, "Back Bench" AA Specialist & Historian

Secretary read the minutes. Tim made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Suzanne. Council PASSED MOTION.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Chair, Val B.

Due to concern for an online secret ballot, Val invited Michelle G, past Delegate from Area 13. She served in multiple positions in AA and has no affiliation with AAIG.

Michelle G provided link to Third Legacy procedure method by which AA officers are typically voted.. She presented two options --

Option 1 - Zoom platform for anonymous polling functionality conducted by Michelle. Michelle would provide the names of the people running, each IGR would join the zoom, and choose a candidate. Data would be stored on her Zoom platform; AAIG would NOT have access to the Zoom data.

Option 2 - Zoom platform for anonymous polling functionality conducted by host and co-host, Michelle and Jeff (current Area 13 Delegate). Votes are submitted to them in chat box, and they will tally up the results. The hosts will be provided the names of those who may officially vote.

Stan suggested having the December Council Meeting in person, which would eliminate the issue. Chair advised we will stick with online Zoom, which has been used for the entire year. Stan disagreed.

Betsy agreed there is value in having a neutral party, this has worked for them in BAYPAA.

Stan made a motion to use an outside source to assist with our elections. Tim seconded. Chair decided to exercise Concept 3, such that no vote was needed. AAIG is moving forward with online, anonymous voting with an outside source to help with the elections.

Chair to huddle with Jochen, Michelle, and Jeff to finalize path forward.

Vice Chair, Richard Y.

Executive meetings are now allowed in the First Presbyterian Church, conference room, just need to ask.

Shoving match at the Red House last Tuesday; consequently, there is a man named Bruce (no photo but he usually brings a guitar) who is no longer allowed on property.

Treasurer, Tim H.

Tim presented the financial report. Reviewed the uptick in spending due to Literature, Treatment, and Activities.

Put out initial 2022 budget. Need input from committees, will be asking the council to approve it in February.

Secretary, Megan J

Skipped.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ad Hoc Red House Steering Committee, Aaron W.

Suspended. Will reconvene as needed.

Ad Hoc Bylaws Steering Committee, Valerie B.

The Committee met last on Sept 28th and Oct 12th. The process continues. Once process is complete, if committee modifications are warranted, the suggested changes will be brought to Intergroup Council following Article Twenty - Amendments to [AAIG] Bylaws.

*****ARTICLE TWENTY - Amendments to Bylaws**

These Bylaws may be amended by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Intergroup representatives or alternates registered with the secretary at any regularly scheduled meeting. Prior to a vote, a written notice of the proposed amendment must be published in the regular monthly bulletin in the month preceding the month in which a vote is taken.

Committee discussions included Robert's Rules of Order Revised. As Chair, I promised to reach out to Don B., delegate and met up with him perchance at the Southern Maryland Roundup. He shared that the General Service Council agrees prior to meeting, as to how it will be run.

In the interim, due to family, upcoming holidays and elections, Chair will not have the effort needed to continue as the Bylaws Committee Chair or as a Committee Member. Committee notified.

AAIG Chair suggested that the next AAIG Chair select the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee Chair per Article 19.

ARTICLE NINETEEN - All Other Committees

Unless otherwise specified, the chairperson of all committees shall be appointed by the Intergroup chairperson and shall serve at the pleasure of the Executive Committee. A minimum of two (2) years of continuous sobriety at the time of appointment is suggested.

Ad Hoc Safety Committee, Richard Y

Covered in Vice Chair report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities Committee, Stan A. (absent during this portion of meeting)

Betsy -- BAYPAA is hosting a New Years' Eve. BAYPAA wants to work with AAIG Activities so there are no conflicts Betsy will be invited to come to the December Executive committee to discuss further. It was asked if anyone knew if Stan was planning an AAIG NYE party. Planning usually takes two months.

There are two Thanksgiving events - First Presbyterian (all day) put on by SOHL, and Club 164 (food from 2 - 4 pm) which is being catered by volunteers. Neither are hosted or receiving AAIG funds as far as this group knows.

Bulletin, Cierra S. (absent)

Cooperation with the Professional Community, Val B, Peggy G. (absent)

Peggy mailed letters to area professionals along with AA pamphlets provided by Erin and online materials approved by GSO.

1. The Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) spent \$15.60 for postage
2. Envelopes, paper, ink, etc., donated by Peggy G.
3. Also, pamphlets, \$11.60.

For the year, the CPC Committee spent near \$27.20.

Corrections, Jim O.

Nothing new to report.

Digital Communications Committee, Sean M.

Discussion on disposition of calls that come in. We are not using voicemail; we are using rollover. Sean suggested rollover percentage go below 40% before turning back over to Red House Desk.

There were 262 calls in October and 179 (68 %) calls were answered by Red House Desk. Nice job Cybele!!

There were some isolated, problem days, but all in all HUGE progress.

Facility, Richard Y.

Nothing additional to report.

Finance, Aaron W.

Per Tim, they will continue to leave the budget open, but asking committees to contact Tim and Aaron with their respective budget requests. Ally suggested those discussions hold off getting too involved, as the 2022 Treasurer may change with the elections.

Grapevine, Suzanne L.

In the past week, Suzanne sent out 10 to 12 one-year subscriptions, and has a few electronic submissions to process. Working on a speech for December Area Assembly.

Literature, Erin M.

Nothing to report that has not already been mentioned. Verified that email to AAIG Literature is going to her personal spam folder.

Outreach, Megan J. and Tim H.

Megan and Tim met last week and will meet weekly. Tim provided Megan with Ray T's number, who originally built the database. One focus of the committee will be to create additional service positions in Outreach and Technology.

Per Tim, the goal of Outreach is to increase participation, we want to start with Districts. Formulating a plan of attack.

PI (Public Info), Dan H.

Placed ad in local newspaper. Hits three major holidays - Thanksgiving, Xmas and New Year's. The ad will be in MD, Annapolis, Crofton, and online newspapers.

Yard signs were just delivered, and Dan, along with assistants, will put them up around the area. Dan showed the group a yard sign on Zoom. Looks great!

Red House Desk, Cybele D.

Continuing to fill shifts that are open. Substitute list is working out well.

Concerned about holidays and volunteers ability to make commitments.

Most calls are about meetings, but some are about meeting update forms and where the changes are they have requested. Want to empower folks on the Red House Desk to provide the best information rather than cause frustration; Cybele to collaborate with Jochen about the issue.

Treatment, Jorge B. (Absent)

Three new meetings in the works with Chesapeake project treatment center.

Website, Jochen H.

New bulletin sent out. Meeting changes and new events continue to be updated.

UNFINISHED [OLD] BUSINESS

1. Nominations

No new nominations.

2. Where and When to be free of charge - Clayton

Motion made by Clayton, make W&W's all free, 2nd by Tim. Morgan advised that since the motion was made and it was seconded, it was then up for discussion and required a vote.

Discussion -- Group made the following points --

- Some feel that W & W's are important to write numbers on for newcomers.
- Have always been free to individual, but large amounts [bulk orders] for groups were charged.
- Reprint soon once we confirm meetings. Megan and Tim to work to confirm.

- W&W's from August are already outdated. Cybele suggested giving out the remainder of W&Ws in the holiday spirit. AAIG will need to update and print new W&W's anyway.

Motion made by Clayton, make W&W's in smaller doses and make them all free, 2nd by Tim. MOTION Passed with majority.

3. Events - Teresa

Discussed last meeting about presenting the event plans in a timely manner so that IGRs could discuss with groups. No AAIG events planned for Thanksgiving, Club 164 and SOHL will both be doing events. The AAIG Council has not discussed giving money/budget to these events. Need Stan to confirm.

Morgan provided an overview of how they have done things in the past with budget approvals, citing lots of pre-planning at the beginning of the year.

Chris L pointed out that the committees need more guidance and clarifications on what committee duties are, if budgets, pre-planning, etc. are expected. Sean and Tim putting together an AAIG handbook and will have a draft next month.

Motion to adjourn by lots of people, seconded by lots of people. Council PASSED MOTION.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm with Responsibility Statement.