

## Minutes for the NEMDAA Intergroup Council Meeting on 25 June 2024

The Chair called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00pm on 25 June 2024 with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. The meeting is posted on [www.NEMDAA.org](http://www.NEMDAA.org).

### Roll Call:

- **Attendance: Total = 17**
- **At the Intergroup Office (13):**
  - **Officers (2):** Chair (Sunday Reflections), Secretary (Daily Reflections)
  - **IGRs & Committee Chairs and Members (11):** Answering Service Chair/Ways & Means, Archives Committee Chair (Plug in the Jug), Acting Finance Committee Chair, Bel Air Women's Big Book, Celebrate Sobriety, Fallston Early Saturday Group, Gates of Insanity, Just for Today, Rising Sun Group, Solution for Living, Three Legacies
- **On Zoom/Phone (4):**
  - **Officers (0):**
  - **IGRs & Committee Chairs (4):** Institutions Committee Chair (Rule 62), Emmorton Group (8:30), Good News Group, Pursuit of Happiness

### Officer & Committee Reports:

- **Chair's Report:** The Chair shared that the Picnic in the Park was a success and enjoyed by all who attended. The Chair also stated that elections for the new Intergroup Officers (Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer) will take place at this meeting.
- **Secretary's Report:** The Secretary asked for feedback on the May meeting minutes, which are posted to the website. A motion was made to accept the May minutes. The motion was seconded, none opposed, and the motion passed.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The Answering Service/Ways & Means Committee Chair reviewed the May financials, which are posted to the website, on the Treasurer's behalf. It was noted that the picnic made a profit of \$45. A motion was then made to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion seconded, none opposed, and the motion passed.
- **Office Coordinator:** The Intergroup Chair stated that, effective 7/1/24, there will be a change in office personnel. The current Office Manager will move to the Office Coordinator position on Fridays and Saturdays, and the current Office Coordinator will become the Office Manager and work Tuesdays-Thursdays. The Office Operating Committee is still working on office job descriptions.
- **Answering Service (AS):** The AS Chair stated that the AS is going well. The new AS Chair will take over effective 7/1/24.
- **Cooperation with the Professional Community / Public Information (CPC/PI):** No report this month.
- **Finance:**
  - The Acting Finance Committee Chair presented the Budget to Actual report for 2024 to date, which is posted to the website.
  - The AS/Ways & Means Committee Chair presented her research on credit card capability for the office, which found that PayPal is best if we can confirm that the numbers researched are correct. The Acting Finance Committee Chair stated that she will call PayPal tomorrow to confirm.
  - The Acting Finance Committee Chair stated that the Committee is looking into increasing the number of QuickBooks user licenses that we have, from 1 license to 5 licenses. They found that it will be best to wait until January because the new license

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- would be through a new provider, and there is no way to get a prorated rate to account for the existing license that we have directly with QuickBooks.
- **Institutions:** The Institutions Chair shared that the Belcamp shelter is still looking for groups to bring in a meeting on Friday or Saturday nights. They did not receive much of a response from groups for the 4:50-5:50pm time slot, so they are willing to host groups at other times of day to accommodate group availability.
    - Solution for Living's IGR stated that their group went to that commitment and received a hostile reception from those staying at the shelter, who felt that they were being unfairly categorized as alcoholics just for being in the shelter. The Institutions Chair acknowledged receiving an email from the group and reiterated the shelter Director's desire to bring in meetings, noting that he would look further into what may have caused the hostility (for example, are people being told that they are required to attend the AA meeting?).
  - **Technology/Website:**
    - The Website/Technology Committee reminded the Council that the new Committee Chairperson will assume responsibility effective 7/1/24.
    - There was some discussion about the new Committee Chairperson's availability and whether new expectations around response time and deadlines would need to be set for the fellowship. The new Committee Chairperson stated that she would look into adding a deadline to the bulletin.
  - **Ways & Means:**
    - The Ways & Means reviewed the tentative events schedule for the next year.
    - For the Pig Roast scheduled in September, the speaker will now begin at 3pm.
    - Fall Breakfast: The Ways & Means Chair did not know that the Level Volunteer Fire Hall has saved 10/13/24 for us to have a Fall breakfast and does not have the capacity to plan this event. She proposed canceling the event unless someone else wants to lead it. The Institutions Chair asked for more information and stated that he would ask his home group about their interest in sponsoring the event. The Secretary will send her report about the Spring Gratitude Breakfast for Rule 62 to review.
    - Ways & Means needs two coffee urns for events. The Intergroup Chair shared that she can make a "long-term loan" of two that she has.
    - The next event planning meeting will be on 6/29/24.
  - **Archives:** The Archives Committee Chair shared the following updates:
    - For anyone wondering why the Intergroup office has a beer stein on display, this is the "Stuttgart Serenity Mug" that was sent to NEMDAA by the Stuttgart group.
    - The Archives Committee is not going to collect personal photos unless the subject is someone of notoriety in our community.
    - The smaller wooden bookcase in the office is no longer needed for Archives purposes. The Office can use it or dispose of it.
    - The Archives Committee is planning to use DropBox for Archives storage.

### Old Business:

- **Credit Card Capabilities:** This was covered during the Finance Committee report and discussion.

### New Business:

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- Officer Elections: The Chairperson asked whether there were any nominations for Chairperson, Secretary, or Treasurer. No nominations were presented immediately.
  - The Secretary made a motion for the bylaws that were amended in January 2022, but not signed, to be signed by the current officers before the end of their term on 6/30/24 in order for the bylaws to be made official. The motion was seconded; none opposed, and the motion passed. The Secretary took an action to secure the signatures and add the Intergroup seal to this version of the bylaws.
  - The Secretary read the position descriptions from the January 2022 amendment to the bylaws.
    - The Acting Finance Committee Chair nominated Paula S. for the position of Chairperson; she respectfully declined.
    - The Chair nominated Joanne N. for the position of Chairperson; she respectfully declined.
    - Jean B. nominated herself for the position of Treasurer. The Secretary asked if the group would follow the Third Legacy Procedure for the vote. A motion was made by another IGR to use a show of hands instead; the motion was seconded, none were opposed, and the motion passed. The show-of-hands vote was unanimous in favor of electing Jean B. as Treasurer.
  - The Chairperson requested that IGRs share the continued need for nominations with their respective home groups. Elections will be held again at the NEMDAA Intergroup Council Meeting in July 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08pm with The Lord's Prayer and the Responsibility Statement.