

Website/Technology Committee Report – July 2024

Intergroup Council:

Over the last several weeks I worked with Georgia and Jeremy to transition into the Website/Technology Committee Chair role. Jeremy continues to support us as the Webmaster for the Intergroup website. As of 7/14/24, Georgia sent a note of thanks for “an awesome transition” and is no longer part of the group distribution for emails sent to office@nemdaa.org. She can still be reached directly at georgia@nemdaa.org.

Please continue to send anniversaries, meeting changes, and other announcements to office@nemdaa.org. I receive copies of everything sent to that address and work together with the office staff to address all requests.

I came in for a few hours on Saturday, 7/20, and provided Ken with an overview of the bulletin and website content. I also asked Jeremy to create an account for Ken on the Bulletin Builder. Ken and I agreed that he will work on getting comfortable with making bulletin updates before we introduce WordPress (i.e., website admin) access. Dale already has access to both systems. Between Friday and Saturday every week, I will review all bulletin updates made during the week and I'll complete the final formatting before the bulletin publishes at midnight each Sunday.

I'm also starting to work on reformatting our virtual meeting listings. At the height of the pandemic in 2020, when many of our local meetings first became virtual and "Zoom bombing" of meetings was rampant, the Intergroup listed virtual meetings like regular meetings and put the meeting ID and password in the description instead of providing links. The purpose of this was to protect our members by preventing bots from scanning for the information. Today, that isn't much of a problem anymore. The new problem is that, when folks are looking for meetings in the Meeting Guide App, virtual meetings appear to be in-person meetings and it has caused some confusion. I'm in the process of revising meeting listings to reflect the virtual-only meeting status and to make it easier for members to simply click a link on our website (or tap a button in the app) to join the meetings, instead of having to copy and paste meeting IDs and passwords from one location to another.

Another new item we discovered this month is the RSVP function on our Events page. This function enables us to gather a headcount for events without charging attendees in advance, like the ticket function does. The Ways & Means “Sober Rock ‘n’ Bowl” event was our test case. We still have some kinks to smooth out, but it's good to know we have this available. Thanks to Allison and Jeremy for working through this one with me!

Thanks for letting me be of service.

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