**Northeastern Maryland Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous**

**Intergroup Council Monthly Meeting**

**Date:** August 26, 2025

The chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Serenity Prayer. The roll call followed.

**Attendance:** **Total:** **12**

***In-person:***

**Officers (3):** Chair, Secretary (IGR Emmorton Group), Treasurer

**Intergroup Representatives (IGRs), Committee chairs, and members (6):** IGR Fallston Early Saturday Group, IGR Happy Hour, IGR Mann House Noon, IGR Rule 62, Events Committee chair (IGR Emotional Sobriety), Institutions Committee chair

***On Zoom/phone:***

**Officers (0):**

**IGRs, Committee chairs, and members (3):** Answering Service chair (Alt IGR Sunday Reflections), Website/Technology Committee chair (IGR Rising Sun Big Book), Office staff (Morning Group)

**Chair’s report:** The Council chair reported that we are still reviewing the Intergroup inventory. Basically, a lot of the report confirmed what we were thinking. The main focus was the impact of events. Everyone liked events. And everyone liked the bulletin and website. Website is getting the most satisfaction and most use.

We moved to different hours but activity remains basically the same: 1.2 calls a day when open, and 3 visitors a day when open.

The inventory identified days members wanted the office open and many wanted Saturday. But the traffic on Saturday didn’t support that. There was very little vote for Wednesday, yet Wednesday is when the office sees most traffic.

The crux of where we need to focus is the bulletin and the website.

Up to 50 people coming in a month which is a significant number. We’ll look more into the results as officers.

There was confusion this month and so the officers did not meet before this month’s Intergroup meeting.

We’ll provide a more detailed report next month.

**Secretary’s report:** The secretary presented the July minutes and asked for any amendments/corrections. There was a motion to accept as presented and a second. July minutes accepted unanimously.

**Treasurer’s report:** The treasurer presented a summary of the council’s financial reports as of July 31, 2025:

***Account balances are:***

Operating Account: $2,333.19

PayPal: $454.80

Prudent Reserve Account: $23,812.27

***Revenue:***

Group Contributions thru July is $15,790.89

Individual Contributions & Birthday Plan thru July is $1,202.10

Office Events total $11,686.00

Literature & Medallion Sales total $9,326.27

Interest income totals $6.53

Total Revenue is $38,005.26 which is 58% of our budgeted revenue for 2025.

***Expenses:***

Through July, we have paid out a total of $42,252.65 which is 64% of our budgeted expenses

this year.

The treasurer noted that some of the increased expense was due to prepayments for the luau.

**Office coordinator report / Office Operations Committee:** Office staff had nothing much to add to chair’s report. Slow with one visit today.

**Standing and ad hock committee reports**

***Finance (standing):*** (position open)

***Answering service (standing):*** The committee chair noted that all is well. From July 22 to Aug 25 we had 183 calls total; 11 missed – 9 on answering service time, 2 on office time; 100 incoming calls and 72 outgoing.

Council chair stated we’re averaging about 3 incoming calls a day, so the numbers indicate averaging 2 phone calls after hours a day.

***Institutions (standing):*** The committee chair reported that we had a tremendous amount of support for institutions from the bulletin announcement requesting support and believe we’ve well exceeded the original budget of the committee.

The chair passed thanks to all for such support.

The committee would like to purchase a case of soft-cover big books and have them at the office

The chair asked that we stop the bulletin notice requesting financial support and also insert a bulletin notice thanking the fellowship.

The committee chair answered a question from the IGRs:

Q: We discussed using November as gratitude month to support institutions. What was the impetus for the income?

A: Simply asking for support brought funds in from individuals and groups.

Additional discussion occurred about the committee’s budget and chair’s interest in revisiting the budget.

The treasurer reported that this month we received $700 for institutions.

***Website/technology (standing):*** No real updates this month. Just thank you to the office staff for doing such an awesome job with the bulletin the last two weeks.

***Events (ad hoc):*** Committee chair noted a thank you to all who came to and helped out with the luau. Happy that Maryland Recovery House was there or we would have lost a lot of money. Not many AA members were there.

Everyone seemed to have a great time. Thank you to all who helped with taking out trash and cleaning up.

Still meeting every Monday for the Rocky Horror Puppet Show. Still need more puppeteers, and people to do sound and background. We’ll be moving practice to Grove Presbyterian and start getting the stage set, etc. The chair provided further details on arrangement of show times and other specifics.

Chair shared about the events on the events list and noted that they also found a group to host the spring breakfast.

The chair noted that they will be stepping down at the rotation, but will still be around to help.

Office staff made a special thank you to the Events chair for all their work on events and on the bulletin.

Council chair shared in support of office staff’s statement and the great work of the Events chair. Also stated the luau experience is indicative of struggle to get involvement.

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| What | When | Where | Cost |
| Auditions – RHPS | Mondays - 6 to 7pm | NEMDAA Office, Aberdeen | Free |
| LUAU | Sat - August 23rd, 11-4pm | Deer Creek Picnic Area, HdG | $20  |
| Small Breakfast | Sun - Sept 21st, 8-11 am | Elks, HdG - Pay at Door | $12 |
| Sober Hike | Early Oct, TBD | TBD | Free |
| Rocky Horror \* | Sat – Oct 25th, 7pm | Grove Church, Aberdeen | $20  |
| Rock N Bowl \* | Fri – Nov TBD, 7-9:30pm | Harford Lanes, Aberdeen | $20  |
| NFL Watch Party \* | Sun – Dec 14th, 1pm  | American Legion, Aberdeen | $15 |
| Rock N Bowl \* | Fri – Mar TBD, 7-9:30pm | Harford Lanes, Aberdeen | $20  |
| Annual Breakfast \* | Sun - April 26th, 8-12 am | Level Hall Firehouse, HdG | $20 |

\*TBD = To be determined

**Finance Committee:** The treasurer reported, that because we have no committee, it is the treasurer, council chair, secretary and the office staff who create the budget. Committee chairs can start looking at what they need. The process will start in September for determining the budget. There will be changes simply because costs have gone up.

After the treasurer related Finance Committee information, the council undertook extensive discussion about officer and committee roles, as follows.

Noting that there is no Finance Committee chair, the Council chair shared more about the coming officer rotation and the need for us to think as a group, how do we fill the positions. How do we get an events person? How do we get our webpage person? If no one steps up, we’re in trouble.

The Council chair encouraged IGRs to note, for anyone that wants to get active, Intergroup is a way to do that. If we lose Events and Website in particular, we’re in trouble.

Q: What are the requirements for officer and committee participation?

A: The officer positions – Council chair, secretary, and treasurer – require a minimum of three years’ sobriety.

Discussion continued about how to interest individuals in serving in Intergroup officer positions, including bulletin announcements and especially one-on-one discussion. The IGRs expressed their need for more knowledge on officer and committee chair duties and requirements.

The Council chair stated the first thing may be for IGRs to take the need for officers, committee chairs, and committee members to the groups and bring it to the group conscience to get people you know for possible positions.

Officers and committee chairs confirmed that calls for service positions in the bulletin do not work. Calls for financial support do.

The Council chair stated we will put a call for positions in the bulletin, no matter. One on one works best, just thinking about how to get the word out. How do we do something different that sparks something?

The Council chair noted that one uphill battle is we have so few groups participating in Intergroup. A first step is to go back to the groups and discuss. The Council chair will be announcing the positions at meetings but plans to make direct contact and recruit people.

Discussion switched to committee participation. An IGR shared that even attending Intergroup meetings they are still not aware what committee roles involve. Such as what is the Finance Committee’s role? What do they do?

We do have blurbs about the roles. We can post in the bulletin and have those blurbs available.

Q: Are the officer positions the only ones that need a nomination?

A: Yes.

We need to educate people on what the role responsibilities really are. It goes back to Intergroup participation at all. IGRs can announce when asked in meetings “any announcements for the good of the group” that Intergroup is really pushing for all groups to participate. Once the IGRs are here can work to have them assist committees.

Committee participation can be any AA member.

The website has an area for listing of the committees. All are listed along with a little about the committees’ activities.

The treasurer noted there is also the AA Service Manual that provides information on what the roles are and the General Service Office also puts out guidelines about positions and committees and how to create and run them.

The Council chair repeated that it’s a longstanding issue and it’s going to come down to the groups

The treasurer shared an old pamphlet, outdated, that was created to explain NEMDAA Intergroup. If we update it, it is something we could pass out to groups.

The more education we can do the better IGRs can explain the need as well as the requirements and the time involved to individuals.

The Council chair expressed this is something we’ll keep talking about and grateful for all the dialog.

***CPC/PI:*** The Events chair noted in earlier discussion during the meeting that this is an open committee chair position.

***Archives (ad hoc):*** Committee chair unable to attend. No report.

**Old Business**

--Intergroup Inventory review: The Council chair shared details of this in their chair report.

Due to extensive discussion on officer and committee roles, the council did not discuss the remaining two old-business entries.

--Webpage activity (pending)

--Services in Cecil County

**New Business: *Group Input & Suggestions:***

None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm and closed with the Responsibility Statement followed by the Lord’s Prayer.