**Northeastern Maryland Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous**

**Intergroup Council Monthly Meeting**

**Date:** September 23, 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 (2):** Chair, Secretary (IGR Emmorton Group),

**Intergroup Representatives (IGRs), Committee chairs, and members (4):** IGR Gates of Insanity, IGR Rule 62, IGR Three Legacies, Archives Committee Chair (IGR Plug in the Jug)

***On Zoom/phone:***

**Officers (1):** Treasurer

**IGRs, Committee chairs, and members (5):** IGR Solution for Living, IGR Pursuit of Happiness, Institutions Committee Chair, Website/Technology Committee Chair, Office manager

**Council chair report:** The Chair reported that officers are meeting monthly to review how we’re doing and to address problems before they come up. Changes to the office schedule seem to be going well. We had a lot of activity at the office this week. Overall things are going well.

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

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

*Account balances are:*

* Operating Account: $3,033.30
* Prudent Reserve Account: $23,812.27

*Revenue:*

* Group Contributions thru August is $17,732.09
* Individual Contributions & Birthday Plan thru August is $1,233.00
* Institutions Contributions $733.10
* Office Events total $13,679.00
* Literature & Medallion Sales total $10,303.57
* Interest income totals $6.53

Total Revenue is $43,680.76 which is 66% of our budgeted revenue for 2025.

*Expenses:*

Through August, we have paid out a total of $47,759.94 which is 73% of our budgeted expenses

this year.

The treasurer answered a question from the IGRs:

Q: What is a prudent reserve account?

A: Money set aside in case of emergency and our account covers 12 months of expenses.

Q: What are Institutions contributions? Are they the can I see at some meetings?

A: Money from the can sent into the office, or otherwise sent in and specified as for Institutions, is added to the Institutions account.

Q: Where does revenue versus expenditures put us for the year?

A: For revenue we’re right on target. August expenses are a little higher because we paid several full-year expenses such as tax preparation and web hosting.

There was a motion to accept the report as presented and a second. The treasurer’s report was accepted unanimously.

**Office manager report:** There is not a lot to report. We have picked up jewelry items for gifts because people have asked for them: metal and plastic medallion holders. We also added Grapevine greeting cards and they’ve been selling.

The Council Chair reported that our September numbers are up, averaging almost 5 visits per day.

**Standing and ad hock committee reports**

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

***Answering service (standing):*** The committee chair was unable to attend but provided a report via email:

The chair had to cover an entire week for a group that was unavailable. Circumstances prevented the committee chair from finding an alternate group to cover the time.

Statistics for the call period of midnight, 8/26/25, to 11:00 pm, 9/22/25, which is 28 days total: Total calls = 146. Incoming 76 / Outgoing 52 / 9 Missed — most (5) during office hours and the other 4 during answering service time.

The average is 5.2 calls per day. Fridays had 50, Tuesdays 22, Thursdays 21, Sundays 14, Wednesdays 13, and Mondays and Saturdays both had 12.

The council chair shared that we’re averaging 2–3 calls a day, which is good.

***Institutions (standing):*** The chair reported we that Sunday Reflections wants to contribute $100 to the Institutions fund.

Treasurer advised, that if paying by check, they can write “for Institutions” on memo line, or if the payment is via PayPal, they can follow up with an email to the office noting that the contribution is for Institutions.

The committee chair wants to get more literature in stock for Institutions to avoid the lag time when ordering as needed. Interested in stocking up soft cover Big Books, *Inmate to Inmate*, and three pamphlets. Chair will coordinate with the office manager.

***Website/technology (standing):*** The chair stated no updates to report. Over the last month the chair hasn’t had time to dedicate to the website statistics or reviewing the website-specific questionnaire responses.

***Events (ad hoc):*** Committee chair is unable to attend the meeting. The secretary reported that the events calendar originally sent with the meeting packet requires a change as of September 22: The sober hike scheduled for October is canceled at this time.

A question arose from the IGRs:

Q: Are the RHPS tickets available?

A: Per the Website/Technology committee chair, believe the Events committee plans to have tickets ready to go October 1.

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| **What** | **When** | **Where** | **Cost** |
| Rehearsals - RHPS | Mondays - 6-7pm | Grove Church, Aberdeen | Free |
| Rocky Horror \* | Sat – Oct 25th, 7pm | Grove Church, Aberdeen | $20  |
| Rock N Bowl \* | Fri – Nov 14th, 7-9:30pm | Harford Lanes, Aberdeen | $20 |
| NFL Watch Party \* | Sun – Dec 14th, 1-4:30pm  | American Legion, Aberdeen | $15 |
| Rock N Bowl \* | Fri – Mar TBD, 7-9:30pm | Harford Lanes, Aberdeen | $20  |
| Bingo \* | Sat - Feb 14th, 7-10pm | Level Hall Firehouse, HdG | $25 |
| Annual Breakfast \* | Sun - April 26th, 8-12 am | Level Hall Firehouse, HdG | $20 |

 TBD = To be determined
\* Requires ticket purchase
*Updated: 22 Sept 2025*

***CPC/PI:*** (position open)

***Archives (ad hoc):*** The committee chair has been in the office working on content and fixing up the display cases. Still working to get group histories.

**Old Business**

***Intergroup inventory questions from IGR’s –*** Officers believe we’ve gleaned what we can from the survey. Website/Technology committee chair is still going through them as stated earlier. Asking the IGRs if they have any specific input or input from their groups.

***Recruitment for officer and committee positions –*** IGR rule 62 did bring this up to the group conscience and shared details available. The response from group members was underwhelming.

Office manager has someone they can talk to about it, possibly.

***November gratitude can –*** The council chair shared that the idea here is an old tradition of passing the basket for the meeting needs and then either passing around again or having an actual “gratitude can” to collect additional contributions for the service structure. Those gratitude contributions go directly to the AA service entities, including Intergroup. It would be up to the group to determine which entities they contribute to.

***Intergroup pamphlet distribution and future feedback –*** The pamphlet explains Intergroup. We’d like the IGRs to look over the pamphlet text and provide edits before we start passing things out.

One immediate suggestion given is to add “About” to the cover of the pamphlet.

The secretary noted they can provide a Word copy if desired.

The timeline for feedback is to have information/feedback by next month’s Intergroup Council meeting. When we have the feedback and IGR approval, we will move forward with the pamphlet. However, if any IGR asks for another month, we can go month by month as needed.

**Group or meeting insurance *–*** Archives chair asked about the insurance coverage brought forward by North East Friday Night group. The chair is aware of some persons who are interested.

The Council chair noted that, with information from the subcommittee and a recent Intergroup Liaison Committee (IGLC) meeting with other intergroup entities, the answer is that the Intergroup cannot offer coverage for groups. Individual groups have to purchase their own policies.

An IGR shared experience of a church in Bel Air that is requiring new, incoming groups to have such policies. Council chair stated that the sharing at IGLC was that all the intergroup areas are experiencing the same thing.

Circling back to this from new business, the office manager noted that groups would be responsible for a rider on the church’s policy as well as the rent was just too much.

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

The Archives committee chair shared that Elkton Beginners is going to change from being a meeting to a group—filing with GSO for its group number. Into Action Big Book Study Group, in Elkton on Mondays, is doing the same.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm and closed with the Responsibility Statement followed by the Lord’s Prayer.