

## **AGENDA**

### ***Northeastern Maryland Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous Intergroup Council Monthly Meeting***

**Date: September 23, 2025**

**Open with the Serenity Prayer & Roll Call (Introductions)**

**Chair Report:** (Bruce)

**Secretary Report:** *August Minutes review with motion (Jeff)*

**Treasurer Report:** *August Financials review with motion (Jean)*

**Office Coordinator Report:** *Office Operations Committee (Dale)*

#### **Standing & Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

--Finance (standing)—*Position Open*

--Answering Service (Standing)—*Carol S.*

--Institutions (Standing)—*Kyle L.*

--Technology (Standing)—*Steffani M. / Jeremy S.*

--Events (Ad Hoc)—*Allison H.*

--CPC/PI—*Position Open*

--Archives (Ad Hoc)—*Mark F.*

#### **Old Business—**

--Intergroup inventory questions from IGR's

--Recruitment for officer and committee positions

--November gratitude can

--Intergroup pamphlet distribution & future feedback

#### **New Business—Group Input & Suggestions**

#### **Adjourn with Lord's prayer and Responsibility Statement**

"I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that I am responsible"

## **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 hoc 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.

What	When	Where	Cost
Auditions – RHPS	Mondays - 6 to 7pm	NEMDAA Office, Aberdeen	Free
LUAU	Sat - August 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 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 25 <sup>th</sup> , 7pm	Grove Church, Aberdeen	\$20
Rock N Bowl *	Fri – Nov TBD, 7-9:30pm	Harford Lanes, Aberdeen	\$20

<b>NFL Watch Party *</b>	Sun – Dec 14th, 1pm	American Legion, Aberdeen	\$15
<b>Rock N Bowl *</b>	Fri – Mar TBD, 7-9:30pm	Harford Lanes, Aberdeen	\$20
<b>Annual Breakfast *</b>	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.

NEMDAA Treasurer's Report – 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.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.  
Respectfully submitted,

Jean B  
Treasurer  
NE Maryland Intergroup

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## Balance Sheet

As of August 31, 2025

	TOTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Checking	3,033.30
PayPal	0.00
Savings	23,812.27
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$26,845.57</b>
Other Current Assets	
Cash on Hand	70.00
Inventory Asset	0.00
Payments to deposit	39.90
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$109.90</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$26,955.47</b>
Fixed Assets	
Office Equipment	3,609.50
Accum. Depn Office Equip	-3,295.00
<b>Total Office Equipment</b>	<b>314.50</b>
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$314.50</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$27,269.97</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Institution Committee Literature	270.00
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$270.00</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$270.00</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$270.00</b>
Equity	
Opening balance equity	0.00
Opening Fund Balance	28,073.25
Retained Earnings	2,999.37
Net Revenue	-4,072.65
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$26,999.97</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$27,269.97</b>



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## Budget vs. Actuals: Budget\_FY25\_P&L - FY25 P&L

January - August, 2025

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	REMAINING	% OF BUDGET
Revenue				
Activities Income				
Bingo Income	6,660.00	7,000.00	340.00	95.14 %
Fall Event	2,033.00	3,200.00	1,167.00	63.53 %
Spring Breakfast	3,639.00	5,000.00	1,361.00	72.78 %
Ways & Means Events	1,347.00	2,500.00	1,153.00	53.88 %
<b>Total Activities Income</b>	<b>13,679.00</b>	<b>17,700.00</b>	<b>4,021.00</b>	<b>77.28 %</b>
Contributions				
Group	17,732.09	30,000.00	12,267.91	59.11 %
Individual	1,141.00	4,500.00	3,359.00	25.36 %
Institutions	733.10		-733.10	
Other/Birthday Plan	92.00	500.00	408.00	18.40 %
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>19,698.19</b>	<b>35,000.00</b>	<b>15,301.81</b>	<b>56.28 %</b>
Literature Sales	7,331.57	11,000.00	3,668.43	66.65 %
Medallion Sales	2,972.00	2,000.00	-972.00	148.60 %
Services	0.00		0.00	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$43,680.76</b>	<b>\$65,700.00</b>	<b>\$22,019.24</b>	<b>66.49 %</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$43,680.76</b>	<b>\$65,700.00</b>	<b>\$22,019.24</b>	<b>66.49 %</b>
Expenditures				
Accounting Fees	640.00	650.00	10.00	98.46 %
Activities Expenses				
Bingo - Expenses	1,447.74	2,000.00	552.26	72.39 %
Fall Event	1,803.90	1,500.00	-303.90	120.26 %
Spring Breakfast	3,363.70	3,400.00	36.30	98.93 %
Ways and Means	3,218.15	2,950.00	-268.15	109.09 %
<b>Total Activities Expenses</b>	<b>9,833.49</b>	<b>9,850.00</b>	<b>16.51</b>	<b>99.83 %</b>
Bank Charges				
Bank Fees		20.00	20.00	
Paypal Fees	321.50	500.00	178.50	64.30 %
<b>Total Bank Charges</b>	<b>321.50</b>	<b>520.00</b>	<b>198.50</b>	<b>61.83 %</b>
Committee Expenses				
CPC/PI		100.00	100.00	
Institution Committee	270.00	450.00	180.00	60.00 %
<b>Total Committee Expenses</b>	<b>270.00</b>	<b>550.00</b>	<b>280.00</b>	<b>49.09 %</b>
Insurance	886.00	875.00	-11.00	101.26 %
Literature Purchases	6,962.87	11,000.00	4,037.13	63.30 %
Medallion Purchases	2,469.39	2,000.00	-469.39	123.47 %
Office expenses				
Office Supplies	661.36	1,000.00	338.64	66.14 %
Postage	73.00	100.00	27.00	73.00 %
Software Subscription	424.39	500.00	75.61	84.88 %
Website hosting fees	275.82	400.00	124.18	68.96 %

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## Budget vs. Actuals: Budget\_FY25\_P&L - FY25 P&L

January - August, 2025

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	REMAINING	% OF BUDGET
<b>Total Office expenses</b>	<b>1,434.57</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>565.43</b>	<b>71.73 %</b>
Rent or Lease	5,625.00	7,500.00	1,875.00	75.00 %
Utilities				
Gas & Electric	903.00	1,032.00	129.00	87.50 %
Telephone/Internet	1,220.24	1,700.00	479.76	71.78 %
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>2,123.24</b>	<b>2,732.00</b>	<b>608.76</b>	<b>77.72 %</b>
Wages				
Payroll	14,584.75	24,000.00	9,415.25	60.77 %
Payroll Services	1,458.37	2,000.00	541.63	72.92 %
Payroll Taxes	1,150.76	2,000.00	849.24	57.54 %
<b>Total Wages</b>	<b>17,193.88</b>	<b>28,000.00</b>	<b>10,806.12</b>	<b>61.41 %</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$47,759.94</b>	<b>\$65,677.00</b>	<b>\$17,917.06</b>	<b>72.72 %</b>
NET OPERATING REVENUE	<b>\$ -4,079.18</b>	<b>\$23.00</b>	<b>\$4,102.18</b>	<b>-17,735.57 %</b>
Other Revenue				
Interest Earned	6.53		-6.53	
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$6.53</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$ -6.53</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
NET OTHER REVENUE	<b>\$6.53</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$ -6.53</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
NET REVENUE	<b>\$ -4,072.65</b>	<b>\$23.00</b>	<b>\$4,095.65</b>	<b>-17,707.17 %</b>

# Northeastern MD Intergroup

## Statement of Activity

January - August, 2025

	Aug 2025	Total
<b>Revenue</b>		
Activities Income		0.00
Bingo Income		6,660.00
Fall Event	1,993.00	2,033.00
Spring Breakfast		3,639.00
Ways & Means Events	0.00	1,347.00
<b>Total Activities Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,993.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,679.00</b>
Contributions		0.00
Group	1,941.20	17,732.09
Individual	64.00	1,141.00
Institutions	700.00	733.10
Other/Birthday Plan		92.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 2,705.20</b>	<b>\$ 19,698.19</b>
Literature Sales	717.30	7,331.57
Medallion Sales	260.00	2,972.00
Services		0.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 5,675.50</b>	<b>\$ 43,680.76</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 5,675.50</b>	<b>\$ 43,680.76</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Accounting Fees		640.00
Activities Expenses		0.00
Bingo - Expenses		1,447.74
Fall Event	200.00	1,803.90
Spring Breakfast		3,363.70
Ways and Means	769.68	3,218.15
<b>Total Activities Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 969.68</b>	<b>\$ 9,833.49</b>
Bank Charges		0.00
Paypal Fees	41.54	321.50
<b>Total Bank Charges</b>	<b>\$ 41.54</b>	<b>\$ 321.50</b>
Committee Expenses		0.00
Institution Committee		270.00
<b>Total Committee Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 270.00</b>
Insurance		886.00
Literature Purchases	1,409.23	6,962.87
Medallion Purchases	196.16	2,469.39
Office expenses		0.00
Office Supplies	125.20	661.36
Postage		73.00

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**Statement of Activity**  
January - August, 2025

	<b>Aug 2025</b>	<b>Total</b>
Software Subscription		424.39
Website hosting fees	30.80	275.82
<b>Total Office expenses</b>	<b>\$ 156.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,434.57</b>
Rent or Lease	625.00	5,625.00
Utilities		0.00
Gas & Electric	153.00	903.00
Telephone/Internet	149.88	1,220.24
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>\$ 302.88</b>	<b>\$ 2,123.24</b>
Wages		0.00
Payroll	1,547.75	14,584.75
Payroll Services	140.38	1,458.37
Payroll Taxes	118.67	1,150.76
<b>Total Wages</b>	<b>\$ 1,806.80</b>	<b>\$ 17,193.88</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 5,507.29</b>	<b>\$ 47,759.94</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 168.21</b>	<b>-\$ 4,079.18</b>
Other Revenue		
Interest Earned		6.53
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 6.53</b>
<b>Net Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 6.53</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 168.21</b>	<b>-\$ 4,072.65</b>

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## Group Contributions

January - August, 2025

	<u>Total</u>
Acceptance	108.00
Any Lengths	178.00
Attraction Rather than Promotion	300.00
Back To Basics	60.65
Bel Air Big Book	281.00
Bel Air Friday	270.00
Bel Air Women's Group	307.20
Bel Air Womens Big Book	615.54
Better with Age	158.00
Beware Of The 4 Horseman	135.00
By the Book	546.00
Came to Believe	150.00
Celebrate Sobriety	75.00
Chesapeake City Monday Night	250.00
Daily Reflections	384.00
Early Bird 12 In 12	20.00
Edgewood Beginners	100.00
Emmorton Group	20.00
Emotional Sobriety	288.00
Fallston Early Saturday Group	450.00
First Light Group Elkton	1,521.20
Forest Hill Friday	245.00
Freedom Group	50.00
Fundamentally All Is Well	135.00
Good News	431.00
Good Orderly Direction	200.00
Happy Hour	1,200.00
Joppa Twelve Step	450.00
Just for Today	107.92
Just for Us Guys	140.00
Kingsville Wednesday Night #106335	161.00
Living the Steps	100.00
Lunch Bunch # 717880	300.00
Mann House Noon	306.00
Monday 12 Step Recovery	50.00
New Beginnings	350.00
New Life - Elkton	200.00
New Life Aberdeen	424.00
Newcomer Mens Big Book	520.00

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**Group Contributions**  
January - August, 2025

	<b>Total</b>
North East 12 & 12	100.00
North East Big Book Group	712.00
North East Early Bird	250.00
North East Friday Group	250.00
Pursuit of Happiness	20.00
Recovering Spirit Group	500.00
Right Road 12 & 12	176.00
Rising Sun Big Book	10.00
Rising Sun Group	212.00
Rule 62	214.58
Search For Serenity	150.00
Sisters of Sobriety	400.00
Solution For Living	187.00
SOS	600.00
Spirit Of Life	150.00
Stay Stopped	160.00
Sunlight of the Spirit Thursday	50.00
SWAN Group	180.00
The Morning Group	465.00
There is a Solution	100.00
THINK Group	486.00
Third Tradition	404.00
Three Legacies Group	18.00
Twelve Step Group	50.00
Women for sobriety	300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 17,732.09</b>

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### FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

What	When	Where	Cost
Rehearsals - RHPS	Mondays - 6-7pm	Grove Church, Aberdeen	Free
Sober Hike	Early to Mid Oct, TBD	TBD	Free
Rocky Horror *	Sat – Oct 25 <sup>th</sup> , 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: 21 Sept 2025*

## Are Intergroups & Central Offices a part of Alcoholics Anonymous?

"Although local Intergroups operate independently of our Fellowship's worldwide service structure, they are a vital part of A.A."

*The A.A. Group pamphlet, page 35*

"Traditionally, general service committees and Intergroup/Central Offices have performed different functions. Central offices provide local services; general service committees maintain the link between the A.A. Groups and the A.A. General Service Board by means of the Conference. So, these two separate but vital service structures co-exist in many areas in mutual cooperation and harmony."

"At the time the Conference was started, there were already well-established Central Offices in several large cities, providing services for local A.A. groups and members. Today, there are many more Central Offices located in the United States and Canada; supported by the A.A. groups in the communities they serve."

"In contrast, the Conference structure is the method through which all A.A. Groups in an Area can provide the most effective communications within the Area and between the Groups and the General Service Board and G.S.O. on matters of policy that affect A.A. as a whole. These include policy on: Conference Approved Literature, A.A. Public Information, A.A. Cooperation, A.A. activity in treatment and corrections facilities, A.A. finances, the A.A. Grapevine, and the election of trustees to the General Service Board."

"Many Areas find that a Liaison between the Intergroup/Central Office and the Area Committee is very helpful in maintaining good relations and communication. In some Areas, the Liaison has a vote at the Assembly; in others, a voice but no vote."

*The AA Service Manual 2007-2008, page S39*

## History

Bill W. helped write an Intergroup pamphlet, which was published by the Intergroup Committee of New Jersey in March 1949. On the back page of the pamphlet, Bill wrote:

"Every A.A. member wants every alcoholic in the world to have the chance that he has had. Every A.A. member wants unity for our movement. Every A.A. member wants the good opinion of medicine, religion and the general public. We know we must have these things or the new man may never get his chance."

"The Intergroup associations are the best insurance we can have that our lifelines to the hundreds of thousands yet to come will never break or tangle. Let us always be generous. Let us warmly support Intergroup."

A.A. co-founder Bill W., 1949

Dr. Bob was not only a supporter of the Intergroup/Central Office concept, he was an active participant in the Akron Central Committee. In "Dr Bob and the Good Old Timers," his involvement was discussed in some detail by Dan K., an early Akron A.A.

"Doc used to play an important part in the Central Committee. That was the steering committee for the office. We'd meet the first Monday of every month and he always attended. There'd be a member from each group. During the meetings, sometimes, the words would fly like you were in a barroom." During one meeting Dr Bob stood up, hushed the crowd and said: "Gentlemen, please. We're still members of Alcoholics Anonymous. Let's carry the principles of A.A. into these business meetings. You are servants of your group(s), here to take the ideas formulated by the committee. Let one man talk at a time and let us conduct this business meeting as a service to the Lord and a service to our fellow members of Alcoholics Anonymous."

# Northeastern Maryland Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous



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### What is an Intergruop?

An Intergruop is an A.A. service office that involves partnership among groups in a community - just as A.A. groups themselves are partnerships of individuals. It is established to carry out certain functions common to all the groups - functions which are best handled by a centralized office - and it is usually maintained, supervised, and supported by these groups in their general interest. It exists to aid the groups in their common purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

### Intergruop Functions

The A.A. experience has demonstrated that Intergruops are very important, particularly in populous areas. There are 10 Intergruops in Maryland's Area 29 and over 700 Intergruops or Central Offices functioning throughout the world. These Intergruops form a network of service outlets and A.A. contacts which provide vital services such as:

- Answering inquiries from those seeking help - suffering alcoholics, sober alcoholics, meetings, groups, professionals, and the general public.
- Receiving, arranging, and following up Twelfth Step Calls.
- Publishing local A.A. meeting directories & maintaining websites with A.A. meetings info.
- Communicating via a newsletter or bulletin.
- Exchanging information for local Groups, Areas, and Committees.
- Cooperating closely with GSO and local General Service Area Committees.
- Ordering, selling, and distributing the A.A. Conference Approved Literature.

### Contributions And Volunteers

Intergruops depend upon the local members and groups for support in the form of financial contributions and volunteer help.

- **Visit the Intergruop Office** - Drop in. Introduce yourself. Have a cup of coffee. Chat with the staff member and other AAs. This is the "heart line" and first contact for some; and the local information center for the fellowship.
- **Communicate with Intergruop** - Update your Intergruop with current information about meeting locations, times, and special events.
- **12 Step Volunteer** - Sign up to be available to call suffering alcoholics who wish to get sober.
- **Intergruop Rep.** - Represent your home group at the monthly Intergruop Council/business meeting.
- **Intergruop Committees** - Volunteer for Public Information, Cooperating with the Professional Community, Answering Service, Institutions, Ways & Means, to name a few.
- **Participate in Intergruop Events** - Help by volunteering; show up for fun and fellowship.

## **I am responsible ...**

**When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that I am responsible.**

### Tradition Seven

*"Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."*

"When we meet and defeat the temptation to take large gifts, we are only being prudent. But when we are generous with the hat, we give a token that we are grateful for our blessing and evidence that we are eager to share what we have found with those who still suffer." Bill W.

Groups may contribute as much and as often as a group conscience decides. Individual members may contribute up to \$2000 yearly through the birthday plan, individual contributions and in memoriam.

### Tradition Nine

*"A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve."*

"... we shall always need to authorize workers to serve us. It is in this spirit of service that we elect the A.A. Group's informal rotating committee, the Intergruop Association for the area, and the General Service Conference for A.A. as a whole."

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### Intergruop Council Meetings

Northeastern Maryland Intergruop of Alcoholics Anonymous (NEMDAA) holds its Intergruop Council meeting on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the NEMDAA Office.

Visitors are Welcome!