

Summary of March 7, 2022 IGLC Meeting

The March 7, 2022 Intergroup Liaison Committee meeting was opened by Craig T., IGLC Chair with the Serenity Payer at 6:30 p.m. There were 14 members present on the virtual meeting.

Meeting Attendees:

Craig T. - IGLC Chair
Birk S. - MD State Convention Chair, and presenter
Terry P. - Area 29 Alternate Delegate, and presenter
Amalia C. – Spanish Interpreter
Don B. - Area 29, Panel 68 Past Delegate
Gil M. – Intergroup Hispano
Christopher L., AAIG Vice Chair
Tim H. – AAIG Outreach Chair
Jean S. - GSR Oakland Mills, Columbia MD
Jen G. - Baltimore Intergroup
Janine G. – SMIA Vice Chair
Jeff C. – OCMD Liaison
Thomas T.
One non participant that was allowed to stay and listen

50TH Annual Maryland State Convention

Birk S., Area 29 MD State Convention Chair presented to the Intergroup Liaison committee information concerning the 50th Annual MD State Convention. This event has been delayed for 3 years due to COVID restriction. The in-person convention is hosted by Maryland General Service, Ince with Al-Anon participation. It is schedule to be held on June 24th -26th, 2022 at the Clarion Inn Frederick Event Center located at 5400 Holiday Drive, Frederick, MD 21703. ASL interpretation is provided and there is a motion in front of the Area Assembly on March 19, 2022 to approve Spanish/English interpretation for the first time at the MD State Convention all members can fully experience the conventions together. The convention helps members see that there is A.A. beyond your homegroup. There will be guest A.A. and Al-Anon speaker from across the US; Open A.A. and Al-Ann meeting throughout the day; A.A. and Al-Anon Workshops; A.A. History Presentation; Old Timer Panel; Recovery Show with Jack F., Ice Cream Social; Delegate Report Back; Sobriety Count Down and meals that can purchased including the Saturday night Baquet. It is a fantastic time to hang around with hundreds of old and new friends and grow in A.A. and learn about service. The first 450 pre-register member will receive a free commemorative 50th MD State Convention coffee mug. The cost for registration isa \$30.00 by mail or \$32.00 on-line which included a \$2.00 convenience fee. Meals can be purchased individually. Total cost for registration and all meals would be \$159.00. If you plan to stay at the Clarion Hotel, convention room rate is \$109.00/night plus tax. Mention “MD State Convention” for this rate and a free breakfast. Approximately 40 rooms are still available at the Clarion Inn but going fast. Arrangements are being made to secure room in surrounding hotels. As of Friday March 4th, 222 members are registered to attend the MD State Convention

which is ahead of previous years. Craig T. posted both the Spanish and English version of the MD State Convention flyer on chat. <https://www.marylandaa.org/state-convention>
For question or more information, Contact
Birk S. at stateconvention@marylandaa.org
Craig T. at intergorupliaison@marlandaa.org

CARC Process and Mini Conference

Terry P., Alternate Delegate reported the CARC (Conference Agenda Review Committee) process has started. CARC IV met on March 5th. CARC II is scheduled for March 15th, CARC II is scheduled for March 26th, and CARC I is schedule for March 27th. Terry posted the link to the CARC Meeting Schedule which includes meeting times, virtual login information, and the agenda items that they will be discussing on chat.

https://www.marylandaa.org/carc_meetings_schedule

Terry explained that he has the agenda item and background information in both English and Spanish that he can send out. The Mini Conference will be a hybrid meeting held virtually and in-person on April 9th at the New Hope Lutheran Church, 8575 Guilford Road, Columbia, MD. All members are invited and encouraged to attend the CARC meetings and the Mini Conference to help prepare our Delegate for the 72nd general Service Conference.

NERAASA Intergroup Roundtable Report-Back.

Craig T. IGLC Chair. I attended the Intergroup Roundtable discussions that were held the evening of Friday March 25th with 18 in attendance and on Saturday March 26th with 27 in attendance at NERAASA in Pittsburg, PA. The attendees came from Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington DC. Intergroups are autonomous and vary from district to district, area to area and state to state.

We discovered was that titles of representatives varied; some had brick & mortar locations, some did not; some had paid employees, some had volunteers, some had a combination; many sold A.A. literature, one sold additional items; many had liaisons to General Service and vice versa.

Topic of discussion included:

- 1) How do we incorporate virtual meetings into the Intergroup? It seemed universal that Intergroup recognized virtual meetings, many were included on their meeting lists, some attended virtual Intergroup business meetings and contributed to Intergroup. Some Intergroups require online group to have an address in their regions. Some groups have to meet for 4 months to get on their schedule. Some Intergroups are carrying virtual meetings into jails and treatment centers.
- 2) Lack of participation. One suggestion was to make a controversial announcement and enjoy the attendance the following month. A few Intergroups had Unity or Outreach Committees that had various approaches. One increased their hospitality budget and had an Outreach Committee visiting silent areas and telling them how great service is—enthusiasts! One was invited to General Service Districts and pitched their service; others asked to attend General Service meetings and say something about Intergroup. Some suggested workshops that would involve volunteers and generate enthusiasm.

- 3) Incorporating Spanish speaking alcoholics. One intergroup pay for interpretation, another has liaisons to Spanish speaking during the Intergroup meetings. One is working on a relationship with Spanish speaking Intergroup to fill jail commitments.
- 4) How is committee work being done? Not all Areas and Districts have Intergroups. Some Intergroups mirror a District and others have several Districts. Some working on creating lines of communication between Area, District, and Intergroup Committees. In some areas Intergroup has Committees carrying the message. In some areas, the District offers committees as well.
- 5) Google Ads. No one had experience to share on this topic.
- 6) Who can vote in Intergroup meetings? Most Intergroups only allowed the IG reps to vote or their Alternates if the rep is not present, however some allow committee chairs vote because there were things that came up that directly affected the committee's operations. The requirement was that the committee had at least 3 members and elected a chair who voted on their behalf. Some allow member of the stirring committee to vote.

If you like more information concerning NERAASA, please contact Craig T. at Intergrouliaison@marylandaa.org

Please let Craig know if there a topic you would like presented on at a future IGLC meeting. A presenter can also be scheduled to attend individual meetings as needed to address a specific concern.

Group Reports.

No group reports were provided.

Upcoming ICLC Meetings

Craig T. IGLC Chairperson stated the next IGLC meeting will be held virtually on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Brandi T., Area 29 Grapevine Chair and her committee will be providing a presentation and answer any questions.

April 4, 2022 Intergroup Liaison Meeting

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Passcode: 473809

Dial in - 301 715 8592 US (Maryland)

Monday, May 2, 2022 Kathi K., Area 29, Panel 72 Accessibilities Chair will be providing a presentation to the IGLC.

Monday, June 6, 2022 - Kurt W. Area 29, Panel 72 Delegate is planning to provide his abbreviated Report Back from the 72nd General Service Conference, "A.A. Comes of Age 2.0: Unified in Love and Service" to the IGLC on provide everything goes as planned with in-person conference.

Meeting was closed at 6:50 pm with the Responsibility Statement.