

# Napa Valley Intergroup Minutes

## July 11, 2020

### Opening

- Moment of Silence & Serenity Prayer
- New Intergroup Reps/ New Comer Packets: Introductions and your position: Officers, Reps **New Rep Shaela A Hut Group, New Liaison Tannya T NAPYAA**
- Sobriety Birthdays This Month:
- Last month's minutes - Minutes are approved unless there are any objections.  
**Minutes passed**

### Monthly Tradition Reading & Discussion

**This month's Reader: Donna** Tradition 7 Every AA Group ought to be self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

**Next Month's Reader:**

### 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition

We have no dues or fees in A.A. We are entirely self-supporting, declining outside contributions. Visit [aanapa.org](http://aanapa.org) and use the Venmo link or mail your contribution to NVIG P.O Box 10948, Napa, CA 94581-2948

**Housekeeping Motions-** These are procedural motions and pass with no objections. If the motion does not pass it will move to new business.

**K** Thinks it would be helpful to have info accessible online

**Mark** It is up to groups if they choose to follow said guidelines

**Jdk** we should add to take backs to watch [aa.org](http://aa.org) info

**Brian** what we did with zoom bombing is we gathered docs from other fellowships and put them online. I think adopting Sf/Marin's guidelines and is doable, but I worry about it being outside my responsibility/authority as web editor.

**Tom** offered help for Brian with an informal subcommittee of two

**Alston** appointed Brian as subcommittee chair

**Brian** I think there is value to posting something that people to time to create, essentially it is just a reformatting. Notes that even after boiling all the information down to the bare bones it would still be a lot to chew on

**Subcommittee purpose:** To customize what we have received from IFAA to Napa county in a single doc to be posted on the website

**To be worked on then brought up to be approved next month**

### Officer Reports

**Chair** – Alston C – [chair@aanapa.org](mailto:chair@aanapa.org):

An email from our General Service regarding suggestions on how to return to in-person meetings was included as attachments to the agenda. It is an extensive amount of information. For that reason, we may want to consider forming a sub-committee.

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My return to work is still up in the air. For the rest of my term, I will continue to assist Mark in preparing the monthly agenda.

**Alternate Chair** – Mark B – [alternatechair@aanapa.org](mailto:alternatechair@aanapa.org)

**Hotline Chair: Janet S**  
Co-Chair: Anthony S

**Secretary** - Elaina S. [secretary@aanapa.org](mailto:secretary@aanapa.org):

**Literature Chair** – John K. [literature@aanapa.org](mailto:literature@aanapa.org)

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**June**

Trev	1-BB h/c cash	\$9.50
Carl K	1-BB h/c, 1-BB h/c Spanish cash	\$20.00

The literature order form is available as shown below on our website...

<http://www.aanapa.org/service/resources/group-resources/literature>

Please use it to check prices and submit with any order.

In service,

John K  
[literature@aanapa.org](mailto:literature@aanapa.org)  
707-738-8738

**IDK** Small but exciting sales

Term ends Dec 31<sup>st</sup>

Anyone is interested in the position I will be happy to show in detail

**Meeting Schedule Chair** - Doug M. [meetings@aanapa.org](mailto:meetings@aanapa.org)

**Doug M.** We are not printing meetings, I will be stepping down as of today, there is a flash drive of the schedules should the chair need them going forward.

**Newsletter Chair** – Katherine Y [newsletter@aanapa.org](mailto:newsletter@aanapa.org)

**Katherine** Just about ready to post the summer newsletter on the website

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**Delegate at Large** – Kelsey [delegate@aanapa.org](mailto:delegate@aanapa.org)

Meetings visited:

- Sunday as bill sees it
- Cottage group
- Rule 62
- Tuesday morning women's
- Experience strength and hope
- Grapevine meeting
- Beginner's meeting
- Sharing meeting Saturday

Insurance:

I was able to send forms from 9 groups in our area to our insurance chair. I am still waiting to hear back from several and only one group that I visited was completely opposed to the idea.

**Birthday Meeting Chair** –Patty & Donna R. [birthdaymeeting@aanapa.org](mailto:birthdaymeeting@aanapa.org)

**Donna** We have been in the red for three months now.

7<sup>th</sup> tradition yielded \$20 vs. the zoom cost of \$65

We have a business zoom account current capacity is 500 with only 50 attendees

1<sup>st</sup> month was 146, but every meeting since then has averaged out at 50.

**Mark** maybe Intergroup as a whole, could unite to get more energy for birthday meeting?

**Anthony** if we can make our expenses, would it be better to drop down to standard zoom account? We could treat it like a physical room where if we were at capacity then people would have to wait outside. I know we want to be accessible to everyone but our desire to be responsible causing us to be financially irresponsible.

**Jdk** I do not believe we ever balanced to books on such events, the most important thing is that we are spending the money given to us by groups responsibly.

**Donna** the problem is that in person we had 200 and via zoom there was the jump from 100 to 500 with no in-between option. Based on the numbers it would be my suggestion that we drop down to 100.

**Consensus, we add to the take backs that we discuss the possibility of the birthday meeting limiting its attendance capacity to remain financially responsible with our groups.**

**Web Editor** – Brian D. [webeditor@aanapa.org](mailto:webeditor@aanapa.org):

**Brian** I have been waiting on a professional in the program, but because of how long it has taken I have chosen to take it upon myself to make the necessary changes to the website. My assumption is that it is as easy as edit clean it up and move on

**Treasurer** – Seth T. [treasurer@aanapa.org](mailto:treasurer@aanapa.org)

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JULY 2020 TREASURER REPORT				STARTING BALANCE	\$ 8,394.10
DATE	CHK#	PAY TO	PURPOSE	DEBIT	CREDIT
6/10/2020		deposit	PayPal Transfer - Intergroup 7th Tradition		\$ 4.55
6/13/2020		deposit	Venmo Transfer - Birthday Meeting 7th Tradition		\$ 20.00
6/15/2020	2253	NRRC	IG Storage Unit - July '20 - June '21	\$ 300.00	
6/16/2020		deposit	PayPal Transfer - Intergroup 7th Tradition		\$ 19.12
6/20/2020	debit	Zoom Meeting	June Monthly fee - IG & Birthday mtg	\$ 79.98	
6/22/2020	debit	Napa Valley Register	Ad - July '20	\$ 194.76	
6/22/2020	debit	Napa Valley Register	Ad - Aug '20	\$ 194.76	
6/22/2020	debit	Napa Valley Register	Ad - Sept '20	\$ 194.76	
6/27/2020		deposit			\$ 173.19
6/13/2020		deposit	Venmo Transfer - IG 7th Tradition		\$ 10.00
6/30/2020		deposit	PayPal Transfer - Intergroup 7th Tradition		\$ 43.09
6/30/2020	debit	Freedom Voice	Hotline - June '20	\$ 66.82	
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 1,031.08</b>	<b>\$ 269.95</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>					<b>\$ 7,632.97</b>

GRP CONTRIBUTIONS - FY20	JUNE
Hut Group	\$10.00
Keep Coming Back	\$173.19
Individual's Contributions	\$66.76
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 249.95</b>

GRP CONTRIBUTIONS TO IG EVENTS - FY20	JUNE

**SEE COMPLETE REPORT IN ATTACHMENTS**

**Seth** Our crosswalk rent is credited four months. Question being whether we wanted to move forward with disbursements as is or change the percentage to give GSO a higher percentage (due to current financial needs of GSO)

**IDK** the reason we have the percentages as is because once entities and groups needs are met the extra money will be distributed where needed. The longer we wait to disperse the longer it takes to get where it needs to be.

**Add to take back that disbursements were made and Intergroup would like input on the matter of changing the percentages.**

**Liaison/Committee Reports**

**Financial Oversight Committee – Donna**

The Financial Oversight Committee met with the Treasurer to discuss the end of budget FY 19/20.

Our Income was 100% of budget and our Expenses were 83% of budget, dropping \$3200+ in light of decreased spending due to Covid-19 shelter-in-place. Having no idea when the shelter-in-place will be lifted for large gatherings in the future, our projected Expenses should continue to decrease ei; Anniversary Party, Alcatrons, schedules, and rent holds.

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In review of the Expenses it is recommended that the Chairs take note of the budget limits set forth in the FY20/21 budget and stay within those guidelines when possible.

Thank you all for your flexibility and service to Intergroup and the Fellowship.

Thank you, Seth, for all the work you've done to manage the budget and for such great record keeping.

Thanks for letting me be of service,

Donna R

### Hospitals and Institutions - John C

**Zoom meetings to south shelter and Vallejo detox are currently running, more info hopefully to follow...**

General Service Liaison - Edward

### Old Business:

**Insurance for Groups and IG Incorporation into 501c3** – (See December 2019, January 2020, February 2020, April 2020, minutes for discussion details.)

Notes from April 11, 2020 minutes:

“As soon as Seth updates out EIN information we can get quotes as an unincorporated not for profit organization. To do this our committee would need:

- A list of all meetings and locations that want insurance • Frequency of the meeting and the approximate number of attendees.
- Information for any special events to be covered.
- Seth is now the EIN contact person with the IRS.

The next step is to get quotes but need to know how many meetings and how many people per meeting are interested in purchasing insurance (what locations require it and what groups want it).”

**Terry** our current Status is an unincorporated nonprofit

**Anthony** if we as Intergroup decided to obtain insurance how easy would it be to change?

**Terry** Based on what other Intergroups have done we would have the option to change plans yearly

**Terry** I feel that we have enough interest to pursue further

**IDK** Note, we need to add a separation between pursuing a 5013c incorporation question and the pursuit of an umbrella policy.

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**Terry** our direction from general service states that we make it clear that all meetings are autonomous and therefore are responsible to paying for their own insurance

### **IG inventory** - Anthony/Ad Hoc committee Chair

**Anthony** I will plan another subcommittee meeting, how much feedback the groups put in is up to them

### **New Business**

## **Take Back to Your Groups**

- If you have any contributions for the Napa AA Fellowship newsletter, please submit to: [newsletter@aanapa.org](mailto:newsletter@aanapa.org)
- Please send meeting changes to: [reportmeetingchange@aanapa.org](mailto:reportmeetingchange@aanapa.org)
- Inform your group that IG will be holding an Intergroup Inventory in the Fall.
- The NVIG 2020 inventory Ad Hoc committee will be meeting before the next Intergroup meeting to finalize plans for the fall IG inventory.
- Email Anthony S. [ashemaria@gmail.com](mailto:ashemaria@gmail.com) if you want to participate or know more.
- Based on the information submitted by groups, Intergroup will be obtaining quotes to expand the Intergroup insurance policy. These quotes will reflect an umbrella policy that groups **may** choose to buy into for coverage needs they may have. Note: This is still a fact finding process no changes are being made to the current IG insurance policy.
- Intergroup still needs feedback on whether we should pursue incorporation or remain an unincorporated nonprofit.
- This month's Intergroup Birthday Meeting will be held on Friday July 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm  
ID: 445 914 540  
NO PASSWORD
- The birthday meeting currently pays for a business zoom account at a cost of \$65 with a 500 capacity. This meeting has dropped from 146 attendees the 1st month to a 50-attendee average with our last 7th tradition yielding only \$20. Due to financial responsibility concerns Intergroup is considering dropping the account down to a basic zoom account with a 100-person capacity at a cost of \$15. This raises concerns regarding future accessibility should the attendance surpass 100. Intergroup would like feedback from groups regarding this matter.

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- Unity Day will be held July 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 2pm  
ID: 844 2372 6633  
PW: 030967
- Disbursements from Intergroup for this period have been made. Intergroup would like input from groups on the matter of changing the percentages due to specific AA entity needs, in regards to GSO's call to action in May. Our current Intergroup disbursement percentage is 45% District 11, 45% Area CNCA 06, 10% GSO NYC.
- Intergroups Literature Chair term is up in December 2020.  
If anyone is interested, please email John K at [literature@aanapa.org](mailto:literature@aanapa.org)
- Intergroup will be providing information regarding best practices in resuming in person meetings on the aanapa.org website. Being that each group is autonomous these guidelines are merely a resource for your group's consideration.

### *Closing Statement*

#### **The Responsibility Statement:**

*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.*