

# Napa Valley Intergroup Minutes

## August 8, 2020

### Opening

- Moment of Silence & Serenity Prayer
- New Intergroup Reps/ New Comer Packets: Introductions and your position:  
Officers, Reps – Charlette – DAAT new IG rep
- Sobriety Birthdays This Month:
- Last month's minutes - Minutes are approved unless there are any objections.

### Monthly Tradition Reading & Discussion

**This month's Reader:** Mark – Tradition Nine: 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.

**No housekeeping motions today.**

### Officer Reports

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

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

**Hotline Chair:** Janet S

**Co-Chair:** Anthony S

**See Attachment** for June and July Reports

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

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

There were no sales or purchases of literature in the month of July

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.

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In service, John K, [literature@aanapa.org](mailto:literature@aanapa.org)

**Meeting Schedule Chair** Doug M (stepped down in July, position is open).  
[meetings@aanapa.org](mailto:meetings@aanapa.org)

**Newsletter Chair** – Katherine Y [newsletter@aanapa.org](mailto:newsletter@aanapa.org)  
The Summer newsletter is complete. Please **see attachment**.

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

Meetings without reps visited:

Rule 62

Tuesday morning women's

Beginners meeting

As Bill sees it

Never too young (now has new rep)

I recently was hired at a new job and my attendance at unrepresented meetings will most likely be less frequent than past months. I will be making time for my comment as best I can until my schedule becomes more regular.

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

7th tradition income -\$36.00

Expenses - Zoom - \$64.99

Thanks for letting me be of service,  
Donna R

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

Web Chair Report:

- Working with Tannya, we are chipping away at giving the website a new look.
- Same information on the website, just different in how it looks.
- More to report next month

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

**See Attached reports**

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### Liaison/Committee Reports

Financial Oversight Committee – Donna

Hospitals and Institutions - John C

General Service Liaison - Edward

General service meeting l- multiple presentations covered. Contact Edward for more info.

Open position for Registrar.

**Today is the Area Summer Assembly (9am-5pm)**

### Old Business:

**Insurance for Groups** - - (See previous minutes for discussion details.)

Terry putting in application. IG sponsored gatherings already have insurance. Covered up to 500 people.

**IG Incorporation into 501c3** - (See previous minutes for discussion details.)

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

See Attached documents

Next steps:

1. Decide if someone wants to make a motion to adopt this format
2. Any discussion about proposed format encouraged
3. Identify facilitator

Kelsey makes a motion:

“We accept this suggested format for the NVIPG. We will look for a volunteer to find our facilitator and inventory will be held 09/19/20 10am-1pm.”

Brian D. seconds the motion.

Vote taken. Motion passes.

Anthony: it doesn't have to be an area officer to facilitate the inventory. It can be anyone with experience as an inventory facilitator. Strong suggestion to not have the facilitator be from the Napa Valley Fellowship.

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John volunteers to reach out to list of possible volunteers to facilitate. Will try to have it done by next IG meeting.

Anthony shares that there is a strong recommendation by ad hoc committee that all IG reps seek to reach as many AA members as possible as this could lead to changes in the bylaws.

Kelsey – would it be possible to add questions to NVIG website?

Brian D. will add the info to the website.

### **Transition to in-person meetings – Brian D. Ad Committee Chair**

Discussion about how to document our contacts with AA group locales.

Discussion about following current Napa county guidelines.

Discussion about having General Service office review the guidelines

Discussion about posting meeting on IG website and potential safety issues (related to COVID)

This is an informational document only and is not ready to be shared publicly.

Next steps:

--Not yet release document to public

--Send to GSO for input→Brian D. will submit to GSO

--IG reps look it over prior to posting on line

--Next month discuss any GSO input, fellowship input, and then make decisions about moving forward in terms of posting publicly

--Discussion about adding new in-person AA meetings to the AA group schedule. –dissenting positions about posting and not posting new in-person meetings –

Question to pose to GSO with draft document:

“Does the GSO have an opinion about if it’s within the spirit of the traditions whether IG should screen meetings if there are safety concerns.”

Additional potential questions for GSO:

How should IG handle communicating to our fellowship meetings that are going to be held in-person?

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Is it within the spirit of the traditions and concepts to tell groups that if they are not meeting local and state guidelines we will not add them to the posted meeting list?"

### Resource Materials for Returning to In-Person Meetings Subcommittee:

- See attached documents (same doc, one PDF for proper formatting)
  - With the help of Tom, we created a document that reflected what we thought Napa's version might be. In doing so, more was revealed from the working documents taken from Marin/SF Intergroup which raised questions about potential conflicts with the Traditions that we would like to discuss with the group.
  - Suggested Discussion Focus: What to post and when to post it?
  - How do we feel about SF/Marin Intergroup's documents with respect to our interpretation of the Traditions?
  - Should our documents simply be a resource to meetings, as we "do not govern"?
  - When should these documents be posted, if at all? Fact: in-person meetings are currently happening in Napa County.
  - Does the posting of these documents indicate NVIG's endorsement of in-person meetings?
  - Do the documents created by the subcommittee reflect the Traditions?
  - Recommendation: post the document with any particular suggested edits on the website ASAP with a disclaimer statement (could be drafted upon direction) of NVIG's stance on in-person meetings in light of the Traditions. The need to post materials is evident as we are a resource for Napa Valley meetings and the subject matter is complicated. The need to post materials soon is evident as in-person meetings are happening currently and as significant lead times would likely be necessary for the groups to establish protocols after a group conscious.
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### New Business

- Alcatrons and anniversary party--Do we officially abandon possibility of live events? What to do with funds? (From John K.)
- Workshops--Seems perfect opportunity for zoom format, especially with topics like transition/return to physical meetings, health and safety guidelines, hot line training, rep education...funding should be sufficient. (From John K.)

### Take Back to Your Groups

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- **Please share with all groups: Napa Valley Intergroup Inventory will be held Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 2020 10am-1pm via Zoom. Email Anthony S. [ashemaria@gmail.com](mailto:ashemaria@gmail.com) if you want to participate or have questions.**
- There are IG-sponsored AA Workshops available. Please reach out to your IG rep or attend the monthly IG meeting if you are interested in hosting an IG-sponsored AA Workshop.
- **Check out the new Summer Quarterly IG Newsletter on our website.** If you have any contributions for the Napa AA Fellowship newsletter, please submit to: [newsletter@aanapa.org](mailto:newsletter@aanapa.org)
- **IG Meeting Schedule Chair** position is open.
- Please send meeting changes to: [reportmeetingchange@aanapa.org](mailto:reportmeetingchange@aanapa.org)
- 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.
- 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.
- 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)

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- The IG subcommittee has created a draft resource document regarding how to return to in-person meetings should groups desire to do so. We are currently seeking feedback from GSO. The document will be forthcoming in the coming months.

### 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.*