

# Napa Valley Intergroup Agenda

## Minutes

January 9, 2021

### Take Back to Your Groups

- Discuss future of Napa Register Ad
  - Do we stop doing the ad (\$194/mo)?
  - If we stop the ad, do we something else?
    - If so, what are the alternatives to getting the word out?
- The NVIG Birthday meeting has obtained permission from Crosswalk Church to use their gym to give out chips for varying lengths of sobriety the Saturday after the birthday meeting from 12-2pm.
- Please send meeting changes to: [reportmeetingchange@aanapa.org](mailto:reportmeetingchange@aanapa.org)
- The Winter Intergroup Newsletter is available on [aanapa.org](http://aanapa.org). If you have any contributions for the Napa AA Fellowship Newsletter, please submit to: [newsletter@aanapa.org](mailto:newsletter@aanapa.org)

### Opening

- Moment of Silence & Serenity Prayer
- New Intergroup Reps/ New Comer Packets: Introductions and your position: Officers, Reps New Rep packet can be found on [aanapa.org](http://aanapa.org). Please provide contact information to Secretary
- Sobriety Birthdays This Month:
  - [Erik H. - 2yr](#)
  - [John B. - 33yr](#)
  - [Colleen - 18mo](#)
- Last month's minutes - Minutes are approved unless there are any objections.
  - [Passed](#)

### Monthly Tradition Reading & Discussion

**This month's Reader: John - Tradition 1:** Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.

**Next Month's Reader:** [Shaela A.](#)

### 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.

Re-Cap – None

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1.) None

**Officer Reports**

**Chair** – Alston C – [chair@aanapa.org](mailto:chair@aanapa.org): Welcome to all of our new Officers and Intergroup Reps! Thank you for being of service and we look forward to working together for the unity of AA in the Napa Valley. Please provide Seth, our secretary with your email address. You will receive the agenda via email for the monthly Intergroup meetings, the Thursday prior to the meeting. A newcomer packet can be found on our website at [www.aanapa.org/service/intergroup/welcome-new-intergroup-reps](http://www.aanapa.org/service/intergroup/welcome-new-intergroup-reps)

**Alternate Chair** – John K – [alternatechair@aanapa.org](mailto:alternatechair@aanapa.org)

**Hotline Chair: Janet S**

Co-Chair: Anthony S

- All positions filled for men and women.
- Calls getting answered &/or returned if they leave a message.
- Potential workshop for hotline trainings. More to come.....

**Secretary** – Seth T . [secretary@aanapa.org](mailto:secretary@aanapa.org):

- Please let Seth know if you are unwilling to have your contact information shared with fellow IG reps and officers

**Literature Chair** – Shaela A. [literature@aanapa.org](mailto:literature@aanapa.org)

**Napa Intergroup Literature**  
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December		
Thom H	2-BB h/c, cash	\$20.00
John K	AA COA, cash	\$10.50

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,

Shaela A.  
[literature@aanapa.org](mailto:literature@aanapa.org)  
707.294.7023

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### Meeting Schedule Chair [meetings@aanapa.org](mailto:meetings@aanapa.org)

- Discussion of making a printed Zoom meeting schedule list. Jo is reviewing.
- Still awaiting on getting a proper Pass It On
- Suggestion to discuss go forward plan under new business for next month
- Bylaws allow chair to proceed with printed Zoom meeting schedule.

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

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

Happy to announce that we have a new rep for the Sunday morning Calistoga gliders!

These are the meetings I was able to visit this month:

Calistoga Gliders (new rep!)

As bill sees it

Cottage group

Stepping stones

Women on Wednesday

Discovery group

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

The Birthday meeting was the 7pm speaker meeting at the Christmas Alcahthon this year. Thank you to NAAPYPA for working with us to accomplish that goal!

Our Income from the 7th tradition was \$0.

Our Expenses were \$14.99 for Zoom. That is a \$50 monthly savings for Zoom. Thanks Seth for arranging that for us!

We had 15 people come get their chips on Saturday following the birthday meeting at Crosswalk church. Always a pleasant get together to celebrate lengths of sobriety.

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

- Looking to update website to inactivate Meeting link or link directly to Online meeting zoom page

### Treasurer – Frank M. [treasurer@aanapa.org](mailto:treasurer@aanapa.org)

See attached report

- Disbursements made on Jan. 1, 2021

### Liaison/Committee Reports

#### Financial Oversight Committee – To be appointed

- Lynn L. has accepted the chairperson position
- Looking for committee members, ideally one from up valley

### Hospitals and Institutions – John C

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General Service Liaison – Darlene

### Misc. Items

- Request to have Napaypaa reports from Alcathons
  - Including potential Pass It On for future Online only Alcathons

### Old Business:

**NVR ad** - Temporarily suspend Napa Valley Register advertisement to reduce expenses. Review to continue the ad once in-person meetings begin again.

- John C.: During these times newspaper ad can be important. Maybe we should review the message in ad
- John B.: Instead of the ad, spend money more on online presence & look into search engine optimization
- Anthony S.: Can this \$ is used better to reach more people & verify it is on Napa Register Online ads.
- John K.: printed ad includes American Canyon, Saint Helena, Calistoga papers too. About 10K units circulated.
  - Question: can we do better?
  - Online ad is only under community announcements instead of online ad section
- Brian D.: Online presence is important.
  - How about radio ads?
- Erik H.: Ad is online, though difficult to find.
- Jo: let's take time for find better alternatives
- Darlene: get rid of ad or reword it.
  - Bus placards very expensive
  - Love radio idea
  - Drop schedules or pamphlets in hotel lobbies

### Next Steps

- Need to gather research: Current costs, circulation facts, alternatives for NV Register
  - Get costs for radio PSA – John K.
  - Call NV Register for potential new pricing – Alston
  - Search Engine optimization – John B.
- Group Take Backs
  - Do we take back now or wait until above research is complete?
    - Now: 3
    - Wait: 1

**Yellow Pages** – Place the hotline number in the Yellow Pages.

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- John K.: unable to find in printed Yellow Pages, but in YellowPages.com extension

### Next Steps

- Contact Yellow Pages to get listed in printed edition with updated information under Crisis Services (free of charge with current hotline # listed) and report back – John K.

**NVIG Inventory** –Review question 2 calls to action and move onto question 3 (see attached inventory documents) and create call to actions.

### *Question 2. How effective are we in communicating the purpose of intergroup within NAPA FELLOWSHIP? Do they know what we do?*

Action Items:

1. Create an ad hoc committee to create blurbs to encourage more involvement and participation in Intergroup.
  - Shaela, John B, and Kelsey volunteer to be an ad hoc committee to create blurb
  - Draft shared during meeting
  - John B to continue to edit to reduce the length
2. Create second Delegate-at-Large position a male would be helpful to attend Men's Meetings.
  - John B volunteers to be 2nd Delegate-at-large
  - Need to determine if Bylaws need to be updated to include a 2<sup>nd</sup> officer position

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

- Tabled until in-person start up
- Is there value in keeping the insurance policy? (Renewal date Feb. 2021)
  - John B.: potentially delay policy start
  - John K.: worth talking to insurance about delayed start
    - Potential insurance needs may change in the future post-COVID
  - Erik H.: determine if any penalties if we let policy lapse and restart

### Next Steps

- Contact insurance company with options – Frank M

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

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### New Business

- Discussing posting the Napa IG birthday online meeting in other forums like the online AA intergroup ([www.aa-intergroup.org](http://www.aa-intergroup.org)), etc.

### 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.*