

INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING September 10, 2022

Minutes

Bring Back to Your Group

- NAPYPAA is hosting the September 29 Anniversary Party!
- Antoinette and Kevin are hosting up the Thanksgiving Alcathon!
- Joe's Group in St Helena is hosting the New Year's Alcathon!
- **We need a group or group of individuals to host the Christmas Alcathon...**
Contact Frank F. if interested or email chair@aanapa.org
- Hotline needs volunteers. Contact Erik H if interested or email hotline@aanapa.org
- Intergroup Alternate Chair position is open. Please contact Frank F. if interested or emailchair@aanapa.org
- The monthly Birthday meeting still needs a coffee person. Contact Meghan or Heather if interested or email birthdaymeeting@aanapa.org
- Updated printed schedules are available.

Call To Order

A Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

New Rep Introduction:

New Intergroup Reps and Officers Rep packet can be found: <https://www.aanapa.org>

Please provide contact information to the Secretary.

New Reps:

- Dana P. (not present)
- Janove – NAPYPAA liaison, and step-in IG rep for the Never Too Young group (and chair of the Anniversary Party on October 29)

Welcome!

Meeting Participant Introductions:

See Attendance list

Sobriety Birthdays:

Shaela: 3 years

Jen T: 8 years

Happy Birthday!

Review and approval of minutes

Minutes approved

Monthly Tradition Reading from 12 Traditions Illustrated & Discussion

Reader: Ann E. Tradition 9

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

Discussion:

- Difference between the spirit of authority and the spirit of service.
- Unless each AA follows suggested Steps to recovery, he signs his own death warrant.
- At the group level old timers can (and usually do) go through stages where they are either what is labeled as a “bleeding deacon” or “elder statesman”, and eventually (hopefully) settle into the latter.
- Elder statesman “...sees the wisdom of the group’s decision...holds no resentment over his/(her) reduced status...” (AA Comes of Age, p 122)
- Inverted pyramid: General Service Conference, board of trustees, and group committees cannot issue directives to AA, members, or groups. (12 x 12, p. 12)
- Originally, there were more non-alcoholic trustees than alcoholic, but that is now reversed.
- Concept X details a “check and balance” of sorts to ensure the future of AA:

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority – the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.

- “The principle of ultimate authority runs clear through our structure. This is necessary, because all of our service affairs and activities have to head up *somewhere* for final responsibility.”
- “Indeed ultimate authority should practically never be used in full, *except in an emergency.*”
- In our structure we have tried to create at each level accurate definitions of authority and responsibility.”

Next month Heather will review Tradition 10.

7th Tradition

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

New Venmo link for IG contributions: <https://www.venmo.com/u/NapaIG-AA>

Housekeeping Motions

These are procedural motions and pass if there are no objections. If the motion does not pass it will move to new business.

No housekeeping motions in the month of September.

Reports

Chair: Frank F.

chair@aanapa.org

I am pleased to report that our early solicitations for Alcathon hosting have begun to gain traction. Jason and Antionette have reached out to host our Thanksgiving event, of which we can vote on at this business meeting. Our friends up-valley have expressed interest in hosting the New Year event. More to come as this takes shape.

As per our vote last month, Napypaa is hosting our party for the 78th Anniversary of AA in Napa, on October 29th.

I am also pleased to report that we have a new literature rep (Dana P.) and literature specifically allocated to servicing the monthly Birthday Meeting.

Discussion:

- Anniversary party chair will be Janove
 - The Crosswalk Church has been reserved for the event.
 - Two speakers have been confirmed: opening speaker will be Rema from Sonora, and the main speaker will be John C. from SF.
- Antoinette and Kevin will act as chair of the Thanksgiving alcathon. More information forthcoming.
- Roger has introduced the idea of sponsoring the New Year's alcathon to members who attend Joe's group in St Helena. He will bring the topic up at the next meeting with hopes that the group will vote on it at their business meeting this month.
- We are still looking for volunteers to chair the Christmas alcathon.

Alternate Chair: *Open Position*

altchair@aanapa.org

Secretary: Ann E.

secretary@aanapa.org

Please update contact info

Thank you to those that get their reports in early the week previous, but it is no problem if you cannot. The agenda will not be sent out before Thursday evening or Friday morning due to my work schedule.

Literature Chair: Shaela A.

literature@aanapa.org

| August 2022 | | |
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| John H. | 6 - BB, 4 - 12x12, 3 - Daily // check #368 | \$122.25 |
| Elisabeth B. | 3 - LP BB, 2 - Living Sober // check #175 | \$30.60 |
| Elisabeth B. | 2 - LP BB // check #177 | \$30.90 |
| Colleen O. | 3 - BB // check #137 | \$28.50 |
| | | Total \$212.25 |

On August 5, 2022, I placed an order for Large Print Big Books. The total was **\$213.44**. The literature order form is available as shown below on our website:

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

The literature chair will update the current order form with current availability and pricing.

Hotline Chair: Erik H.

hotline@aanapa.org

This month, the hotline received the following:

- 20 calls seeking to speak to a man
- 10 calls seeking to speak to a woman
- 37 calls to the general extension

Most calls were short lasting less than a minute. There were 3 calls lasting longer than 5 minutes.

Call numbers more than doubled from last month. The Hotline chair needs to ensure he is receiving all the calls that come in.

We could use more volunteers, but the calls are being handled. Sometimes the calls are simply inquiries about meeting times and locations; sometime people are reaching out for help and are trying to get sober.

Web Editor/Ad Hoc Website Committee: Patty B. - Jeff D. webeditor@aanapa.org

Combined Web Editor Report

- Introduction of Alex W. as new member of the "Ad Hoc Committee".
- Errors corrected as more users were reporting (Thank you and keep sending them in!).
- Jeff working with John for H & I updates.
- Updated minutes for NVIG under minutes tab.
- Operations Manual in progress.
- Regular maintenance: plug in updates, meeting schedule, correspondence, etc.

Please continue to send in suggestions on making the website more user friendly.

Discussion:

- Our new Ad Hoc Committee member, Alex W, has a background in web design. He will assist us in making the website more user friendly.
- There is a lot of maintenance work and updates going on behind the scenes – still working on reducing the spam.
- There are still some old links to a pdf meeting schedule in circulation. They are run on google and hard to locate.
 - If you come across any of these links, please forward to Patty B. so they can be decommissioned.

Meeting Schedule Chair: Jo M.

meetings@aanapa.org

Printed Schedules:

The new schedules have been printed and we thank you Jo. We've already sent allotments out up-valley and to several key Napa meeting locations. Please see PDF at bottom of this report.

Newsletter Chair: Catherine F.

newsletter@aanapa.org

The next newsletter will go out in early October to announce the Anniversary party on October 29th. Expect one also following to highlight the alcohons that will take place during Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years.

Delegates at Large: Katie Z. and John B.

delegateatlarge@aanapa.org

The DALs went to five meetings last month:

- The Sunday 1030 Calstoga Gliders
- Monday 1200 In the Park
- Wednesday 1200 Keeping it Simple
- Wednesday 1530 Experience Strength and Hope
- Wednesday 2000 One Zoom at a Time.

Made it to less meetings this month but should make more during September. It's a great service commitment! Get to see many people that don't attend my regular meetings.

Discussion:

- If you attend a meeting regularly, please consider announcing that the Intergroup position is instrumental in keeping the group apprised of happenings and events sponsored by Intergroup in the Valley.
- Intergroup sponsors many AA functions including the Anniversary party, Alcohons, etc.

- With the commitment it is encouraged that the Intergroup rep attend the monthly Intergroup business meetings on the second Saturday of the month from 10:00 to 12:00 via zoom. More information is available on <https://www.aanapa.org>

General Service Liaison: Jo M.

District Liaison:

For all details, please check our website <https://www.aanapa.org>

Open positions at District are Alternate Chair, Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC), Grapevine/Literature, and Archives.

Beginners meeting on Fridays is hybrid at Crosswalk Church on Fridays at 5:45. Newcomers do attend! We need members with sober time to help. Secretaries (only a 6week "term") sign up to get speakers. The Chair for this meeting will be rotating out.

Pacific Regional Forum is September 16-18 in Salt Lake City. This is a chance to meet and hear from General Service Office staff in New York, Trustees, Regional Trustee, Delegates and more. It will be virtual.

Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly will be in So. Cal 2023 and in SF in 2024. There are opportunities to volunteer. Check CNCA06.org

These are chances for us to learn what's going on, how things work in AA, communicate, serve, and help our groups have a voice in what decisions AA makes. This includes things like literature, policies, outreach, anonymity and changes.

Our Unity Day went very well. A fun time and fellowship for all! We were well attended and missed those of you who couldn't make it!

District has approved moving forward to investigate and purchase the equipment necessary to have virtual meetings. This equipment will be used by the Beginners meetings and District meetings when we go from zoom to hybrid.

Additional information:

- The District news is mostly about rotation and election of positions. Details are on the <https://www.aanapa.org> website
- Thanks to Intergroup for working with District on storage of archives and PI/CPC materials.
- Reminder that the Pacific Regional Forum is next weekend and available virtually.

Hospitals and Institutions Liaison: John C.

john@curnutt.org

H&I welcomes anyone to join us at our monthly business meeting 6:45 pm on the first Friday of the month at the Sea Scout Building Learn about the workings of H&I and how to get involved.

There are facilities that you can attend without filling out clearance paperwork, make a commitment or even share.

Currently Area 51 brings 26 meetings a week and literature to the Women's Jail, Men's Jail, Men's Jail Spanish, California Medical Facility, Crestwood Behavior Center Vallejo, Crestwood Behavior Center Angwin, National Vallejo, CenterPoint, Napa South Shelter, Napa State Hospital Spanish, Napa State Hospital English, Queen of the Valley Hospital, SHAMIA house and Vallejo Detox.

You can learn more about H&I by going to <http://www.handinorcal.org> or by contacting John Curnutt 707-477-0422 john@curnutt.org

Our return into the facilities has been herky-jerky. We are hoping to gather some more momentum in Q3. Currently Jails and State Hospital are offline the good news is we have started back at CenterPoint in Spanish and English is coming soon. If you have 6 months of sobriety and want to share the message your service is needed.

Napa Area 51 Contributions: August \$ 522.97; YTD \$ 8,489.82

Open Positions: We are seeking a candidate for Chair of Area 51. All, please reach out to your contacts. Do they have five years of sobriety? Can they organize information? Can they work with others? Have they done H&I or had contact with institutions dealing with alcohol? If being a coordinator of coordinator is in your skill set The Chair of Area 51 H&I might be the perfect service commitment.

Intergroup Liaison
CenterPoint Coordinator
Napa South Shelter Coordinator

Online Contributions: Notice: New sticker on pink cans - Make credit card contributions online and get an immediate receipt: www.handinorcal.org/contribute Please make sure to write on contribution checks AREA 51. This allows H&I to track donations by the Napa area.

H&I business meeting is back to in person meetings at the Sea Scouts. Next meeting on September 2nd in person Sea Scouts 6:45pm.

Financial Oversight Committee: Erik S. financial@aanapa.org

TBD: No Report Submitted

Birthday Meeting Chair: Meghan T. & Heather B. birthdaymeeting@aanapa.org

August 26, 2022

7th Tradition = \$149.92 - H&I = \$27.48 -Expenses = \$25.00 (Cake)

Net Income: \$152.40

Discussion:

- Birthday meeting is going great – the August meeting was large.
- We now have a literature rack for pamphlets and books on display.
- Still looking for a steady light/sound person; in the meantime, Frank will assist
- There has been a great turn out of volunteers to help clean up. We have not heard any complaints from Dar, so no news is good news!

Treasurer: Christina (Tena)

treasurer@aanapa.org

We are still having problems with reporting H&I. Individual meetings pay their H&I directly. For the birthday meetings and for the alkathons, there is an Income/Expense sheet to be completed.

At the present, the H&I is included in the Income. The Expenses are recorded and the Income or Expense is calculated at the bottom. This total is reported to IG. IG treasurer combines all the H&I from the Birthday meetings and the Alkathons and sends a check to H&I.

Recently, the birthday chairs have been sending the birthday H&I directly themselves which throws the Income/Expense line off by the amount of the H&I.

There are two possible remedies: Either we reconstruct the Income/Expense reporting sheet, or we return to the previous practice in which the chair sends the total income to IG and IG treasurer sends all the H&I checks combined. A further recommendation is to create a PIO for birthdays and alkathons that address the Income/Expense reporting.

Another concern is Paypal. At present there is a monthly automatic debit of \$29.98 and a monthly automatic credit of \$5.00. We still have a positive balance because of a one-time contribution of \$100 from Greg C. I recommend we cancel our Paypal system. No one is using it.

A further complication is that I see two automatic debits for Zoom, one coming from our checking and one coming from Paypal. I need further information about these debits.

A last question (for now): What is "In Motion Hosting"? Why are we paying a monthly automatic debit to them?

Discussion:

- Tina would like to meet with the chair/secretary/treasurer of the Birthday meeting and Alcahons, and Anniversary party, to initiate a *Pass-It-On* (PIO) for the expenses. It will help clean up the incoming expense report and ultimate record keeping.

Old Business:

District has approached the IG Chair with a request to rent a small space for supplies in our storage container at the Crosswalk campus.

The chair cannot vote nor voice opinion on this matter, however, he plans to soon do some summer organizing of the container which could allow IG to consider this request with little to no impact to current resident (IG). (4 Bins of Literature and Archived Materials)

New Business:

Literature chair: volunteered to create a new literature sheet with updated pricing.

Open Positions:

Intergroup Alternate Chair
Intergroup Secretary

Closing: 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."

Napa Valley Alcoholics Anonymous MEETING SCHEDULE Summer 2022



For most current info
Go to the Website:
www.aanapa.org
A.A. HOTLINE
(707) 500-7001

Meeting Key

- ♀ = Women's Meeting
- ♂ = Men's Meeting
- = Closed Meeting*

- All meetings last for one hour, unless noted otherwise.
* Closed meetings are for A.A. members only, or for those who have a drinking problem and a desire to stop drinking. All other meetings are open to anyone

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Send info on meeting changes to:
reportmeetingchange@aanapa.org

For Zoom meetings using only a phone:
Call in: (669) 900-6833
(*6=mute/unmute, *9=raise hand) and enter the code from the Zoom schedule and password, if required, when prompted.
Some meetings are hybrid—both on Zoom & in person. Changes continue. Check aanapa.org or Call our Hot Line (707-500-7001) for updated information!

Mondays

IN PERSON MEETINGS -
6:30 AM - Napa - A Day At A Time
Reading / Discussion of 'Daily Reflections' - Crosswalk Church, 2590 1st St. (hybrid)
12:00 PM - Napa - In the Park - Napa Senior Center, 1500 Jefferson St.
12:15 PM Hut Group - Big Book Study
Crosswalk Church, 2590 1st St., Napa
5:30 PM - Napa - Thank God It's Monday - *Speaker* Sea Scouts, 402 Riverside Dr.
6:00 PM - Napa - Keep it Simple Sister
Speaker/Discussion ♀ Crosswalk Church, 2590 1st St
6:00 PM - Calistoga - Talking Stick Group
Topic/Discussion, Highlands Christian Church, 970 Petrified Forest Rd, Calistoga
7:00 PM - St Helena - Sunnyside Serenity Group
- Topic / Discussion - Presbyterian Church, 1428 Spring St.
7:00 PM - Napa - Grupo Latino de Napa - Spanish, 1510 Silverado Trail, Napa
7:00 PM - St Helena - Grupo una Vision para Ti - Spanish, Presbyterian Church, 1428 Spring St.
7:00 PM - Napa - Grupo Volver a Creer - Spanish, Community 7th Day Adventist Church, 1105 G St.
7:30 PM - Napa - Big Book Study -Crosswalk Church, 2590 1st St. (hybrid)
8:00 PM - Napa - Monday Night Serenity (hybrid) -*Speaker* - Sea Scouts, 402 Riverside Dr.

ZOOM SCHEDULE
6:30 AM - Napa - A Day At A Time
Reading / Discussion of 'Daily Reflections' - 694 709 9892 password 850 254 (hybrid) -
12:00 PM - Noon Literature Napa - 12x12 Book Study - 864 2902 8203
7:30 PM - Napa - Big Book Step Study - 6779 799 393 password 527 412 (hybrid)
8:00 PM - Napa - Monday Night Serenity (hybrid) -*Speaker* 660 266 7689 password 581 631
10:00 PM - Rule 62 - Open, rotating format 949 3104 9779 password rule62

Tuesdays

IN PERSON MEETINGS -
6:30 AM - Napa - Keep Coming Back (hybrid)
'Daily Reflections' - *Reading/Discussion* - Crosswalk Church, 2590 1st St., Napa
12:15 PM - Napa - Hut Group
- As Bill Sees It - Crosswalk Church, 2590 1st St.
5:30 PM - Napa - Thank God It's Tuesday - AA Grapevine- Sea Scouts, 402 Riverside Dr, Napa
6:30 PM -Napa - Wheel of Sobriety Group AA Literature- 4149 Linda Vista Ave, NV Comm Church
7:00 PM - Napa - Grupo Latino de Napa - Spanish, 1510 Silverado Trail, Napa
7:00 PM - Calistoga - Empezar a Vivir - Spanish, 2102 Grant St., Calistoga
7:30 PM -S.A.S.T.O. ♂ Call Mike 707-224-3824
7:30 PM - St. Helena - Silverado Book Study - Big Book - Presbyterian Church, 1428 Spring St. (hybrid)
8:00 PM - Napa - Cross Talk At Crosswalk (hybrid) -*Speaker/Discussion* Crosswalk Church, 2590 1st St.

ZOOM SCHEDULE
6:30 AM - Napa - Keep Coming Back (hybrid)
'Daily Reflections' - *Reading/Discussion* 694 709 9892 password 850 254
9:00 AM - Calistoga - Big Book Study - *Reading/Discussion* - 212 036 9152
6:00 PM - Napa - Sober Sisters ♀ 813 5102 9978 password 594 981
7:30 PM - St. Helena - Silverado Book Study - Big Book - (hybrid) 704 763 4900 password BOOK
8:00 PM - Napa - Cross Talk At Crosswalk (Hybrid) -*Speaker/Discussion* 8711 4150 862 password 029 141

Wednesdays

IN PERSON MEETINGS -
10:30 AM -Napa- Living Sober Group - St Mary's Church, 1917 3rd St. -Open, Literature
12:00 PM - Napa - In the Park - Napa Senior Center, 1500 Jefferson St.
12:00 PM - Napa - Keeping It Simple *Mask Required* - 2435 Sutherland Dr., Concordia Library
12:15 PM - Napa - Hut Group - *Reading of 'Daily Reflections'* - Crosswalk Church, 2590 1st St.
5:30 PM - Napa - Thank God It's Wednesday - *Speaker* - Sea Scouts, 402 Riverside Dr.
6:00 PM - Yountville - Last Chance Group - *Speaker/Discussion Veterans' Home Chapel*
7:00 PM - Napa - Grupo Latino de Napa - Spanish, 1510 Silverado Trail, Napa
7:00 PM - St Helena - Grupo una Vision para Ti - Spanish, Presbyterian Church, 1428 Spring St.
7:00 PM - Napa - Grupo Volver a Creer - Spanish, Community 7th Day Adventist Church, 1105 G St.
7:30 PM - Napa - Never Too Young (hybrid) - *Speaker / Discussion* Crosswalk Church, 2590 1st St.
8:00 PM - St. Helena - Joe's Group -Grace Episcopal -*Speaker / Discussion* 1314 Spring St. downstairs