“Just as the aim of each A.A. member is personal sobriety; the aim of our services is to bring sobriety within reach of all who want it. If nobody does the group’s chores, if the area’s telephone rings unanswered, if we do not reply to our mail, then A.A. as we know it would stop.”

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The next intergroup meeting will be held on Monday, September 13th via Zoom. Doors open at 7:45m. The Intergroup meeting starts at 8pm. The meeting ID is: 823 0552 8441 / Password: 414036
- **The Intergroup Office will be closed on Monday, September 6th** in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Thanks to our volunteers who will be answering the phone during office hours on that day.
- **Volunteers Needed** to help answer the phones during office hours. You can answer calls at the Intergroup Office or from your home. We have shifts available on Tuesday. Please call if you are interested in this service opportunity. (410)663-1922.
- Office update - The Intergroup office continues to be staffed Monday through Friday 9:30am – 5pm for literature and chip orders. According to CDC guidelines, it is recommended that you wear a mask if you have not been vaccinated. To ensure safety, we are allowing 2 customers in at a time and ask that you limit your time to 15 minutes. We can also have your literature order ready for you for hallway pick-up or shipment. Call 410-663-1922 or order online.
- As a reminder, please let us know about your meeting updates and changes so we can keep the meeting list and website up-to-date! For all VIRTUAL MEETINGS or meeting changes, please use this form. For all IN-PERSON MEETINGS or meeting changes, please use this form. Or email us at: intergroup@baltimoreaa.org

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES—WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

- The **Answering Service** is always in need of volunteers to answer calls during the hours the office is closed. Please contact the Intergroup office if you want to be a part of this vital service.

**INSTITUTION COMMITTEE**

- The next Institution meetings will be held on Zoom on Friday, September 17th, at 7pm. Waiting room opens at 6:45pm. We welcome anyone who is interested in doing service work to come to the meeting. Meeting ID: 886 6629 3910/ Password: 229395
• **Speakers needed!** The Institution Committee is assigning homegroups for institution commitments to speak in-person or online. Your group can decide what it is most comfortable doing. [Please fill out this form](#) if you or your homegroup would like to carry the message. Intergroup will list the monthly commitments on the website under password protection (as we did before.) Reps can get information from our website or at the monthly Institution business meeting or by calling Intergroup.

**GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

• **Dipsomaniacs** will celebrate their 4-year anniversary on Tuesday, September 14th at 6:30pm. (Highlandtown, 21224) **In-person, indoors:** [Follow this link for the location](#).

• **The Day's End** group which meets in-person at 5pm at the Roland Park Community Center will be closed on Monday, September 6th and Thursday, September 16th in observance of the Jewish holidays (Roland Park, 21210).

**NEEDS SUPPORT**

• Curtis Bay Monday Noon (O)(D)(H) (Brooklyn, 21225) **In-person, indoors:** [Follow this link for the location](#).

• Brooklyn Saturday 7pm (C)(D) (Brooklyn, 21225) **In-person, Indoors:** [Follow this link for the location](#).

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

• The **11th Annual Friends of Bill W Golf Tournament** is Monday, September 20th! See enclosed flyer for registration and sponsorship information. [Click here](#) to sign up on our website.

• Please call us at 410- 663-1922 or email us at intergroup@baltimoreaa.org to let us know about your special events or workshops. To learn about various celebrations, go to [https://baltimoreaa.org/upcoming-events/](https://baltimoreaa.org/upcoming-events/). *Event Announcements in the Baltimore Intergroup monthly bulletin are limited to those sponsored by Baltimore Intergroup; committees, groups or other Intergroups in Area 29; also Maryland General Service Area 29; MGS districts; and G.S.O.*

**G.S.O. & MARYLAND GENERAL SERVICE - AREA 29 EVENTS**

• Maryland General Service will be holding a **Special Area Assembly** on Monday, August 16, 2021 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. This Special Area Assembly will be hosted on Zoom, and all members of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 29 are welcome to attend! The purpose of this Special Area Assembly is to consider possible agenda items for next year's General Service Conference, and to prepare members to fully participate as voters and candidates in the upcoming Election Assembly in October. Zoom Information for the Special Area Assembly is here: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3352329265?pwd=ZTidcu6aTUwWXlYaXNndm1tbWxZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3352329265?pwd=ZTidcu6aTUwWXlYaXNndm1tbWxZz09)

• Monthly council & district meeting links and passwords can be found on our website: [https://baltimoreaa.org/other-meetings-events/](https://baltimoreaa.org/other-meetings-events/)

**IN MEMORIUM**

• We offer our deepest sympathies to the friends and family Walter Sprinkle, who passed away July 18th. Walter attended meetings regularly in the Jacksonville, and Cockeysville area.
Remembering Where We Came From – September

Some Notable September dates in A.A. history

Sept 1930 - Bill wrote 4th (last) promise in family Bible to quit drinking.
Sept 1939 - group started by Earl T in Chicago.
Sept 1940 - AA group started in Toledo by Duke P & others.
Sept 1940 - Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases gives Big Book unfavorable review.
Sept 1946 - Bill & Dr. Bob both publicly endorsed National Committee Education Alcoholism founded by Marty M.
Sept 1946 - 1st A.A. group in Mexico.
Sept 1948 - Bob writes article for Grapevine on AA "Fundamentals - In Retrospect".
Sept 1949 - 1st issue of Grapevine published in "pocketbook" size.
Sept 1971 - First European Convention, Bristol, England
Sept 1, 1939 - 1st AA group founded in Chicago.
Sept 11, 2001 - 30 Vesey St, New York. AA’s first office location was destroyed in World Trade Center attack.
Sept 12, 1942 - U.S. Assist. Surgeon General Kolb speaks at dinner for Bill and Dr Bob.
Sept 13, 1937 - Florence R, 1st female in AA in NY.
Sept 13, 1941 - WHJP in Jacksonville, FL airs Spotlight on AA.
Sept 17, 1954 - Bill D, AA #3 dies.
Sept 18, 1947 - Dallas Central Office opens its doors.
Sept 19, 1965 - The Saturday Evening Post publishes article "Alcoholics Can Be Cured - Despite AA"
Sept 19, 1975 - Jack Alexander, author of original Saturday Evening Post article, dies.
Sept 24, 1940 - Bill 12th steps Bobbie V, who later replaced Ruth Hock as his secretary in NY.
Sept 30, 1939 - Article in Liberty magazine, "Alcoholics and God" by Morris Markey.

We appreciate you sharing these announcements with your A.A. contacts. It is as important as ever that we stay connected!

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.
Marc M. (Chairperson) called the meeting to order and opened with the Serenity Prayer. This meeting took place on Zoom due to COVID-19 concerns.

New Group Representatives: There were no new group representatives for the Council to welcome.

Minutes: Mike W. (Recording Secretary) presented the minutes from the July 12, 2021, meeting. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes.

Treasurer’s Report: Jack F. (Treasurer) reported that ordinary income in July was $8,895.77, which included $6,439.34 from AA groups and $2,418.99 from individual members. Ordinary expenses were $17,996.24, yielding net ordinary income of -$9,100.47. Literature revenue was $4,520.49, with literature expenses of $503.85, yielding net literature income of $4,016.64. Therefore, net income for July was -$5,083.83. Prudent reserve was $118,363.52. Total assets were $243,252.78. Jack thanked the groups and individual members for their continued support throughout the pandemic.

Administrator’s Report: Jen G. reported that during the past 20 working days, there were 5 new meetings, 36 re-opened meetings, 10 closed/cancelled meetings, and 49 meeting changes. There are now 633 total meetings: 253 virtual, 380 in person, of which 76 are hybrid. There were 518 calls for help during office hours, 3,948 emails, texts, and correspondence (including 2 shipped literature orders). There were 83 literature pick ups at the office.

Since the last Intergroup meeting, Jen attended meetings with the Institution Committee, Activities Committee, the weekly office manager’s meeting, and was in regular contact with the Advisory and Personnel Committees. As part of the ICOAA Communications Committee, Jen also attended a quarterly call with GSO/AAWS/AAGV including the new GSO GM Bob W and AAWS Board Chair Jimmy D to further their discussion about literature fulfillment issues.

The Intergroup Office has re-opened to customers. The meeting list on the website has been updated to include a classic searchable view. Please call the Intergroup office with your meeting changes and openings or visit the website to fill out the form. The meetings listed on our website are still shy of the 810+ meetings that were listed pre-COVID. The office will be closed on Monday, September 6th for Labor Day.

Activities Committee Report: Don B, for Rick W (Chairperson), reported that there will not be a Bull Roast this year due to the rapid increase Covid cases. The committee had been considering a switch from Tall Cedars to Columbus.
Gardens, but felt it was too risky to sign a contract for this year given the rise of the Delta variant. Dick M reported on preparations for the Friends of Bill Golf Tournament scheduled for September 20th. Registration for golfers is near the quota, sponsorship is a little down from past years.

**Answering Service Committee Report:** Melody B (Chairperson) reported that there were 540 regular calls and 15 12th step calls. The committee recently filled 6 shifts, so new volunteers are needed for the waiting list to fill future openings.

**Public Information, Cooperation with Professional Community, and Speakers Committees:** No report

**Literature Committee Report:** No report.

**Internet/Website Committee Report:** No report

**Institution Committee Report:** Don B, reporting for Jamie H (Chairperson), reported that there are over 12 institution meetings, with the Helping Up Mission having the only in person meetings at this time. Jen reported that the committee’s net income for July was $703.02, with total assets at the end of the month of $16,017.35. The committee has regular monthly meetings (via Zoom) on the 3rd Friday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

**Outreach Committee Report:** Melissa B. (Chairperson) reported that a representative of the committee will be attending the anniversary of the Helping Hand group on August 19th.

**Nominations Committee Report:** Lucy H. (Chairperson) continued the process of securing nominations of candidates for the trusted servant positions (officers and committee chairs) that will be filled in the elections at the September intergroup council meeting. Lucy reviewed each of the positions to be filled, the nominees from the June meeting, and accepted additional nominations for a number of positions. Please see the “Sample Ballot” that is being distributed with the bulletin for a complete list of the elective positions and the nominees. Nominations are now closed.

**Chairperson Report:** No Report

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed. Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer. Respectfully submitted, Mike W., Recording Secretary
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BALTIMORE INTERGROUP COUNCIL OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, INC.

Sample Ballot

Please read below to find out more about council positions, descriptions, qualifications and terms. Except where indicated, groups can vote for only 1 person per position from the field of nominees.

All nominees must be present at one or more Intergroup meetings during June, July or August. An *asterisk next to a nominee’s name indicates their presence at a June, July or September meeting.

OFFICERS

INTERGROUP CHAIR
Qualifications: 5 years continuous sobriety
Term: 1 year of service; can be re-elected 1 time only (can serve maximum of 2 consecutive 1-year terms)
Description: The Executive Director of the Intergroup Council presides over monthly Intergroup meetings; is an Ex-Officio member of all committees; and may create committees when needed.

Nominee Name: Marc M.*
Group: Roland Park Steps & Traditions

INTERGROUP CO-CHAIR
Qualifications: 5 years continuous sobriety
Term: 1 year of service; can be re-elected 1 time only (can serve maximum of 2 consecutive 1-year terms)
Description: The Co-Chair shall serve to assist the Chairperson. He/she shall preside over the Intergroup Council meeting in the absence of the Chair. The Co-Chair shall assist the Chair by attending committee meetings in the absence of the Chair and shall report to the Chair.

Nominee Name: Dave L.*
Group: Wrath of Grapes

TREASURER
Qualifications: 5 years continuous sobriety
Term: 2 years; can be re-elected
Description: Prepares monthly financial reports and files all federal and state financial papers and reports.

Nominee Name: Jack F.*
Group: There Is A Solution

ASSISTANT TREASURER (2-year term; not up for re-election this year)
Qualifications: 5 years continuous sobriety
Term: 2 years; can be re-elected
Description: Assists the Treasurer and acts as the treasurer for the Activities Committee.

Nominee Name: Group:

RECORDING SECRETARY
Qualifications: 2 years continuous sobriety
Term: 1 year; can be re-elected
Description: Prepares monthly Council minutes.

Nominee Name: Mike W.*
Group: Hopkins
COMMITTEES

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE (vote for 8)
Qualifications: 1 year of continuous sobriety
Term: 2 years; can be re-elected
Description: Organizes, conducts and promotes events sponsored by the Council including the Sobriety Show, Golf Tournament, Bull Roast, and other activities.

Nominee Name: Kathleen W.*  Group: As Bill Sees It
  Elijah N.*                  How It Works
  Cheryl C.*                  People of Color
  Paulette R.*                Came to Believe
  Karen R.*                   Roland Park Steps & Traditions

ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Qualifications: 2 years of continuous sobriety
Term: 1 year; can be re-elected
Description: Advises Chairman on all matters not specifically assigned to a standing committee. Advisory only, upon request of the Chairperson. All decisions to be voted on by Council.

Nominee Name: Rod B.*  Group: Catonsville Beginners

ANSWERING SERVICE COMMITTEE
Qualifications: 2 years of continuous sobriety
Term: 1 year; can be re-elected
Description: Coordinates phone volunteers for the hotline during all hours when the office is closed.

Nominee Name: Melody B.*  Group: Brooklyn Keep Coming Back

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
Qualifications: 2 years of continuous sobriety
Term: 1 year; can be re-elected
Description: Explains to health and education professionals in the community what AA is and how we cooperate according to our traditions.

Nominee Name:  Group:

LITERATURE COMMITTEE
Qualifications: 2 years of continuous sobriety
Term: 1 year can be re-elected.
Description: Coordinates and facilitates the sale of AA related literature to groups at monthly Council meetings and other Intergroup sponsored events.

Nominee Name: Danny F.*  Group: But For the Grace of God

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (vote for 2)
Qualifications: 2 years of continuous sobriety
Term: 1 year; can be re-elected
Description: Encourages members to run for office; receives all nominations, reviews qualifications and counts votes.

Nominee Name: Lucy H.*  Group: Hopkins
  Mike C.*                  164
OUTREACH COMMITTEE
Qualifications: 2 years of continuous sobriety
Term: 1 year; can be re-elected
Description: Maintains a communication link between the Intergroup Council, the Intergroup Office, and all of its members and AA groups.

Nominee Name: Melissa B.*          Group: Glen Burnie H.O.W.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Qualifications: 2 years of continuous sobriety
Term: 1 year; can be re-elected
Description: Advises and adopts appropriate guidelines for personnel policy and procedures for the Intergroup Office.

Nominee Name: Stephen F.*          Group: St. Anthony's Mid-day

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE
Qualifications: 2 years of continuous sobriety
Term: 1 year; can be re-elected
Description: Provides AA information at health fairs and other events; handles all media requests for information on AA.

Nominee Name:                        Group:

SPEAKERS COMMITTEE
Qualifications: 2 years of continuous sobriety
Term: 1 year; can be re-elected
Description: Provides speakers for groups outside of AA that request information about the AA program.

Nominee Name:                        Group:

WEBSITE COMMITTEE (vote for 2)
Qualifications: 5 years of continuous sobriety / 2 years of continuous sobriety
Term: 2 years; can be re-elected
Description: Manages the Intergroup Council website and its related functions.

Nominee Name: Mike C.*              Group: 164
C. **Nominations** - Nominations for candidates for the Board of Directors and elective positions on the Standing Committees may be made and recorded at the regular May, June and July meetings of the Intergroup Council. Any such nominations may be made from the floor or in writing and submitted to the Intergroup Administrator. The names of all such nominees shall thereafter be turned over to the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall select candidates for any positions for which nominations have not otherwise been made and shall make a determination relative to the qualifications and willingness of each nominee to serve in the position for which he or she has been nominated.

The Nominating Committee shall submit a report reflecting the names of all qualified persons whose names have been placed in nomination and its findings at the regular July meeting of the Intergroup Council. Additional nominations may be made from the floor or in writing until the close of business at the July meeting of the Council. A listing of all qualified nominees shall be published two weeks prior to the regular August meeting of the Council. In addition to the qualifications of any nominee as otherwise stated in these by-laws, any given nominee must be present at no less than one meeting of the Intergroup Council within the three months immediately preceding the August meeting. In the event that he or she should fail to make such an appearance, his or her name shall be removed from nomination.

**ELECTION GUIDELINES & POLICIES**

The annual election of officers and elective members of the Standing Committees, unless otherwise provided herein, shall be held at the regular August meeting of the Intergroup Council. Election for all Directors and Chairperson of the Standing Committees shall be by closed ballot, except in instances where a candidate for any given position is unopposed, in which event the Secretary shall cast the ballot for that candidate by acclamation. Election to any position shall be achieved by that candidate receiving the greatest number of votes. No person may be on the ballot for more than one officer position during the same term. The following policies guide the election of officers and committee chairs of the Intergroup Council:

1. Each AA Group in the Baltimore Intergroup may have one representative at the Council monthly meetings.
2. No person can represent more than one group.
3. Each representative has one vote on election of officers.
4. Officers and Committee Chairpersons each have one vote.
5. When a member is nominated for an office or committee he/she must attend the May, June, or July Council Meeting to be eligible for election.
6. Please note jobs of Officers and Committees have various recommended lengths of sobriety.
7. Votes are cast at the August meeting by a closed ballot and are counted by the two elected and an appointed member of the Nominating committee.
8. Officers and Committee members are elected by simple majority vote.
9. At the August meeting Officers, Committee Chair and Intergroup Representatives sign in for an accurate count in the election.
Friends of Bill W. 11th Annual Golf Tournament
Monday September 20, 2021

First Come First Serve
100 Player Max!

COST PER PLAYER: $125
HOLE SPONSORSHIP
$100 PER SIGN

Registration at 8 AM
Shotgun Start at 9 AM
Awards & Luncheon Follow
At 2 PM or end of play

Captain’s Choice Format
Single best ball on each shot)
No handicap required
Milligans and Raffle Tickets
sold at Registration
Prizes for Individual Play

MENU

Breakfast at 8-9 AM
Donuts, Pastries & Coffee

Lunch at 2 PM
Oysters on the Half Shell
Sliced Roast Beef
Italian Sausage
Grilled Chicken Breast
Caesar Salad
Assorted Salads
Cheese & Pickle Tray
Soda & Water

Sparrows Point Country Club
919 Wise Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21222

Proper Golf Attire Required
No Denim Permitted

All proceeds benefit
Baltimore Intergroup
8635 Loch Raven Blvd., Suite 4
Baltimore, MD 21286

410-663-1922

REGISTER NOW!
Maryland General Service District 10

Unity Picnic

Save the Date

Sunday, October 10, 2021

12:00 Noon till 4:00 PM

2:00 Open Speaker Meeting - Ginny Q., Pasadena, MD

Double Rock Park, Rich Pavilion
8211 Glen Road, Parkville, MD 21234
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

MORE ABOUT ALCOHOLISM
WILL HOST OUR 3rd YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FELLOWSHIP AND
UNITY

FOOD       PASTERIES       COFFEE       WATER CAKE

LiVE MUSIC
featuring--TANGLEWOOD

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021
DOORS OPEN AT NOON

LIVE MUSIC STARTS AT 1 P.M.
SPEAKER MEETING WILL START AT 2 P.M.
MUSIC WILL RESUME AT 3 P.M. TIL 5 P.M.

LET’S CELEBRATE THE AA WAY
MATT’S HOUSE CHURCH
5421 EAST DRIVE 21227
ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT
lisasmithson611@gmail.com
CONCEPT IX

Good service leaders, together with sound appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Concept IX "No matter how carefully we design our service structure of principles and relationships, no matter how well we apportion authority and responsibility, the operating results of our structure can be no better than the personal performance of those who must man it and make it work. Good leadership cannot function well in a poorly designed structure.... Weak leadership can hardly function at all, even in the best of structures."

Due to A.A.'s principle of rotation, furnishing our service structure with able and willing workers has to be a continuous effort. The base of the service structure--and the source of our leadership--is the General Service Representative. The G.S.R. is the service leader for his or her group, the indispensable link between the group and A.A. as-a-whole. Together the G.S.R.'s are A.A.'s group conscience--and together, in their areas, they elect the area committee members and ultimately the delegates and the area's candidates for trustee. Reprinted with permission from the pamphlet "The Twelve Concepts for World Service Illustrated"

"Good leadership never passes the buck. Once assured that it has, or can, obtain sufficient general backing, it freely takes decisions and puts them into action forthwith, provided of course that such actions be within the framework of its defined authority and responsibility."

"Another qualification for leadership is 'give and take,' the ability to compromise cheerfully whenever a proper compromise can cause a situation to progress in what appears to be the right direction.... We cannot, however, compromise always. Now and then, it is truly necessary to stick flat-footed to one's convictions about an issue until it is settled.

"Our leaders do not drive by mandate, they lead by example. We say to them, 'Act for us, but do not boss us.'"

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Concept Checklist

- Do we recognize the need for group officers? What is our criteria for election? Do we sometimes give a position to someone "because it would be good for them?"
- Do I set a positive leadership example?