Groups In Attendance

ABC
Agape
Better Way of Life
By the Book
Catonsville Beginner's
Common Solution
Cowenton
Dawn Patrol Zoom
Days End
Eastside Early Risers
Evergreen
Free At Last
Get In the Car
Glen Gardens
Happy Destiny
Hopkins
Hot Dog 12 & 12
Linthicum Monday Night
Monday Night 12 & 12
Mustard Seed
ODAT
One Clear Moment
Pasadena Wednesday Noon
Phelps Luck
Putty Hill
Queer Recovery
Retread
Serenity Big Book
Sober Sisters
Southwest Mid-day
SODAT
SOS Liberty Road
Strangely Insane
The Elevator's Broken- Use the Steps
There is a Solution
Working With Others

BALTIMORE INTERGROUP COUNCIL OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 2026 | Next Meeting: September 14, 2026

Steve S.W. (Chair) called the meeting to order and opened with the Serenity Prayer. This meeting took place on Zoom and in person at the Intergroup Office.

New Group Representatives: There was one new group representative for the Council to welcome.

Minutes: David R. (Recording Secretary) presented the minutes from the June 2026 meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: David R for Mike W (Treasurer): presented the June 2026 Financial Report. Ordinary revenue was $29,780.18 which included $11,870.89 from AA groups, $2,015.00 from individual members, and $15,259.50 from the Activities Committee. Ordinary expenses were $26,441.22, yielding net ordinary revenue of $3,338.96. Literature revenue was $5,414.93 with literature expenses of $3,432.30, yielding a net literature revenue of $1,982.63. Therefore, net revenue for June was $5,321.59. Total bank accounts were $245,848.76.

Baltimore Intergroup reports its accounting on a cash basis, not on accrual.

Executive Director's Report: Kathleen W. reported

Visitors in Office: 84	Phone Calls Received: 180
Mailchimp: 30% of emails opened	12th Step Calls: 4
Are there better ways to spread announcements	Bridging the Gap Calls: 0

There are many groups with similar names, so please give us the full group name when making online contributions.

-I set up a small archive display at the MD State Convention July 19-21st for the Baltimore Intergroup.
-I worked with the Area 29 Registrar, who has access to the General Service Office's group records and we were able to update over 100 missing meeting opening or closing dates for our group archives. We are still asking each group to send us meeting histories. Any information would be helpful.
-Reminder: Anniversaries need to be called in or sent via email by the 20th of each month. August anniversaries need to be called in by July 20th. We need time to format them for the bulletin.
-Please remember to call in group closures for holidays, church activities, etc… This is important information for people seeking a meeting.
-We have been receiving about 4 emails a month from students asking to attend open meetings. We are giving them a brief overview of meetings and asking them to introduce themselves to the group secretary or announce themselves at the beginning of the meeting and to pass if asked to share. This is a great way for a non-alcoholic to learn about AA.
-New Intergroup Reps can register online!! You do not need to sign up online each week. After initial registration, please just put name and home group in the chat for attendance purposes.
-Please provide a copy of the bulletin and newsletter to your groups. We will mail them at no charge to Intergroup Reps, call the office with your address or email intergroup@baltimoreaa.org. Please make announcements about upcoming events. Please send us your group events flyers to be posted on the website.

Steve M. reported the following about the Intergroup website:

•In June there were approximately 60,222 unique visitors to the website. About 2,007 visited per day and looked at an average of three pages per visit.
•There are now 741 active meetings in the area including 536 in person, 134 online only, and 75 hybrid.
•There was a significant increase in website traffic over the previous year. No significant changes were made to the website in June.

Activities Committee Report: Kathleen W. reported:
•The Golf Tournament cleared $18,000 after expenses. A fun day and very successful financially.
•The Picnic in the Park will be held again at Patapsco Valley State Park, Avalon Area, on August 9, 1pm to 5pm. We have reserved Pavilion 105. The event is free, but admission to the park is $2 per car. Burgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided, but please consider bringing a side or dessert. There is a food sign-up link on the website so we can avoid having only dessert! The whole family is invited! If the rangers at the gate say the park is full, tell them you are with Baltimore Intergroup. They will let you in.
•The Bull and Oyster Roast is booked for November 22. The venue will be the same as last year (Rosedale Gardens) and tickets will remain at the same price of $38. Tickets will be available beginning September 1. See the flyer on the IG website for more information.

Answering Service Committee Report: Jeff H.(Chair) reported that in June there were 68 calls and no 12th Step calls. Currently, one shift needs to be filled. We need more volunteers for the wait list. Call the Intergroup Office if you can help.

Cooperation with Professional Community Committee Report: Ferdinand B. (Chair) reported:
•The Committee staffed a table at the University of Maryland Conference on Problem Gamblers on June 12. We made some good connections with addiction professionals.
•We are currently making calls to various groups such as probation officers to spread the word about what AA does and does not do.

Institution Committee Report: David R. for Billy T (Chair) reported:
The Institution Committee will meet HYBRID on Friday, July 17, 2026, at 7pm. In-person meets at University Baptist Church, 34th & Greenway, Charles Village, 21218. Login Info: Meeting ID 851 0978 7096 Passcode 036778.

- Elections will be held in September for the following positions: Chairperson (2-year Commitment) Co-Chair, Secretary, Outreach, Schedule Coordinator, Literature Coordinator (1 year Commitment) **The most important thing for nominations is- the member being nominated must be present at one of the committee meetings in July, August, or September**
- There is a sign-up form on the IG website if you are interested in volunteering.
- The following institutions need support
  - Needs co-sponsor: [103] Johns Hopkins Hospital, Sundays 7:00pm at 600 North Wolfe St., Baltimore, 21287
  - Needs co-sponsor: [105] University of Maryland Medical Center, Sundays, 7:00pm, 22 South Green St., Baltimore, 21201
  - Needs co-sponsor: [313] Recovery Network Men's, Tuesdays, 6:30pm at 2926 Harford Rd., Baltimore 21218
  - Needs co-sponsor: [412] Sheppard Pratt - Towson, Wednesdays, 8:00pm, 6501 Charles St., Towson, 21204
  - Needs co-sponsor: [418] Damascus House, Wednesdays, 7:00pm, 4203 Ritchie Hwy., Brooklyn, 21225

Literature Committee Report: Sarah (Chair) reported that she will have literature available at the August workshop.

Outreach Committee Report: Becca H. (Chair) reported the following group anniversaries. Committee members hope to attend some or all:
•Courage to Change, Steps 1,2,3 celebrated their 5-year group anniversary on July 9.
•ODAT- will celebrate 53 years of service on July 14th. Food begins at 6:30pm followed by a meeting at 7:45pm. Please join them downstairs in the Undercroft for food and fellowship.
•New Beginnings of Hope group will celebrate the group's 40th anniversary on Friday, August 15. Food and fellowship at 5:30 pm followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. Parkville, 21234

Public Information Committee: Chris E. (Chair) reported:
•We will be sponsoring placemats in various local diners beginning August 15. These inclue the Double T, Windsor Inn, and others. The public service announcement will include a barcode that sends the reader to the Intergroup Website. We will be able to track how much traffic this generates to help measure its success.
•Chris contacted the Cinemark Theater chain about the possibility of showing an AA public service announcement (PSA) before theater screenings. They want more money than we want to spend. He will continue contacting other theaters.
•The Committee is still placing stickered Grapevine issues in local little libraries.

Workshop Committee Report: Gail G. (Chairperson) reported:
•The August workshop will be on the "12 Principles of the 12 Steps". This will be an interactive format with handouts. The venue is Kenwood Presbyterian, 4601 Fullerton, Nottingham, MD. Total budget for this workshop is $543.
•The November/December workshop will be "The 9th Step – The Hard One you'd never do, or your amends was not well received". Three speakers will share their experience of a hard 9th step, followed by breakout sessions in small groups. Place and time to be determined. We need a location that has a kitchen, tables, and a large parking lot.

•Next Workshop Committee meeting is Wednesday, August 12, 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Chairperson Report: Steve S.-W. (Chair) reported:
•A member raised concern with the Intergroup Office about selling non-conference-approved literature in the office. The member considered this a violation of the Sixth Tradition. The IG office has addressed this concern by segregating non-AA literature on separate shelves and clearly labeling them as such. The Intergroup Board discussed this concern at their last meeting and concurred with this arrangement.
•Some members have requested that the Intergroup Council move its in-person meeting to a larger location. The IG office has limited seating. Kathleen W. is investigating alternate locations. If she finds one with good wi-fi (necessary for Zoom) and close enough to easily transport equipment, we will try this as early as August. We will not plan to sell literature, but you can order it that day for delivery at the meeting.

Old Business: None
New Business: None

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, David R., Recording Secretary