



# North East Pennsylvania Area Intergroup

## IGR Meeting January 13th, 2026

Call to Order @ 7:02pm

Open with Serenity Prayer

No previous meeting minutes

Readings:

Declaration of Unity - Corey

Preamble - Ryan

1st Tradition - Raina

Announcements:

NEPYPAA "Love at first fright" Bingo event February 13th 6-9

### Role Call of Attendees

#### IGR Celebrants :

Mike- 9 years today.      Lauren- 6 years

#### Board Member Celebrants:

Louis- 6 years      Emily- 1 year on January 2nd

#### Group Anniversaries:

Heart & Soul: 27 years      Valley Group- 77 years

417 Womens Big Book Study- 5 years

#### Chair Report: Christine S.

.Only 13 days into the position and learning. Worked with the treasurer to teach how to use Square, and the new treasurer reports.

Will be attending NERASAA, will have a report for march on the assembly.

Asked all board members to review their committees bylaws and make any necessary changes to keep them with how we currently function. They haven't been updated since 2017. Explained the process of amending bylaws according to section 9.01 in our bylaws.

**9.01 AMENDMENTS.** These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of IGRs present at any regular meeting provided the amendment is read at three consecutive meetings, a majority has been met and provided a copy of the proposed amendment and which is submitted to each IGR and/or alternate before the next regularly scheduled meeting at which time a vote is taken on the amendment.

#### Floor opened for Questions

Kim- How much does NERASAA cost? A: Not sure yet. Will get more information for February.

*\*Motion to accept chair person reports\**

**Vice-Chair: Patrick**

Reminded the floor that you must be an IGR, or an Alt-IGR to vote or motion. Not visiting or from a board member

Reminded the forum everyone is a volunteer, and to practice respect and humility.

Still looking for someone to fill: Secretary, Bridging the Gap Chair, and Unity Chair.

**Floor opened for Questions**

no questions.

*\*motion to accept vice chair report\**

*\*Motion passed\**

**Secretary: Vacant**

No Report

**Treasurer: Frank B.**

Learning Square, new to him.

\$0 Balance to GSO. Thanks given to groups who donated.

Passing around 7th Tradition

**Floor opened for Questions**

Rachel-Homegroup wanted to see if we could go back to seeing our donation listed by homegroup?

*\*motion to accept treasurers report\**

*\*motion passed\**

<b><u>District 39: Ken</u></b>	Workshop went well
<b><u>District 40: Charlie</u></b>	Started an adhoc for corrections.
<b><u>District 49:Michelle</u></b>	Saturday Night Live 49th Anniversary February 7th. 6pm food, 7pm meeting. Beautiful flyers in the back
<b><u>District 52:</u></b>	Dark
<b><u>District 53: Paul</u></b>	Fellowship breakfast this saturday T&C Grill in Tunkhannock
<b><u>District 59:</u></b>	Absent
<b><u>District 62: Joel</u></b>	Alca-thon was a success, no one drank there. Hosting 2nd quarterly area meeting in March, at the dingmanns ferry firehouse. Flyer to come if not already on the website.

### **Activities: Moe**

Met with management at Hilton double tree for the H-to-H on April 25th.. The new menu is pricier, so ticket prices will be announced next month with flyers.

Menu: teriyaki vegetables in rice stir fried, chicken parm, beef tip marsala, and parmesan encrusted Haddock

### **Floor opened for Questions**

?-What's this for?

Moe's Response: This is for the H to H on April 25th

### **Archives: Austin**

Nothing new to report

Please donate parts of your group's history.

### **Bridging the Gap: Vacant**

#### **Central Office: Charlie**

There's a new Box 459 in the back

New price list in accordance with price increases from GSO of \$3 a book, \$3 a book per book for book sets, and 15% for pamphlets. The booklet AA for the Older Alcoholic will be a 15% increase. Grapevine will remain the same. We're going to keep our prices the same until March 1st unless the body objects.

Received order from GSO. The last order cost just shy of \$2,500. During the online order some pamphlets disappeared from the cart. Will need to reorder them, and will have to order some more literature before February 1st

Finally got into Quickbooks account. We were charged an auto renewal of \$1,800.94. Spoke with them and they're giving us a prorated refund for 7 months, to the amount of \$1,036.18. Moved us to quickbooks online, which is currently running us \$75 a month, with the first 3 months being \$37.50, which will give time for the new treasurer to decide if we need quickbooks any further, and if so will be moving us to the cheapest price. It currently does not seem we need it now, and that's the hope for the future.

Updated the IGR folders, removed the pamphlets that cost us. Reminded newer IGRs to come get a folder if they haven't yet.

Reminded people of meeting lists.

Appointed Mary to Website Chair, reestablished Website Committee.

### **Floor opened for Questions**

Christopher- I thought we had an elected website chair.

Charlie response: Our website chair isn't elected. Reminded forum of last even year 's election when Mary went to stand for the website, and the board stopped the vote because it was an appointed position under central office. Not a responsibility I wanted or knew I had when I was nominated.

Christopher- I thought she was here last month?

Charlie's response: She was.

Christopher- Why isn't she there now.

Charlie's response- There was a list of problems we were having.

Christopher- What was the list

*\*while charlie was pulling up list\**

Kim- I was never given a list

Charlie's response- Yes you were.

**Point of Order**- Frank- . Reminded the forum that the website is appointed by the central office, that the responsibility of its function falls to the central office.

Kim- Show us in the bylaws.

Charlie's response- The website itself is not in the bylaws. The first sentence about central office in the bylaws is about the information hub that the central office is. The way we communicate our information has changed since 1991. The website, the hotline, and the newsletter have always been under the central office. Reminded the forum that I didn't make the rules. Proceeded to give a list of reasons for replacing the website chair.

Reasons for removing Kim from the website chair.

Does not keep the website up to date. One example, at time of removal contact information was months old. The corrections form for SCI Dallas is outdated.

Demonstrates a consistent refusal and inability to work with the office. Which the website is a subcommittee of.

Refusal to have respective committees forwarded information from online forms

Central Office- Meeting updates, changes, additions, and removals. Text blast requests.

Refusal of giving other necessary chair positions admin capabilities on group me messaging board

Refusal to communicate with the office, which the website is a subcommittee of.

Denied certain groups requests for text blasts, because they didn't contribute

Removed District hosted events from our events page

Added non-AA events to our events page

The article she wrote for the newsletter scolding the intergroup for their group conscience.

Held a sound bath at an intergroup treatment facility commitment

Lied to the intergroup from (Dec. 2024-Mar.2025 about why their meetings weren't being updated on the website. Blaming GSO and the meeting guide app, instead of owning her inability to do so. When a couple months went by, I had another website committee member fix the updates that needed to happen, and in turn she changed all the passwords, stopped the committee meeting, blocked committee members access to do anything on the website. Eventually disbanded the committee.

Broke intergroup policy on recovery emails, and passwords by changing the recovery emails for the intergroup website to her personal email, and never updated the login information on the drive with the correct information.

Prevented us from moving away from mobiniti for 7 months, costing us over \$2,000 in text blasts from December 2024 to June 2025

An overall lack of qualifications, both technical and an understanding of the traditions and concepts.

An overall lack of basic structure of the intergroup.

Christopher- Let's talk about the \$5,000 bill to GSO you lost, the electricity getting turned off, and I heard you have the Square account in your name and home address

Charlie's response- It's not  
Christine's response- It's not

Christopher- That's what I heard from a past board member

Christine's response- It's not  
Charlie's response- It's not

Christopher- Nobody has a right to remove someone, quotes tradition one and says no one has a right to punish or expel anyone.

Charlie's response- She's not punished and she's not expelled. Reminded that the 1st tradition also reminds us that we also have the responsibility to ask disruptive members to leave the space. And started to reiterate concept 9.

Evan- Who else on the board was involved in this decision? Was this discussed at the last board meeting?

Charlie's response- This was after the last board meeting.

Evan- Did you do this outside the board, did you go about it on your own?

Charlie's response- No, I absolutely included the board.

Evan- I'm asking the board and nobody is saying anything.

Frank's response- What do you want to know?

Evan- I want to know who else supported Charlie in his decision to kick Kim out of the website.

Frank's response- Nobody has to give him permission. It is at his discretion. It is at his discretion.

Evan- Who else discussed it with him.

Frank's response- We're well informed, we're wasting all these IGRs time.

Sam- You guys said you're going to be writing new bylaws right?

Charlie's response- Yes

Sam- When you present them to us and we get time to look them over and if that is a part of the bylaws, are we allowed to make a motion to change them?

Charlie's response- Absolutely

Bo- how did she prevent us from moving from mobiniti for 7 months? A question about situations devolving

Charlie's response- This has been an ongoing thing for a year and a half. There have been many times we've had to sit down with the different chair people on this board, and it's just been like that. It just continued to be like that. And when this came to a new stress factor, I tried to have a conversation with her about the website again. I had to turn to our area's alternate delegate, and our area's delegate who

reminded me they just went through a similar situation with having to remove the officer at large, who was a voted in position, unlike the website.

Joe- Yes, the officer at large in the area wasn't doing his job, they had multiple meetings over the same situations and said they need to replace him. It was based on the job, and the needs of the area. It was presented to him multiple times, and then they removed him.

Christopher- How long have you been office manager?

Charlie's response- about 2 years now.

Christopher- Last weekend someone came in the store and smelled something they shouldn't have?

Charlie's response- Okay? What?

Christopher- Smoking

Charlie's response- Oh okay.

Christopher- is that you?

Charlie's response- No.

Various IGR'S- Can we move on?

*\*motion to continue\**

*\*motion passes\*\*christopher opposed\**

### **Corrections: Glenn**

Nothing to report

### **Floor opened to Questions**

Joe- Did you get anything about tablets, or sponsorship through video visits?

Glenn's response- No i have not

Joe- I'll send you the information

### **Institutions: - Jeremiah**

The announcement for this month, I just pulled some information from all the, it's a bunch of AAWS stuff about the guidelines and stuff for you, dealing with treatment facilities. It's some useful information.

I hope that, you know, you guys can take it back, maybe make some copies, and give it to somebody.

I don't come up with any of this stuff, you know?

It's all from the approved literature, so I'm not, like, making up any regulations or rules or guidelines or any of this stuff.

And really, the announcements are minimal this month, the big change here is Mountain's Edge Pocket 3 from Carbondale. We can't get enough interest in this commitment to go on with it any further.

So I canceled them starting February.

We won't be doing that one any more.

Wednesday is still on up there .

Ginger from Marworth reached out to me and wants us to pick up one Saturday a month.

It's the third Saturday of every month so, I already gave it out for this month, so I knew it would be filled, starting next month, that one will be back here for you guys to get.

It's just one. .

And it'll be at 8 p.m.

I wasn't here for the last month, but so I did the treatment forum with Area 59 and GSO., I worked with other people that do this, so there's a lot, I don't know very much, you know, I'm just here doing the best I can, you know, I try to work within the guidelines and the traditions and stuff, and , you know, I try to do the best I can do doing this, you know, and that's where I'm at with it.

So I learned some stuff from them, when we have our next committee meeting, we're going to discuss a few of the ideas and stuff that, like sepia, like the way they do things and stuff and hopefully we're going to get like a zoom meeting and going for this committee that way, all five of the people on the committee will be a little easier for us to meet up and you know, and discuss what's going on.

I believe it'll work better. And I do have something I would like to say, this took a little time to work up to here, but I had talked with the board about this and you know, and Christine brought it up earlier, you know, we would like to change the name from institutions Committee to Treatment Committee.

This change will better reflect the purpose of this committee.

This is to separate hospital and treatment from correctional institutions and all AWS literature refers to this committee as the treatment committee and also update the name and the bylaws and like the guidelines on what this committee's function actually is to coordinate with what it is, what the rest of, AAWS guidelines.

With that being said?

The purpose of this committee and the function was to establish and oversee conduct of AA meetings in various hospitals and treatment signs.

This is what's in the bylaws, like what I do.

I don't police your guys' meetings and, you know, that you take to and treatment facilities.

But like when there's stuff going on, you know, I got to be able to address it in some fashion.

So this is what I came up with, right?

There are many pathways to recovery.

Our pathway is Alcoholics Anonymous, so when we're representing alcoholics anonymous, we carry the message by sharing our experience, strength, and hope.

By aligning it with the principles of AA. The treatment Committee workbooks suggest that members with solid sobriety, strong knowledge of AA principles, including the traditions, dependability, and a broad experience are best suited to carry the AA message.

If you were in a community, as a trusted servant, representing AA deviating from AA is not acceptable .

It does not matter if a treatment facility is okay with your deviation from AA, but if we respect if we have respect and integrity for AA, it is our responsibility to ensure we are carrying the AA message.

The way it is meant to be delivered, not Jeremiah's message , not her message, the way we're supposed to do it. And you, that's really all I have.

The thing here is, you know, I'm really passionate about this, right?

A guy came to the treatment facility I was at, and he talked about AA. You know, I could relate to the guy .

And here I am, you know, I got brought out of the darkness.

I'm alive today because of this.

He got that commitment from here and you know, and it just circled back around.

So I'm just a small, tiny little part in this.

I'm just, you know, trying to make it happen for somebody else.

That's all I have if anybody has any questions, feel free.

Thanks, Jeremiah.

## Newsletter:Emily

I'm newsletter but I want to mention first what I recently did for Bridging the Gap. Last week I went into the Susquehanna re-entry program. I thought I was going to be talking to a bunch of drunks, but I was not. It was the professional community. It was a great experience to be exposed to talk to people in the community about what this was. Cool to let them know, because a lot of people don't know what it was. There were lawyers, judges, and healthcare professionals.

The next newsletter will be out for March intergroup. Please send submissions to [nepaigmessenger@gmail.com](mailto:nepaigmessenger@gmail.com) by February 20th please.

Will be changing the format around a little bit, nothing drastic. Will be sticking to traditions.

I want to include more about past events, peoples experiences and also upcoming events. Looking for events for anytime after March 10th.

## Floor opened for questions

Joe-Was this AA related?

Emily's response- It wasn't AA related, but I didn't present myself as a member of AA. if you're interested further please see me after

## Public Institutions- Jimmy J

Been official for 2 weeks, 2 days 42 minutes, not keeping track.

Stated purpose of PI committee- the purpose of the PI service work is to provide accurate and current AA information to the public when requested.

PI committee visits, schools, businesses, community meetings, for this purpose.

They also service resources for our friends and the local media and emphasize our tradition of anonymity, singleness of purpose, and nonaffiliation. As well as offering PSA's.

Reached out to Fox, BRE, and WNEP.

Asked for help from everyone to reach out to all those areas in their local areas.

Held first meeting. Very productive.

Will meet on zoom on the monday prior to the board meeting.

"If you wanna drink that's your choice, and if you want help stop drinking we're here to help" flyer to be made.

## Floor opened for Questions

Christopher- You're going to do a zoom on what Monday?

Jimmy J's response- It'll be the first monday. February 2nd at 6:30pm

## Unity: Vacant

## **Old Business**

Evan- Charlie asked last month what our group thought about wanting to sell the big book dictionary, and the 12 and 12 dictionary. Our group doesn't want us selling any nonconference approved literature

Charlie's response- Okay, Did anybody else get group information on that?

Colleen- Our group liked the idea, thought it would help a struggling alcoholic.

Charlie's response- Did any other group that could break that could break that tie?

Rachel- Our group said we didn't need any more books in the office at this time.

Charlie's response- Cool, so i'm not buying extra shit.

We don't have a secretary and we really need one. Explained the role of typing up meeting minutes and getting them to the office in a timely fashion.

Suggested voluntelling a sponsee to step into service.

## **New business**

Rachel- Just the same thing about putting the groups contributions back on the treasurers report

Christine's response- We can give your group receipts, we'll also be sending out a mailing to anyone who's sent a contribution with a return address that we're moving to square. With that we'll be emailing or mailing a receipt to the homegroups.

Christine- We need to put Frank on our bank account as our treasurer on the PNC account and Frank will get an additional card with his name on it. Christine needs to get put on people's security accounts as chairperson.

Christopher- were the 2023 taxes done?

Christopher's response- I'll get back to you. I know we were missing contact information for the chair and treasurer at the time, I believe we got that, but I'll double check.

Joe- How much does square cost us?

Charlie's response- \$89 a month

Joe- Will that be added to our expenses on the treasurers report?

Christine's response- Yes, we'll add a line for it.

Evan- My group was asking why the groups aren't reporting the group contributions anymore. My group would like to see it on a separate sheet.

Christine's response- We stopped putting a list of group contributions, but in the tradition of anonymity it's not anyone else's business what another group is donating. If I were to call GSO and ask them what another group was donating they would tell me it's none of my business.

Evan- Nominated Kim for secretary

Kim's response- Denied nominated

?- Can we just have a list of which groups donated, but not what they donated with.

Patrick's response- What is the importance of knowing who donated, versus just that the donation was made.

Rachel- my group wants to see that our donation made it to intergroup.

Frank's response- if you get us that information we asked for we'll be able to send you a receipt.

Motion to close.

Close with The Responsibility Statement.