

ABE INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2020

Freddy called to order the regular monthly meeting of the ABE Intergroup Association at 8:01 PM via Zoom.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Chairperson (Freddy M: Chairperson@aalv.org)

- Freddy welcomed everyone to the first-ever ABE Intergroup Zoom meeting.

Secretary (Rachel F: Secretary@aalv.org)

- Roll Call: The Secretary called the roll and noted that 25 groups were represented at the meeting, constituting a quorum.

Treasurer (Susan A.: Treasurer@aalv.org)

- The March/April financial report was provided to the IG Reps & approved by voice vote.
- Insurance paid quarterly. More to be discussed in near future.
- Serendipity breakfast & jail can generously brought in contributions. Overall, IG is in healthy financial shape. Other April donations to IG unknown, as Mall is on lockdown.

Vice-Chair (OPEN: Vicechair@aalv.org)

- **THIS POSITION IS OPEN — opportunity for SERVICE.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Schedules (Brigham: schedules@aalv.org)

- There are tutorials for Zoom, Google Meet, & Conference Call on aalv.org. There is also Google doc listing current Zoom meetings. Please contact schedules@aalv.org if your meeting is not listed.
- Brigham's term is up at the end of May. Rebecca from Bethlehem Group is interested in taking over. If anyone else is interested, you can stand for it. 2 years sobriety required. Web maintenance & pdf editing skills are useful but not required. Brigham will stay on as a member to assist.
- An amendment to bylaws is proposed in order to waive the 6-month waiting period for meetings to appear on Web site & Meeting Finder app. 6-month wait will still apply to printed schedules. Please see Amendment to bylaw attachment for details.
- This amendment will be either temporary or permanent & can be revisited. Must be considered for 30 days, so it is suggested to **bring this back to your groups for vote at May IG meeting.**

Telephone Service (Bob L. & Sue B.: Telephone@aalv.org)

- Hotline going great. Volunteers answering phones in record time.
- April is slower than March. New rotation in March with new volunteers.
- **Please continue to make announcement when you're hosting or attending ZOOM meetings, that volunteering for hotline is great opportunity for service.** Go to aalv.org or contact telephone@aalv.org.

Literature (Susan C: Bookstore@aalv.org)

- Bookstore has been closed since late March. Susan may be able to get into Mall on Wednesday.
- If your group has request contact Susan at address above & she will do her best to fulfill.

Hospitals & Institutions (Jim W: institutions@aalv.org)

- No report
- **THIS POSITION IS OPEN SOON DUE TO ROTATION OF SERVICE! GET INVOLVED TO SEE WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT. FREE TRAINING.**
- See aalv.org or email Jim for more details about each commitment.

Public Information (Scott F: PublicInfo@aalv.org)

- In February, PI & Hotline chairs were making the rounds to meetings to pitch stands & hotline.
- Freddy & Scott participated in Morning Call interview. They focused on the solution despite pressure for sensationalism & "doom & gloom" news. WFMZ also reached out to IG PI but anonymity would not have been respected, so IG declined interview. They were successful in getting aalv.org & AA hotline number out to the public!

<https://www.mcall.com/coronavirus/mc-nws-coronavirus-addiction-treatment-options-20200409-7lzgrwulmfd63gsmbnfvnoxsfe-story.html>

- Betty Jo M has agreed to take over during rotation of service. Scott will stay on as an advisor & to help with the Web site.
- Literature stands were ready to be distributed in February. Approx 25 went out into the community before Covid19. This program will start up again when restrictions lifted.
- You are encouraged to join ABE Intergroup Facebook page. If there are any questions, email publicinfo@aalv.org.

Unity (Meg H: Unity@aalv.org Chair)

- no report

District #57 Representative (Jen S.: adcm.district57@gmail.com)

- Everyone is doing a good job. Thank you flyer is being posted from District 57. **District 57 will finance additional costs to run Zoom meetings.** First come, first serve basis until funds are used up. Any groups needing help, contact District 57 at address above.
- Flyer: <https://www.aalv.org/portfolio-items/district-57-thank-you-april-2020?portfolioCats=32>
- area59aa.org

District #37 Representative (Melissa A: d37adcm@gmail.com)

- 2 important member/group practices are to continue to reach out & be sure to have a GSR Rep.
- Suggestion was passed on to not use last name in Zoom meetings to preserve anonymity. Zoom guidance can be found here: <https://area59aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Anonymity-and-Online-Meetings.pdf>
- Link to Covid19 AA updates: https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/update-on-covid-19-coronavirus
- Preconference sharing was held over Zoom. You can read transcript - contact Melissa for more details.
- Workshops listed at: <https://area59aa.org/events/>
- area59aa.org

OLD BUSINESS:

- 6-month wait; EPGSA attendance/budget; lending money flyer; rotation of service

NEW BUSINESS:

- none

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel F.

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Secretary