

Delegate's Committee Meeting

Saturday May 16th, 2026

Meeting opened @ 10am by chair Buck R, with the Serenity prayer

AA preamble: Leslie

Twelve Traditions: Walter

Buck: one announcement before roll call. We would like to talk about delegate representation clarification. For attendance , quorum & voting each person should be counted for one group, district , officer position or other voting role. This keeps our record and quorum count consistent with the bylaws. As we are calling out names for roll call, it would be ideal to say “here” for both your home group & district .

Roll Call: Secretary Tom E

Review and Approve Previous Minutes:

Buck: previous delegate's minutes were emailed & posted online .If you did not get an email or are new in your position, please talk to Ann J after the meeting. Any edits? Tom E: The last paragraph on the last page was added by mistake. The minutes were updated and posted on the website

Committee Reports:

Treasurer : Philip F

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Corrections: Ken

Training has been rescheduled from May 9th to May 23rd. Please reach out to Rosie for training questions. Thank you to all the volunteers.

Cherise : I think I heard Mecklenburg county jail wasn't accepting people with a conviction of a felony.

Ken: This is something new with the Mecklenburg jail. What they say is that if you have a felony on your record, they won't take you until 10 years after you are off paper. If you have a misdemeanor, it is 5 years after you are off paper. It is a problem because some of the volunteers that have been going now have to back out because of the new rules. So what you heard is correct.

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CPC/PI: Joe

We bring meetings to professional groups and we had a very productive month. We were at the Gaston County Health Fair with 40 other vendors. Its really rewarding work . A lot of the events take place Mon-Fri during the day. We would love to have people that have that flexibility.

The other thing listed in the report is that we are responsible for our Google business page.Example is that if someone is searching google for help, we would like to show up towards the top of the search results.Things that help that is for example if your groups is having an anniversary celebration, we can post that on the Google business page.

It could help us with traffic and people finding us online.

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Treatment: Jason

We currently have 25 different opportunities for service work at 13 facilities every week. The requirements to participate is to have 1 year of sobriety, a sponsor and a home group. A working knowledge of the 12 steps .If you know anyone interested in being of service, please reach out to Peter or me.

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Unity: Marshall

We are in our final phase of finalizing plans for Founders Day on June 20th.

Co-chair- Nick:

There are flyers up on the website or will be shortly. They are also in the 20/20. There is a QR code on the flyer. Please use this so if you are interested in bringing something to Founders day ,you can use the form . There is also a section for volunteers to setup, clean up or serve. The Unity meeting will be meeting today to finalize details but we do need support and attendance. If you have a sponsee, bring them out. Its a good way to see fellowship and show how we show up at events.

Valerie: what time is the meeting today?

Nick: it is 11:30a.

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Nominations/Outreach: Jason

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Executive Secretary Report: Ann J

We are hiring again for a part-time employee. There are flyers about it as well as on the website.

There have been notifications from US Postal informed delivery that looks like checks were coming in the last month or so that aren't actually being delivered to the office. If your group has an issue with a check not being cashed, chances are it got lost in the mail.

There is only one district here today. If you guys could spread the word that the district could update their info with Intergroup because there has been people looking to make donations to districts and they are calling Intergroup for the information.

Book sale is still going on and we have sold a ton of books.

Lastly, we have been getting checks with no group names and I don't know if they are coming from an AA, so I have to send them back to the sender. Sometimes they come with no return address.

Old Business:

Buck: Before beginning, I want to remind everyone we try to stick to Robert's Rules of Order so that we can get through business and make decisions.

What we do is we work on a motion . We don't do any type of work without a motion on the table. We have one from last time and we are going to start with that.

The question is can the Intergroup run a 50/50 raffle for fundraising.

What we want to hear is not multiple shares on the same side of the opinion. If you hear someone share against the motion, leave room for someone to share for the motion. We will be having people raise there hand if they would like to share.

To include everyone online, we will have anyone in this room to come up to the microphone to share.

Are there any questions? Joe: do just the delegates vote? Or committee members to?

Buck: Leslie will address that question.

Leslie: I am new to the steering committee acting as assistant treasurer. At the recent steering committee meeting this topic came up and I wasn't sure

what everyone was talking about. I pulled up on the CharlotteAA.org website, the Delegate's handbook and read the bylaws. What the Delegate's handbook says in the bylaws, which were actually amended, is that:

Sect 2. The membership of the Metrolina Association shall consist of each AA group, in the above mentioned area that chooses to participate in the Association. Such groups shall elect a Delegate, and/or an Alternate Delegate, each of whom should have at least 1 year continuous sobriety. Each participating group, including each Association Officer, shall be entitled to 1 vote in the meetings of the Delegates, and each Delegate can represent only 1 group.

Leslie: Each of the Steering committee members have a vote at the Delegates meeting. They are not counted for quorum purposes but the votes are counted for voting. The groups themselves thought that their experience, strength and hope would be valuable in motions and decisions. That's the way I look at it. That is what the bylaws say.

Anna: Is it just the Chairs voting or the co-chairs as well?

Ann J: The list of Chairs and co-chairs and assistants are listed in the 20/20. Chairs and assistants are voting members and co-chairs are not.

Buck: Robert's Rules of Order- what I've learned is that my position is that of a referee instead of trying to steer a decision this way or that way. So, I don't have to vote unless it comes to a tie.

We need a motion for the 50/50 raffle. Reminding all that we will need a 2nd to the motion, the 2nd doesn't necessarily mean you agree with the motion, it means you think it should be discussed. So, we need a motion brought by someone.

Nick: Motion to allow Intergroup to run 50/50 raffles.

Joe: 2nd motion

Buck: are we ready to vote? Do we have quorum?

Ann J: yes we have quorum.

Buck: All in favor for Intergroup to run 50/50 raffles, please raise your hand.

Buck: All opposed raise your hand.

Buck: The motion passes. Intergroup is allowed to run 50/50 fundraisers.

Buck: Does anyone who voted against the motion wish to speak or share your experience?

Anna: Our group voted no in the spirit of the 7th tradition and we were hoping we could address with the steering committee to have it on a case by case basis versus carte blanche to host fundraisers whenever or wherever.

Buck: Would anybody like to change their vote based on that?

Buck: We have 3 other fundraising events to discuss. We will need a motion on the floor to continue.

Nick: I make motion that Intergroup be allowed to hold a silent auction.

Marshall: 2nd the motion.

Buck: any discussion?

Cherise: Can you describe what it means to have a silent auction?

Lyndsey: What we had done is that we had item with a minimum bid for the item. Then the next person can go and bid a dollar more. The person with the biggest bid would win. They have to be present to take the item.

Jennifer: Are all of the items donated by alcoholics?

Buck: yes. Any more discussions or questions?

Cecily: even though the items are donated by alcoholics, they could be items for someone's business. It could be someone that owns a restaurant and they could have donated a gift certificate from their restaurant.

Ann J: If there is something like an Applebee's gift card and an alcoholic purchased that gift card. Applebee's had no part in it. If you're saying if an alcoholic owns a restaurant and donates a gift card, he is still doing it as an alcoholic.

Buck: any other questions or discussions?

Lyndsey: everything that was donated was donated by an alcoholic.

Valerie: Im still stuck on if we are promoting business when we do this and are we breaking the tradition. A lot of alcoholics have businesses, I do myself , but I would not like to promote it because that is an outside issue.I am kind of confused about this vote.

Buck: anyone else? Are we ready to vote?All in favor of Intergroup being able to run silent auctions, raise your hand.All opposed raise your hand. The motion passes. Is there anyone who has a minority opinion that would like to speak?

Anna: This motion bumps up against the 6th tradition. As Valerie pointed out that businesses may or may not have anything to do with Alcoholics Anonymous.

Buck: Do we have a motion?

Nick: I make a motion that Intergroup be allowed to have bake sales.

Anna: 2nd the motion

Buck: is there any question or discussion? Are we ready to vote? All in favor ? All opposed?

Valerie: when we say bake sales how broad does that go? Is that just for Intergroup to have bake sales? Or groups to have bake sales??

Buck: this is the groups telling Intergroup what it can or can't do.

Valerie: where are the bake sales going to be held?

Lyndsey: I think this about if Intergroup can have a bake sale.

Buck: we will now vote for all opposed to having Intergroup to hold bake sales for fundraising. All opposed? The motion passes

Buck: does anyone want to share a minority opinion?

Leslie: Sect 13 of the bylaws says: The finance activities of the Association shall be (a.)contributions of member groups.(b)individual AA members, and (c) income derived from such projects or activities may be authorized from time to time by the Steering Committee , and which conform to the Twelve Traditions.

Leslie: I don't know what activities have been authorized by the Steering Committee but it sounds to me like we put the responsibility where it doesn't belong.

Buck: Thank you. Would anyone like to change their vote based on that? Bake sale passes. We have one last thing which is the sale of merchandise.

Nick: I would like to make motion that Intergroup be allowed to sell Intergroup branded merchandise.

Curtis: 2nd the motion.

Buck: are there any discussions?

Cherise: Don't we already sell merchandise?

Ann J: The only Intergroup merchandise we have in the store is a couple of hats leftover from the fundraising celebration. We don't order those. I just decided to sell what was left from the fundraiser. This was done by the Unity committee, just like all the other things for the celebration. It is not typical that Intergroup will carry Intergroup branded merchandise going forward. This would be voting if you allow the Unity committee to do this in the future.

Buck: anyone else with discussion or questions. Are we ready to vote. We are voting on the motion that Intergroup can have fundraisers to sell Intergroup branded merchandise.. All in favor, raise your hand. All opposed.

Ann J: Opposed votes win

Buck: Minority opinion? The motioned failed.

Buck: any new business?

Nick: Given what Leslie read and listening to Anna, I make a motion that any fundraiser in the future, be presented to Intergroup Steering committee and voted upon before it's done by the committee, on a case by case basis.

Whatever the bylaws recommends, I just think that in the future, each fundraiser should be approved on a case by case basis.

Buck: Nick please repeat your motion.

Nick: I make a motion that on a case by case basis, that any fundraiser idea be presented to and voted on, by the Steering committee before said fundraiser happens

Buck: any discussion ?

Leslie: I just want to make a motion to clarify the motion to say that pursuant to Sect. 13 sub paragraph (c) of the bylaws , that each activity for fundraising proposed by the membership be presented to the steering committee for authorization and approval according to the traditions.

Buck: is there any discussion on the amendment?

Ruth: I would just like to clarify is the motion on case to case basis any fundraiser proposed would be voted and approved by the steering committee and then be presented to the members?

Buck: the last part was not part of the motion

Ann J: Why are we voting on it if it's already in the bylaws? A lot of the stuff donated for the fundraiser would have been nixed if it was brought to the steering committee first. I don't think there needs to be a vote because it's already in the bylaws.

Nick: should I rescind the motion?

Ann J: I think as part of Roberts Rules say you can rescind the motion and someone else can make a motion

Buck: I think the rescission has precedence over the amendment.

Jennifer : If Ann's statement is that we don't need to vote ,we should just follow the bylaws, aligned with that, those previous motions that we voted on , 3 of which were passed and one failed. Do we need to negate those actions because only the Steering committee has the authority to make those decisions?

Buck: I am discussing at this point. I feel that the Intergroup serves the group and for the groups to vote on something, is something that the Steering Committee wants to know. It is valuable information.

Jennifer: So the next step is that these motions would go to the Steering committee and they would look at the input of the groups.

Leslie: I agree with what was just said. The Steering Committee cannot abdicate it's responsibility to make these decisions about, but what they asked for was input from the group.If they face these decisions again, so that they would know what the activities are and whether or not they violated the traditions.

Buck: Do we need to vote on rescinding the motion?

Ann J: He can just rescind it and we don't vote on it.

Nick: I rescind the motion.

Buck: okay great.

Anna: can you clarify where we are with the fundraising thing?

Buck: Where we are at based on the bylaws, the Steering Committee decides on any fundraisers , however we have valuable information from the groups based on ones we cannot and can do based on the votes.

Anna: So it will be on a case by case basis?

Buck: yes, by the Steering Committee.

Buck: New Business. We have a few people standing for positions . We would like to call them up and talk.

We have a co-chair for Nominations & Outreach standing. We have a co-chair for Secretary and we have a co-chair for CPC/PI standing.

Jennifer: Hi everybody. Jason asked me to co-chair. Sobriety date 2/21/23. I have a sponsor who has a sponsor. My home group is Just The Basics.

Buck: Does anyone else want to stand for this position ? Jennifer please leave the room for a few seconds. All in favor of Jennifer taking on the position please raise your hands. Jennifer congratulations .

Mary: my home group is Sober Mamas. I just celebrated 18 years of sobriety. I have a sponsor and I have sponsees. I have some administrative skills. Retired BOA. I feel a calling to serve.

Buck : please close your eyes & ears for 30 seconds. All In favor? Any opposed? Congrats Mary.

Ruth: can you tell me what is the position.

Mary: co- chair secretary.

Buck: next up is Kelly for CPC/PI

Kelly: Sobriety date 1/24/23. My home group is Southern Pacific. I have a sponsor and I sponsor other women. I have been part of CPC/PI for a year now and is something that I have loved.

Buck: can you step out of a second. Any discussion? All in favor?all opposed?
Congratulations Kelly.

Buck: Any other new business? We will close with the responsibility statement. Move to adjourn. All in favor? Meeting adjourned.

Meeting closed at 11:22am