

November 2021 Newsletter

Emerald Valley

Intergroup



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Step 11

Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, as we understood him. Praying only for knowledge of his will and the power to carry that out.

Questions about AA?

Call the EVI office: 541-342-4113
Available 24/7

Visit Us: 2160 West 11th, Suite I 97402
Open Mon-Fri 9AM-5PM, Sat-Sun 9AM-4PM

EVI Website: www.eviaa.org

Find a Meeting: www.eviaa.org/meetings/

Tradition Eleven

Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.

Our relations with the general public should be characterized by personal anonymity. We think A.A. ought to avoid sensational advertising. Our names and pictures as A.A. members ought not be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed. Our public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion. There is never need to praise ourselves. We feel it better to let our friends recommend us

Short and long form of Tradition 11 from *12 Steps & 12 Traditions*

Everyone at the EVI Office is required to wear a mask.



**Sign up for the
Monthly EVI
Newsletter!**

Send an email to:
evinewsaa@gmail.com

New Book!

Order Here: <https://www.aagrapevine.org/prayer-and-meditation-book>



“Prayer & Meditation” features powerful stories by members of Alcoholics Anonymous about the many ways they pray and meditate in their daily lives.

The stories in this book show how members begin to pray and meditate and then branch out to develop very personal, and often creative, ways to practice. Chapters include: daily routines, traditional religious practices, activities and exercise, personal techniques, the Serenity Prayer, and connecting with nature and the universe. All stories were previously published in Grapevine, the International Journal of AA. Great for people in recovery or those who want to explore prayer and meditation.

AA Grapevine

This month’s special section is “Prayer & Meditation,” featuring powerful selections from the brand new Grapevine book Prayer & Meditation. Also featuring stories of hope during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Subscribe to the AA Grapevine:
store.aagrapevine.org/subscriptions

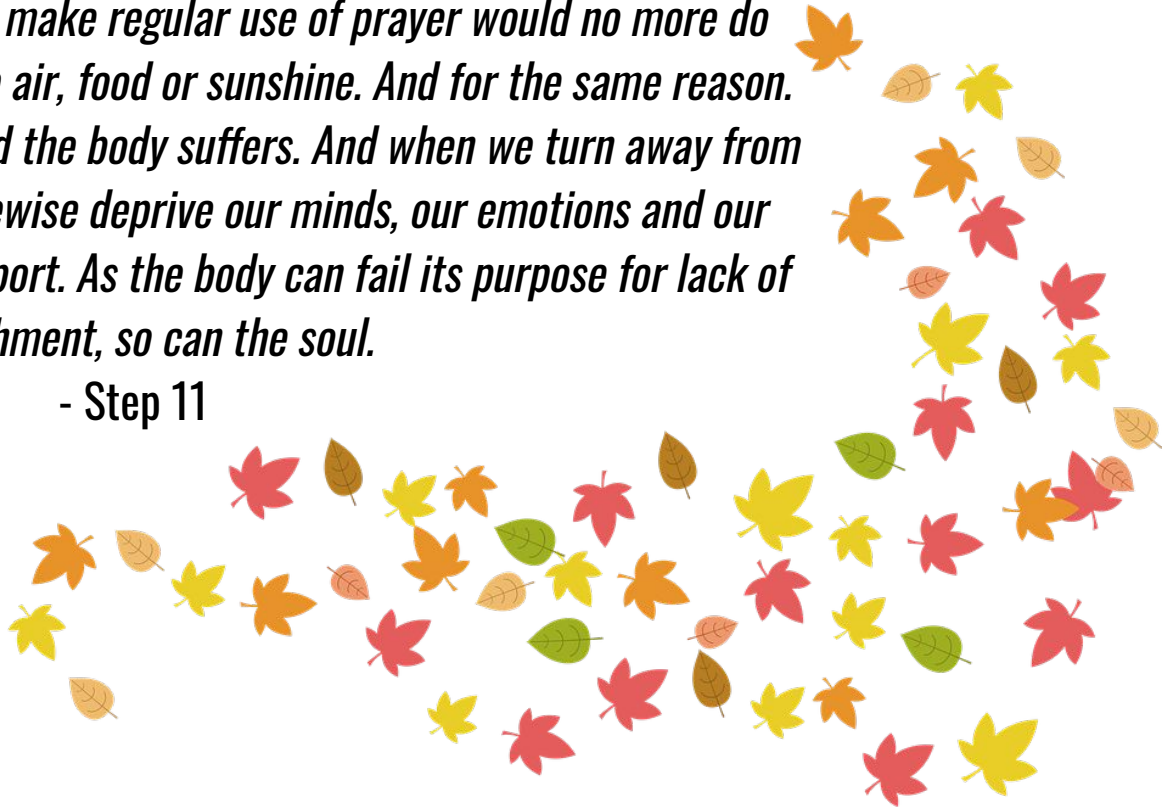
Submit your stories or artwork to the
AA Grapevine: www.aagrapevine.org/submit-your-story

PRAYER & MEDITATION

AA members share the many ways they connect spiritually

Those of us who have come to make regular use of prayer would no more do without it than we would refuse air, food or sunshine. And for the same reason. When we refuse air, light or food the body suffers. And when we turn away from meditation and prayer, we likewise deprive our minds, our emotions and our intuitions of vitally needed support. As the body can fail its purpose for lack of nourishment, so can the soul.

- Step 11



A.A. Historical Events in the Month of *November!*

More detail & historical dates can be found on the Oregon Area 58 website: <https://www.aa-oregon.org/category/aa-history/>

Nov. 1, 1947 – 1st AA Group in Anchorage, Alaska.

Nov. 9, 1966 – President Johnson appoints Marty M to the 1st National Advisory Committee on Alcoholism.

Nov 10, 1940 – First AA group formed in Minneapolis.

Nov. 10, 2001 – First of 400,000 4th Edition Big Books arrives in the mail.

Nov. 11, 1934 – Armistice Day; Bill started drinking after dry spell, beginning of Bill's last drunk.

Nov. 12, 1940 – 1st AA meeting is held in Boston.

Nov. 13, 1939 – Bill wants to go to work at Towns Hsp, NY drunks want him to stay on as head of the movement.

Nov. 14, 1940 – Alcoholic Foundation publishes first AA Bulletin.

Nov 15

1949 – Bill W suggests that groups devote Thanksgiving week to discussions of the 12 Traditions.

Nov. 16, 1950 – Dr. Bob died.

Nov. 26, 1895, Bill W. born in East Dorsett, VT.

**Featured Meeting
of the Month!**

By Geoff C

11th Step Meditation Group

Saturday Morning, 9-10AM

First Methodist Church 1376 Olive Street, Eugene.

The 11th Step Meditation Group is an open meeting that has been in operation now for 11 years. Because of the pandemic we have changed our meeting structure to one in-person and one Zoom meeting per week.

Our meeting format, determined by group consensus, consists of:

- A brief one page reading to orient participants to the 11th Step – Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for the knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
- A half hour of meditation in silence with the lights dimmed
- Sharing of experiences related to our meditation or our 11th Step Practice during the week
- Usual closing with announcements and serenity prayer.

Newcomers and out-of-town visiting members often comment that the 30 minutes of meditation in silence is quite a challenge and seems like eternity. However, once they get more used to the practice, regulars report that it is an incredible blessing and an important anchor for their sobriety and spiritual journey.

In-Person: Saturday Morning, 9:00 – 10:00 am, held at First Methodist Church 1376 Olive Street, Eugene.

Contact person Anders L.: 541-868-5128 or Rex W. 541-225-8682.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84729019611?pwd=cVVGKzdGMVMrdTVHN0xzSm1xaXlxdz09>

Tuesday Evening, 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Contact person Abigail H.: 209-401-6799

Meeting ID: 847 2901 9611 Passcode: Breathe123

The Joy of Service

Alcoholics Anonymous is like a three-legged stool. The legs are; Recovery, Unity, and Service.

Local members share their experience with Service.

Sandi P.

“I have been sober a few 24 hours and have been very active in service of all types at the district level . I love the feelings of paying back and belonging that I get after visiting a jail, being a speaker at a meeting, or helping a sponsee stay sober. It was only after becoming a GSR for my home group and attending assemblies, Zoom no less, that my eyes and my heart were opened to the true magnificence of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Because of modeling and education that was a gift from trusted servants, I became aware of the intricate, spiritual, and beautifully unique systems that has been developed to help other alcoholics, all alcoholics, to find sobriety and live a life of peace and purpose. By learning about elections, listening to minority opinions, observing needed changes happening to accommodate our constantly changing world, and watching the system fiercely protect and defend the idea that every alcoholic has a voice AND a choice, I have fallen in love Again with the group that saved my life, brought me to a spiritual home and gave me a new perspective in every corner of my life.

Thank you AA from a newly rededicated traveler on this road to happy destiny.”

EVI Saturday Speaker will be IN-PERSON

Saturday, December 11, 7 PM



***Masks required**

AI Anon Speaker:
Lee D, 19 years

AA Speaker:
Angele M, 37 years

Bethesda Lutheran Church, 4445 Royal Ave

Local Meetings



Tis the Season

The holidays can be a slippery time for people in recovery.

Many groups will hold marathon meetings over the holidays. If you know of any PLEASE let the newsletter know and call the EVI Office so they can help get the word out

evinewsaa@gmail.com



Local Meetings



1st Saturday Speaker Meeting

Meets the first Saturday of every month



Dec 4th, 2021

Erica O *Corvallis, OR*

Coffee and Snacks at 5pm
Meeting starts at 5:30pm



New Location:

**2537 Game Farm Rd,
Springfield, OR 97477**

(Church of St John the Divine)

On Zoom also at:

Meeting ID: 965 9366 9951
No Password

Local Meetings

**Occasional
Inspiration**

6^P_M
FRIDAY



masks required. sanitizer provided.

**76 W BROADWAY
(EUGENE, OR)**

This just in, Host of Friends is moving to Live Meetings in person Starting this Saturday, June 5



~~8:00 at 76 W Broadway
between Olive and Willamette.
Face mask and social distancing
required.~~

Stay classy Eugene

In-Person at St. Mary's Church on 13th & Pearl
Saturdays at 8PM

STOP & SMELL THE ROSES WOMEN'S NOONER

Sunday Wednesday Friday


SUNDAY: BOOK STUDY BYOB
WEDNESDAY: SPEAKER/DISCUSSION
FRIDAY: SPEAKER/DISCUSSION

Location: OWEN ROSE GARDEN MEETING SEE MAP ON REVERSE

LGBTQ • FREE PARKING • KIDS WELCOME

Socially distanced

MASKS allow all to attend



The logo is a circular emblem with a triangle inside. The triangle has 'H' at the top, 'W' at the bottom right, and 'O' at the bottom left. The word 'Unity' is on the left side, 'Service' is on the right side, and 'Recovery' is at the bottom. In the center of the triangle are the letters 'AA'.





Its back!

Starting Sunday June 13th, 2021

**Primary Purpose Group
Sunday Night Speaker Meeting
7:00 pm—8:30 pm**

Meets Every Sunday

**Campbell Senior Center
155 High Street
Eugene, OR**

2 Speaker Format

Each speaker shares for approximately 25 minutes.

If you have a year or more of sobriety
and would like to share your experience, strength and hope,
see Mike F. at the meeting and he will get you signed up for a
Sunday that works for you.



First Sunday Speaker Meeting

December 5th, 2021

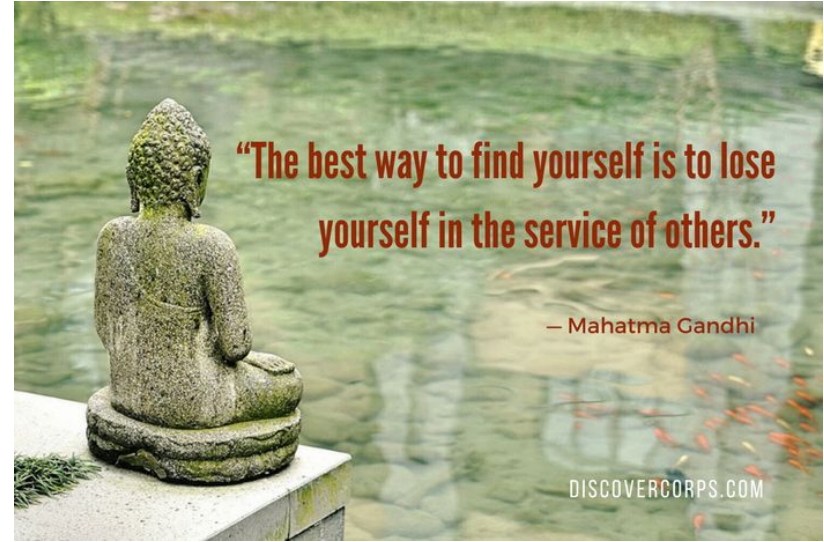
1:30pm

ZOOM ID 82668365948

**SPEAKER: RHONDA Z.
WASHINGTON D.C.
22 YEARS SOBRIETY**

Open EVI Service Positions!

- EVI Speaker Meeting Vice Chair
- Literature Vice Chair
- Outreach Chair & Vice Chair
- Archives Vice Chair
- Activities Chair
- EVI Office Volunteers



Descriptions of each EVI Service Committee: www.eviaa.org/evi-info/evi-committees

Attend the Monthly EVI Business Meeting to stand for an open position!

Next EVI Business Meeting is Monday, November 15, 2021

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Bringing the message to the Lane County Courthouse



This picture is of an AA pamphlet rack that was recently installed by the CPC/PI committee at the Lane County Courthouse in Eugene. If you're in the area and need a pamphlet, the display is at the Information Desk to the right when you enter the courthouse.

And, more importantly, if you know of other business type locations that might let us set up a display, please email evicpcpi@gmail.com



FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

SAVE THE DATE MARCH 4-6, 2022

WHAT IS PRAASA? It is 3 day program which includes panel presentations on the General Service Conference theme and agenda items, roundtable discussions for members to network with others who share their service position, open mic sharing, questions and Al-Anon participation.

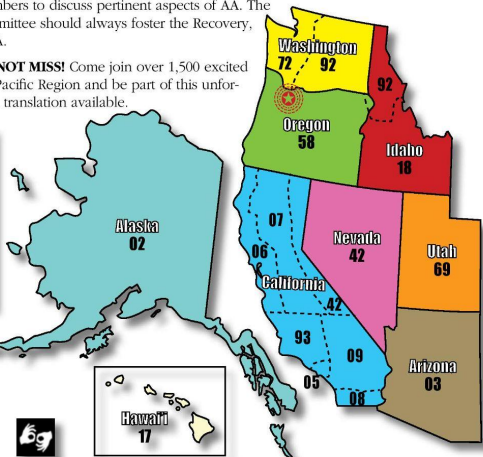
WHAT IS PRAASA'S PURPOSE? The purpose of PRAASA is to develop greater unity among the members, groups, and Areas of the Pacific Region; to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences; and to provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of AA. The Assembly and the PRAASA committee should always foster the Recovery, Unity and Service legacies of AA.

AN EXPERIENCE YOU MUST NOT MISS! Come join over 1,500 excited AA members from all over the Pacific Region and be part of this unforgettable event. ASL and Spanish translation available.

WHY ATTEND?

- To recharge your enthusiasm for service
- Panel of Past and Present Trustees
- Ask It Basket
- It's in Oregon – first time since 2007

ALL AAs WELCOMED
REGISTRATION IN THE
FALL OF 2021
www.PRAASA.org



QUINCUAGESIMA QUINTA ASAMBLÉA ANUAL DE SERVICIO



GUARDEN LA FECHA 4 AL 6 DE MARZO DE 2022

¿Qué es PRAASA? Es un programa de 3 días que incluye presentaciones de panel sobre la Conferencia de Servicios Generales y los temas de la agenda, mesas redondas para que los miembros colaboren con otras personas que comparten su posición de servicio, intercambio de micrófono abierto, preguntas y participación de Al-Anón.

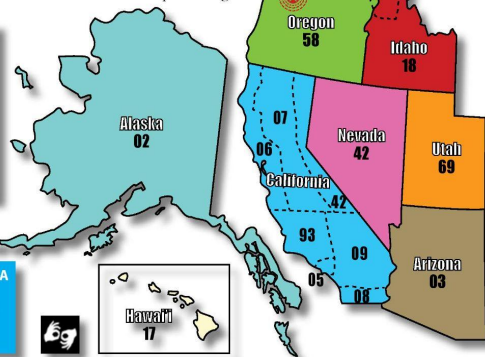
¿Cuál es el propósito de PRAASA? El propósito de PRAASA es desarrollar una mayor unidad entre los miembros, grupos y áreas de la región del Pacífico; fomentar el intercambio de ideas y experiencias; y proporcionar a los miembros la oportunidad de examinar los aspectos pertinentes de AA. La Asamblea y el comité PRAASA siempre deben fomentar los legados de Recuperación, Unidad y Servicio de AA.

¡Una experiencia que no debes perderte! Ven a unirte a más de 1,500 miembros de AA de toda la Región del Pacífico y sé parte de este evento inolvidable. Con traducción Español/Inglés.

¿POR QUÉ ASISTIR?

- Para recargar tu entusiasmo por el servicio
- Panel de Custodios Pasados y Presentes
- Cesta de Preguntas
- Es en Oregon – primera vez desde 2007

TODOS LOS MIEMBROS DE AA
ESTÁN BIENVENIDOS
REGISTRO DISPONIBLE EN
EL OTOÑO DE 2021
www.PRAASA.org



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November 2021 Steering Committee Meeting Minutes



EVI Steering Committee Meeting

Opened meeting at 6:30 PM with the Serenity Prayer on Zoom, November 8, 2021,

Members present – Chaz D – EVI Chair, Mary C – EVI Vice-Chair, Curt M – EVI Treasurer, Brenda M – EVI Vice-Treasurer, Carol B – Office Volunteer Coordinator, Meg S – SC Member at Large, Steve R – SC Member at Large, Rachel S – SC Member at Large, , Melody D – SC Member at Large, Leah B. AA Member, Bruce W. AA member, Christopher L AA Member & T-Mar Tapes, Jackie AA Member & T-Mar Tapes

Approve Agenda: Approved

Treasurer report: Curt went over the September financials. Contributions minus Expenses resulted in us being \$638 in the black for the month. Overall Contributions are still below budget for the year. Motion made and seconded to approve the T Report. Motion carried.

Bookkeeper report: Communicating with the Office Volunteer Coordinator.

Volunteer Office Coord. Making up “gift” packages for the office, (Big Book, 12 & 12 and Daily Reflections) still need volunteers.

Old business

T-Mar Tapes – New Development – Christopher L and Jackie, both AA’s and new owners of T-Mar tapes made a formal verbal request for the audio material in EVI possession. They report desiring to carry on Terry M’s legacy and are advocate having the entirety of his work “under one roof”. They are planning on digitizing and making available all the speakers on a subscription podcast basis. (\$10-\$15 per month) They are also going to continue the taping and selling of AA CD’s at events in Oregon and plan on expanding into Washington State. In a question and answer session they seemed open to providing EVI with a digital copy of any material that would be transferred to them. They also expressed that moving forward, EVI would get copies of recorded events in the EVI Service Area for EVI’s lending library. Christopher and Jackie were invited to the EVI Business Meeting for a short presentation next Monday. The Steering Committee will take up the issue in December in order to possibly bring a draft motion to the EVI Body next month.

New business: Zoom Poll - Chaz demonstrated a Zoom Poll to deal with the amended motion from last month to general approval.

2022 Draft Budget – Curt presented the draft 2022 budget.

Bruce W. gave a presentation on Google Workspace (formerly GSuites) he was given the green light to start implementation, with Officers, H & I and CPC/PI as priorities.

Intergroup Business Meeting Agenda - approved

Birthdays and Speaking Engagements:

Announcements: EVI Speaker Meeting is back “In-Person Saturday 11/13 @ &pm @ Bethesda Lutheran on River Rd..

Date of next SC meeting: December 13, 2021

Meeting closed 7:35ish pm with the *Responsibility Statement*

In loving service,

Chaz D, with Rachel S assisting

October 2021 Business Committee Mtg. Minutes



EVI Steering Committee Meeting

Opened meeting at 6:31 PM with the Serenity Prayer on Zoom, October 11, 2021,

Members present – Chaz D – EVI Chair, Sharon – Secretary, Curt M – EVI Treasurer, Timi – Web/tech Chair, Brenda M – EVI Vice-Treasurer, Meg S – SC Member at Large, Steve R – SC Member at Large, Mary C – EVI Vice-Chair

Approve Agenda: Approved

Treasurer report: Curt went over the September financials. We are still about \$1,870 below budget. Motion made and seconded to approve the T Report. Motion carried.

Bookkeeper report: Things are going well.

Volunteer Office Coord. Always looking for help in the office. Cleared out some space for the T-Mar tapes. There was a question about the 24 numbered “bankers” boxes that are taking up space in the Literature/Archives room. Curt will ask Carol about them.

Old business

2022 Budget & FAB meeting discussion – Curt & Brenda – The FAB met regarding the budget. Seeing contributions will be down from the 2021 budget. We scaled back on some items. We are still tweaking the budget. Still considering combining the roles of bookkeeper and volunteer/office coordinator which will reduce those expenses by half. A question or concern was mentioned about outreach not having a place in the budget. When we elect an Outreach Chair they can request funds so they can do the job. Chaz talked about the proposal of combining the two jobs – the two positions currently are expected to work about 20 hours a month. The combined position will be expected to work approximately 28 hours a month. Curt will give a brief report on the proposed budget to the body next week. Meeting in a Pocket and items like that are not line items in the budget, and the office is out of them. Curt was given a sense of the Steering Committee to change one of the line items From Meeting Guide to Meeting in a Pocket and have EVI start charging .50 since we will need more in 2022.

T-Mar Tapes Special Meeting debrief – Chaz reported on the special meeting that occurred last week. The meeting did not achieve a quorum so no formal decision was made. It appeared there were more people who want to take on the tapes and equipment than opposed. It will be a huge task to go through them and come up with a plan as how to distribute or use the materials. It was mentioned that the transfer of ownership should be done now. Chaz mentioned the transfer would be done next week. There are no copyright issues with any of these materials.

New business: None at this time,

Intergroup Business Meeting Agenda - approved

Birthdays and Speaking Engagements: Curt turned 33 on Sept 24

Announcements: Meg is speaking at Experience, Strength, and Hope tonight.

Intergroup Business Meeting Agenda - approved

Date of next SC meeting: November 8, 2021

Meeting closed 7:09 pm with the *Responsibility Statement*

In loving service,
Sharon B
EVI Secretary



EVI Business Meeting Minutes for October 18, 2021

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer at 6:33 pm

Introductions: Adrienne, SA, Angelo - Men's Primary Purpose, Brenda - Vice Treasurer, Brian Host of Friends & Grapevine Chair, Bruce - Seniors in Sobriety & EVI Speaker Meeting Chair, Byron - CPC/PI Vice Chair, Carol - Office Coordinator, Chaz - EVI Chair, Curt - EVI Treasurer, Debi - Starlight Meditation, Elijah - 6:45 AM, Erica Newsletter Vice Chair, Eva -Way Home, John A - How it Works, John W - Men to Men & Diverter Chair, Kurt G - Stairway to Sobriety, Leah B - It's a Doozey, Martha - SOS, Mary C - EVI Vice Chair, Mason - H&I Chair, Max - guest, Meg - SC MAL, Melody - Sunday Morning BB Study & SC MAL, Mike - Diverter Vice Chair, Monica - Lit Chair, Monique - Newsletter Chair, Petty - No Rules, Rachel S - SC MAL, Ryan - Knuckleheads, Sharon -EVI Secretary, Syerra - CPC/PI Chair, Terry Mc - D6 Liaison, Timi - Web/Tech Chair, Wes - DTAM

Welcome New Reps

Eva - Way Home rep
Peggy - No Rules rep

Approval of Minutes of last meeting - Motion made and 2nd to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Approve Agenda - Motion made and 2nd to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Contributions were strong in September. We are about \$1870 below budget for the year. Group contributions are the bulk of our income. Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Elections:

Activities Chair -
Archives Vice-Chair -
Newsletter Chair: Monique
Newsletter Vice-Chair: Erica
Meeting Guide Vice-Chair -
Outreach Chair & Vice-Chair -
Web/Tech Vice-Chair -

Note: the EVI Speaker Meeting has a candidate for Vice-Chair, looking forward to electing her formally in December. This position was inadvertently omitted from the agenda.

Old Business

EVI Contribution Policy - Chaz (attachment) motion to raise limits on individual to \$1200 and bequest to \$2500 max. Motion made and seconded to pass the contribution policy as amended. We were reminded that these amounts include in-kind contributions. Motion to approve the amendment carried. Motion to approve the policy as amended. Because we couldn't get an accurate count, the

motion was tabled until next month when Chaz can create a poll.

T-Mar Tapes contribution - 2 Motions (attachments)

Motion 1. Emerald Valley Intergroup accepts the contribution from T-Mar Tapes of their collection of AA speaker tapes, cd's, shelving and totes along with a digitization machine and compatible PC Computer. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Motion 2. Emerald Valley Intergroup agrees to pay up to \$1080 dollars for eight months of storage for the T-Mar tapes material. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

New business

Preliminary 2022 Budget Preview - Curt - The FAB met regarding the budget. Seeing contributions will be down from the 2021 budget. We scaled back on some items. We are still tweaking the budget. Still considering combining the roles of bookkeeper and volunteer/office coordinator which will reduce those expenses. A question or concern was mentioned about outreach not having a place in the budget. When we elect an Outreach Chair they can request funds so they can do the job. Chaz talked about the proposal of combining the two jobs - the two positions currently are expected to work about 20 hours a month. The combined position will be expected to work approximately 28 hours a month at the rate set by the FAB. Meeting in a Pocket and items like that are not line items in the budget. Curt was given a sense of the Steering Committee to change one of the line items from Meeting Guide to Meeting in a Pocket and have EVI start charging .50 since we will need more in 2022.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There was no time for verbal reports, so some committees submitted written reports. Thank you.

Steering Committee	Chaz	Steering Committee met, approved the September Financial report, discussed the 2022 budget proposal from the FAB (Financial Advisory Board) that discussion and information is provided above in Preliminary 2022 Budget Preview. Also discussed the Special Meeting re: T-Mar Tapes. Business Meeting Agenda for 10.18.21 approved
Grapevine	Brian R	In July I created an order for Grapevine books including "Free on the Inside" which is a new grapevine book with stories from those who are incarcerated. I also ordered additional copies of Emotional Sobriety II, Voices of Women in AA, Language of the Heart, Happy Joyous and Free and Into Action. The total for these items was \$178.50 + \$25 shipping for a total of \$203.50
Office Coordinator	Carol	We continue to have a need for volunteers, interested folks should stop by the EVI Office,

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EVI Business October 2021 Meeting Minutes

		2160 Suite 1 on West 11 th and fill out a Volunteer Application, I will get back to everyone shortly!
Activities	Steve – Vice Chair	
Literature	Monica	We have books on the shelves, come get them!
Outreach		
Archives		
Hospitals & Institutions	John A	16 zoom meetings last month 11 in person meetings last month Open positions that have prospects: Secretary, H&I vice chair, Buckley co-coordinator, Haag home co-coordinator Thank you for letting me be of service
Speaker Meeting	Bruce G	
CPC/PI	Byron	
Meeting Guides	Ryan	Please send a URL link for zoom if you have an online meeting only. otherwise, our website reads it as inactive, also please EVI reps, take back to your groups that I'd prefer only one individual sending me changes from a group. preferably the EVI rep since they have their ear in EVI business meetings. send changes to evimeetingguides@gmail.com thank you!
Website	Timi	
Diverter	John W	Diverter report- Great news 7AM No Rules has stepped up to cover Sunday nights with Sanford as their diverter rep/contact
Newsletter	Monique/Erica	

Announcements:

Birthdays and Speaking Engagements

Brian R. with 37 years!!!!

Closed at 7:55 with the Responsibility Pledge

Next EVI business meeting will be November 14, 2021

In loving service,
Sharon B.
EVI Secretary

Ammended EVI Contribution Policy

Motion: EVI will adhere to the following policy regarding contributions.

- Only contributions from AA members and AA groups will be accepted.
- Individual AA members can contribute up to \$1200 annually.
- Bequests are limited to \$2,500 per Individual.
- There will be no limit to registered AA Group contributions.
- Contributions or bequests that contain any obligation whatever will be declined or returned.
- Non-monetary and In-kind contributions will be accepted following the guidelines above.
- Changes and or exceptions to this policy must be announced at least one month in advance and be approved by a 2/3rds majority of voting members attending a regular EVI Business meeting in which a quorum is present.

Intent Purpose: To establish a contribution policy in light of an AA member requesting to place a bequest for EVI in their will. There is a desire to follow the General Service Office policy which follows:

"Currently, non AA members are not permitted to donate. Only members may donate, and can do so individually at up to \$5000 per year.

Bequests are limited to \$10,000/individual. If a group wants to donate in memory for the deceased, there is no limit to how much can be donated."

Current Practice: EVI currently has no policy on contributions

Budgetary Impact: Unknown

November EVI Business Meeting:

Monday, November 15, 2021

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Zoom ID: 870 5057 1775

Password: 656291

**Oregon Area 58
November 2021 Assembly
Emerald Valley Intergroup Report**

Dear Oregon Area, my name is Chaz D., my sobriety date is November 26, 2003. My Homegroup is the 6:45am Men's meeting in District 6, Eugene. I am currently serving as Chair of the Emerald Valley Intergroup Committee (EVI). EVI comprises the territory of Districts 6, 19 and 20, along with several meetings in Linguistic District 34.

The Emerald Valley Intergroup has been quite active since September. We have a majority of our Service Committee Chairs rotate in September and I am very happy to report that our September/October elections resulted in 4 out of 6 Committee's having a new Chair elected. Hospitals and Institutions, Meeting Guides, Newsletter and Web/Tech are very well supported by pretty darn awesome folk who are proving to be dedicated trusted servants to the EVI AA Fellowship. We are still recruiting an Outreach Chair and an Activities Chair.

Our Financial Advisory Board and Steering Committee have been hard at work crafting a 2022 budget proposal for the EVI Body to approve in December. There are budget constraints as 2021 contributions are not at the level to sustain current spending. This was somewhat anticipated since EVI was carrying monies over our established prudent reserve and our approved 2021 budget was intended to spend that down. (continued next slide)

The biggest news is regarding long-time taper and audio support for AA, including many years of Oregon Area 58 Assemblies until very recently, Terry M. of T-Mar Tapes fame. Terry contacted EVI mid-September to report that he was, up to that time, unable to sell his business. He had been trying to find a buyer for several years. He and his wife were very shortly (in less than two months' time) needing to move into a living situation with additional supports. He had 35 years' worth of audio recordings in reel to reel, cassette and CD's which he no longer had capacity to store. He wanted to contribute the entire collection to EVI rather than be forced to discard this treasure trove of experience, strength and hope in those recordings to the Lane County dump. What an Order! Well, as we all know, AA at nearly every level does not turn on a dime.

However, a few folks who've been around the local AA scene a bit along with some "volutold" sponcee's got 5-6000 cassettes (low estimate) and shelving into a storage locker. The EVI fellowship accepted the contribution, including storage costs for 8 months. Subsequently, Terry was contacted by a couple of Oregon AA's who bought the business that included the taping equipment, the reel to reel tapes and the bulk of the CD's. We are now in the process of working with the new owners of T-Mar on figuring out how this material can be digitized and made available to the AA fellowship. Terry and his wife were able to move into a small apartment that meets their needs and are adjusting to their new space. He is very grateful to know that all his efforts over the past 35 years of recording AA events will benefit current and future generations of AA who find such great value in audio recordings of AA's sharing their stories. Greatly looking forward to calmer days!

Yours in Loving Service, Chaz D., EVI Intergroup Committee Chair

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EVI October 2021 Financial Update

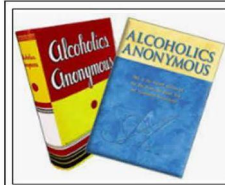
- Overview - Group contributions are \$1,428 vs Budget of \$2,581
 Individual Contributions are \$333 vs budget of \$300
1. Summerfest contribution of \$1,500 was not budgeted
 YTD Contributions are \$1,498 below budget.
 Our budget anticipated a loss of \$4,415 vs Actual \$6,703 which is \$2,288 worse than budget.
 2. Expenses - Operating expenses continue to be as expected
 3. Group Contributions YTD - Are \$16,704 vs Budget of \$20,397
 Individual Contribution YTD - Are \$3,701 vs Budget of \$3,000
 4. Committee Expenses - Minimal
 5. Prudent Reserve - Our current surplus is \$5,310 which is \$229 decrease from last month.

	Monthly	YTD	YTD Budget	+/- YTD	
Contributions:	\$ 3,262	\$ 21,929	\$ 23,427	\$ (1,498)	-6%
Expenses:	\$ 2,625	\$ 27,496	\$ 28,360	\$ (863)	3%
Difference:	\$ 638	\$ (5,568)			

This analysis excludes Literature

PRUDENT RESERVE CALCULATION		2021 Avg	
5 Mo of 2020 Average Exp		2,838	14,190
Equipment Fund			1,000
Updated: 1/1/2021			15,190
Cash Position			20,500
Surplus over PR			5,310

A Prudent Reserve shall be maintained to protect against short-term fluctuations in revenues or expense and ensure consistency in operations. If adverse changes in revenue or expense are determined to be systemic, the prudent reserve is intended to provide operating expenses to afford EVI the time necessary to resolve the operations issues.



Literature Sales	October	YTD Sales	YTD% of Budget
AA Book Sales	868	8,580	79%
Pamphlet Sales	27	133	22%
Meeting Book Sales	-	8	1%
Grapevine Sales	23	436	79%
Total Literature Sales	917	9,156	69%

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													Year to Date						
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Actual	Budget	Z1 Budget	% Ttl Budg	% YTD Budg		
Contributions																			
Contributions/Group	3,097	769	1,667	2,218	587	1,162	2,608	919	2,250	1,428			16,704	20,397	24,000	70%	82%		
Contributions/Individual	333	360	613	452	516	241	303	229	322	333			3,701	3,000	3,600	103%	123%		
Contributions/Districts													-	-	-	-	0%		
Contributions/Other													-	-	-	-	0%		
Fundraising													1,500	-	-	-	0%		
Over/Short													-	-	-	-	0%		
Interest Income	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2			23	30	36	65%	78%		
Total Contributions	3,433	1,131	2,282	2,672	1,106	1,405	2,913	1,150	2,573	3,262			21,929	23,427	27,636	79%	94%		
Committee & Office Expenses																			
Activities	480												480	480	480	100%	100%		
Archives				165									165	50	60	275%	330%		
CPC/PI													84	550	660	13%	15%		
Diverter													-	-	-	0%	0%		
EVI Newsletter													-	-	-	0%	0%		
Grapevine													-	200	240	0%	0%		
H&I	282	82							385				749	2,000	2,400	31%	37%		
Other Committee Charges													-	-	-	0%	0%		
Outreach													-	150	180	0%	0%		
Speaker Meeting													-	-	-	0%	0%		
Steering Committee													-	-	-	0%	0%		
Website		80		59									172	268	322	53%	64%		
Committee Subtotal	762	162	-	224	-	-	-	385	-	117	-	-	1,650	3,698	4,342	38%	45%		
Insurance	1,297												1,297	550	550	236%	236%		
Bookkeeping	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	380			3,800	3,800	4,560	83%	100%		
Office Coordinator	49	711	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	380			3,800	3,800	4,560	83%	100%		
Office Supplies	695	370	86	28	139								1,758	1,000	1,200	147%	178%		
Rent	595	851	1,369	806	1,181	1,181	1,181	1,181	1,181	1,181			10,710	10,637	13,000	82%	101%		
Utilities	300	447	298	396	299	287	301	304	305	287			3,192	3,375	4,085	78%	96%		
Office Capital Expense							105						105	99	99	0%	0%		
PayPal Fees	7	8	6	9	6	6	6	13	12	10			82			83%	83%		
Printing & Copies	81	124	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81			862	1,300	1,560	56%	66%		
Permits & Fees	100			50									250	100	100	250%	250%		
Office Subtotal	3,504	2,890	2,568	2,128	2,466	2,316	2,435	2,679	2,354	2,507	-	-	25,848	24,661	29,714	87%	105%		
Total Expenses	4,267	3,051	2,568	2,352	2,466	2,316	2,435	3,063	2,354	2,625	-	-	27,496	28,366	34,056	81%	97%		
<i>Net Operating Expense/Contributions</i>	<i>(833)</i>	<i>(1,920)</i>	<i>(286)</i>	<i>320</i>	<i>(1,361)</i>	<i>(910)</i>	<i>479</i>	<i>(1,914)</i>	<i>220</i>	<i>638</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>(5,566)</i>	<i>(4,933)</i>	<i>(6,420)</i>	<i>87%</i>	<i>113%</i>		
Literature Sales																			
AA Book Sales	664	762	1,127	617	845	926	1,211	690	869	968			8,580	10,815	12,600	68%	79%		
Pamphlet Sales	15	5	12	36	6	1	4	16	11	27			133	600	720	18%	22%		
Meeting Book Sales				8									8	1,300	1,560	1%	1%		
Grapevine Sales	30	23	25	20	23	115	5	103	69	23			436	550	660	68%	79%		
Total Literature Sales	709	790	1,164	681	874	1,043	1,219	809	950	917	-	-	9,156	13,265	15,540	59%	69%		
Literature Cost of Good Sold																			
AA Books Cost of Sales	1,368	254		1,969	1,425	1,573	28	945	956	1,448			9,966	10,707	12,474	90%	93%		
Mfng Books Cost of Sales					(350)								(350)	540	720	-45%	-65%		
Pamphlet Cost of Sales													5	1,500	1,500	0%	0%		
GrapeVine Cost of Sales				335	-								671	495	660	102%	136%		
Total Literature Costs	1,368	254	-	2,304	1,080	1,573	28	945	956	1,784	-	-	10,292	13,242	15,354	67%	78%		
Net Literature	(658)	536	1,164	(1,623)	(206)	(530)	1,191	(136)	(7)	(866)	-	-	(1,136)	23	186				
Net Literature (Cum)	(658)	(122)	1,041	(582)	(789)	(1,317)	(126)	(262)	(269)	(1,136)									
Net Income	(1,492)	(1,384)	879	(1,303)	(1,566)	(1,440)	1,670	(2,050)	213	(229)	-	-	(6,703)	(4,910)	(6,234)				

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to Date	Budget	21 Budget
Contributions															
Contributions/Group	2,428	1,466	1,461	2,640	2,516	1,461	2,220	1,873	1,749	2,581	1,361	2,242	20,397	24,000	
Contributions/Individual	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	3,000	3,600	
Contributions/Districts													-	-	
Contributions/Other (Summerfest)													-	-	
Fundraising (Timing TBD)													-	-	
Over/Short													-	-	
Interest Income	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	30	36	
Total Contributions	2,731	1,769	1,764	2,943	2,819	1,764	2,523	2,176	2,052	2,884	1,664	2,545	23,427	27,636	

Committee & Office Expenses															
Activities	480													480	480
Archives	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	50	60
CPC/PI	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	550	660
Divertar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EVI Newsletter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grapevine	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	200	240	
H&I	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	2,000	2,400	
Outreach	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	150	180	
Steering Committee													-	-	
Website	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	268	322	
Committee Subtotal	802	322	322	322	322	322	322	322	322	322	322	322	3,698	4,342	
Insurance	550												550	550	
Bookkeeping	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	3,800	4,580	
Office Coordinator	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	3,800	4,580	
Office Supplies	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	1,000	1,200	
Rent	595	591	1,181	1,181	1,181	1,181	1,181	1,181	1,181	1,181	1,181	1,181	10,637	13,000	
Utilities	180	355	355	355	355	355	355	355	355	355	355	355	3,375	4,085	
Office Capital Expense								95					95	99	
Printing & Copies	130	130	130	130	130	130	130	130	130	130	130	130	1,300	1,560	
Organizational Charges													-	-	
IRS Levy													-	-	
Refunds													-	-	
Permits & Fees	50			50									100	100	
Reconciliation Difference													-	-	
Office Subtotal	2,365	1,936	2,526	2,576	2,526	2,526	2,526	2,625	2,526	2,526	2,526	2,526	24,661	29,714	
Total Expenses	3,167	2,258	2,848	2,898	2,848	2,848	2,848	2,947	2,848	2,848	2,848	2,848	28,360	34,056	
<i>Net Operating Expenses/Contributions</i>	<i>(436)</i>	<i>(488)</i>	<i>(1,085)</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>(29)</i>	<i>(1,054)</i>	<i>(325)</i>	<i>(771)</i>	<i>(796)</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>(1,184)</i>	<i>(303)</i>	<i>(4,933)</i>	<i>(6,420)</i>	

Literature Sales															
AA Book Sales	1,128	916	1,162	1,016	1,074	1,093	1,152	1,101	1,185	988	817	968	10,815	12,600	
Pamphlet Sales	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	600	720	
Meeting Book Sales	130	130	130	130	130	130	130	130	130	130	130	130	1,300	1,560	
Grapevine Sales	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	550	660	
Total Literature Sales	1,373	1,161	1,407	1,261	1,319	1,338	1,397	1,346	1,430	1,233	1,062	1,213	13,265	15,540	
Literature Cost of Good Sold															
AA Books Cost of Sales	1,117	906	1,151	1,006	1,054	1,082	1,140	1,090	1,173	978	809	958	10,707	12,474	
Pamphlet Cost of Sales			180			180			180			180	540	720	
Mtg Books Cost of Sales			350	400				350	400				1,500	1,500	
Grapevine Cost of Sales			165			165			165			165	495	660	
Total Literature Costs	1,117	906	1,681	1,406	1,064	1,262	1,140	1,440	1,753	978	809	1,138	12,747	15,354	
Net Literature	256	254	(273)	(145)	256	76	257	(94)	(323)	255	253	75	518	186	
Net Income	(180)	(234)	(1,358)	(100)	227	(1,008)	(69)	(865)	(1,119)	291	(931)	(229)	(4,415)	(6,234)	

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<u>VI 2021 Financial Report</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>YTD</u>		<u>Oct</u>	<u>YTD</u>
1th Step Meditation	-	-	Sunrise Sobriety Group	-	-
45 AM Men's Group	712.00	712.00	Stairway to Sobriety	300.00	300.00
Anonymous Drinkers	27.00	27.00	Terminally Unique	-	-
Alvordere Fields Group	100.00	100.00	The Way Home	77.00	77.00
Attitude Adjustment Group	781.81	781.81	There is a Solution	100.00	100.00
BC Group	280.00	280.00	Truston Bell Ringers	-	-
Back to Basics Junction City	100.00	100.00	Thursday Night Rush Hour C.G.	300.00	300.00
By the River	43.90	43.90	Thursday Night Reflections	-	-
Utama Group	20.00	20.00	Trust Night Group	-	-
Coaching Fire Stoppers	-	-	TNT	150.00	150.00
Out and Would	125.00	125.00	Tuesday Night Young Peoples	-	-
Reswell 12x12	-	-	Try God Group	1,090.18	1,090.18
Daily Reflections	-	-	Upon Awakening	-	-
Downtown AMI group	1,023.43	1,743.30	Unknown	-	-
Log Pound	100.00	100.00	Vintage Group	617.65	617.65
Arly Firehouse Group	-	-	We Are Not A Glum Lot	-	-
Word of Solution	4.00	4.00	Wed Beginners Group	-	-
Mermaid Park	711.80	711.80	Wednesday Women's Big Book Study	-	-
Spectra Miracles	-	-	Wednesday Men's Noon Group	1.70	1.70
Section Group	25.00	25.00	Wednesday Nights Men's Stag	-	-
Fresh Start at Noon	240.00	240.00	Where The Rubber Meets The Road	-	-
Friday Night Gratitude (Cot Grove)	-	-	Women In the solution	40.00	40.00
Friday Night Stag	-	-	Women's Big Book Study	-	-
Friday Night Big Book Study	-	-	Women's Road to Recovery	100.00	100.00
Self Help Group	-	-	Women's Steps and Traditions	20.00	20.00
Rowing Pairs	190.00	190.00	Women Expect a Miracle	-	-
Raffitude Group	-	-	Young Ducks	-	-
WAD (Jesco)	100.00	100.00	Total - Contributions/Group	1,427.63	16,703.62
Artsburg Group	100.00	100.00			
How It Works	175.00	175.00	EVI Contributions-Other		
Pepper By The Tracks Group	-	-		<u>Oct</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Nuckleheads	-	-	District Contributions		
It's Talk about your Dog	90.50	90.50	Dist 20	-	-
21st Chance Study Group	-	-	District 6	-	-
21st House on the Block	-	-	Total - District Contributions	-	-
Katmandu River Group	-	-	Contributions/Individual		
Men's Primary Purpose	299.00	299.00	Faithful Fivers	80.00	681.75
Monday Noon Stag	299.00	299.00	Individual - Other	252.80	2,407.62
Men's Stag Group	1.10	1.10	Total Contributions/Individual	332.80	3,089.37
New Freedom	1,220.00	1,220.00	Contributions-Other		
9 Rules Group	400.00	1,850.00	EASTPAA	-	-
The Day of a Time	-	-	ORCPYAA	-	-
Typical Awakenings	-	-	Fund Raiser	-	-
Ant a Seed	-	-	Assembly Host Com	-	-
River Road Friday Night Book St	-	-	Summerfest	1,500.00	1,300.00
River Road Recovery	-	-	Contributions-Other	1,500.00	1,300.00
Thursday Morning Steps	150.00	150.00	Fundraising		
Thursday Night Book Study	-	-	Activities	-	-
Prisoners for Sobriety	50.00	50.00	CPC-PI	-	-
Serenity on Sunday	-	-	Speaker Meeting	-	-
Serenity Seekers West	20.00	20.00	Fundraising	-	-
Slamans' Group	-	-			
Steps of Sobriety	-	-			
Suber Awakenings	3,256.00	3,256.00			
TS Group	-	-			
Sobriety for Life	550.00	550.00			
Suber Chicks	50.00	50.00			
Springfield Men's Stag	58.70	58.70			
Springfield Monday Night	50.00	50.00			
Springright Meditation Group	70.58	70.58			
Friday AM B.B. Study Group	287.50	287.50			
Friday Women's Step Study	400.00	400.00			
Friday Night Book Study	-	-			
Friday New Beginnings	25.00	25.00			
Friday Serenity	-	-			



Emerald Valley Intergroup Service Position Roster

Emerald Valley Intergroup – Service Position Roster (as of 10/2021)

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Rotation Date</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>Email</u>
Activities Chair Vice-Chair	<i>Open</i> Steve R	9/20/21	9/19/22		eviaactivities@gmail.com
Archivist Chair Vice-Chair	Trisha K <i>Open</i>	8/16/21	None	<i>Call EVI Office for Trusted Servant Phone Numbers and any emails not listed</i>	eviarchives@gmail.com
Bookkeeper	Craig R	6/11/18	by 6/12/23		
CPC/PI Chair Vice-Chair	Syerra Byron M	3/9/20 3/9/20	3/21/22 3/21/22	541-342-4113	evicpci@gmail.com
Diverter Chair Vice-Chair	John W Mike M	3/8/21 3/8/21	3/21/22 3/21/22		
EVI Cmte Chair Vice-Chair	Chaz D Mary C	12/14/20 12/14/20	12/19/22 12/19/22		evichairperson@gmail.com vicechairevi@gmail.com
EVI Secretary	Sharon B	01/11/21	12/19/22		evisecretary17@gmail.com
EVI Speaker Mtg Chair&Vice	Bruce G <i>Open</i>	3/8/21	3/20/23		
EVI Treasurer Vice-Treasurer	Curt M Brenda M	12/09/19 12/09/19	12/20/21 12/20/21		evitreasurer2@gmail.com
Grapevine Chair Vice-Chair	Brian R Della	9/14/20 9/14/20	9/19/22 9/19/22		evigrapevine@gmail.com
H&I Chair Vice-Chair	Mason M <i>Open</i>	9/20/21	9/19/22		
Literature Chair Vice-Chair	Monica P Kim K.	9/20/21 9/20/21	9/19/22 9/19/22		eviliterature@gmail.com
Mtg Directory Vice-Chair	Ryan J <i>Open</i>	9/20/21	9/19/21		evimeetingguides@gmail.com
Newsletter Chair Vice-Chair	Monique D Erica T	10/18/21 10/18/21	9/19/22 9/19/22		evinewsaa@gmail.com
Office Coord.	Carol B	3/8/21	By 3/9/26		emeraldvalleyintergroup office@gmail.com
Outreach Chair Vice-Chair	<i>Open</i> <i>Open</i>				evioutreach@gmail.com
Web/Tech Chair Vice-Chair	Timi S <i>Open</i>	9/20/21	9/19/22		eviaaweb@gmail.com evwebco@gmail.com
Member @ Large	Rachel S	12/14/20	12/12/22		
Member @ Large	Steve R	12/09/19	12/13/21		
Member @ Large	Meg S	2/11/20	12/13/21		
Member @ Large	Melody D	12/14/20	12/12/22		

As of 9/2021 Activities Chair, Archives Vice-Chair, EVI Speaker Meeting Vice-Chair, H&I Vice-Chair, Mtg Directory Vice-Chair, Newsletter Chair, Outreach Chair & Vice-Chair and Web/Tech Vice-Chair are OPEN

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71st GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

Quick reference

AGENDA

- A. 72nd GSC Theme will be "A.A. Comes of Age 2.0: *Unified in Love and Service.*"
- B. Presentation Topics:
 1. How do A.A.s go to any lengths to Recover, Unify, and Serve?
 2. Going Beyond Fear
 3. How to Reach Anyone, Anywhere
- C. Workshop Topic: Inform – The Warranties – Our Promise to the Fellowship and the World.

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC)

Recommended (3):

1. That the goals expressed in the 2018 Advisory Action establishing a dynamic A.A.W.S. LinkedIn page be implemented by G.S.O., to provide current and relevant content about A.A. to professionals in accordance with A.A. principles and Traditions; and that a progress report on the usefulness and effectiveness of implementing these updates on the A.A.W.S. LinkedIn page be brought back to the 2022 Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community. **Passed**
2. That the trustees' Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities develop a pamphlet directed to mental health professionals. The committee requested that a progress report or draft pamphlet be brought to the 2022 Conference Committee Cooperation with the Professional Community. **Passed**
3. That the updated draft pamphlet "Members of the Clergy Ask About Alcoholics Anonymous" be approved with minor editorial changes and retitled "Faith Leaders Ask About Alcoholics Anonymous." **Passed**
- 4.

CORRECTIONS

Recommended:

Revisions to A.A.W.S. literature directed to members behind the walls and to replace the terms, "inmate" and "offender" with "persons in custody" **PASSED**

FINANCE

Recommended:

The committee **recommended** the addition of a watermark to the 2nd and 3rd pie charts with the word "SAMPLE" on page 13 of the pamphlet, "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix." **PASSED**

The committee **recommended** adding the following language to the pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix" as follows:

On page 7 after the bulleted section entitled "A.A.'s General Service Office":

Please note that not all areas, districts, intergroups and central offices follow these divisions of service for institutions work, cooperation with the professional community, public information, etc. Therefore, prior to making contributions in your area, please find out which entity is providing these services and allocate your contributions accordingly.

On page 13 after the pie chart examples and before the question, "Where should I send contributions?" *Duties of the entities noted above are described on page 7 of this pamphlet. Performance of these service duties vary from area to area. Please be sure to inquire which services these entities provide in YOUR area and contribute accordingly.* **PASSED**

GRAPEVINE & LA VINA

Recommended:

That the AA grapevine Board implement an Instagram account and requested that a report on the Instagram account be brought back to the 2022 Conference Committee on GV/LV. **PASSED**

Committee Considerations:

Change language first sentence of preamble. **TOOK NO ACTION (see Floor Actions)**

LITERATURE

Recommended:

- A. The committee **recommended** that the "A.A.W.S. Policy on Conversion of Written Conference-approved Literature and Service Material into Video Format," approved by the A.A. World Services, Inc. Board of Directors in January 2020, be acknowledged and accepted by the General Service Conference. **PASSED**
- B. The committee **recommended** that a Fifth Edition of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, be developed, including an update of stories to better reflect current membership, keeping in mind the 1995 Advisory Action that: "The first 164 pages of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, the Preface, the Forewords, 'The Doctor's Opinion,' 'Dr. Bob's Nightmare,' and the Appendices remain as is," and that a progress report be brought back to the 2022 Conference Committee on Literature. **PASSED**
- C. The committee **recommended** that, pending its development, the draft Fifth Edition of the Big

Book would include a new foreword, an updated preface and updates to expand on existing ideas in Appendices III and V. **PASSED**

- D. The committee **recommended** a revision to page 117 in the book, *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, replacing the phrase "opposite sex" with the word "partner" as follows, and that a footnote be added to provide context to the change as it relates to inclusivity:

The text on page 117 which currently

reads:

"Nearly every sound human being experiences, at some time in life, a compelling desire to find a mate of the opposite sex with whom the fullest possible union can be made – spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical. This mighty urge is the root of great human accomplishments, a creative energy that deeply influences our lives. God fashioned us that way...."

Be revised to read:

"Nearly every sound human being experiences, at some time in life, a compelling desire to find a partner with whom the fullest possible union can be made – spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical. This mighty urge is the root of great human accomplishments, a creative energy that deeply influences our lives. God fashioned us that way...." **PASSED**

- E. The committee **recommended** that the sentence which includes the phrase "lustful enough to rape" in paragraph one on page 66 in the chapter "Step Six" of the book, *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, be revised to refer to the Seven Deadly Sins without specific mention of examples that are severe in nature as follows, and that a footnote be added to provide context as to the basis for the change. **PASSED**
- F. The committee **recommended** that the pamphlet, "The A.A. Group... Where it All Begins," be revised to omit the line on page 13, "Non alcoholics may attend open meetings as observers," **FAILED**
- G. The committee **recommended** that the pamphlet "A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic" be updated to include fresh stories and a new title that is respectful and inclusive and that a progress report or draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2022 Conference Committee on Literature. **PASSED**
- H. The committee **recommended** that the draft update of the pamphlet, "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated," be approved with the title, "Experience Has Taught Us: Our Twelve Traditions Illustrated." **PASSED**
- I. The committee **recommended** not to retire the existing version of the pamphlet "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated." **PASSED**
- J. The committee **recommended** that the Long Form of each Tradition be included at the end of

each essay for that Tradition in the book, *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, and that the complete set of Traditions at the back of the book be retained as is. **PASSED**

- K. The committee **recommended** that a Fourth Edition of the book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, be developed, including an update of stories to better reflect current membership, and that a progress report be brought back to the 2022 Conference Committee on Literature. **PASSED**

- L. The committee **recommended** that the pamphlet, "Frequently Asked Questions About A.A." be revised on by omitting the text on page 17

"...including coffee, sandwiches, cakes or whatever else may be served," as follows: The line on page 17 currently reads:

"...to defray the cost of renting a meeting place and other meeting expenses, including coffee, sandwiches, cakes or whatever else may be served." Be revised to read:

"...to defray the cost of renting a meeting place and other meeting expenses." **PASSED**

- M. The committee **recommended** that the paragraph containing the suggestion that sponsor and newcomer be of the same sex on page 12 in the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" be revised as follows: The paragraph on page 12 currently reads: In most instances, A.A. custom does suggest one limitation, already noted on page 10: If the group is large enough to allow a choice, sponsor and newcomer be of the same sex. The reasons are the same from both viewpoints; we A.A. members, no matter how long we have been sober, remain thoroughly human, subject to emotions that might divert us from "our primary purpose." Be revised to read: **PASSED**

A.A. custom does suggest one limitation: sponsorship should be avoided whenever a romantic entanglement might arise between sponsor and sponsee. We A.A. members, no matter how long we have been sober, remain thoroughly human, subject to emotions that might divert us from "our primary purpose." **PASSED**

- N. The committee **recommended** that the draft pamphlet for Spanish-speaking women in A.A. be approved. **PASSED**

- O. The committee **recommended** that a draft version of the book, *Alcoholics Anonymous (Fourth Edition)*, be translated into plain and simple language and be developed in a way that is accessible and relatable to as wide of an audience as possible and that a progress report or draft be brought back to the 2022 Conference Committee on Literature. **PASSED**

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POLICY / ADMISSIONS

Recommended:

- A. The committee recommended that the procedure for floor actions which is currently as follows:
When a floor action is to be heard, its maker will be given two (2) minutes to state the rationale behind the action, after which the chair shall ask if there is a motion that the Conference *decline* to consider the floor action. A motion to decline to hear a floor action:
- Must be made without comment
 - Requires a second
 - Is not debatable
 - Requires a two-thirds majority

Be changed to:

- When a floor action is to be heard, its maker will be given two (2) minutes to state the rationale behind the action, after which the chair shall ask if there is a motion that the Conference *consider* the floor action. A motion to hear a floor action:
- Must be made without comment
 - Requires a second
 - Is not debatable
 - Requires a simple majority **Failed**
- B. The committee recommended that the trustees' General Service Conference Committee make use of virtual meeting technologies to develop a process for polling the General Service Conference between annual meetings, in order to enable real-time discussion and debate, broad participation, and greater efficiency than the current process. **PASSED**
- C. The committee recommended that the Equitable Distribution of Workload Process, as detailed in the Report from the 2020 trustees' General Service Conference Committee, be implemented for the 72nd General Service Conference on a three-year trial basis, with a progress report to be brought to the Conference Committee on Policy and Admissions after each year of the trial. **PASSED**
- D. The committee recommended that the U.S./Canada General Service Structure recognize online groups and encourage their participation, listing those groups who ask to be listed within the group's preferred district and area, with the default option being the location of the group's primary contact. This supersedes the 1997 Advisory Action that designated online groups as "International Correspondence Meetings." **PASSED**

- E. The committee recommended that the General Service Board form a committee to explore future possibilities for the participation of online groups in the U.S./Canada General Service structure. **PASSED**

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Recommended:

- A. The committee recommended that in keeping with the "Policy on Actors Portraying A.A. Members or Potential A.A. Members in Videos Produced by the General Service Board or Its Affiliates," the video PSA utilizing full face actors "Party" (working title) be approved with the following revisions: That the voiceover "scratch tracks" be replaced, and other minor editorial edits to be conducted in post-production. **PASSED**
- The committee recommended that in keeping with the "Policy on Actors Portraying A.A. Members or Potential A.A. Members in Videos Produced by the General Service Board or Its Affiliates," the video PSA utilizing full face actors "Wall" (working title) be approved with the following revisions: That the voiceover "scratch tracks" be replaced, and other minor editorial edits to be conducted in post-production. **PASSED**
- The committee recommended that in addition to the work of local committees, one to two PSAs be centrally distributed to broadcast media, tracked and evaluated at a cost not to exceed \$60,000, and that the information gathered from the process be brought back to the 2022 Conference Committee on Public Information. **PASSED**
- The committee recommended that a feasibility study on paid placement of PSA videos on streaming platforms including, but not limited to, Netflix, Hulu, and YouTube be conducted and that a report on the research be brought back to the 2022 Conference Committee on Public Information. **PASSED**
- B. The committee recommended that podcasts providing sharing within the Fellowship and information about A.A. to the public be produced and distributed by G.S.O. in cooperation with the Grapevine Office. The committee requested that a progress report on the development and implementation of podcasts be forwarded to the 2022 Conference Committee on Public Information. **PASSED**
- C. The committee recommended that the trustees' Public Information Committee revise the pamphlet "Speaking at Non-A.A. Meetings" to better reflect carrying the A.A. message to diverse public audiences in non-A.A. settings and include a section on media training/press interviews, and that a draft or progress report on the revision be

brought back to the 2022 Conference Committee on Public Information. **PASSED**

- D. The committee recommended that the trustees' Public Information Committee revise the flyer "A Message to Teenagers" to better reflect carrying the A.A. message to young people. In addition to revisions to language in the twelve questions and updated graphics, the committee requested that the trustees' Public Information Committee provide suggestions on what the best format would be to present information contained in the flyer. **PASSED**

REPORT AND CHARTER

Recommended:

- A. The committee recommended that the compilation and printing of the A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S. and Western U.S.) be discontinued. **PASSED**
- B. The committee recommended that the revised manuscript distributed to all Conference members in April 2021 with the inclusion of the Original Conference Charter be approved as the 2021-2023 Edition of *The A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service*. **PASSED**
- C. The Committee recommended that paragraph one, the Purpose statement of the Current Conference Charter, found in the Appendices of *The A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service*, which currently reads:

Purpose: The General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous is the guardian of world services and of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. The Conference shall be a service body only; never a government for Alcoholics Anonymous.

Be amended to read:

Purpose: The General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous is the guardian of world services and of the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions

and the Twelve Concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous. The Conference shall be a service body only; never a government for Alcoholics Anonymous. **PASSED**

D. The committee recommended that a new section be added at the end of the Twelve Concepts for World Service titled "Amendments," and that it contains an updated version of the Concept XI essay that incorporates the information in the current footnotes and endnotes, along with comprehensive descriptions of the current General Service Board committees, and that a draft or progress report be brought back to the 2022 Conference Committee on Report and Charter. **PASSED**

TREATMENT/ACCESSIBILITIES (my committee)

Recommended:

- A. The committee recommended that the following audio interviews with A.A. members who are in the Armed Forces, developed by the trustees' Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities, be approved and posted on G.S.O.'s A.A. website Male – Navy Captain, Female – Air Force pilot, Male – Army Combat Medic. **PASSED**
- Committee Considerations:**
Gather more audio military interviews from as broad a cross-section of A.A. members in active military duty as possible, including members of the Canadian Armed Forces and native Spanish- and French-speaking members.
The committee reviewed the progress report on the pamphlet "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic" and requested that a draft pamphlet or progress report be brought to the 2022 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities.

TRUSTEES

- A. **Recommended:** the approval of the slate of trustees and officers for GSB, (C) A.A.W.S., Inc. Board, (D) Grapevine Board, and A.A. Grapevine, Inc. Board. **PASSED**

General Service Board Slate

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ARCHIVES

No Recommendations

INT'L CONVENTIONS / REGIONAL FORUMS

No Recommendations

AAWS / Grapevine & La Vina

AAWS Highlights

7th Tradition - \$10.26M, set another record, up 15.8% from \$8.86M in 2019. (on-line contributions more than doubled)
Cost of services- %10.81 million, down 14.9% from \$12.7M in 2019.

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AAWS publishing gross-profits - \$6.58M down 29.7% from \$9.36M in 2019, used to cover \$550K shortfall between 7th Tradition contributions and cost of services.
Self-Support covered 94.9% of the cost of services compared to 69.8% in 2019.

Grapevine Financial Highlights

Print subscriptions decreased by 4.5%, on-line and mobile app subscriptions increased by 7.7%
Net loss \$299K in 2020
La Vina magazine circulation decreased by 36.6%
Genera Fund support of La Vina service activity was \$385K in 2020 compared to \$297K in 2019.

Reserve Fund stands at 7.9 months of operations.

FLOOR ACTIONS

#1: It was recommended that:

The Original "Ad Hoc Committee Progress Report - Google Grants and the 7th Tradition," from the trustees' Finance Committee, dated March 30, 2020, be immediately released to all members of the 71st General Service Conference. We feel strongly that this information is indispensable for the purposes of looking at the Google Grants through the lens of our AA Principles.

Passed

#2: It was recommended that:

The A.A. Preamble be changed from:
Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

To:

In Alcoholics Anonymous we share our experience, strength and hope with each other that we may solve our common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. **Passed**

#3: It was recommended that:

The first sentence of the A.A. Preamble be revised with gender-neutral language by replacing the words "men and women" with the word "people" to read: "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism."

Revision:

The first sentence of the A.A. Preamble as it currently reads:
"Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism."

Be revised to read:

"Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism."

Passed

#4: WITHDRAWN

#5: It was recommended that:

That the pamphlet "A.A. for the Native North American" be updated to include language that is both respectful and inclusive of all Indigenous peoples as well as add fresh stories and updating inaccuracies contained in the current pamphlet and that a draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2022 Conference Committee on Literature. **Passed**

#6: It was recommended that:

The Preamble revision described in the third floor action of the 71st GSC as the new revised A.A. Preamble be presented to the General Service Board for approval. **Passed**

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