# November 2022 Newsletter Emerald Valley Intergroup

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# **Tradition 11**

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.

## **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/

## Pray and Meditate

STEP

11

Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood God, praying only for knowledge of God's will for us and the power to carry that out





At the EVI office. masks are welcome, but not required \*See full update page 20 Sign up for the Monthly EVI Newsletter! Send an email to: evinewsaa@gmail.com

## A.A. Old Times - On the Eleventh Step...

A.A. Grapevine, September 1945, Vol. 2 No. 4

Editorial: On the 11th Step. . .

"Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understand Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out."

IT is often wisely said in A.A. that we should not become over-anxious, should not expect to get the whole program overnight, but should take the steps one at time when we feel that we are ready for them. This means that although we are not ready at a given time to take this step or that one and are, therefore, not then taking it, we should be disposing ourselves toward it. It never means that we should plan on avoiding any of the steps.



The Saturday Evening Post, June 26, 1943

Practice of the 11th Step is the surest method of disposing oneself toward all the other steps. It was only through seeking contact with God through meditation and prayer that some of us came to believe in Him and became willing to turn our wills and our lives over to Him. The wish to improve that contact, the searching for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry it out, gives us strength to make amends, to do the things necessary to remake our lives.

Unless we improve our contact with God we will gradually lose it. There will be a slow return to indifference and we will suffer that let-down that so many experience after a few months in A.A. Gradually old desires return with increasingly great urgency. The alteration in conduct that we have made for a few months has not been sufficiently sustained to lead to a change in character, and the deeper habit patterns reassert themselves. Growth in spiritual understanding alone will dispose us to make the effort to recondition ourselves, to change our emotional attitudes and bring about a true character change.



Finding the glass too slow, Joe drains bottles till he blacks out. For him alcohol is not a beverage, but a disease; he can't cure himself, needs very specialized help.

of his development, refused to grow up; he finds himself uncomfortable in maturity. Joe, like all alcoholics, has sought to drown this disconfort in the dream-world of drink. In his sobering-off periods he has known guilt and remorse; but later, finding himself lonely or insufficiently appreciated—or often for no apparent reason at all—he would brood over his "separateness" and again futilely attempt to escape life via alcohol. This vicious circle which traps the Joes of the would has defied the sincere salvaging efforts of doctors, clergymen, the law. Threats and entreaties of families and friends usually are equally vain. Only psychiatric treatment, which is expensive and lengthy, had any consistent

measure of success till Alcoholics Anonymous began its group therapy.

Now 10 years old, AA is an informal organization of some 15,000 ex-alcoholics. Recognizing themselves as sufferers from a specific illness, their mutual concern is recovery from that illness for themselves and all men and women like them. Joe, who lives in Minneapolis, was helped by the AA group in his city. Because he hoped his story would encourage other alcoholics, he consented to publication of the record of his last drunken hours, and his subsequent steps along the road to sobriety. In presenting the complete chronicle, LOOK salutes the altruism of this man and the unstinted co-operation of his mentors.

Alcoholics Anonymous in action is pictured on the following pages

The Saturday Evening Post, June 26, 1943

### I'm a Nurse in an Alcoholic Ward

#### ANONYMOUS

The author-a onetime alcoholic-has nursed 5000 drunks through the fading hours of their most spectacular sprees. Here is what she has faced in salvaging doctors, lawyers, ministers, priests, housewives and stenographers from drink and the devil.

REDHEADED woman in a mess is really a mess, and five years ago I was just that. I was drinking too much. Like well over 100,000 others, I found my way to sobriefy through Alcoholics Anonymous. As asys that if you want to stay sober you have to help somebody else get sober.

Since I was a nurse, it seemed logical that the best way to meet this requirement would be to find a job in an alcoholic ward.

That's how it happens that during the past five years I've nursed more than 5000 alcoholics through the fading hours of their most spectacular sprese, in the AA ward of Knickerbocker Hospital in New York City. Helping other alcoholics to get well has become my life work.

Friends look at me with frank diabelief when I tell them I low my work because I meets so many nice people. That statement, applied to men and women who have incluged in every folly, benign and malignant, may be a little hard to swallow, but I really mean it. In five years only one patient has ever taken a swing at me, and it was a woman patient, at that. Benig female myself, and redheaded besides, I promptly socked her back. After that she was very co-operative.

The only other violence was of my own imstigation. A fresh, peppery little man - he came about up to my shoulders-keyt pestering me for a drink, and drinks are not served in alcoholic wards. To stall, I told him he would first have to take his pill, which I new would put him to sleep. "No drink, no pill," he said, and I retorted, "No pill, no drink" This keyt up until my patience was gone. I turned the little fellow over, paddled his bottom and said, "Now, will you take the pull?" He took it nicely,

and from then on we were good friends. One thing has begun to be a little irritating, but only because of its monotony. About every third make patient, when he first comes in takes a bleary gander at the white uniform and the red hair and crosks out a sally that's supposed to brighten everybody up.-"H'r'm'n'm, do you go with the room?" They usually avolorize the next day.

In W usanity upokijewa mise. In no other branch of navning within my experience are such respect, consideration and gratitude accorded the nurse by the patients. Even the most beserick were likable before they ran afoul of firewater, and can be likable again. The recovered alcoholics I have known have been quicker to help and readier to forgive, possessed of a livelier understanding and faster wit, than the



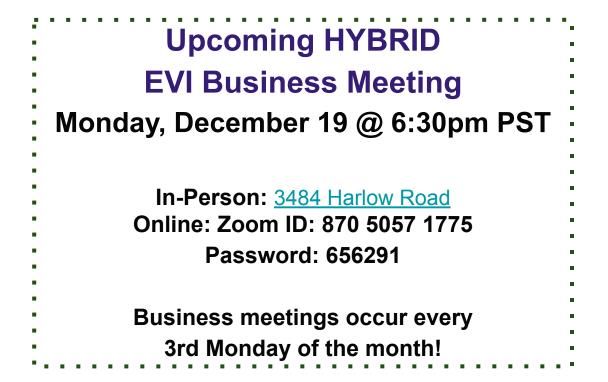
The Saturday Evening Post, April 1, 1950

For specific suggestions for practicing the 11th Step we turn to the book Alcoholics Anonymous, as we do on all A.A. questions, before going ahead on our own. Applying the wisdom we find there, we turn with newly awakened interest and intensity to the practices of our particular religious denomination, if we have one; we sometimes select and memorize a few set prayers; we may study the recorded thoughts of others; but in any event we make it a practice in the morning to ask God to guide us during the day, and thank Him at the day's close for His many blessings. We are careful never to pray for our own selfish ends, but ask especially for freedom from self-will and knowledge of God's will for us.

Some of us have found the following verse helpful on awakening, when all our wishes and hopes for the day rush at us like wild animals; the first thing we must do is shove them all back, and listen to that other voice, letting a calmer, quieter, stronger life flow into us:"Every morning rest your arms awhile upon the window-sill of Heaven and gaze upon your Lord, and with that vision in your heart turn strong to meet your day."

All of which, of course, is calculated to keep us from taking that first drink. It works –it really does.

**R. D.** Garden City, New York



# SOBRIETY SPOTLIGHT



### EXPERIENCE

What is your biggest lesson learned in AA?

The only thing I can change in my life is me.

Fundamental Recovery Suggestion That Helps You Stay Sober

Like brushing my teeth, my sobriety needs daily maintenance.

What is lighting your AA fire today? \*

B

Service

STRENGTH



## A Recipe for a Sober Thanksgiving

5 handfuls of gratitude
1 bottle of alcohol-free sparkling cider
A dash of stress and anxiety management
1-2 escape plan(s)
12 step meetings
2-5 sober supports
A pinch of open-mindedness, willingness, and honesty



### **Thanksgiving Celebration**

Please join the New Freedom Group for a day of gratitude, good food, and fellowship

- WHEN: November 24, 2022 Serenity Prayer and meal served at noon Meeting immediately following, -1:30 p.m.
- where: Our Saviour's Lutheran Church 2200 Coburg Road
  - wHO: Presented by New Freedom Group All AA Members and their families welcome

Want to help? If you'd like to prepare a turkey or ham, you can sign up at any New Freedom Group meeting. Or bring your favorite potluck stuffing, potatoes, GRAVY, salad, side, or dessert!

If you are donating food items, we ask that you deliver by 11:30 a.m. Drop your turkey or ham and we will carve it!

**Questions?** Call Chelsea (541) 606-8182, David (541) 915-6919, or Kathie (541) 914-2882. If we don't pick up, please feel free to leave a message!

> Thank you for joining us. Happy Thankskiving!



Join the New Freedom Group for a Thanksgiving **Celebration and a day** of gratitude, good food, and fellowship.



Recovery Kitty says to get into service right MEOW





		SOBRIETY	
	POSITION	REQUIREMENT	TERM
	Archives Vice-Chair	6-months	no term limit
	CPC/PI Chair	1-year	2-years
7	CPC/PI Vice-Chair	6-months	2-years
	Grapevine/La Vina Chair	1-year	2-years
	Grapevine/La Vina Vice	6-months	2-years
	H&I Vice Chair	1-year	1-year
	Literature Vice-Chair	6-months	1-year
	Meeting Guide Vice-Chair	6-months	1-year
	Newsletter Vice-Chair	6-months	1-year
	Outreach Chair	1-year	1-year
	Outreach Vice-Chair	6-months	1-year
	Web/Tech Vice-Chair	6-months	1-year

### Dr. Bob said he served to 'pass it on' through service because:

1. Sense of duty.

2. It is a pleasure.

- 3. Because in so doing I am paying my debt to the man who took time to pass it on to me.
- 4. Because every time I do it I take out a little more insurance for myself against a possible slip.

CALL 541-342-4113 FOR MORE INFORMATION

# Saving lives in A.A.

Are we self-supporting through our contribution? • A.A. has not been self-supporting, relying on literature sales to cover lack of contributions

**The Goal** Become the first generation to make A.A. fully self-supporting through 7th tradition contributions. Join us by demonstrating our commitment to A.A. Sign up to make an automatic, recurring payment of \$12.00 a month. It is quick and safe! Create a Pod of twelve A.A. members in **recurring** commitments of \$12.00 a month. \$12.00 x 12 people x 12 months =\$1728.00 a year The equivalent of the cost of one drink a month. That contribution can help save millions of lives for generations to come.

The goal, 2000 Pods of 12 people each Contributions.aa.org

### **The EVI Office Needs Volunteers**

# Did you know that the EVI office is open seven days a week?

As we all know, the EVI office is:

- A safe haven for all of us in recovery
- An informational resource center
- Often a first step in someone reaching out for help from the hand of AA
- A lifeline that provides directions and information about meetings and 12-Step call resources



### The EVI office is also is in need of our help so that it can continue to stay open seven days a week. Can you help?

As Office Volunteer Coordinator/Bookkeeper Carol B writes, "We may not be very busy with walk in traffic or calls, but our front door is unlocked and available and the contacts we make are very rewarding."

Volunteer Shift: 4 hours a week Available Slots: Monday - Friday, either 9am-1pm or 1pm - 5pm, Saturday and S

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If you are willing and able to help the EVI office, please contact Carol B. at <u>emeraldvalleyintergroupoffice@gmail.com</u> or stop by 2160 W.11th Unit I. She'd love to show you around.

I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that. I am responsible

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 December 19, 2022. 6:30 - 7:30 PM The online AA Unity in Recovery group is looking for speakers for their **Friday night** open speaker meeting on Zoom.

### The meeting is at 7PM CST Password is aaunity.

If you have <u>1 year of sobriety</u> and a clear message of recovery contact the group at <u>aa.unityinrecovery@gmail.com.</u>

They are currently scheduling for September 9 and September 16

Welcome! We are an AA online group focused on sharing experience, strength, and hope. Thank God for the traditions that bind us. We believe that Bill and Bob would be proud of technology enabling us to reach alcoholics in their respective environments. "We shall be with you in the fellowship of the spirit, and you will surely meet some of us as you trudge the road of Happy Destiny".

### AA UNITY IN RECOVERY ZOOM GROUP

Meetings are starting October 11, 2020. In an effort to keep our meetings safe, we ask that you email for the password.

aa.unityinrecovery@gmail.com



WED: 7 PM CST Losed discussion (AA literature)

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### FRI: 7 PM CST OPEN SPEAKER MEETING



# Meetings

Check out the amazing list of meeting options in the Eugene/Springfield area



### Click <u>HERE</u> to check out the in-person meetings in the area!

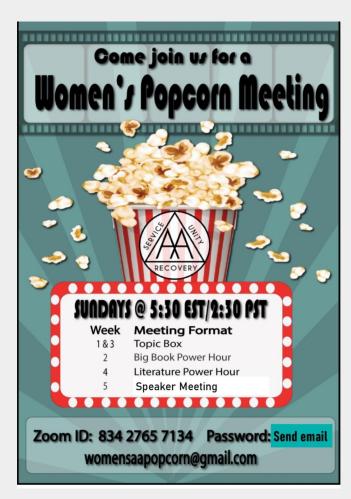


### Click <u>HERE</u> to check out the plethora of online meetings in the area!





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## Courage to Change Women's Open Meeting

When: Monday at 6:30pm

Where: City First Church - 8:30

Madison Street, Eugene, OR



\*Childcare provided

Freethinkers

Secular AA

Starting May 7th!

Every Saturday

Time: 9-10 PM

Where? Spiritual Learning Center 390 Vernal St. Eugene, OR 97401

\*No Smoking/No Vaping

If you are in need of help overcoming drinking without using religion we are here to help. 🎔



# A.A. Service Workshop



District 6 and District 19 are hosting an in-person Service Workshop with a fascinating Delegate Report presented by Amber N, and a Panel Discussion on Sponsorship, Intergroup, District (DCM and GSR), and homegroup service.

Please join us at the newly renovated Campbell Center in Eugene, Oregon on Saturday, December 10th from 11am -3pm. We will be serving wonderful food, desserts, and beverages, have door prizes and some solid service experiences being shared.

Hope you can make it or pass it on to someone who might be interested.

For any additional information or clarifications, send me an email or call/text. Thanks!

# AA in the Media? Learn more

### Demystifying

## COMPREHENSIVE MEDIA PLAN

A strategic plan to connect and communicate A.A.'s program of recovery in the spaces we occupy.

- A free online event hosted by Area 83, Eastern Ontario
- A four-part series of panel discussions with General Service Office staff and those working with
  the plan
- To Register please visit: <u>Registration-DemystifyingCMP</u> Meeting codes will be sent later in an email





#### November 16

"Carrying the Message" An Introduction to the Comprehensive media plan

November 23 "Is A.A. Advertising?" Google Grants & More

November 30 "A.A. on Social Media" LinkedIn, Instagram & YouTube

**December 7** "Apps, Websites, & Content Creation"

# Save the Date





# SAVE THE DATE

# EVI Information & Updates

## **The EVI Business Meeting**

is now <u>hybrid</u>! Address is <u>3484 Harlow Road</u> Access parking lot on Honeysuckle

## **EVI Office Mask Policy**

Volunteers are welcome but not required. Volunteers and visitors are not required to wear a mask, but if a person may request masks be worn.

#### EMERALD VALLEY INTERGROUP, INC. Documentation Retention Policy

#### Initially Adopted 11/9/2020 by vote of EVI Intergroup Committee Proposed Revision 10/17/2022 (Substantial Changes are in italics)

In order maintain compliance with State of Oregon rules governing Non-profit corporations, the Emerald Valley Intergroup (EVI) shall adhere to a Documentation Retention Policy. Each Document listed will include the role and the storage location of the document. One order of important business to attend to is the transfer of responsibility of these documents as positions rotate.

All documents, except where noted, shall be retained in the Google Docs Committee folder or sub-folder associated with the assigned EVI Google Workspace account. Any Paper documents shall be stored in a marked binder in the EVI Office. Trusted Servants who are required to utilize Google Workspace to support the work of their position or committee shall be trained by their predecessors or members of the Web/Tech Committee.

#### The Following will be stored in perpetuity, as long as EVI is an entity:

- Articles of Incorporation and Amendments. Bylaws and Amended Bylaws
  The EVI Chair, Vice-Chair and Archives Chair will all keep electronic copies of these
  documents (GD). The Archives Chair is responsible for maintaining the paper historical
  document binder located in the EVI Office. The Chair and Vice-Chair may also retain
  paper copies.
- IRS and State of Oregon tax-exemption documents
   The Treasurer will retain all IRS and State of Oregon tax-exemption documents
   electronically as PDF's (GD).
- Minutes the Steering Committee, and EVI Business Meeting and EVI Committees
   EVI does not utilize a Board of Directors, however the Steering Committee does have
   limited authority to conduct business and make decisions per the EVI Bylaws. All
   significant decisions are made at the EVI Business Meeting by the Intergroup
   Committee as defined in the Bylaws. The EVI Secretary shall maintain electronic copies
   of Steering Committee and EVI Business Meeting Minutes. (GD). The Office Volunteer
   Coordinator shall maintain a binder in the EVI Office containing paper copies.
- EVI Committee Chairs shall work with Committee Secretaries to ensure Committee
  meeting minutes are retained. If Documents are stored electronically, they shall be
  stored in Google Docs associated with the email address assigned to the Trusted
  Servant or Committee Chair. If they are stored as paper documents they shall be in a
  marked binder stored at the EVI Office.

 Monthly Finance Committee Reports. The Treasurer will retain electronic copies of Finance reports as PDF's (GD).

#### At least ten years:

- All documentation showing proper handling of conflicts of interest. Should any conflict of Interest situations occur, they will be retained in Steering Committee and/or EVI Business Committee meeting minutes. EVI Secretary (GD).
- All documentation showing proper handling of suspicious circumstances Should any suspicious circumstances occur, they will be retained in either Steering Committee and/or EVI Business Committee meeting minutes. EVI Secretary (GD).
- Insurance information: The Treasurer will retain electronic copies all documents related to Insurance as PDF's (GD).
- All documentation on any matter that may become a subject of a lawsuit or claim (including contracts, leases, etc.) The EVI Chair is solely responsible for signing Leases and Contracts. All such documents will be electronically stored as a PDF (GD).

#### At least three years:

- Written communications required to be made by Oregon law. Any written communications required to be made by Oregon law shall be retained by either the EVI Chair or the EVI Secretary (GD).
- Written communication with members regarding membership matters All such matters would be mentioned in Steering Committee and/or EVI Business Meeting minutes (GD).
- Monthly Bill Pay and Bank reconciliation, The Treasurer shall retain monthly records of bill pay and bank reconciliation electronic and paper documents on the EVI Office Computer and at the EVI Office.



Serenity Prayer Introductions New EVI Representatives Approve Minutes of last meeting - (attachment) Approve Agenda - (attachment) Treasurer's Report - (attachment)

**Elections:** carried over from last month: Archives Vice-Chair, CPC/PI Chair & Vice-Chair, Grapevine Chair & Vice-Chair, Hospitals and Institutions Chair and Vice-Chair, Literature Vice-Chair, Meeting Guide Vice-Chair, Newsletter Vice-Chair, Outreach Chair & Vice-Chair, Web/Tech Vice-Chair

Short Presentation from Oregon Area 58 Hospitals Chair - David F.

Old Business: 2023 Draft Budget (attached)

Motion: Accept revisions to the current EVI Document Retention Policy (Attached)

New Business: Sense of the EVI Body on hybrid meeting status

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Steering Committee Activities Archives CPC/PI EVI Speaker Meeting Diverter Grapevine Hospitals & Institutions Literature Meeting Guide

Vol. Office Coord/ Bookkeeper Outreach Website

Newsletter

#### **Birthdays and Speaking Engagements:**

Announcements: Elections in December for EVI Chair, EVI Vice-Chair and 2 Memberat-Large positions (Rachel and Melody)



**Close w/ Responsibility Statement** 

#### Emerald Valley Intergroup Draft Budget For Year 2023

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	23 Budget Draft	22 Budget Original	2023 vs 2022 Budget	Notes
Contributions																
Contributions/Group	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	24,000	24,000		1
Contributions/Individual	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	4,560	3,600	960	1
Contributions/Districts														-	-	
Contributions/Other (Summerfest)													(*)	2	2	2
Fundraising (Timing TBD_													202			3
Over/Short Interest Income	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	36	36	-	
Total Contributions	2.383	2.383	2.383	2.383	2,383	2.383	2.383	2.383	2.383	2.383	2.383	2.383	28.596	27.636	960	ć.
	2,505	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,505	2,505	20,000	21,030	500	
Committee Expenses																
Activities	518											12	518	480	38	4
Archives	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	65	60	5	4
CPC/PI	59	59	59	59	59	59	59	59	59	59	59	59	713	660	53	4
Diverter	570	-	570	72	-	5	17	17	70	5	376				72	
EVINewsletter	2003						5	15	1	5	100	5	1.5			
Grapevine H&I	- 144	144	- 144	144	144	144	- 144	- 144	144	144	- 144		1.728	240 2.400	(240) (672)	8 11
Other Committee Charges	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	1,728	2,400	(0/2)	- 11
Outreach	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	180	180		5
EVI Speaker Meeting	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	100	100	0	5
Steering Committee																
Web/Tech	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	348	322	26	4,6
Committee Subtotal	771	253	253	253	253	253	253	253	253	253	253	253	3,552	4,342	(790)	
Office Expenses																
Insurance	1.000					-				-		-	1.000	1,350	(350)	7
PavPal Fees	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	104		104	4
Office Coordinator	653	653	653	653	653	653	653	653	653	653	653	653	7,830	4,560	3,270	9
Office Supplies	108	108	108	108	108	108	108	108	108	108	108	108	1,296	1,200	96	4
Rent	1,260	1,260	1,260	1,260	1,260	1,260	1,260	1,260	1,260	1,260	1,260	1,260	15,116	13,000	2,116	10
Utilities	443	443	443	443	443	443	443	443	443	443	443	443	5,314	4,085	1,229	10
Equipment fund (Capital)	0000000							107					3,500		520 	12
Printing & Copies	108	108	108	108	108	108	108	108	108	108	108	108	1,296	1,560	(264)	4
Permits & Fees	100			100									216	100	116	4
Office Subtotal	3,680	2,580	2,580	2,680	2,580	2,580	2,580	2,687	2,580	2,580	2,580	2,580	35,672	25,855	9,817	
Total Expenses	4,450	2,832	2,832	2,932	2,832	2,832	2,832	2,939	2,832	2,832	2,832	2,832	39,223	30,197	9,026	
Net Operating																i.
Expenses/Contributions	(2,067)	(449)	(449)	(549)	(449)	(449)	(449)	(556)	(449)	(449)	(449)	(449)	(10,627)	(2,561)	(8,066)	8

Notes:

1. Group contributions are planned to be consistent with this years, actual contributions may be higher or lower. Individual contributions are planned to be up vs last years budget, and consistent with current year 2. We have assumed no contributions from Summerfest nor EVI Speaker meeting in 2023 as was the case in 2022. If we get contributions it will be a bonus,

3. We have assumed no activities committee and EVI Speaker meeting fund raising in 2023 as was the case in 2022. If we get a contribution it will be a bonus.

4. Increased 8% from 2022 due to anticipated inflation.

5. Outreach funds for Miliage / 2022 was Zero

6. The 2023 is the same as 2022 budget. (NOTE: 2025 Web Hosting Charges due for 3 yr renewal approx. \$800.00)

7. 2023 Lowered due to Actual statements / 2022 was "Estimated"

8. Grapevine 2yr supscrip due 2024

9. Increase due to actual hours needed to accomplish Office Volunteer Coord /Bookkeeper duties For 2022; 7 hours a week at \$15.00 an hour for 52 weeks is \$5.460.00 and we rounded it to \$450.00 a month/\$5,400.00 annually For 2023; 10 hours a week at \$15,00 an hour for 52 weeks is \$7,800,00 which it works out to \$650,00 a month/\$7,800,00 annually

10. 2023 increased rent 2% by contract and Increased utilities by 8% due to inflation.

11. Decreased to lack of spending

12. Replace computers, new printer.

EVI Business October 2022 Meeting Minutes



EVI Business Meeting Minutes October 17, 2022

The hybrid EVI business meeting opened at 6:30 pm with the serenity prayer (9 In-person, 21 via Zoom)

Introductions: On Zoom: Angela – EVI Vice-Treasurer, Angelo – Men's Stag at noon, Brian R-Reeting Chair & AA in the Afternoon Rep, Cory – Diverter Vice-Chair, Elijah – 6:45 Men's Meeting & Archives Chair, Jade – SC MAL, John W – TNT, Julie B – SOS, John W – TNT, Kevin – DTN AM, Kim – Women's 123 Wed & Literature Chair, Laura – Veneta Gratitude, Marty N – Freedom Bound, Merthi – Stop & Smell the Roses, Mike – Diverter Chair, Rachel – SC MAL, Robert Mc – Knuckleheads, Robert S – 4<sup>th</sup> Dimension, Sharon – EVI Secretary, Timi – Guest.

In person: Chaz – EVI Chair, Bruce W – Web/Tech Chair, Carol – Office Volunteer Coord/Bkkpr, Wes H – Right Size & SC MAL, Chris B – The Way Home, Melody – SC MAL, Kathleen – EVI Vice-Chair, Nola S – Attitude Adjustment, Todd P – Vintage Group, Ron R – Activities Vice-Chair

#### New EVI Rep - Welcome Packet: Robert S - rsmelser80@gmail.com

Approval of Minutes of last meeting – Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Approve Agenda – Motion made and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Treasurer's Report – Report was attached to the invitation email. Angela reviewed the report that was sent to the body. The expenses exceeded our income last month. Motion made and seconded to approve the T Report. Motion carried.

#### Elections carried over from last month:

Archives Vice-Chair -CPC/PI Chair & Vice-Chair – Jade will assist Grapevine Chair & Vice-Chair -H&I Chair & Vice-Chair -Literature vice-chair Meeting Guide Vice-Chair -Newsletter Vice-Chair -Outreach Chair & Vice-Chair -Web Tech Vice-Chair -

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Committee chairmen and vice chairmen, please submit your reports to the secretary before the meeting.

Steering Committee		Steering Committee met via Zoom @ 6:30pm on 10/10, approved the Treasurer's September Finical Report. Carol reported the EVI Office is running smoothly, and there is still a need for more volunteers. Bruce gave a report on the Google Workspace rollout and the need to
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		replace/enhance EVI office computers & equipment. He will bring specific items and prices for November's Steering Committee. The 2023 draft budget was discussed, Angela agreed to process some changes and it was agreed that Steering Committee members would approve via email so it could be brought to the EVI Business meeting on 10/17 under New Business. It was noted that the approval for the Business Meeting's hybrid status expires in December. Chaz will explore if an on-line survey might provide a sense of continuing or discontinuing. A revised Documentation Retention Policy was introduced and approved with minor edits and will be brought to the Business Meeting under New Business. New emails for EVI Chair: evi_chair@eviaa.org and Vice-Chair: evi_che@eviaa.org are now active
Activities	Steve/Ron	Activities Committee reopened events with Bingo and a Costume contest at the Campbell Center on Saturday night. It was possibly our best attended bingo event ever, and about half of the people were in costume! Revenue total pending, but we certainly covered expenses and refilled our prudent reserve. Next event, tentative pending venue, will be a pancake breakfast and speaker (on history of AA, possibly history of AA in Oregon) hopefully on Nov. 19th, check website for updates. Hoping also for a New Year's Eve dance!
Archives	Elijah	The new email for archives: archives_chair@eviaa.org is now active. Otherwise not much to report
CPC/PI		No report
EVI Speaker Meeting	Bruce G/ Susan J	Great Meeting, Oct 8th, 72 members, Kelly Al-anon and Merthi, AA were very good speakers, finances down a bit, \$466.45, \$333.55 under prudent reserve. Thank you, Bruce G, Chair

Diverter	Mike/Cory	Opening on Sunday night for a group to take over. There is a group interested but has yet to be confirmed.
Grapevine		No report
Hospitals & Institutions		No report
Literature	Kim	We have a full supply of big books and 12 x 12s and soft bound big book large prints. Some of these were back ordered. I encourage anyone who has not been to the EVI Office lately to stop by. Carol has new, eye-appealing places for pamphlets and flyers. The office is welcoming with tables and chairs for relaxing, chatting or sitting to read our literature.
Meeting Guides	Mason	Mason reported that all requested changes we completed as of 11/17 and should be reflected in the Meeting Guide App by 11/19. Continue to send changes to the evimeetingguides@gmail.com email address until further notice
Newsletter	Erica	No Report
Office Vol. Coord/Bkkpr	Carol	Still needing volunteers throughout the week. Subs are much appreciated but consistency is key. If you or your sponsees would like to come down for an intro, I would be happy to provide. Shout out to all our current volunteers. There is usually quite a bit of down time but when 12 step work is needed, they are all right there with their hands and hearts open and ready to serve. It's a beautiful sight. If you have any events coming up or know about any, I'm making the front of the office kind of event oriented with up-to-date events. Please send info my way.
Outreach		No report
Website	Bruce W	Everything is moving along. Google Workspace is moving right along. Still waiting to hear from others who have to transfer their old to the new. There will be a request for new desktop and laptop as well as a new all-in-one printer. Once we have prices, we will need approval from the body.

#### Old Business:

None

#### New business:

2023 Proposed Budget: (Attached in the invitation message) Motion brought by the Steering Committee and seconded to accept the Proposed 2023 EVI Budget. Angela went over the proposed budget and answered questions as they came up. All of the old expenses were bumped up by 8% due to inflation. Rent went up 2% as it is in the contract. The Office Coord/Bkkpr salary went up due to increase in compensation for actual hours worked. Motion tabled for Group input. This will be brought under Old Business in November

EVI Document Retention Policy Revision (Attached in the invitation message) Motion brought by Steering Committee and seconded to accept the EVI Documentation Retention Policy Revision 2022. Original 2020 policy was also attached. Brief Discussion. Motion tabled for Group input. This will be brought under Old Business in November

Birthdays and Speaking Engagements: Brian Rose 10/15/87, Jade 9/13/84, Chris B 9/13/2011

#### Announcements:

EVI Business meeting for July through December will be hybrid (Zoom and In-person w/ In-person location North Park Community Church 3484 Harlow Rd. Eugene 97401, parking lot off Honeysuckle across from Holt Elementary). Zoom info on Calendar on EVI Website - eviaaweb.org

**New Freedom** meeting will have their Thanksgiving celebration 11/24/22 – potluck before the meeting. Turkeys and ham are supplied, members bring side dishes. Start eating at noon, meeting starts at 3pm Thanksgiving Day.

DTAM is meeting in person again in the First Christian Church at 7 a.m., Monday-Saturday

The meeting closed at 7:18 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

In loving service, Sharon B. EVI Secretary

The next hybrid EVI business meeting will be at 6:30 PM Monday, November 21, 2022.



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#### Chaz opened the SC meeting at 6:30 PM with the Serenity Prayer (on Zoom).

Members present – Chaz – EVI Chair, Kathleen – EVI Vice-Chair, Sharon – EVI Secretary, Brenda – Treasurer, Angela – Vice-Treasurer, Rachel – SC MAL, Carol – Office Volunteer Coord/ Bookkeeper, Melody - SC MAL, Timi – Web Tech Committee

Approve Agenda: Motion made and seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Treasurer report: Brenda/Angela gave the Treasurer's Report. Pretty much a break-even month. Contributions are down a little. We are about where we were a year ago with a \$9K prudent reserve. Angela brought up the issue of calling the December Speaker Meeting and Christmas party. It was mentioned that it is being call a Holiday Party. Motion made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

#### Bookkeeper/Office Coordinator:

\* Creation of monthly volunteer meeting being considered, in person at EVI following the completion of the business meeting. Business meeting minutes will begin the agenda.

- \* Request for purchase of wall hangings of Steps and Traditions.
- \* Carpet cleaning estimate for tomorrow.
- \* T-Mar tapes. No contact so far as of now.
- \* Any suggestions for things the committee would like to address?

#### -Old business:

- 2023 Budget poll was presented to see if it works. All officers have a vote as well as each Group Rep. and Committee Chair The poll will be presented at the business meeting next week.
- 2023 Budget Process, no feedback from proposed budget received,
- EVI Google Workspace roll out We only have a few trusted servants that have yet to
  activate the new email. Hoping to have this accomplished by Decembers meeting.
- EVI Hybrid Bus. Meeting Chaz presented four poll questions. All four questions needed revising. After some discussion, it was decided that Angela help Chaz create a poll asking if the body prefers hybrid, in-person, or Zoom only for business meetings in 2023.

#### -New business:

- EVI Office Computer & Peripherals upgrade no report
- Zoom Steering Committee SC wil remain on Zoom at least through January 2023.
- OVC Annual Evaluation (Executive Session, Steering Committee voting members only) Chaz and Melody created a poll of questions for volunteers to fill out. Over 25 responses

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already submitted. Brenda reported on the bookkeeper portion of Carol's duties and will provide a written assessment of her performance regarding those duties. SC approved Chaz collecting the information from the poll and from Brenda and providing a draft for SC approval next month.

 Credit cards: Brenda says using credit cards, PayPal, or Venmo has hidden fees, and it is a huge hassle for the Treasurer. The issue of fraud is huge. She is opposed to making this change

Announcements: Elections for EVI Chair, Vice-Chair, and 2 Member-at-large positions (Rachel and Melody) in December

Closed w/ Responsibility Statement at 7:14 PM

#### Date of next SC meeting: December 12, 2022 @ 6:30 pm via Zoom

In Loving Service, Sharon B EVI Secretary

### EVI October 2022 Financial Update

Overview - Group contributions were \$2361 vs budget of \$2366 Individual Contributions were \$277 vs budget of \$380

Expenses - Operating expenses were minimal

YTD Group Contributions - are above budget by \$1806

YTD Individual Contribution - are still above budget by \$131

Committee Expenses - \$500 to EVI Speaker 10/31 for Xmas Party

Prudent Reserve - Our current surplus is \$9291 which is a \$764 increase from last month.

	Monthly	YTD	YTD Budget	+/- YTD
Contributions: Expenses:		\$ 25,351 \$ 25,320		\$ 2,824 13% \$ (2,506) 9%

Difference: \$ 5 \$ 31

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PRUDENT RESERVE CALCULATION	2022 Avg	3
5 Mo of 2020 Average Exp	2,765	13,823
Equipment Fund		
Updated: 1/1/2022		13,823
Cash Position		23,114
Surplus over PR		9,291

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.

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Literature Sales	Oct	YTD Sales	YTD% of Budget
AA Book Sales	691	8,702	80%
Pamphlet Sales	44	271	45%
Meeting Book Sales		-	0%
Grapevine Sales	96	598	109%
Total Literature Sales	831	9,571	72%

Note: Low literature sales for the year will mean less purchases as well. There should be no financial impact as a result.

### Emerald Valley Intergroup 2022 Financial Report

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Contributions/Group	2.226	1.344	1.339	2.420	2.307	1,339	2.035	1.717	1.603	2.366	1,248	2.055	18.697	22.00
Contributions/Individual	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	3,800	4,56
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Interest Income	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	30	
Total Contributions	2.609	1,727	1,722	2,803	2.690	1,722	2,418	2,100	1.986	2,749	1,631	2,438	22.527	26.5
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EVI Newsletter				-	-	-		-			-			
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PayPal Fees	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	80	
Office Coordinator	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	4,500	5.4
Office Supplies	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	1.000	1,2
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Printing & Copies	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	1.000	1.2
Permits & Fees	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	200	2
Office Subtotal	3,878	2,378	2,378	2,478	2,203	2,203	2,203	2,302	2,203	2,278	2,353	2,428	24.504	29,2
Total Expenses	4,642	2,662	2,662	2,762	2,487	2,487	2,487	2,586	2,487	2,562	2,637	2,712	27,826	33,1
Net Operating	4,042	2,002	2,002	2,702	2,407	2,407	2,407	2,000	2,407	2,002	2,007	2,712	21,020	00,1
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Abnornmal Drinkers		35.00	Terminally Unique
Autumn Group		300.00	The Way Home
Attitude Adjustment Group		1,272.98	There is a Solution
Alvadore Fireside Group		200.00	Thurston Bell Ringers
Back to Basics Junction City		200.00	Thursday Night Rush Hour C.G.
Capacity to be Honest		20.00	Thursday Night Reflections
Caduceus		240.00	Thurs Night Group
Could and Would		100.00	TIM
Carpe Diem	75.00	75.00	Tuesday Night Young Peoples
Creswell 12 x 12		80.00	Try God Group
Daily Reflections			Upon Awakening
Downtown AM group	80.32	2,320.95	unknown
Drop The Rock		100.00	Vintage Group
Early Firehouse Group		-	We Are Not A Glum Lot
Easy Does It		-	Wed Beginners Group
Emerald Park	2.00	402.00	Wednesday Women's Big Book
Everyone's Welcome		112.25	Wednesday Noon Men's Group
Freedom Bound		~	Wednesday Nights Men's Stag
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Friday Night Gratitude (Cot Grove)			Women in the Solution Women's Big Book Study
Friday Night Stag			
Friday Night Big Book Study			Women's Bedrock
Get WII Group Good Grief Saturday		-	Womens Spiritual Defense Gro Women's Courage to Change
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Knuckleheads		100.00	Young Ducks Total • Contributions/Group
Harrisburg Group		200.00	Total Commonians/Graup
How It Works		150.00	EVI Contributions-Other
Host of Friends		30.00	
Jasper By The Tracks		158.01	District Contributions
Last Chance Study Group		300.00	Distiler Commonitie
Lambda Group		34.00	District 6
Lets Talk About Your Dog		150.00	Total District Contributions
McKenzie River Group		13.00	Contributions/Individual
McKenzie Bridge		200.00	Faithful Five
Monday Noon Staa		-	Individual -
Monday Men's Stag		927.00	Total Contributions/Individual
New Freedom		720.00	Contributions-Other
No Rules Group		1,000.00	EASYPAA
One Day at a Time		-	ORCYPAA
Oakridge Group		87.88	Fund Raise
Plant a Seed		-	Assembly He
River Road Friday Night Book St		-	Summerfes
River Road Recovery		2	Contributions-Other
Saturday Morning Steps		175.00	FundRaising
Saturday Night Book Study			Activities
Seniors for Sobriety			CPC-PI
Serenity on Sunday		-	Speaker M
Serenity Seekers West	200.00	470.00	FundRaising
Sickman's Group		-	
Sisters of Sobriety		265.00	
Sober Awakenings	1,250.00	4,170.00	
SOS Group			
Sabriety for Life		40.00	
Sober Chicks		35.00	
Stop Smell The Roses		230.00	
Stairway to Sobriety		270.00	
Starlight Mediation Group		89.50	
Sunday AM B.B. Study Group	100.00	200.00	1 4114
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Ŕ	CPC/PI Chair Vice-Chair	Inactive Inactive			evicpcpi@gmail.com	Office Vol. Coord. / Bookkeeper	Carol B	3/8/21	By 3/9/26	emeraldvalleyintergroupoffice@gmail .com		
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Ö	Vice-Chair	Susan H	11/15/21	3/20/23		Member @ Large	Jade S	6/20/22	12/18/23			
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	H&I Chair	Matt S	In October 2022	9/19/23	hospitals_chair@eviaa.org	Open						

### **Emerald Valley Intergroup (EVI)**

Organization and Service Committee Synopsis

#### **OVERVIEW**

Welcome to the Emerald Valley Intergroup (EVI). Founded in 1981, we are an A.A. service committee that carries out functions common to the A.A. groups in Districts 6, 19, 20 and part of 34, as part of Oregon Area 58. The EVI Office (see below) is staffed by trusted servants and is funded entirely by contributions from local A.A. groups and individual members.

#### **EVI GROUP REPRESENTATIVE**

EVI Groups Representatives have the job of linking her or his home group to EVI. The EVI Rep represents the voice of the group conscience, reporting the group's thoughts to the EVI Business meeting. This is a two-way street, making the EVI Rep responsible for bringing back to the home information that affect EVI unity, and health. They take information to their home groups and return feedback to the business meetings.

Only when the EVI Rep keeps their home group informed and communicates the group conscience can EVI truly act for AA as a whole in the EVI service area. Although many groups have various suggested sobriety requirements for the EVI Rep position, EVI expresses no opinion whatever in this regard. Experience has shown however that the most effective EVI Reps have: active participation in their home group, have the time and resources available to attend EVI Business meetings and provide reports to their home group and have the confidence of the group and the ability to listen to all points of view.

#### **EVI BODY**

The EVI Body consists of the Steering Committee, the Chairs of various committees (as described below), District Representatives and A.A. home group representatives from within the EVI service area. The EVI Body meets on the 3rd Monday of the month to review the financial reports from the prior month, to give and receive committee updates and to address any pertinent EVI topics. EVI representatives take information to their home groups and return feedback to the business meetings.

#### **EVI OFFICE**

Our Office is located at 2160 West 11<sup>th</sup>, Suite I (as in Igloo) Eugene, Oregon 97402. Need an A.A. book or pamphlet? We've got 'eml Need a Grapevine or Grapevine book. We've got 'eml All above available at cost. Staffed by sober A.A. volunteers setting aside part of their day to be available to the local fellowship and most importantly to anyone reaching out for help. The Office provides 3 main essential services. First, it is a point of contact with A.A. for the still suffering alcoholic, their families and friends. During office hours, volunteers become the lifeline to A.A. for those reaching out for help. Second, the office provides local at-cost access to General Service Conference approved literature, pamphlets, and Grapevine literature. Third, it provides a space for EVI Service Committees to accomplish their work.

We endeavor for all who sign up to do a shift at the EVI Office to be trained by a qualified volunteer in EVI Office policies, procedures, and how to operate the office equipment. We also try to have at least 2 volunteers in the office on each shift.

In keeping with AA's Singleness of Purpose Statement, our main task is to help the alcoholic in finding the services they need to combat their disease. Other than this, our efforts are organizational. We sell literature, coordinate group efforts and service committees, provide a source for dial-in information, and collect contributions. When an active alcoholic needs help we make resources available. Stop by and fill out the Office Volunteer Application (also available on our website eviaaweb.org under the EVI Office button) and the Office Volunteer Coordinator will be more than happy to contact you!

#### **EVI SERVICE COMMITTEES**

The EVI Service Committees are composed of an elected Chair and Vice-Chair and other A.A. Volunteers. The terms of service, sobriety requirements and a brief description of the responsibilities of the positions are described below:

#### Activities

Chairperson: 1-year term, 1-year sobriety Vice-chair: 1-year term, 6-months sobriety The EVI Activities Committee organizes popular events such as dances, picnics, and potlucks for all A.A. members and their families in the Intergroup area.

#### Archivist

Chairperson: No term, 1-year sobriety Vice-chair: No term, 6-months sobriety

The Archivist collects, catalogs, preserves and displays relevant materials of local A.A. history of the Intergroup area. Materials may be in the form of group histories, member histories, files, artifacts, or data.

Cooperation with Professional Community/Public Information (CPC/PI)

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Chairperson: 2-year term, 1-year sobriety Vice-chair: 2-year term, 6-months sobriety The CPC/PI engages with the community (Doctors, Lawyers, Counseling Professionals, Schools etc.) to spread the word of AA - of what A.A. does (and doesn't) do to help alcoholics.

#### Diverter

Chairperson: 1-year term, 1-year sobriety Vice-chair: 1-year term, 6-months sobriety The EVI diverter is the call-forwarding system which diverts the EVI office phone number to a volunteer's home or cell phone number, allowing calls to be answered when the office is closed.

#### **EVI Speaker Meeting**

Chairperson: 2-year term, 1-year sobriety Vice-chair: 2-year term, 6-months sobriety The EVI Speaker Meeting Committee organizes a monthly meeting with an A.A. speaker and an Al-Anon speaker who share their experience, strength and hope.

#### Grapevine

Chairperson: 1-year term, 1-year sobriety Vice-chair: 1-year term, 6-months sobriety The Grapevine Chair promotes readership and subscription to AA Grapevine: The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous, as well as related publications.

#### Hospitals & Institutions (H&I)

Chairperson: 2-year term, 2-years sobriety Vice-chair: 2-year term, 1-year sobriety The H&I Committee coordinates A.A. visits to hospitals, treatment facilities, and correctional institutions, and provides those entities with A.A. literature.

#### Literature

Chairperson: 1-year term, 1-year sobriety Vice-chair: 1-year term, 6-months sobriety The Literature Committee orders Big Books, Pamphlets and other conference approved literature for groups, treatment centers and inventory at the EVI Office.

#### Meeting Directory

Chairperson: 1-year term, 1-year sobriety Vice-chair: 1-year term, 6-months sobriety The purpose of the Meeting Directory Committee is to maintain the Emerald Valley Intergroup Meeting Directory on-line and for print as booklets or tri-fold fliers.

#### Newsletter

Chairperson: 1-year term, 1-year sobriety Vice-chair: 1-year term, 6-months sobriety The EVI Newsletter publishes up-to-date information of interest to A.A. members in the Intergroup. It includes notices of coming events, minutes of the business meeting, changes to group meeting times and locations, a roster of people serving on EVI committees, and original essays and poetry of A.A. members. This position requires familiarity with desktop publishing software and competence in Standard English.

#### Outreach

Chairperson: 1-year term, 1-year sobriety Vice-chair: 1-year term, 6-months sobriety Outreach Committee members maintain contact and visit groups served by EVI – including Districts 6, 19, 20 and 34-primarily to inform the groups of the EVI service committees, events, and opportunities and to encourage participation in EVI.

#### Website / Tech

Chairperson: 1-year term, 1-year sobriety Vice-chair: 1-year term, 6-months sobriety The purpose of the Website/Tech Committee is to maintain the EVI website www.eviaaweb.org, a resource for those looking for information about AA in the Intergroup service area. The trusted servants in this committee also set and manage our Google Suite account providing email and document support to trusted servants using these tools. In addition, they provide dedicated information technology (IT) support to EVI regarding purchasing, set-up and maintenance of EVI owned IT equipment and to provide tech support to EVI Officers and Committee Chairs for EVI related purposes.

#### STEERING COMMITTEE

EVI has an elected Steering Committee made up of the EVI Chair, EVI Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Vice Treasurer, Secretary, and 4 Members at Large. The Bookkeeper and Office Volunteer Coordinator are ex-officio members. The Steering Committee meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month via Zoom to review the financial statements from the prior month, to discuss pertinent EVI topics and to set the agenda for the EVI Business Meeting.

#### Chair

Chair: 2-year term, 2-years sobriety Vice-chair: 2-year term, 1-year sobriety The EVI Chair gathers proposed agenda items and leads the Steering Committee and EVI business meetings. The Chair is the first point of contact for EVI business. The Vice-Chair assists the Chair by understanding and helping interpret the EVI By-Laws. The EVI Chair shall have served as a Committee Chair, EVI Group Representative or have other EVI experience.

#### Treasurer

Treasurer: 2-year term, 2-years sobriety Vice-treasurer: 2-year term, 1-year sobriety

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The Treasurer is part of the EVI Steering Committee and leads the FAB. The Treasurer prepares the monthly financial statements and supervises the Bookkeeper.

#### Secretary

#### 2-year term, 2-years sobriety

The Secretary produces and distributes the agenda for the EVI business meeting. The secretary also takes notes at the Steering Committee and EVI business meetings and distributes the final document to participants via email.

#### Members at Large (4)

Members at Large: 2-year term, 2-years sobriety (2 rotate each year) There are four Member at Large positions that provide input and recommendations at EVI Steering Committee meetings. Members at Large may also be selected as members of the FAB or ad-hock groups that are formed to address pertinent EVI topics.

#### FINANCIAL ADVISORY BOARD (FAB)

The Financial Advisory Board consists of the EVI Treasurer, Vice Treasurer and the Bookkeeper. One or two additional members are appointed by the Steering Committee. With assistance from the Service Committee, the FAB creates a proposed annual budget and provides a suggested prudent reserve figure. These proposals are first brought to the Steering Committee, and then to the EVI Body for approval. The FAB is also responsible for oversight of the Bookkeeper position under direction of the Steering Committee.

#### **SPECIAL WORKERS**

We adhere to Tradition 8, in which the last sentence states. "Our Twelfth Step is never to be paid for, but those whose labor in service for us are worthy of their hire". EVI has long employed the service of someone to process our bookkeeping. In 2021 we re-established the Office Volunteer Coordinator as a paid rather than volunteer position and in 2022 combined the Bookkeeper and Office Volunteer Coordinator into a single position.

#### Bookkeeper / Office Volunteer Coordinator

Maximum 5-year term with annual review by the Steering Committee, 1-year sobriety, This position is an ex-officio member of the Steering Committee, FAB and EVI Business meeting. They are responsible for processing and record keeping of daily financial activity, and working with the Treasurer to ensure fiscal processes and accountability are enforced. They support the office volunteers in their service commitment. Tasks will include interviewing prospective volunteers; scheduling office volunteer shifts; buying office supplies; facilitating communication of information between the Steering Committee, the EVI Body, and the office volunteers. This position is hired by (with EVI Body approval) and reports to the Steering Committee, the full job description is available on request.



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