

# ADD - A - LINE

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## INTERGROUP OFFICE

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### Office Hours:

Mon-Fri 9 am - 5 pm

Sat. 1:00 pm - 4 pm

(For **LARGE** orders please call the office ahead of time.

Bad weather call ahead to see if we are open)

### Intergroup Breakfast Speaker Meeting

Saturday, June 3rd, 2017

Speaker — Mystery Speaker

(Your name could be here — Volunteer)

Gateway's Dining Room, 555 Stockton St.

8:00 am ~ All You Can Eat

Breakfast Buffet \$4 per person

8:30 am ~ Speaker Meeting

>> Intergroup Business Meeting <<

Sat. June 3rd, 2017, 9:45 am

*Meeting in the Back Conference Room*

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**FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION**  
**July 27—30, 2017**

**Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront**

**“LOVE IN ACTION”**

- **SPEAKERS \* WORKSHOPS**
- **MARATHON MEETINGS**

*Many Activities, Several Types of Meetings and Great Workshops to attend.*

For more information please visit the Convention Website at:

**[WWW.FLOIRDASTATECONVENTION.COM](http://WWW.FLOIRDASTATECONVENTION.COM)**

### HOTEL INFORMATION:

**Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront**  
**225 East Coastline Drive**  
**Jacksonville, FL 32202**  
**904-588-1234**

 **ATTENTION MEMBERS!**  
**PROPOSED Bylaws Change**

Pages 9-16 of the May 2017 Add-A-Line are proposed bylaw changes for the Northeast Florida Intergroup Body. Per Section 7 of the current by laws..” The proposed amendment or motion and proposed modification shall be published in the Add-A-Line the month prior to the Intergroup Business Meeting at which it will be voted upon to allow voting members of the Northeast Florida Intergroup the opportunity to present the amendment or motion to their respective A.A. Group for discussion and or consideration. “

**TWO ISSUES LEFT**

**BEFORE THE**

**ADD A LINE**

**WILL REQUIRE**

**A NEW EDITOR**

**FOR THE**

**AUGUST 2017**

**ISSUE**

**2**

**Microsoft Publisher, Excel, AND Word Experience a Plus or Will Help Train. Call The IG Office 904-399-8535 For**



*We will be CLOSED Monday, May 29th  
IN OBVERSANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY*

*~ ~ Have a happy and safe weekend! ~ ~*

**STEP FIVE**

"Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs."

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**TRADITION FIVE**

"Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers."

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**CONCEPT FIVE**

*Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.*

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**The May IG Steering Committee will meet at 5:30 pm, Tues. May 23, 2017 At the Intergroup Office.**

**Any member is welcome to attend!**



Meets at 5:30 PM  
Tues, June 20th, 2017  
At The Intergroup Office  
New Members Welcome

***Northeast Florida Intergroup Archives Committee***  
**Preserving our AA Past for Future Generations to Benefit From**

**ARCHIVES COMMITTEE**  
*Meets at Noon, Monday, June 5th, 2017  
In the Intergroup Office*

4/27/2017

2017-2015 District Committee Contact and Meeting Info

|              | Position & Name | e-mail                       | Phone        | Day, Time & Location\A                                                                 |
|--------------|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| District 1:  | DCM-Lon L.      | lon@rpmautomotive.com        | 904-710-7201 | 3rd Tuesday of month @ NEFL Intergroup Office                                          |
| District 4:  | DCM-Peter C.    | ppjcart@gmail.com            | 516-521-6830 | 7:45pm Every 3rd Thursday @The Amelia Room<br>906 S 7th St, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 |
| District 3:  | DCM- Maggie R   | tothineownself3693@gmail.com | 904-707-6125 | 3rd Sunday 2:30PM @ Clay County Club                                                   |
| District 6:  | DCM- Marty C.   | dcmdist6@gmail.com           | 919-622-4010 | 1st Monday of month 6:00pm @Flagler Hospital-Osceola Rm                                |
| District 24: | DCM-Diane S.    | diane.taurus@gmail.com       | 386-546-3404 | 2nd Wed of month 6:30pm @ Lion's Club-318 Oseola Ave, Palatka                          |
| District 25: | DCM-Gavin M.    | neflaadistrict25@gmail.com   | 904-613-7605 | 2nd Wed 7:00pm @ Neptune Beach Library (3rd Street)                                    |
| District 30: | DCM-Jack G.     | Call IG office for address   | 714-661-3918 | 3rd Friday of month 6:30pm @ First Christian 11924 San Jose Blvd                       |

**CENTRAL GROUP**  
**44th ANNUAL OLDTIMERS FISH FRY**  
Sat. , May 13th, 2017  
1423 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville, FL



**\*\*\*50/50 Raffle and a raffle for a large screen TV.\*\*\***

**Please bring a dessert if possible. Eating Starts at 12:30 PM Speakers Begins at 1:30 PM**

**But for  
the  
Grace  
of God.**

*The Following Member  
Will Be Fondly  
Remembered  
And Sadly Missed  
Michael H.  
District 6 , St. Augustine*

*Michael gave many years of service work to our  
Northeast Florida Intergroup  
and District 6 in St. Augustine.*



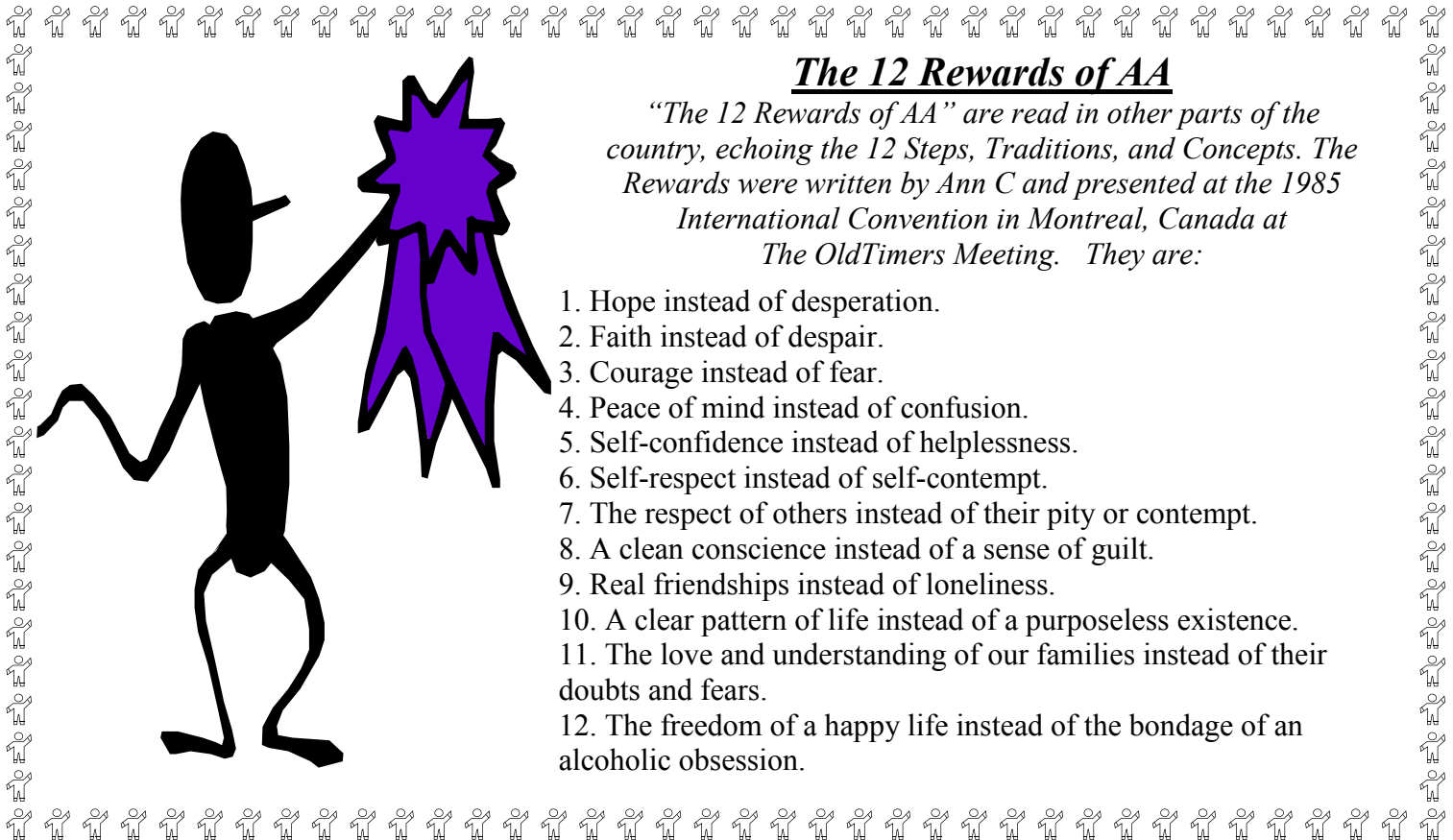
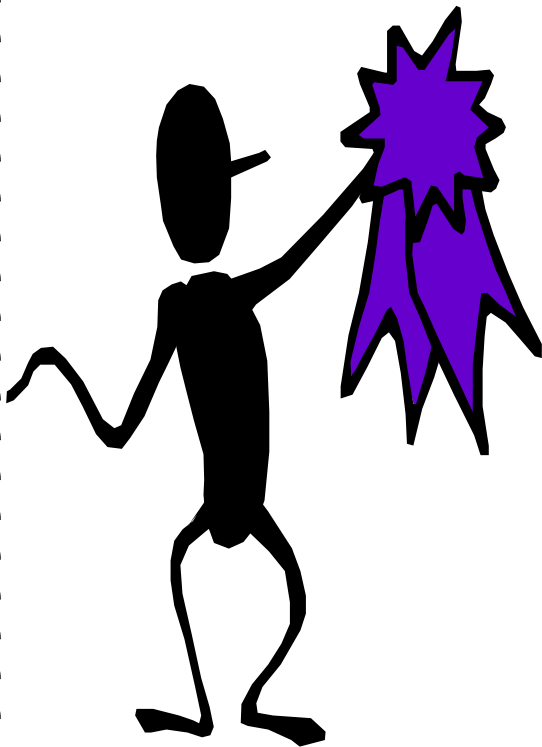
*Women in Northeast Florida AA  
GETTING SOBER — THEN AND NOW*

1 to 3 pm on Sunday, May 7, 2017  
3645 Spring Park Road, Jacksonville, FL  
Questions contact (904)614-7480

**The 12 Rewards of AA**

*“The 12 Rewards of AA” are read in other parts of the country, echoing the 12 Steps, Traditions, and Concepts. The Rewards were written by Ann C and presented at the 1985 International Convention in Montreal, Canada at The OldTimers Meeting. They are:*

1. Hope instead of desperation.
2. Faith instead of despair.
3. Courage instead of fear.
4. Peace of mind instead of confusion.
5. Self-confidence instead of helplessness.
6. Self-respect instead of self-contempt.
7. The respect of others instead of their pity or contempt.
8. A clean conscience instead of a sense of guilt.
9. Real friendships instead of loneliness.
10. A clear pattern of life instead of a purposeless existence.
11. The love and understanding of our families instead of their doubts and fears.
12. The freedom of a happy life instead of the bondage of an alcoholic obsession.



**INTERGROUP OFFICERS**

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**YOUNG PEOPLE IN AA 904-712-0096**



Jax Host Presents:

**FCYPAA** July 7-9 2017

Florida Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous

We Were **REBORN**

Renaissance World Golf Village

500 South Legacy Trail  
St. Augustine, FL 32092

RSVP / Register and book your Room now by connecting with us on: [www.fcypaa36.com](http://www.fcypaa36.com)

**VOLUNTEER TODAY!**  
*ARE YOU WILLING TO SERVE?*

**Volunteer Needed for Intergroup Vice-Chairman**

If you are interested in standing for the new position of Vice-Chairman The candidate should have a minimum of five continuous years of sobriety and have service work (experience) in the Intergroup structure Term of office is for two years. (2017-2018)

Please furnish a short résumé listing your various types service and, length of sobriety and intergroup service experience.

Resumes may be sent to:  
neflintergroup@gmail.com or mailed to  
3128 Beach Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32207.

| INTERGROUP OFFICE LOG  |           |           |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| March 2017             |           |           |
| CATAGEORY              | Mar. 2017 | Mar. 2016 |
| A.A. Information       | 135       | 241       |
| Admin. & Other Info.   | 62        | 93        |
| 12th Step Calls        | 9         | 5         |
| Visitors to The Office | 112       | 123       |

*A Very Special  
THANK YOU  
& APPRECIATION*

To all those Who Chaired Committees And to Those Volunteers Who Put in So Many Hours of Work To Make Our Spring Banquet Such A Success !



Our Service Work to Others Helps Keep Us Sober And is An Example to Others For Their Sobriety

**THANK YOU**

From Holly C. Co-Banquet Chair,  
Linda G. Co-Banquet Chair,  
Amy C. Ticket Chair  
And the Northeast Florida Intergroup Services

*'Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.'*

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|-------------|-------------|
| <b>STEP</b> | <b>FIVE</b> |
|-------------|-------------|

.SOME AA members, in particular those of us with only a few months of sobriety, who may be seriously investigating the Twelve Steps for the first time, are especially reluctant or fearful to take the Fifth Step--to admit to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs. I sympathize fully. But the year 1968, my first full calendar year of sober living in AA, can well be characterized as "My Year of Taking Step Five"; and I would like to pass along the fears and reservations, then actions and experiences, and subsequently freedom, self-knowledge, and joy that have accompanied my own efforts. As we continually try to practice in the program, I am not telling anyone else what to do; I am describing what I did.

I did not rush into the Fifth Step or, for that matter, into any Step other than the First. For the beginning six or seven months, through the end of 1967 and into early 1968, I concentrated on learning how not to take the first drink today by going to a meeting a day, sometimes more, and by talking over coffee with others who had come in about when I did, as well as with many who had several years of sobriety.

In my fourth month, I happened to get a sponsor who had not had a drink for four years and had done considerable work on the Steps. I was beginning to *want* to increase the depth of my sobriety by learning what the Steps had to offer. In the following three months, with some gentle but insistent encouragement from my sponsor and with continuing attendance at Step meetings, I began to feel comfortable with Steps Two and Three, and I took two Step Four inventories in writing, the first with my sponsor, the second alone.

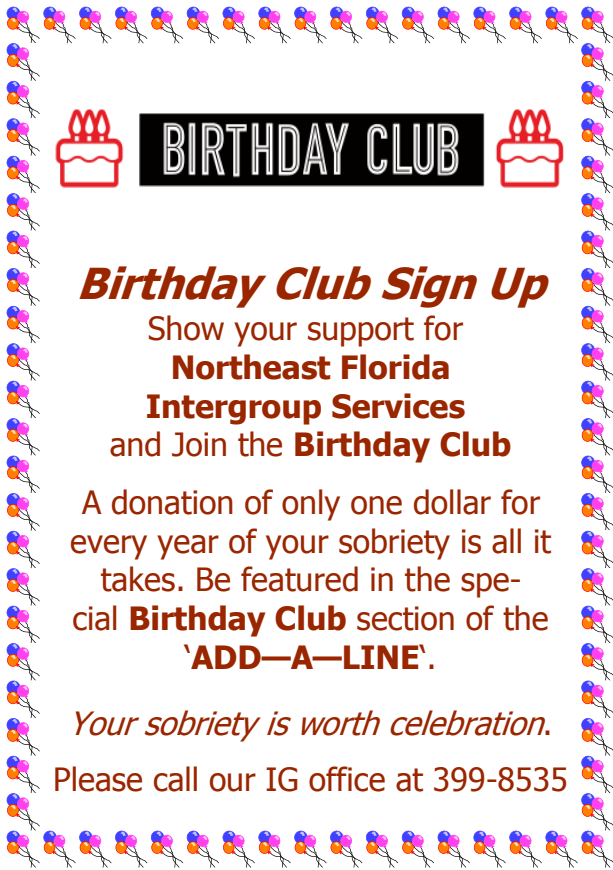
The point is not the timing as I outline it here; it is that I was feeling ready to do some Step work and felt comfortable in trying to make progress. Some AA members whose sobriety today is just as good as or better than mine have not taken the Steps in One-through-Twelve order, but have jumped around to different Steps as they felt called upon to do so; in fact, I did some Twelfth Step work on occasion before beginning to involve myself in Steps Two through Eleven. Each of us takes the program as it suits him.....


LL —Manhattan NY Grapevine July 1970 Vol. 27, No. 2




Grapevine, Dec. 1992  
Vol. 49 Issue 7







# BIRTHDAY CLUB



***Birthday Club Sign Up***  
 Show your support for  
**Northeast Florida**  
**Intergroup Services**  
 and Join the **Birthday Club**

A donation of only one dollar for every year of your sobriety is all it takes. Be featured in the special **Birthday Club** section of the 'ADD—A—LINE'.

*Your sobriety is worth celebration.*

Please call our IG office at 399-8535



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

**I AM RESPONSIBLE**

Virginia S. 39 yrs.

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

**ARLINGTON**

Rick E. 24 yrs.

Chris M. 5 yrs.

Danny K. 2 yrs.

Sandra A. 1 yr.

Joseph L. 1 yr.

**BEACHES UNITY**

John R. 37 yrs.

Dianna C. 29 yrs.

Wezie M. 28 yrs.

Terry S. 26 yrs.

Curtis L. 20 yrs.

Kathy D. 20 yrs.

Claudetta 18 yrs.

Jim H. 17 yrs.

Kristie 9 yrs.

"Big Country" 8 yrs.

Lori D. 7 yrs.

Tony H. 6 yrs.

Quinn 5 yrs.

Emily 4 yrs.

Lauren F. 3 yrs.

Greg P. 1 yr.

James S. 1 yr.

Adrienne L. 1 yr.

Janice M. 1 yr.

**CENTRAL**

Bill T. 43 yrs.

Camille 16 yrs.

Joe M. 14 yrs.

Mory H. 14 yrs.

Mike H. 13 yrs.

**EASTSIDE**

Romney L. 31 yrs.

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

**FREE TO BE**

Bejay L. 30 yrs.

Bob C. 29 yrs.

Walter. F. 16 yrs.

Steven P. 7 yrs.

Craig L. 5 yrs.

Amber B. 4 yrs.

**FERNANDINA BEACH**

Becky B. 16 yrs.

Nita V. 6 yrs.

Brian L. 5 yrs.

Tommy P. 4 yrs.

Aaron B. 2 yrs.

Linda H. 1 yr.

Bekah A. 1 yr.

**FIESTA**

Kenny T. 4 yrs.

**MANDARIN HIGH NOON**

Phil S. 17 yrs.

Tim P. 6 yrs.

Zach L. 4 yrs.

Norm 2 yrs.

**MANDARIN WOMEN**

Jennifer 23 yrs.

Carolyn 1 1 yr.

**SURRENDER TO WIN**

Curtis L. 20 yrs.

**WINNERS**

Bill T. 43 yrs.

Camile 16 yrs.

Joe M. 14 yrs.

Mary H. 14 yrs.

Mike H. 13 yrs..



## GIVING BACK

### FAITHFUL FIVERS!

Faithful Fivers are A.A. members who choose to contribute five dollars each month to support Northeast Florida Intergroup in its efforts to carry the A.A. message of hope and recovery to those alcoholics who still suffer, in the Jacksonville area.

As a Faithful Fiver, your personal contribution will help Central Office provide the services necessary to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Please contact the IG office at 904-399-8535, or E Mail us at [neflintergroup@gmail.com](mailto:neflintergroup@gmail.com)

Have You Thanked Your Sponsor Today?

|                                       | Mar 17       | Jan - Mar 17 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense               |              |              |
| Income                                |              |              |
| 4000 · Contribution Income            |              |              |
| 4002 · Groups                         | \$2,337.14   | \$11,508.25  |
| 4003 · Pink Can Contribution          | \$158.00     | \$608.52     |
| 4005 · Faithful Five                  | \$20.00      | \$115.00     |
| 4006 · Birthdays                      |              | \$78.00      |
| 4007 · Other Contributions            |              | \$100.00     |
| 4008 · Anonymous                      |              | \$315.00     |
| 4010 · IG Breakfast/Speaker Mtg       | \$70.45      | \$198.45     |
| Total 4000 · Contribution Income      | \$2,585.59   | \$12,923.22  |
| 4020 · Retail Income                  | \$4,946.12   | \$14,460.39  |
| 4040 · Monthly IG Mtg / Otr           |              |              |
| 4042 · Business Meeting               | \$52.00      | \$142.00     |
| Total 4040 · Monthly IG Mtg / Otr     | \$52.00      | \$142.00     |
| 4060 · Income - Special Events        |              |              |
| 4062 · Banquet                        | \$1,170.00   | \$2,670.00   |
| Total 4060 · Income - Special Events  | \$1,170.00   | \$2,670.00   |
| Total Income                          | \$8,753.71   | \$30,195.61  |
| Cost of Goods Sold                    |              |              |
| 4510 · Cost of Retail Sales           | \$3,744.90   | \$10,593.62  |
| 4540 · Cost of Event - Banquet Expens | \$1,800.00   | \$2,205.00   |
| Total COGS                            | \$5,544.90   | \$12,798.62  |
| Gross Profit                          | \$3,208.81   | \$17,396.99  |
| Expense                               |              |              |
| Total 5100 · Office Expense           | \$131.20     | \$508.29     |
| 5110 · Telephone                      | \$356.16     | \$529.49     |
| 5120 · Telephone Answering Service    | \$80.00      | \$240.00     |
| 5130 · Postage - Freight              |              | \$9.42       |
| 5140 · Utilities                      | \$152.76     | \$490.45     |
| 5145 · Advertising                    | \$51.00      | \$153.00     |
| 5150 · Insurance                      |              | \$354.85     |
| 5160 · Repairs & Maintenance          | \$15.00      | \$15.00      |
| 5195 · CC Fees                        | \$98.55      | \$303.81     |
| 5200 · Professional Fees              |              | \$175.00     |
| 5210 · Building Rent                  | \$900.00     | \$2,700.00   |
| 5215 · IG Business Meeting Expense    |              | \$90.00      |
| 5220 · Dues/Fees/Licenses             | \$61.25      | \$61.25      |
| 5265 · Security                       | \$27.40      | \$82.20      |
| 5280 · Pink Can Expense               | \$112.80     | \$512.84     |
| 5290 · IG Breakfast Expense           | \$34.28      | \$51.40      |
| 5300 · When & Where Cost              | \$302.60     | \$681.55     |
| 5500 · Committees Expense             |              |              |
| 5520 · Archives                       | \$1,145.52   | \$1,145.52   |
| 5530 · CPC/PI                         | \$127.68     | \$127.68     |
| 5540 · Corrections                    | \$574.81     | \$1,889.96   |
| 5560 · Newsletter                     | \$438.36     | \$987.11     |
| 5590 · Treatment                      |              | \$9.75       |
| Total 5500 · Committees Expense       | \$2,286.37   | \$4,160.02   |
| 6150 · Bad Debt                       | (\$270.71)   | \$25.00      |
| Total 6555 · Wages Total              | \$3,551.01   | \$9,182.43   |
| Total Expense                         | \$7,889.67   | \$20,326.00  |
| Net Ordinary Income                   | (\$4,680.86) | (\$2,929.01) |
| Net Other Income                      | \$32.85      | \$97.95      |
| Net Income                            | (\$4,648.01) | (\$2,831.06) |

| Account Balances as of March 31, 2017 |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Petty Cash                            | \$100.00    |
| Checking Account                      | \$3,128.30  |
| Saving Account                        | \$10.00     |
| Total                                 | \$3,238.30  |
| CD 12 Month 51                        | \$20,430.02 |
| CD 18 Month 52                        | \$11,828.36 |
| CD 18 Month 42                        | \$10,213.97 |
| Total Prudent Reserve                 | \$42,472.35 |
| Inventory Asset Value                 | \$14,039.01 |

## FAITHFUL FIVERS

ANONYMOUS      FRED H.  
 HOLLY C.      MICHAEL S.  
 RICK T.      SUSAN I.  
 WALTER S.

## Alcoholics Anonymous

A Life Centered On Helping Others Live =  
 Ideal Civic Service Any Name Or Names You  
 May Offer Us = Self devotion *Webster's defini-  
 tion--an act of giving time and power without  
 stint, to helping others*

Above is my version of the title "Alcoholics  
 Anonymous" which you requested for publica-  
 tion. So far as using my name, I am very proud  
 of the fact that I am a member of A.A. so you  
 may use my name as the author of the enclosed  
 if you wish. Wishing you all a lot of luck and a  
 large circulation for "The Grapevine". "Yours for  
 Victory".

Stewart A. S. Grapevine—  
 (June 1944 Vol. 1, No 1)

MARCH 2017 Group Contributions

| GROUP                      | MONTH    | MAR YTD  | Att. | GROUP                       | MONTH    | MAR YTD  | Att. | GROUP                     | MONTH      | MAR YTD     | Att. |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|------|-----------------------------|----------|----------|------|---------------------------|------------|-------------|------|
| A Design for Living        |          | \$60.00  |      | Jax Men's Group             |          |          | X    | Riverside Tradition House | \$300.00   | \$300.00    |      |
| Alexis                     |          | \$30.00  | X    | Joy                         |          | \$70.00  |      | Riverside YPG             |            |             | X    |
| Arlington                  | \$124.00 | \$124.00 | X    | Keep It Simple (Fern. Bch.) |          | \$40.00  |      | Salisbury Road Men's      |            | \$10.00     | X    |
| As Bill See's It (St. Aug) |          | \$193.00 |      | Language of the Heart       |          | \$216.95 |      | San Man Group             |            | \$100.00    |      |
| Azalea City                |          | \$350.00 |      | Liars Paradise              |          |          | X    | San Pablo Sober Sisters   |            |             | X    |
| BAA                        | \$150.00 | \$225.00 |      | Living In The Light         | \$100.70 | \$702.09 |      | St. Nicholas              |            |             | X    |
| Barney Q                   |          | \$50.00  |      | Los Lobos Men's             |          | \$78.00  |      | Serenity at Noon          |            | \$81.00     |      |
| Baymeadows                 |          |          | X    | Macclenny                   |          | \$50.00  |      | Sober Sisters - St Aug    |            | \$96.06     |      |
| Beaches Agnostics          | \$179.00 | \$179.00 | X    | Mandrain Big Book           |          |          |      | Sojourn                   |            |             | X    |
| Beaches Unity              |          | \$720.00 |      | Mandarin Coyote Men's       |          | \$450.00 |      | Solutions Group           | \$90.00    | \$90.00     |      |
| BLISS                      |          | \$114.79 |      | Mandarin Fruit Cove Women   |          | \$120.00 |      | Sons of the Spirit        |            | \$107.70    |      |
| Central                    |          | \$437.22 | X    | Mandarin Hi-Noon            |          | \$97.80  |      | Step A Month              |            | \$73.00     |      |
| Conscious Contact          |          |          |      | Mandarin Monday Night BBS   |          |          |      | Step Sisters Grace Group  |            |             |      |
| Clean and Free             |          |          | X    | Mandarin Stepping Up        |          | \$57.00  |      | Stepping Stones P.V.      | \$50.00    | \$50.00     |      |
| Drop The Rock              |          |          |      | Mandarin Women in Recovery  |          | \$100.00 | X    | Surrender to Win          |            |             |      |
| Dutch Group                |          | \$50.00  |      | Men's Redeye                | \$258.00 | \$258.00 | X    | Switzerland               |            |             | X    |
| Eastside                   | \$15.00  | \$45.00  | X    | Middleburg                  |          | \$100.00 | X    | The Crux of the Problem   |            | \$200.00    |      |
| Evergreen Group            | \$30.00  | \$30.00  |      | More About Alcoholism       | \$180.00 | \$180.00 |      | The James Gang            |            | \$300.00    |      |
| Fernandina Beach           |          | \$333.87 | X    | Morning After               |          | \$25.00  |      | Thirsty Thursday          |            |             | X    |
| Fiesta                     |          |          | X    | New Beginnings              |          |          | X    | This Too Shall Pass       |            | \$50.00     |      |
| Florida Unity Roundup      |          | \$500.00 |      | Nocatee Sobriety            | \$110.00 | \$110.00 |      | Timiquana Ladies of Grace |            | \$142.00    |      |
| Free Men's                 | \$225.00 | \$450.00 |      | Northside TLC               |          | \$30.00  |      | Triangle Grp              | \$60.00    | \$60.00     |      |
| Free To Be                 |          |          | X    | On The Way Home             | \$165.44 | \$165.44 |      | Upstart Womans            |            | \$70.00     |      |
| Freedom Grp.               | \$40.00  | \$40.00  |      | Orange Park Stepsisters     |          | \$50.00  | X    | Vilano Beach Combers      |            | \$30.00     |      |
| Fresh Start                |          | \$400.00 |      | Ortega                      |          | \$78.00  |      | Way Out                   |            | \$39.60     |      |
| From the Heart Mens        |          |          | X    | Phoneix Men's               | \$50.00  | \$50.00  | X    | Wednesday Night Book Sty  |            | \$15.00     |      |
| Fruit Cove Book Study      |          | \$240.00 |      | Primay Purpose              |          |          |      | Wesconnett                |            | \$113.25    | X    |
| Fruit Cove Step Study      |          | \$450.00 |      | Primay Purpose Mandarin     |          |          |      | West Jax Men's            |            |             |      |
| Green Cove Springs         | \$100.00 | \$125.00 |      | Ponte Vedra Mens            |          |          |      | Westside                  |            |             |      |
| Greenland Road Mandarin    |          |          |      | Q Branch                    |          | \$550.00 | X    | Winners                   |            |             |      |
| Half Way Through           |          | \$41.72  |      | Reborn                      | \$100.00 | \$200.00 |      | Women Enjoying Sobriety   |            | \$248.65    |      |
| It's Come to This          |          | \$75.00  |      | Riverside/Ortega            |          | \$65.11  |      | Women Speak               |            | \$18.00     |      |
| It's in the Book           |          | \$90.00  |      | Riverside (Tom S)           |          | \$47.00  |      | Women's Upstart           |            |             | X    |
| James Gang II              |          | \$50.00  |      | Riverview Study             | \$10.00  | \$20.00  |      | Total Contributions       | \$2,337.14 | \$11,508.25 |      |

Represented at the April 2017 IG Business Meeting: IG Reps = 29 Total signed in= 40

Groups Contributing in Mar. 2017 = 19 (YTD = 73)

## Month Five Words

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# Northeast Florida Intergroup Proposed Bylaw Changes

Due to the By-law approved motion: “**To create Vice Chair position to be elected by the Intergroup body**” at the Intergroup Business Meeting on January 7, 2017, we had to define the Vice Chair/Treasure position to separate the two. The motion below is being printed in this 2017 May Add-A- Line as a reference as well as a requirement of our NEFL Intergroup By-laws. Groups should discuss at their group conscience meeting the proposed outlined changes and provide the final decision to their Intergroup Representative to place the vote at the June 3, 2017 Intergroup Business Meeting.

The current NEFL Intergroup By-Laws reads:

## SECTION 3: SERVICE STRUCTURE:

The Intergroup Service Structure shall consist of the following elected and appointed trusted servants:

- The Chair
- The Vice-Chair/Treasurer
- The elected Group Representative from each member group
- The Recording Secretary
- Each Standing Committee Chair
- The Steering Committee
- The Archivist

The Motion reads: *To create Vice Chairman position to be elected by the Intergroup body.*

## **PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

## SECTION 3: SERVICE STRUCTURE:

The Intergroup Service Structure shall consist of the following elected and appointed trusted servants:

- The Chair
- The Vice-Chair**
- Treasurer**
- The elected Group Representative from each member group
- The Recording Secretary
- Each Standing Committee Chair
- The Steering Committee
- The Archivist

In addition, we have included a copy of the NEFL Intergroup By-Laws for you to see the where all the changes would reflect. The words with **bold and underlined** are what we would like to add and the ~~strikethrough and shaded words~~ would what we would like to delete.

**BY-LAWS****NORTHEAST FLORIDA INTERGROUP SERVICES, INC.**

## INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE:

The following are guidelines for the operation of the Northeast Florida Intergroup:

To provide the best common welfare of the area's fellowship, fostering the principles of Alcoholics Anonymous as expressed in the Three Legacies, and as reflected in the AA Guidelines for Central or Intergroup Offices.

SECTION 1: The group shall be known as Northeast Florida Intergroup Services, Inc.

SECTION 2: MEMBERSHIP:

All groups within the bounds of Northeast Florida, including but not limited to Districts 1,3,4,6,24,25, and 30, are automatically eligible for membership in the Intergroup.

SECTION 3: SERVICE STRUCTURE:

The Intergroup Service Structure shall consist of the following elected and appointed trusted servants:

The Chair

**The Vice-Chair**

**Treasurer**

The elected Group Representative from each member group

The Recording Secretary

Each Standing Committee Chair

The Steering Committee

The Archivist

The Finance Committee

- A. The Intergroup Representative is one duly elected person from a member group. He/she should have one year of continuous sobriety as a minimum, except in such cases where the group does not have such a member who is willing to serve. Such a group should send the best qualified and willing person.
1. A representative may be re-elected at the discretion of his group, however, the principle of rotation should be encouraged.
  2. Alternate representatives are encouraged for development. The alternate does not vote unless he/she is representing the representative.
- B. The Intergroup Chair shall come from within the Fellowship.

Each member group will be eligible to submit one name for candidacy. The candidate should have a minimum of five continuous years of sobriety and have service work (experience) in the Intergroup structure. Other nominees may be eligible if they are approved by a 2/3 substantial unanimity vote of the Intergroup body present.

The Steering Committee, through the Intergroup Chair, will oversee the daily operations of the Intergroup Office to insure its function in accordance with AA guidelines and principles as set forth in the Introduction and Purpose Section of this document.

3. Term of office for Intergroup Chair is two years. The Intergroup Chair shall rotate out on the opposing year of the Intergroup Vice-Chair/Treasurer. (rev Nov 2014)
  4. The Intergroup Chair may not succeed themselves in office unless there is no viable candidate available to serve at the time of the next election and they are willing to remain in office until a viable candidate is found. The spirit of rotation is to be observed in all other instances.
  5. Loss of sobriety by the Intergroup Chair will result in automatic disqualification and he/she will be relieved of their duties. Should the Intergroup Chair become disqualified, die while in office, or resign for any reason, he/she will be succeeded by the Vice-Chairman for the duration of the unexpired term of office.
- C. The Intergroup Vice-Chair/Treasurer shall come from within the Fellowship.
1. ~~The Intergroup Vice Chair/Treasurer will be selected and elected in a manner identical to that described for the Intergroup Chair. Functions are as title implies.~~
  2. ~~The Steering Committee, through the Intergroup Vice Chair/Treasurer will oversee the daily financial operations of the Intergroup Office to insure its function in accordance with AA guidelines as set forth in the Introduction and Purpose Section of this document. The Intergroup Vice Chair/Treasurer will also provide a written report of the financial status of the Intergroup to the body at the monthly business meeting.~~
  3. ~~Term of office is for two years. The Intergroup Vice Chair/Treasurer shall rotate out on the opposing year of the Intergroup Chair. (rev. Nov 2014)~~
  4. ~~The Intergroup Vice Chair/Treasurer may not succeed themselves in office unless there is no viable candidate available to serve at the time of the next election and they are willing to remain in office until a viable candidate is found. The spirit of rotation is to be observed in all other instances.~~
  5. ~~Loss of sobriety by the Intergroup Vice Chair/Treasurer will result in automatic disqualification and he/she will be relieved of their duties. Should the Intergroup Vice Chair/Treasurer become disqualified, die while in office, or resign for any reason, the Intergroup Chair shall appoint a qualified candidate for the duration of the unexpired term of office, with the voice vote approval of the Intergroup body.~~
  6. ~~In the event that the Intergroup Chair and the Intergroup Vice Chair/Treasurer both should become disqualified, resign for any reason, or die while in office, the Steering Committee Chair shall call a special meeting, as outlined in Section 4: Meetings, of this document to elect a new Intergroup Chair and Vice Intergroup Chair/Treasurer.~~

#### **Qualifications for Office:**

1. **Shall have a minimum of 5 years of continuous sobriety and have experience at the Group, Intergroup or District level.**
2. **Shall have demonstrated an active interest in Intergroup.**
3. **Should be willing and available to fill the Chairperson office if vacated by standing Chairperson on a temporary or permanent basis**

#### **Responsibilities:**

1. **Term of office is for two years. The Intergroup Vice-Chair will rotate out of office on odd numbered years the same as the Intergroup Chair.**

2. The Intergroup Vice-Chair may not succeed their self in office unless there is no viable candidate available to serve at the time of the next election and they are willing to remain in office until a viable candidate is found. The spirit of rotation is to be observed in all other instances.
3. Intergroup Vice-Chair will oversee the administrative operations of the Intergroup office, along with the Intergroup Treasurer to insure its function in accordance with AA guidelines as set forth in the Introduction and Purpose Section of this document. In the event the Intergroup Chair is unable to continue their term of office, the Vice-Chair will automatically succeed the Chair for the duration of the Chair's unexpired term of office.
4. Upon term completion, review experiences with the incoming Vice-Chair and suggest improvements.

The duties of the Intergroup Vice-Chair include but are not limited to the following activities:

1. Preside when the Intergroup Chair is absent.
2. Oversee the hours of the Intergroup office paid employees.
3. Visit as many groups as possible to promote Intergroup services, identify problems, and to collect information about Intergroup effectiveness.
4. Attend all Intergroup meetings.
5. Oversees the hours of the paid office employees.

#### D. The Intergroup Treasurer shall come from within the Fellowship.

##### Qualifications for Office:

1. Shall have a minimum of 5 years of continuous sobriety and have experience at the Group, Intergroup or District level.
2. Shall have familiarity with accounting software.
3. Shall have demonstrated an active interest in Intergroup.
4. Must be able to find a suitable replacement if unable to attend any Intergroup meetings.

##### Responsibilities:

1. Term of office is for two years. The Intergroup Treasurer will rotate out of office on even numbered years opposite of the Intergroup Chair and Vice-Chair.
2. The Intergroup Treasurer will oversee the daily financial operations of the Intergroup office to insure its functions in accordance with AA guidelines as set forth in the Introduction and Purpose Section of this document.
3. The Intergroup Treasurer may not succeed their self in office unless there is no viable candidate available to serve at the time of the next election and they are willing to remain in office until a viable candidate is found. The spirit of rotation is to be observed in all other instances.
4. The Intergroup Treasurer will provide a written report of the financial status of the Intergroup to the Intergroup body at the Intergroup monthly business meeting.

The duties of the Intergroup Treasurer include but are not limited to the following

1. Reconcile and prepare all monthly financial statements.
2. Assist the Intergroup Vice-Chair in the oversight of hours of the Intergroup paid office employees.
3. Prepare budget and report monthly budget actual figures.

4. Alert Intergroup of anticipated large expenditures.
5. Supervise and assist the Financial Committee and auditors during the annual audit.
6. Review and submit IRS form 990 for the previous year as defined by law.
7. Evaluate formula and update figure of the Intergroup Prudent Reserve annually.
8. Review budget and prepare final statements for all social events.
9. Perform other finance related duties as requested by the Intergroup Chairperson.
10. Upon term completion, review experiences with the incoming Treasurer and suggest improvements.

## SECTION 4: COMMITTEES:

A. To insure the utilization of the best resources available, committees may be formed from time to time. Generally, these are of two kinds:

1. Ad Hoc Committees may be appointed by the Intergroup Chair to assist him/her in executing certain large or special projects. These are temporary in nature and are usually volunteers. The Intergroup Chair should inform the Intergroup body of such activity, and subsequent progress. The Ad-Hoc Committees are to function in accordance with AA guidelines and principles as set forth in the Introduction and Purpose Section of this document.
2. Committees identified as Standing Committees: The Standing Committee Chairs are appointed by the Intergroup Chair in session and approved by voice vote of the Intergroup body. The Committee Chair can then select others from within the fellowship to assist them. Regular monthly reports to the Intergroup are desirable.
  - A. Term of office for chair of any committee is for two years.
  - B. All Committee Chair(s), unless specified otherwise, should have one year of continuous sobriety.
  - C. The Committee Chair may not succeed themselves in office unless there is no viable candidate available to serve at the time of the next appointment by the incoming Intergroup Chair and they are willing to remain in office until a viable candidate is found.  
A Committee Chair, not having served a full term, may be reappointed by the incoming Intergroup Chair for an additional term.  
In either instance, the Intergroup Chair and Committee Chair are to be mindful of the 'spirit of rotation.' The Committee Chairs are to function in accordance with AA guidelines and principles as set forth in the Introduction and Purpose Section of this document.

Such committees are (but not limited to): Add-A-Line; Archives; Banquet; Corrections; Treatment; Cooperation with the Professional Community/Public Information (CPC/PI); Grapevine; **Finance**

D. The Intergroup Chair will appoint a permanent Archivist to maintain and preserve the archives of the Northeast Florida Intergroup. This position is in addition to that of Archives Committee Chair.

- B. STEERING COMMITTEE: The Steering Committee will meet monthly and will be responsible for establishing policy and procedures for the daily operations of the Intergroup Office and to ensure the compliance with the established policy and procedures. At each monthly Intergroup business meeting the Steering Committee reports to the Intergroup Representatives and makes recommendations whenever appropriate.
1. MEMBERS: The Intergroup Chair, **Intergroup** Vice-Chair ~~and Intergroup~~ Treasurer, Office Administrator and one (1) representative from each of the ~~six~~ **seven** Service Districts. Each member will have a voice

and a vote at steering committee meetings. The Steering Committee will elect its Steering Committee Chair from the voting membership.

The ~~Six (6)~~ **seven (7)** Service District Representatives: **Districts 1, 3, 4, 6, 24, 25 and 30**

- A. Shall have previous Intergroup experience (i.e. Intergroup Representative) and at least three (3) years of continuous sobriety. Other nominees may be appointed if they are approved by a 2/3 substantial unanimity vote of the Intergroup body present.
  - B. Shall be appointed by the standing Intergroup Chair, being selected from a slate of candidates submitted by the individual Service Districts DCM, and approved by a voice vote of the Intergroup body. If a particular Service District is inactive or does not have a DCM/Alt. DCM to submit a candidate, then the Intergroup Chair may conduct a search for and appoint a qualified candidate from that Service District.
  - C. Length of Service – Two (2) years. Three (3) members will rotate off the Steering Committee every other year with the term ending December 31<sup>st</sup>. The three (3) members rotating onto the Steering Committee will begin their term January 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Meetings shall be held at least once a month at a time and place as determined by the Steering Committee membership. The meeting time and place shall be published in the Add-A-Line. A quorum of a majority of sitting members is required to conduct business.
- C. FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Finance Committee is to advise the Steering Committee on matters relating to financial operations. It will review the results of the operations at least quarterly and help maintain our accountability.
1. MEMBERS: The current Vice-Chair/ **and** Treasurer, the most recent Vice-Chair/ **and** Treasurer and 3 members of the fellowship with knowledge of financial accountability. The office administrator will be a non-voting member.
  2. The Finance Committee will operate as described in Section 4, paragraph 2, subparagraphs a, b, and c. It will hold meetings as determined by the committee chair.

#### SECTION 5: MEETINGS:

- A. The Intergroup shall meet regularly at a time, place, and frequency as determined by the members.
- B. Special assembly of the Intergroup will be called by the Intergroup Chair, as required, by written request of a majority of sitting members of the Steering Committee or written request by six Intergroup Representatives.
- C. Notice of time and place of special meeting will be made in writing, by telephone, or by e-mail notification to all members of Intergroup at least seven days in advance of the meeting. The notice will include the reason for the meeting and no other business except that should be conducted at the special meeting.
- D. If necessary, the Chair may cancel a regularly scheduled meeting of the Intergroup body in writing, by telephone, and/or by e-mail notification no less than 48 hours in advance of the scheduled start time of the meeting itself.

#### SECTION 6: FINANCING:

- A. Funds for operations shall be by individual and group contributions, the sale of literature and other approved items and fund raisers.

- B. The Office Administrator's employment will be overseen by the Steering Committee. The Administrator does not need to be a member of Alcoholics Anonymous.
- C. The salary of the Office Administrator will be set by the Steering Committee annually with the approval of the Intergroup body.
- D. The Office Administrator will share with the Intergroup Chair, ~~and Intergroup Vice-Chair~~ **and Intergroup Treasurer** signatory authority for checks written on the Intergroup account. Two signatures will be required for authentication of any check and no expenditure over \$1,000, whether a one-time expense or cumulative, with the exception of literature purchases, rent, payroll, and banquet expenses will be made without prior approval from a majority present at a regularly scheduled or special meeting of the Intergroup body.
- E. The Intergroup office hours will be determined by the Intergroup Steering Committee with prior notification to the Intergroup body at a monthly business meeting.

#### SECTION 7: BYLAWS:

- A. These Bylaws shall be the guide for operation of the Northeast Florida Intergroup.
- B. Any proposed amendment or motion that would affect these Bylaws shall be submitted in writing to the following:
  - 1. Intergroup Chair
  - 2. Steering Committee
  - 3. Intergroup Office Administrator

Any proposed amendment of motion that would affect these By-Laws shall be made by a voting member of the Intergroup or come out of a committee of the Intergroup. Such motions should be made from the floor of a regularly scheduled or special meeting of the Intergroup body during Old or New Business, whichever is appropriate. To ensure accuracy of recording and reporting, a written copy of the motion should be provided to the Recording Secretary as soon as possible.

The Intergroup Chair may refer the motion to an Intergroup Standing Service Committee or an Ad-Hoc Committee appointed by the Intergroup Chair. The respective service or Ad-Hoc committee's comments shall be advisory in nature and the committee's shall only provide comments relating to the proposed amendment or motion. All comments relating to the motion are to be provided to the Intergroup Chair and the Steering Committee.

The proposed amendment or motion and proposed modification shall be published in the Add-A-Line the month prior to the Intergroup Business Meeting at which it will be voted upon to allow voting members of the Northeast Florida Intergroup the opportunity to present the amendment or motion to their respective A.A. Group for discussion and or consideration.

- C. Changes shall be approved by the voting members of the Intergroup body. A two-thirds vote in favor of an amendment or motion by voting members of the Northeast Florida Intergroup present and voting shall constitute adoption of the amendment.
- D. These Bylaws shall be reviewed annually by the Steering Committee and updated to reflect any amendments or motions adopted by the voting body.

## SECTION 8: FORMAT OF MEETINGS:

- A. The regular meeting should be conducted along traditional AA customs; i.e.,

- Moment of Silence
- Serenity Prayer
- Responsibility Pledge
- Self-Introductions
- Reading of the Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Committee Reports
- Old and New Business
- Special Activities or Announcements
- The Lord's Prayer

- B. Meetings shall be open to all members of AA and only members of AA except by special invitation. All AAs will have a voice but only voting members shall have a vote. Voting members consist of those described in Section 9 of this document.

- C. GSO modified Roberts Rules of Order will prevail.

1. Minority opinion will be heard

## SECTION 9: VOTING: All voting members shall have only one vote

- A. Each Representative from each member group will have a vote
- B. The Intergroup Chair will have a vote ONLY in the event of a tie and if the vote only requires a simple majority
- C. Proxy voting is not allowed
- D. A quorum consists of at least 15 voting members present

## SECTION 10: ELECTIONS

- A. Names of candidates for **Intergroup** Chair, **Intergroup** Vice-Chair/ **and Intergroup** Treasurer should be submitted in October, one month prior to the election in November, so that members can take the slate of candidates back to their respective groups for group conscience vote.
  1. Submission of additional names of candidates at the election in November is allowed
  2. Intergroup Chair, **Intergroup** Vice-Chair/ **and Intergroup** Treasurer term of office begins in January
- B. Voting will be done by written ballots
- C. If there is only one candidate available for either position, the current Chair may ask the Intergroup body for voice approval of the candidate(s).