

**SOUTH JERSEY INTERGROUP MEETING & IG REP MEETING UPDATE**

**Date: Intergroup - Wed. August 18, 2021**

**Opening: Opened at 8:00pm with “Serenity Prayer”**

**Steering Attendees: Alexandria L., Marie G., Melissa W., Jean, Lynn, Rick T., Kevin L., Jay D., Traci K., Beverly M., Stuart, Ryan K., Michael M., Joe C., Skye, Ken T., Frank C., Anna D., Dominick B., Larry, Paul S., Larry H., Sahar S., Mehall, Joe I., Craig M., Joe O., John, Damon M., Carl S, Karen B.**

**Trustee Reading: None**

**Anniversaries: Steve M - 25 years on Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>, Deb F - 7 years on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>., Beverly M – 19 years on August 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Group Announcements: Flyers are available for SoberStock which will take place on 9/4 at 10am - whenever. Admission fee is \$15 and drinks, food and admission to lake are included in that price.**

**Hainesport anniversary meeting will be taking place at 8pm on ?. They will have a guest speaker.**

**Heroin Anonymous meetings will be starting at New Beginnings Clubhouse, 1001 Rose Ave, Runnemede NJ. First meeting will be on 9/13 at 6:30pm.**

**Tradition 8 Kevin  
Concept 8: Larry**

**next month Tradition 9: Bill  
next month Concept 9: Damon**

**Chair: Brian C.**

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**No Report.**

**Vice-Chair: Frank C.**

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**No Report.**

**Treasurer: Bill T**

**Asst. Treasurer: Andy E.**

[treasurer@asj.org](mailto:treasurer@asj.org)

Summer's just whizzing by. Get out there and enjoy it!

We've finally corrected the "budgeted amounts" shown on the report.

Thanks, as always, for your continued support.

Group Name, Town, Day, all help us know where to credit your contribution.

Peace... Bill & Andy... 😊

<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>
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**Ans. Service Chair: Steve M**

**Co-Chair: Heather O.**

[answeringservice@asj.org](mailto:answeringservice@asj.org)

Answering Service serviced 86% incoming calls. We had 113 total calls... 97 calls answered by our volunteers and 16 by Answercom.

Several time slots opened, and we are looking for volunteers.

Sunday: 8-10am and 12:00-.2:00pm.

Thursday: 2:00-4:00pm

Saturday: 4-6pm

As meetings begin to open and people willing to meet others one-on-one; please continue to remind everyone that more volunteers are need for the 12-step list. Areas we need most help: Berlin, Camden, Hammonton, and Salem. We have signup sheets available for anyone wishing to take a copy to their home groups. If you know anyone who would like to be of service, please have them contact us at [answeringservice@asj.org](mailto:answeringservice@asj.org) or invite us to speak at your home group.

Steve M

**Archives Chair: Rick M.**

**Co-Chair: Jennifer D.**

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Archives will be collaborating with Area 45 regarding Archives displays at the 2022 Convention.

**Bookers Chair: Traci K**

**Co-Chair: Beverly M.**

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Hi Everyone!

We just wrapped up the bookers meeting for Sept/Oct/Nov speaking commitments. We had 27 groups in attendance and filled 142 speaking commitments.

Thanks!

Traci K - Bookers Chair

**Budget & Finance Chair: Jay D**

**Co-Chair: Ryan K**

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Budget and Finance has no news to report. Thank you

Jay asked about adding Steve as a second co-chair. Frank suggested having a committee in which he could add Steve too.

**H&I Chair: John**

**Co-Chair: Damon M**

[handi@asaj.org](mailto:handi@asaj.org)

Debbie is stepping down as H & I Chair. Thank you for your service. You will be missed. New Chair is John and Co-Chair is Damon M.

**Literature Chair: Carl S**

**Co-Chair: Meghan M.**

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Literature Report for August 2021

Opening Balance	\$ 5,738.43
Deposits	\$ 505.95
Transfer to SJIG for Rent	\$ 200.00
AA World Services Purchase	\$ 905.00
Debit	\$ 335.91
Closing Balance	\$ 4,803.47

World service has a lot of out of stock items which is causing delayed shipping. Intergroup office will be closed on Wednesdays from 10am-12pm. All updated hours can be found on [asaj.org](http://asaj.org).

**Meeting List Chair: Kevin L**

**Co-Chair: Tim A.**

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There is no Meeting List Committee report at this time. Thank you.

Kevin

**Newsletter Chair: Nancy L**

**Co-Chair: Skye S.**

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Nothing new to report. Newsletter submissions remain low, but my friend and fellow AA has offered to write on Step & Tradition 8. Please continue to announce the need for articles, poems, original artwork, events and group anniversaries.

Thanks for allowing us to serve. Nancy & Skye

Skye mentioned data was run and in the last 6 months over 1800 people clicked on the newsletter. She is looking for artwork, jokes, or any submissions whatsoever for the newsletter.

**Public Info Chair: Eileen T**

**Co-Chair: Vacant**

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Public Information continues to support IDRC. In September we will be starting up with the high school information sessions in health classes and will need speakers to share their experience strength and hope. Not a prerequisite but younger speakers are encouraged to share as it helps the students to have a relatable peer who is in recovery to speak. As always if anyone can distribute literature to public areas it is always needed.

Thank you,  
Eileen T.

**Social Events Chair: Sherrill B**

**Co-Chair: Chuck M.**

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Golf outing to be held on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Nothing further to submit at this time.

Sherrill B

Social Committee Chairperson

**Technology Chair: Richie M**

**Co-Chair: Josh V.**

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No problems with the website or email for the month of July. Tech Committee continues to support the Meeting List Committee post COVID state mandated social distancing and gathering limits. Updating meetings as updates are received.

During the month of July our website again received ~5,000 clicks (5.03K), 1.2K on Desktop, 3.7K on Phone, and 119 on Tablet. Links to our website were seen by 88.7K users from Google searches, they call these "impressions". Server stats 9,233 unique visitors, roughly 4.5K/day with Sunday being the most active day, and 6PM the most active hour serving 3.13 GB of data. NOTE: The PDF Meeting List saw 332 downloads/view; perhaps it is time to take that down as it has not been updated since PRE-COVID.

As more meetings return to Indoor, please continue to keep SJIG informed so that we can in turn keep local AAs informed of meeting options in our area. If you change your format (indoor, outdoor, or hybrid), please find your meeting on at [aasj.org/meetings](http://aasj.org/meetings) and click the "Hosts: click here to update" link to update your meeting so that AAs can find you easier. Thank you everyone for helping us get the word out on your meeting status, so that our local AAs can find a meeting setting they are comfortable with during this time. Please note that once your meeting is updated, it may take up to 12 hours for the AA Meeting Guide mobile app to update as it crawls AA websites around the world, hitting each every 12 hours. Following is the SJIG meeting setting breakdown.

# of Meetings: 488

# of Suspended Meetings: 111

# of Online\* Meetings: 137

# of Indoor\* Meetings: 302

# of Outdoor\* Meetings: 14

\*may be combined in a hybrid meeting style.

**Unity Chair: Anna D**

**Co-Chair: Laura K.**

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**No Report.**

<b>SPECIAL REPORTS</b>
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**Trustees: Brett R   Patti S   Cletus C   Frank Z   Jen Ga.**

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**No Report.**

**Area 45 Alternate Delegate: Ken T.**

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All committee chairs will be rotating so they are looking for volunteers for chairpersons. 72<sup>nd</sup> conference being planned currently. 5<sup>th</sup> edition plain language Big Book is currently being printed. Rich has direct financial info on GSO if anyone is interested. Rich mentioned that anyone who needs any further info can contact him at [delegatesnj@aa.org](mailto:delegatesnj@aa.org).

**Office Manager: Karen B.**

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**ICOAA MEETING: 7-16-2021 (1-2 PM) 16 Participants**

If we have any backorders for Literature because many occurrences among other Intergroups I have a contact to forward the specifics ex. Item #, quantity, etc. to for assistance.

There was talk of a new App which may be used to deal with GSO Literature orders more expeditiously or if not orders rather any issues concerning orders made. (Not sure which one or both)?

There was a lot of discussion about Intergroup or Central Offices relationships with Area and specifically concerning Meeting Lists; sometimes misinformation on one or the other sites. Sometimes there is just duplicate work for Intergroup/Central Offices; conflict about who is listed as Primary for the Meeting Guide Apps. Talk of some meetings wishing to have their info. on Intergroup or Area exclusively.

There was mention of heated upset about changes to the Preamble and one IG's meeting ending in two men brawling on the ground, so be careful. There was discussion about a possible tax credit (\$5,000) due to the pandemic. It is a 941 form. The only criteria being that 20% of income is down from end of year 2020 from 2019. But a warning from a member of Canadian group that by their IG receiving this wage subsidy, many members felt this was accepting outside contributions and one group now will not contribute to their IG. But the member sharing this stated he felt it was not a break of tradition because of x, y and z-too complex for me to understand. But he thought the issue might have been averted if he listed the \$ correctly in treasurer's report so members could really understand it.

**ICOAA MEETING: 7-30-2021 (1-2 PM) 14 Participants.**

Some of the intergroups are questioning about whether to print hard copy meeting lists again? When? One office manager was about to but due to Pandemic rise in case #'s can't see that happening now. Technical issues discussed concerning printing of meeting lists; in the chat an app was offered: Create Booklet but this is on a Mac Book. I shared about our new meeting list QR cards and received positive feedback. One manager from NY wanted more info. I sent her assistant treasurer's email address (at treasurer assistant's suggestion). There was discussion of Hybrid meetings and I shared about how our Tech guy went to convention in Texas and there is an expectation of privacy for members coming into (publicly or in person) meetings. And therefore, our IG hybrid meeting blocked members on Zoom from seeing the members in audience. We could see the Zoom audience, but they couldn't see us in the in-person meeting. A manager asked if there is any written AA literature about members who need help with Technology that are "Techno-Phobic." No one did.

**Old Business:**

Social Committee was happy to report that SJIG has gotten back it's 'deposit from the golf outing. She was disappointed that there were only 5 people who attended the kayak trip, but they had fun anyway! There was lengthy discussion on the topic of Anonymity in specific regards to social media. Therefore a motion was made to start meeting at St. Bart's this Wed. 7-21-2021 But that it would be only Audio, not Video for those on Zoom (hybrid meeting). The motion passed unanimously. Also, a second motion was made to purchase a Conference microphone for approximately \$65. This motion passed unanimously too.

**New Business:**

Bill has budgets available with updated amounts for anyone interested. Budget for 2021 was cut by 1/3 due to Covid.

Brendan C said that 19 people have paid for the golf event, which is tomorrow Aug.12<sup>th</sup>. Eileen T needs help/co-chair for Public Info. Committee and Patti S volunteered.

A motion was presented to appoint John as H&I Chair and Damon M as Co-Chair which passed unanimously in favor. Jay requested intergroup by-laws and committee position requirements. Frank informed that by-laws can be found on aasj.org. Karen showed a flyer listing all the committee positions and descriptions. She will scan and email Jay both the committee positions' descriptions' flyer and By-Laws. The By-Laws list "Suggested" sober time requirements for each position.

**Adjournment at: 8:35 pm:** with the "*I am Responsible Pledge*"

**Secretary:** Vacant

**Assist. Secretary:** Marie G.

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