

## **SOUTH JERSEY INTERGROUP MEETING & IG REP MEETING UPDATES**

**Date: Wed. January 19, 2022**

**Opening: Opened at 8:00 pm with "Serenity Prayer"**

**Steering Attendees:** Karen B., Frank C., Joe C., Patty H., Carl S., John S., Patti S., Steve M., Damon N., Eileen T., Joey H., Trish L., Traci K. Ryan K., Cletus C., Andy E., Bill T.

**Trustee Reading:** Patti

**Anniversaries:** Eileen T. with 12 years on January 20<sup>th</sup>; Joe C. with 14 years on Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>; Jay D with 4 years on Jan 25<sup>th</sup>; Wendy with 31 years on 01/15.

**Group Announcements:**

**New Members:** Rob - Moorestown Men; Cecilia - Living Room; Trish – Prince of Peace; Charles - Daily Reflections; Mary - Morning Glory

**Tradition 01:** Joe C  
**Concept 01:** Joey H

**next month Tradition 02:** Damon N  
**next month Concept 02:** Joe C

**Chair:** Frank C.

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Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Welcome to all of our new incoming elected officials and committee chairs and co-chairs for the 2022-2023 panel. Thank you for your service! Thank you to all the intergroup reps that came to vote in December 2021. I was sad to miss it but confident things would go smoothly with Patti and Brian steering the meeting.

I look forward to continuing to serve Intergroup for the next two years and hope they're a little easier for all of us than the last two!

Frank C  
Chair

**Vice-Chair:** Vacant

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**Treasurer: Jay D**

**Asst. Treasurer: Vacant**

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Thanks to all our Groups, We closed 2021 in the black.  
*Hope everyone stayed safe this past year.*  
*Please welcome Jay, our new Treasurer!*  
*Thanks for allowing us to serve you for the last two years.*

Peace... Prayers... Bill T. & Andy E. ;-)

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Ans. Service Chair: Pete R**

**Co-Chair: Theresa B**

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Last update from outgoing Chair Steve M., New Chair 2022-2023 Peter R. **Pete not getting the invites;** give him a few days' notice.

Answering Service serviced 90% incoming calls. We had 68 total calls... 62 calls answered by our volunteers and 6 by Answercom.

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

Sunday 8-10am and 12-2pm

Monday 4-6pm

Tuesday 4-6pm

Wednesday: 6-8 am; 10-12 noon; 8-10pm

Saturday 8-10pm

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: Damon M**

**Co-Chair: Vacant**

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Hi, I had a nice chat with Rick from Archives. He gave me a brief rundown of what he and Jennifer have been working on the last 4 years. Rick will meet Damon at office to go over things. Excited to learn more and continue to get direction on this position. Damon plans to digitize old tapes and gather group histories from individual groups and how they adapted to Covid. Will do committee spotlight in February.

**Bookers Chair: Traci K.**

**Co-Chair: Beverly M.**

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Bev and I will continue to co chair Bookers. Our next bookers meeting will be Thursday February 3rd at 8pm on Zoom. Thanks! **Still looking for replacements, as their time is up; will keep doing it until then.**

**Budget & Finance Chair: Ryan K**

**Co-Chair: Vacant**

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Hi all,

I'm excited for the chance to serve as the new Budget and Finance chair! I went over the budget with Jay and he brought me up to speed. The 2022 budget was approved by the groups in December. I will be keeping track of our actual spending throughout the year to see if any adjustments are needed. Will do committee spotlight in February.

**H&I Chair: John S**

**Co-Chair: Vacant**

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The meeting this month is last Monday 01-31-2022. Meeting will be hybrid. Only changes are that there are a few new speaking commitments. Two sets of speakers going to Seabrook on Fridays now. We will be starting commitments at Pinelands in February. Waiting to hear from other institutions such as: Ancora, Unity, Jefferson, etc.—there will be a lot of commitments and we need H&I reps, to spread the word. Maryville is still closed due to Covid. John will be looking for a Co-Chair. Maryville is still not accepting H&I due to Covid. John has not heard from additional rehabs that were thinking of inviting H&I in person meetings.

**Literature Chair: Carl S.**

**Co-Chair: Joe C**

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The Grapevine Magazine Sale is still on!!! Due to the overabundance of back issues accrued during the Covid pandemic shutdown and the long period following of minimal hours the magazines are currently available for \$1.00!!! They are great gifts for someone without a subscription or to give away to the newcomer; perhaps have your Home Group purchase some to give away to newcomers.

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| Opening Balance                      |             | \$ 3,148.56 |
| Deposits                             |             | \$ 3,870.48 |
| Debits                               |             |             |
| Transfer to SJIG, Rent Dec, 2021     | \$ 200.00   |             |
| Transfer to SJIG, Rent Jan/Nov, 2021 | \$ 400.00   |             |
| AA World Services Purchase           | \$ 744.36   |             |
| PayPal Here Charge Fee on purchases  | \$ 18.62    |             |
|                                      | \$ 1,362.98 | \$ 1,362.98 |
| Closing Balance                      |             | \$ 5,656.06 |

If you're planning on being at the Annual Area 45 Service Convention in Atlantic City this coming March, consider helping out at the Literature Table by volunteering for a 2 hour shift!

**Meeting List Chair: Kevin L.**

**Co-Chair: Vacant**

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The Meeting List Committee has no report this month. Thank you. Kevin L

**Newsletter Chair: Cletus C**

**Co-Chair: Bill T**

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Cletus is suggesting submission topics: Step 1, your favorite road trip in AA, funkiest club houses you've visited, favorite song about recovery, and biggest/smallest in person or zoom meeting you've ever attended. The articles can be anonymous.

**Public Info Chair: Trish**

**Co-Chair: Eileen T**

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Public Information continues to support IDRC. We would like to welcome Trish L as Public Information Chair, with Eileen as co-Chair. Trish is very familiar with the work Public Info has done as she has been a speaker in the high schools when needed and last year Trish took over for scheduling the IDRC speakers. Trish will be a great asset to Public Information and we look forward to her dedicated service commitment. We have a lot of programs in the schools we are working on and will be reaching out to groups to help with literature distribution to the public. If anyone is interested in doing service please reach out to public information. Thank you Eileen T and Trish L Committee was supposed to have first IDRC meeting today but was cancelled due to Covid. IDRC expressed an interest in having a variety of speakers with varying ages, sexes, etc. Waiting to hear from high schools, there are a lot of teachers that are anxious to have AA members come and speak to their students.

**Social Events Chair: Joanne M**

**Co-Chair: Tracy S**

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**Technology Chair: Richie M.**

**Co-Chair: Josh V.**

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No problems with the website or email for the month of December 2021. Updated website, plug-ins, and security as needed – controlled spam as was received. Updated committee email forwarders for our new 2022-2023 representatives. Committee Chairs, please check your email forwarders. If you are new and not getting emails, or are no longer in a committee but still receiving emails, please email [tech@aasj.org](mailto:tech@aasj.org) and we will get fixed. Tech Committee continues to support the Meeting List Committee post COVID state mandated social distancing and gathering limits. Updating meetings as updates are received.

FYI, the General Service Office (G.S.O.) website [AA.org](http://AA.org) has launched a new and updated website in December 2021! Great job to the folks behind the update, the layout is cleaner and is much easier to navigate too. Do yourself a favor and go check it out.

Thanks to all of the groups for keeping us updated of your meeting format changes. Many meetings have returned to Online while we get through this latest COVID variant, Omicron. If you change your format (indoor, outdoor (brrr!), online, or hybrid), please find your meeting at <https://aasj.org/meetings> and click

the "Hosts: click here to update" link to update your meeting so that AAs can find you easier. Following is the SJIG meeting setting breakdown. 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 AA website every 12 hours.

# of Meetings: 497

# of Suspended Meetings: 95

# of Online\* Meetings: 111

# of Indoor\* Meetings: 333

# of Outdoor\* Meetings: 8

\*may be combined in a hybrid meeting style.

**Unity Chair: Vacant**

**Co-Chair: Vacant**

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| <b>SPECIAL REPORTS</b> |
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**Trustees: Patti S, Jen G, Andy E, Joey H and 5<sup>th</sup> spot vacant.**

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No Report.

**Area 45 Delegate: Ken T.**

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No Report.

**Area 45 Alternate Delegate: Wendy M. (Newly Elected)**

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Thanks for having me at the meeting tonight. I can't remember if I sent this already or not, but here is my report:

Hi! My name is Wendy, and I'm privileged to be your New Alternate Delegate.  
Your new Panel is

Ken T. - Delegate

Myself alternate

Joe E - Chair

Open, and election will happen at the 2/20 meeting - Secretary

Phil K. - Treasurer

George H. - Registrar

Area 45 is 03/18-03/20

[www.snjaa.org](http://www.snjaa.org)

The chair has been busy getting his new chair positions in place.

Our Delegate has been placed on the Trustee's Committee for the Conference; essentially, he helps slate individuals for the upcoming open Trustee positions.

Our next Assembly is 2/20, and you can get the Zoom ID from [www.snjaa.org](http://www.snjaa.org) under our calendar of events. If you have not already done so, please register for the convention from 3/18-3/20. You can register here: <https://area45convention.org/>

The new Winter Box 4-5-9 is out the News and Notes from General Service. It has quite a few articles of interest, especially the recent Intergroup and Central Office Conference, where some heated discussions took place on how GSO and Intergroups work together. [www.aa.org/box-459](http://www.aa.org/box-459)

Last but not least, I'm here to serve in any way I can; I've held many different positions in CAIG, including Intergroup Chair and so please feel to call or email with any questions or concerns. I look forward to working with you all in the next two years. My email is [altdelegate@snjaa.org](mailto:altdelegate@snjaa.org).

Phil K - Area Treasurer

Joe E - Area Chair

George H- Registrar

Need Elective Area Secretary

Next Assembly Feb 20th

### **Office Manager: Karen B.**

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There was discussion about the email from GSO about printing delays affecting the production of the hardcover edition of The Big Book. There will be back orders until middle of February 2022. SJIG can place an order on-line so that it is in the queue, so that we are in line for quickest delivery.

There was an overall dissatisfaction with A.A.W.S.'s functioning of payment and billing issues, back orders, lack of consistency and email list not up to date so some get emails and other Inter-Groups do not.

There was concern and anger from one office manager about the new aa.org website listing her Intergroup's address and telephone #'s incorrectly. The address and telephone #'s used were 70 miles from its actual location and the telephone #'s were unlisted. She was really worried that someone searching the site for information on how to get help w/drinking problem, would be unable to find them. I verified our SJIG information and our address and telephone #'s are Correct!!!

Managers expressed unhappiness again about Grapevine and its lack of support/help.

Manager from Detroit anxious to get ideas on how to get more participation from Intergroup reps, specifically to get them to attend Intergroup Meetings. On average, for his area, they only get 5% participation. Other managers are also concerned and the topic will be covered more in the next few weeks.

### **Old Business:**

It was unanimous in both the zoom meeting and in person meeting to APPROVE the 2022 Budget.

**New Business:**

Spotlight on committees—the committees that will be “under the spotlight” for February’s meeting will be Archives and Budget & Finance.

Vacancies that need to be filled : Vice Chair, Assistant Treasurer, Unity Chair and Co-Chair, Archives Co-Chair, Booker’s Chair and Co-Chair, Budget & Finance Co-Chair, H&I Co- Chair, Meeting List Co-Chair.

**Adjournment at: 9:00 pm:** with the *“Declaration of Unity”*

**Secretary:** Alex L

**Assist. Secretary:**Patty H

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