

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INTERGROUP
MEETING MINUTES
October 28, 2025
6 p.m.

Meeting was opened at 6 p.m., Renée P read the Statement of Purpose, Lisa S read the 12 traditions.

Introductions followed; Heather, Jen S, Heather L, Krista, Cona, Chris, Denise, Renée, Jude, Patty, Janet, Greg, Don, Julie, Gayle, Nancy, Lisa, Debbie, Annie, Alex, Mitch, Matt, Sam, Gary, Bob.

Sept minutes Nancy C moved to approve, seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

Chair:

Debbie read the Intergroup policy of patience, love and tolerance; and practicing Principles before Personalities. Reported on the recent board meeting, and that norcalintergroupboard@gmail.com email address is for reporting concerns, appreciation, agenda items, etc. For reports that need more confidentiality, people may address the board using the Chair's personal email address.

Board meeting agenda items included 1. Setting up a financial budget for Intergroup. 2. Addressing what to do in the event of another crisis that results in the absence of IG office manager. The Board established an **"Intergroup Management Vault"** where all codes, passwords, procedures and keys, etc. necessary to conduct the office's business would be permanently stored by each IG Chairperson. 3. Setting up an ad hoc committee to review and update the bylaws. They would begin work next year. 4. Chair showed the group the current Service Manual; encouraging everyone to read it. She pointed to the specific chapter on Intergroups and Central Offices, as a source for information and counsel. 5. Addressed the issue of storage room, that the unit we rent is already near 100% full. That a thorough inventory is in order to weed out unnecessary, excess paperwork and materials.

Also mentioned; ongoing Holiday Party progress, a request for clarification from Jude regarding a request for help and providing storage space for the Unity Day event. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Jan 15, 2026. Next regular Intergroup meeting is Nov. 25.

Office Manager:

Thanked everyone for their "kindness, help and support" during her absence last month. She lauded volunteer Chair Nancy C's superior handling of the crisis and asked for a round of applause; which prompted a resounding response. Manager then made request for IG's direction on several matters.

1. Allowing 10% discounts on orders of 10 or more identical items, which after questions and discussion Jude motioned to approve, it was seconded and passed unanimously. 2. Request for volunteers to help inventory and clean out the storage unit, several people volunteered. 3. Request to consider changing the annual subscription to Microsoft's software to a one-time purchase of the software, thereby eliminating the cost significantly. Questions were discussed, answered, motion made to re-visit next time the subscription currently paid for on the treasurer's laptop comes up for renewal.

Office Volunteer Chair:

Requests everyone ask for more volunteers to sign up. Reported that 3 volunteers failed to show up and/or leave after being trained.

12-Step Chair:

All lists are up and running, needs more Trinity County volunteers.

Webmaster:

Updated Archives page, and added group histories. Added IG service positions with their sobriety time and position requirements to the website. Asked the group about listing the office manager's position to the website. It was clarified to her that the Office Manager is not a service commitment, but a "special worker" position per Tradition 8, the Office Manager is a paid employee position. Also added CNIA accessibility information to the website, the IG domain name is paid up, updated Siskiyou County meeting schedule page, and Archive page.

Newsletter:

Encouraged reps to take the newsletters she brought to their respective meetings. Mentioned the QR code on the newsletter gives access to it online, and IG prints out copies available in the Alano Club.

Intergroup Speaker Meeting:

Last Call Literature will host upcoming Nov meeting. Last month Ladies Night Out from Red Bluff hosted and had over 50 people in attendance, we need a hosting group for January. Rent is paid through January.

Founder's Day

VACANT POSITION. No report.

Treasurer:

Budget review will be presented next month. There were \$1,431 group donations. The income was \$2,313, the expenses were \$1610.78. Bank balance and prudent reserve (\$7,500) adds up to \$23,582.

Holiday Party:

The theme is "Came To Believe" there will be 75 tables in Shasta Hall. Janet got an idea for the event Adopt a Newcomer, a "Giving Tree" with their names on it that people can pick and buy a small gift for. Also planning to do a sobriety count-down, there will be a DJ and dancing, and a Mexican cruise is the grand prize. The raffle winners' announcement method has been changed to make it go much faster. The Holiday chair requested a budget of \$3,400. Jude made a motion to approved, it was seconded and passed unanimously. Sign-in sheets for food can be printed from the website.

Redypaa:

Their "Friendsgiving" is on Nov 15th, working on getting the bid for ACYpaa,

PI/CPC:

Gayle reports she got a lot of great information and pointers from meeting Dist 9's PI/CPC Marga, she's compiling a binder of what she's doing and using for local PI/CPC services.

Outreach:

VACANT POSITION. No report.

Workshop:

Last workshop was cancelled. Chris has topics ready to present, in Jan "Origins of the 12 Steps and the Concepts: What Are They?" Other topics What is a GSR? How the Grapevine came about, and many more.

Archives:

Bob L said a recent community event resulted in 5 new Archive volunteers. He talked about adding more group histories to the Archive page on the website. He's working with District and Fran C to collect Red Bluff's fellowship's history. He encouraged attendees to share their memories of past members like Jim B and to pass on any information they have of the beginnings of area groups. Recovery Reading online group has about 20 people reading about John D. Rockefeller junior's relationship to AA

H&I:

Renée P reports about recent General Service committee meeting, importance of sponsorship from outside to inmates. 5 years of sobriety are required and it is an anonymous to protect participants, she brought flyers for anyone interested in signing up.

District 11:

Julie unable to attend last GSR school but reports 4 new GSRs were recruited, that the Fall Assembly will meet in Tracy November 14-16.

District 9:

Debbie reported on the 12th annual Sobriety in the Siskiyou event on Oct. 4th which was well attended and fun for all. H&I is in one fire camp and expecting to go into a second soon and the plain language Big Books have been well-received at the facilities. PI/CPC is active and using hybrid meetings. They recently reviewed and updated their bylaws, they are having elections in Nov. They have added a District Registrar position to facilitate updates of group information at Intergroup, District 9 and Area levels. The new panel (76) will start in January. Looking forward to the Holiday party, members of Dist 9 groups formed a committee to decorate tables. Weed's Friday Vision For You, Yreka's Saturday Night Live, Mt. Shasta Tuesday's Hi Rails, Monday, Wednesday and Friday's 3 in 1 group, and Sunday's Hole in the Donut group, and District 9 is also providing greeters for the event.

Old Business:

Board member composition and bylaws will be handled by the ad hoc committee that is forming and will be addressed when the new Chair is installed in the next couple months.

New Business:

Discuss a request from Jude (Chair of Unity Day): does Intergroup want to host/sponsor next year's Unity day event, and can Unity Day store things in Intergroup storage unit? Jude reported on the past 2 events. Jude also talked about combining Dist 9's annual Unity Day event with this one; Debbie explained that her district's Unity Day has been going for about three decades and that the distance might prevent adequate participation, but she said the idea sounds good so they will re-visit after their elections. The issue is tabled to November's meeting.

Open Positions

Heather said she put a potential candidate for Co-Secretary in touch with P.J. hadn't heard anything yet. Debbie named the current vacant positions: Co-webmaster; co-Newsletter, Founders Day, Outreach.

What's on Your Mind?

Greg asked if the Intergroup has ever considered doing zoom meetings? He talked about setting it up, with video cameras, audio equipment, etc. and Jude offered that it's a good idea because some people can't drive at night, the distance is also an issue for IG reps, etc. Greg is going to look at prices and what it would take to set something up and re-visit the idea.

Meeting closed at 7:15 with the responsibility prayer.