



# Triangle Intergroup Minutes



January 19, 2019

**In Attendance:** Mike (Chair, Web committee) Kathy Z, (Rep. Chapel Hill Tues 6pm), Anne L (Newsletter editor, Rep Chapel Hill Th 7pm), Clare (SOAR, Rep. Durham Sun 10:30am) , Margaret (Rep Wilmington meetings), Susan (Rep. Carrboro Th12:30pm); Sid (Vice Chair), Ali (PI/PO), Mary Anne (Secretary), Karen (Treasurer), Nancy (audio library, Rep. Raleigh Sat 9am), Taylor T (Group Outreach, Rep. Durham Tu/Th 12:30pm), Neill (SOAR), Cory (WSO).

Minutes from December approved as submitted

**Treasurer's Report:** IG account has been transferred to the new treasurer, Karen. She asked procedural questions, and group members asked about the lag time between checks being sent and contributions showing up on the treasurer's report. The report was accepted as submitted.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

**WSO (Cory):** Groups need to meet and vote on items on the WSO agenda questionnaire before the February IG meeting. This allows our groups to prioritize which items will go on the agenda at WSO. Reps should email their groups' responses to Cory or bring the tally of yes and no answers for each item to the February meeting. This is very important for maintaining OA's principal of being governed from the bottom up. All Reps are asked to commit to this important service. Karen will distribute the link to the IG mailing list for the groups' convenience.

**SOAR (Neill & Clare):** Neill has booked his flight for next assembly in Ft. Lauderdale. Clare will begin making her arrangements soon.

**High Tech (Susan):** Please let Susan know if you are not getting emails. The email list of those who wish to receive the newsletter electronically had been dropped, seemingly unintentionally. Susan will re-instate it. Please advise your groups that anyone wishing to may sign up to receive the newsletter this way.

**Group Outreach (Sid, outgoing):** Someone contacted Sid, expressing an interest in starting a meeting in Clayton. He suggested this person get in touch with someone from the meeting in Selma. He has not yet sent that person our material about how to start a meeting, but will follow up with that.

**Newsletter (Anne L):** This was Anne's first newsletter. She is awaiting software that should make the next one easier to lay out. It is 10 pages this month, but she will try to keep to 8 pages in future. Although people really like having the loose meeting list in the center of the newsletter, this adds substantially to the cost. The group suggested that it might be useful to produce it that way one or two more times in 2019, leaving it on the back cover in other months.

**PI/PO** (vacant in Jan; filled in this month's elections)

## AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

**12th Step Within** (vacant in Jan; filled in this month's elections)

**2019 NC State Convention (Sid):** The committee is now only three people, and they have decided that it is not practical to put on a convention in 2019. Please contact Sid if you are interested in working on the committee to assure the convention occurs in 2020. The group is close to completing arrangements to host the convention at the Hawthorne Inn in May 2020. For this to happen, the committee needs a coordinator and a registrar. When it is clear that they can go forward for 2020, they will request seed money from all three participating intergroups.

**Retreat (Lauren):** There was \$94.74 in net income from the Spa Day retreat after all expenses were paid.

**Audio Library (Nancy):** The library is currently with Nancy. There is no update.

**Announcements:** Greensboro will host a Valentine's retreat on Feb. 9, as advertised in this month's newsletter.

## NEW BUSINESS

**2019 Elections:** Roles were discussed, by position. Election results: PIPO – Ali; Group Outreach – Taylor; 12th Step Within/Special Events – Neill; Newsletter Distribution – Anne L. will pick up from the printer and bring to the meeting. Ali will mail them out to groups not represented at IG. Parliamentarian, Retreat Chair, and Retreat Registrar – still vacant, election will be held at Feb meeting.

**Retreat account prudent reserve:** Mary Anne researched the bylaws, but not the meeting minutes since the last revision of the bylaws and *Policies and Procedures*. The bylaws verify that any amount in the retreat account in excess of the limit set by IG should revert to the general treasury. She will try to search minutes by February. To facilitate that, Anne will extract minutes from past newsletters and send these to Mary Anne for review. Susan will send the newsletters missing from the web page (due to copyright issues with images) to Anne, who will strip images and extract minutes for Mary Anne.

**Bylaws and Policies and Procedures do not reflect many changes adopted by IG since 2015:** Issue raised but discussion postponed until a parliamentarian is elected.

**Modifying the newsletter to save costs:** At an earlier meeting, the point had been raised that publishing the newsletter is one of our highest costs. After discussion, a motion passed to make **no** cost-saving changes to the newsletter for the time being as the newsletter is key to "carrying the message".

**Next Intergroup meeting:** Saturday, February 16