

**Draft Minutes for Greater East Bay ACA Intergroup (GEBACA)  
August 27, 2022 1030 a.m-12:00 p.m.**

Zoom only meeting.  
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**Meeting Agenda**

**A. Serenity Prayer and Introductions**

Present: Shari K- Chair; Marcus H- Secretary; Zoe H- Communications Officer; Denise P-C- Public Information Officer; Colleen K new IGR for Thurs 6-7pm Becoming Your Own Loving Parent; Dawn new IGR for 7-8:30 Berkeley Tues. Night; Rene' IGR Mon 6-7pm Spanish ACA; Dean P. Literature Person; Irma D.- IGR, Fri 6:30-7:45pm Benicia ACA .

**B. Standard Meeting Readings**

- . GEBACA Mission Statement.
- . Concept VIII
- . Tradition Eight
- . Tradition Eight Meditation

**C. Review and Approval of Agenda**

Approved as written

**D. Review and Approval of June Meeting Minutes. No meeting in July**

Approved as written

**E. Guest Input**

**F. Trusted Servant's Reports – 3-to-4-minute reports**

1. GEBACA Chair Report. [chair@gebaca.org](mailto:chair@gebaca.org).

2. Secretary. [secretary@gebaca.org](mailto:secretary@gebaca.org)

3<sup>rd</sup> day of Annual Business Conference(ABC) dealt with all the remaining Proposals.

5 study groups have been created and anyone can join.

1. On changing the Fellowship name to include dysfunctional.
2. Changing the ways that the ABC and AWC are done.
3. Creating a Data Analysis Committee
4. Process to change Concepts II and VI
5. Organizing/creating the Quarterly Delegate meetings

The 2023 ABC/AWC will be virtual.

Dawn was the ABC Delegate from the Thursday 7pm Oakland meeting. First time as a Delegate however has been an observer before and now attended all 3 ABC sessions and is on the Name Change Committee.

3. Vice Chair. [vicechair@gebaca.org](mailto:vicechair@gebaca.org). **Open position**

4. Treasurer's Report. [treasurer@gebaca.org](mailto:treasurer@gebaca.org)

. June/July report

July Income 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition from meetings \$236

Expenses Insurance	\$577
New Meeting Startup	\$100
Zoom	\$26.65
Total expenses	\$707.65
Net Income	-\$467.35
Cash on hand	\$8985.51

#### 7. Literature Report

. sales and inventory

\$238 in total sales. We have some inventory. We will soon move to sell literature at the new discount price. Next month we will have real cost figures to calculate new discount prices. We will order more Big Red Books since we are out of them.

Meetings that are closing are donating their literature back to Intergroup.

Discussion about the possibility of having this literature designated for gifting to individuals in need. One person stated that when they first came in to get donated books meant a lot because she didn't have enough money. A committee will meet to figure out how to set this up.

Colleen, Dean, and Zoe will meet on this.

To order literature email [fremontacalierature@gmail.com](mailto:fremontacalierature@gmail.com) or go to the gebaca.org website at <https://gebaca.org/literature-orders/>

#### 6. Communication Report [communications@gebaca.org](mailto:communications@gebaca.org)

. Update Contact List

Dawn and Colleen are new Intergroup Reps and will be put on the contacts list.

#### 7. Website Report. [webmaster@gebaca.org](mailto:webmaster@gebaca.org)

Jeremy is stepping down as webmaster since he has a lot of other things going on. Jesse will help out however will not take the actual officer's position but will remain as assistant and help with the transition.

#### 8. Events/Activities. [eventofficer@gebaca.org](mailto:eventofficer@gebaca.org)

Open position.

#### 9. 2022 ABC/AWC liaison. [holdfam@gmail.com](mailto:holdfam@gmail.com)

#### 10. Public Information. [info@gebaca.org](mailto:info@gebaca.org).

There will be a Public Information Day on September 17 at 10am and it's posted in the September Traveler and Zoom ID will be on the ACA website. There is a focus on the Correspondence Outreach Initiative which members can carry the ACA message by corresponding with people in prisons, treatment centers and mental health facilities. This is not sponsorship but more like a pen-pal.

#### 11. H&I. [hospital-institution@gebaca.org](mailto:hospital-institution@gebaca.org).

#### 12. Young person liaison. [youngpeople@gebaca.org](mailto:youngpeople@gebaca.org)

Open position.

**13. Diversity and Inclusion Committee. [diversity@gebaca.org](mailto:diversity@gebaca.org)**

Date of the Diversity Day is changed to Saturday November 5, 1-5 pm.

There will be 2 panels and a keynote speaker. It will be Zoom only.

**14. Intergroup Rep Updates**

Rene the Monday Spanish meeting had dwindled down now people are coming back and we have 5 members now. We are meeting in a new space with air conditioning and ADA restrooms.. We are looking forward to doing Spanish outreach events.

Monday Rio Vista and Wednesday Brentwood meetings are closing both due to only about 3 people doing all the service for about a year. They are online meetings and often 50% to 75% of the members will be on one time.

What is recommended % 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition to go to Intergroup? It was 40% however as much as possible to WSO right now.

**G. Old Business**

1. Collaboration on the yearly retreat – We have approached San Francisco Intergroup. It appears there may not be the energy there to do this at the present time. Although this wasn't specifically stated. We will take it off our agenda for the present.

2. Region 2 – California versus West Coast Region

There is confusion on this. A member attended the Region 2 greater Western Region meeting. They have been in existence for a number of years. They are going use their funds to publish a hard-copy book. It does not seem to be part of the ACA WSO Literature process. It appears the new California Group needs to petition WSO to become a Region.

Concerns were raised about it not being part of the ACA WSO Literature process. Concerns were raised about how the California group was formed in opposition to the Western Region.

We will continue to gather information on the situation.

3. Possible literature fund for newcomers for meetings

4. Taxes – update We hired an accountant who did all our back taxes and filings 2018-21. When our Intergroup started in 2017 not all the paperwork was filed so we needed to deal with that now. We should probably need have our taxes done by an accountant in the future. The cost was \$500 for each year for a total of \$2,000 out of our general fund. A member who is knowledgeable in non-profit finances recommended an accountant who may be less costly and more knowledgeable in this area. There was general agreement on having an accountant do our taxes in the future.

**H. New Business**

1. October QSM We will put out to the groups by Communications Email and see if any group wants to host a QSM. If not we will focus on the Diversity Day.

## 2. Set date for Proposed Budget and Elections

The Chair, the Treasurer and any others will meet in September to work on next year's budget. We will have our yearly meeting and our elections meeting on November 19.

So we need people to step up for service by November 19 and we'll put it out to meetings that service positions are open. For sure we need a Chair since our Vice-chair is moving and they normally step into the Chair position.

## 3. Joining Forces with SF Intergroup.

SF Intergroup is a fairly strong Intergroup (IG). We are not sure if they are non-profit as well and how combining non-profits would work. In ACA some other large metro areas have a single IG. Both IGs have challenges filling positions. There is some duplication of work and it might help to share the work. There are also a lot of meetings in the entire Bay Area and it would mean a lot of work for one IG to do. Some other 12 step groups have divided the Bay Area into multiple IGs. We will continue the discussion here for now.

## I. Announcements

1. Share open positions with your meetings.
2. Share the word regarding 7<sup>th</sup> tradition donations to WSO
3. Diversity Day – November

**Next GEBACA Meeting:** September 24, 2022  
Zoom only - Meeting ID: 116 286 465  
10:30am-12 noon <https://zoom.us/j/116286465>