

Berkshire Intergroup

Meeting Minutes – October 13, 2025

Opening

The meeting was opened with the **Serenity Prayer**, the **A.A. Preamble**, and the **Articles of Purpose**.

Roll Call

- Craig (Web Servant)
 - Robin (Office manager)
 - Dwayne (Chair)
 - Bill M (GB Men's Rep)
 - Dennis B (Sober at Sunrise Rep)
 - Marc C (Virtual Sober at Sunrise Rep)
 - Mary E (Watch your Step Group Rep)
 - Rusty (Secretary)
 - Ray M (Area 31 Delegate)
 - Bronwyn (Treasurer, Sober on Saturday Rep)
 - Ilene (Institutions, Southern Berkshire Rep)
 - Elaine (Keep it Simple Group Rep)
 - Lo (Tower Rep)
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Minutes from September

- Minutes were accepted
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Treasurer's Report

- Report was accepted
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Office Manager's Report

- E: asked for details from the report, R provided details
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Website Report

- C: site is going well, 440 visitors in September (people are using it)
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Chair's Report

- D: Two bookie exchanges tonight
 - Chilli cook-off was a success
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Co-Chair's Report

- No co-chair
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Institutions Report

- E: new institution - Graylock recovery center, meetings already being brought in
 - Hope retreat center has requested meetings
 - 3 teams of individuals taking meetings to institution
 - Ongoing problems with McGee, new liaison is excited to work with us
 - Institutions committee is well-attended
 - 20+ people signed up for bridging the gap
 - Working on new service positions and guidelines
 - R: asked if the training for new reps would be regular, E responded
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Group Reports

- Bill M: no report, just listening
 - His email is ...(should be added to the list)
- Dennis: nothing new to report, gave details of his meeting
- Marc: nothing to report
- Mary: gave details of her meeting

- Bronwyn: gave details of her meeting
 - Elaine: zoom group is doing well, gave details of the meeting
 - Ilene: gave some details of the meeting, asked for interested speakers
 - Lo: gave details of her meeting and a few other meetings, offered details
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District 3 Report

- Absent
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Area 31 Report

- Several area positions are having elections soon
 - MA State Convention – will include young long-timers panel, balancing parent and grandparenting, facing adversity, Al-Anon & Alateen and more
 - NERF – “GSO Road Show” in December in Providence
 - NERAASA – in February in Portland
 - Links are on the area website for notes on group histories
 - 2 buses will be going to GSO – more info to come
 - **Concept Meeting**
 - 1st Thursday of the month
 - Reading Concept 5
 - Hybrid format, 7 PM at South Hadley, MA
 - Info: area31aa.org
 - **Area Committee Meeting**
 - 2nd Wednesday of the month;
 - Hybrid format, 7:30 PM in South Hadley, MA
 - Details on area31aa.org
 - **Available Area Services:**
 - Incoming speaking commitments
 - Group inventories moderated by past delegates
 - Contact: areachair@area31aa.org
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Old Business

- The domain name will be changed to BerkshireIntergroup.org.
 - It cost \$50
 - Craig is taking care of this
 - \$500 has been allocated for a professional consultation – legal expertise.
 - Plans have begun for the Christmas Alkathon. To be on the committee, contact Berkshire Intergroup.
 - Ad Hoc committee reported re: nonprofit/tax exempt status
 - The committee learned that it is relatively easy to apply for tax exempt status and that the IRS is forgiving. Paperwork for articles of incorporation, tax-exempt status and a DBA with the City of Pittsfield will be taken care of by B and Robin.
 - A motion was made to incorporate as a non-profit 501(c)(3) entity; motion passed by majority vote.
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New Business

- An extended discussion took place regarding changes to bylaws, term limits and decision making. The consensus was to take one issue at a time, which will be the issues around changing the status of Berkshire Intergroup. Robin and B will work for incorporation—proposed starting a document for comments with no vote until January.
 - Robin offered to arrange for a car pool to NERF in Providence in December. Anyone who is interested should contact her.
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Closing

The meeting closed with the **Responsibility Pledge**.