

April 14 Intergroup Meeting Notes

Chicagoland GA Intergroup Officers

Role	Name	Present
Chairperson	Al A.	X
1 st Chair	Eileen Z	Absent
2 nd Chair	Brian V	X
Secretary	Reba L.	X
Co-Secretary	Sandy M	X
Co-Treasurer	Mark M.	Absent
Co-Treasurer	Nathan W.	X
Area 8 Trustees	Present	
Dianna R.	X	
Donna M	X	
Doug K	X	
Mary D	X	

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Attendees

Attendees	Count
Participants representing rooms (63 reps and 11 open rep spaces)	25
Officers (7 positions)	5
Trustees (4 positions)	4
Committee Chairs (19 Chairs & Co-chairs combined)	16
Event Chairs (10 Chairs & Co-chairs combined)	4

Please Note: Some rooms and committees have more than one room representative or chair

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Meetings Represented (Highlighted below in blue)– 22 of 60

Label	Meaning
Hybrid	Zoom and Live
Zoom	Zoom Only
Live	Meeting In Person
X	Meeting Representative present

	MEETING	TIME	FORMAT	Attendance		MEETING	TIME	FORMAT	Attendance
1	Sun – Champaign-Urbana	7:00 PM	LIVE		31	Wed – Hoffman Est.	7:00 PM	ZOOM	
2	Sun – Chicago St. Gertrude	7:00 PM	LIVE		32	Wed – North Shore	7:30 PM	ZOOM	
3	Sun – Elgin	4:00 PM	LIVE	X	33	Wed – Oak Park	7:00 PM	LIVE	X
4	Sun – Evanston	7:00 PM	ZOOM		34	Wed – Wheaton	6:30 PM	LIVE	X
5	Sun – Naperville	6:00 PM	LIVE	X	35	Thur – Algonquin	7:00 PM	LIVE	X
6	Mon – Arlington Hts.	7:00 PM	ZOOM		36	Thur – Burbank	7:30 PM	HYBRID	X
7	Mon – Bloomingdale	7:00 PM	LIVE		37	Thur – Chicago North	7:30 PM	LIVE	X
8	Mon – Chgo - Our Lady/Holy Family	6:30 PM	LIVE	X	38	Thur – Downers Grove	6:30 PM	LIVE	X
9	Mon – Highland, IN	6:30 PM	LIVE		39	Thur – Elk Grove	7:00 PM	LIVE	
10	Mon – Joliet	7:00 PM	LIVE	X	40	Thur – Gurnee	6:30 PM	PHONE/ LIVE	
11	Mon – Lisle	7:00 PM	LIVE	X	41	Thur – Kankakee	7:00 PM	LIVE	
12	Mon – Loves Park	6:30 PM	LIVE		42	Thur – Lisle	7:00 PM	LIVE	
13	Mon - Mt. Prospect	7:00 PM	LIVE	X	43	Thur-Mt. Prospect	7:30 PM	LIVE	X
14	Mon – Oak Lawn	7:30 PM	HYBRID		44	Thur – Orland Park	7:30 PM	LIVE	X
15	Mon – Naperville/Aurora	7:00 PM	LIVE	X	45	Thur - Palatine	11:30 AM	LIVE	
16	Mon - Peoria	7:00 PM	LIVE		46	Thur -Plainfield	11:30 AM	LIVE	
17	Mon - South Holland	11:30 AM	LIVE		47	Thur – Peoria	7:00 PM	LIVE	
18	Tues – Algonquin	7:00 PM	LIVE		48	Thur – Rockton	6:30 PM	LIVE	
19	Tues – Bloomingdale	7:30 PM	LIVE	X	49	Thur – St. Charles	6:30 PM	LIVE	X
20	Tues - Chicago Loop Early Riser	6:00 AM	ZOOM		50	Fri – Bolingbrook	7:00 PM	LIVE	X
21	Tues – Chicago South – Willa Rawls	7:00 PM	HYBRID	X	51	Fri – Buffalo Grove	7:00 PM	LIVE	
22	Tues – Chicago NW - Edison Park	7:00 PM	LIVE	X	52	Fri – Chicago Northwest	12:30 PM	LIVE	
23	Tues – Palatine	11:00 AM	LIVE	X	53	Fri – Hinsdale	6:30 AM	ZOOM	X
24	Wed – Aurora	7:00 PM	ZOOM		54	Fri - Ottawa	7:00 PM	LIVE	
25	Wed – Bloomington/Normal	7:00 PM	LIVE		55	Sat – Cherry Valley	9:00 AM	LIVE	
26	Wed – Burbank	10:00 AM	LIVE		56	Sat - Chicago Northside	6:00 AM	LIVE	X
27	Wed - Chicago Lincoln Park	7:15 AM	LIVE		57	Sat – Downers Grove	9:00 AM	ZOOM	X
28	Wed - Deerfield	7:30 PM	LIVE	X	58	Sat – Downers Grove	9:00 AM	LIVE	
29	Wed – Downers Grove	7:00 PM	LIVE		59	Sat – Forest Park	9:30 AM	LIVE	
30	Wed – Elgin	7:00 PM	LIVE		60	Sat - Park Ridge	8:00 AM	ZOOM	
					61	Sat – Schaumburg	9:00 AM	LIVE	

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Al. A.

Reading	Member
Unity Steps – Yellow Book	Jim M
Unity Step #4 – Red Book	Ben S
A Day-at-a-Time – April 14	John S

Al A. read the guidelines for the meeting. The collection basket and attendance list were passed out for collections and room representatives sign-in.

March minutes change(s):

Additions or Corrections to March 10 meeting notes

- None

Motion to approve minutes made by Allen H and seconded by Dianna R.

Motion passed. Intergroup March minutes Approved

New Intergroup Reps

- Alex C-Chicago Monday
- Kevin S-Mount Prospect Thursday Night

Unfinished (Old) Business

March Motion Follow Up

Bob D- Made Motion that is a follow up to Motion made last month:

The new motion reads as such:

“Require a policy for unbudgeted Chicago Intergroup expenditures exceeding a total of \$500 net amount or any motion that adjusts the approved Chicago Intergroup budget by a net change of more than \$500, that it shall be automatically postponed for a final vote until the next regularly scheduled Intergroup meeting.

Emergency clause. If a tabled motion is deemed time-sensitive, an emergency clause may be invoked by a majority vote of the Intergroup representatives present. An emergency is defined as a circumstance requiring Chicago Intergroup significant

financial loss, disrupt essential services, or deemed an immediate necessity for continuing operations, safety, or legal issues.

Upon passage of the emergency declaration, the motion may be voted on immediately.”

Discussion (10 Minutes)

- Budget related questions in order to clarify what the motion actually covers
- Does this cover an unexpected amount (over or = \$500 or more) if an event goes over the budget

Joe L. Motioned to extend another 10 minutes, seconded by Donna M

Discussion extended for 10 minutes:

Summary of Discussion: Proposed Motion

Motion Overview

The motion proposes that any unbudgeted Chicago Intergroup expenditure exceeding **\$500 net**, or any budget adjustment exceeding a **\$500 net change**, be automatically postponed for a final vote until the next regularly scheduled Intergroup meeting. An emergency clause allows immediate action by majority vote when delay would cause significant financial loss, disrupt essential services, or create a safety or legal issue.

Key Discussion Points

- The motion is designed to give the general membership — through their reps — a voice in significant spending decisions before funds are committed or disbursed.
- The one-month delay mirrors the existing budget approval process, allowing reps to consult their rooms and return with an informed vote.
- Examples raised included the holiday party (which exceeded its budget by ~\$1,000) and hypothetical scenarios involving the spirituality conference and picnic.
- Clarification was made that any expenditure more than \$500 over the approved budget must come back to Intergroup for approval before reimbursement above that threshold is guaranteed.
- It was noted that historically, over-budget requests have virtually always been approved when brought back to the room.

- Concern was raised that volunteers who overspend — even for legitimate reasons — could be personally on the hook for amounts over \$500 until the next meeting vote.
 - If a motion is ultimately not approved, the individual would not be reimbursed for the overage, which prompted concern about discouraging volunteerism.
 - Participants acknowledged this risk but noted the emergency clause exists to address time-sensitive or unavoidable situations.
 - It was clarified that most major events (picnic, spirituality conference) are budgeted to net to zero — income from registration/tickets is intended to offset expenses.
 - Chicago Intergroup's healthy financial reserves were acknowledged as a reason past overages have been handled generously.
 - Most participants agreed the motion formalizes a process that has largely been followed informally already.
 - The primary goal is accountability and transparency, not to penalize volunteers or discourage events.
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The discussion reached the second 10-minute mark and a call for a vote was made by Joe L and seconded by Allen H. Motion passed

New Business:

Picnic Co-Chair—Open position-Allen H Self nominated, and Ben S. seconded

Trustee Nominations:

- Cindi Nominated Reba L, seconded by Allen H.
 - Reba L. Accepted
- Bob D nominated Mary D, seconded Gary C
 - Mary Accepted
- Allen H Nominated Doug K, seconded by Fran S.
 - Doug Accepted
- Dianna R nominated Donna M, seconded by Bob D.
 - Donna Accepted

With only four people nominated for four positions, that's by acclamation.

Committee and Events Reports

Activities –Ed H—Ed H. reporting

- No new activities scheduled

Chicago Intergroup Swing Golf League

A drop-in Monday golf league at Lombard Golf Course.

No sign-up required — just notify Cindi C. by Monday morning (weekend preferred).

- **Tee times:** 3:30–5:00 PM (target ~4:00)
- **Cost:** \$30 with cart / \$17 walking

Memorial Day Outing — May 25th A special daytime event open to golfers *and* non-golfers.

- Grilling starts at 11:30 AM; tee times begin 12:30 PM
- **Lunch:** \$10
- **Golf:** \$26 with cart / \$13 walking

Anniversaries – Linda R-- Linda R reporting

March Anniversaries

Member	Anniversary Date Years	Location
Darryl M	3/2 33 years	Park Ridge
Mike D	3/3 1year	Joliet
April B	3/5 1year	Park Ridge
Terry B2	3/8 26 years	Naperville
John S	3/9 1 year	Lisle
Christen D	3/19 8 years	Joliet
Mike O	3/28 9 years	Schaumburg

February Anniversaries

Member	Anniversary Date Years	Location
John O	2/11 1 year	Wheaton
Joannie R	2/13 2 years	Algonquin
Tyler G	2/16 1 year	Lisle

January Anniversaries

Member	Anniversary Date Years	Location
Bryan M	1/14 1 year	Algonquin

December Anniversaries

Member	Anniversary Date Years	Location
Andrew S	12/21 2 years	Algonquin
August E	12/31 1 year	Wheaton

You can provide information to anniversaries@gachicago.org or bring your information to Intergroup.

When submitting names, please indicate the first name, last initial, meeting room, clean date and how many years Deadline to submit is the **17th of every month**.

Annual Fall Conference 2026—Brian V and Rob M— Brian V reporting

Conference Update

Registration is open. Hard copy forms are available to take back and share; electronic registration is also live on the website.

Hotel Book directly through Hyatt using the conference code — a room block is reserved.

- King: \$99/night | Two doubles: \$109/night (+ 11% tax)

Registration Details

- Payment accepted via check/money order (payable to Chicago Intergroup), Zelle, or Venmo
- Friday night event (speaker, fellowship, entertainment) is free — just indicate attendance on the form
- Registration deadline: **September 8th** (collected at each Intergroup meeting)

Theme *Construction Zone: What's in Your Toolbox?*

Fundraising Candy sales are underway — \$20/bag.

- **Committees that need a leader:**
 - Friday night Entertainment
 - Sunday morning activity
 - Chief Volunteer Officer

Budget—Doug K – Doug K reporting

- Budget is essential to our program not for accountability.

GA Chicagoland Website— Mike O and Brian V -No Report

- All **new committee chairpersons** should send their email address to info@chicago.org to have their name added to the email address for your committee/position.

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Send information/updates info@gachicago.org

Holiday Party 2026-Mary D –No Report

Joys, Cares & Concerns – Walter W, Donna M. – No Report

- Celine U sister passed away—wake information to follow

Meetings – Paul A, Conor B., and Ben S— Ben S reporting

Meetings Update

Send all meeting changes, new meeting info, or questions to GAChicago.org — contact Paul, Ben, or Connor.

Memorial Day (May 25th) Meetings are assumed open unless you notify the team. Only reach out if your meeting will be closed. Known closure: **O'Hare Ladies Preferred Meeting** will not meet that day.

Meeting Updates

- New **GA Zoom meeting** added for Tuesday evenings — details on the GA website
- Former **Thursday Gurnee evening meeting** has relocated to **Grayslake** — started April 16th, listed on the website
- **Spanish-speaking callers** can now be directed to Zoom meeting options; info was shared with Dustin and trustees

New GA meetings

Gurnee Meeting moved starts April 16

Spanish only meetings-reach out to meeting chairs

Meetings that need support:

Meetings Needing Support

- **Wednesday nights** — Oak Park, 7:00 PM
- **Saturday evenings** — Chicago, 6:00–8:00 PM at the Alamo Club
- Elgin Wednesday meeting needs support
- Ben read email from St. John

Please send to meetings@gachicago.org any changes to meetings, or any new meetings information or any questions at all to Paul A and Conor B.

Speaker Box – Conor B and Paul A –No Report

Jim A, speaker in Downers Grove, Saturday morning, starting at 9:00 a.m. May 30th this year.

Phone Service – Cathy W. & Dustin G—Dustin G. reporting

- New hotline number is **855-222-5542** --Make sure this number is saved on the phone correctly!
- Committee reaches out to members if they miss 6 calls in a month for problem solving and discussion.
- Phone call volunteers need to make sure call availability times are correct and updated

Ring Central Information	
Type of Calls	Number
Total Calls – March 1-31	50
Accepted	40
Voice Mail	1
Missed Calls	1
Hang-ups (on-line less than 60 seconds)	8

Missed Calls

Date	Time
3/23/26	10:15 PM

We are ***always*** looking for volunteers for the hours you are available. **6 months** of clean time is required. Information is on gachicago.org on how to be of service answering hotline calls.

Please communicate any questions or concerns with the phone service; email Peggy at phoneservice@gachicago.org.

Picnic-Rachel M and Allen H—No Report

- August 9th date secured for the same site--More information to follow

Pinnings –Reeve L.– Reeve L reporting

Upcoming Pinnings

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Sunday, May 4th — Chicago St. Gertrude Social Hall, 1401 W. Granville

- Caleb D. & Ethan R. — 1 year | Steve G. — 25 years
- 6:30 PM food, 7:00 PM pinning | Basement | Open pinning

Tuesday, May 19th — Chicago Soul City Church, 1150 W. Adams St.

- Dane L. — 1 year | Mike B. — 5 years
- 6:30 PM food, 7:00 PM pinning | 2nd floor auditorium | Open pinning

Tuesday, May 19th — Algonquin (*approved, not yet on website*) Chicago United Methodist Church, 909 W. Algonquin

- John S., Brian M., Judy S., Jerry C. — 1 year each
- 6:00 PM food, pinning to follow | Open pinning
- *Note: Approved as a special exception given extenuating circumstance. Located 50 miles from the Chicago pinning.*

Wednesday, May 20th — Burbank (*approved, not yet on website*) Our Savior Lutheran Church, 8607 S. Narragansett

- Pam C., Anne Marie C., Terry R. 1 year each | Joe G. — 10 years
- In-room pinning

Date	Pinning Location	Pinnees
5/3/26	Sunday Chicago St. Gertude's Social Hall	Caleb D.-1 year Ethan R-1 year Steve G.- 25 years
5/19/26	Soul City Church	Mike B-5 year
5/19/26	Algonquin	John S Brian M Judy S Jon C
5/29/26	Wednesday morning Burbank—in room pinning	Joe G

*****Please send pinning info/updates to Reeve L Pinning Chair at pinnings@gachicago.org**

DISCLAIMER--Note that this Pinning list in the meeting minutes is effective only on the date of the Intergroup meeting at which it was reported. For the latest Pinnings information, go to www.gachicago.org, to the Member Page, then look for the Pinnings link.

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- **Important:** To ensure that the Supplies Chair(s) are aware of pins that need to be ordered, please advise the Pinning Chair if you need to order a pin(s) at least 6 weeks in advance to ensure they are received in time for your pinning.
- When you submit information for a pinning by email please include (meeting room/location, date, and if you need a pin(s) in your email). Please ensure you include a phone number when submitting pinning requests in case of questions.
- **All pins will be provided by Intergroup and subject to review with the yearly budget process.**

Chicagoland GA Pinning Scheduling Guidelines:

- *For a pinning event to be added to the pinning list, it requires submission Chairperson-at least 30 days prior to the pinning date and preferably one day prior to the Intergroup meeting. Intergroup Reps can do this by emailing or calling the Pinning Chairperson.*
- *It is recommended that no meeting schedule more than 1 pinning event in a 30-day period. This is done in order to prevent pinning events being scheduled on the same date in different meeting locations.*
- *Chicagoland Intergroup will pay for pins once the pinnee has qualified to be added to the pinning list. The Intergroup Rep will be asked if the member requesting a pinning, by their own admission, has met all following requirements to qualify.*
- ***To be eligible to be pinned, a member must have (Per the Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code, Article VII, Section 4 stating):*** *Abstinence from gambling and regular attendance of at least thirty-nine (39) Gamblers Anonymous meetings (exceptions can be made, via group conscience decisions, for medical reasons and military stationed overseas) in the prior 12 months, by the member's own admission, is required for pinnings and for all successive anniversaries. Date of abstinence starts from your first meeting after your last bet.*

Pinning General Guidelines:

- ***Announce at beginning of pinning that "As this is a program of anonymity, we ask that Family & Friends be mindful of this and ask before taking pictures. This is also why we provide first name and last initial only for GA members when introducing them."***
- ***Announce prior to a collection being taken that: "Donations will be accepted only from GA members. While we appreciate contributions offered, our organization is self-supporting." (See Unity step 7 regarding declining outside contributions.)***

Pressure Relief-Joe L –No Report

- Reeve L being trained on Pressure Relief facilitation

If you need help, **contact Joe L** at pressurerelief@gachicago.org

Public Relations – Reeve L – No Report

Spirituality Conference 2025 --Al A and Marius—AL A, Reporting

- Theme: Road to a Higher Power
- April 25th 9AM-4PM at All Saints Lutheran Church, 13350 South LaGrange Road in Orland Park
- Cost will be \$20
- 42 registered-\$60 in donation
- Can send email to chairs by Thursday before for food count
- Flyer and registration available on the website

Supplies – Fran S and Rachel M.-No report

- Large order for 1-year coins to be put in by Rachel
- *Grab a sheet with the QR code for your room. For big orders of 10 or more items, please try to email to supplies@gachicago.org so they can ensure they have it for you at the next meeting*
- *Please complete the forms in their entirety; **Name, Room Location and Night of Meeting**; if this is not completed, the order will not be filled. Pay the treasurers, have them sign the order and present to Nathan or Fran.*
- **Reminder:** *Your room will need to place a Supply order for the pin(s) far enough ahead of time to ensure it is available for the pinning event. Please tell Pinnings chairperson (Reeve L) if you need a pin and let a Supply chairperson (Rachel m Fran S) know.*

Trustees Reports

Mary D — No Report

Dianna R --- Stepping down as Trustee- She will be attending the Algonquin pinning

Donna M --- Trustee meeting Agenda will be reviewed by trustees next week

Doug K — Will be attending more meetings

Treasurers' Report – Mark M. and Nathan W. Nathan W reporting

Chicagoland Intergroup February 2026 IG Meeting Financial Breakdown

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Item	Amount
Intergroup collections	\$1893
Cash	632.75
Checks	\$1260.25
ISO room donations +1/2 IG collection	\$377+\$ 38.50
Total sent to ISO	415.50
Chicagoland Intergroup donations + 1/2 of IG collection	\$560.75+38.50
Total Chicagoland Intergroup donations	\$599.25
Supplies	\$458.25
Spirituality Conference	\$420
Comments: \$150 paid out of Elgin Pinning fund	
Total Bank Deposits	\$1893

Chicagoland Intergroup Treasurer's Report				April 2026	
Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Category
BALANCE 2/28/2026					
3/2/2026	Checking		PNC Bank	Service Charge	Fees & Charges
3/10/2026	Checking	4330	Hyatt Regency	2025 Conference Final	Conferences
3/10/2026	Checking	4331	Acrisure MW	Insurance	Expenses:Insurance
3/10/2026	Checking	4332	Rachel	Supplies	[Supplies]
3/10/2026	Checking	4333	GA ISO	March Can Collections	--Split--
3/11/2026	Checking	DEP	Deposit		--Split--
3/31/2026	Checking	DEP	Interest	Interest	Interest Inc
3/10/2026	Supplies		Rachel	Supplies	[Checking]
3/11/2026	Supplies		Deposit		[Checking]
3/10/2026	ISO Collections		GA ISO	March Can Collections	[Checking]
3/11/2026	ISO Collections		Deposit	March Can Collections	[Checking]
3/11/2026	Pinning Funds		Deposit		[Checking]
Checking Balance 4/1/2026		\$ 25,695.21			BALANCE 3/31/2026
Pinning Funds		\$ (3,899.54)			TOTAL INFLOWS
Bowling Funds		\$0.00			TOTAL OUTFLOWS
Supplies		\$ 7,394.67			
TOTAL Other Accounts		\$ 3,495.13			
OVERALL TOTAL		\$ 29,190.34			
		\$ (7,394.67)	Less Non-cash asset		
		\$ 21,795.67	Approximate Funds Available to Chicagoland Intergroup		
		\$ (250.00)	Less obligation for Fall 2026 Conference		
		\$21,545.67			

Contributions can be made via Zelle or PayPal email to giveback@gachicago.org

During Intergroup, please ensure room contributions are submitted as soon as possible; contributions received after 8:00 p.m. do not allow for the treasury report to be completed before the end of the meeting.

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Adjournment

Motion to adjourn- Motion made by August G and seconded by Bob M.

Motion Passed. Meeting ended at 8:08PM with the Serenity Prayer completed in a circle.