

Steering Committee Notes – 01-25-2026

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Service Manual Topic

At the **February 11, 2026 Intergroup meeting**, members will read:

- Pages **3–5** of the Service Manual:
 - *How General Service Is Organized*
 - *How General Service Functions*
 - *FAQs*

Nancy will read the *Introduction Statement* and lead the FAQ discussion.

Gary will select five readers to read the “Functions” sections.

Meg will remind members to bring their Service Manual.

Discussion about selling chips

It was agreed that chip distribution should not be income-producing.

Pros discussed:

- Would help members become more familiar with the Intergroup Office.

If implemented:

- Only plain chips would be provided.
- Chips would be sold at cost only.
- Intergroup Office would not sell specialty chips.

Action Items:

- Meg will ask Damian if she is interested in overseeing chip distribution.

Alternative Proposal (Strongly Supported):

- The Intergroup Office could act as a facilitator for a “chip trading” system among groups.
- John offered to:
 - Help inventory which groups have excess chips.
 - Coordinate exchanges when groups are seeking specific year chips.
 - Chips would be either donated to requesting groups or reimbursed at cost.

By-Law discussion

Can a Committee Chair Vote?

- Current Bylaws state:
 - Only Intergroup Representatives (IG Reps) may vote.
 - A non-IG Rep may serve as a Committee Chair without voting rights.
- The group acknowledged that in practice, Committee Chairs have been voting.
- **Decision:**
 - The Steering Committee will present a motion to Intergroup members to vote on:
 - Whether Committee Chairs may vote.
 - Amending the Bylaws accordingly.
- Action Item:
 - Nancy will draft the motion.

Can a Meeting Be Listed in the *Where & When* If Not Registered?

- Current Bylaws do not address this issue.
- Decisions:
 - MSIG will continue to list all meetings in the *Where & When*.
 - New groups will receive instructions (also to be posted on the website) to register with:
 - Area 29
 - Maryland General Service
 - World Service
 - Registration is encouraged once a meeting is viable.

Treasurer Surplus Fund and CD Interest

Decision:

- A motion will be presented at the Intergroup Meeting that CD interest remains part of the prudent reserve.

Next Steps:

- Review actual figures at the end of June.
- Develop a formal policy for dispersing excess funds, if applicable.

Intergroup Reps and Home Groups

- Intergroup Reps are encouraged to:
 - Communicate with home groups about attending Steering Committee meetings, particularly due to upcoming financial discussions.
 - Share that the Intergroup Meeting now includes a new format, featuring a 20-minute educational component.