

Northern Delaware Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous

CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Corrections Committee Responsibilities: The Chair of this committee is responsible:

- Bringing meetings and literature into facilities
- Raising awareness of the Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.) among "inside" and "outside" A.A. members
- Helping individuals in custody transition to a local A.A. community through Prerelease Contacts
- The Chair will maintain regular contact with Committee members to determine progress toward goals.

The committee purpose:

- Discuss ways that groups have used to provide more literature for persons in custody - such as passing the "pink can" or a "jail box."
- Introduce members to the "Sharing from Behind the Walls" newsletter and highlight the annual Grapevine corrections issue when it comes out in July.
- Include local corrections events on website.
- Introduce someone to corrections service by bringing them to corrections events and/or A.A. meetings "on the inside," or obtain a guest pass to bring them to a meeting behind the wall.
- Encourage former persons in custody to share their stories about how A.A. helped them get sober and stay sober while in custody.
- Create a calendar of corrections events
- Emphasize that when carrying the message in a correctional facility, we share experience, strength and hope with other alcoholics as we do at any A.A. meeting. Having prison experience is not a prerequisite -- sobriety in A.A. is. Individuals in custody are more interested in learning how we got and stayed sober through A.A.'s Twelve Steps, rather than hearing about time we may have spent in prison.

The Chair of this Committee may select a Co-Chair. The Co-chair would carry out the duties of the Chair in his/her absence or other duties requested by the Chair.

Committee members should be familiar with NDIAA and its various functions.

Expenses Chairperson will follow budget requests as outlined in the financial management guidelines. (No other committee expenses travel. Distance needs to be considered if expensing any travel costs)

Reports - The Corrections Chair or designated representative of committee shall attend both the monthly Steering Committee and monthly Intergroup meetings where they can report activities and/or progress.

The Corrections Committee meetings will be determined by the Chair and/ or Co-chair