

TCIO - April 21, 2024 - Minutes

Tri-county Intergroup Office

TCIO is the Central office for Berkeley, Dorchester, and Charleston county.

Serving Districts 70, 71, 72 & 73

Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.

TCIO minutes April 21, 2024

4:01 PM Meeting called to order by Ashley W and opened with the serenity prayer

Michelle M read what is a central office

Nick E T read the 12 traditions

[Rollcall - see attached](#)

[Upcoming all TCIO district events were discussed please see attached also subscribe to our calendar](#)

Hampton clarified the rumors on Old Central. The lease at OC does not run out until August 2025. Old Central could use support with attendance and meeting chairs.

[TCIO chair report given by Ashley W. -](#)

- A five member ad hoc committee is ready to submit the revised TCIO bylaws. They will be distributed to all TCIO reps for a 45 day review.
 - We are in desperate need of a TCIO events chair
 - TCIO secretary has also stepped down. We have a tentative person in the wings. We will vote on a new secretary in the upcoming May 2024 meeting. If anyone else is interested in the position.
 - We are also looking for an alternate secretary
- Alternate chair report given by Nick ET -
- Nothing to report. Need to focus attention as current, acting secretary and minutes taker.

- Craig reminded everyone to please update their contact information clearly and legibly.
- Reminder the monthly newsletter and TCIO.org website are always updated
- Until a secretary has been voted in please send all reports emailed in advance of the meeting to both Ashley W and Nick E T

Kathleen J treasurers report -

- [please see attached](#)
- \$2,183 has been spent to secure the venue for founders Day
- \$2,900 sober fest deposit for venue
- Ashley W pointed out a small discrepancy of approximately \$150
- \$750 security deposit from this past New Year's Eve event has been returned and deposited
- Paul pointed out that the current bylaws state anything over the prudent reserve for events expense budget should be transferred into the savings account
- Angie explained this was part of the ad hoc committees agenda, and shall be resolved as future events come to fruition. Our current actual operating expenses are about \$2000 a month and this is all updated in the newly proposed standards and procedures.
- Paul confirmed that the group would like to temporarily suspend the old bylaws until the vote on the new bylaws has occurred
- Diane asked the question if the former TCIO term was abiding by the bylaws. Ashley confirmed it was not.
- TCIO cannot approve the treasurers report as it now stands

[Alt treasurer report Jak not present, Kathleen J gave the alt treasurer report](#)

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[\(See attached\)](#)

Jennifer gave communications chair report -

- we are building the new system.
- Next meeting will be held on May 7 to pick for the months of June and July
- Every one of the groups has been excellent at communications
- We go live with the new system on April 28

On April 16 Michelle and I got trained on new system for call experts. I am starting to build the schedule for the end of April and May. I am hoping to have that done by the end of next week so we can go live April 28th. Our next communications meeting is May 7th to choose for June & July call days.

*Jennifer Welsh,
TCIO Communications Chair*

Events committee chair is currently vacant David W standing in as temporary events chair, not present.

- [Please see attached flier for founders Day.](#)
- TCIO needs volunteers to help set up, maintain and breakdown the event. If you are willing to help, please contact TCIO ASAP thank you. !
- TCIO needs an events chair please step up and be of service !

PICPC report - Charlene C not present

- a very successful workshop was conducted.
- The next PICPC meeting will be May 19 at 2:30 at TCIO.

Kevin O gave Treatment report.

- Shield ministries has suspended meetings.

- Two new treatment commitments are soon to be added
- Treatment meets every third Thursday of odd months
- Trying to coordinate conflicting dates for the women's only Treatment commitments

Christie - Web chair report.

- We are averaging 370 75 hits a day.
- The PDF version of the schedule has been updated
- It was suggested that there be an alt web admin

- *No data to report this month due to access issues.*
- *PDF schedule has been updated to include all active meetings*
- *Next step is to reorder meetings so they are in time order*
- *Andy B has volunteered to be alternate web admin but was unable to attend today*

Thanks, Christie

[Michele office manager report -](#)

- New "square" payment system being implemented.
- Potential for our electric bill utility to go up
- Please include A.A. group names on all submitted checks
- Looking for a Thursday morning in office staff person

Roger corrections report -

- Background checks and orientation are required
- Generous donations have purchased storage rack and literature

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- Possible corrections workshop in process
- Kimberly added that her district could potentially have an excess of funds and they would be willing to bring back the printed trifold schedules in addition to the newly printed bookmarks
- There is a concern that the bookmarks in the prisons could be used as a weapon
 - *the TCIO Corrections Committee experience has been the residents inside the Al Cannon Detention Center don't have access to mobile devices that can scan a barcode to instantly access a meeting schedule. We suggest making a paper meeting schedule available to them to help with making plans for their release.*
- Bradley from Seabreeze suggested that we bring the trifold back
- Christie noted that the trifold printed version is available via PDF on TCIO.org
- Ashley W - reminded the room changing from trifold to bookmarks has been in discussion for well over a year. It was voted on and it passed.

Old business -

- update bylaws
- personal information being publicly posted has been resolved
- Paul mentions that current bylaws state excessive finances need to be transferred four times a year. He also requests a group vote to temporarily table such transfer.
- Kathleen J refers to the current still in effect, bylaws and reads aloud
- Hampton makes motion to table any financial transfers until the updated bylaws have been voted on
- Craig opposed
- Kimberly refers to the current TCIO bylaws which state that if we wish to table, we can.
- Angie points out that if the new bylaws pass, all prudent reserves will change. And if

we put deposits down on the additional venues for this years events, all current numbers will be substantially lower.

- Michelle, points out multiple discrepancies and errors
- The vote was changed based on the minority opinion.
- The motion past to table transferring finances
- Craig made a motion to table the treasurer's report until it is printed out correctly and reviewed.
- the motion past
- Motion to print trifolds does not pass
- Motion to close passes
- Kevin takes us out with the responsibility statement

[March 17, 2024 TCIO minutes can be found here](#)

If there are any discrepancies please contact -Nick E.T.

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