

GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021 (online meeting)

(These Minutes approved by Floor Members)

The meeting convened at 8:00 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Mike C. (Beverly Hills) read the Twelve Traditions.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

INTERGROUP REP/ALT: Aurora, Bayview, Beaches, Beyond Belief (Sub. West), Birds of a Feather, Bloordale, Church Street, Dry on Danforth, Erin Mills, Fellowship, Fifth Tradition, Freedom (Brampton), Glenholme, Hadenuffyet, Hill, King City, Kipling, Leslie, Markham Village, Markland Wood, Meadowvale Fellowship, Mississauga, Morning Discussion, Mount Royal-York, North Toronto, One Paragraph at a Time, Open Hands, Port Credit, Queensville, Restoration & Recovery, Richmond Hill, River Drive Park, Rox Glen Traditional, Saturday Morning Discussion, Scarborough, Sisters in Sobriety, Six Points, Steps to Serenity, Streetsville Action, Sunnyside, Twelfth Tradition, Twelve Steps, and Welcome.

DISTRICT LIAISONS: Districts 10 and 18.

OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Cam B. (Finance Chair), David H., Gord H., Gord T., Graham D., Kelli T., and Marvyn W. (Operating Committee Vice-Chair).

SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS: Accessibility, Archives, Communications, CPC, Finance, Grapevine, Information AA Day 2021, Ontario Regional Conference 2021, and Treatment.

HOUSEKEEPING: Marvyn W. (Mississauga), Operating Committee Vice-Chairperson
He outlined the following: recording of the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES – JANUARY 2021:

Errors and/or Omissions: No errors or omissions recorded.

There was a **MOTION** to adopt Minutes as presented moved by Jeff C. (North Toronto) and seconded by Kat M. (Markland Wood). Motion Carried.

At this point in the meeting, Marvyn asked Operating Committee members to introduce themselves to Floor members.

CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: Marvyn W. (Mississauga), Operating Committee Vice-Chairperson
Marvyn welcomed everyone present, explaining that our current Operating Chair, Nina L. (Sisters in Sobriety) sent along her personal regrets that she could not be present this evening. The Workshop Meeting that was previous scheduled for tonight has been re-scheduled to occur at the March General Meeting (Tues. March 30).

COLLECTION OF THE 7TH TRADITION:

- As per our literature and the 7th Tradition, we are self-supporting through our own contributions.
- The 7th Tradition link is as follows: <https://www.aatoronto.org/about/7th-tradition/>
- It appears on our website Home Page on the top left of the screen: '7th Tradition'.
- Two icons have been added to the 7th Tradition feature on the website: a) one button for individual contributions; and b) one button for group contributions.

MOTION TO SUSPEND REGULAR BUSINESS – OC ELECTION

Motion to Suspend Regular Business to Facilitate OC Election moved by Tom D. (Mount Royal-York) and seconded by Tom C. (Twelve Steps). **Motion passed.**

The OC Committee is currently looking for two members. After outlining the sobriety requirement and service responsibilities for the position, Marvyn then called for nominations/volunteers from Floor members. No members stepped forward for the positions. **This item will be deferred until the March meeting.** A flyer about these service positions will be sent out to Reps, and a copy of the flyer will be posted to our website www.aatoronto.org.

Finance Report January 2021:

GTA INTERGROUP FINANCE REPORT JANUARY 2021							
	Actual	Budget	Var	%	Actual 2020	Var	%
Contributions	11,168	9,415	1,753	19%	12,433	(1,265)	(10%)
Literature Sales	8,072	6,666	1,406	21%	13,814	(5,742)	(42%)
= Total Revenues	19,240	16,081	3,159	20%	26,247	(7,007)	(27%)
- Cost of Sales	4,556	4,333	223	5%	9,006	(4,450)	(49%)
- Expenses	13,139	14,430	(1,291)	(9%)	18,294	(5,155)	(28%)
= Surplus / (Deficiency)	1,545	(2,682)	4,227		(1,053)	2,598	

Note: Prudent Reserve value on January 31, 2021 was \$267,160. 2021 Prudent Reserve "target" is \$266,000.

My name is Cam B. (Deer Park) and I am an alcoholic. The surplus for January 2021 was 1.5 K compared to a budgeted deficit of 2.7 K. Both contributions and literature sales were above budget. Contributions were 11.1 K compared to a budget of 9.4K but were quite close to the 2019 amount of 12.4 K. Literature sales were 8.1 K compared to a budgeted 6.7 K. January 2019 literature sales were 13.8 K. Literature sales are lower than January 2020 because of the pandemic. Total revenues were 19.2 K or 3.2 K greater than budget. Expenses were 13.1 K compared to the budgeted 14.4 K for a favorable variance of 1.3 K. In January Intergroup transferred 47 K from its bank account to the Prudent Reserve account. The balance in the Prudent Reserve account on January 31st was \$267 K while the "target" is 266 K. Intergroup's 2019 financial statements are now posted on the website (aatoronto.org) under Financial Disclosure.

Cam asked for questions from Floor members. Mike C. (Beverly Hills): Does Intergroup have PayPal? Cam answered that we use PayPal for a payment processor. When you contribute online through the website, PayPal is the payment processor for this transaction. However, when you call in to the office to contribute or pay for literature, we do not use PayPal for this purpose; we accept Visa or MasterCard Mike: Why not PayPal? Cam: It's something that we could look into. It is a bit of a process. Mike: PayPal gives you protection from the payee. Cam thanked Mike for his question and input. Jerrad H. (Fellowship) asked about table's percentage variances. Cam: If you look at the first number (contributions) of \$11.2, budget is 9.4 K. The variance is the difference between the two. For example: the variance is \$11,168 minus \$9,415 is equal to a variance of \$1,753; the percentage difference is the difference between the two figures divided by the budget amount. When financial information is looked at – when you are comparing to a prior year's figure or a budget number – you can express it as a percentage difference. Cam added that at the Workshop next month, he will give a 'how to' presentation on interpreting the Intergroup finance summary information. Another member asked about the Prudent Reserve and how it is determined. Cam: The Prudent Reserve is based upon a formula that Intergroup has been using for quite some time. The prudent reserve target is calculated as 100% of Intergroup's budgeted operating expenses plus 50% of the annual Ontario Regional Conference's budgeted expenses).

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHIVES: David T. (St. Clements), acting Chairperson

At our last meeting we have 8 members in attendance. The 16th Virtual East Toronto Archives Breakfast (ETAB) will be on Sun 2 May 2021 from 9:00 – 12:00 with a presentation by Stepping Stones and an Open Meeting. Area 83 Archives Chair is planning an Archives Virtual Workshop in June; details to follow. 80 year book: Eddy and David are gathering and organizing histories from cities and areas in Ontario preparing for our 80 year book. We have investigated hosting the 2023 National AA Archives Workshop but due to a lack of resources and time decided not to submit a bid for this Workshop. David is scanning Archives Meeting Minutes and verifying the Intergroup General Meeting Minutes. We have grouped common records which were recently reviewed. David is attending the Info AA Day Committee Meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS: Carla T. (Welcome), Chairperson

- Finance Committee Chair attended the meeting to talk about ongoing issues with the donation contribution form. Decision was made to form an *ad hoc* committee to address it
- March issue of the Better Times will be the 25th anniversary edition; it will include the original first edition of the Better Times
- As always... we are looking for articles for upcoming issues
- The revisions to the website have been made and to be presented to the Operating Committee

Mary M. (Erin Mills) BT Editor, then addressed the Floor with the following information: Anybody can write their experience, strength, and hope: where you are in your journey; how you've dealt with the pandemic in sobriety. Story submissions: please email bettertimes@aatoronto.org

INFORMATION AA DAY: Information AA Day 2021 Event Chair, Christy F. (Steps to Serenity), DCM Dist.18

Good evening, I am an alcoholic, member of Steps to Serenity, District Committee Member for District 18, and have the honour of serving as your Chair for Information AA Day, and my name is Christy F.

Our Committee has met here times. At our first meeting our Officers were elected. We have Marvyn W., GTA Intergroup Vice-Chair as our Vice-Chair, Jill B. District Committee Member D06, as our Treasurer, and Ann J. District Committee Member D10, as our Secretary. We welcome Service Panels Chair: George W. DCM of District 22, Hospitality and Culinary Co-ordinator: Gregorio A. and Victor M., DCM and ADCM of District 16, and our Greeter Captains: Sean K., DCM District 12 and Joe M., ADCM of District 10. And Bert J., ADCM of District 22, as our Zoom Team Captain.

We are financially fit. As well as appreciate an unexpected contribution from District 06; the group members who bought tickets for last year's event did not wish to be reimbursed as the event went virtual. Thank you. We have put switchover from last year's signatories to this years until we can do so safely and in person. We do not foresee any need to expend large amounts of funds so this safety decision will not impact our plans or ability to host the day.

Our Service Committee Chair, George W., will be reaching out to connect with the Chairs of the various service committees both at Intergroup, Districts, and Area 83. Our Zoom Team Captain will also be reaching out for technical supports for the event. We are grateful to our Secretary, Ann J., and Intergroup Admin Coordinator, Alexx, for putting together a comprehensive contact list of all the District DCM and ADCMs as well as the O/C, Chairs, and Liaisons – quiet a huge task.

We have finalized the date for the event. Saturday, May 15, 2021. It will be a virtual event. We are meeting in two weeks to ensure we have promotional material prepared for the Ontario Regional Conference (ORC) and the Area 83 Spring Assembly which are both held in March. We will put together an article for the Better Times closer to the event.

Both the General Service Office (GSO) and our Area 83 Delegate, Kimberley M., are scheduled for the event. It is at the Information AA Day that we hear from our Delegate her experience at this year's General Service Conference, "AA in a Time of Change". We hear first-hand the items under discussion, actions being taken, and service work being done at the General Service Office on behalf of each of us who make up the AA Fellowship.

The event flyers will go out soon. Please keep an eye out for them and do not forget to mark your calendar with May 15! If you would like to reach us, please email: infoaaday@aatoronto.org or attend any of the Info AA Day meetings, found on the Intergroup web site, aatoronto.org under Events -> Committee Meetings, for Zoom log on info. Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 7, at 11:00 am.

IT SUBCOMMITTEE: No report.

Virtual ONTARIO REGIONAL CONFERENCE: Lisa W. (Erin Mills), 2021 Event Chairperson

- March 19, 20 & 21; theme is Carry the Vision
- Full AA, Al-anon for weekend. Alateen only on Saturday.
- Registration is only required for Alateen for security purposes. Al-anon members will manage the Alateen meetings.
- AA & Al-anon programs finalized. Working on choosing chair people and scripts for meetings. We will also has some slides with information before the meeting.
- Updated poster including Zoom links, room capacity has now been distributed.

We are using Zoom Captioning for the meetings. It was not possible to have ASL signers so we hope this will help people who would like to attend. At each meeting, we will share how to turn off the captioning for people who don't want to see that. Working to find volunteers to assist with Zoom. 3 hours shifts over the weekend.

TWELFTH STEP: Laura V. (Mount Royal-York), Chairperson

My report is more in the way of a thank you card for the response to my request at the last meeting. Pretty much everybody there stepped up in a big way, so much so that I am currently swamped with members asking to do overnight shifts, and the need to design a training program on the fly. One of my committee members says I am a victim of my own success, and that's just fine with me.

So briefly, at the suggestion of some of the respondents, the committee voted at our meeting on Wednesday, February 10th to shorten the length of commitment from 7 days in a row to 4 days and then 3 days, so basically weekday nights and weekend nights. The old phone system was the only reason for scheduling the overnights in a one-week block, and the new system has eliminated that limitation.

Then Dave H stepped up to become the next 12th Step Committee Liaison so we're grateful for that, and all along this incredible journey, Alexx has been at the hub directing emails and phone calls where they needed to go. Immediately after the last Intergroup, Mary from Better Times jumped into the breach and her team created a flyer, which the Webmaster group also posted on the site.

So, since we are losing our Jeanette to the Hamilton area Intergroup, our loss their gain, we are going to be doing "on-the-job" training until we can find a trainer. The experienced greeters, or as I call them Coaches, who have been providing shadow shift training for the people Jeanette has been training have all agreed to be at the ready for a surge. We have already placed a few new greeters on the daytime schedule recently who have been trained exclusively by this method.

Typically, the overnight greeters don't need to be as familiar with the resource material as the daytime greeters do, because most of the night calls are more in the nature of a true "12 step call", an opportunity to share one's story with an alcoholic reaching out for help. Nevertheless, they will know how to access the information if necessary, thanks to the willingness of our already established Coaches, my right-hand woman Lise R who has developed a training manual for Coaches, as well as a few rookie greeters who have displayed significant diligence and commitment to getting it right. I have a Zoom room for such Shadow sessions and it's available to anyone who needs training.

For the time being, the Alternate Webmaster has taken the flyer down from our site but made it ready to be redeployed at a moment's notice, so that I can catch up with the bottleneck of volunteers eagerly waiting to be trained and assigned before we ask for more. Also, I have requested that every member of the 12th Step Committee write a piece for the Better Times, testimonials so to speak, in hopes of keeping the momentum alive until we have this new overnight scheduling model running smoothly. Once they have each written their piece, I'll send that request out to all of the existing overnight greeters who have kept it running all this time. So thank you, thank you, thank you; this is a prime example of teamwork at its best. **Also needed: 12 Step Volunteers** who speak languages (Russian, Farsi, Chinese, Tamil, and Tagalog). Please email 12step@aatoronto.org for more information, to volunteer, and/or for phone training.

WINTER SEASON ALKATHON: Marvyn W. (Mississauga), Operating Committee Vice-Chair

We did a recap meeting on January 30. We walked away collectively saying we all did a great job, and the virtual event was well-received. We will be hosting another Winter Season Virtual Alkathon in 2021. Also, we did realize from the 2020 virtual event that we need to get going again for 2021. We hope to have a Chairperson in place by June of this year. That way, the Chair in place can form a committee that has five months' time to work on hosting the event. Marvyn took this time to thank all the 2020 event committee members, and all the members that came out helped us on the Zoom teams.

DISTRICT REPORTS

ACCESSIBILITY: Tom D. (Mount Royal-York), incoming Chairperson

Last meeting was last Sunday, Feb 21. It was well attended. The new Area 83 Accessibility Chair, Jennifer C has reached out to the district accessibility chairs, and is preparing for an initial meeting. If you did not hear from her and are interested in attending, please contact accessibility@aatoronto.org, and we can connect you. The Accessibility Pre-

conference Agenda Sharing Sessions (PCAS) will be hosted Wednesday, March 31, 7-9p on Zoom. From the GTA, GSRs and DCMs of District 02 are requested to attend (along with Districts 30 and 48). Though any member of AA in Area 83 is welcome to attend. I'll be planning to attend, and I encouraged others on our committee to attend as well.

There were no requests for meetings-to-go, and our committee has the general feeling that while many members who would have previously benefited from a meeting-to-go are now able to attend a home group's online meeting, there are now new groups who have lost access to rooms, including, unhoused people and folks in nursing homes or assisted living who don't have access to the technology needed to connect to online meetings. Some groups have been able to hold in-person meetings for unhoused people in conjunction with the Salvation Army under AA's essential business designation while abiding by any government health and safety restrictions. We welcome anyone who is interested in being of service to attend our meetings, the third Sunday of every month from 11a-12p on Zoom. More information on how to join is on the GTAI website, specifically at <https://www.aatoronto.org/event/accessibility>.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES: No report. Graham D. (Markland Wood), Operating Committee Liaison, shared that all the Correctional Facilities are closed due to COVID; no recent committee meetings have been held. A member (Angela O. of Mount Royal-York) asked what measures were being done to carry the message on the inside, as Zoom meetings are not an option due to security concerns. Graham shared that, at this time, there is no access for AA meetings, as Correctional volunteers have to abide by the institutions' Volunteer Coordinators. Gord H. (Bloordale), OC member, added that he's been a volunteer for Toronto South for many years. There are no volunteers at this time to go in person, but what we could do is contact the Volunteer Coordinator(s) and we could make sure that they have enough literature for the inmates ('clients'). There was discussion around materials being a 'risk' due to COVID. Phoning in is also a security risk; inmates can only phone out (collect).

COOPERATION with the PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC): Joe A. (One Paragraph at a Time), incoming Chairperson
Zoom ID: 854 7547 0291 PW: 002060

The next meeting is 7pm EST on Monday March 8, 2021. All are welcome to attend.

<https://www.aatoronto.org/about/service-committees/cooperation-with-the-professional-community/>

The Committee is currently engaged in a couple small projects:

1. In District 10, the Chair is seeing that the pamphlet *AA and The Clergy* is getting to places of worship
2. After reaching out with Ontario 211 (a helpline & website for health, community, government and social services) it was confirmed that this entity knows of Alcoholics Anonymous, but AA Toronto is buried many pages into the 2177 listings under the Support Groups and Mental Health & Addiction tab. AA in Pembroke - Ottawa shows up as the tenth listing on page one. There is some work ahead for Toronto in order to get higher up the chain at Ontario 211. Normally CPC Toronto would set up a booth at the upcoming PRI MED (medical conference) (May 5-7, 2021). However, the cost of a virtual table is over \$2000 and with Intergroup subcommittee budgets reduced this year, attending this event is currently in question. Our Area 83 CPC Chair Jo D was at our recent Committee meeting and has reached out to a contact at the conference for more information on our behalf. The CPC Committee will have to discuss what is feasible, economical and manageable regarding creating a virtual booth at the Pri Med 2021 Conference. CPC Toronto elected a new Chair last week. Joe A (District 22) and new Secretary, Louise (District 6). Thanks to Outgoing Chair Lou Ann Z for her service! If anyone at the GTAI table would be willing to offer a means to contacts in the professional world, please feel free to connect with myself or with the CPC Committee at cpc@aatoronto.org

For more information about CPC at Area 83, please see the *Pay if Forward Project*

at <http://area83aa.org/docs/CPC/A83%20CPC%20Pay%20it%20Forward%20Project.pdf>

GRAPEVINE: Scott M. (Bloordale), incoming Chairperson

Greetings friends! I'm alcoholic; a member of the Bloordale Group, in Suburban West & my name is Scott. Hi! I have the honour & privilege to serve the fellowship as your Grapevine Committee chair.

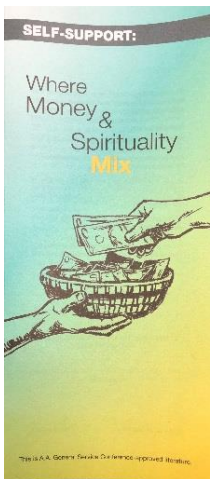
As the new Panel 71 term in General Service started in January, most of our 8 Districts are attempting to fill vacant District Grapevine chair positions. At our last Grapevine Committee meeting we had only 3 District chairs, 2 of which were chairs last term, including John M. our outgoing GTA Committee chair. One other District had representation from their DCM & Alt. DCM. I guess this is why I'm now the chair, as there was no other interest at the meeting. John's shoes will be difficult to fill... if you know what I mean. (Ho ho ho!) We also had invited and were glad to see our new Area 83

Grapevine Chair & a member of the fellowship in the GTA that holds a position as a non-trustee Director on the Grapevine Board. So, with a bit of enthusiasm we will find ways to continue to carry the message of the International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous to those that would find it helpful with their own recovery programs. With the pandemic facing us, many things have changed. With less in-person meetings, it seems that it may be more difficult to get those monthly magazines into our members' hands. We're going to keep you informed with our initiatives and invite you, as Intergroup Reps. to share with the members of your group, new information each month. I'll start with suggesting that those who are able to check out the improved Grapevine website <https://www.aagrapevine.org> & share with your group members that the Grapevine Daily Quote is available free for those that subscribe. The quote is in my inbox everyday around 6:00am. The Sobriety Calendar is on the home page as well. It's always great to see how many months, days, hours, minutes, & seconds one has of sobriety. If your Group has a Grapevine Rep. or if there are any questions please have them contact me via email: grapevine@aatoronto.org & we can invite them to our monthly Committee meetings. Remember; please do not throw out your old Grapevine magazines. We're going to work on picking them up from you so they can be used elsewhere, like Corrections, Detoxes, Treatment Centres, churches, shelters etc. I'll end by sharing today's Grapevine daily quote: "May we never forget that we live by the grace of God – on borrowed time." Written by AA co-founder, Bill W., April 1948, from: "Tradition Five", The Language of the Heart.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: No report.

SELF SUPPORT: Gord H. (Bloordale), Operating Committee Liaison, and David T. (Welcome), Facilitator

In Attendance: Bert J District 22 ADCM, De R District 02 Self-Support Chair, Lou-Anne Z District 06 volunteer, Christine F District 18 DCM, Gord H GTAI Self-Support Liaison, Marrey P District 06 ADCM, Ray R District 02 volunteer, Gregorio District 16 DCM, and David T Facilitator.



Round Table of attendees reporting on their district activities included the following:

- Bert J – Proposing to District to highlight one committee a month to encourage service activities
- De R – begin at home group, money needed but also to stand for a position, need to make it people friendly
- Lou-Anne – Zobie did a great job when she was chair; Lou-Anne wishes to be alternate chair
- Christy – Attended as ADCM last year Glenn spoke of people and talent, techies needed at techies will be needed at district and Area
- Gregorio – DCM District 16 wants to help the district continue. Members in his district but has been stopped in 3 weekly meetings.
- David mentioned is 12th Step Work; Go to GSO and search for Self-Support Flyers for more information on Self-Support. David suggested using a calendar to have groups request a briefing. Self-support is about a little money and lots of service – Intergroup needs overnight twelve step volunteers. In the districts emphasize Service Sponsors
- Ray R – former Area Self-Support Chair has been contacted by Zobie and she would like to be involved but doesn't know how much availability she will have. Ray also cannot commit time at this time.
- Suggestions: Get out and do something; Birthday Plan; Bequests from AA members only; Surplus from literature sales does not support intergroup completely; individual 7th Tradition contributions; sending Grapevines to Corrections and Treatment Centres.
- Gord H Intergroup Liaison -- about giving time and a little money; emphasize service sponsorship and create awareness. It's suggested that each group have a copy of the Self-Support Pamphlet (F-03). Service is not a Responsibility it's an OPPORTUNITY!

TREATMENT: Sean L. (Steps to Serenity), Chairperson

We held our February meeting on Thursday February 18, 2021 at 730pm via Zoom. It was the most broadly attended TC meeting in over a year. We had seven Districts attend, along with the OC Vice-Chair, Marvyn, Committee Secretary Olga, and Chairperson Sean.

Each District reported. Here are some of the highlights: two online meetings currently running in D14, and they are looking into potentially restarting the "Gift of Life" meeting along with D6's help. D18 is seeing success with individuals

joining their groups after leaving treatment facilities, and they are actively reaching out to other facilities in the district to offer Zoom meetings.

As a group, we discussed why we haven't seen more adoption of online meetings in the COVID era amongst our many treatment facility partners. It was noted that many facilities have turned down virtual meetings because of a lack of resources (both human and technical) to facilitate them. COVID prevents some facilities from letting clients congregate, so they are asked to join individually, which means many don't. Some facilities offer tech (iPads) to clients to join, but again, attendance isn't mandatory, so they don't. Lastly, facilities often have out-dated or incorrect meeting ids and passwords, which is why the Treatment Committee offers each District use of our dedicated zoom account so that meeting ids and passwords won't change month over month.

Amira, D10's Treatment Rep, shared a sound system for ensuring that group GSRs in her district are prepared for their hosting duties at their two virtual meetings, CAMH Saturday mornings and Women's Own. We may schedule a hand's knowledge-transfer with her at a subsequent meeting.

Additionally, there was discussion around what constitutes a "treatment facility" since some Districts include some shelters, others include transitional housing, etc. More to come.

RECEPTION: Kelli T. (Hill), Operating Committee Secretary

It was reported that there were 39 Reps, 5 Alternates, 7 OC Members, 9 Subcommittee Chairs, 2 District Liaisons, and 5 Visitors for a total attendance of 67 members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

New Operating Committee Members (2) Needed

Members of the OC must have a minimum of two years of sobriety.

Monthly Responsibilities as an OC Member:

- Attends the monthly Operating Committee Meeting (held on the Wednesday *before* the monthly General Meeting)
- Attends at least one monthly (or bi-monthly) subcommittee meeting, as part of OC Liaison duties
- Attends the monthly General Meeting

Any member interested in this service position can email the Operating Committee Chair at oc.chair@aatoronto.org

Virtual ORC 2021 – Zoom Moderator Volunteers Needed

Please see the ORC flyer on our website www.aatoronto.org

Finance Committee Members needed

The sobriety requirement for the Finance Committee member position: 5 years of continuous sobriety, and some business/accounting background preferred. Please send service resumes to admin@aatoronto.org

Self-Support Committee Chairperson Needed

Two years of continuous sobriety, and some service experience preferred. Email self-support.liaison@aatoronto.org for more information.

IT Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to an IT Subcommittee, whose mandate encompasses researching and recommending cost-effective IT solutions for the Intergroup Office. Qualifications for this subcommittee include: IT Professionals(s) with degrees in computer science, college diplomas in computer science, and/or various highly technical certifications or equivalent (such as A+, CCNP, CCIE, MCSE, CISSP, AWS, Linux).

The committee should be primarily composed of IT Professionals with a minimum 4 to 5 years of work experience in one of the following: field systems administration, AWS, VOIP, Linux, Apache, PHP, Database (MySQL MSSQL), network administration, desktop computer technician, web application development, information security, IT project management. For further information, please contact Michael W. (IT Subcommittee Chair) it.chair@aatoronto.org

NEW BUSINESS

GTAI Website Update Presentation: Deferred until the April General Meeting.

GTAI Workshop Meeting: Training Seminar/Workshop to be held in March. Please encourage your group members to attend!

Gary P. (Leslie) had a question for the Floor: This was a committee struck by GSO – along with a video –that explains an initiative to re-write the first 164 pages of the Big Book. Does anybody know anything about what is going on? From what Gary understood from the video, they are looking for input from members.

James O., (Gay Sober Men), Area 83 Alternate Delegate, explained the following: The video that was just referenced is a video about the changes...but it's NOT about changing the Big Book. It's about a few ideas to discuss and think about as to why this is coming up; why the fellowship is discussing this item. Secondly: if you're looking to have your voice and the voice of your group heard about issues that will be discussed at the 71st General Service Conference, please click on the Area link (www.area83.org) titled 'Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing Sessions'. This Saturday is the Eastern Ontario Delegate Orientation. All members of Alcoholics Anonymous are welcome to attend. There will be presentations on some of the items that will be discussed at the upcoming General Service Conference. On the Area 83 Website: under 'Did You Know' there is a Pre-Conference Agenda link which leads members to other links/flyers pertinent to these items.

Mike C. (Beverly Hills) shared that he has watched the video referenced above. They're not talking about changing the fits 164 pages of the Big Book; they're discussing the possibility of Big Book dictionaries (as the Big Book was written in 1939) as the verbiage/ understanding of the verbiage has changed over the years. They are looking to do "additional augmentation" literature that could be available to members as an adjunct to understanding the Big Book.

CHAIRPERSON'S CLOSING REMARKS

Marvyn thanked everyone for their participation and patience.

A Motion to adjourn was moved by Tom D. (Mount Royal-York) and seconded by Mike C. (Beverly Hills). The Motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Declaration.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: An online meeting via Zoom will be held on **Tuesday, March 30, 2021** at 8 p.m. **This meeting will be a Workshop Meeting.**