

# GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, November 29, 2022 (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. The Twelve Traditions were read by Gus V. (Bloordale).

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

**INTERGROUP REP/ALT:** Anniversary, Aurora, Beaches, Birds of a Feather, Bloordale, Brampton Recovery, Deer Park, Dry on Danforth, East York, Gay Sober Men, Hadenuffyet, High Park, Hill, Keep It Simple, Kipling, Lakeshore, Leslie Living Sober, Long Branch, Love & Tolerance, Markham Village, Markland Wood, Meadowvale Fellowship, Midtown, Mississauga, Newmarket, One Paragraph at a Time, Open Hands, Primary Purpose, Responsibility, River Drive Park, Rox Glen Traditional, Royal York, Silverbirch, St. Clements, Stepping Stones, Steps to Serenity, Streetsville Action, Streetsville, The Dogs, Trial & Error, Tuesday Mens, Welcome, Westmoreland, and Woodbridge.

**DISTRICT LIAISONS:** Districts 12 and 18.

**OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Kelli T. (OC Secretary), Julie G., Cam B. (Finance Chair), Don H., Gord H., Graham D. (OC Vice-Chair), and Marvyn W. (OC Chair).

**SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS:** ACCESSIBILITIES, ARCHIVES, CPC/PI, FINANCE, INFORMATION AA DAY 2023, GRAPEVINE, ORC 2023, SELF-SUPPORT, TREATMENT, WINTER SEASON OPEN HOUSE, WINTER SEASON VIRTUAL ALKATHON.

**HOUSEKEEPING:** Marvyn outlined the following: recording of the meeting.

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 2022

**Errors and/or Omissions:** Joe A., CPC/PI Chair, mentioned that he is from the One Paragraph at a Time Group; not The Dogs as was recorded in the October minutes. With this amendment noted,

**Motion** to adopt Minutes as presented moved by Bert J. (Silverbirch) and seconded by Joe A. (One Paragraph at a Time). The Motion was carried.

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

**CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS -** Marvyn W. (Mississauga), Operating Committee Chair

"It's already the end of November; I don't know where the year's gone, but it's been very challenging coming out of the pandemic. We've worked together quite extensively; teams of ad hoc committees. We have gotten a lot of things done but we have more work going forward for next year. Through the help of this room, we will be able to accomplish the things that we want to do. We have some wonderful things coming up."

- Winter Season Open House in-person event Sun. Dec.25
- Winter Season Virtual Alkathon Sat Dec 24, Sun Dec 25, Sat Dec 31, and Sun Jan 1
- Ontario Regional Conference March 17-19, 2023

## Motion to Suspend Regular Business – Elections for Incoming Operating Committee Member (1)

**MOTION** to Suspend Regular Business to Facilitate Elections moved by Joe A. (One Paragraph at a Time) and seconded by Steve C. (Rox Glen Traditional). The Motion was carried.

**Election for 1 new Operating Committee Members:** Marvyn outlined the qualifications and service commitments for this position and asked if anyone present would like to stand for the position. No volunteer came forward at this time.

**There will be an Election for one more OC member at the December 20 General Meeting. Please announce at your groups!**

## COLLECTION OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> TRADITION:

- As per our literature and the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition, we are self-supporting through our own contributions.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition link is as follows: <https://www.aatoronto.org/about/7th-tradition/>

**FINANCE REPORT –** Cam B. (Deer Park), Finance Chair

	October 2022 (1 month)								October 2022 Year-to-Date (10 months)							
	Actual 2022	Budget 2022	Variance	%	Actual 2021	Variance	%	Actual 2022	Budget 2022	Variance	%	Actual 2022	Actual 2021	Variance	%	
<b>Contributions</b>	38,028	20,020	18,008	90%	31,696	6,332	20%	121,208	110,020	11,188	10%	121,208	116,857	4,351	4%	
<b>Literature Sales</b>	10,661	7,500	3,161	42%	5,637	5,024	89%	104,542	75,000	29,542	39%	104,542	64,140	40,402	63%	
<b>= Total Revenues</b>	48,689	27,520	21,169	77%	37,333	11,356	30%	225,750	185,020	40,730	22%	225,750	180,997	44,753	25%	
<b>- Cost of Sales</b>	6,483	4,875	1,608	33%	3,115	3,368	108%	63,935	48,750	15,185	31%	63,935	37,766	26,169	69%	
<b>- Expenses</b>	17,111	16,221	890	5%	10,708	6,403	60%	138,949	147,404	(8,455)	(6%)	138,949	123,754	15,195	12%	
<b>= Surplus / (Deficiency)</b>	25,095	6,424	18,671		23,510	1,585		22,866	(11,134)	34,000		22,866	19,477	3,389		
Prudent Reserve Fund Market Value at October 31, 2022 = \$255 K. 2022 Prudent Reserve Fund Target = \$266 K.																

## October 2022

- Surplus \$25.1 K vs. budgeted surplus of \$6.4 K
- Contributions of \$38.0 K compared to budget of \$20.0 K, individual contributions were above budget by \$14.5 K, group were above by \$3.5 K, these numbers reflect that many members and groups have made generous contributions
- Literature Sales of \$10.6 K were 42% above budget and expenses were \$0.9 K below budget

## October 2022 YTD

- Contributions of \$121.2 K were \$11.2 K above budget, **individual contributions were still \$8.0 K below budget for the first 10 months of 2022**, group contributions \$19.2 K above budget, the 2022 full year contributions budget was \$150 K
- Surplus of \$22.9 K vs. budgeted deficit of \$11.1 K represents a \$34.0 K positive variance to budget
- Literature sales of \$104.5 K = \$29.5 K above budget and 63% greater than October 2021 YTD sales
- In total expenses were \$8.5 K or 6% below budget as we are below budget in all 3 categories of our expenses: committee, operating and staff

## How to Make Contributions to GTA Intergroup:

- Online where you can use your credit card or PayPal account to make one time or monthly contributions [7th Tradition Donation | GTA Intergroup \(aatoronto.org\)](#) or <https://www.aatoronto.org/about/7th-tradition/>
- Interac e-Transfer to [contributions@aatoronto.org](mailto:contributions@aatoronto.org)
- Mail a cheque or money order payable to “**Toronto Intergroup**” to 202-234 Eglinton Avenue East, Toronto, ON M4P 1K5
- Monthly pre-authorized bank account debit by contacting Helen or Alexx at the Intergroup office at [litdept@aatoronto.org](mailto:litdept@aatoronto.org) or **416-487-9865**

Cam also mentioned that two new Finance Committee members have stepped forward to serve: Bruce L. (Back to Basics) and Raymond F. (Brampton Recovery). **A subcommittee member with an accounting designation is currently needed.**

**A Finance Chairperson is still needed (to start in January).** 5 years of continuous sobriety is required for this position, and experience with QuickBooks or a similar software is a definite asset <https://www.aatoronto.org/finance-chairperson-needed/> (See appendix for full service position description)

## SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

### **ARCHIVES:** Glenn G. (East York), Chairperson

We had a very successful Archives Breakfast (Sun. Nov.6). We had 165 people attend, and had very generous ticket sales of 197. We experienced generosity with regards to the raffle draw. We were able to finish with a profit for the event, in excess of \$2,000. This almost makes our subcommittee self-supporting in terms of the expenses that Intergroup itself has covered for us this calendar year. So, we are grateful to everyone that attended, the fabulous speaker, all of the volunteers, and of course the catering staff at the venue. We had a couple of unique experiences this year; we were granted access to the main dining room (normally this would not be possible). As a result, we had our Archives displays out for members. This added to an easier-going fellowship at the event. I would like to thank the entire Archives subcommittee, and all of the volunteers that helped us.

At the Archives Repository, work is still being done. David T., our assistant archivist, is sanitizing our Area 83 minutes, and others. 'Sanitizing' simply means taking out the last names, to protect the anonymity of our members. Eddy G., our archivist, continues to receive materials/sort through materials, and file those items appropriately. Eddy also responds to group requests for information about their group that they can use when celebrating their anniversaries, etc.

It is traditional for our committee to use our December meeting as a casual dinner for the committee members on Fri. Dec.9 at 7 p.m. Others of course all welcome to join us. Intergroup does not pay for the dinner. This year, the dinner will be held at Khau Gully (Indian Restaurant) near Yonge and Davisville (1911 Yonge Street).

### **COMMUNICATIONS:** Don H. (Living Sober) Operating Committee Liaison (Reading report on behalf of Communications Chair, Aaron K.)

Hello Friends,

This month has seen some great developments with our website, and it's formation to bring clearer information to our GTA meetings directory.

We will soon be providing links to meeting directories outside our boundaries as a courtesy to those looking for meetings beyond our general reach. This update will also help facilitate a new printed meetings directory to come in the early New Year.

The Better Times Newsletter is looking for submissions. If you would like to share some of your story in AA, or would like to address a topic, please send it along! Approximately 250-450 words would be perfect!

Our Newsletter is graciously working with the ORC committee to help share the news of this fantastic event that will be happening in March.

We look forward to this special event being back in person and hope to see many friends old, and new. Registration is now open! In Service, Aaron K., Communications Committee Chair

### **INFORMATION AA DAY 2022:** Bert J. (Silverbirch), Event Chair

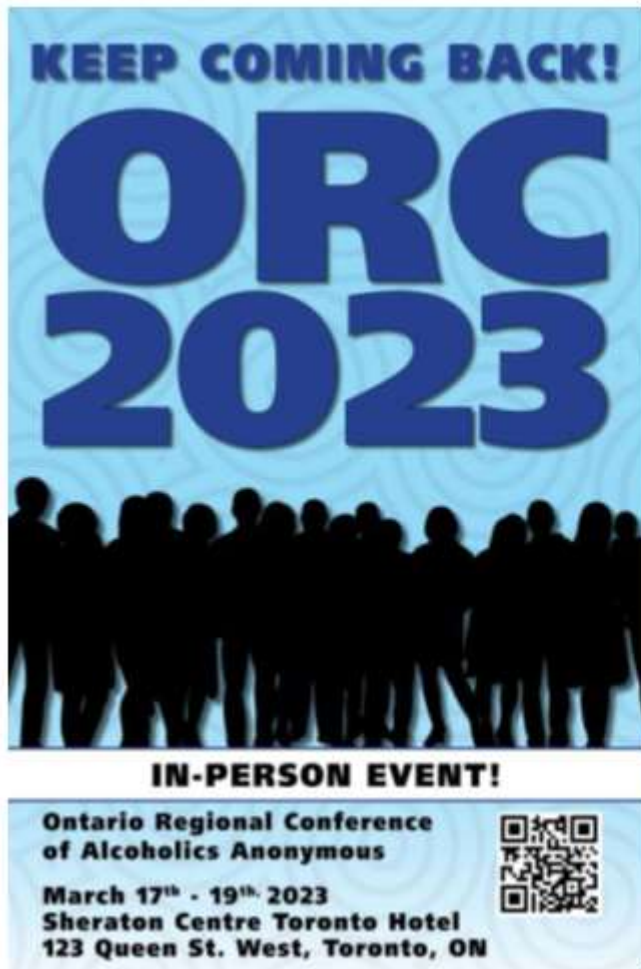
Hi everyone my name is Bert and i am an alcoholic member of Silverbirch and your Info AA Day chair for 2023.

At our meeting on Nov 28, 2022 I was elected as chair of the committee and Julie G. From the intergroup committee was elected vice-chair and I look forward to working with her. As secretary Eddy G. from the Beaches group was elected for a term of 1 year.

We revised the Event agenda and the committee meeting agenda and came to an agreement as well we tabled the Procedures and Guidelines to the next meeting which will be held in January 2023.

There is still work to be done on the Procedures and Guidelines and the ad-hoc committee will meet in December and January to finalize the draft to be submitted to the committee for approval.

We hope that we will see all the committee members' work in harmony and confidence as trusted servants to the Fellowship. YILS, Bert J., Information AA Day chair 2023




**KEEP COMING BACK!**

# ORC 2023

**IN-PERSON EVENT!**

**Ontario Regional Conference  
of Alcoholics Anonymous**

**March 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel**  
**123 Queen St. West, Toronto, ON**



## Ontario Regional Conference 2023

March 17 – 19<sup>th</sup>, Sheraton Hotel, Toronto

[aaorc.ca](http://aaorc.ca)

### Roman shared the following information:

- We are way ahead of schedule in room bookings and banquet ticket sales
- Placards and posters for the event are available for groups
- Please note that the discount for hotel room bookings is time-sensitive (discount available until February)
- Banquet capacity is 600, due to room restrictions

Roman took the time to thank the members of the ORC committee for their time and dedication in making this in-person event happen.

### COST FOR EVENT:

- Registration \$55
- Banquet \$100
- Room Rate \$209 per night

## **TWELFTH STEP:** Jordan A. (The Dogs), acting Chairperson

The 12 step committee is dedicated to serving out volunteer phone greeters and anyone who calls the 24/7 hotline, anytime.

At this time all of our resources are committed to keeping the phones answered and dealing with daily schedule changes and ongoing errors with our current phone system.

For now we are digging deep along with help from the IT Committee to identify system faults and better understand our call forwarding system. A big thank you to Bart B. for organizing and implementing plans and procedures to assist us.

234(the office) still needs to undergo some testing before we feel ready to start bringing phone greeters to the office for in person phone greeting, but the plan is in place. The best move going forward may be to start filling any open spaces on the schedule (there are few) with greeters interested in coming to the office. An earnest thank you to Cam, the finance committee, and anyone else who assisted in setting up this space.

Please be patient with the 12 Step Committee, but know, we will be funneling our resources of some of the greatest minds in AA, to finding more people to be a part of this amazing committee.

I am overjoyed to announce that our lovely Laura V., our chairperson, is back home and feeling strong. At this time however we wouldn't dare start bogging her down with all the various acts of service that this committee requires.

It is an absolute honor to serve on this committee. It serves as the first line of contact with AA for many an AA newcomer. With the heart of a servant, Jordan A. 12 Step Committee Alt. Chair

## **WINTER SEASON OPEN HOUSE 2022:** Tony Z. (Bloordale), 2022 Event Chairperson

### Winter Season Open House 2022 Event

## Sunday December 25th 10 AM to 4:00 PM

Roncesvalles United Church 214 Wright Ave.

- Volunteers required please email [wsqh@aatoronto.org](mailto:wsqh@aatoronto.org)
- AA Open Speaker meeting, AA Closed Discussion Meetings, Al anon Meetings
- Enjoy a Ham & turkey Dinner with all the fixings!

## WINTER SEASON VIRTUAL ALKATHON 2022: David P. (Birds of a Feather), Chairperson

We are now less than one month away from this year's 4-day Winter Season Virtual Alkathon. With roughly two-thirds of the available spots taken, we are now in the process of putting together our tech volunteer schedule, with host and co-host training sessions to take place in a couple of weeks. Our Technical Chair, Greg R., has been busy contacting these volunteers, and is set to begin training them with the assistance of last year's Chair, Bert J. Thank you, gentlemen!

A representative from each of the participating groups will also be asked to attend one of the two training sessions – on either **Wed Dec 14 @ 8 PM** or **Sat Dec 17 @ Noon**. The link for those training sessions will be sent directly to the groups and tech volunteers over the next week or so. The last meeting of the Alkathon committee will be on **Mon Dec 12 @ 7 PM**. The link for that final meeting is:

**ID# 899 5764 1062 / Password 038086**

Tech volunteers do not need to attend that meeting, as long as they are committed to going to one of the two training sessions.

As of now 16 meeting time slots remain vacant (8 on the weekend of Dec 24-5 and 8 on New Year's Eve and morning), with most of those falling in the very early morning or wee hours of the night, depending on how you look at it. We have the volunteers in place to run those meetings, but we still need a few more groups to step up to host one or two of these meetings. We have opened it up for groups to take a 2nd meeting, if they wish, as long as it is on a different weekend than their 1st, but only one group thus far has taken advantage of this opportunity. (A shout out to the Markland Wood Group.) With over 500 groups in the GTA, we find it somewhat astonishing that in over 3 months we have failed to fill the 38 spots allotted to the home groups of Toronto. At such a dangerous time of the year, and with so many unreached alcoholics visibly suffering on virtually every street corner of this fine city that seems almost unthinkable to this alcoholic.

So we ask you now for one final time to go back to your meetings – and not just your home groups – to let all your fellows know that this is the **last chance to sign up to host a meeting**. And please, in lieu of that, simply spread the word about our event. The schedule is posted on the AA website, and Intergroup will strive to fill any outstanding vacancies in the final days before the event by approaching other committees and even groups outside the GTA to see if they can put on a meeting. If you or your group is struggling, this is an excellent way for your members to not only perform a valuable service, but for the group to attract new members as well. And what a wonderful holiday gift that would be for all! Thank you for letting me be of service. David P., WSWA Chair

## DISTRICT REPORTS

### ACCESSIBILITY: Greg R. (Markham Village), Chair

Good evening Intergroup Friends,

We held our Accessibilities Committee Meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 11 am on Zoom. There were 6 members present.

In lieu of bringing in a speaker, we spent the hour discussing various topics, particularly what we have learned from previous speakers at our committee.

We discussed communicating with the incoming district Accessibilities Chairs and the Alternate Chairs in order to invite them the committee meetings and to encourage others to join our committee. I'll be reaching out to the incoming DCM's to get connected with their Accessibility Chairs.

There was a great discussion on the use of the currently used Accessibilities Checklist published by the GSO. It was pointed out by a committee member, who has mobility barriers that the checklist needs to be revamped to make it



simpler, yet effective. At our next Accessibilities Meeting we will further discuss an action plan to effect any change needed.

After that we would like to encourage the Groups to consider to use a future business meeting as an opportunity to fill out the Accessibilities Checklist and return to our committee so we can make sure the Meeting Guide Website is updated. But first we want to have clarity on the checklist format itself.

We also discussed holding an Accessibilities Workshop at the GTAI office at 234 Eglinton in the coming year. We could even join in with other committees for a day of workshops. We could potentially partner with CPC and/or Treatment to attend events to help share our message.

A hot topic now is the initiative of adding more ASL Interpreted meetings. The Hill holds their Friday night meeting with an ASL Interpreter. We understand that a Brampton group also holds an ASL Interpreted meeting. Our goal as a Committee is to encourage other groups to have an ASL Interpreted meeting so we can have a daily ASL Interpreted meeting to attend here in the GTA. Having an ASL Interpreter is free of charge to AA if we arrange 2 weeks in advance and commit to having at least one deaf member present. The Canadian Hearing Society at 868-518-0000 can facilitate scheduling an ASL Interpreter at your Home Group meeting.

We discussed working on our Accessibilities Website. We'd like to add a lot more information posted for those that visit the website.

We also discussed updating the Accessibilities Display as its very basic and frankly not up to the same standards as the other committee displays.

Lastly, the Committee is interested in having a table at the next ORC. We'd like to learn more about that and see if this is an opportunity for us to showcase what Accessibilities does and create more awareness on this topic.

That's all to report. With love and gratitude, Greg R – GTAI Accessibilities Chair

**CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES:** No report. **Chairperson is needed! Please announce at your groups.**

**COOPERATION with the PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY/PUBLIC INFORMATION:** Joe A. (One Paragraph at a Time), CPC/PI **CPC PI Report November 2022** Online via Zoom: Mon Nov 21/22. Attended by 6 people. Regrets: Rob D, Jo D

- Area 83 PI Chair: CPC / PI Joint Sharing Session in August with District Chairs in Area 83. Participating in an ad-hoc committee regarding proposed changes to the digital presence of Area 83. Having seen other Areas introduce Technology Committees and Chairs to improve digital storage, social media presence, and other digital means, this Area 83 ad hoc committee will be bringing its suggestions to the table at the Dec 3/22 Area 83 meeting
- Area 83 PI Chair: Chairing the Wed Nov 30/22 90 minute online session of [Demystifying AA World Service's Comprehensive Media Plan \(Link to Register fixed\) | GTA Intergroup \(aatoronto.org\)](#)
- That session will have discussion about attraction vs promotion on social media sites
- The session on Nov 16 drew about 135 participants
- Upcoming presentation with by D6 at District 11 Police Station in Peel
- Bringing AA business cards and other info to the Police services, with the intention of asking the officers, "what can AA do to help them"
- D6 & D19 AI Anon meet regularly and informally in sharing sessions
- D6 has been invited to host a weekly, open, recovery meeting within U of T Mississauga. This opportunity came to be through a previous PI presence at the school's Wellness Fair a couple months back
- D22: Pamphlets delivered to a local church by request. Will reach out to local food bank to inquire about placing info.

Mon Dec 19/22 CPC/PI Meeting will take place online

**GRAPEVINE:** Scott M. (Bloordale), Chairperson

Greetings friends! I'm alcoholic; a member of the Bloordale Group & my name is Scott. Hi! I have the honour & privilege to serve the fellowship as your GTAI Grapevine Committee chair. Our GTA Inter-District Committee meeting held last Tuesday, had representation from 3 Districts.

We have continued with discussion on how we can carry the message of Grapevine to others & have decided to spend some of the Grapevine committee budget monies on 15 annual Grapevine subscriptions in print for the three Correctional Facilities we have in the GTA. That's the Ontario Correctional Institute, the Toronto South Detention Centre & the Toronto East Detention Centre. Each facility will get 5 copies. I have been in touch with Cam, our Intergroup Finance chair & have sought his approval. To make sure we get the best price, although they will be going to 3 different contacts for the three facilities, I've been in contact with Grapevine customer service so that they can be put under one order. There are also at least five groups within the GTA that I know of which have already or are interested in donating subscriptions using the carry the message project.

There is still a 30% off sale on @ 234. Only 16 slow moving Grapevine publications are on sale. With prices expected to rise in the New Year, now is your chance to share this with your group reps and librarians in order to increase your Grapevine book inventories. Check the home page of the [www.aatoronto.org](http://www.aatoronto.org) website for the flyer & with Helen at the Literature Department for availability. [litdept@aatoronto.org](mailto:litdept@aatoronto.org) or 416-487-9865. Shipping on Grapevine materials from New York continues to be free until the end of the year for those that wish to purchase from New York rather than our GTA Intergroup Literature Dept. I find it easier to order through Helen, so I can use Canadian funds rather than converting to US dollars.

As for 2023 Grapevine seasonals (that's your pocket planners & wall calendars), I am told by Jane s., our Area Grapevine chair, that she has received them & taken inventory. If your order is not being sent directly to you or who you place your order with, arrangements are being made to pick them up in person at the Area Committee meeting near Belleville this Saturday.

The featured section for the December Grapevine issue is on Remote Communities & about the Holidays.

There will be a Grapevine display at the Winter Season Open House event on Christmas day presented by District 22.

Our Committee meets next in December, regularly on the third Tuesday of the month & we will meet half an hour earlier (at 7pm), so that I can attend this general meeting with some sort of report on Grapevine. Everyone is invited to join us. That's all for this month. Yours, in love & service, Scott M. [grapevine@aatoronto.org](mailto:grapevine@aatoronto.org)

**SELF SUPPORT:** David T. (Welcome), Chairperson

6 reps in attendance no major self-support activities. Dist. 02 self-support chair have a talk to the Dist. 22 Service Day

- Average group contributions to GSO 149.00 US
- 12.26 per member to support 18.5 million in expenses at GSO

If I can connect by internet will try and connect tonight - what will be the telephone link

David T., District 10 Self-Support Chair

**TREATMENT:** Brendon O'S., incoming Chairperson

We have three new upcoming Treatment meetings:

- A new Jean Tweed location (Broadview Ave. / for women); this will be an online meeting only;
- As of last night, a meeting is back at Michael Garron Hospital (District 18) in the mental health unit;
- In District 22, City of Toronto Housing Services has reached out to have an in-house meeting (Progress Avenue).

**AREA 83 REPORT:** James O'D. (GSM), Area 83 Alternate Delegate

James introduced Amy L., currently serving as Area 83 Chair, who will serve as the incoming Alternate Area 83 Delegate in 2023. Other items of note:

- The [Area Committee Meeting](#) will be held this Saturday (Dec.3) in Quinte West. All members of Alcoholics Anonymous are welcome to attend; this will be an in-person/hybrid meeting

- AA Grapevine: there will be two changes being made over the next week, to better serve their customers a) they are switching to a new order fulfillment vendor that is better suited to a multi-subscription model; and b) the online store will be integrated to the main website for easier access and improved functionality. For the next couple of months, things may not be going as smoothly due to the change but they are trying to accommodate members through the transition
- Meeting Guide App: in the center of the app there is a 'News' centre. This is where you can find information on the changes to the Grapevine; in addition, the GSO has reopened for visitors. Also, GSO would like to know from members how they would like to 'close' our International Conventions (next one will be held in 2025). Currently, we are using the Lord's Prayer. In this light, there is a link to a survey available. Please share this widely! Here is the link to the survey (from GSO website [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)): <https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/A2CsPb>
- Our Eastern Canada Regional Trustee, Joyce S. (St. Clements), went to a meeting in October and sent Area a list of all General Service Conference (April 2023) agenda items (40-page document). James outlined a few items of note for members, which included:
  - a) The Preamble: many areas across our fellowship that have requested for it to be changed back to the original wording/modified, etc. : Grapevine has decided that since there is no new information there will be a moratorium on this item for five years. So, the preamble we have now will remain as a 'trial'. If after five years the members wish to address it, this will be done after the five-year moratorium.
  - b) Plain Language Big Book: parts of this book will be shared with the Delegates in April at the Conference. James will be reporting to members after the Conference as to what this looks like. If members would like a copy of the Eastern Canada Regional Trustee Report, please contact your District Committee Member (DCM) or email James directly at [alt.delegate@area83aa.org](mailto:alt.delegate@area83aa.org)

**RECEPTION:** Graham D. (Markland Wood), OC Vice-Chair

Graham reported that there were 34 Reps, 6 Alternate Reps, 7 OC Members, 10 Subcommittee Chairs, 2 Districts and 2 Visitors present at this meeting, for a total attendance of 63 members.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Marvyn shared that we currently have an ad hoc committee that was formed to find groups that aren't currently participating in/not represented at Intergroup. The chair of this committee, Angela O. (Mount Royal-York) and her team are currently working hard on this initiative. They are making progress in identifying groups that are not currently represented at the Intergroup level. Angela will be giving a report on their progress in future.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO FULFILL THE SERVICE SIDE OF YOUR RECOVERY TRIANGLE:



- [Phone Greeters/12 Step Volunteers](#)
- [Twelfth Step Committee Members](#)
- [Bilingual Member Resource \(12 Step Calls\)](#)
- [WSOH/WSVA Committee Volunteers](#)
- [Operating Committee Member \(1\)](#)
- [Workshop Chairperson](#)
- [ad hoc Committee Volunteers](#)
- [Finance Chair](#)

**NEW BUSINESS**

Joe A. (One Paragraph at a Time) shared the following: "I was just wondering if Intergroup has an opinion on some groups operating in a manner that doesn't seem in the spirit of Alcoholics Anonymous, in this part of the lockdown. There are some groups in Toronto that are still refusing entry to members based on medical criteria. So, I was wondering if Intergroup would have a position on this; groups operating under the Intergroup umbrella. Thanks, Marvyn."



Marvyn responded: "Thanks, Joe. The answer to that question is that every group is autonomous [as per the Twelve Traditions]. So, we let the groups figure that out for themselves."

December General Meeting: the next Intergroup monthly General Meeting has been moved to Tuesday, December 20 at 8 p.m. (online), due to the Holidays.

**CHAIRPERSON'S CLOSING REMARKS:**

Marvyn thanked everyone for the participation and dedication to service, and reminded members of the following:

- Operating Committee Member needed <https://www.aatoronto.org/about/service-committees/executive/>
- Finance Chairperson needed (to start January 1, 2023) <https://www.aatoronto.org/about/service-committees/finance/>
- *ad hoc* committee members needed! Email Angela O. at [info@xpresse.me](mailto:info@xpresse.me)
- Twelfth Step Committee members needed [12step@aatoronto.org](mailto:12step@aatoronto.org)
- 12 Step Volunteers needed [12step@aatoronto.org](mailto:12step@aatoronto.org)
- Phone Greeters needed [12step@aatoronto.org](mailto:12step@aatoronto.org)
- Workshop Chairperson needed <https://www.aatoronto.org/workshop-chairperson-need/>
- WSVA Volunteers needed [winterseasonvirtualalkathon@aatoronto.org](mailto:winterseasonvirtualalkathon@aatoronto.org)
- Ontario Regional Conference 2023 (in-person) to be held March 17-19, 2023 at the Sheraton Hotel, Toronto

A **Motion to adjourn** was moved by Bert J. (Silverbirch) and seconded by Steve C. (Westmoreland). Carried.  
The meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Declaration.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** An online meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 20 at 8 p.m.** (One week earlier due to Holidays).



# Finance Chairperson Needed

## Description and Requirement

<p><b>PURPOSE of the Finance Subcommittee</b></p>	<p>The Finance Subcommittee serves the Operating Committee, Subcommittees, and the Intergroup Office located at 234 Eglinton Ave. East, Toronto. This Subcommittee is responsible for ‘the financial soundness and well-being of the operations of the Intergroup Office’ (GTAI Procedures and Guidelines, 6.4.3)</p>
<p><b>RESPONSIBILITIES of Finance Chairperson</b></p>	<p><b>The Finance Subcommittee structure</b> is as follows (as stated in GTAI Procedures and Guidelines, 6.4.3):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four members with a minimum of five years continuous sobriety and a business or accounting background and the OC Chairperson who is also a member of the Finance Subcommittee</li> <li>• At least one member must be a designated accountant</li> </ul> <p>As stated in the GTAI Procedures and Guidelines, 6.4.3 ‘Term and Appointment’ regarding Finance Committee members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each year the Operating Committee appoints two A.A. members to the Finance Subcommittee to serve a term of two years. The Operating Committee considers the recommendations of the current members of the Finance Subcommittee in making these appointments, calls for resumes and reviews the qualifications for persons seeking the office</li> </ul> <p><b>Service commitments of Finance Subcommittee Chairperson include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairing the monthly Finance Subcommittee meeting Wednesday evenings one week before monthly General Meeting (last Tuesday night of each month)</li> <li>• Attending quarterly Joint Sharing Sessions on the first Tuesday night of February, May, August, and November</li> <li>• Attending monthly IT Subcommittee meetings (second Tuesday evening each month)</li> </ul> <p><b>Responsibilities of the Finance Chairperson include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serving as Treasurer of GTA Intergroup</li> <li>• Preparation and presentation of a draft budget to the Operating Committee and Intergroup Floor for approval</li> <li>• Monthly presentation of a summary income statement and balance sheet and quarterly budget variance reports to the Intergroup Floor</li> <li>• Implementation of Gratitude Month along with Intergroup staff and other volunteers</li> <li>• Obtaining an audit report for the financial statements by independent external accountants every four years and a review engagement report in intervening years</li> <li>• Overseeing the 234 Eglinton Avenue East operations, employees, bookkeeping</li> <li>• Signing officer authorizing payroll and vendor payments</li> <li>• Liaison to IT Subcommittee</li> </ul>
<p><b>QUALIFICATIONS to serve as Finance Chairperson</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 years of continuous sobriety is required for this service commitment</li> <li>• A Subcommittee member with an accounting designation is currently needed</li> <li>• Experience with QuickBooks or a similar software is a definite asset</li> </ul>

For further information please contact the Operating Committee Chairperson at [oc.chair@aatoronto.org](mailto:oc.chair@aatoronto.org) and the current Finance Subcommittee Chairperson at [financechair@aatoronto.org](mailto:financechair@aatoronto.org)