

GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 (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: AA Solution Seekers, Anniversary, Aurora, Back to Basics, Beaches, Bloordale, Church Street, Credit Valley, Dry on Danforth, Fellowship, Friendly, Hill, Keep It Simple, King City, Kipling, Last Chance, Long Branch, Love & Tolerance, Markham Village, Meadowvale Fellowship, Mississauga, North Toronto, Port Credit, Principles Before Personalities, Responsibility, Silverbirch, Sisters in Sobriety, St Clements, Stepping Stones, Steps to Serenity, Tuesday Men's Solution, Welcome, and Willowdale-Shepherd.

DISTRICT LIAISONS: Districts 02, 14 and 22.

OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Cam B. (Finance Chairperson), Graham D. (OC Vice-Chair), Jomana A., Julie G., Kelli T., Ky T., and Marvyn W. (OC Chair).

SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS: Archives, Finance, Info AA Day 2024, I.T. Subcommittee, ORC 2024, Winter Season Virtual Alkathon.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES – AUGUST 2023

ERRORS/OMISSIONS: None recorded.

Motion to adopt Minutes as presented moved by Christian H. (Tuesday Men's Solution) and seconded by Oscar C. (Responsibility). The Motion was carried. (23 out of 27 voted in favour)

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

Marvyn shared the following with those present:

- Melrose Group Anniversary: celebrates 40 Years October 14
- Hill Group Anniversary: celebrates 75 Years October 19
- Parkway Group Anniversary: celebrates 55 Years October 23
- Strength In Recovery Group Anniversary: celebrates 20 Years October 30
- The Operating Committee has appointed Kevin N. (Parkway) as the new IT Subcommittee Chairperson
- A big thanks to Saverio D. (Unionville) who has rotated off the Operating Committee and Marvyn thanked Saverio for his commitment to service
- Cam B. (Deer Park), current Finance Chairperson, celebrated 10 years of sobriety on Sept.25
- Meeting List Updates/ Group Participation: over the past months, 80 meetings/groups have been contacted for updates/confirmation on their meeting locations/details. Along with this endeavour, several groups (6) have expressed interest in participating at the Intergroup level. Marvyn welcomed to new group reps present tonight: Tricia (AA Solution Seekers) and Carolyn (Last Chance). Thanks for your enthusiasm and service!

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

Motion to Suspend Regular Business – Elections for Incoming Operating Committee Chairperson and Vice-Chair for 2024 + Election of a new OC member

MOTION to Suspend Regular Business to Facilitate Elections moved by David T. (St Clements) and seconded by Michael S. (Beaches). Motion was carried.

Election for a new Operating Committee Chairperson for 2024: Via screen share, Marvyn outlined the qualifications and service commitments for this position (as per GTA Intergroup's Procedures and Guidelines, section 4.1 through 4.5) and asked each serving OC member if would like to stand for the position before opening up nominations to Floor members. A member agreed to stand for the position, and a vote was taken. **Jomana A. (Stepping Stones) will serve as the new Operating Committee Chairperson, starting in Jan 2024** (Vote was unanimous). Jomana addressed the Floor, and thanked those present for this opportunity to serve.

Election for a new Operating Committee Vice-Chairperson for 2024: Via screen share, Marvyn outlined the qualifications and service commitments for this position (as per GTA Intergroup's Procedures and Guidelines, section 4.1 through 4.5) and asked each serving OC member if would like to stand for the position before opening up nominations to Floor members. A member agreed to stand for the position, and a vote was taken. **Kelli T. (Hill) will serve as the new Operating Committee Vice-Chairperson, starting in Jan 2024** (Vote was unanimous). Kelli addressed the Floor, and thanked those present for this opportunity to serve.

Election for a new Operating Committee Member: Marvyn outlined the qualifications and service commitments for this position, and asked if any there were any nominations/volunteers from Floor members. A member agreed to stand for the position. **Eric S. (Welcome) will serve as the new Operating Committee member, starting immediately** (by acclamation). Eric addressed the Floor, and thanked those present for this opportunity to serve.

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/>

FINANCE REPORT – Cam B. (Deer Park), Finance Committee Chairperson

Dear Intergroup Reps, Subcommittee Chairs, District Liaisons, Visitors and GTAI Operating Committee,

October is Gratitude Month!

For anyone new to Intergroup, Gratitude Month is GTA Intergroup's annual support campaign. Each year we prepare brochures and emails encouraging members and groups to contribute to Intergroup to aid our mission of carrying the A.A. message in the Greater Toronto Area. The Gratitude Month homepage and announcement are now active on aatoronto.org thanks to the Communications Committee.

Contributions are Intergroup's main source of revenue with a smaller part of total revenue coming from literature sales. In a typical year almost half of our annual contributions are received from October to December because of Gratitude Month therefore this is a very important period for our finances.

Contributions are going well, in fact as of today (Sept 26th), they are modestly above budget. Individual A.A. members' contributions are now \$21 K below budget while group contributions are 28 K above budget YTD September.

At the beginning of October, Intergroup reps and many other A.A. members will receive our "Gratitude Month 2023" email. Please share it with your group members and announce Gratitude Month at your meetings to help us reach as many members as possible. Brochures will be distributed with literature orders and will also be available at 234 for pick up during office hours, Tuesday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm.

We can all help to make this year's Gratitude Month campaign a success.

No amount is too small!

Click on the "7th Tradition" button at [aatoronto.org](https://www.aatoronto.org) to contribute online by making one-time or monthly contributions from your **credit card or PayPal account**.

AA Members and Groups may also contribute by:

- Interac e-Transfer to contributions@aatoronto.org
- Cheque or money order payable to "Toronto Intergroup" sent to 202-234 Eglinton Ave. E., Toronto, ON, M4P 1K5

Yours in Service, Cam B., GTAI Finance Chair

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHIVES: Glenn G. (East York), Chairperson (verbal report)

The Annual GTAI Archives Breakfast will be held on Sunday, November 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Bloordale United Church, 4258 Bloor Street West, Etobicoke. Door open at 9 a.m.; breakfast at 10 a.m. followed by the guest speaker (Mari G., Markham Village Group). Door prizes and raffle tickets are featured. Tickets are \$30. Seating is limited to 175 so get you tickets soon! Please see event flyer (in Appendix) for ticket information.

COMMUNICATIONS: Kelli T. (Hill), OC Liaison (verbal report)

Ted D. (Rox Glen Traditional), Communications Chair, sends his regrets as he could not be here this evening.

We are continuing to work on building the website www.aatoronto.org. This includes putting up the previous website attributed such as the events calendar (medallions/special events).

We would really appreciate if you could go back to your groups and announce that we need volunteers that are familiar with the WordPress program; please reach out to Kelli at oc.secretary@aatoronto.org if any volunteers could help out.

GTAI Meeting Guide: a new printed version (September 2023) is available for purchase through our Literature

Department; please email Shareena at litdept@aatoronto.org.

The October Better Times is about to be published; this edition features Gratitude.

INFORMATION AA DAY 2024: Julie G. (Markham Village), 2024 Event Chair

The Info AA Day committee had its first meeting yesterday (Sept 25th) and planning has begun for the 2024 Info AA day which will be held at the end of May at a date yet to be determined. This is a unique event where all the service districts of the GTA and Intergroup come together to inform the membership about the services performed by the various committees in the GTA. Members can learn about the service structure of AA, meet people, ask questions and find out how to get involved outside of their home group. We also get to hear the delegate's report on the General conference held in New York in April as well as listen to a General Service Board staff member share their story, service journey, and give an overview of things happening at the General Service Office in New York.

Our first order of business will be to nail down a date and book a location for this event. We have a core group of very enthusiastic members with some fantastic ideas for this year's event, but there are positions that still need to be filled on this committee and we hope to do that at our next meeting which will be October 30th, the Monday following the Area 83 Fall Assembly. I will be sending out invitations to all DCM's alternate DCMs and Intergroup Operating committee members before then. If you have any questions, or wish to contact me please email me at infoaaday@aatoronto.org, or call or text me at 416-400-6765. Yours with love and gratitude, Julie G, Info AA Day 2024 Chair

I.T. SUBCOMMITTEE: Kevin N. (Parkway), incoming Chairperson (verbal report)

"I don't have a formal report for this evening; however I will introduce myself. I've been working in the background at Intergroup for many years with office staff and many past Subcommittee Chairs, assisting with IT issues. Now I'm happy to take on the IT Chair position. I originally worked with Michael W. (Welcome), past IT Chair in helping to set up this committee, and Michael has graciously offered to help me navigate this Chair position. I'm glad to have his assistance. I look forward to serving Intergroup for the next 2 years!"

ONTARIO REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2024: Lisa W. (Erin Mills), 2024 Event Chairperson

Hi everyone, I'm Lisa, an alcoholic, Chair for the 2024 ORC.

Pre-registration has opened on the website, aaorc.ca. To date, we have 11 registration, 10 for the banquet.

Posters & flyers have been printed & are being distributed at meetings at the Area 83 & 86 Assemblies & the Al-Anon assembly. If your group would like a poster &/or flyers, please let me know. I will put my email into the chat.

We have some information for your groups.

If your group is interested in a Hospitality Suite, we have lounges with adjoining bedrooms available at the ORC rate.

- Hospitality Suite = \$475. Plus HST and DMP (Destination Marketing Plan) fee (must also book/pay for Connecting Room)

- Connecting Room = \$215. Plus HST and DMP fee

To receive the conference rate, you must contact the Hotel Chair, Jim, to book the room. Contact Jim at:

jimyoung@rogers.com

For the Newcomers room, we are looking for groups or individuals interested in hosting meetings in the room. The group/person would be responsible for planning the meeting & would also act as host in the room, spending time with newcomers in the room. Additionally, we are asking for donations of literature, big books, pamphlets, etc. for the newcomers' room.

Please contact Kathy at Newcomers24room@gmail.com if you are interested or have any questions.

Those are my updates for this month. Please let me know if you have any questions. YILS, Lisa

TWELFTH STEP: Kelli T. (Hill), OC Secretary (verbal report)

The 234 Intergroup Office is now open to in-house greeter volunteers. The shifts are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For new greeters, Phone Training Sessions can be held in person or over Zoom. Please email Kelli if interested: oc.secretary@aatoronto.org

WINTER SEASON OPEN HOUSE 2023: Zobie G. (Bloordale), Committee member (verbal report)

Zobie shared the following comments: "I've got great news! We had our first committee meeting in September; it was fantastic and we have all our service positions filled. We have an enthusiastic team. Our next Subcommittee meeting is Sunday October 22 at 9:30 a.m. (see below for details). WSOH is a live event that happens on December 25; the day features meetings, fellowship, and a turkey/ham dinner with all the trimmings. **Volunteers needed** for the event are turkey cookers, and set up (Dec 24 and Dec 25)/tear down volunteers. We also need donations of ham, desserts, and water/pop. If you know anyone who wants to contribute, please contact the committee at wsoh@aatoronto.org "

Winter Season Open House 2023 Committee Meeting Dates*

*All Committee Meetings will be held in person at:
Bloordale United Church, 4258 Bloor Street West, Etobicoke (Room 14)

- **Sunday, October 22 – 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**
- **Sunday, November 19 – 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**
- **Sunday, December 10 – 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

Please email wsoh@aatoronto.org for more information

WINTER SEASON VIRTUAL ALKATHON 2023: David P. (Birds of a Feather), Event Chairperson

Good evening and thank you for your attendance and service. The Winter Season Virtual Alkathon subcommittee is well underway. We meet online the first Wednesday of every month at 8 PM and we still welcome any newcomers.

Our Tech Chair, Amanda J., has already begun contacting people to begin assembling our technical team who will administer the 4-day event. If you or anyone you know wants to join our team they should contact our committee and Amanda will get in touch with you. All our technical volunteers will be trained to handle meetings of any type which you, the home groups of the GTA, will eventually chair and execute.

Our notice on the website and in the Better Times newsletter lists the dates and times of this year's Alkathon. Those hours accommodate the Winter Season Open House, so as not to conflict with that event, and allow for over 40 groups to select a time to host and chair a meeting of your group's choosing. They can be open or closed, with a speaker and sharing and any readings that you want. We can accommodate it all.

Like every year, four meetings will be hosted by our sister fellowship Al-anon, leaving precisely 41 for the groups of this fellowship. One of those time slots has already been filled, by my own home group, in fact. Last year we had 44 meetings, and at least a dozen of them had to be taken at the last minute by out-of-town groups and individual members of this committee.

So please go back to your home groups and get them to commit to taking a meeting in this year's event. Send us an email and simply request the time slot you want. There is still plenty of time to sort out your meeting details later, although we have found it is best to keep it simple and do your regular meeting as best you can. It is a great way to attract new members to join your group!

The link for our next meeting is: ID# 810 4747 2912 / Password 727922. It is next week on Wednesday October 4th at 8 PM. Our email is winterseasonvirtualalkathon@aatoronto.org, if you have any questions or just want to come onboard. We still have plenty of positions to fill. Or, if you have any questions, feel free to ask them now.

Thank you for letting me be of service. David P., WSV Chair

DISTRICT REPORTS

ACCESSIBILITIES: Julie G. (Markham Village), OC Liaison

The Area 83 Alternate Delegate, Amy L., gave a presentation on Remote Communities recently (remote communities an accessible issue). The committee has finalized the Accessibility Checklist for groups. The next Accessibilities Subcommittee meeting will be held on Sun. Oct. 15 at 11 a.m. via Zoom. If you are interested in this subcommittee, please reach out to access@aatoronto.org

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES: No report.

Graham D., OC Vice-Chair (who serves as Correctional Facilities Liaison) informed members that the committee meeting has changed to the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Meeting ID: 883 8002 9737 PW: 950392
The new GTAI InterDistrict Correctional Facilities Chair is Edward A. (Lakeshore).

COOPERATION with the PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY/PUBLIC INFORMATION: Dorothy A. (Credit Valley), CPC/PI Alternate Chair (verbal report)

Recent Initiatives for this committee include:

- A Zoom event called 'Sobriety through Service' will be held on Oct. 2, 2023 which is put on by the national working committee of PI/CPC. They had a prior presentation which was well done
- D22 held a Service Information Day this month; Dorothy was in attendance and it was very inspirational
- D06 participated in the U of T Welfare Day Thurs. Sept. 21; 2 districts (6 members) were in attendance
- We have made a Motion at our committee table that we purchase (from Pattinson's Media) two Go Transit 75-inch digital vertical posters for a 4-week period to begin December 4. There is a 15-second digital show and rotates every 90 seconds. This is following through as an awareness project that was sprung from the CPC/PI national working committee ideas. It is to bring awareness to the AA program that will reach everybody. It's along the Go Transit system. We would be joining Oakville (D19/Area 86) who is sponsoring the same two posters in Burlington/Bronte transit stops, and Mississauga is sponsoring the electronic posters in Port Credit and Erindale Go stops. We would like to see Intergroup support us with posters in the Islington and Kipling stations. The cost for this initiative is \$1200 plus HST. Unfortunately we are \$450 short in our current budget.

After Dorothy's report, Cam B. (Deer Park), Finance Chair, shared the following: "I received an email from Joe A. (current CPC/PI Chair) with this request, and outlined the remaining funds in the budget allotted for CPC/PI. You've approached the Finance Committee with this request, and that's the way to do it! Please send that information to me and we can have a phone call discussing it further. Let's see how we can help. Since the pandemic, the utilization of budgetary funds has dropped for committee initiatives, especially the District committees. I'm glad that your committee is working on a project that's going to have a large impact; thank you for bringing this item to the Intergroup Floor!"

GRAPEVINE: No report.

SELF SUPPORT: No report.

Jomana A., new OC member, is the new Self-Support Liaison. She will be attending the upcoming committee meeting this Thursday (Sept 28).

TREATMENT: No report.

AREA 83 REPORT: Amy L. Area 83 Alternate Delegate

Area 83, General Service related Items: Report for September 25, 2023, GTA Intergroup meeting

1. The **2023** General Service Conference final report is available at AA.org
<https://www.aa.org/2023-general-service-conference-final-report>

The Cole's Note version (highlights of the 2023 GSC): can be found in the Summer Installment of [Box 459](#) (AA's General Service Office Newsletter)

2. New online forms are available to submit Proposed Agenda Items for the General Service Conference (GSC).
DEADLINE FOR CONSIDERATION FOR 2024 GSC was Friday, September 15, 2023. However, agenda items submitted after September 15 will be considered for the 2025 Conference.
En – [G.S.C. Proposed Agenda Item Submission Form En](#)
Fr – [G.S.C. Proposed Agenda Item Submission Form FR](#)
Sp- [G.S.C. Proposed Agenda Item Submission Form ES](#)

3. Area 83 Assembly, Kingston, Ontario- October 27-29
Details for the weekend are available on Area 83's website
<https://area83aa.org/about-area-83/area-assembly>
[with some great downloads for the Assembly weekend.](#)

- ✓ [All Members Assembly Invitation](#)
- ✓ [GSR Assembly Invitation](#)
- ✓ [Service Information Day Agenda](#)
- ✓ [Area Assembly Agenda](#)

These can also be found on Area83's glide app:[[Area83communications.glideapp.io/](https://area83communications.glideapp.io/)]

Links for Booking Rooms, the Agenda for the Service Information Day is available and the agenda for and Sunday Business meeting are available

4. The Workshops for GSRs (formerly called GSR sessions) meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 8 pm will include:

- and on **October 17th**, **"More on the Area Assembly and Service"**
- **November 21st**, **"Reporting back to your group after the Assembly weekend"**

These sessions are open to anyone interested in General Service.

5. In my attendance as the Liaison with the remote communities for Area 83, I have been exposed to some brilliant and enthusiastic AA members trying to connect friends who may be isolated by culture, geography or language. One of these members on the committee shared a flyer for a Chinese online meeting (link to flyer is [here](#)):

Bridge to Hope AA Meeting 希望之橋嗜酒者互誠協會

Wednesdays and Saturdays:

8pm Pacific Daylight Time (March to November) **11 pm EST**

7pm Pacific Standard Time (November to March)

Zoom ID: 289 612 772

Passcode: unity



On that note, if there are any online meetings available in other languages, I would be grateful to hear about them. It would be good to create a list of these meeting in other languages for our friends who would be more comfortable receiving the program in a language other than English. Please let me know (Alt.delegate@area83aa.org)

RECEPTION: Graham D., Operating Committee Vice-Chair

Present were 29 Reps, 5 Alternate Reps, 7 OC Members, 6 Subcommittee Chairs, 3 District Liaisons and 5 Visitors, for a total attendance of 55 members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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 \(12 Step Calls\)](#)
[Workshop Chairperson](#)

NEW BUSINESS

Dave L. mentioned that the Willowdale Group and the Shepherd Group have 'joined forces' and have now become the Willowdale-Shepherd Group as of September. Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. (closed discussion) and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. (open speaker). Both meetings are held weekly at Church Of The Incarnation, 15 Clairtrell Rd, North York (1 block W. of Bayview and Sheppard Ave. / NORTH Meeting Zone on Website www.aatoronto.org under 'Meetings'). Lucille T. will be celebrating 45 years of sobriety at the Willowdale-Shepherd Group on Thurs. Sept. 28.

CHAIRPERSON'S CLOSING REMARKS: Marvyn thanked everyone for their participation and dedication to service. Congratulation to both Jomana A. (new OC Chairperson for 2024) and Kelli T. (new OC Vice-Chair for 2024). A special welcome to our new OC member, Eric S.! Marvyn also gave a reminder about the upcoming Archives Breakfast (see event flyer in Appendix).

A **Motion to adjourn** was moved by Bill J. (Friendly) and seconded by Dave L. (Willowdale-Shepherd). Carried. The meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Declaration.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: An online meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 31 at 8 p.m. (virtual meeting).**

The GTA Archives Committee invites you to attend the

39th Annual GTA Archives Breakfast

Sunday November 5th 2023

Bloordale United Church
(4258 Bloor St West, Etobicoke)

9am-1pm, Tickets \$30

9am – Coffee | **10am** – Breakfast | **11am** - Open Speaker Meeting
Door Prizes, Raffle Tickets, Seating limited to 175



Guest Speaker

Mari G. Markham Village Group, Markham

Contacts for Tickets:

Glenn G. Chair	647-572-5687	Steve C Dist.10	647-527-4266
Amy L. Sec.	905-767-8405	Ed V – Dist.12	416-820-6452
Eddy G. Archivist	416-536-7536	Julie G OC Liaison	416-400-6765
David T. Ass't Arch	613-868-9243	John M. Dist.18	416-277-4285
David G. Treas.	416-536-5601	Gord H. Immediate Past Chair	
Patty A. Dist.10	647-226-8857		416-414-8374

"Whenever a society or civilization perishes there is always one condition present; they forgot where they came from."
- Carl Sandburg.

ONE OC MEMBER NEEDED!

SERVING ON THE GTAI OPERATING COMMITTEE: WHAT'S INVOLVED?



The OC is composed of ten persons:

- Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
- Treasurer (a.k.a. - the Chair of the Finance Committee)
- Secretary
- Six committee members, (will be assigned the role of OC Liaison to a Subcommittee)

Qualifications of Members of the Operating Committee

- Members of the EC must have a minimum of two years of sobriety.
- Experience in various service positions within one's home group and in General Service are helpful.
- Helpful to be familiar with GTAI's *Operating Procedures and Guidelines* manual in tandem with Twelve Steps and Twelve Concepts.

Terms of Office for Members of the Operating Committee

- Members of the OC are nominated and elected as necessary when vacancies occur. They are elected by the voting members of the Intergroup Floor from the total membership of Alcoholics Anonymous in the Greater Toronto Area, including serving Intergroup Reps and/or Alternate Reps.
- The term for a member of the OC is one year; this term may be renewed annually, for up to 2 more years, to a maximum of 3 continuous years.
- Term for OC Chair and OC Vice Chair is 2 years for each position.
- If an OC member is elected as Vice Chair or Chair, the maximum term for continuous service on the OC may be extended for the terms of those positions only, to a maximum of 6 years.
- At the end of their term of office, members of the OC are ineligible to serve on the OC for a period of 24 months.

Monthly Responsibilities as an OC Member

- Attends the monthly OC Meeting (held on the Wednesday *before* the monthly General Meeting – **Currently meeting online at 8:00 p.m.**)
- Attends one monthly (or bi-monthly) subcommittee meeting, as part of OC Liaison duties
- Attends of monthly General Meeting (last Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. **Currently meeting online**)
- All members of the OC may attend meetings of the Finance Subcommittee. Only the Chairperson of the OC may have a voice and a formal vote at the meetings.
- Attend the quarterly meetings held with District Reps ('Joint Sharing Meeting') where members of each service level share information about current activities

Monthly Responsibilities as an OC Liaison to GTAI Subcommittees

- Attends monthly meetings of subcommittee(s) as an assigned OC Liaison in a non-voting capacity unless requested by the subcommittee to take an active part in its operations.
- Observe activities of subcommittee

- Report on committee's activities
- Prepare a brief (point-form) written Liaison report for the monthly OC meetings
- The Intergroup Liaison for a committee may be required, in the absence of the Committee Chair, to present the committee report about committee activities at the General Intergroup General Monthly meeting and take questions back to the committee to be answered at a later meeting.

FAQ ABOUT SERVING ON THE OPERATING COMMITTEE

Q: What is GTA Intergroup's Mission?

A: Greater Toronto Area Intergroup is a coordinating body that supports the 12-step work of AA groups in the Toronto area, providing a point of contact between individual groups, our members, the public and the still suffering alcoholic.

Q: Can I still serve as the Intergroup Rep. for my Home Group and serve on the Operating Committee?

A: No. If you are elected to the Operating Committee, you must resign as your Intergroup Rep.

Q: What are some of the attributes that may be desirable for those considering this position?

A: As our Second Tradition states -- our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern. The Operating Committee does not govern, but it is in a position of authority in its recommendations and decision-making on behalf of Greater Toronto Area Intergroup.

Those considering serving on this committee may on occasion deal with sensitive and contentious issues. Maturity, attention to detail, discretion and dedication to the good of the organization are desired.

Q: As a Committee member, would I be personally liable in the event of bankruptcy/lawsuits?

A: No. As a charitable organization, AA Greater Toronto Area Intergroup has insurance coverage for committee members.

Q: Who can I talk to about serving on the Operating Committee?

A: You may speak with anyone on the Operating Committee or former Operating Committee members for further information. You may be nominated to serve, or you can nominate yourself.

More detailed information about the role and responsibilities of Operating Committee Members can be found in the *GTAI Operating Procedures and Guidelines*, which can be accessed online at aatoronto.org -- under About Us: Link: <https://www.aatoronto.org/about/policies-and-procedures> or feel free to send an email with your questions to

oc.chair@aatoronto.org