

GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 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 Bill M. (Mississauga).

MEMBERS PRESENT:

INTERGROUP REP/ALT: AA Solution Seekers, Aurora, Back to Basics, Beaches, Birds of a Feather, Bloordale, Church Street, Deer Park, Dry on Danforth, Erin Mills, Fellowship of the Spirit, Fellowship, Friendly, High Park, Hill, Kipling, Last Chance, Markham Third Tradition, Markham Village, Midtown, Mississauga, Morning Discussion, Mount Royal-York, Newmarket, Noon Rap, Pine Hills, Primary Purpose, Prince Edward, Responsibility, Royal York, Silverbirch, Sisters in Sobriety, St. Clements, Steps to Serenity, The Dogs, Thursday Night Men's, Trial & Error, Tuesday Men's Solution, Twelve Steps, and Willowdale Shepherd.

DISTRICT LIAISONS: Districts 14 and 22.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS: Accessibilities, Archives, Communications, Finance, Information AA Day, ORC, Treatment, Twelfth Step, Winter Season Virtual Alkathon.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 2023

ERRORS/OMISSIONS: No errors/omissions noted.

Motion to adopt Minutes as presented moved by Oscar C. (Responsibility) and seconded by Bert J. (Silverbirch). The Motion was carried.

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



Marvyn shared the following:

Regarding Twelfth Step Volunteers/Calls:

"We are asking the Intergroup Reps to go back to their home group business meetings and discuss **the importance of physical, in-person 12 Step Calls, and ways on how GTA Intergroup can find more 12 Step Volunteers willing to do in-person Twelfth Step work; and be willing to be added to the 12 Step Volunteer Call List.**"

Please email Marvyn at oc.chair@aatoronto.org for more information or if you have questions about the above request.

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

Motion to Suspend Regular Business – Elections for a new Operating Committee Member

MOTION to Suspend Regular Business to Facilitate Elections moved by David T. (St. Clements) and seconded by Ted D. (Rox Glen Traditional). Motion was carried.

Election for a new Operating Committee Member (1): Marvyn outlined the qualifications and service commitments for this position, and asked if any there were any nominations/volunteers from Floor members. No nominations were forthcoming. **One (1) OC Member needed immediately! An election will be held at November's General Meeting. Please announce to your groups members! (Please see flyer in these Minutes; Appendix I)**

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

	September 2023 (1 month)							September 2023 Year-to-Date (9 months)							
	Actual 2023	Budget 2023	Variance	%	Actual 2022	Variance	%	Actual 2023	Budget 2023	Variance	%	Actual 2023	Actual 2022	Variance	%
Contributions	10,818	8,611	2,207	26%	12,769	(1,951)	(15%)	86,728	77,496	9,232	12%	86,728	83,181	3,547	4%
Literature Sales	15,598	10,000	5,598	56%	11,463	4,135	36%	132,319	90,000	42,319	47%	132,319	93,881	38,438	41%
= Total Revenues	26,416	18,611	7,805	42%	24,232	2,184	9%	219,047	167,496	51,551	31%	219,047	177,062	41,985	24%
- Cost of Sales	10,250	6,500	3,750	58%	8,602	1,648	19%	86,885	58,500	28,385	49%	86,885	57,452	29,433	51%
- Expenses	18,081	16,044	2,037	13%	12,502	5,579	45%	165,150	143,942	21,208	15%	165,150	121,864	43,286	36%
= Surplus / (Deficiency)	(1,915)	(3,933)	2,018		3,128	(5,043)		(32,988)	(34,946)	1,958		(32,988)	(2,254)	(30,734)	
Prudent Reserve Account Market Value at September 29, 2023 = \$302 K. 2023 Prudent Reserve Target = \$268 K.															

September 2023

- Contributions of \$10.8 K were 26% above the budgeted \$8.6 K and \$2.0 K lower than September 2022
- Literature sales of \$15.6 K were 56% greater than budget and were 36% greater than September 2022
- Expenses of \$18.1 K were \$2.0 K above the budgeted \$16.0 K
- Only \$270 in committee expenses, \$0.8 K less than budgeted
- Deficit of \$1.9 K was \$2.0 K favorable to budget

September 2023 Year to Date

- Intergroup is good financial shape and Gratitude Month is underway according to plan
- Contributions of \$86.7 K were \$9.3K greater than the budgeted \$77.5 K and \$3.5 K greater than YTD September 2022
- Literature sales of \$132.3 K were above budget by \$42.3 K and were 41% above YTD September 2022
- Expenses were \$165.2 K and included \$34.8 K unbudgeted HR related costs
- Excluding the unbudgeted items, committee expenses were under budget \$8.1 K, operating expenses under budget \$7.8 K and staff expenses over budget \$2.3
- Deficit of \$33 K was \$2 K favorable to budget

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 at [7th Tradition Donation | GTA Intergroup \(aatoronto.org\)](#) or <https://www.aatoronto.org/donations/7th-tradition/>
- Interac e-Transfer to contributions@aatoronto.org
- Mail a cheque or money order payable to “Toronto Intergroup” 202-234 EGLINTON AVENUE EAST TORONTO ON M4P 1K5
- Monthly pre-authorized bank debit by contacting the Intergroup office at litdept@aatoronto.org

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHIVES: Glenn G. (East York), Chairperson

Happy Halloween everyone. I am an alcoholic, a member of the East York, having the honour, privilege and responsibility to serve as the Chair of the Archives committee for this Intergroup, my name is Glenn.

It has been a busy month at the Archives committee. Our two workhorses, Eddy G. - Archivist and David T. - Assistant Archivist, attended many Group and member anniversaries and medallions with our Archives displays. Many of these celebrations were also recorded for posterity and have been added to the other digital recordings in our Repository located at 234 Eglinton Avenue as part of the Intergroup offices.

Eddy, David and I also attended the Area 83 Eastern Ontario International Service Day in Kingston, Ontario. David and Eddy presented the Area 83 history. They also brought the Archives displays. I participated on a separate panel in a workshop high-lighting the: how, what, where, when and who for both the GTA Intergroup Archives and Committee. I was also asked to include a brief summary of my Service journey leading to Archives and why I am so passionate about Service in AA overall. Our committee wishes to thank both Jenny C., - Area 83 Archives committee Chair, and the Area 83 Service Day committee for the invitations to both attend and make our separate presentations.

Committee members have also been busy. Patricia completed her report on workshop participation at the National Archives workshop held September in Sudbury, regarding women's history. I have already reported on Eddy and David's contribution and attendance for that successful event. Other committee members have been diligent in gathering both oral and group histories. We have an incredibly dedicated committee! Thank you!

The Archives committee met twice this month with a special focus on preparations for the 39th GTA Archives Breakfast being held on Sunday November 5 at Bloordale United Church in Etobicoke, Ontario. The Breakfast is sold out. Thank you for both your support and enthusiasm. Please note the Daylight Savings Time change scheduled for 2am on the 5th when clocks fall back one hour.

At our next Archives committee meeting we will be discussing a possible second printing of GTA Intergroup's book: 80 years of AA in Ontario. The Archives committee meets at 7pm on the second Friday of each month both in-person at 234 Eglinton and online via zoom. Our December meeting is held in a restaurant offsite. Please join us and/or send us an email at archives@aatoronto.org Thank you for your time, consideration and Interest. Yours in loving service, Glenn G.

COMMUNICATIONS: Ted D. (Rox Glen Traditional), Chairperson

Our committee is expanding to meet the evolving needs of GTA Intergroup. We now have to meeting vetting assistants who stood for nominations and were voted onto the committee. Both Maria P. and Athena N. received online training on these vetting procedures, and were assigned email addresses: meeting-admin1@aatoronto.org and meeting-admin2@aatoronto.org respectively. With each new meeting submission or correction to the online meeting list, the member submitting on behalf of the group will be contacted to verify the information is correct. Also, if the group doesn't have an Intergroup Rep, they will be provided an opportunity to sign up.

We have been fortunate enough to have increased the number of service individuals on the committee; individuals with WordPress editing skills to both 'feed' and maintain the website. We expect the delays and backlogs on posting announcements, calendar events, and medallion announcements will be clearing up soon.

The Winter Season Virtual Alkathon sign-up sheet and Event poster is available under 'Announcements' on the website. Please have your group sign up on the PDF and submit it to winterseasonvirtualalkathon@aatoronto.org. Holiday Candlelight Meeting Submissions may be sent to either meeting-admin1@aatoronto.org or meeting-admin2@aatoronto.org.

A continued thank you to our web developer, Imran M., Gerred S. and Bill M. (Web Admins) for their efforts. Better Times is beginning to function quite smoothly: thank you to Alice N. and Luke G. for their service! November's edition has been printed and can be picked up at 234. You'll notice a decision was made to post the email addresses for

the individual subcommittees, rather than the Zoom addresses and passwords for subcommittee monthly meetings, for security reasons. Interested members in the fellowship who would like to attend the meetings may simply email the respective committees beforehand and get the details on attending.

As we have not gone back yet to the in-person monthly General Meetings, consideration is being given to a system of distribution of the Better Times, when group members can't pick them up at 234. Perhaps volunteers can pick them up to distribute to a central group in each district, to which group members can then go to pick up monthly Better Times. Communications is working on the details of this initiative. Get your orders in and talk up the Better Times to your group. We produce a monthly run of 400 copies for the membership; thanks to Alexx at 234 for printing Better Times for us. The full-colour version of Better Times is available online and it looks great!

As always, we would love to hear your recovery stories – or that of a friend. Email bettertimes@aatoronto.org with your story submissions.

Once again, thank you to many members of the fellowship who communicate with us to provide feedback for the 'needed fixes' to the website. The website will continue its evolution and development, with Imran and the crew continuing to develop short instructional videos to assist future webmaster volunteers for the feeding and maintaining of the site. I think it's fair to say that GTA Intergroup Communications is in good hands.

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

Good evening, my name is Julie G, I am an alcoholic, and I am grateful to be serving as the chair for Info AA Day this year. The Info AA Day committee had its second meeting yesterday (Oct 30th) and planning is well underway for the 2024 Info AA day. We have a date set for the last Saturday of May. That's May 25th, (The weekend after the Victoria Day long weekend). The event will start at 9 am and goes until 3, pm with a lovely lunch in the middle. So mark your calendars, call your sponsors and tell them you want to take them out to lunch that day, all they have to do is pick you up, drive you to the event and pay 10 dollars for a ticket to help us cover the costs.

This is a unique event on the AA calendar where all the service districts of the GTA and Intergroup come together to put on an event aimed at informing our members about the services performed by both Intergroup and the various district committees that operate within the GTA.

The highlights are that we get to hear James O' D, our area delegate, report on what will have gone on at the General Service Conference that is held annually in New York in April. Also, every year we invite a staff member from the General Service Office in New York to share their story, their service journey, and give an overview of things happening at the GSO, which is AA's head office in New York. This is a great opportunity of members to learn about the service structure of AA, meet people, ask questions and find out how to get involved outside of their home group!

The committee has been busy trying to nail down a location for this event, and it isn't easy to find somewhere that checks all of our boxes. We have a couple of spots earmarked **but if anyone here knows of a location that:**

-holds around 150- 200 people

-Is accessible

-Has a kitchen

-Has tables and chairs

-Centrally located

-Near Public Transit

-Has some Parking

-Is reasonably priced/ has special pricing for non-profits, then please contact me!

We managed to fill more positions on our committee but still need more folks to participate in order to make this event happen. I will be again be sending out invitations to all DCM's alternate DCMs and Intergroup Operating committee members and to all committee chairs before our next meeting, which is November 27th. But if anyone on this floor is interested in serving, or knows of someone who is looking to get some service experience then please join our committee, we meet once a month on the last Monday of the month and there are about 6 meetings before the event itself in May. 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: No report.

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 been open for about a month online. We have been sending out regular emails to promote the conference.

To date, we have 217 registration, 148 for the banquet and 236 room nights have been booked.

We need volunteer greeters for the conference. Anyone interested in volunteering can visit our website:

<https://aaorc.ca/volunteer-greeters/>

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

To receive information on the rooms, please contact the Hotel Chair, 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.

YILS, Lisa

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

Looking for overnight 12 Step Greeters. We will have to change our 24 hour live voice policy if we cannot get greeters to stand up. We're down to 5 regulars and a couple of one-in-a-whilers, which means that the regulars are doing an overnight shift every 5 weeks and it's getting to be a bit much for some of us. In other big cities, they're live until 1 or 2 am and then it's voicemail after that. We're open to suggestions if anybody has any ideas how to handle this.

For the past month, we've been working to confirm with our greeters and our 12 Step callers just exactly what a 12 Step call is. Just so you are all aware - our 12 Step Greeters answer our phones and have a variety of resources they can use to help anyone calling our Helpline. If a person just wants to learn more about AA, the greeter will spend approximately 10 minutes explaining how AA works and trying to get the caller to commit to going to a meeting. If the caller is distressed, needing to ask more questions or get more support, the greeter reaches out for a 12 Stepper from our 12 Step Callers list on the Google Drive. Once we find one, they are given the caller's name and number to contact them directly and continue the conversation, or speak in their native tongue, or agree to meet for a coffee or a meeting. Some will even pick them up and take them to a meeting, but that is entirely within their discretion based on whether a rapport was established or not. Additionally, we are working on verifying our current list of 12 Steppers and Buddies to ascertain just how available they really are and for what.

Recently, many of our 12 Steppers are complaining that they are not receiving any 12 Step calls. Since COVID when greeters began working from home, all of our 12 Steppers except one have admitted that they do not answer their phone every time it rings, and that is at the heart of the problem since our greeters are all on their own phones that do not identify them as calling from AA. Our IT committee looked into installing software on all of our phones that would enable us to display AA on our individual cell phones, but it only works if everybody has the same phone and same server. So that's out of the question.

The only thing I can come up with are these: ask 12 Steppers to begin answering every phone call that comes to their phone, and/or two, ring once, hang up and ring again. Primitive but it might work.

We are proposing hosting three different Zoom calls with our Greeters, 12 Steppers and Buddies to spitball about all of this. These meetings will be like a Group Conscious meeting where we can gather information on how it works currently and what we can do to improve it.

Please let your group members know that the 12 Step Committee meets on the second Wednesday of the month on Zoom, and we would welcome more interest from our members. On the plus side, we are getting a steady stream of members wanting to be on the phones, many of them quite young in age, eager and enthusiastic; and that's a bonus.

They will be the ones carrying the message into the next millennia so it's important that they get engaged now. I can be reached at 12Step.chair@aatoronto.org As always, thank you for letting me Serve, Laura V.

WINTER SEASON OPEN HOUSE 2023: No report.

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, 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

It may just be Halloween, but it's that time of year, folks. Time to start thinking about the upcoming holiday season at the end of the year, and how you plan to integrate your program, and especially meetings, into your busy seasonal schedule. That means it's time to start thinking about the Winter Season Virtual Alkathon!

The schedule for this year's event is now posted online under Announcements. I think we can get that shared here now, thanks. At the end of each week this schedule will be updated to include those groups which have already secured a spot. The way to secure your group's meeting is to send an email to:

winterseasonvirtualalkathon@aatoronto.org.

Groups are limited to a single meeting over the course of the 4-day event, and can see what time slots are still available on a weekly basis. As of now approximately a half dozen groups have secured their time slot, and along with Al-anon meetings and 1 or 2 hosted by Intergruop, that leaves about 25 time slots available for all other home groups across the GTA. There are over 500 of us out there – registered groups, I mean. Surely we can come up with another couple of dozen groups willing to carry their messages online to the still-suffering alcoholics out there!

Groups will be taken on a first come, first served basis to fill the remaining time slots. The sooner you contact us, the better the likelihood of getting your first choice. To save time, it is recommended you give us your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices for a time to host your meeting, in order of preference. We'll do our best to accommodate you.

We are still looking for people to help us execute the event, especially tech volunteers who can spare a few hours during the course of the Alkathon. So if you're looking to do a little service over the holidays, all from the comfort of your own home, please contact our committee ASAP! We help you with the training, and you're always part of our team, so you are never alone. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for letting me be of service. David P., WWSA Chair

DISTRICT REPORTS

ACCESSIBILITIES: Greg R. (Markham Village), Chairperson

Good evening friends,

I'm the GTAI Accessibilities Chair, a member of the Markham Village Group, and my name is Greg. We had an excellent monthly Accessibilities Committee meeting a few weeks ago with 10 members attending. We invited Amy L, the Area 83 Alternate Delegate to come share about Remote Communities. She gave an excellent presentation and brought to light that Remote Communities are not only the areas in faraway places, but also here in GTA. There are roughly 250 ethnicities in the GTA and there are approximately 200 different languages spoken. Dominant languages spoken are Cantonese, Italian, Spanish, Tagalog, Tamil, French, and Portuguese. It would be great to have meetings held in all of these languages in the GTA. The indigenous community in the GTA most likely would love a meeting.

In regard to Remote Communities, there is a Remote Communities Forum being held on Dec 3rd and it will be hybrid. Amy asked that we post this on the Intergruop website, to let members know about this event. I forwarded the info earlier this evening.

There is a big push to have an ASL Interpreter at our meetings. It's a free service by the Canadian Hearing Society, we should take advantage of this. If you have a deaf member in your Group, we can help get you an ASL Interpreter for your meeting.

We also had a lengthy and fiery discussion on the need for consideration taken when picking a venue for an AA event. The Winter Season Open House is not fully accessible and there are a few members that do not feel a part of, when attending this event.

Our goal is to bring awareness to the issues around Accessibilities, to ensure dignity, and work to make a difference.

Yours in Gratitude and Service. Greg R., GTAI Accessibilities Chair, Markham Village Group

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES: No report.

COOPERATION with the PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY/PUBLIC INFORMATION: Dorothy A. (Credit Valley), CPC/PI Alternate Chair: No report.

GRAPEVINE: No report.

SELF SUPPORT: No report.

This subcommittee currently needs a Chairperson; please contact Marvyn at oc.chair@aatoronto.org for more information.

TREATMENT: Brendan O. (Fellowship of the Spirit), Chairperson

GTAI Treatment Report

District 02

- Brampton Detox: Shared by the groups in the District. Thursday at 8pm – Speaker meeting
- Saturday at 1:30pm – Closed discussion meeting
- Sunday at 8pm – Speaker meeting
- St Leonard's: meeting put on by The Living and Learning group.
- Tuesday at 8pm – Closed discussion
- Addictions Rehab Toronto: meeting put on by The Bad Boys group.
- Every Third Wednesday at 7:30pm – Speaker meeting
- District 02 provides reports and attends the GTAI Treatment Meeting

District 06

- Cawthra Shelter: Shared by the groups in the District.
- Wednesdays at 7pm
- Jean Tweed Broadview: Shared by the groups in the District
- Moving to in person / more info to follow
- A new Treatment Chair and Alt have been elected.
- District 06 rarely provides reports but attends the GTAI Treatment Meeting

District 10

- CAMH: Shared by the groups in the District
- Thursdays 10:45 am
- Homestead Women's Meeting: Put on by the Hill Group
- Wednesdays 7pm
- St Felix Centre: Shared by the groups in the Districts 10 and 12
- Tuesdays 7pm
- Salvation Army Harbour Light (I don't have any info)
- District 10 no longer provides reports or attends the GTAI Treatment Meeting

District 12

- St Felix (see above)
- District 12 has recently started to attend the GTAI Treatment Meeting but with turnover

District 14

- GTAI Treatment Chair was at a meeting and heard an announcement for a Treatment meeting and made contact with George B who is the Registrar but is also cover their 2 treatment meetings at the Blue Door Shelter and at COTA Health.

District 18

- Bellwood Health Services put on by the Half Century Group
- Thursday 8pm closed
- Sunday 7:30 pm open meeting
- Edward Village Hotel: Shared by the groups in the District.
- Thursday 7pm open meeting
- Michael Garron Withdrawal Management: Shared by the groups in the District.
- Wednesday 7pm closed meeting (not listed)
- Jean Tweed Broadview: Shared by the groups in the District
- Moving to in person / more info to follow
- District 18 sometimes reports and does not attend the GTAI Treatment Meeting.

District 22

- City of Toronto Shelter – 705 Progress: Shared by the groups in the District.
- Mondays 7pm
- Holmes First / Delta Hotel: Shared by the groups in the District. (not listed)
- Thursdays 7pm
- COTA Health on hold due to lack of attendance.
- D22 Treatment hosted its info booth at the District's recent Service Info Day; unfortunately, there were no visitors to the booth by attendees of the day's event.
- Valarie, the D22 Treatment Chair accepted an invitation from Maria M (Area 83 Treatment Chair) to facilitate a workshop about Treatment at the Area Assembly Service Information Day (October 28).
- The district committee is growing with new members on board.
- District 22 provides reports and attends the GTAI Treatment Meeting faithfully.

GTAI Treatment Committee: Next meeting Thursday November 16th 7pm. Next meeting Thursday January 14th 2024 and meetings will be quarterly as of January.

AREA 83 REPORT: Amy L., Area 83 Alternate Delegate

Amy gave a verbal report to Floor members as General Service Intergroup Liaison, highlighting an upcoming InterArea Remote Communities forum (forum flyers provided in 3 languages) and an upcoming Hispanic Women's Workshop. Inquiries about remote communities activities and for copies of these event flyers: please email Amy at alternate.delegatea83@gmail.com

RECEPTION: Graham D., Operating Committee Vice-Chair

Present were 35 Reps, 8 Alternate Reps, 9 OC Members, 8 Subcommittee Chairs, 2 District Liaisons and 6 Visitors, for a total attendance of 68 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](#)
[Operating Committee Member \(1\)](#)

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business was forthcoming.

CHAIRPERSON'S CLOSING REMARKS: Marvyn thanked everyone for their participation and dedication to service.

A **Motion to adjourn** was moved by Bert J. (Silverbirch) and seconded by Ted D. (Rox Glen Traditional). Carried. The meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Declaration.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: An online meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 28 at 8 p.m. (virtual meeting).**

ONE OC MEMBER NEEDED!

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



The Operating Committee ('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](https://www.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