

# GENERAL MEETING ANNUAL WORKSHOP

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024

(Hybrid Meeting)

(These Minutes Unapproved 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 Pam W. (Morning Discussion Group).

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

### INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES:

Aurora, Beaches, Birds of a Feather, Bloordale, Brampton Recovery, Church Street, Dry on Danforth, Erin Mills, Fellowship, Friendly, Hill, King City, Longbranch, Meadowvale Fellowship, Midtown, Mississauga, Morning Discussion, New Anchor, North Toronto, Primary Purpose, Prince Edward, Rox Glen Traditional, Sisters in Sobriety, St. Clements, Stepping Stones, Steps to Serenity, The Dogs, Thursday Men's, and Twelve Steps.

**DISTRICT LIAISONS:** Districts 14, 18, and 22.

**OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Bruce L. (Finance Chair), David G., Eric S., Kelly L. (OC Secretary), Kelli T. (OC Vice-Chair), Lijon G, and Sean L.

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

**CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS** – Kelli T. (Hill), Operating Committee Vice-Chair

- There is a back order on hard cover Big Books at present; the order should be delivered to the Literature Department at 234 early next week;
- Engraving machine update: our current engraving machine (which is 13 years old) is out of commission. The Finance and Operating Committees have approved and agreed to purchase a new engraving machine. The new machine should be coming soon;
- Jomana A. (Stepping Stones), Operating Chairperson, sends her regrets this evening as she is attending a medallion celebration for her sponsee.

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

## WELCOME TO THE WORKSHOP and OVERVIEW OF INTERGROUP

- **Intergroup Representative/Alternate Representative: Roles/Responsibilities**
- **What is Intergroup?**
- **How Does Intergroup Help A.A.?**
- **Intergroup & District Subcommittees: Descriptions**
- **Voting process at Intergroup Monthly Meetings**
- **Question & Answer Period**



# GREATER TORONTO AREA INTERGROUP



WHAT'S THE POINT?

Intergroup provides local services that no other entity can provide.

- Website with meeting info
- 24/7 Help Line
- Events such as Winter Season Open House and Info AA Day

This meeting is the only place where your group has an opportunity to meet with members of other groups on a regular basis in an effort to improve AA in the GTA.

# A LITTLE AA HISTORY IN TORONTO

**1948**  
Central  
Committee

**1960**  
Toronto  
Intergroup

**1995**  
Greater Toronto  
Area Intergroup

## TWO ARMS OF SERVICE

HOW  
INTERGROUP  
DIFFERS  
FROM  
GENERAL  
SERVICE  
OFFICE



### District 2

- Milton
- - 16 Groups

### District 6

- Mississauga
- - 20 Groups

### District 10

- Toronto South Central
- - 10 Groups

### District 12

- Toronto Southwest
- - 22 groups

### District 14

- Toronto North
- - 14 Groups

### District 16

- Spanish
- - 8 Groups

### District 18

- Toronto East
- - 18 Groups

### District 22

- Scarborough
- - 10 groups

## WHO DO WE SERVE



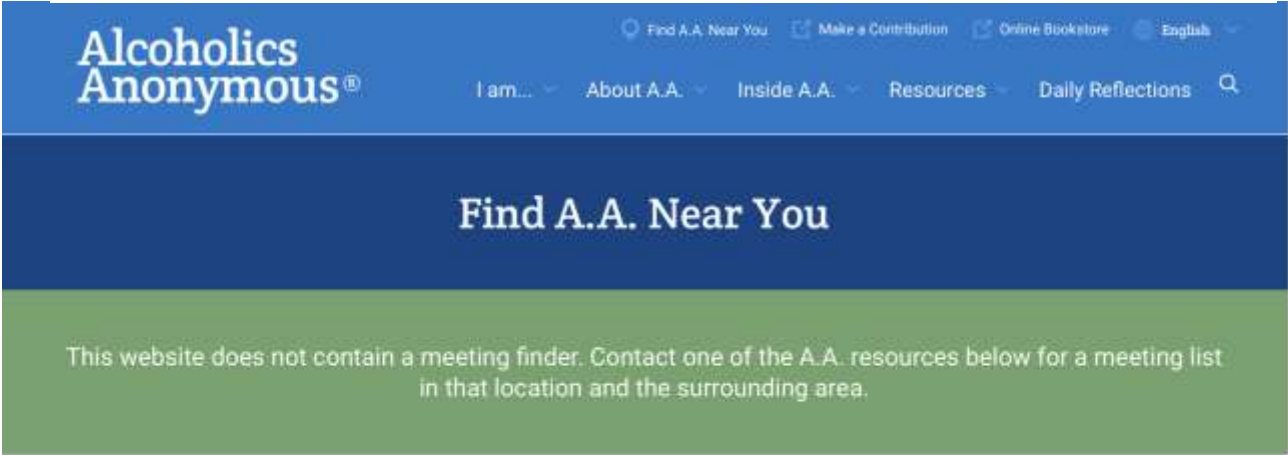
PURPOSE AND FUNCTION

Working together locally to carry the message of AA, we provide essential services. We are a point of contact between AA groups and the alcoholic inside and outside the rooms

Local Service Center

Provide financial support

Using AA's 9<sup>th</sup> Tradition



SERVICES WE PROVIDE



Up to date meeting list (Comms)



Local Website (Comms)



Newsletter – Better Times (Comms)



24/7 Help Line 12 Steppers (12 Step)



Literature Storage and Distribution



Office Space



Group Liability Insurance

Your Group's 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition and your time help make these services possible.

## ROLE OF THE INTERGROUP REP



VOICE OF THE  
GROUP - THE REP  
AS A CONDUIT



RIGHT OF  
DECISION TO VOTE



MONTHLY  
MEETINGS



MAKE A MOTION



NOMINATE  
CANDIDATES

## INTERGROUP REP

**You are a conduit between  
what happens at  
Intergroup  
and  
your Home Group**

Bring ideas from  
your Home  
Group to the  
Intergroup  
Floor



Share with your  
Home Group  
regarding the  
opportunities for  
service via Intergroup



## INTERGROUP REP MONTHLY MEETINGS

The only people who can bring motions to the Intergroup Floor are the Intergroup Representatives or the Alternate Rep.

### • One group – One Voice

The only people with a voice at Intergroup meetings are the IG Reps, Operating Committee members and Committee chairs – if recognized by the chair.

*I'm the Intergroup Rep  
from The Beaches Group  
and I motion .....*

Clearly  
worded  
motion  
proposed

Seconded

Chairman  
restates

Discussion

Ask for  
Vote -  
Directions  
- Results

## VOTING PROCESS

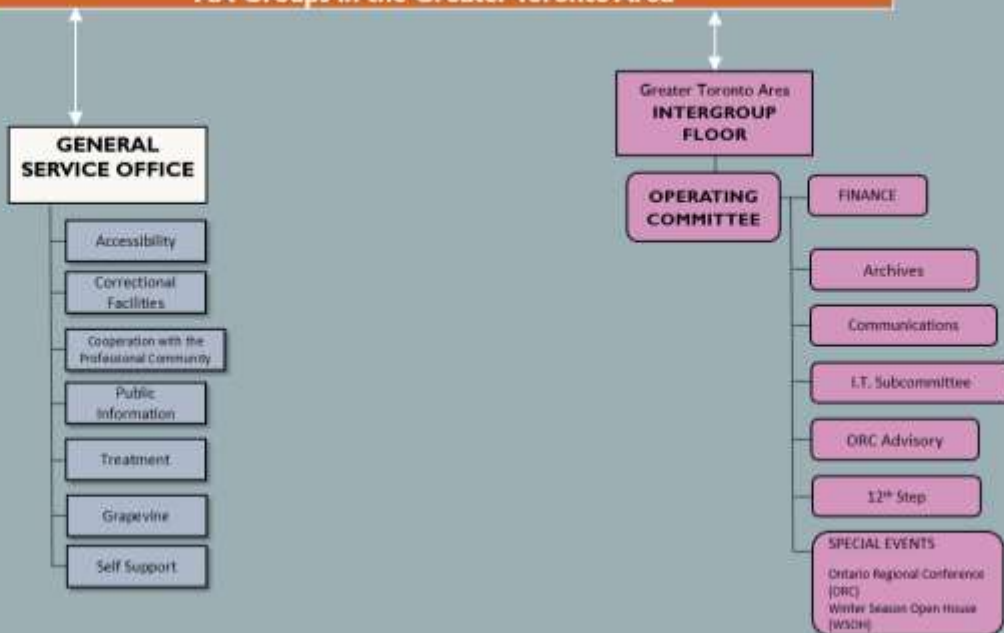
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## AA Groups in the Greater Toronto Area

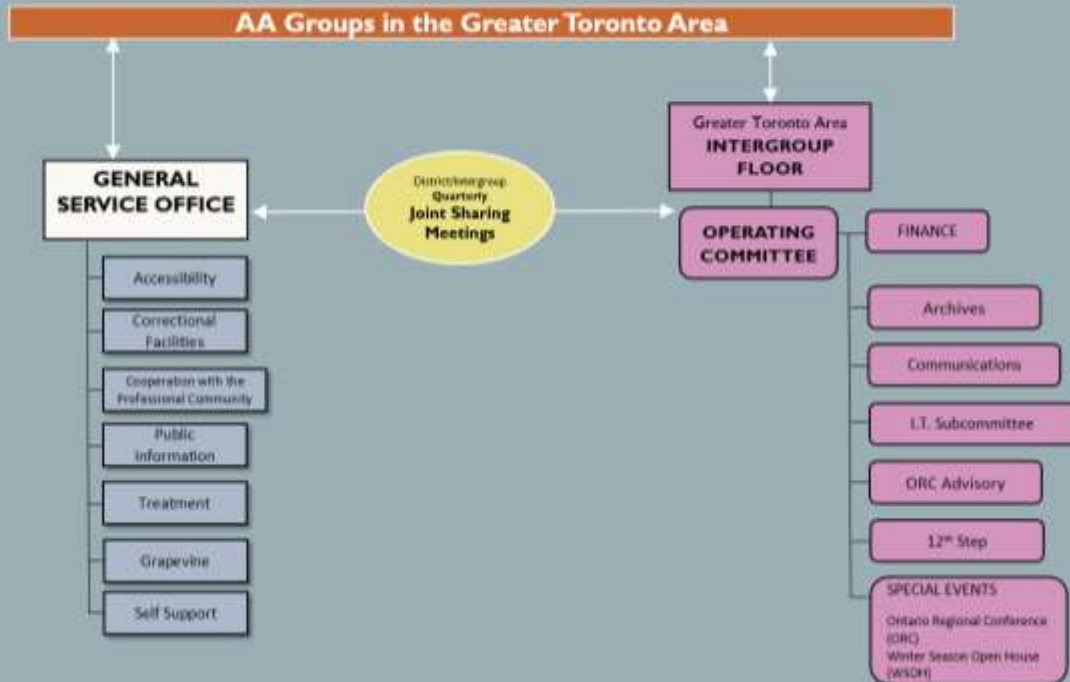


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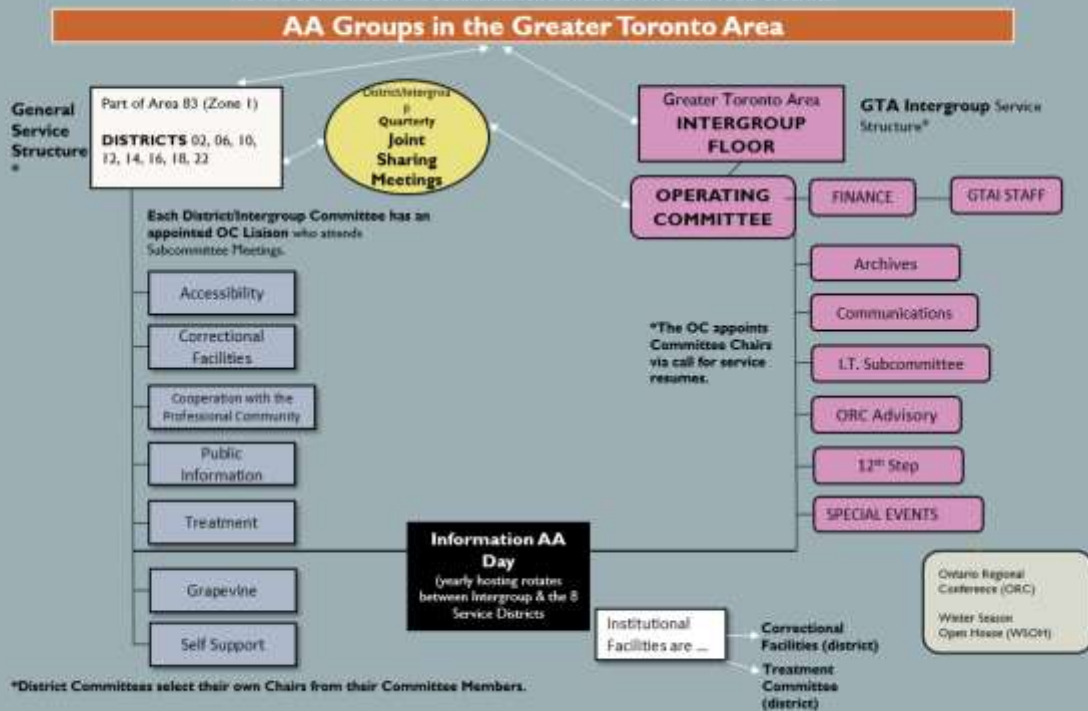


# GTA Intergroup Service Structure



## Greater Toronto Area Intergroup Sub-Committee Structure (as defined in GTAI Procedures & Guidelines)

The Flow of Information and Communication between our Two Local 'Arms' of Service:





## INTERGROUP SUB COMMITTEES

- Finance
- Archives
- Communication
- Twelfth Step
- Ontario Regional Conference
- Special Events (Open House, Info AA Day, WSVAs, etc)

- Chair is appointed by the Operating Committee, except ORC
- Chair serves for 1 year and may be reappointed for a second term with OC approval

## OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES



### Operating

- Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Sec'y + 6
- Each is a liaison to subcommittee
- Chair responsible for the Intergroup Office with Finance Committee assistance
- Responsible for monthly meeting, hosted alternate Joint Share and Info AA Day



### Finance

- 5 voting members, one must be a CPA
- Responsible for financial soundness of Intergroup operations
- Creates and presents budget
- Each subcommittee, both Intergroup and District have a budget to be used
- Audited financial statements by outside auditors

FINANCE  
COMMITTEE  
EXAMPLE

68 1/4"

**IF ALCOHOL IS  
CAUSING PROBLEMS  
IN YOUR LIFE,  
CONTACT AA**

416-487-5591  
aatoronto.org

*Alcoholics Anonymous*



**WE'RE ALCOHOLICS  
HELPING OTHER  
ALCOHOLICS  
GET SOBER.**  
*SOLUTION BASED*

## INTERGROUP SUB COMMITTEES



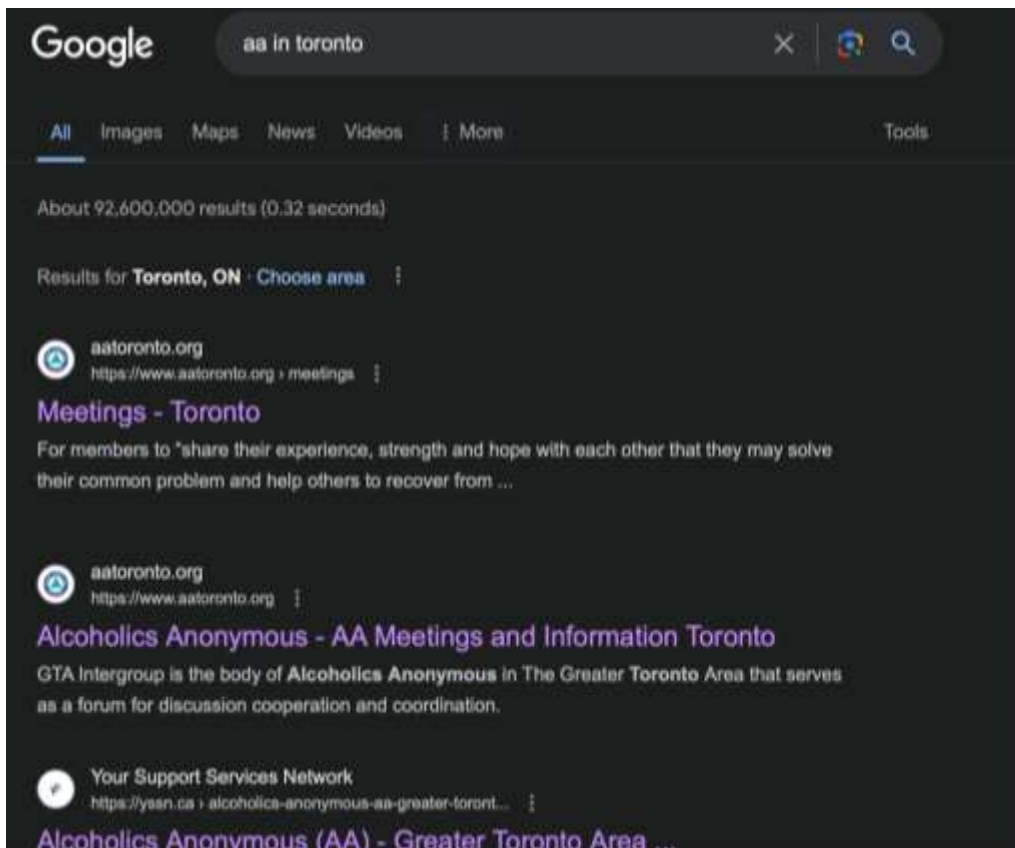
### Communications

Website

Better Times

Special Announcements

Meeting Directory



Example of recent work from the Communications Committee –  
Appropriate SEO

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Better Times  
Special Announcements  
Meeting Directory



### Twelfth Step

24/7 Help Line  
Connecting newcomers and members to meetings and resources  
Organizing 12 Step calls

## INTERGROUP SUB COMMITTEES



### Archives

Preserving the history of AA in the GTA, receive, classify, index, and preserve all relevant AA materials from the GTA



### Info Tech

Recommendations of solutions on technology  
Guidance on cost-effective IT solutions  
Review statements of work, price quotes and contracts

## INTERGROUP SUB COMMITTEES



### ORC

Responsible for organization of the annual Ontario Regional Conference sponsored by the GTA Intergroup



### Info AA Day

Collaborates with District to arrange and present Info AA Day for the AA Members of GTA to encourage service in the fellowship  
Saturday May 25 9-3  
Bloordale United



## INTERGROUP SUB COMMITTEES

### Special Events

These type of committees can be formed for any reason to help AA in the GTAI.

Ex:

- Winter Season Open House (WSOH)
- Winter Season Virtual Alkathon. (WSVA)

We can also host Workshops or Studies.

### How to get more active



SERVICE IS  
FOR  
EVERYONE

- ✓ Be informed
- ✓ Be Inclusive
- ✓ Ask Questions
- ✓ Commit to attending the monthly meetings
- ✓ Encourage your group members to get active
- ✓ Anyone can join a committee - details are in the calendar section of our website
- ✓ Attend Info AA Day  
Saturday, May 25 9am – 3pm  
Bloordale United Church.  
Bring an AA friend along

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After a Q & A Session, the Workshop closed with the Serenity Prayer.

Total online attendance: 32  
Total in person attendance: 16  
7<sup>th</sup> Tradition (in-person): \$58.25

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, May 28 at 8 p.m. (hybrid)