

GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024

(Hybrid 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 Beth B. (Fellowship).

MEMBERS PRESENT:

INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES:

12 Steps, Anniversary, Birds of a Feather, Danforth, Fellowship, Fifth Tradition, Keep It Simple, Kipling, Midtown, Mississauga, Morning Discussion, One Paragraph at a Time, Primary Purpose, Prince Edward, Rox Glen Traditional, Silverbirch, Steps to Serenity, The Hill, The Indian Road, Welcome, Westmoreland, and Woodbridge.

(Please note: some online attendees may not have included their group name in their virtual screen name during the meeting; for this reason, some groups might have not been recorded as being in attendance in the above list. If you are a Rep and attending online, please include your group name and service position at the virtual meeting for accurate recording.)

DISTRICT LIAISONS: Districts 06, 14, and 22.

OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Bruce L. (Finance Chair), Heidi B., Jenn F., Jimmy S., Jomana A. (OC Chair), Kelli T. (OC Vice-Chair), Kelly L. (OC Secretary), and Sean L.

SUBCOMMITTEES REPRESENTED: ARCHIVES, AREA 83 INCOMING ALTERNATE DELEGATE, FINANCE, GRAPEVINE, INFORMATION AA DAY, IT SUBCOMMITTEE, TWELFTH STEP, WINTER SEASON OPEN HOUSE 2024, WINTER SEASON VIRTUAL ALCATHON 2024.

HOUSEKEEPING: Jomana A. (OC Chair) outlined the following: recording of the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES – November 2024

Errors or Omissions: Barbara H. (Welcome) pointed out that 2 questions from the Floor (and their answers) were not recorded in the November Minutes.

Question after Finance Report: Will the literature discount end at the end of the year?

Answer: Yes, it is likely to end.

Question after Information AA Day Report: What is the date of the event?

Answer: May 24, 2025.

Motion to adopt Minutes as amended moved by Brock C. (Danforth) and seconded by Dee G. (Steps to Serenity). Motion carried.

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

CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS – Jomana A. (Stepping Stones), Operating Committee Chair

On behalf of the Operating Committee, Jomana thanked Kelli T. (The Hill), outgoing OC Vice-Chair, for her efforts and enthusiasm in serving as both OC Vice-Chair and as an OC member over the past five years. Jomana honoured Kelli's unwavering commitment to service and Kelli received a round of applause from Floor members.

Motion to Suspend Regular Business – Elections for new Operating Committee Members

Motion moved by Bubba (Birds of a Feather) and seconded by Russell J. (Morning Discussion). Motion carried.

After this, Jomana outlined the qualifications and service commitments for this position [[See OC members' roles and responsibilities document/page 3 of these minutes](#)] and asked if any there were any nominations/volunteers from Floor members. After being invited to address the Floor,

After giving a brief address to the Floor, **1 member was voted in by the Floor to serve as a new OC member** (by acclamation):

- **Russell J.** (Morning Discussion).

An election for 2 more OC members will be held at the January General Meeting. Please announce to your group members!

COLLECTION OF THE 7TH TRADITION:

- As per our literature and the 7th Tradition, we are self-supporting through our own contributions.
- In-person Collection: A 7th Tradition basket was passed; \$36.15 was collected (after coffee/supply expenses).
- For Virtual attendees: The 7th Tradition link is as follows: <https://www.aatoronto.org/about/7th-tradition/>

FINANCE REPORT

	November 2024 (1 month)						
	Actual 2024	Budget 2024	Variance	%	Actual 2023	Variance	%
Contributions	19,497	19,375	122	1%	15,588	3,909	25%
Literature Sales	14,578	11,320	3,258	29%	11,391	3,187	28%
= Total Revenues	34,075	30,695	3,380	11%	26,979	7,096	26%
- Cost of Sales	11,922	9,198	2,724	30%	8,966	2,956	33%
- Expenses	17,513	16,835	678	4%	12,484	5,029	40%
= Surplus / (Deficiency)	4,640	4,662	(22)		5,529	(889)	

Contributions for the month are on Budget while literature sales are better than Budgeted by 29%. Overall revenue for November is 11% higher than Budgeted at \$34,075.

Cost of Goods Sold remains over Budget by 30%, however Expenses are only 4% over Budget at \$17, 513. Overall for the Month of November we realized a surplus of \$4640 which is on Budget.

financechair@aatoronto.org

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Glenn thanked members for their support/contributions to Archives in the form of materials and oral histories submitted.

Both Glenn and Eddy G. (Archivist) attended the Unionville Group's 70th Group Anniversary and there were 5 speakers at the event.

Archives will have their display at both Winter Season Open House and the ORC.

Happy Holidays!

For subcommittee inquiries, please email: archives@aatoronto.org

COMMUNICATIONS: Chair not present; the following report was submitted/read by Lijon G., OC Liaison:

1. The website is functioning well. There are two service positions which have become available: Web Administrator responsible to vet meeting information and Calendar Administrator responsible to post meeting and medallion information on-line and to the Better Times.
2. The Education Participation and Enhancement ad hoc committee will provide a report to the Communications Committee in the New Year.
3. The Better Times Magazine is meeting the timelines for publication at the beginning of each month. However, there is a serious need for content contributions. Please if you have a story, share it bettertimes@aatoronto.org and spread the message.
4. The position of Communications Chair is now turned over for the time being to Lijon G. who has been the steadfast liaison to Communications from the OC.

Once again, I thank all of you for the opportunity to get to know you a bit better and to serve AA Toronto. I am most appreciative of the time and energy the Communications Committee has put forward to maintain the website and the Better Times. It was a pleasure to work with you and I look forward to seeing you as we continue to trudge the road of happy destiny.

With love and respect, Ted D., Past Communications Chair

Articles/Submissions/Medallion Announcements for the Better Times Newsletter:
bettertimes@aatoronto.org

INFORMATION AA DAY 2025: De R. (Rexdale United), 2025 Event Chairperson

Hello friends, I'm an alcoholic, and currently have the pleasure of serving as your 2025 Info AA Day Chair and my name is De.

As the Term comes to an end, I would like to extend an invitation to all incoming Subcommittee and District Committee Chairs to join Info AA Day when we meet again Monday, January 27, 2025 to be a part of planning our event for May 24, 2025 (at Native Friendship Centre, 16 Spadina Road, Toronto 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.).

The planning for Info AA Day is a collaborative effort between the eight Districts, their DCMs and Alternates and Intergroup. The purpose of our event is to bring awareness of Service Opportunities outside of the Home Group and hear the Delegate's report back. Many in AA do not know the Service Structure and attending Info AA Day broadens their knowledge.

In fact, many on the Info AA Day committee are new to their positions as DCMs and Alternates and may not know about service opportunities at the Intergroup level.

Your attendance in being a part of the planning process helps us understand what Service Opportunities are available at Intergroup, what these are and what they do. Alcoholics may be familiar with District Committees if they have a representative at the District level who attends for example Treatment or Accessibilities but may not know what other opportunities there are.

These conversations often come up at the group level during fellowship so we as a committee need to learn and have knowledge of Intergroup Subcommittees to answer these questions. For instance the Twelfth Step subcommittee may interest many AA members, but if we at the Info AA Day Committee don't know what that subcommittee is or does, we cannot relay it to AA members.

If we work together in the planning, we can all hopefully improve Service at all levels, and attendees at the event can hear more about all Service opportunities and join Subcommittees.

We want Info AA Day to be a fun, inclusive and participatory event for all levels of Service and Alcoholics who may be unaware of the opportunities. We want to de-mystify Service and attract Alcoholics, whether newcomers or those who are unaware of the many choices outside of the group level.

Please join us – we meet the 4th Monday of each month at 8 pm

I will put my email in the chat: please contact me for January's Agenda, zoom information and Info AA Day Guidelines. Let's make this May 24th event a great success!

Thank you for allowing me to be of service and Happy Holidays

De R., 2025 Info AA Day Chair derail416@gmail.com

I.T. SUBCOMMITTEE: Sean L., OC Liaison

No meeting held in December. Sean mentioned that the committee continues work on Google Space management is assisting with the Online HelpChat (Twelfth Step).

For subcommittee inquiries, please email it.chair@aatoronto.org

ONTARIO REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2025: Eddy G. (Beaches), 2025 Event Chairperson

Good evening everyone, I am an alcoholic, a member of the Beaches Group & I have the honor & responsibility to be your ORC 2025 Chair & my name is Eddy G.

The ORC 2025 will be held on March 14-16, 2025 at the Sheraton Centre Hotel.

The theme is "A New Happiness"

General Admission is \$55, the Banquet is \$115 & the Special Hotel Rate is \$245/night.

The Website is open for registration at aaorc.ca

So far registration has been slow. I am asking everyone for your help!

Please announce & ask your group members & your AA friends to register, attend the banquet & book your hotel rooms.

Also mention that if you register early, you have a chance to win two free nights at the Sheraton & receive a \$100 gift card to "THE KEG"

Thank you, yours in service, Eddy G., ORC 2025 Chair
Beaches Group 416-536-7536

TWELFTH STEP: Kelli T. (The Hill), OC Liaison **Verbal Report**

The committee did not meet in December.

There will be an event for both phone greeters and 12-Stepper volunteers at 234 over the holidays to show appreciation for their efforts.

Twelfth Step committee initiatives are move along well.

Update for ad hoc committee/HelpChat: there is a red icon on our website for this feature (lower bottom corner on Home Page). When 'chat agents' (Twelfth Step volunteers) are available, an "available for chat" prompt appears. If chat agents are not available, an "agents not available – call hotline 416-487-5591" prompt appears. Kelli took the time to thank Collin R., volunteer web developer (Communications Committee), for his assistance in helping with the online calendar of seasonal events. For those wishing to volunteer for our phone hotline, please email 12step@aatoronto.org (1 year of continuous sobriety needed to volunteer).

Twelfth Step Committee inquiries: 12step.chair@aatoronto.org

WINTER SEASON OPEN HOUSE 2024 – Candice W., 2024 Event Committee Member

Winter Season Open House 2024:

December 25th 2024 10am-4pm

Timothy Eaton Memorial Church

230 St Clair Ave W Toronto ON M4V1R5

Entrance off Dunvegan Rd. *Fully Accessible/Event is FREE*

wsoh@aatoronto.org

Update this far:

-27 turkeys and 18 hams have been donated!

-event will feature AA/Alanon meeting, fun, food, and fellowship! Event is **free** and open to all

-prep work for event will be on Tues. Dec. 24 at venue from 8 a.m. to 12 noon

-everything is set; we have a storage fridge for food in Oakville and all the deliveries for food will occur on Dec 23/24

-we have lots of volunteers in place

WSOH Meeting-December 15th 2024

- We are all there at 7 a.m. on the 24th and the 25th
- \$250 cheque donation from Martin, Zobie gave it to Tony Z and they need a receipt
- Butcher is coming on the 25th and needs 3 people (garbage person, a dark meat person, cleanup person)
- Mehrab gave \$250 cash donation to Tony Z from Will from his old AA home group
- At 2:30 we will make an announcement if anyone wants extra take-out containers if we have an abundance of food
- Zobie is going to put together Dean's schedule

Kitchen

- Menu is done
- Tony Z has the grocery list
- Bryan has a few cash donations, has a case of 2 steam trays , has a case of takeout containers, aluminum foil
- WE HAVE EVERYTHING!
- Bryan will be there at 6:30 at the 24th

Food Prep

- We are good on food prep
- All the stuff is in the storage area at Bloordale and is going from Bloordale on the 23rd to Timothy Eaton
- We need a few coolers. Bri (x1), Danielle (x1), Ross (x1), Tony Z (x2)

Turkey and Hams

- Ross and Candis have someone that has an industrial oven that can cook 7-9 turkey's
- Dave is going to contact the people that offered to provide an uncooked turkey and coordinate with Ross and Candis

- Danielle is going to get 5 turkeys from Andrea and store them at her work on Dec 23rd. Dean will pick them up on the 23rd and drive them to the industrial oven
- Ross and Candis have 2 hams. Danielle has 1 ham

Purchaser-Tony Z

- Tony has his list

Meetings-Tony M

- Ross and Candis have someone that wants to chair
- Al-anon is all set

Desserts/Drinks/Coffee

- We have \$1,000
- We are going to get decaf coffee, and it will be added to the grocery list
- We have the 20 cases of pop at Carlos. Dean will pick them up and bring them to the WSOH on the 24th

Garbage/Washroom

- We have signs that have been printed
- We have garbage bags and recycling bags

Greeters/Security

- Chris has 3 people and will talk to Ozenam to see if their clients want to come be of service

Decorations

- We have decorations and a few members will go through the box after today's meeting
- Decorations will be coming back to Bloordale

Teardown

- Teardown will start at 3:30

Sound System/DJ

- Dave has a backup speaker
- Zobie has someone donating a USB stick of Christmas music
- Dave has his Bluetooth connection

Welcome Table/Sign up Board

- Louise is getting name tags
- We still have the sign-up boards from Roncesvalles
- Tony Z will gather the 7th from the meetings and from the welcome table

Volunteer Coordinator

- We have a lot of volunteers coming
- Ross will provide direction to the volunteers

WINTER VIRTUAL ALCATHON 2024: Jimmy S. (Fifth Tradition), OC Liaison/acting Chair

- The fifth annual event will be held **Dec 24, Dec 25, Dec 31, and January 1**
- For more information (flyer), check out the aa.org website (link under 'Announcements')
- We have a couple of Zoom training sessions this week (on Dec. 19 and 20) for event tech support volunteers
- We have added an additional time slots for chairing virtual meetings (11 p.m. to midnight) and they got filled up right away
- All of our tech support times slots are also filled
- We added a FAQ document for tech training to further assist event volunteers
- We also added the GTAI Helpline for anyone needing to reach out for help after midnight
- We also added a flyer for those wanting to attend in-person meetings over the holidays
- "There are no obstacles; no issues. We are just excited to keep the Alcahthon alive for another year!"

Question (in person): What times is the Alcathon running?

Answer: Dec 24 and Dec 31: from 4 p.m. to midnight. Dec 25 and Jan 1: from noon to midnight

Any questions please email alcathon@aatoronto.org.

DISTRICT REPORTS

ACCESSIBILITIES: Bert J. (Silverbirch), Committee Member

This committee will be holding their meeting this upcoming Sunday; no report.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES: The following submitted by Rob F., Area 83 Corrections Chair:

COMBINED GTA & AREA 83 CORRECTIONS MEETING

December 3, 2024 – In person and via Zoom

Chair: Jimmy S (Intergroup Liaison)

Attendees: In Person – Jim R (D06-Corrections Chair), Tom P (D12), Cameron B (D12)

On Line – Dora A (District 16); Gustavo A (District 16); Rob F (Area 83 Corrections Chair); Will L (D14-Corrections Chair); Tony D (D02-Corrections Chair); Minutes: Eric G (D10)

Meeting commenced at approximately 7:00 PM

Reports

Will L (D14)

Transitioning into Corrections Chair role. Setting up for January with literature to parole offices, police stations etc.

Eric G (D10)

Continuing volunteering at Toronto East Detention Centre (TEDC) and attending Corrections Committee meetings etc.

Cameron B (D12)

Continuing to coordinate re: starting to volunteer at TEDC.

Dora A (D16)

District 16 volunteer at Intergroup Office (Spanish) 1560 Dupont Ave. assisting with Public Information, Literature etc. Hoping to begin Corrections volunteering. Eric G will try to follow up with Lynn E and/or Gale R (former District 22 Corrections Chairs/TEDC coordinators). Lynn E appears to have changed Districts. Rob F will also follow up re: new District 22 Corrections Chair.

Gustavo A (D16)

Also supporting District 16 and request to participate in Corrections service.

Rob F (Area 83)

Attended Area Assembly Chairs meeting and North Carolina meeting with speaker by Zoom. Also attended Remote Communities session. Correctional institutions appear to be similar. Very pleased to welcome District 16 participation. Lindsay institution the only one not meeting consistently. Changes in staffing particularly Volunteer Coordinators. District 82 trying to get meetings started. Advocating for use of plain language Big Books. First edition is sold out with new edition coming (some errors corrected). Rob is attending to his health. Kimberly will be at weekend meeting with Big Books available on a first-come first-serve basis.

Jimmy S (Intergroup Liaison)

Incoming Intergroup Liaison.

Motion - discussion regarding remaining Corrections Subcommittee budget for 2024, approximately \$250 left. Needs to be spent. Vote and unanimous approval for Jim R to purchase one case of softcover Big Books and selection of past issues of Grapevines for use at correctional facilities.

Tony D (D02)

OCI meetings continuing with volunteers (Eddy G etc.). Tony awaiting clearance.

Jim R (D06)

Coordinating for Toronto South Detention Centre (TSDC). 2 new volunteers at Saturday orientation. Meetings Tuesdays from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. and Wednesdays from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Volunteer Sector Reports required from Police. Literature supplies okay but always looking for Grapevines for inside meetings, distribution to clients etc. Beginner's pamphlets also helpful. Occasional lockdowns. Some people attending meetings do not have alcohol issues, respected but not given specific AA materials such as Big Books. Currently 20 to 25 volunteers scheduled but not all active, approximately 20 attend. Many more badges but not all participating. Exchanged numbers with Gustavo A to assist in coordinating volunteering.

Committee Thank You to Rob F who is stepping down as Area 83 Corrections Chair after much service which is greatly appreciated! Rob F also expressed his appreciation and thanks. Incoming Chair will continue.

Meeting concluded at approximately 7:50 PM.

Next meeting Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 7 p.m. in person at 234 Eglinton Avenue and on Zoom (hybrid). All are welcome.

New Zoom Meeting ID 885 4649 3562 Password 559493 correctionsarea83@gmail.com

CPC/PI: No Report

GRAPEVINE: No Report

SELF SUPPORT: No Report

TREATMENT: No Report

Inquiries about specific activities: treatment@aatoronto.org

AREA 83 REPORT: Bill C., Area 83 incoming Alternate Delegate

General Service Report from Intergroup Liaison-Alternate Delegate Area 83

December 17, 2024 GTAI Monthly meeting

1. **Eastern Canada Regional Trustees report** - [highlights from the Board Weekend : November 1, 2024](#)

2. **GSR Power Hour WORKSHOPS**, Continuing for 2025/26 Panel 75: and [AGENDA](#):

Topic is **How can we Support GSRs?**

Introduction of New GSRs, and the GSRs monthly sessions, forward!

Next Term, the GSR sessions will be available two times a month, and Tuesday and 3rd Wednesday at 8 pm, for the GSR Power Hour! Please GSRs to attend. There is a lot of great info and Fellowship.



Link to [FLYER](#)

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Link for: [Agenda for GSR Power Hour- January 2025](#)

- 3. **Area 83’s website is a good stopping place for important news in Eastern Ontario:** Keep up to date on General Service related items in Area 83-Eastern Ontario. What would you find here? Selected announcements about opportunities for service, Events, and communications from GSB, GSO, and the Area: Visit here: [Service Home - Area 83 Alcoholics Anonymous](#) There is a security login to access all service-related material



Login: Service83
Password: GiveBack

- 4. Area 83 is in search of members who would like to join an amazing team to handle the Area’s technology needs. The Area created and filled a new service position: Technology Chair- who will coordinate the team along with the needs and resources of Area 83. The Area has posted three positions for this team: **Webmaster, Alternate Webmaster** and **Technology Assistants**. At this link: [Submit your resume for the tech committee! - Area 83 Alcoholics Anonymous](#).

See Section 3.21 [Area 83’s Operating Procedures](#): and check out the following two appendices in the OPs for details about the committee and the website:

Appendix Seven: Area 83 Website Guidelines Appendix Nine: Area Technology Committee

- 5. **AREA COMMITTEE MEETING FOR AREA 83** January 4th starting at 10 am. It is a hybrid event. Reports from newly elected trusted servants in the morning and in the afternoon electing our Service Information Day committee and Pre-Conference Agenda Committee from among our 24 DCMs in the afternoon. All are welcome to observe for the entire day and as usual there will be sharing from anyone at the end of the meeting. Details about the Committee meeting are on the website (Agenda is [here](#): and when prompted, login is above (items #3)).

Meeting ID: 878 1326 4090, Passcode: 838383

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



Opportunities In Service:

- Phone Greeters/12 Step Volunteers:
- Bilingual Member Resource (12 Step Calls):
- Operating Committee Members (2):
- Finance Chairperson
- Finance Committee Member
- Communications Chairperson
- ORC 2027 Event Chairperson

Please Contact:

- 12step@aatoronto.org
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- financechair@aatoronto.org
- oc.chair@aatoronto.org
- orcadvisorysec@gmail.com

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business was forthcoming.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business was forthcoming.

OTHER BUSINESS

Russell J. (Morning Discussion) made the following Motion:

“Motion that we open up the Ontario Regional Conference to all members, even if they have not worked [previously] on the ORC Committee.”

Jomana pointed out a point of order that --as a new-elected Operating Committee member -- he does not have the right to make a Motion on the Floor. Russell withdrew the Motion thanked Jomana for the clarification.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jomana had **two vital announcements:**

- **Ontario Regional Conference 2027 Event Chair needed** (please see flyer in appendix of these minutes for service role details, service resume deadline and where to email service resume);
- **Speakers Needed for the 2025 World Convention in Vancouver in July 2025** (please see flyer from GSO in appendix in these minutes for details and instructions for submitting local speaker candidates)

Reception Report: (OC Vice-Chairperson provides a count of how many members were in the meeting: Zoom and in-person.) In-person attendance: 18. Online attendance: 36. **TOTAL**

HYBRID ATTENDANCE: 54.

CHAIRPERSON'S CLOSING REMARKS:

- "On behalf of the Intergroup Operating Committee, thank you all for attending and continuing to be interested in serving a fellowship that has given us our lives back."
- "If you are able and willing, please help clean up and tear down the meeting. Please stack chairs and put them away at the back of the room using a dolly."

Motion to adjourn moved by Ross C. (Prince Edward) and seconded by Don H. (Keep It Simple). Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Declaration.

Next GTAI Monthly General Meeting: (held on the last Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m.)

A **hybrid meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, January 28, 2025** at 8 p.m.

Ontario Regional Conference

2027 Event Chair Needed

Position Description: Chair, Ontario Regional Conference (ORC) of Alcoholics Anonymous

The Ontario Regional Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous is a 3-day event held annually (generally in March). Traditionally, the ORC has 2500-3000 attendees and is held at a suitable downtown Toronto Hotel, lately the Sheraton Hotel. The conference is 3 days of fellowship and meetings with speakers from all over North America, including local speakers and panelists.

The role of Chair for the ORC is a 3-year service commitment – one year as Shadow Chair, one year as Chair, and one year as Member without Portfolio. As Chair, you are responsible for the selection of an appropriate committee to run the event, plan and deliver a great conference, and report back to the ORC Advisory Sub-Committee and fellowship with the results.

Responsibilities

- Select Committee
- Shadow current ORC Chair and committee for a full year, attending all committee meetings (along with your committee), and assist in running the conference the year prior to yours – Opportunity for you and your committee to learn your roles
- Present proposed conference budget to ORC Advisory Sub-Committee for review and feedback (as per provided formats)
- Attend monthly Toronto Intergroup meeting on an ad hoc basis to provide updates on conference progress
- Conduct monthly meetings with committee leading up to conference to ensure key milestones are met
- Deliver ORC
- Provide final financial breakdown to ORC Advisory Sub-Committee and discuss the favourable and unfavourable variances
- Deliver final report to the Toronto Intergroup floor

Qualifications/ Skills

- 10 years of continuous sobriety
- Past member of the ORC committee
- History of service beyond the group level
- Has not been Chair of ORC in the past 10 years
- Enjoys working in a collaborative team environment

Service Term

- Term is a minimum of two (2) years;
- Term as 2027 Event Chair starts in August 2025;
- By August 2025, elected 2027 ORC Event Chair will have a full committee selected and ready to 'shadow' the 2026 ORC Committee.

Deadline for Submissions: February 28, 2025

Please submit service resumes to:

orcadvisory@aatoronto.org



**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

July 3–6, 2025 | Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

This is the second request for AA speaker suggestions for the 2025 International Convention.

We have received 106 AA speaker suggestions. We NEED 806 AA speaker suggestions in total. Please send in up to five suggestions per GSC member. This includes all on this email.

I. Requesting Speaker Suggestions for 2025 International Convention:

Preparations continue for the 2025 International Convention in Vancouver, July 3-6, 2025. To help in this effort, we request you to make suggestions for possible speakers (A.A. members) for the hundreds of A.A. meetings that will be held during the Convention. We would be grateful to receive a maximum of five suggestions from you.

How Members in the GTA Can Submit Speaker Suggestions to 2025 Convention Planning Committee:

- Send name/last initial of speaker plus their contact information to Jomana: oc.chair@aatoronto.org
- Members can submit their own name or another member's name.

(Jomana will submit 100 local speaker names to Convention Planning Committee)

(Selection of Speakers is through a group conscience of the Convention Planning Committee)

Meeting topics on all of A.A.'s Three Legacies include such titles as:

"The Joy of Helping Others"	"Young & Successful: Who Needs Meetings?"	"Our Primary Purpose"
"Principles Before Personalities"	" Accessing the A.A. Message while Neurodivergent"	"Gratitude in Your Attitude"
"Easy Does It - But Do It"	"Are Social Media Discussion Groups A.A.'s New Group Conscience?"	"Unity: The Most Cherished Quality"
"Sober and Older"	"Our Critics Can be Our Benefactors"	"Inclusivity - Are A.A.'s Doors Open "To All Alcoholics?"

Selection of speakers is through a group conscience of the Convention Planning Committee.

Please submit by January 10, 2025. Also, if you have any questions, please email 2025ic@aa.org.

Warm regards,
Karina C.
Group Services Coordinator
IGCO Liaison
West Central Regional Correspondent

