

GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025

(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 Erin P. (Stepping Stones).

MEMBERS PRESENT:

INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES:

Anniversary, Birds of a Feather, Bloordale, Brampton Recovery, Dry on Danforth, Erin Mills, Fellowship, Friendly, HadEnuffYet, Half Century, High Park, Keep It Simple, King City, Love & Tolerance, Meadowvale Fellowship, Midtown, Mississauga, North Toronto, One Paragraph at a Time, Parkway, Primary Purpose, Prince Edward, Principles Before Personalities, Queensville, Rox Glen Traditional, Royal York, See To It, Silverbirch, Six Points, Stepping Stones, Steps to Serenity, The Dogs, The Indian Road, Twelve Steps, Welcome, Willowdale Shepherd, 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 or Alternate 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 18.

OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Bruce L. (Finance Chair), Jenn F., Jimmy S., Jomana A. (OC Chair), Kelly L. (OC Secretary), and Lijon G.

SUBCOMMITTEES REPRESENTED: ARCHIVES, AREA 83 ALTERNATE DELEGATE, COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCE, GRAPEVINE, INFORMATION AA DAY 2025, ONTARIO REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2025, TREATMENT, 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 –December 2024

Errors or Omissions: No errors or omissions were noted.

Motion to adopt Minutes as amended moved by Dee G. (Steps to Serenity) and seconded by Mary Jane M. (Willowdale Shepherd). 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

"A reminder for everybody that the Intergroup exists to support the groups and their common purpose of carrying A.A.'s message to the still-suffering alcoholic by providing and coordinating services that are difficult for the individual groups to execute. The Intergroup central office is organized and is responsible for the members and groups in the GTA by coordinating the services that the individual groups cannot provide.

"So, the core of Alcoholics Anonymous isn't just about sobriety. It is about the transformative power of sharing one's story; the act of carrying the message to individuals by sharing their experience, strength and hope along with others who are struggling with their alcoholism. This creates a powerful cycle of giving and receiving support."

"From its early days the co-founders, Bill W. and Dr. Bob, understood their sobriety was tied to helping others achieve the same. This principle has remained central to A.A.'s success."

"The reason that I'm sharing this with you is because **we have a lot of service opportunities that are available**. We need your support to make the difference. So, I would like to encourage everyone to

review the positions that we have available (*see Appendix of these minutes*). If you are interested in any position please reach out to me! Announce these opportunities at your home group!"

"It's disheartening to me to see the service positions fall on the same people. We have a lot of great members out there who want to reach out and carry the message. I know they want to be of service. Please step up for something or feel free to suggest a member for a service position."

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

Motion moved by Mary Jane M. (Willowdale Shepherd) and seconded by Nancy W-R (Parkway). 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. No members stepped forward for the positions at this time.

An election for 3 OC members will be held at the February General Meeting. Please announce to your group members!

Operating Committee Vice-Chair Position - Election

Jomana shared that – due to Kelli T. (The Hill/past OC Vice-Chair) rotating out of this position – a new OC Vice-Chair was needed. The Operating Committee has nominated Jimmy S. (Fifth Tradition) to serve in this capacity. We need a Motion from the Floor and a vote to accept Jimmy as new OC Vice-Chair. After Jimmy was invited to give a brief address to Floor members,

Motion to accept Jimmy S. (Fifth Tradition) as new Operating Committee Vice-Chair was moved by Dee G. (Steps to Serenity) and seconded by Tom C. (Twelve Steps). A vote was taken. **Motion passed** (93% for Motion online/11% abstentions online/7 voted for Motion in person). **Jimmy S. will serve as the new OC Vice- Chair.**

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; \$50.00 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

	December 2024 (1 month)						
	Actual 2024	Budget 2024	Variance	%	Actual 2023	Variance	%
Contributions	16,126	19,375	(3,249)	(17%)	21,894	(5,768)	(26%)
Literature Sales	12,467	11,480	987	9%	10,722	1,745	16%
= Total Revenues	28,593	30,855	(2,262)	(7%)	32,616	(4,023)	(12%)
- Cost of Sales	9,603	9,322	281	3%	7,531	2,072	28%
- Expenses	10,334	18,860	(8,526)	(45%)	20,875	(10,541)	(50%)
= Surplus / (Deficiency)	8,656	2,673	5,983		4,210	4,446	

Contributions for the month of December were below budget by 17%, however literature sales were strong at 9% over budget. Overall revenue for December was under budget by 7% or \$2,262.

Cost of Goods Sold was slightly over Budget by 3% while expenses was well under budget by \$8,500 or 45%. Overall, for the month of December we have a surplus of \$8,656, nearly \$6,000 over the budgeted surplus of \$2673.

Prudent reserve at the end of 2024 was \$331,000. Total literature discount is \$34,600.

After the above report, Bruce shared the following:

- The **2025 GTAI Proposed Budget** was prepared and meant to be presented to Floor members as this meeting; however, The Finance Committee did not have a quorum so they could not recommend it to the Operating Committee for approval and then pass it on to the Intergroup Floor for consideration, questions, and a vote. Depending on obtaining new recruits to serve on the Finance Committee (see below), Bruce is hoping this can be expedited for February's General Meeting;
- **Finance Committee Chair** and **Finance Committee Members are needed immediately!** (See Appendix for Service position descriptions) financechair@atoronto.org

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- A table has been reserved at the ORC for the Archives display; available for sale there will be the 80 Years of AA in Ontario book (\$15 per copy) and also available in the Lit. Dept. at [234 litdept@atoronto.org](mailto:litdept@atoronto.org)
- Available are archived Grapevine magazines at 234: if you have a medallion coming up for a group member/sponsor/sponsee/friend, by contacting Archives you can probably get a Grapevine magazine for their sobriety month! It's a nice gift (especially for the long-timers)
- Eddy G. (Archivist) David T. (Assistant Archivist) are busy in the Repository
- Eddy has been out to group anniversaries and long-timer medallion celebrations
- The rest of the committee have been recording oral histories/group histories

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

COMMUNICATIONS: Lijon G., OC Liaison/acting Chairperson **Verbal Report**

Lijon has stepped into the role as acting Chair, as Ted D. (Rox Glen Traditional) has rotated out of the position. Lijon has been "privileged to be working with some amazing folks" on this committee.

Continual Work/Committee Initiatives include:

- HelpChat Chat bot (Twelfth Step) is activated
- In tandem with the IT team, you will see more meetings listed, medallions listed, and other event listings on our Calendar Page
- Improvements on search engine optimization are occurring "in the background"
- Other website optimization efforts include recognizing that two-thirds of traffic coming to our site is by mobile devices. Therefore, efforts are being made to improved viewing our website with this in mind
- If you have website skills or interested in this kind of work or just have ideas on how to make the website better, we would love to hear your ideas!

Communications Chairperson needed *immediately!* (See Appendix for service position description) comm.liaison@atoronto.org

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

We met last evening with good attendance. Thank you Kelli T. from the Intergroup 12 Step committee for joining us and your invaluable input.

And by acclamation we welcome Jenn F., Intergroup Special Events Liaison as our Venue Coordinator! Jenn will be an asset in this role as she her home group is Birds of a Feather which meets at our Venue. She will be key in coordinating between our Venue, our Hospitality Coordinator and, helping our Program Coordinators decide on room set up and of course access to the Venue.

After much discussion, our Guest Speaker will be chosen from a list of Area 83 Officers past and present. This is a local event and it makes sense. We will discuss this further in February from a list discussed.

We will also have a small table at the ORC for flyers. The flyers were approved with some minor changes and Jenn F. will be contacting Intergroup admin for printing once received from our Communications/Graphics Coordinator Lisa B. John M. will have tickets ready for disbursement to all Districts, Intergroup and GSRs next week.

Our Area 83 Panel 75 Delegate, Amy L. has confirmed attendance for her Report Backs from the General Service Conference.

Just a reminder **the event is Saturday, May 24, 2025 at the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto, 16 Spadina Rd.** (Spadina and Bloor) **10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

To ensure a successful event, please take back to your Districts the request for \$250 contribution. This is an increase of \$100 to meet the financial responsibilities of the higher cost in Venue, food and transportation. Our event is not designed to make money, rather to meet financial requirements and have a prudent reserve. Monies left over after the event will be used as part of next year's prudent reserve when Intergroup will Chair in 2026.

We continue to encourage any Intergroup Sub-Committee Liaisons to join us the 4th Monday of each month in the planning and guidance of our event. Your input is essential and we welcome it along with any questions.

The event and zoom information is listed on the GTAI website. My email address and phone number will be included in my report.

In Service, De R., 2025 Info AA Day Chair 647-741-1533 derail416@gmail.com

I.T. SUBCOMMITTEE: Chair not present; the following report was submitted:

IT Chair, David T., regrets to inform all that he will have to resign as the IT Chair as it is now conflicting with his Area 83 responsibilities as Area Archivist.

There have been no issues for the past two months and Sean L., Tech Support volunteer, is taking care of the Google Workspace Issues. **An IT Subcommittee Chairperson is needed immediately!** (See Appendix for service position description) For subcommittee inquiries, please email techsupport@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 Friday March 14 to Saturday March 16, 2025, at the Sheraton Centre Hotel.

The theme is "A New Happiness"

General Admission is \$55, Banquet is \$115 & Special Hotel Rate is \$245/night (there is a room block but rooms selling fast).

You can register on the ORC Website at aaorc.ca

If you register before this Saturday February 1st (4 days), you have a chance to win two free nights at the Sheraton & receive a \$100 gift card to "THE KEG" Steakhouse. The winner will be selected on Feb. 9, 2025.

Volunteers are needed for greeting, pre-registration & registration. Volunteers must be registered for the ORC. You can fill out the form on the ORC Website.

We are working on the Program & it will be up on the ORC Website in mid-February.

The Newcomers Room has a few open slots for groups to put on a meeting. You can see Gord H. who is at the back of the room.

There are some ORC 2025 Flyers on the table. Please take some & back them to your home group. Also let our members know about the ORC & to register early.

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

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

January 2025 12 Step Committee Report

Personal Note

It is with deep sadness that I inform you of the death of Laura V., our esteemed former Chair of the 12th Step Committee.

I began working with Laura in March 2020, at the onset of the pandemic when Intergroup offices closed due to COVID-19. She was instrumental in transitioning the 12 Step Help Line from an in-office system to a remote service, ensuring that our phone greeters could continue assisting callers in finding meetings during a critical time.

Laura's unwavering passion for the 12 Step Help Line and her dedication to the committee were evident in every interaction. When I assumed the role of managing the 12 Step Committee this past November, Laura provided invaluable guidance, education, and encouragement. Laura will be missed by us all.

Committee Happenings

Welcome back Lise R as Greeter Coordinator. She is responsible for the monthly 4 week schedule. Chelsea, who arranges onboarding and training for our new greeters is now our phongreetertraining@aatoronto.org.

We have updated the 12 Step Committee page on our website. It is hidden way down at the bottom of the website under service committees. We have introduced a new 12 Step Greeter form as well as a 12 Stepper form for those that would like to volunteer.

On Saturday, January 18, the 12th step committee celebrated our post-holiday party with over 35 in attendance. We hope to continue working with our Greeters and 12 Steppers by scheduling ongoing monthly training sessions online. Our first will be Wed. Feb. 12@6pm.

Help Chat

Training is currently on hold for Help Chat as we have been transitioning the 12 Step Committee, but Help chat is ongoing and live on our website. We have approximately 7000 visitors to our website a week. Currently Chat is limited to two or three conversations a day.

I expect training to begin again in February.

Thank you for letting me be of service! Kelli T., 12 Step Chair

For those wishing to volunteer for our phone hotline, please email Chelsea P. at phongreetertraining@aatoronto.org (1 year of continuous sobriety needed to volunteer).

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

WINTER SEASON OPEN HOUSE 2024 – Zobie G. (Bloordale), 2024 Event Chair

WSOH Meeting Notes January 5th, 2025

Headcount: 415 people – Huge Success! A big thank-you to all the members for their contributions towards the event! Also a big thank-you to those who volunteered their time on Dec 24 and Dec 25! All food leftovers were donated to recovery homes after event ended.

- Welcome Robin as our new committee member as 'Bus Man'
- Turkeys=30, Ham=20

Kitchen and Food Prep

- Dishwasher guy was amazing
- Cleanliness was good
- Lots of ovens (3 ovens on 3 different floors-kitchens on different floors)
- More than enough food
- More than enough volunteers
- Organization was difficult as it was a new venue and not familiar with where everything was
- No food donations next year (cabbage rolls, Sheppard's pie)
- More potatoes, less of everything else
- We could have used more bins for food prep
- Can we get everything there for the 23rd next year?

Turkeys

- Everything went smooth
- Pickups went well
- Turkeys need to be cooked next year
- Butchers were cutting for 6 hours

Driver

- Everything went smooth

Purchaser

- We ordered way too much food
- 17 creams ordered
- 30% less food next year

Finance

- This year we made money for Intergroup
- Total receipt of \$6,675
- 7th collection at the door was \$1,015
- \$2,698 was total expenses
- We have a surplus of roughly \$1,100 so we should use it to buy pots and pans this year
- Dave has a \$100 donation still that he will send to Tony
- We are going to donate \$400 to the Church for letting us use their space

Meetings

- 20 people 1st meeting, 2nd meeting 50-60 people for the open meeting, 40-50 people for the 3rd meeting
- Al-Anon: not as many people
- Meeting room was hot

Drinks

- Leftovers will be donated to Bloordale AA information event
- We could use more ice and more water next year

Greeting/Security

- Signage on the doors could be bigger (do not enter and smoking signs)
- Separate the positions
- No security issues
- More greeter volunteers

Volunteer

- More volunteers than we needed on the 24th
- Not much to do on the 24th for those that showed up later
- Sign-up sheets on the 25th filled up quickly for the early slots
- Greeters were more difficult
- Could have sign-up sheets for garbage and runners (Robin will be handling this)

Setup

- The corner area where the butchers were was busy so we should push back where the cutlery and plates were

Decorations

- Carlos had to purchase garlands
- Could use more hooks next year
- Need better tape for the food station signage (the numbers)

DJ/Sound System

- Went well, we played the same CD all day

Next meeting for 2025 WSOH Event: Sun. Sept. 14 at 9 a.m. in person at Bloordale United Church 4258 Bloor St W Toronto. **WSOH 2026 Event Chair needed!** (See Appendix for service position description)

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

All slots were taken and there was one no-show.

- We had between 6 and 25 people each hour
- Everyone did a fantastic job with communication (in terms of the Chairpersons and the Gatekeepers)
- Very little glitches and even when someone had a glitch, another member was able to help out
- TONS of positive feedback
- Tons of people have approached us complementing the different styles and unique formats that were used
- Having a generic meeting template helped as many Chairpersons wanted one

- *There was a question about the 7th tradition. We weren't completely sure if Intergroup should take it but some groups gave their home group email for the 7th during their hour
- Overall a success

In response to a question from the Floor on how many members attended the virtual event, Jimmy shared that over four days (Dec 24: 8 hours, Dec 25: 12 hours, Dec 31: 8 hours, Jan 1 12 hours) an estimated 500 members were in attendance.

DISTRICT REPORTS

ACCESSIBILITIES: No Report

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES: Jimmy S. (Fifth Tradition), OC Liaison

- 13 people attended
- Lots of new faces filling in new positions. Still getting accustomed to their new roles
- Rich K from D36 Kingston is our new corrections chair
- Rich is working on a revised list of contacts
- Obstacles - new clearance requirements that aren't consistent and the training is now 3-5 hours long
- Success - Rich has contacted St. Lawrence Youth Association (house 12-17 year olds) to offer pamphlets and videos
- Support needed: Les from D34 is the only volunteer at Bath in Milhaven. So if you know someone, or are interested yourself please feel free to reach out
- Lastly, we are looking to set up a display at the ORC

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

CPC/PI: No Report

GRAPEVINE: Imran R. (Port Credit), D06 Grapevine Chair

Meeting held Sunday, January 19, 2015. Two districts (D06 and D14) in attendance.

1. What's New in Grapevine!

- **Current Issue:** The featured section for January 2025 is "*Spirituality and Prayer*", featuring stories from members about their experiences finding a Higher Power and incorporating prayer into their recovery journeys.
- **Upcoming Issue:** February 2025 will feature "*Longtimers*", with stories from members sharing lessons learned and experiences from their long journeys in AA.
- **AA Grapevine Podcast:** The latest episode, "*Any Length*" (Season 8, Episode 2), was released on January 13, 2025. Listen here: [Episode Link](#)
- **Call For Submissions:**
 - **Gratitude Stories:** Submission deadline: February 15, 2025. Topic: Share how your journey with gratitude has changed since becoming sober. What were you like before AA compared to today? How do you express gratitude daily?
 - **Submit stories at:** [Grapevine Submissions](#)

2. News and Updates

- **New Area 83 Grapevine Representative:** Huguette B., outgoing DCM for D50 (Cornwall) is the new Area 83 Grapevine Chairperson. Meetings: Every second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. on Zoom. [Meeting ID:](#) 871 5933 7549 [Passcode:](#) 299165
- **Grapevine Corporate Board Vacancy:** Position – Non-trustee Director of the AA Grapevine Board. Application Deadline: January 15, 2025 (late applications welcome). Selection to be made by January 31, 2025; voted in on the day of the May 2025 Conference. More info: [Vacancy Details](#)

3. District Updates and Initiatives

- **Winter Season Open House Recap:**

- The event was a success with meaningful conversations
- Distributed at the event: 100 Grapevine issues, *Better Times* copies, and a Grapevine pamphlet tucked inside. No 'loot bags' due to budget constraints.
- **Planning for 2025 Events:**
 - Upcoming events include Ontario Regional Conference (ORC), Archives Breakfast, Information AA Day; also Brampton and Mississauga Roundups.
- **Event Budget Suggestions:**
 - D06 GV Chair suggested continuing to use Grapevine back issues for events
 - Grapevine pamphlets needs updating; D14 GV Chair proposed raising this with the Area Chair via D06 GV Chair communication
 - D06 GV Chair plans to request 100 copies for each event. If the budget is tight, he will explore funding options through districts or Self-Support communities
- **District Posters:**
 - D06 reported progress on poster boards for his district but mentioned printing issues that someone is helping to resolve
- **Grapevine Reps in Groups:**
 - D14 GV Chair noted that in this district, groups do not have a Grapevine Rep with literature/group librarians often taking on that role. King City Group has requested a GV poster board. Other groups will be asked if there is interest in the poster boards to keep cost down
- **Action Items:**
 - D06 GV Chair will request 100 GV issues for the upcoming events and explore district or self-support funding if needed
 - D06 GV Chair will propose updates to the GV pamphlet with Area 83 Chair
 - D06 GV Chair will finalize storage space for meeting minutes and report back (Old Business)
 - D14 GV Chair will research budget for creating GV poster boards for King City group + potentially involve other D14 groups to share costs
- **Next Meeting:**
 - Date: Sunday, February 16, 2025
 - Time: 10 a.m.
 - Zoom ID: 802 161 5193 Passcode: 123456

SELF SUPPORT: No Report

TREATMENT: Brendan O. (FOTS), outgoing Treatment Chairperson

GTAI Treatment Report January 2025 (No GTAI Treatment Meetings held since the fall)

GTAI TREATMENT CHAIR REPORT: My term ended at the end of 2024 after 4 years of Treatment Committee work between this position and District chair, I was looking forward to passing the position on to the new chair and be supportive in the transition. Apparently, a new Treatment Chair was not elected. I still have access to the email and received some reports from new chairs as contained in the report below. Moving forward I will not be able to continue with the position as I have taken on an intense service commitment outside of AA based on now longer having to be committed to Committee level service.

I am more than glad to help a new Treatment Chair get up to speed and be a resource but I am not prepared to continue in any capacity moving forward.

D02: This will be the last report Candis sends. Kamraj will be stepping into the treatment chair position in the spirit of rotation. His email is: kamraj.aa16@gmail.com
Ross C will be his alternate, and his email is: rosscharnley@hotmail.com

It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve as the Treatment Chair over the last few years; thank you!

The Bad Boys Group has volunteered to be responsible for The Wednesday meeting at ART. Living and Learning Group is responsible for St. Leonard's Tuesday night meeting. Brampton Recovery is responsible for Sunday evening detox meetings. Freedom is responsible for the Thursday Meeting at the detox.

Saturday detox meeting is facilitated by several different groups. There is a treatment committee to support the Saturday meeting. The Brampton detox now has a 28 day in-patient program that many of their clients opt into taking.

Masks are no longer required to be worn at the detox.

DISTRICT 02 TREATMENT FACILITIES UPDATE

Brampton Detox:

- Thursday at 8pm – Speaker meeting
- Saturday at 1:30pm – Closed discussion meeting
- Sunday at 8pm – Speaker meeting

St Leonard's:

- Tuesday at 8pm – Closed discussion

Addictions Rehab Toronto (ART):

- Every Third Wednesday at 7:30pm – Speaker meeting

Yours in love and service, Candis W.

D06

Jean Tweed Update: 4 new AA books were provided to Jean Tweed this past Sunday – we were informed the materials in December were not all there. I am in process of following up with our contact to see if the newer staff are aware where the books are located.

Outreach: Janis forwarded a contact seeking to set-up an AA service Meeting at Peel's Short Stay Safe beds program. I met with 3 staff. They are highly interested in setting up a service meeting and we will be in contact once they discuss with their higher ups regarding logistics – day, time and which of the two buildings will potentially host the meeting. It was also suggested to collaborate with either CA or NA after they discussed increased use of stimulants amongst its clientele. They appreciated this suggestion and indicated they ideally like to see one meeting during the week and one meeting on the weekend. This is a harm reduction facility, so we respect the institution is harm-reduction and offer A.A. for those individuals who are no longer finding a solution via harm reduction strategies and are seeking a different solution.

The Group Treatment Representative: The group Treatment representative is a "messenger" for his or her A.A. group, bringing information to and from the local Treatment Committee meeting. The representative informs the group of openings for speakers and chairpersons of meetings in treatment settings and also reports on the needs and activities of the committee. Yours in loving service, Tara S.

D10: No Report but I had a long conversation with the new D10 chair Don S. and he is eager to get going.

D12: Got an email from the new Treatment Chair Dan looking for info on the next GTAI meeting and I informed him of my stepping down.

D14: No Report

D16 (Spanish): Does not attend, or send reports.

D18: No Report but this is my District and I am in contact with Donna F, the new Treatment Chair. The meeting at the Edward Village Shelter had been put on hold until some outstanding issues can be dealt with. Business as usual at the Michael Garron Detox.

D22: No Report

Area 83 Report: I was unable to attend the first Area 83 Treatment Meeting on zoom but will reach out to the new Chair.

AREA 83 REPORT: Bill C., Area 83 Alternate Delegate (Panel 75)

General Service Report from Intergroup Liaison-Alternate Delegate Area 83

- GSR POWER HOUR WORKSHOPS:** Are back! They happen on the 3rd Tuesday and Wednesday @ 8pm of each month.
Topic for February is Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing (PCAS)
Introduction of New GSRs, and the GSRs monthly sessions, going forward!
Next Term, Please encourage GSRs to attend. There is a lot of great info.
- TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES:** 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](#). This is a great opportunity to pick up some technical skills and take on some fun Service work.
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](#)
- SERVICE INFORMATION DAY FOR AREA 83:** February 15th starting at 10 am. This is an online only event. Loads of Service-Related Information will be presented. Great opportunity to organize a Watch Party – invite a few friends over for some fellowship, share some laughs, have some pizza, learn about General Service – sharing together would be a great day. Check the Area 83 website (area83aa.org) for meeting details.
- SECOND PRINTING OF PLAIN LANGUAGE BIG BOOK:** The Second Edition (with some revisions) is now available – check with the Intergroup Office litdept@aatoronto.org or order it on aa.org.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: WE NEED YOUR HELP TO FULFILL THE SERVICE SIDE OF YOUR RECOVERY TRIANGLE (See Service Position Descriptions in Appendix of these minutes):



Opportunities In Service:

- Phone Greeters/12 Step Volunteers:
- Bilingual Member Resource (12 Step Calls):
- Operating Committee Members (**3**):
- Finance Chairperson
- Finance Committee Members
- Communications Chairperson
- IT Chairperson
- WSOH 2026 Event Chair
- ORC 2027 Event Chairperson

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business was forthcoming.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business was forthcoming.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Jomana thanked Kelly L. (Midtown), who served as Operating Committee Secretary** since January 2024 and has rotated out of the position. On behalf of the Operating Committee, Jomana shared her appreciation and admiration for Kelly's dedication and efforts in her service role. Floor members also gave Kelly a round of applause in appreciation!
- **ORC 2027 Event Chairperson needed!** Deadline for service resume submission: February 28, 2025. orcadvisory@aatoronto.org (See Appendix for service position description)

Reception Report: (OC Vice-Chairperson provides a count of how many members were in the meeting: Zoom and in-person.) In-person attendance: 14. Online attendance: 48. **TOTAL**

HYBRID ATTENDANCE: 62.

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 Tom C. (Twelve Steps) and seconded by Erin P. (Stepping Stones). 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, February 25, 2025** at 8 p.m.

Finance Chairperson Needed

Description and Requirement

PURPOSE of the Finance Subcommittee	<p>The Finance Subcommittee serves the Operating Committee, subcommittees, and the Intergroup Office located at 234 Eglinton Ave. East, Toronto. This subcommittee is responsible for ‘the financial soundness and well-being of the operations of the Intergroup Office’ (GTAI Procedures and Guidelines, 6.4.3)</p>
RESPONSIBILITIES of Finance Chairperson	<p>The Finance Subcommittee structure is as follows (as stated in GTAI Procedures and Guidelines, 6.4.3):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [composed of] four members with a minimum of five years [of] continuous sobriety and a business or accounting background • And the OC Chairperson [also is a member of the Finance Subcommittee] • At least one member of the Finance Committee must be a designated accountant • The Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson of the OC may attend the meetings of the Finance Subcommittee and take part in the deliberations. Other members of the OC may also attend the meetings <p>As stated in the GTAI Procedures and Guidelines, 6.4.3 ‘Term and Appointment’ regarding Finance Committee members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each year the Operating Committee appoints two A.A. members to the Finance Subcommittee to serve a term of two years. The Operating Committee considers the recommendations of the current members of the Finance Subcommittee in making these appointments, and annually calls for resumes and reviews the qualifications for persons seeking the office <p>Monthly service commitments of members of the Finance Subcommittee include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend the monthly Finance Subcommittee meeting (held the Wednesday before the monthly General Meeting, which is held on the last Tuesday of each month) • Attend the Intergroup monthly General Meeting (when needed) • One Finance Subcommittee member shall serve as Secretary of the Committee <p>Responsibilities of the Finance Chairperson include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation to the OC for approval of a draft annual budget for the Intergroup Office • Presentation of the Proposed Budget (approved by the OC) to the Intergroup Floor for approval/vote • Presentation of monthly statements of income and expenses/monthly balance sheet reports to the Intergroup Floor • Presentation of quarterly budget variance reports to the Intergroup Floor • Implementation of Gratitude Month on an annual basis • Obtaining an audit by independent external accountants every four years • Obtaining a review by independent external accountants every year • Serves as Treasurer of GTAI • Oversees the Central Office (operations and/or employees) • Serves as a signing officer for all cheques • Serves as a signing officer at the bank
QUALIFICATIONS to serve as Finance Chairperson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 years of continuous sobriety is required for this service commitment • An accounting designation OR equivalent in work experience (business/accounting) • Be familiar and comfortable with the Excel program

To apply to serve as the **Finance Subcommittee Chairperson** please submit an A.A. Service Resume to the Operating Committee Secretary at oc.secretary@aatoronto.org. For further information please contact the Operating Committee Chairperson at oc.chair@aatoronto.org and the current Finance Subcommittee Chairperson at financechair@aatoronto.org

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HELP WANTED

OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS (3)

The Operating Committee of Greater Toronto Area (GTA) Intergroup is composed of 10 members of Alcoholics Anonymous:

- Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
- Treasurer (Chair of the Finance Committee)
- Secretary (responsible to take minutes at the Operating Committee meeting)
- 6 other OC Members, who are also assigned a role of the Liaison to one of the Subcommittees
- **(3 OC members needed immediately)**

Members of the OC are nominated and elected as necessary when vacancies occur at the monthly Intergroup Meeting by the Representatives.

Qualification requirement to be a member of the Operating Committee:

- A minimum of two years of sobriety;
- Be familiar and comfortable with computer skills, including Email and Word program.

Term of service for a member of the Operating Committee

- The term for a member of the OC is one year; this term may be renewed annually, for up to 2 more years

Responsibilities of the Members of the Operating Committee:

- Attend monthly Operating Committee meeting (usually the second last Wednesday of the month)
- Attend monthly Intergroup General Meetings (usually the last Tuesday of the month)
- Assignment of subcommittee liaison position. Attend monthly committee meetings of your assignment and acting as a conduit of information in both directions,
- Attend Joint Sharing quarterly meetings (one every three months) with the Districts to where members of each service level share information about current activities

Questions About This Service Role?

Please reach out to the Operating Chairperson, Jomana A. oc.chair@aatoronto.org

Communications Chairperson Needed

Description and Requirement

PURPOSE of Communications Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procure content, edit, format, and publish the monthly Better Times newsletter, both on the website and physical copies (in regular times) to be distributed at the monthly GTAI meeting • Modify, adapt, and otherwise maintain the www.aatoronto.org website • Publish the GTAI Meeting Directory • Online Store Front (Future) for Literature Department for ordering books, pamphlets, medallions, and A.A. materials • Online Help Chat (Future) • Announcements • A.A. Events • Subcommittee Monthly Meetings • Upcoming Medallions
RESPONSIBILITIES	<p>The Communications Chairperson is selected from the membership; subject to approval by the Operating Committee.</p> <p>The Chairperson is to be the Coordinator of the Communications Subcommittee and shall assume responsibility for its overall activities, which include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a good basic knowledge of the A.A. Traditions and Concepts, and how they apply to the role and how they can be utilized as tools when making decisions and as an advisor when situations arise • Chair monthly Communications Committee meetings, and ensure that the meeting addresses all items on the agenda in a timely manner • Ensure all members have an opportunity to share in the meeting in an orderly manner • Is required to check subcommittee emails daily and answer any applicable questions or requests • Redirect email requests for medallion postings, meeting changes, and events to the Webmaster, Alternate Webmaster to post on website www.aatoronto.org • If administration or literature is requested, forward the email(s) to office staff (Alexx at admin@aatoronto.org or Helen at litdept@aatoronto.org respectively) • Following up with members who have been assigned a task, and to ensure said task is completed accordingly • Bring story ideas to each monthly meeting, pitching ideas to the Editor and the committee during the Better Times portion of the meeting • Bring ideas for the web presence to each monthly meeting, pitching ideas to the committee during the Website portion of the meeting • Write and present a report at the Intergroup monthly General Meeting regarding the Communications Committee activities • Work with committee secretary to produce and print committee guidelines semi-annually • Work with committee secretary to produce meeting agenda and minutes • Responsible to arrange with a committee member to pick up printed Better Times and bring copies to the Intergroup monthly General Meeting each month for distribution (in regular times) • The office staff will inform the Chairperson that the BT newsletter has been printed • Monthly Time Commitment: 40 hours
QUALIFICATIONS	<p>2 years of continuous sobriety is required for this service commitment.</p>

To apply for Communications Subcommittee Chair please submit an A.A. Service Resume to the Operating Committee Secretary at oc.secretary@aatoronto.org

For further information please contact the Operating Committee Chairperson at oc.chair@aatoronto.org

IT Subcommittee Chairperson

Description and Qualifications	
PURPOSE	<p><i>The IT Subcommittee is an advisory body that liaises with the Operating Committee, subcommittees, and the Intergroup Office. The committee will be responsible for researching and recommending cost-effective IT solutions.</i></p>
RESPONSIBILITIES	<p>The IT Subcommittee Chairperson oversees the following initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance, recommendation, and implementation of solutions on technology to the OC, subcommittees, and the Intergroup Office • Guidance on cost-effective IT solutions for the Intergroup Office, to include software, hardware, networking, telecommunications, Internet and third-party providers • Aiding in creating and maintaining frameworks, including complex or critical systems for third-party service providers • Reviewing statements of work, price quotes, and contracts to recommend to the Operating Committee • Create and maintain all technical documentation of the Intergroup Office and aatoronto.org website <p>The IT Subcommittee Chairperson Service Role Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairing/facilitating the monthly IT Subcommittee meeting; • Reporting committee activities at the monthly GTA General Meeting (last Tuesday of the month/currently virtual) • Reporting Committee initiatives to the Operating Committee when required <p><i>The subcommittee will not be responsible for the daily IT support duties of the Intergroup Office. The day to day IT support is managed by service provider. However, they may provide direction and support if IT committee expertise is required.</i></p>
QUALIFICATIONS	<p>IT Professionals(s) with degrees in computer science, college diplomas in computer science, and/or various highly technical certifications or equivalent (such as A+, CCNP, CCIE, MCSE, CISSP, AWS, Linux).</p> <p>The committee should be primarily composed of IT Professionals with a minimum 4 to 5 years of work experience in one of the following: field systems administration, AWS, VOIP, Linux, Apache, PHP, Database (mySQL MSSQL), network administration, desktop computer technician, web application development, information security, IT project management.</p> <p>Sobriety Requirement: 1 year of continuous sobriety recommended</p>

For more information, please reach out to the Operating Chair, Jomana A.

oc.chair@aatoronto.org

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

Description and Requirement

PURPOSE of the Winter Season Open House Committee	<p>The Winter Season Open House event is an annual holiday tradition in Toronto, sponsored by the Greater Toronto Area Intergroup since 1944 and is open to all.</p> <p>It is a fellowship event with a strong message for all alcoholics, whether they are suffering or recovering: “No matter who you are or what day of the year it is, when you come to A.A. and ask for help, you are no longer alone.”</p> <p>GTAI requires a WSOH Chair to organize a committee, to create a plan to host the December 25th in-person event.</p>
RESPONSIBILITIES	<p>The Winter Season Open House Event Chairperson is selected from the membership; subject to approval by the Operating Committee.</p> <p>The Chairperson is to be the Coordinator of the Winter Season Open House Subcommittee and shall assume responsibility for its overall activities, which include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locate premises to hold event on Sunday, December 25 • Chair monthly committee meetings from August 2026 to December 2026 at Bloor St United Church • Create a monthly Meeting Agenda, and take minutes to forward to admin@aatoronto.org • Monthly reporting to the GTAI Floor at the monthly General Meeting the last Tuesday of each month • Work with GTAI Liaison to work within \$2000 committee budget • Responsible to oversee volunteer recruitment from the membership for the event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Kitchen Coordinator -WSOH AA Meeting Coordinator -Greeter Captain -Secretary -Food Purchaser -Setup and Takedown Event Manager -Al Anon Meeting Coordinator -Treasurer -Literature Table Coordinator -‘Brewmaster’ for Coffee
QUALIFICATIONS	<p>1 year of continuous sobriety is required for this service commitment.</p> <p>Knowledge of A.A.’s Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions plus enthusiasm would be a great asset for this service position.</p>

To apply for Winter Season Open House Event Chair please submit an A.A. Service Resume to the Operating Committee Secretary at oc.secretary@aatoronto.org

For further information please contact the Operating Committee Chairperson at oc.chair@aatoronto