

GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025

(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 Vince (Fifth Tradition).

MEMBERS PRESENT:

INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES:

Anniversary, Back to Basics, Birds of a Feather, Brampton Recovery, Church Street, Danforth, Dry on Danforth, Fellowship, Fifth Tradition, Friendly, Grace Noon, High Park, Keep It Simple, King City, Lakeshore, Long Branch, Love & Tolerance, Meadowvale Fellowship, Mississauga, Morning Discussion, North Toronto, One Paragraph at a Time, Primary Purpose, Prince Edward, Principles Before Personalities, Rox Glen Traditional, Royal York, See To It, Silverbirch, Sisters in Sobriety, St. Clements, Stepping Stones, Steps to Serenity, Streetsville St. Andrews, The Dogs, The Indian Road, Twelve Steps, Welcome, Westmoreland, 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 (2 members), 14, and 18.

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

SUBCOMMITTEES REPRESENTED: ARCHIVES, AREA 83 ALTERNATE DELEGATE, CORRECTIONS, FINANCE, INFORMATION AA DAY 2025, ONTARIO REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2025, TWELFTH STEP.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES –February 2025

Errors or Omissions: no errors or omissions noted.

Motion to adopt Minutes as presented moved by Matt S. (Fifth Tradition) and seconded by Jeff H. (Rox Glen Traditional). Motion carried. (8 for in person; 17 for/0 against/2 abstentions virtual)

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

- The General Meeting in April is the annual **Workshop Meeting**. This informational meeting will be chaired by our OC Vice-Chair, Jimmy S. Please note: there will be no regular business or Subcommittee reports given at this meeting. We will, however, have an opportunity to elect some more Operating Committee members if the Chair sees fit, time-wise.
- **An IT Subcommittee Chairperson is needed **immediately!**** Please email Jomana oc.chair@aatoronto.org or call Jomana at 416-728-0737 for more information.
- **Communications Chairperson needed **immediately!**** Please reach out to comm.liaison@aatoronto.org for more information.

- We are happy to report that **we have found a new Treatment Committee Chair!** Ryan (Love & Tolerance) will now serve in that capacity. Ryan has been given the Area 83 Treatment Chair contact information.
- Sean L. (Fellowship) has resigned from the Operating Committee due to work commitments. We thank Sean for his tireless efforts while serving in this capacity.

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New Operating Committee Members Needed:

Jomana shared: "Usually at this point in the meeting, I would ask for a motion to suspend regular business to open the floor for members to either nominate a member or volunteer to serve on the Operating Committee. In conversation with different members of the Operating Committee – and because this has become a long-standing business item on the Agenda – we have found that making a motion is time-consuming. So tonight I will be skipping this part [making a motion]. The official change to the General Meeting script will be done by the Operating Committee at our April OC committee meeting."

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 the Floor.

A member from the in-person meeting [Peter H., member of the Fellowship Group] wanted to volunteer; however, it was explained that Heidi B., current OC Secretary, is also from the Fellowship Group. Two members from the same home group cannot hold office on the OC at the same time. No one else stepped up at this time.

An election for 4 OC members will be held at the April Workshop Meeting (time permitting). **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; \$57.25 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

	February 2025 (1 month)						
	Actual 2025	Budget 2025	Variance	%	Actual 2024	Variance	%
Contributions	8,200	8,610	(410)	(5%)	7,610	590	8%
Literature Sales	9,737	14,587	(4,850)	(33%)	11,141	(1,404)	(13%)
= Total Revenues	17,937	23,197	(5,260)	(23%)	18,751	(814)	(4%)
- Cost of Sales	5,462	9,479	(4,017)	(42%)	8,119	(2,657)	(33%)
- Expenses	11,969	17,454	(5,485)	(31%)	15,658	(3,689)	(24%)
= Surplus / (Deficiency)	506	(3,736)	4,242		(5,026)	5,532	

Contributions for the month are slightly below Budget at \$8,200 while literature sales are \$9,737 or 33% off budget. This is reflected in the Total Revenue for the month being below budget by 23% at \$17,937.

Both COS and expenses are below budget by 42% and 31% respectively, leaving a same surplus for the month of \$506 against a budgeted deficit of \$3,737.

Presented by Bruce L., Finance Chair: financechair@aatoronto.org

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- We just finished an appearance at the Ontario Regional Conference; we had a display across from the main ballroom. Thanks to everyone that volunteered there and visited our display
- Another added bonus: the gifts for our speakers at the Conference was the 80 Years of AA in Ontario book; this is wonderful exposure for our history and Archives
- The committee is still busy gathering both oral histories from long-timers and group histories

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

COMMUNICATIONS: No Report

Communications Chairperson needed **immediately!** Please reach out to comm.liaison@aatoronto.org for more information.

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.

Our Guest Speaker has been chosen, invited and she has confirmed.

Our Program Coordinators have been working diligently and with a few tweaks the Program should be ready for our next meeting April 28 and ready to send out to those participating. The Program Agenda will be on our screens at the venue.

Our Venue Coordinator Jenn F will be taking the Program and Culinary Coordinators on a walk through this month. We hope this year's event will not only be informative but fun and interactive.

Tickets are available for DCMs and Groups. Flyers are available and will also be posted on the Area 83 and Intergroup website, as well as Facebook private AA sites.

Thank you to John M of the Danforth group for writing a short piece for the Better Times. In May's edition, the flyer will be published as well.

We look forward to seeing you all May 24 at the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto, 16 Spadina Rd.

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

I.T. SUBCOMMITTEE: No Report.

Jomana invited past I.T. Chairperson, David T. (St. Clements) to address the Floor:

"The I.T. Committee was created a short while ago; the committee is in place to evaluate the I.T. requirements of Intergroup. For instance, for the in-person portion of this meeting, the I.T. worked with the Operating Committee in terms of drafting out and recommending the appropriate what tech equipment was needed to facilitate the in-person portion of the General Meeting. We deal with Intergroup I.T. needs such as the phone system for our hotline. Currently, there are only two standing members on the I.T. committee. We need a Chair (to chair the monthly committee meeting; some tech background would be beneficial; perhaps in I.T. development), and a few more committee members. The current members have some background in web design/maintenance and I.T. development."

David opined that "It seems we need people to fill positions in all committees. Intergroup Reps: please go back to your groups and start 'pounding the table'! Get these members out to do service! It's very simple: if you don't believe how urgent it is, talk to your sponsors. Thanks."

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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 was held - on Friday March 14 to Sunday March 16, 2025, at the Sheraton Centre Hotel. The theme was "A New Happiness"

On behalf of the ORC 2025 & 2026 (Shadow) Committees I would like to give You All a Great Big Thank You!!! Members, Groups & Volunteers for your continued support in attending & helping us out at this year's ORC. **There were 2539 people that attended.**

Members were saying that this year the ORC was a Great Experience! The Energy all weekend was Fantastic! With lots of Laughter. The Out-of-Town, Canadian & Local Speakers had very powerful messages. Members enjoyed the Friday night Karaoke, the Saturday Evening Banquet & the Saturday night dance. Everyone was enthusiastically celebrating their dry date in the Sobriety Countdown.

Oh! My Oh My! The Fellowship of the Spirit was present. What an Amazing ORC Weekend. This will keep everyone going until **next year's ORC** which will be held on **March 20-22, 2026**. The **theme** is "A Revolutionary Change."

This past Sunday March 23 the 2025 & 2026 (Shadow) Committees held a meeting to share their (& from attendees') observations of what worked & what could be improved. This will help the 2026 ORC Committee members for next year.

Tomorrow we will be posting a survey on the ORC Website at aaorc.ca. Please fill this out to let us know what you thought of this year's 2025 ORC.

The Final Treasurer's Report maybe completed at the end of April.

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

TWELFTH STEP: Kelli T. (The Hill), Chairperson

Report on March Focus - Overnight Greeters

-14 Sign Ups - Training in April

<https://www.aatoronto.org/overnight-helpline-volunteers-needed/>

Focus for April

- Recruit, requalify and retrain 12 Steppers.
- 12 Stepper Flyers in person
- Sign up form and flyer for download on the website by the end of the month

ORC

- We signed up 25 new greeters
- 5 more 12 Steppers
- Our onboarding team is organizing training

Monthly Training

We have reinstated monthly Phone Greeter Training. First Sunday of each month 4pm-6pm.

<https://www.aatoronto.org/service-committees/twelfth-step/>

See our 12 Step Web page for all the details.

-Kelli T 12step.chair@aatoronto.org 416 320 6960

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).

WINTER SEASON OPEN HOUSE 2025: No Report.

Committee resumes meeting in September; meeting dates are as follows:

- Sunday Sept 14th 2025 at 9am-10:30am
- Sunday Oct 19th 2025 at 9am-10:30am
- Sunday Nov 16th 2025 at 9am-10:30am
- Sunday Dec 14th 2025 at 9am-10:30am

Committee meetings in person at: Timothy Eaton Memorial Church 230 St Clair Ave W Toronto. (Room details to follow)

WSOH 2026 Event Chair needed! Please email oc.chair@aatoronto.org for more information.

WINTER VIRTUAL ALCATHON 2025: No Report.

Committee resumes meetings in September.

DISTRICT REPORTS

ACCESSIBILITIES: No Report.

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

Key Highlights:

1. Volunteer Coordination:

- Gail will update the schedule for volunteers at Toronto East Detention Center.
- Anthony coordinated the ORC corrections display. We had a great group of people over the weekend helping with the display and had 12 people sign up to volunteer for corrections.
- Brenda is actively recruiting volunteers for Central East Correctional Centre (Lindsay).
- Jim is collecting used Grapevine magazines for Toronto South. So if you have any used grapevines, please hit me up.

2. Program Initiatives:

- Exploring electronic device use in Canadian prisons to provide digital AA materials.

3. Successes & Updates:

- Local Area Network pre-approved by Corrections Canada for daily reflections and content uploads.
- District 10 planning to provide Grapevine, La Viña, and Big Book plain language books in correctional facilities.

4. Volunteer Challenges:

- Difficulty in recruiting volunteers who have completed vulnerable sector checks.
- Ongoing efforts to fill open speaker meeting slots at correctional facilities.

5. Next Steps:

- Continued focus on recruiting and engaging new volunteers across districts.

CPC/PI: No Report.

GRAPEVINE: No Report.

SELF SUPPORT: No Report.

TREATMENT: No Report.

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

General Service Report from Intergroup Liaison-Alternate Delegate Area 83

March 25, 2025 Greater Toronto Intergroup Monthly meeting

1. **GSR POWER HOUR WORKSHOPS:** April 15/16, 2025 (3rd Tuesday and Wednesday @ 8pm) Topic is **Delegate Report Back. Why attend?**



QR Code for the Area 83 Communications Portal – lots of great information and current news!

2. **AREA 83 SPRING ASSEMBLY WEEKEND:** March 28-30, 2025. Discount rates for hotel rooms and reservations for the Saturday Banquet end on Friday 14 March 2025. The Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing sessions (hybrid) take place on Saturday 29 March 2025. Great opportunity to organize a **Watch Party** – invite a few friends over for some fellowship, share some laughs, have some pizza, share your thoughts and opinions on the Conference Agenda items. – This would be a great day. Check the Area 83 website [Link](#) (Service83/GiveBack) for details about the Assembly and PCAS background information on the 75th Conference Agenda Items.
3. **ALCOHOLICS ANONOMYOUS WORLD SERVICE (AAWS) Highlights:** A summary of the most recent AAWS Board of Directors meeting (January, 2025; [Link](#) . Here are a couple of teasers:

The Plain Language Big Book: Since its release on November 1st, over 129,000 copies have been sold, with 41,857 copies remaining in inventory. A third printing of 50,000 copies is in progress, and the eBook version has also seen strong sales, making up 20% of AA’s total eBook sales. Plans are in place to improve visibility and communication about its availability

Recommendations forwarded and approved by the AAWS Board of Directors.

The Technology and Communications Services committee recommended to the AAWS Board that following the 2025 General Service Conference the Technology/Communication/Services committee be split into two separate committees:

1. Communication and Language Services Committee
2. Services and Technology Committee

and much, much more ...

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 (**4**):
- Finance Chairperson
- Finance Committee Members
- Communications Chairperson
- IT Chairperson
- WSOH 2026 Event Chair

Please Contact:

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business was forthcoming.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business was forthcoming.

Reception Report: (OC Vice-Chairperson provides a count of how many members were in the meeting: Zoom and in-person.) In-person attendance: 20. Online attendance: 44. **TOTAL HYBRID ATTENDANCE: 64.**

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.”
- “My email and phone number are always posted in the Minutes (see Opening Remarks). If you or anyone you know is interested in any of these service positions or have some questions you want to ask, please feel free to send me an email or better yet please text/call me.”

Motion to adjourn moved by Brock C. (Danforth) and seconded by Tom C. (Twelve Steps). Motion carried. (8 for in person/18 for virtual)

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, April 29, 2025** at 8 p.m.

The April General Meeting will be the **Annual Workshop Meeting** for Intergroup Reps and Alternates; however, Workshop meetings are open to all members!

No Regular Business will be conducted, and no Subcommittee Reports will be given at this meeting.