

(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 Brett M. (Long Branch Group).

MEMBERS PRESENT:**INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES:**

Beaches, Birds of a Feather, Church Street, Erin Mills, Fifth Tradition, HadEnuffYet, High Park, Keep It Simple, King City, Long Branch, Meadowvale Fellowship, Mississauga, Morning Discussion, North Toronto, Port Credit, Primary Purpose, Rox Glen Traditional, Sisters in Sobriety, St. Clements, Streetsville, The Dogs, The Indian Road, Thursday Men's, Unionville, Welcome, Westmoreland, and Woodbridge.

DISTRICT LIAISONS: Districts 06, 14, 18, and 22.

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

SUBCOMMITTEES REPRESENTED: FINANCE, IT SUBCOMMITTEE, AND GRAPEVINE.

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

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

- We have a **new I.T. Chairperson** that has stepped forward: Vino K. We are so excited to have Vino with us; he brings a wealth of I.T. experience and we are so fortunate to have Vino join us! Vino will be working closely with our former tech support person, Sean L., to get up to speed with this service role. (Vino was invited to introduce himself to those present after completion of the Workshop portion of the meeting)
- Jomana was excited for the Workshop to begin, and was looking forward to the presentation.

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

A 7th Tradition was taken at the in-person meeting; a link to contribution to the 7th was put in the online chat for those attending virtually. (7th in-person amount collected on page 16 of these minutes)

WELCOME TO THE WORKSHOP and OVERVIEW OF INTERGROUP

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

This Workshop was facilitated by Jimmy S., OC Vice-Chair, with enthusiastic participation from Bruce L. (Finance Chair), Heidi B. (OC Secretary), and Jenn F. (OC member) in addition to Imran R., Grapevine Chair.



**GREATER TORONTO
AREA INTERGROUP**



WHAT'S THE POINT?

Intergroup provides local services that no other entity can provide.

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

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

HISTORY

A LITTLE AA HISTORY IN TORONTO

1948
Central
Committee

1960
Toronto
Intergroup

1995
Greater Toronto
Area Intergroup

Service Structure: Local Districts

TWO ARMS OF SERVICE

HOW INTERGROUP DIFFERS FROM GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE



District 2

- Malton
- ~ 16 Groups

District 6

- Mississauga
- ~ 20 Groups

District 10

- Toronto South Central
- ~ 10 Groups

District 12

- Toronto Southwest
- ~ 22 groups

District 14

- Toronto North
- ~ 14 Groups

District 16

- Spanish
- ~ 8 Groups

District 18

- Toronto East
- ~ 18 Groups

District 22

- Scarborough
- ~ 10 groups

WHO DO WE SERVE

PURPOSE AND FUNCTION

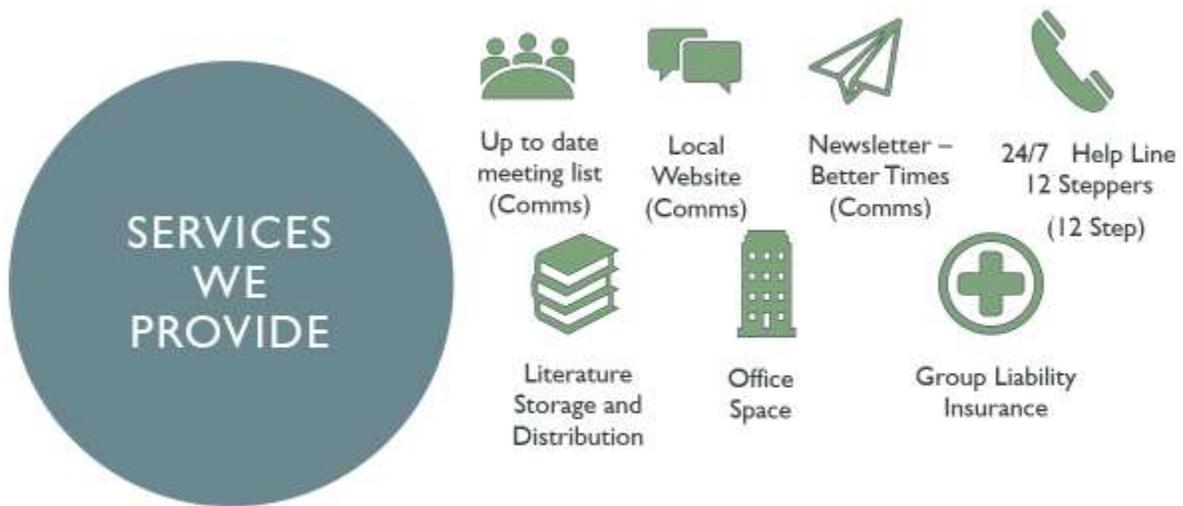
Working together locally to carry the message of AA, we provide essential services. We are a point of contact between AA groups and the alcoholic inside and outside the rooms

Local Service Center

Provide financial support

Using AA's 9th Tradition

Services GTA Intergroup Provides



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

The Role of the GTA Intergroup Representative

ROLE OF THE INTERGROUP REP



INTERGROUP REP

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

Bring ideas from
your Home
Group to the
Intergroup
Floor



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

Clearly
worded
motion
proposed

Seconded

Chairman
restates

Discussion

Ask for
Vote -
Directions
- Results

VOTING PROCESS

GTA Intergroup Service Structure

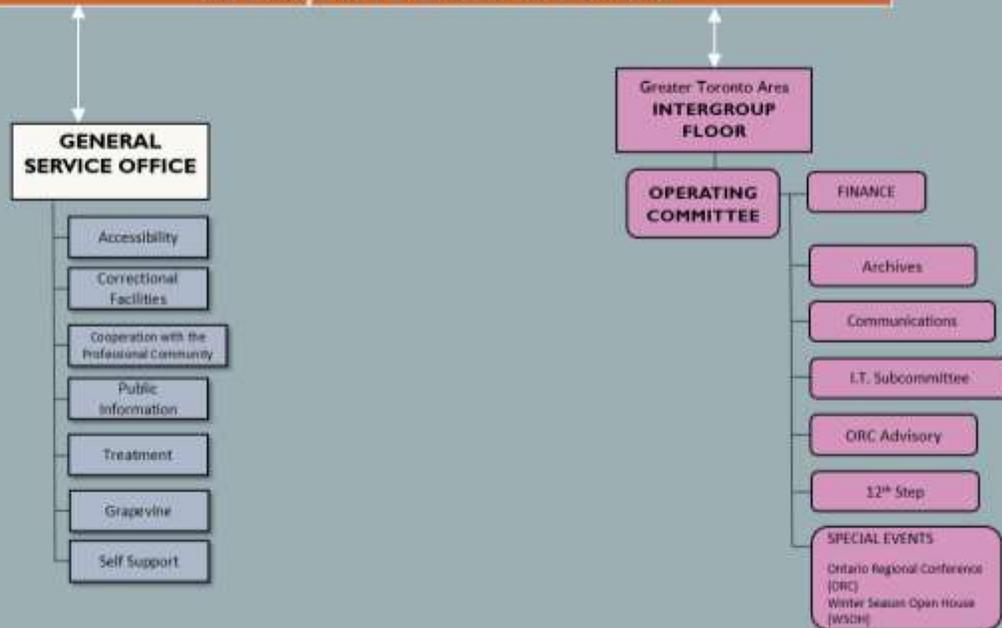
GTA Intergroup Service Structure

AA Groups in the Greater Toronto Area

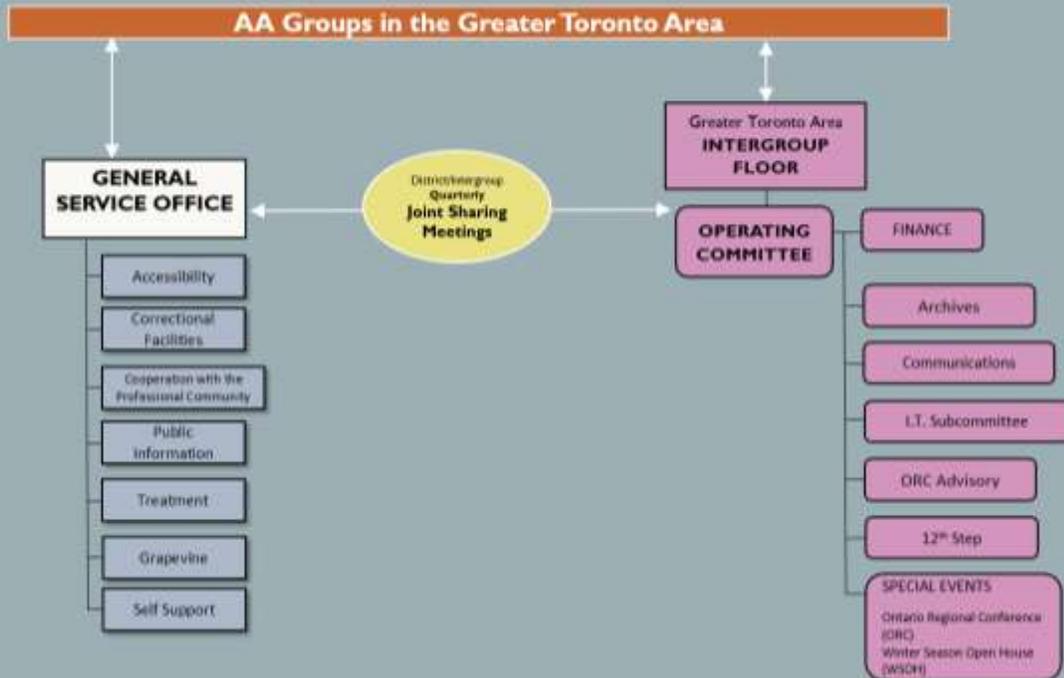


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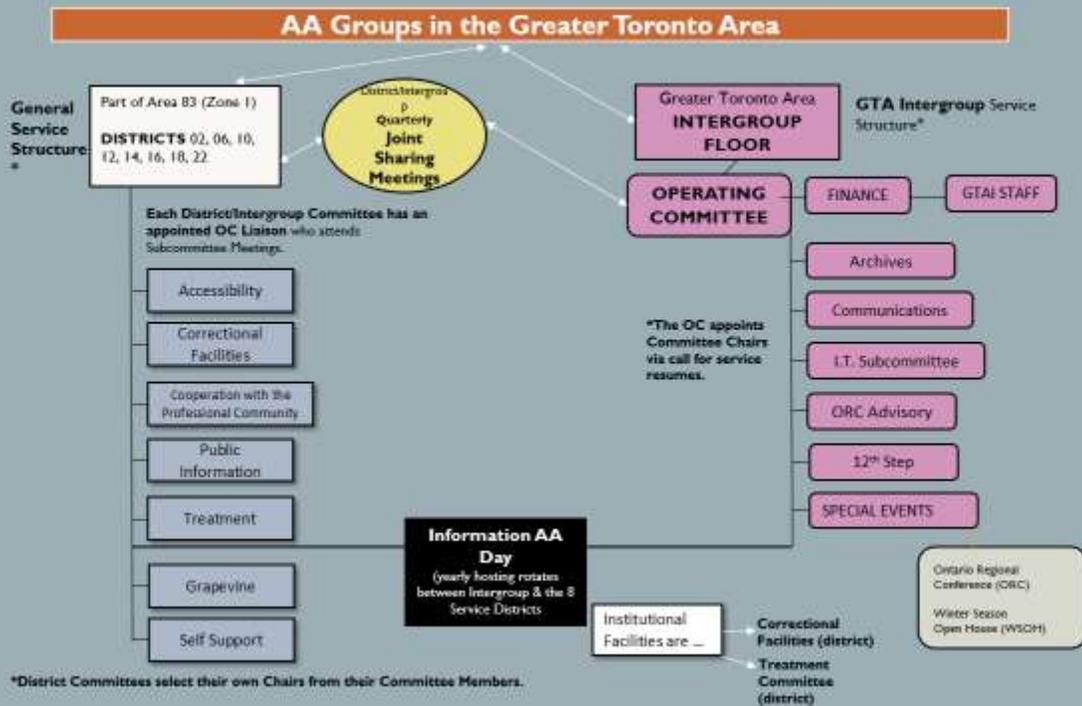


GTA Intergroup Service Structure



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

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



INTERGROUP SUB COMMITTEES



- Chair is appointed by the Operating Committee, except ORC

- Chair serves for 1 year and may be reappointed for a second term with OC approval

OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES



Operating

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



Finance

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

FINANCE
COMMITTEE
EXAMPLE

68 1/4"

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

416-487-5591
aatoronto.org

Alcoholics Anonymous



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

INTERGROUP SUB COMMITTEES



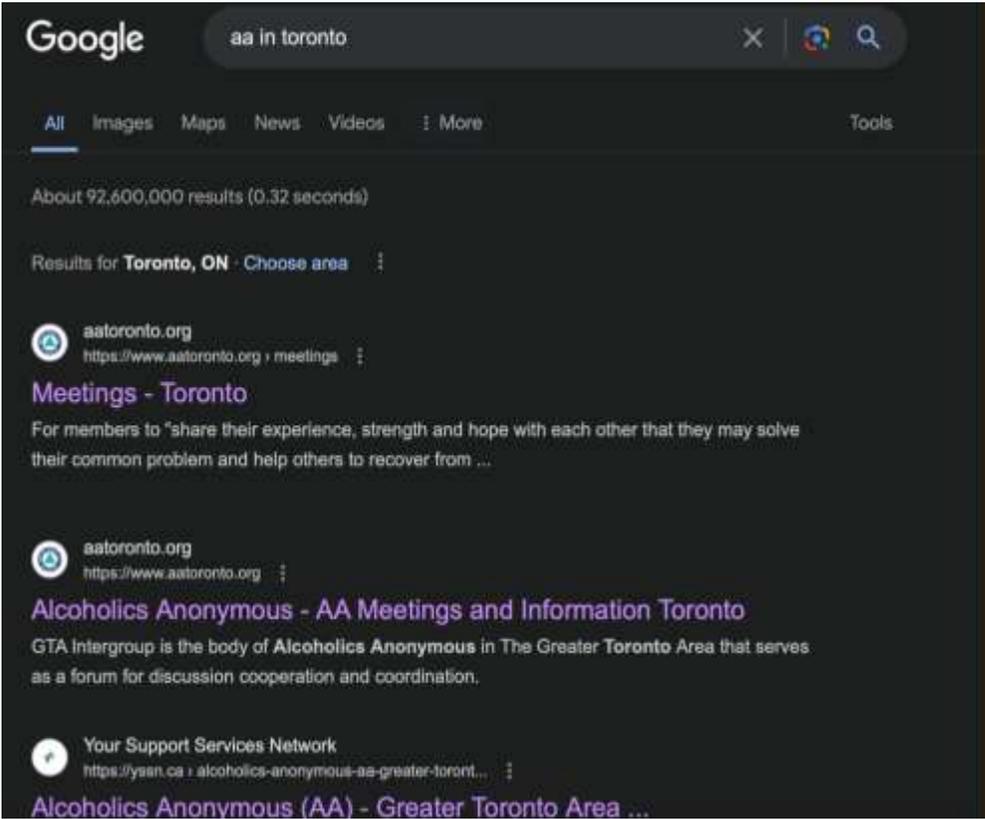
Communications

Website

Better Times

Special Announcements

Meeting Directory



Example of recent work from the Communications Committee –
Appropriate SEO

INTERGROUP SUB COMMITTEES

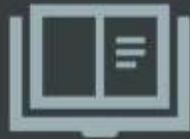


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Twelfth Step
24/7 Help Line
Connecting newcomers and members to meetings and resources
Organizing 12 Step calls

INTERGROUP SUB COMMITTEES



Archives

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



Info Tech

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

INTERGROUP SUB COMMITTEES



ORC

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



Info AA Day

Collaborates with District to arrange and present Info AA Day for the AA Members of GTA to encourage service in the fellowship

Saturday, May 24 9-3 p.m.
Native Canadian Centre
16 Spadina Road (Spadina Subway)

INTERGROUP SUB COMMITTEES

Special Events

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

Ex:

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

We can also host Workshops or Studies.

How to get more active



SERVICE IS
FOR
EVERYONE

- ✓ Be informed
- ✓ Be Inclusive
- ✓ Ask Questions
- ✓ Commit to attending the monthly meetings
- ✓ Encourage your group members to get active
- ✓ Anyone can join a committee - details are in the calendar section of our website
- ✓ Attend Info AA Day

Saturday, May 24 9-3 p.m.
Native Canadian Centre
16 Spadina Road

A Q & A Session was offered to those present (no questions were forthcoming). Those present applauded the team for a great presentation!

Total online attendance: 29
Total in person attendance: 14
7th Tradition (in-person): \$42.75

Announcement – Jomana A., OC Chair



**GREATER TORONTO AREA
INTERGROUP**

Operating Committee Summer Break - 2025

The Operating committee (OC) is taking a little summer break. There's nothing urgent on the horizon, and no events are scheduled for those months, so this is a great chance for everyone to recharge, focus on recruitment for our current and future Operating committees, and minimize service burnout.

The following meetings will not take place:

GTAI Monthly Meetings	Operating Committee (OC) Meeting	Finance Committee Meetings
Tuesday, June 30, 2025 at 8:00 PM	Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 8:00 PM	Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 6:30 PM
Tuesday, July 29, 2025 at 8:00 PM	Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 8:00 PM	Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 6:30 PM
Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 8:00 PM	Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 8:00 PM	Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 6:30 PM

A few important things to note:

- Chairs are still required to send Alexx their reports', so Alexx can send them out as usual to keep everyone in the loop.
- The OC Chair, Vice Chair, Finance chair, and OC members remain available if anything comes up.
- OC committee members will continue attending their liaison meetings.
- Finance and OC members are a tight-knit group, so any urgent issues that *can't* wait until September will be handled promptly, as long there is no need for a general meeting!

This summer break is all about giving everyone a bit of space to breathe and stay refreshed, while still making sure everything runs smoothly. Enjoy the downtime!

Please note: Intergroup Office and staff are unaffected by this break. Our fantastic team remains available for all of your Intergroup needs.

If you have any feedback, questions, complaints, or compliments related to this announcement, please reach out to Jomana A., OC Chair, and she will be happy to listen and assist.

oc.chair@aatoronto.org
Cell: (416) 728-0737

Summer Break Notice

Jomana read out the flyer to all present (hard copies of the above flyer were provided for the in-person attendees; an e-copy of this flyer was shared to online attendees).

Any questions about this announcement?

Jomana asked members to reach out to her 416-728-0737 and she will be happy to answer members' concerns/questions.

Motion to close Workshop meeting moved by Jeff H. (Rox Glen Traditional) and seconded by David T. (St. Clements). Motion carried.

The Workshop Meeting closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 27 at 8 p.m. (hybrid)

APPENDIX:

Subcommittee Reports Submitted – APRIL 29, 2025

Finance Report – submitted by Bruce L. (Back to Basics), Finance Chair

April 2025 Finance Report

	March 2025 (1 month)						
	Actual 2025	Budget 2025	Variance	%	Actual 2024	Variance	%
Contributions	8,303	8,610	(307)	(4%)	9,591	(1,288)	(13%)
Literature Sales	14,507	11,667	2,840	24%	12,761	1,746	14%
= Total Revenues	22,810	20,277	2,533	12%	22,352	458	2%
- Cost of Sales	12,983	9,479	3,504	37%	11,800	1,183	10%
- Expenses	12,734	16,932	(4,198)	(25%)	12,698	36	0%
= Surplus / (Deficiency)	(2,907)	(6,134)	3,227		(2,146)	(761)	

Contributions are down slightly compared to the budget but this is offset by strong literature sales & 14,507 or 24% above budget.

Cost of sales is high 37% over budget but offset somewhat by expenses that are 25% below budget.

Overall we saw a slight deficit of \$3,000 vs a budgeted loss of \$6,000.

Info AA Day 2025 Report – submitted by De R. (Rexdale United), Event Chair

April 29, 2025

2025 Info AA Day Report

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 Program Coordinators have been working diligently and is ready for presenters. The Program Coordinators will share the Program shortly. Just a reminder that if anyone has displays or materials for the event, please contact John M and he can help you get your items there – thanks John! Also presenters are asked to bring their own laptop or device they are comfortable and familiar with as well as a USB stick as a backup. Projector and screens supplied by the venue.

Jenn F our Venue Coordinator is still available for a walk-through prior to the event.

Our Hospitality team of Gregorio and Walter have a great lunch and snacks planned and they have taken into consideration vegetarian and vegan options as well as those with nut allergies and lactose intolerant. That being said, lunch will be delish!

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 derail416@gmail.com 647-741-1533

Twelfth Step Report – submitted by Heidi B. (Fellowship), OC Liaison

Monthly Sub Committee Report April 23, 2025: Twelfth Step Committee

April 9, 2025

9 people in attendance. Liaison Heidi B.

New Secretary: Dale W -Noon Rap was voted in; Mira has rotated out.

Upcoming projects: New Flyer in the making to download with a QR code for May.

Key successes: The ORC display and sign-up sheet was a success, with 25 new volunteers and 5 12-steppers registered.

Zoom Training: The monthly training is the 1st Sunday of each month 4pm-6pm. It will cover an Intro to the Google Drive where all the information is. The trainee will then do a Shadow Training shift with Jim Y, Woody or Kelli T.

Key obstacles/issues: Always need more overnight volunteers please announce at meetings and direct them to AAToronto.org service committee or go to bottom of page 12 step follow links to register or Kelli T at 12step.chair@aatoronto.org

The committee is also looking into their Google forms/Unite Dashboard to help manage the handling of their phone operations and if there are tools or practices that help streamline the process. The Google Forms replace the old Blue form from the past.

Sobriety requirement: 1 year for phone greeters, 2 years for 12 Steppers

Monthly Sub Committee Report for Corrections

Date of Sub Committee meeting: April 1, 2025

Number of people in attendance: 16

Name of liaison: Jimmy S

Upcoming projects:

- Planning a presentation on *Bridging the Gap*; date and time to be confirmed at the next meeting.
- Hispanic Intergroup Office hosting an information event on May 3rd, 4:30–7:30 PM at 22 Wenderly Drive, Toronto.
- Coordination of ongoing literature and Grapevine subscriptions for correctional institutions, including clarification on appropriate distribution channels.
- Rich will distribute scanned volunteer sign-up sheets from ORC to relevant district chairs and manage distribution of softcover Big Books as they become available.

Key successes:

- Strong turnout and engagement at the ORC event with 34 volunteer sign-ups.
- Literature and Grapevine initiatives are progressing in multiple districts.
- Successful coordination of corrections volunteer work in several districts, including Millhaven, Central East, and Toronto East.
- Good inter-district collaboration and shared experience, particularly in onboarding and supporting new volunteers.

Key obstacles/issues:

- Ongoing need for more volunteers, especially for consistent coverage at Toronto East.
- Limited access to softcover Big Books; no new books received at the Assembly.
- Challenges with institutions restricting literature distribution, including Grapevine subscriptions.
- Some confusion around who can bring in literature and how subscriptions should be addressed.

Support needed:

- Additional volunteers to support weekly correctional meetings, particularly at Toronto East.
- Softcover Big Book donations from districts and groups; contact Rich if able to contribute.
- Assistance identifying a new corrections chair for an open district role.
- Support and collaboration from districts in organizing and attending the upcoming *Bridging the Gap* presentation.

Information to bring back to Sub Committee:

- Confirm whether a date and time can be set for the *Bridging the Gap* presentation at the next meeting on **Tuesday, May 6 at 7 PM**.
- Share details of the Hispanic Intergroup Office information event on May 3rd.
- Encourage inclusion of district/area affiliation in future meeting logins and attendance records.
- Inform members that new volunteers should be accompanied by experienced members, especially at Toronto East.
- Promote awareness around proper protocol for Grapevine and literature distribution to avoid confusion.

Minutes of the Intergroup - District Grapevine Meeting Date: Sunday, April 27, 2025

Attendees: Imran R. (Committee Chair(ish), District 6), Gigget W. (District 14)

Opening: 10:03 am

The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Gigget W. apologized for not being able to take minutes at the previous meeting. Imran R. provided a brief review of last month's discussion, which included challenges around achieving uniform pricing for Grapevine materials across districts and Intergroup. Factors like shipping costs, available discounts, and purchase dates impact pricing in different areas. Huguette, our Area Grapevine Chair, will raise this topic for discussion at Area.

There was also a discussion about using Grapevine letters and articles in *Better Times*. Imran received contact information for the Grapevine's intellectual property rights representative to seek permission for publication and ensure compliance with requirements.

New Business:

AA Info Day will be held on May 24, 2025, from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto (16 Spadina Road). The day will feature presentations, a potluck, fellowship, and a focus on service opportunities.

The Intergroup Grapevine Committee will present a short 10-minute talk on Grapevine.

Imran will attend and prepare the presentation. He invites any other Intergroup District Grapevine Members attending to contact him.

Imran will send out a draft presentation around May 8–9 and will organize a quick call to review it before finalizing.

This will be Imran's first AA Info Day, and he welcomes suggestions.

We discussed ordering back issues of Grapevine to hand out at Info Day. The Finance Committee of Intergroup has approved a budget for this, and additional funds can be requested if needed. Imran will follow up with the Finance Committee at the next Intergroup General Meeting.

Committee Chair Role

Imran reminded the group that he is not officially the Chair of the committee and would be happy if someone else wished to step into the role officially. He is content to continue volunteering for now and emphasized that the meeting structure remains informal.

District Specific Updates and Initiatives:

District 6: Imran is beginning to think ahead to the Mississauga Fall Assembly and will explore other upcoming events where the Grapevine might have a presence.

District 14: Gigget W. attended the March Assembly online and reported updates to her District at their April 14 meeting, including information about updating pamphlets and their potential use for outreach.

What's Happening at Area 83? (From Area Minutes, April 14, 2025)

- The Grapevine PCAS workshop was well-attended, and the final Grapevine session ran smoothly.
- Joyce L., Eastern Ontario Regional Trustee, shared updates on *La Viña's* growth and challenges, particularly regarding media access and fulfillment for Spanish-speaking members.

- Proposed revisions to the AA Grapevine/La Viña pamphlet were well received.
- Barb secured free English and Spanish Grapevine materials for the upcoming Roundup in Lombardy and shared how districts can request complimentary materials.
- Updates also included:
 - A Grapevine postcard with a QR code catalog link.
 - Ongoing issues with shipping delays and high costs.
 - Efforts to establish standardized Canadian pricing for Grapevine materials.
 - Suggestions for increasing digital visibility through district websites.
- The Area trifold Grapevine display was offered to Cesar, who is building Grapevine efforts in his district.

What's New from Grapevine?

- **April 2025 Featured Section:** *Making Amends* — AA members share Ninth Step experiences.
[Subscribe Here](#)
- **Podcast:**
Season 8, Episode 16: *The Gift of Desperation*
[Listen Here](#)
- **Story Submissions Open:**
 - **Remote Communities** (Due: May 15, 2025)
Stories about staying sober while isolated by geography, language, or other barriers.
 - **Sober Holidays!** (Due: May 15, 2025)
Share experiences of maintaining sobriety through the holiday season.
[Submit Here](#)

The Editorial Calendar has been updated to include the 2026 publication dates. View on the Grapevine website:

https://www.aagrapevine.org/sites/default/files/2025-03/Editorial_Calendar_GV_2025_26.pdf

Action Items:

1. **Prepare Draft Presentation for AA Info Day**
 - Deadline: May 8–9, 2025
2. **Schedule and Hold Review Call for Presentation**
 - Imran R. (will coordinate with committee)

3. Contact Imran if Attending AA Info Day and Interested in Participating

- Responsible: All committee members

4. Order Back Issues of Grapevine for AA Info Day

- Deadline: Before May 24, 2025

5. Consider Volunteers for Official Committee Chair Position

- Responsible: All committee members (ongoing)

Closing: The meeting ended with the Responsibility Pledge at 10:29 am.

Next meeting:

Date: Sunday, May 18, 2025 **Time:** 10:00 am – 10:30 am

Zoom ID: 802-161-5193 **Passcode:** 123456

Respectfully submitted,
Gigget W.
District 14, Grapevine Rep

