

GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 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 Paul M. (Beaches Group).

MEMBERS PRESENT:

INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES:

Back to Basics, Beaches, Birds of a Feather, Brampton Recovery, Church Street, Credit Valley, Danforth, Erin Mills, HadEnuffYet, Half Century, High Park, Keep It Simple, King City, Kipling, Love & Tolerance, Midtown, Mississauga, Newmarket, Noon Rap, North Toronto, One Paragraph at a Time, Open Hands, Parkway, Port Credit, Primary Purpose, Prince Edward, Queensville, Royal York, Sisters in Sobriety, Six Points, St. Clements, Steps to Serenity, Streetsville St. Andrews, The Indian Road, Tuesday Men's, Twelve Steps, Unionville, 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), and 14.

OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Bruce L. (Finance Chair), Heidi B. (OC Secretary), Jomana A. (OC Chair) and Lijon G.

SUBCOMMITTEES REPRESENTED: COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCE, INFORMATION AA DAY 2025, IT SUBCOMMITTEE, SELF SUPPORT, TWELFTH STEP.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES –April 2025

Errors or Omissions: no errors or omissions noted.

Motion to adopt Minutes as presented moved by Tom C. (Twelve Steps) and seconded by Barbara H. (Welcome). Motion carried. (8 for in person; 25 for/0 against/3 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

"Welcome everyone to our last meeting before our summer break; I'm happy to see you all here tonight. Hopefully this meeting will be conducted in a timely fashion and will adjourn by 9 p.m."

GTAI Operating Chair, Jomana A. oc.chair@aatoronto.org 416-728-0737

New Operating Committee Members Needed:

This has now become a long-standing business item on the Agenda; as such, no Motion to Suspend Business is needed. Jomana outlined the qualifications and service commitments for this position, and asked if any there were any nominations/volunteers from the Floor. After being invited to give a short address to Floor members (and confirming the sobriety requirement of two years of continuous sobriety needed for this service position), a vote was taken from the Floor (7 for in person, 25 for/1 abstention virtual). **Raj P.** (Prince Edward) was accepted and acclaimed, and **will now serve as a new Operating Committee member.**

An election for 3 OC members will be held at the September General Meeting (time permitting). Any questions about this service position: please reach out to **Jomana** (Operating Chair): oc.chair@aatoronto.org

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; \$51.00 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

Treasurer’s Report May 21, 2025

	April 2025 (1 month)						
	Actual 2025	Budget 2025	Variance	%	Actual 2024	Variance	%
Contributions	2,764	8,610	(5,846)	(68%)	10,051	(7,287)	(73%)
Literature Sales	12,842	11,667	1,175	10%	10,087	2,755	27%
= Total Revenues	15,606	20,277	(4,671)	(23%)	20,138	(4,532)	(23%)
- Cost of Sales	10,431	9,479	952	10%	9,037	1,394	15%
- Expenses	23,060	17,454	5,606	32%	17,972	5,088	28%
= Surplus / (Deficiency)	(17,885)	(6,656)	(11,229)		(6,871)	(11,014)	

Contributions are down 68% compared to the budget, offset slightly by strong literature sales which are 10% over budget. Total revenue for the month is \$15, 606, \$4,671 below budget.

Cost of goods sold is slightly above budget by 10%. Expenses are 32% higher than budgeted due to some committee expenses being paid early and an added rent payment.

Overall, for the month of April there is a deficit of \$17,885 vs a budgeted deficit of \$6,656.

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

Questions:

There was a question from a member at the in-person meeting: where do our contributions come from? Bruce answered that contributions received are from both groups and individual AA members. Contributions reported for each monthly GTAI Finance Report are a combination of these two contribution sources (individual Contributions + Group Contributions).

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHIVES: Bruce L., OC Liaison, read the report sent in by Glenn G. (East York), Chairperson: Hi Friends, I am an alcoholic, a member of the East York Group, having the honour, privilege and responsibility to serve, as the chair of the GTAI Archives Committee; my name is Glenn.

We attended, with the GTAI Archives display, the East Toronto Archives Breakfast, at Qssis Banquet Hall on Sunday April 29th. A large, happy crowd enjoyed: fellowship, connection, tasty food, and an awesome talk given by Ed H. (53 Years), of the Pine Hills Group. Door prizes, Raffle Prizes, and a sobriety countdown completed the event. Ed stressed the importance of AA's singleness of purpose and cautioned the fellowship against being distracted from the original AA program. It was a sobering talk!

We also attended, with the GTAI Archives display, Information AA day, at the native centre, 16 Spadina Road, on Saturday May 24th. Breakfast and lunch were provided for the low admission ticket price of \$10. Both of our, Area 83 Eastern Ontario International, Alternate Delegate and Delegate attended and gave presentations about both the governance structure of AA and the recent General Service Conference. A guest speaker spoke about both her journey through AA service and handling outside life events along the way. There were many new members attending for their first time. I hope to see some of these members step into service roles soon.

Our committee is active and will remain active throughout the summer. For those able, please join me at the East York Group, for a 20-year medallion on the last Tuesday in July, and a 15-year medallion on the last Tuesday in August. Meetings start at 8pm, with food available after the meeting.

Yours in loving service, Glenn G.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: Lijon G. (Love and Tolerance), OC Liaison **Verbal Report**

Lijon mentioned the following:

- Work continues on both the monthly Better Times Newsletter and the aatoronto.org website
- Something we're focusing on a 'non-technical' note is **establishing service levels** for when changes are submitted for Home Group meetings or submit medallion announcements, group anniversary announcements and the committee calendar. Going forward, **we are trying to implement a 5-business day turnaround**. This way, members can expect when to see the changes up on the website.
- The **June Better Times** is out. Moving forward, the committee has decided to print the newsletter on yellow paper. The stories of recovery on the front cover are a great read? We would love to hear from you and/or members of your Home Group to get more of these stories out there! (see story submission email below) "For alcoholics...by alcoholics"

Questions:

After this report, Vino K. (Newcastle Saturday Nite), incoming IT Chair, had a question about the time frame for posting meeting changes, etc. on the website. Do you have access to the Area 83 Service site? Lijon answered no; he is strictly talking about the aatoronto.org website. Vino also asked how the GTA meeting changes get to the GSO Meeting Guide app. Lijon answered that there is a 'batch process' that runs monthly, so there is a bit of a 'lag' there in information

updates. It has its own standardized scheduling to capture meeting updates/changes. Vino will work with Lijon on refresh rates and access to a plug in for this purpose.

Another question from the in person meeting: will Better Times be available for Reps to pick up at 234 during the summer break? Lijon answered that it was a good question and he will get back to members on this item. Office staff will be printing them but is unsure how the distribution will work during the summer break. **Soft copies are available on our website.**

Question from the virtual portion of the meeting: is it Reps only that can send in stories to Better Times, or any member? Lijon confirmed that stories can come from any AA member. Content is focused on recovery – experience, strength, and hope. Length of article submissions: 600 words. **Articles/Submissions/Medallion Announcements** for the Better Times Newsletter: bettertimes@aatoronto.org

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

INFORMATION AA DAY 2025: De R. (Rexdale United), 2025 Event Chairperson
Evening friends, I'm an alcoholic, member of the Rexdale United Group and I have the pleasure of serving as your 2025 Information AA Day Chair.

We held our Info AA Day event this past Saturday, May 24th and it was a wonderful success! We estimated that we had 125 in attendance, with 4 donated tickets and 145 tickets sold!

The presentations were excellent with power points and personal sharing allowing attendees to understand each of the Subcommittees, their function and how to volunteer. The Intergroup Communications presentation was interactive and showed the website features including The Better Times, the Meeting directory and how to navigate. Kelli T and her volunteers explained and acted out a typical 12 step call which was informative and a great learning experience.

Attendees commented that they enjoyed all presentations and felt "a part of".

Our Guest Speaker, Jenny B shared her service experience with enthusiasm, joy and how her journey reflected her AA and personal life.

Our Delegate, Amy gave her report-back clearly, showing the amount of work that goes into participating in the General Service Conference while adding examples of how important the roles and responsibilities and the Agenda is and that the voice of an Area can and does make a difference.

We thank all participants, especially those on this committee who worked diligently to bring this event together. And thanks to Jenn and Birds of a Feather Group for setting up their Library with books and pamphlets selling \$260 in books and \$52 in Service Manuals on consignment. Thanks too, to the Birds Tech Team which helped us immeasurably with presentations!

And of course thank you to Gregorio and Walter for making and serving a variety of wraps and salads and to those who donated additional snacks.

We will meet for a wrap-up session Monday, June 16 at 7 pm – one week earlier as some on the committee will be early attendees at the International Conference in Vancouver.

With Gratitude and Service, De R.

I.T. SUBCOMMITTEE: Vino K. (Newcastle Saturday Nite), Chairperson **Verbal Report**

"My apologies; I didn't have a report prepared and presentable. We recently helped someone with a technical issue and it was resolved. I am currently catching up on emails; there's a plethora of in the techsupport@aaontario.org email address and the IT Chair email."

"The biggest component of things is the Area 83 service site. I was grateful to take part in the creation of this site... I'm attempting to synergize the aaontario.org site and their forms and processes to align with the Area 83 site. I'm going to be contacting the Area 83 Technology Committee in order to get information and updates to this end. The most recent finding is the search engine optimization that occurs within AA itself; either for the GTA or the Area, etc. This is when people go online for help and type in 'help with stopping drinking' etc. Instead of Treatment Centres popping up first it would instead direct them to an AA website in the area in which they reside."

ONTARIO REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2025: The following report was emailed by Eddy G. (Beaches), 2025 Event Chairperson:

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.

Two items to report:

1. On Thursday June 5, 2025 there will be a virtual meeting with the ORC Advisory Committee. The ORC 2025 Treasurer, Dave S. will give his Final ORC 2025 Treasurer's Report with Recommendations.

2. On Sunday June 15, 2025 at the Sheraton Hotel there will be a Wrap-up/Turnover Meeting with the ORC 2025 & 2026 Committees.

The ORC 2025 committee members will give their final reports & then the meeting will be turned over to the ORC 2026 Chair, Laura S. & her committee members. They will start planning the ORC 2026 which will be held on March 20-22, 2026 at the Sheraton Hotel. The theme is "A Revolutionary Change."

Thank you, yours in service, Eddy G., ORC 2025 Chair, Beaches Group

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

Below - please find the **QR code to access the 12 Step Committee web page**. On this page you will find:

- our monthly committee meeting zoom link
- Our monthly phone greeter and 12 Stepper training Zoom link
- Online applications for service
- Flyer downloads for 12 Step, Phone Greeter and Overnight Phone Greeter work to take to your home groups

At our last committee meeting on May 14 --

5 in attendance - at the meeting we discussed the following:

We continue to onboard new 12 Step Greeters and 12 Steppers - slowly.

We promote volunteer opportunities via the Better Times, on the Website and most recently, at Info AA Day. We have many more people sign up for service than actually complete the training and go on the schedule.

Late last year, we debuted the 9pm to 1am shift and are happy to report that it has been a popular time slot.

We finalized our 12 Step Committee presentation and skit for Info AA Day.

We have also been promoting our overnight shifts – During our last promotion looking for 30 greeters offering 1 night of service this past April, we did gain 1 new overnight greeter. Unfortunately, we have lost 1 of our 6 regular overnight greeters. Our June committee meeting will discuss using either an answering service or voicemail for 1am-9am shift. If you have an interest in this topic, please feel free to join us. All the information for our committee meeting is on the website.

QR code to access the 12 Step Committee web page:



WINTER SEASON OPEN HOUSE 2025:

Committee resumes meeting in September; the following email report was sent in by Zobie G., 2025 Event Chair:

There is no committee meeting during spring/summer. Committee meetings will begin monthly starting in Sept 2025.

Winter Season Open House committee meetings for 2025 will be held at Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, 230 St Clair Ave W Toronto.

- **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

Winter Season Open House is also looking for storage space close to Timothy Eaton Memorial Church (Approximately 9x9x9 feet). If anyone has info at their meeting, that has access to storage space, to accommodate the Winter Season Open House supplies, then please contact me (Zobie 416 709 0178). Currently it's at Bloordale United Church temporarily, until a permanent place is found. The storage space would be ideally close to Timothy Eaton Memorial Church for easy transportation a few days prior to Dec 25th each year, for the one day event. (Timothy Eaton Memorial Church indicated they do not have storage space).

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

WINTER VIRTUAL ALCATHON 2025: No Report.

Committee resumes meeting in September.

DISTRICT REPORTS

ACCESSIBILITIES: No Report.

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

Monthly Sub Committee Report for Corrections

Date of Sub Committee meeting: May 6, 2025

Number of people in attendance: 10

Name of liaison: Jimmy S

1. Upcoming Projects

- A **Bridging the Gap workshop** will be held at the next meeting, led by Rich, to help improve support for inmates transitioning into the AA community. The PowerPoint will be shared with all districts.
- Jimmy will give a **15-minute Corrections presentation** at Info AA Day on **May 24**.
- Ongoing coordination for **literature distribution** (including pocket-sized Big Books and softcover Daily Reflections) and **new meeting times** (e.g., potential Saturday session at Toronto South).

2. Key Successes

- Increased interest in AA from inmates, particularly at Toronto South.
- Active engagement by volunteers and district reps helping to stabilize and expand service.
- Successful connection by District 10 with South Toronto Detention Centre's volunteer coordinator.
- Grapevine and literature donations continue to be well-received and managed.

3. Key Obstacles/Issues

- **Volunteer shortages** remain a concern, especially at Toronto South and East Detention Centre.
- Many **cleared volunteers are inactive**; need better commitment (minimum 1-year recommended).
- **Literature access inconsistent**, and bureaucratic/staffing delays are affecting delivery and program continuity (e.g., Millhaven, East Detention).
- Renovations and poor communication have **disrupted meeting schedules** at some institutions.

4. Support Needed

- **New volunteers** are urgently needed for multiple facilities, especially East and Toronto South.
- Assistance navigating **institutional protocols** and improving internal communication with chaplains and staff.
- Budget support for **literature purchases** before year-end; quantities to be confirmed and requested.

5. Information to Bring Back to Sub Committee

- Encourage all volunteers to attend the **Bridging the Gap workshop** next month.
- Let members know that **fillable Bridging the Gap forms** may soon be available on the Area 83 website.
- Highlight the **opportunity to support Info AA Day** and invite members to attend Jimmy's Corrections presentation.
- Keep sending **Grapevine and Big Book donations** through the Corrections Chair for institutions.

CPC/PI: No Report.

GRAPEVINE: The following report was emailed by Imran R. (Port Credit), Chairperson

Minutes of the Intergroup - District Grapevine Meeting

Date: Sunday, May 18, 2025

Attendees: Imran R. (District 6), Gigget W. (District 14) **Opening:** 10:02 am

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

There was no review session held for the upcoming presentation, as it was deemed unnecessary. The presentation will be sent out via email prior to next weekend. Members are encouraged to review it if time permits and send any feedback directly to Imran.

Back issues are expected to arrive on time, ahead of the anticipated Canada Post strike.

Regarding permission from the Grapevine, the task has been re-delegated. Gigget will reach out when she has a moment before the end of next weekend. Imran will forward the necessary contact information.

New Business:

1. **Peel Police** will be hosting an Information Day on Saturday, June 14, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. AA will have a table at the event, and two members will be attending. Imran will order back issues of the Grapevine to distribute at the event, with Intergroup providing budget support for this initiative.

2. **Grapevine Committee:** It was noted, following some investigation, that Intergroup does not have an official Grapevine Representative role. While it is not a formal Intergroup position, a budget is provided to support related activities. Further discussion is needed to determine whether this committee should continue meeting, or if efforts would be better focused on attending the Area 83 meetings. This approach would allow any Grapevine representative from a GTA district to attend the Intergroup General Meeting and provide a report.

District Specific Updates and Initiatives:

- **District 6:** Imran shared that District 6 has an alternate Grapevine Representative, allowing some responsibilities to be delegated as needed. There are currently about 4–5 active Grapevine reps in the district. Imran is considering organizing a casual coffee meetup to connect and collaborate with them.
- **District 14:** Gigget noted that, to her knowledge, only one group in her district—King City—currently has a Grapevine Representative. In conversations with group members, it appears that literature chairs are often covering Grapevine responsibilities as well, if at all. A reminder was shared for groups to register their Grapevine Representatives on the AA Grapevine website if they have one.

What's New from Grapevine?

- **April 2025 Featured Section:** This month's featured section is "Young and Sober." Members who got to AA at an early age share hopeful stories about getting involved in service and events, making friends, and enjoying a sober life. [Subscribe Here](#)
- **Podcast:** Season 8, Episode 20: *Learning to Fly* [Listen Here](#)
- **Story Submissions Open:**
 - **Getting Through Tough Times** (stories due July 1, 2025) A serious illness, divorce, the death of a loved one, a house fire, loss of a job, bankruptcy...How have you stayed sober through adversity? Tell us how the program and fellowship helped you.

Action Items:

1. Email Presentation for AA Info Day

- Deadline: May 23, 2025

2. Order Back Issues for Peel Police Information Day

- Deadline: Before June 1, 2025 (May be affected by the strike)

3. Investigate the Grapevine & Intergroup relationship

- Responsible: All districts

4. Email to request permission to use grapevine back articles in the Better Times Publication

- Responsible: Gigget, Deadline: May 25, 2025

Closing: The meeting ended with the Responsibility Pledge at 10:23 am.

Next meeting:

Date: Sunday, June 15, 2025

Time: 10:00 am – 10:30 am

Zoom ID: 802-161-5193

Passcode: 123456

Respectfully submitted, Gigget W. District 14, Grapevine Rep

SELF SUPPORT: Larry V. (Thorncliffe Park), Chairperson Verbal Report

Larry reported that he has been having trouble hosting their meetings on Zoom (Were these meetings cancelled by Intergroup?); he will get help with set-up and hosting protocol in future.

Larry has been in contact with some districts with regards to Self Support initiatives. If you want to get involved in Self-Support, please talk to your GSR and/or DCM of your district.

Larry confirmed that there will be a committee meeting in June: Thursday, June 26 at 7 p.m. (virtual). Meeting ID: 820 9238 0206 Passcode: 319853.

After Larry's report, Jomana stated: "To clarify, Intergroup did not cancel any committee meetings for anybody. The truth of the matter is – and I did talk to Larry before this meeting – this committee is not active. You don't have active members... you need to recruit members and see how you can cooperate with districts and Intergroup to engage members in the conversation. Intergroup will be more than happy to support you by providing consistent Zoom meetings whenever you are ready. We are here to support you, but you guys need to do your part. Thanks, Larry."

TREATMENT: No Report.

AREA 83 REPORT: The following report was emailed by Bill C., Area 83 Alternate Delegate:

General Service Report from Intergroup Liaison-Alternate Delegate Area 83

May 27, 2025 - Greater Toronto Area Intergroup Monthly meeting

1. **GSR POWER HOUR WORKSHOPS:** June 17/18 – **The importance of using AA literature. How to introduce group members to AA's service material.** All the sessions are recorded so you can check them out if you happen to miss one that is of interest.

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



2. **General Service Office -** A [loving invitation video](#) from the General Service Board Chair to Region and Special Forums. Also, Virtual participation in the A.A. International Convention. For [Individuals](#) or [Groups](#) to organize a Watch Party! This happens every 5 years and the last one had to be cancelled due to COVID. It's been 10 long years!

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 (**3**):
- Finance Chairperson
- Finance Committee Members
- Communications Chairperson
- WSOH 2026 Event Chair

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business was forthcoming.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business items were forthcoming (i.e. formal Motions); however, **the following discussion points from members** were brought to the Floor's attention:

Geraldine C. (The Indian Road Group): "There are a lot of opinions from my home group members about taking the summer off [referring to GTAI Summer Break announcement made last month at the April GTAI Workshop meeting]. Should the Operating Committee have brought this to the Floor first before going ahead with the summer break?"

Jomana replied that – as this is not new business --she will be addressing this item in her closing remarks (see below).

Geraldine also mentioned that "our group is new, and we need some support; could I share the meeting link in the group chat?" Jomana replied: "Sure! You can do that. I was planning to announce your group's need for support in my closing remarks, and I will be asking the fellowship to show up at your group to support it. I myself will drop by and attend a meeting there."

Barbara H. (Welcome Group): "The Welcome Group wanted to make a suggestion about the summer break; which I know you are addressing tonight. We want to make the comment that we think a break of this nature should be brought to the Floor in the future."

Jomana responded: "This is not new business, but duly noted."

CLOSING REMARKS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Indian Road Group Needs Support:

Jomana stated that "the Indian Road Group which Geraldine C. just mentioned needs support. This is quite a new group that has joined the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. I am personally asking you for support in terms of attendance for this group."



The Indian Road Group THURSDAYS 8 p.m. – 9 p.m. (Suburban West)

In District 06 (Mississauga) In-person meeting

Needs support! Please announce at your groups!

St. Stephens on the Hill United Church, 998 Indian Road, Mississauga L5H 2X6

CLOSED BIG BOOK DISCUSSION

Addressing the Summer Recess:

Jomana shared the following: "I've received a lot of text messages about this; as well as phone calls. I got opinions about it, which I completely understand and absolutely respect."

"One of the main things that kept coming up is 'why was it not brought to the Intergroup Floor?' The Summer Recess was implemented – in accordance with the GTA Intergroup Procedures and Guidelines (voted and approved by the Intergroup Reps in 2019/latest working document) – by a collective decision. It [this decision] was not made by me. I am not power-tripping; trust me. I'm happy to provide a document of the GTA Intergroup Procedures and Guidelines for those questioning the decision. So, these decision came from you guys; it did not come from us. We facilitated it; we made it happen. But you already voted on the process that made it happen."

"Again: send me an email and tell me what your home group thinks [about this item]. I'll be happy to hear feedback."

"On a personal note: I wish the members that expressed any kind of objection to the summer break had 'paused' and actually read the [Summer Break] flyer that was circulated last month, and approached me with open-mindedness and genuine curiosity and questions. Because (and this is my opinion; Jomana's personal opinion, not as OC Chair) the only people that objected to this are not involved in service. They don't understand the level of burnout in Intergroup committees, District committees, and the members that are literally helping to serve the Fellowship and the still-suffering alcoholic in this city. Look around you: it is the same faces that are doing service over and over and over again."

"If we actually looked at the flyer: the meetings that are affecting the Intergroup Representatives are three hours; three General Meetings (June, July, and August). The meetings that are affecting the Operating Committee and Finance Committee are also cancelled for June, July and August. The number of hours that affect the Operating Committee and Intergroup service people... to put on those 9 meetings that you see on the flyer are 30 hours [of commitment]."

"And again: I wish you guys had of slowed down and actually read what the flyer said. You as Reps will be getting your reports every month. Instead of holding the General Meeting [June July and August), Alexx will be sending you the Minutes with Subcommittee reports from June to August: the Finance Report, the Archives Report... every report that you get to hear at each General Meeting. You will have a copy to bring to your home group for those months. If you have questions for the Subcommittee Chairs, you can send them an email [emails for subcommittees will be provided in the Minutes]. It's not like we're putting up a 'Gone Fishing'

sign up and we're leaving." [Digital summer break announcement flyer was shared on Zoom at this point] All the subcommittees are still operating. You can see from the flyer what is not taking place. You can ask 'What do we have, in lieu of these meetings?' The Finance and Operating Committees are very close. We talk together on a regular basis."

"So: if the 'sky falls' in one of these months (which I don't think it will); if anything urgent happens, we will reach out to the fellowship. If an issue needs the attention of all of the groups, we will make sure that you guys hear about it. If it's something that we can be of service with, we will do it. The Intergroup Office is not shutting down; groups can acquire their literature and medallion needs as usual. All the committees are still meeting. You will be getting reports."

"I want to go back to the member who asked about the 'dip' in contributions, and if it has anything to do with the summer break. We have one month of data [April]. You cannot conclude trends based on one month of data. We don't know why that happened. It's concerning; it's surprising. But I don't have that answer for you. The contributions come from home groups and members. They don't come [solely] from Intergroup Representatives attending on the last Tuesday of each month."

"I do not want to sound harsh in my comments. What I wish for every person that says 'What about Tradition Two? What about Tradition Six??' I want you to step into one of these member's shoes and see how much time they spend trying to carry the message to the alcoholic who's suffering, and the alcoholic who is not. Then, you can judge us on why we're trying to save 30 hours in those three months and give time back to these volunteers, considering we're still fully operative [in terms of Reps receiving reports]. This is not a decision I pulled out of my pocket. We adhered to our Procedures and Guidelines of Intergroup, which the Intergroup Representatives voted on and passed in 2019. We might want to consider a new edition [of this document], but that's a different topic."

"I am not opening this up for conversation; it's not a dialogue. Again: if you have any feelings, opinions, or experiences about it, give me a call or an email. I would love to talk to you. You can tell me exactly what you think. I'm not shy; you cannot hurt my feelings. You can point out Traditions, etc. I'll be happy to listen/ read your feedback."

GTAI Operating Chair, Jomana A. oc.chair@aatoronto.org 416-728-0737

Reception Report: (OC Vice-Chairperson provides a count of how many members were in the meeting: Zoom and in-person.)

In-person attendance: 15. Online attendance: 41. **TOTAL HYBRID ATTENDANCE: 56.**

JOMANA WRAPPED UP THE MEETING, STATING THE FOLLOWING:

- "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."

Jomana wished everyone a great summer; "See you in September!"

Motion to adjourn moved by Dave H. (Queensville) and seconded by Kat M. (Six Points). Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned with both the Serenity Prayer and the Responsibility Declaration.

Next GTAI Monthly General Meeting (as per announcement at the April Workshop Meeting):

There will be **no monthly General Meetings** held on the following dates:

- Tuesday, **June 30** – **Meeting Cancelled**
- Tuesday, **July 29** – **Meeting Cancelled**
- Tuesday, **August 26** – **Meeting Cancelled**

Please note that **Subcommittee Chairs will still be submitting subcommittee reports to the Admin. Assistant at Intergroup during this time period**, in order to keep the groups in the GTA informed of committee happenings and ongoing initiatives. These reports will be emailed to all during these months as per usual. The GTA Intergroup Office will still be open to serve the GTA membership and groups.

The GTA Intergroup Operating Committee members will continue to be in contact with each other over these months, and will address any issues or concerns that may arise.

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A **hybrid meeting** will be held next on **Tuesday, September 30, 2025** at 8 p.m.

Announcement Presented at the April 29 Annual Workshop Meeting:



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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.

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