

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

(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 Russ L. (St. Clements).

Members Present:**INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVES + ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES**

AA Solution Seekers, Beaches, Birds of a Feather, Brampton Recovery, Church Street, Fellowship, Fifth Tradition, Grace Noon, HadEnuffYet, Half Century, Keep It Simple, Kipling, Long Branch, Markham Village, Melrose, Midtown, Morning Discussion, Mount Royal-York, Newmarket, Port Credit, Primary Purpose, Prince Edward, Rox Glen Traditional, Royal York, See To It, Sisters in Sobriety, St. Clements, Steps to Serenity, Streetsville St. Andrews, Sunnyside, That Gay Crowd, The Dogs, Tuesday Men's Solution, Twelfth Tradition, Unionville, and Woodbridge,

INTERGROUP + DISTRICT SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Archives, Accessibilities, Communications, Corrections, Finance, I.T. Subcommittee, Twelfth Step, Winter Season Open House 2025, and Winter Season Virtual Alcathon 2025.

DISTRICT LIAISONS

District 06.

GTAI OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Imran R. (Finance Chair), Jimmy S., (Operating Chairperson), and Spencer W.

HOUSEKEEPING: Jimmy S. (OC Chair) outlined the following: recording of the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES –December 2025

Errors or Omissions: No errors or omissions were noted.

Motion to adopt Minutes as presented moved by Derek H. (Fellowship) and seconded by Tim C. (Unionville).

Motion carried. (Virtual: 30 for/ 0 against/ 0 abstentions. In Person: 4 for/ 0 against/ 2 abstentions.)

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

CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS – Jimmy S. (Fifth Tradition), Operating Chair

- Thank you all for showing up and doing service on a snowy night!
- Intergroup works best when we are grounded in our Traditions, focused on our primary purpose, and respectful of one another's time
- Tonight's agenda is full, so I appreciate everyone helping us stay on track

JIMMY CONTINUED: "There is a Tradition reminder that I want to bring to the Floor about an item regarding solicitation of funds. Before we move forward, I'd like to offer a general and friendly reminder, grounded in our Traditions. Our 7th Tradition reminds us that we are fully self-supporting, in that Intergroup does not solicit funds; nor do we endorse or promote outside causes. This reminder is shared simply to help keep us aligned and unified. Out of respect for the Group Conscience, I won't be taking questions or discussion on this matter during this meeting, but I'm happy to speak privately with anyone after this meeting. Thanks you for helping us keep the focus where it belongs!

-Jimmy S., Operating Committee Chairperson: oc.chair@atoronto.org

COLLECTION OF THE 7TH TRADITION:

- As per our literature and the 7th Tradition, we are self-supporting through our own contributions.
- In-person Collection: \$30.35.
- For Virtual attendees: The 7th Tradition link is as follows: <https://www.aatoronto.org/about/7th-tradition/>

Operating Committee Members Needed:

Currently, 4 Operating Committee Members are needed. **Members of the OC must have a minimum of two years of sobriety.**

Jimmy outlined the requirements needed for this service position (see page 3 in these minutes). He then asked for nominations and/or volunteers from the Floor. Sydney W. volunteered. Jimmy asked Sydney to give a brief address to Floor members. **Sydney W. was acclaimed as a new Operating Committee Member.**

3 more Operating Committee Members are needed. Please pass on to your groups!

Additional Announcements from the Operating Chairperson:

- **The Intergroup Office (Literature Department) needs some support.** There is a short-term need for help in the Literature Department with orders; they fell behind in the holiday season and need some short-term volunteer help for catch up with the backlog of orders. **We are looking for one or more volunteers who can offer 1-2 hours a day/2 days a week over the next 2-3 weeks.** Please email Jimmy (see above email under Opening Remarks) or Shareena (Office Manager) litdept@aatoronto.org
- We are seeking a **Communications Chair (April 2026).** This chairperson position helps ensure that accurate, timely, and Traditions-aligned information flows clearly between Intergroup, the fellowship and the public. If this role interests you, please see me after the meeting or connect with me or any Operating Committee member, and we will provide you with more details.

GTA Intergroup Subcommittee Reports

Finance: Imran R. (Port Credit), Finance Chairperson

Finance Report for January 2026

Month to date:

	December 2025 (1 month)						
	Actual 2025	Budget 2025	Variance	%	Actual 2024	Variance	%
Contributions	24,056	19,376	4,680	24%	21,894	2,162	10%
Literature Sales	7,951	11,667	(3,716)	(32%)	12,214	(4,263)	(35%)
= Total Revenues	32,007	31,043	964	3%	34,108	(2,101)	(6%)
- Cost of Sales	7,024	9,479	(2,455)	(26%)	11,021	(3,997)	(36%)
- Expenses	14,747	19,961	(5,214)	(26%)	12,183	2,564	21%
= Surplus / (Deficiency)	10,236	1,603	8,633		10,905	(669)	

Contributions for December are 24% above budget or \$4,680 while literature sales continue to be weaker than expected at \$7,951 or 32% under budget. Total revenue for the month of December is \$32,007 vs a budget of \$31,043.

Cost of goods sold in December is \$7,024 or 26% below budget and expenses are also below budget by 26% or \$14,747, leaving a surplus of \$10,236 vs a budgeted surplus of \$1,603.

Year to date:

	December 2025 Year-to-Date (12 months)							
	Actual 2025	Budget 2025	Variance	%	Actual 2025	Actual 2024	Variance	%
Contributions and Other Income	157,062	155,000	2,062	1%	157,062	159,395	(2,333)	(1%)
Literature Sales	137,896	140,000	(2,104)	(2%)	137,896	143,700	(5,804)	(4%)
= Total Revenues	294,958	295,000	(42)	(0%)	294,958	303,095	(8,137)	(3%)
- Cost of Sales	113,052	113,750	(698)	(1%)	113,052	122,478	(9,426)	(8%)
- Expenses	191,849	215,915	(24,066)	(11%)	191,849	207,566	(15,716)	(8%)
= Surplus / (Deficiency)	(9,943)	(34,665)	24,722		(9,943)	(26,948)	17,005	

For the year-to-date contributions total \$157,062 within 1% of budget while literature totals \$137,896 within 2% of the budget. Year to date there is a deficit of \$9,943 vs a budgeted deficit of \$34,655.

Archives: Glenn G. (East York), Chairperson (verbal report/no email report submitted)

- Our committee oversees the collection and documentation of the history of AA in the GTA
- We have a number of really qualified and talented individuals on our committee
- This includes an Archivist of many years' experience
- We also have an assistant Archivist, who also serves as Area 83 Archives Chairperson
- "These two resources are second to none in North America"
- We have meetings to look at several things: upcoming events requiring Archives participation and our display (i.e. AA events like the ORC, group anniversaries, medallion celebrations), what long-timers we can approach to obtain oral histories ("what was AA like back then?")
- Thanks to GTA Intergroup's generosity, we have an Archives Repository at 234 (house artifacts from members, groups, districts, and the Area) and we also have an Archives Display showcased in the boardroom
- We meet the 2nd Friday of each month (hybrid) at 7 p.m. Come join us!

Communications: Vivien C. (Morning Discussion), Chairperson

Communications Committee Report - January 2026

Good evening Jimmy & Trusted Servants,

It is with much regret that I must resign from the position of Communications Committee Chair for 2026 as I am relocating to Huatulco, Mexico on April 1, 2026 for an indefinite stay (minimum 6 months).

I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to chair this committee, however I am looking forward to starting this new chapter in my life, all as a result of being a member Alcoholics Anonymous.

Unfortunately, our first meeting of the year which was to be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 did not take place. I had sent out an email reminder but I received no response from any of the committee members that they could attend. I therefore cancelled the meeting. My prior emails to the same members asking for a brief report from each of them was not replied to either, therefore I cannot comment on any activities that may have taken place. I did hear from Gigget who informed that she would be stepping down from the committee due to personal reasons.

As far as myself is concerned as it relates to Communication Committee activities, I would like to set up a Communications Committee Information Booth at the ORC 2026. The purpose of having a presence at the ORC is to actively recruit members to join the Communications Committee. There is a banner at 234 that I will pick up and also secure any relevant literature for the booth. I will look for volunteers to assist me in taking a few shifts so that I can attend some of the speaker meetings.

I wish to thank you for the opportunity to serve the GTAI, brief as it was! I wish you all the success in the world for 2026, one day at a time!

With gratitude, love & in service, Vivien C., Saturday Morning Discussion Group

Communications Chair 2026 (Jan.1, 2026 - March 31, 2026)

Information AA Day 2026 Event: No Report.

I.T. Subcommittee: Vino K. (Newcastle Sat. Night), Chairperson (verbal report/no email report submitted)

- Raj P. (OC Liaison to the IT Committee) met with Vino over the Holidays for initiatives
- Raj and Vino were about to go through multiple committee emails (number: 5000 emails)
- If committees run into any IT issues going forward, you should get a response much sooner
- We had three requests to transfer 'ownership' of email accounts on aatoronto.org (new volunteers rotating in)
- Friendly Reminder: if you are having any subcommittee email issues (like passwords, logging in, etc.) feel free to reach out to us: techsupport@aatoronto.org or it.chair@aatoronto.org
- Also: if you are trying to add your committee email to your phone and you get requests like SSLs and other three-word acronyms, chances are you're going down the wrong path! It's simpler than that and we can help you out!
- Please reach out to Vino and he can assist (Vino put his phone number in chat at this meeting)

Ontario Regional Conference 2026 Event: Chair not present.

ONTARIO REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2026

'A Revolutionary Change'

(A conference of Alcoholics Anonymous w Al-Anon/Alateen participation)

March 20-22, 2026

Sheraton Centre Hotel, Toronto

ORC Website: aaorc.ca

Conference Details:

Conference Registration tickets: **\$60**

Saturday Night Banquet tickets: **\$120 each**

Hotel Conference Rate: **\$255 + 13% HST + 6% MAT**

The ORC Advisory Sub-Committee is [looking for a Chairperson for the 2028 ORC Event](#).

The requirements are:

- 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

Term is a minimum of two years and starts in August 2026 with a full committee selected ready to shadow the 2027 committee.

Send resumes to admin@aatoronto.org by February 28th, 2026

Twelfth Step: Kelli T. (The Hill), Chairperson

12-Step Committee Report – January 2026

Last month, there was a question about the role of Intergroup’s 12-Step Committee. Since we regularly welcome new Intergroup Representatives, I’ll start with a brief overview.

The core responsibility of the 12-Step Committee is to ensure that Intergroup’s 24/7 AA Help Line is always answered by a trained AA member. This includes managing a remote phone system, supporting over 100 phone greeters, and maintaining a list of local AA members available for additional support when callers need more than a meeting list.

For many people, this phone call is their first contact with AA.

This month, we’re focusing on a very specific and urgent need: overnight phone greeters. Please be sure to share the following message and flyer when you report back to your home groups.

Many cities use answering services overnight. Here in Toronto, we’ve made a conscious decision to always have a live AA member answer the phone — even at 3 or 4 in the morning. Right now, we have only six overnight greeters covering 28 nights. To maintain live coverage, we need to recruit at least 30 additional volunteers.

The commitment is exactly what the flyer says: one night a month.

The overnight shift runs from 1:00 am to 9:00 am, and you don’t need to stay awake. Many greeters simply wake up for the call, help the caller, and go back to sleep. Being a light sleeper is a plus, and all training and support are provided.

This is the message we’re asking you to take back to your home groups:

If 30 members across the GTA each gave one night a month, this service would be fully supported.

Please take a copy of the flyer with you ([see Appendix in these minutes](#)) or download it using the link provided. The QR code leads directly to the 12-Step page and the Phone Greeter application — members simply select the overnight shift option.

If there are questions, my contact information is on the flyer. Thank you for helping us carry this message back to your groups and for supporting this vital service.

Thank you all for your service and please let me know if you have any questions.

12step.chair@aatoronto.org

Questions:

Lisa M. (AA Solution Seekers): we are an online group that have a lot of members from both the US and Canada. Is this service position only open to those members in the GTA?

Kelli: That’s a good question. I usually suggest that members interested in this service are in the GTA; only because we have callers asking about local AA meetings and other local services that are available. Certainly, we can train anybody! Most of the information we have for our Greeters is on a Google drive, in addition to our website information. I don’t know if we need to go that “far afield” [out of the city] for volunteers.

Winter Season Open House 2025: Zobie G. (Bloordale), Event Chairperson
(Full event wrap-up report on file) Zobie shared the following points with those present:

- 450 people attended the event, held December 25
- We had lots of volunteers for set-up at the venue on December 24, which was amazing
- We had 22 turkeys (below our goal of 25) and 18 hams to serve
- 700-800 plates of food were served
- There was a garbage issue (sorting garbage for appropriate recycling) that may require additional volunteers and/or a 'crew' for appropriate clean-up; this will be an item for discussion for the 2026 committee
- Winter Season Open house committee intends to donate \$500 to the church (Timothy Eaton) this year
- 2026 WSOH Start Up Meeting: September 2026. Stay tuned!
- Interested volunteers for the 2026 Event: Please email wsoh@atoronto.org

Jimmy congratulated Zobie and the 2025 Winter Season Open House Committee for all their efforts in putting on this fantastic event for the last two years!

Questions:

Vivien C. (Morning Disc. Group, D22): You mentioned 450 attendees, and 700-800 plates of food were served. Are we assuming people are going up for second helpings?

Zobie: Yes! We encourage people to grab a second plate or to take a plate home for someone who couldn't attend the event. We did run out of turkey earlier on in the day (1:30 p.m.) maybe because we didn't meet our quota of 25 turkeys. Maybe this is something we can work on for 2026; sustaining the amount of turkey throughout the day.

Vivien C.: Congratulations! That's quite a feat! Good for you guys; that's amazing.

Winter Season Alkathon 2025: Lisa M. (AA Solution Seekers), Event Chairperson

Winter Season Alkathon 2025 report

- 16 different groups took turns chairing at the virtual Alkathon
- Solution Seekers volunteers provided security and tech host support
- Groups had 50 mins to put on either a speaker, topic, or literature meeting - so lots of variety was demonstrated
- Attendance for individual hours ranged from 15-40 people
- Marathon ran from 6pm to midnight Christmas Eve, 6am to midnight Christmas Day, 6pm to 1am on New Year's Eve, and 6am to 8pm on New Year's Day

Lessons learned - committee should be formed and meet once before summer break.

Sign-up sheet can be improved upon and a training session to teach each group some basic safety and security skills so the whole hour can be run by the group that signs up.

Possibly ask groups to take 3 hour blocks, and the IGR's from each group are responsible for providing enough participants.

We should have all hours filled by December one and have a group training session around middle of month.

All in all a huge success.

Lisa - AA Solution Seekers, Winter Virtual Alkathon Chair

GTA District Subcommittee Reports

Accessibilities: Marvyn W. (Melrose), District 06 Accessibilities Chairperson

January GTA Inter District Accessibility Committee Report

Good Evening GTA Intergroup Floor, Alcoholic Marvyn, Melrose Group, Dry Date July 18, 2005, District 06 Accessibilities Chair.

Over the past week, Spencer W, Our 2026 GTA Operating Committee Liaison to the GTA Inter-District Accessibility Committee, Greg R District 10 Accessibility Chair, and yours truly have communicated.

It appears the GTA Accessibility Committee has not met for 4 months.

Thus our first 2026 GTA Inter-District Accessibility Committee will be held on Sunday February 15th 11:00 AM on zoom

Meeting ID: 824 8962 1874

Passcode: 799763

We hope to have all 8 GTA Districts attend, along with any other members who would like to join the committee.

Our first order of business we be to select a 2026 GTA Inter-District Accessibility Chair, and Map out a plan of action for 2026.

In the meantime, we need all GTA Intergroup Reps to take the Accessibilities Checklist back to your Home Groups or Service Meetings, Please fill out the checklist questionnaire (in [Appendix of these Minutes](#)), so we can place the information on your aatoronto.org meeting listing, or district meeting listing Please email your Accessibilities Checklist to access@aamississauga.org for the time being.

YIS, Marvyn W District 06 Accessibilities Chair

Correctional Facilities: Brandon M. (Prince Edward), GTA Corrections Liaison

Corrections Report:

December is always a rough time within the institutions and facilities due to chronic lockdowns because of short staff. That being said, there are some "wins" to report:

District 6 (D6) - provided 10 monthly GV subscriptions

- Toronto Intergroup supplied a case of BBs for the Toronto South Detention Centre (TSDC) and 85 Beginners pamphlets

District 02 (D2) - has ordered 6 softcover 12 and 12s from District

District 66 (D66) - There's a new AA meeting in the Brockville Jail and needs volunteers

District 34 (D34) - The AA meeting in Millhaven, called "Last Chance Group" is back open after a few months of not being open.

*Area 83 Corrections Chair, Rich K. has been working for a while trying to get AA literature available to Ontario inmates. Progress has been made as he has gotten permission from Collins Bay men's prison to upload AA literature onto

computers that they have access to at the library. If all goes well this will lay the groundwork for adoption across Ontario and eventually Canada.

* The ORC is coming up and Corrections is hoping to once again have a table and booth as last year was a great success.

Thank you! Brandon M.

Questions:

Merle M. (Mount Royal-York): Aren't there regular AA meetings in the correctional institutions? I thought AA meetings were always available.

Brandon: No, unfortunately not. Each institution has its own way of doing it. I'd be happy to chat with you after the meeting to give you more clarification. (Brandon posted his phone number in the chat)

CPC/PI: No Report.

Grapevine: No Report.

Self-Support: De R. (Rexdale United), Chairperson

Inter-District Self-Support Report January 27, 2026

Evening friends, I'm an alcoholic, member of the Rexdale United Group and have the privilege and pleasure of serving as your GTAI Self-Support Chair, and my name is De.

Our Committee continues to work with and provide awareness of self-support to the groups and districts in the GTA.

At our last Self-Support meeting Tuesday, January 6, 2026, we discussed hosting a "Trivia Night", the possible purpose and venues.

Districts, and in turn Groups in the GTA are being introduced to the "coffee can" initiative. This initiative is not meant to replace the 7th, but help Groups to further carry the message, be it in Treatment, Corrections, Parole Offices or how their Group Conscience decides. Ask your GSR or Intergroup Rep or contact this Committee for more information.

In February we will discuss a submission for a Self-Support Webpage and begin a draft for inclusion in the Better Times.

Any A.A. member who has an interest in Self-Support or wants to understand Self-Support is welcome to join our committee. We look forward to your ideas and involvement.

We meet the first Tuesday of the month at **6:30 pm**. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 6:30 pm**.

For Zoom Coordinates of our meeting, email self-support@atoronto.org

Thank you for allowing me to be of service

De R – GTAI Self-Support Chair self-support@atoronto.org

Treatment: No Report.

Area 83 Alternate Delegate's Report: Bill C., Area 83 Alternate Delegate

General Service Report from Intergroup Liaison-Alternate Delegate Area 83
January 27, 2026 - Greater Toronto Intergroup Monthly meeting

1. GSR POWER HOUR WORKSHOPS: February 17/18, 2026 (3rd Tuesday and Wednesday @ 8pm) Topic: **Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing**. All the sessions are recorded so you can check them out if you happen to miss one that is of interest. Everyone is welcomed to listen to the meeting!
Please note that Area 83 has an updated QR Code for the Area 83 Communications Portal – lots of great information and current news! New content and format.
2. Area 83. Two Events to Mark on your calendars. **First** – Virtual Service Information Day 21 February 2026. A day of workshops on General Service. - Lots of really great information related to General Service. This is a great time to organize a watch party with some of your fellow GSR's, sponsees, sponsors, other members! Details and further information on the Area 83 website (area83aa.org). Service Site access Username = Service83 PW = GiveBack. **Second** – Spring Assembly in Kingston March 27-29, 2026
3. General Service Office –
Three new non-alcoholic Trustees have joined the General Service Board. They will serve a term of 6 years. Joining are Tom Iverster, M.D. Kelly Parsley and Veronica Ramirez. These people will contribute in an important way to A.A. over the service of their term. Here is a [link](#) to the Announcement so you can get acquainted with these new Trustees.



Unfinished Business

No Unfinished Business was recorded.

New Business

Jimmy stated that introduction of New Business is limited to Intergroup Reps or Alternate Reps, in the Reps' absence.

He added: "If there is any New Business, I just want to make the Floor aware that we have limited time left, so let's try to keep it 'short and sweet'".

Joan S. (Grace Noon): "There are a couple of items I wanted to bring to the Intergroup meeting. I served on the Winter Season Open House committee and became aware of several serious governance [issues]; financial and transparency concerns, related to the planning and execution of the event in 2024 and 2025. There was unauthorized solicitation of corporate donations..."

Jimmy S.: "Joan, can I stop you, please? We had addressed this earlier in this meeting. If there is any further discussion on the matter, we will be doing this in a private manner.

Joan: "There are more items to discuss on this [matter]. And it has to do with direct affiliation with the church that you're in right now. "

Jimmy S.: "Can you please send me an email and we can discuss this?"

Joan: "I already sent you an email and I tried to follow up."

Jimmy S.: "We discussed the matter, and we resolved it internally."

Joan: "I'm asking for clarification on future events."

Jimmy S.: "That's what I presented to the Floor at the beginning of the meeting [under Opening Remarks]."

Joan: "That's only one of the issues, however."

Jimmy S.: "Can you please contact me after this meeting?"

Joan: "I think it's important to bring all of these issues to the Intergroup meeting; lack of Intergroup awareness and legal implications."

Jimmy S.: "We [Operating Committee] did discuss this matter in privacy and I did bring to the Floor that – if any Intergroup Rep wants further information and/or wants to discuss this matter -- that they can contact me directly. With respect, this is how we choose to handle this situation."

Joan: "There is another matter with the new arrangement and potential affiliation. We were being asked as a committee to hand out flyers for a sober Super Bowl [event] and this was requested by Timothy Eaton Memorial Church. So, I just want some clarification on the affiliation with GTA Intergroup and the church. There's a long-standing history of having the [monthly] Intergroup meeting there, but this Winter Season Open House...we are now promoting sober events? When I spoke with the property director, he said that the WSOH Chairperson 'formed a partnership' with the church, and stated that the event would continue at this location for the foreseeable future. So, the actual price for renting the church on December 25 is over \$3,000. But it was being given 'for free' on the basis of this partnership. This is completely different than 'fundraising'; this is affiliation with the church. We've had this Intergroup meeting at this church for decades."

Jimmy S.: "There is no AA affiliation with the church. If there is anything that is handed to us – flyers or anything like that – it is known to our members that it is a non-AA event. I would like to move forward..."

Joan: "...I would like to address one more thing. I would like to request action for written guidelines on donations and accountability. Given that this event is announced at AA meetings and funded through AA contributions, I am requesting clearer written guidelines for future chairpersons to follow, regarding how donations may be obtained for Special Events such as the Winter Season Open House and safeguards to ensure accountability and prevent issues from occurring in the future."

"If these guidelines could be shared at the next Intergroup meeting, I would appreciate that; specifically transparency and accountability could include a) how the donations are obtained and used for future events; b) current status of funds and all donated items; c) cost breakdown of where the funds come from, from within the fellowship."

"I was a committee member and discovered these issues only by accident, through a 'concealed' email account. This lack of transparency is deeply concerning and the trust we place with Intergroup with our 7th Tradition monies. I'd like to recommend that Intergroup Representatives bring this matter back to their groups for broader discussion and awareness. I brought this matter to the attention of several DCMs [District Committee Members] and the Alternate Delegate of Area 83 to assist me in providing input. Thank you for your attention to these concerns."

Jimmy S.: "Thank you, Joan. Again – we have addressed the situation internally, and we have discussed on how we are going to proceed moving forward with all Special Events like Winter Season Open House. Thank you for your concern and your report."

Vivien C. (Morning Discussion, D22): "So, I have resigned as Communications Chair, so I can step into the role of Alternate Intergroup Rep, for my group for this purpose here. I want to thank Joan for bringing this to the table. Not wanting to put anybody on the spot, Jimmy, but in Alcoholics Anonymous we don't do anything privately; behind closed doors, or concealed email. That is completely against our Traditions and Concepts. If there are things that are brought

to the Intergroup table [Floor], they need to be addressed fully. I support Joan for full transparency and responding to this...”

Jimmy S.: “I’m sorry, Vivien. I’m going to have to stop you there. Again, I had brought this to the Floor; it was not a private matter...”

Vivien C.: “I’m sorry, Jimmy, but you didn’t answer the question. Answering the question with ‘We’ve taken care of it’ is not an answer, okay? We want details and we want to know exactly who was being solicited...”

Jimmy S.: “...and like I said, Vivien, if anybody wanted to talk about this, they can contact me or any other Operating Committee member and we can talk about it. In the spirit of what was done, it was not ill-intended. It was just ill-advised. I am not going to put anybody out there to be scrutinized...”

Vivien C.: “Jimmy, you just have to tell us what happened, so we don’t do it again.”

Jimmy S.: “That’s exactly what I mentioned. It [this discussion] will be in the minutes. You guys can review the minutes and you will see that it has been addressed.

Vivien C.: “Jimmy, you don’t have to ‘name names’; you just have to tell us what happening. Of course, I’m totally not in favour – and I think I have the fellowship behind me – of any reference at all to private phone calls, private emails...private anything. I’m not asking you to name names. We all make mistakes. I’ve made plenty of them myself in service over the years. I think it’s important – especially for new people coming in – to be completely transparent about what actually happened. Not about names, but about the affiliation that the church thinks they have with us; not just about what we think we have with outside associations. It’s about what they think. Because that’s where it gets very messy. If the church thinks they have some kind of alliance with Alcoholics Anonymous, we have to set them straight at the church. With that, I’ll pass. Thanks for listening.”

Janis S. (Streetsville St. Andrews): “I’m pretty new, but I picked up very quickly that issues were getting brushed aside. I agree with Vivien and with Joan. I am very new to this, but I get a real tone of things not being discussed openly. That concerns me. I think this is the place where all of us need to feel comfortable talking about things. In all due respect, not everyone is going to be contacting you independently, [Jimmy] especially if they are new [to service]. This needs to be talked about. When you don’t talk about things there’s a lot of shame, and we shouldn’t be ashamed if this was an oversight; a mistake or whatever it be. I felt that something was being pushed aside. Thank you Joan and Vivien for speaking up.”

Jimmy S.: “Thank you, Janis. Like I said: I addressed the matter at the beginning of the meeting. The details were there. Further discussion on the matter – if you want to talk about it –you can reach out to me or the Operating Committee. Once again: we addressed the situation, we addressed the solicitation of funds; that it does not align with our Traditions, and moving forward, we have a plan of action in place for every committee and every event that takes place. We will not be soliciting funds [for events].”

Lisa M. (AA Solutions Seekers): “It’s unfortunate that this is your first meeting as Chair and that you get a ‘sour taste in your mouth’; I hope you keep coming back! Not all meetings end with discord. I like to think of the first Tradition: I keep ‘Unity’ at the forefront of my mind when doing service, and I hope that you do, too!”

Reception Report: (OC Vice-Chairperson provides a count of how many members were in the meeting.)
In-Person Attendance: 8. Virtual Attendance: Reps 32, Alternate Reps 4, Subcommittee Chairs 6, District Liaisons 1, OC Members 1, and 3 Visitors. **TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 55.**

Closing Remarks/Announcements

“On behalf of the Intergroup Operating Committee, thank you for your time, your service, and your continued interest in a fellowship that has truly given our lives back to us.”

“If you are able, anyone attending in person could you please help with tidying up the meeting space; stack chairs at the back of the room with the dolly provided. Thank you!”

Motion to adjourn moved by Lisa M. (AA Solution Seekers) and seconded by Derek H. (Fellowship). **Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Declaration.

Volunteers are needed for the following GTAI Subcommittees:

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| ➤ Phone Greeters Volunteers: | Contact: 12step@aatoronto.org |
| ➤ 12-Stepper Volunteers (12 Step Calls) | Contact: 12step@aatoronto.org |
| ➤ Twelfth Step Greeter Coordinator | Contact: 12step.chair@aatoronto.org |
| ➤ Overnight Phone Greeters | Contact: 12step.chair@aatoronto.org |
| ➤ Communications Chair | Contact: oc.chair@aatoronto.org |
| ➤ 3 Operating Committee Members | Contact: oc.chair@aatoronto.org |
| ➤ ORC 2028 Event Chair | Contact: oc.chair@aatoronto.org |

The next monthly General Meeting (Hybrid):
Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 8 p.m.

ACCESSIBILITIES CHECKLIST FOR MEETINGS AND GROUPS

PRESERVING DIGNITY AND OFFERING INCLUSIVENESS

ACCESSIBILITIES IN AA

How accessible is your meeting? This is a guide to help reduce the physical access barriers that a person may encounter when attending meetings in your location.

Introduction

The meeting location should be physically accessible so that anyone may arrive on site, approach the building, and enter the meeting without barriers. The following are some questions your group can answer to determine the overall accessibility of your meeting space. With Group Conscience please consider making changes that will address any issues so your meeting is fully accessible to all alcoholics.

Please fill out this checklist. Please forward the checklist to the Accessibilities Committee at the email listed at the bottom of the checklist. The Meeting Guide will be Updated reflected whether your meeting is Accessible or not.

Priority of Important Accessibilities concerns:

- **1. BUILDING ENTRANCE**
 - Is there a clear flat path, a ramp, or elevator, to provide an accessible entrance?
 - If there is an elevator operated by a key, does someone on location have possession of the key or know where the key is kept? Is there a Group member contact for easy coordination? Please add phone number of contacts: _____
 - Is there signage indicating the location of the accessible entrance with elevator?
 - Does the entrance door have adequate width (40") and clearance to accommodate a wheelchair?
 - Do the doors have push button door entry? Is it activated? This is important for members in wheelchairs.
- **2. INSIDE THE BUILDING**
 - Is the meeting room accessible? Is there a clear, flat path to the Meeting Room?
- **3. GROUP MEETING ROOM**
 - Set up the chairs with adequate aisle space for a wheelchair (40").
 - Is the lighting adequate?
 - Is A.A. literature available that addresses the needs of individuals with diverse disabilities?
- **4. WASHROOMS**
 - Is there at least one fully accessible washroom available?
 - Are there push button door entries and exit to and from the washroom?

- Are there grab bars on the walls behind and to the side nearest the toilet?
- Can the faucet be operated without grasping, twisting, or turning?
- Is there a raised accessible toilet seat? 17" to 19" height from floor.

IF YOU CANNOT MEET THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FIRST 4 TOPICS LISTED ABOVE YOUR ROOM IS NOT ACCESSIBLE.

- **5. ROUTE OF TRAVEL**

- Is the meeting place accessible to public transportation?
- If the meeting is at night, is the pathway well lit?

- **6. PARKING**

- Are an adequate number of accessible parking spaces available? (9 feet wide for car, plus 5-foot-wide access aisle, including adequate signage.)

- **7. AUDIO**

- Is it easy to hear in the back of the room? Consider adding a microphone and speaker.

In addition, the following accessibilities service materials are available on our A.A. website at www.aa.org. 1. A.A. Guidelines — Accessibility for All Alcoholics (MG-16) 2. A.A. Guidelines — Sharing the A.A. Message with the Alcoholic Who Is Deaf (MG-13) 3. Serving All Alcoholics (F-107)

THANK YOU

GTAI ACCESSIBILITIES COMMITTEE

accessibility@aatoronto.org

Group Name: _____ District: _____ Meeting Fully Accessible: Yes _____ No _____

Contact: _____



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