



GREATER TORONTO AREA
INTERGROUP

Monthly General Meeting (HYBRID)

Tuesday, May 26, 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 Maggie R. (Miracle Group).

MOTION to Extend Meeting by 15 Minutes

Jimmy stated: "Before we continue, due to the amount of unfinished business and discussion items before the floor tonight, the Chair would entertain a motion to extend tonight's meeting by 15 minutes, until 9:15 p.m."

Motion to Extend Meeting by 15 Minutes:

Motion moved by Nigel W. (Half Century)

Motion seconded by Ugis Z. (Erin Mills). **Motion carried.**

(Virtual: 22 for/ 1 opposed/ 3 abstentions. In Person: 9 for/ 0 opposed/ 2 abstentions.)

Members Present:

INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVES + ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES

12 Steps, AA Solution Seekers, Beaches, Birds of a Feather, Brampton Recovery, Credit Valley, Deer Park, Erin Mills, Fifth Tradition, Friendly, Grace Noon, Half Century, High Park, King City, Kipling, Leslie, Lighthouse, Melrose, Midtown, Miracle, Mount Royal-York, One Paragraph at a Time, Open Hands, Parkway, Primary Purpose, Prince Edward, Royal York, Saturday Morning Discussion D22, Sisters in Sobriety, St. Clements, Stepping Stones, Steps to Serenity, Streetsville St. Andrews, Sunnyside, That Gay Crowd, The Dogs, The Hill, The Indian Road, Tuesday Men's Solution, Twelfth Tradition, Unionville, Welcome, and Willowdale Shepherd.

INTERGROUP + DISTRICT SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Archives, Accessibilities, Communications, Corrections, Finance, Information AA Day 2026, and Twelfth Step.

DISTRICT LIAISONS

Districts: No district liaisons were present.

GTAI OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jenn F. (OC Vice-Chair), Jimmy S. (OC Chair), Imran R. (Finance Chair), Peter H., Sean H., and Spencer W.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES –April 2026

Errors or Omissions: No errors or omissions were forthcoming.

Motion to adopt Minutes as presented

Motion moved by Nancy W-R (Parkway)

Motion seconded by Marc T. (Twelve Traditions). **Motion carried.**

(Virtual: 27 for/ 0 opposed/ 0 abstentions. In Person: 11 for/ 0 opposed/ 0 abstentions.)

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

"Thank you all for being here tonight and for continuing to serve Alcoholics Anonymous.

Intergroup functions best when communication between the groups and trusted servants remains clear, respectful, and informed by group conscience.

Tonight we have several important unfinished business items before the floor, including:

- feedback from groups regarding the Tim Hortons donation matter,
- discussion and vote regarding the temporary webmaster position,
- the full financial disclosure matter,
- And review of the completed Special Events Procedures & Guidelines document.

The Chair may limit discussion time as needed to ensure all agenda items are fairly addressed tonight.

Thank you again for your participation and willingness to serve."

-Jimmy S., Operating Committee Chairperson oc.chair@aatoronto.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: \$72.95.
- For Virtual attendees: The 7th Tradition link is as follows: <https://www.aatoronto.org/about/7th-tradition/>

GTA Intergroup Subcommittee Reports

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

Finance Report – May 2026

	April 2026 (1 month)						
	Actual 2026	Budget 2026	Variance	%	Actual 2025	Variance	%
Contributions and Other Income	6,566	13,174	(6,608)	(50%)	2,768	3,798	137%
Literature Sales	14,285	15,312	(1,027)	(7%)	12,916	1,369	11%
= Total Revenues	20,851	28,486	(7,635)	(27%)	15,684	5,167	33%
- Cost of Sales	9,724	9,953	229	2%	10,473	749	7%
- Expenses	22,226	17,987	(4,185)	(23%)	19,867	(2,359)	(12%)
= Surplus / (Deficiency)	(11,099)	492	(11,591)		(14,656)	3,557	

Contributions came in well below budget in April at \$6.6k versus a \$13.2k budget (50% below), while literature sales held closer to plan at \$14.3k versus \$15.3k budgeted (7% below). Total Revenues of \$20.9k were 27% below budget, though 33% above April 2025 – the prior-year comparison reflects an unusually low April 2025 contributions base of \$2.8k rather than a meaningful trend.

Cost of sales was effectively on budget at \$0.2k below plan. Expenses ran \$4.2k over budget (23%), largely reflecting timing. The net result is a monthly deficiency of \$11.1k, materially below the budgeted surplus of \$0.5k but \$3.6k better than April 2025's \$14.7k deficiency.

Year-to-Date Position

Through the first four months of 2026, GTA Intergroup is running a deficit of \$26.9k, compared to a budgeted surplus of \$1.4k – an unfavourable variance of \$28.3k. The year-over-year comparison is steady: the YTD deficit at this same point in 2025 was \$20.9k, so we are tracking about \$6.0k deeper than the prior year, but in broadly the same territory rather than markedly worse.

Encouragingly, contributions are holding up. YTD contributions and other income of \$31.5k are essentially in line with – in fact slightly ahead of – the \$29.9k received at this point last year, even though they remain \$21.1k below the \$52.7k budget (a 40% shortfall).

A Message to Take Back to Your Groups

GTA Intergroup's services – the office, the phone line, the website, the literature distribution, and the volunteers who keep them running – are funded almost entirely by 7th Tradition contributions, primarily from member groups but also from individual members. We are below budget for the year, but it is worth keeping that in perspective: we are no better or worse off than we were at this same point last year, and contributions specifically are tracking right alongside 2025. This is a call to action, not a cause for alarm.

As always, we are counting on a strong Gratitude Month to help close the gap built up over the year. This year, though, we want to be candid: with the rising cost of living putting pressure on everyone's budgets, we are mindful that Gratitude Month giving could come in softer than usual. That makes the message we carry back to our groups all the more important. If giving holds up the way it has in past years, we are in good shape to make up much of the shortfall – but it will take a deliberate effort from each of us.

If your group has not reviewed its contribution to GTA Intergroup recently, please bring this report back and ask your group conscience to consider whether the current level still reflects what your group is able to give. Even a modest increase from each group, multiplied across the GTA, would make a real difference. Groups that are not currently contributing are encouraged to begin, in whatever amount they can.

Individual members are also invited to contribute directly to GTA Intergroup, regardless of whether their home group is currently doing so. Many members find personal giving to be a meaningful expression of the 7th Tradition, and every contribution – whether from a group or an individual – helps keep our shared services running.

Contributions can be made by cheque payable to "GTA Intergroup," through e-transfer, or via the donation link on aatoronto.org. As always, the Finance Committee is happy to answer any questions about the numbers in this report or about how Intergroup uses the funds it receives.

In gratitude and service, Imran – Finance Chair, GTA Intergroup financechair@aatoronto.org

After his report, Imran entertained questions from Floor members.

Marc T. (Twelve Traditions): Regarding Literature sales, have we bounced back from the backlogged order the office experienced earlier? Imran answered that we haven't experienced a big spike in sales. In April, there was approximately

\$1000 less in literature sales; however, we experienced \$1000 more in literature sales in April of 2025. The proposed literature online store [website initiative] should encourage more literature sales in future.

Lisa M. (AA Solution Seekers): I have talked with my group at our business meetings(s) about the importance contributions, and suggested 'upping' our contributions as a group to Intergroup. Imran: This is an important message for Reps to inform their groups about. Also, remember that even a modest increase in contributions from groups will help a lot. Also, please remember that individual members can contribute, too! Gratitude Month (October) is our yearly campaign to the membership to stress the importance of being self-supporting. Of course, individual members can donate at any time.

Joe R. (That Gay Crowd): What is the maximum amount an individual AA member can donate per year? Imran: The maximum amount an individual AA member can contribute to Intergroup is \$5000 per year.

Fabio A. (Kipling): What is the current GTA Intergroup Prudent Reserve amount? Imran: The current PR is \$345,838.00. Our target PR amount is \$312,599.00. So, we are currently over approximately \$33,000.00.

Archives: Glenn G. (East York), Chairperson + Spencer W. (OC Liaison) – verbal reports

Both Spencer and Glenn shared updates on subcommittee activities.

Spencer shared the following:

- There was a request from Lisa M. (AA Solution Seekers), Communications Chairperson, for archival pictures (early Toronto AA history) to put up on our website in order to showcase the Archives display materials housed at the Intergroup Office (234). Also, Lisa asked the Archives committee what they would like posted on their committee page on the website www.aatoronto.org
- Birds of a Feather Group provided a listing to Archives of the locations of their meeting over the years: first at Canadian Indian Centre (for 11 months/on Church Street) then at the Beverly Street location (7 years and six months), and then the Native Friendship Centre at 16 Spadina Road (current location)

Then Glenn shared the following:

- At the end of April, Archives participated in the annual East Toronto Archives Breakfast, hosted by District 18 and 22
- 130 members were in attendance; the new location worked well and it was another success
- The committee also attended the Hamilton Archives Breakfast recently (Area 86)
- The GTA Intergroup Annual Archives Breakfast will be held on Saturday, November 7. Cost is \$35
- Attended the 80 year anniversary of the Kingsway Group (oldest group in the GTA)
- John M. (Danforth Group), a committee member, recently celebrated 35 years of sobriety in May (Danforth Group is the third oldest group in the GTA)
- An Archives display will be on display at the upcoming Info AA Day (May 30)

Communications: Lisa M. (AA Solution Seekers), Chairperson

**AA GTAI Communications Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 19, 2026 7:00 p.m.**

Present

Lisa M	- Chair
Carla M	- Web Advisor
Heather M	- Secretary
Paul McD.	- Member
Kelli T	- Guest, 12th Step Committee

Absent

Bart B - Member
 Raj - Communication Liaison, Intergroup
 Peter K - Member
 Pedram P - Member

1. Welcome & Opening: Lisa called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Meeting Info Updates

The Communications Committee has completed updates to the meeting list to the best of its ability. Kelli T. suggested contacting the District for assistance with questions about specific meetings.

Lisa M. shared that at the next Intergroup Meeting, she will remind attendees that meeting updates depend on information provided by secretaries, Intergroup Representatives, and trusted servants.

Lisa M. and Carla M. will connect with David and District Committee Members to obtain an updated list of Intergroup Representatives and their home groups to help keep website information current.

3. Website Updates

Carla M. (Webmaster) guided the committee through the first draft of the new website currently under development.

She noted that many links on the current site are inconsistent. At present, updates submitted through the "Update Meeting Info" feature are sent to web-admin@aatoronto.org, which is monitored by Vino. The "last updated" date on the existing website must also be entered manually, whereas this process will be automated on the new site.

New website features will include a sobriety counter, an AA self-assessment questionnaire, and an enhanced Better Times section where the newsletter will appear directly on the webpage instead of as PDF attachments. Users will be able to subscribe to receive the publication by e-mail. The website will also include an online bookstore.

A dedicated section for the 12th Step Committee is being developed and will include fillable forms for volunteer sign-ups, such as greeters and phone service, with submissions sent directly to the committee. A Public Service Announcement page is also being built and will feature YouTube videos aimed at young people in AA, as well as videos focused on carrying the message.

The committee discussed the development of a chatbot designed to direct visitors to relevant areas of the website based on their questions. Kelli T. suggested that the chatbot should direct visitors to the phone line for additional support. Another suggestion was to prompt users every three messages with the option to speak to a live person and provide the phone number.

The committee discussed highlighting holiday meeting closures and identifying which meetings will continue during holiday periods. It was suggested that this information begin being posted in October each year. The committee also agreed that meeting change submissions should require a name and either a phone number or e-mail address to verify information before updates are published, for safety and authenticity purposes.

Additional questions proposed for the meeting update form included:

- "Is your meeting registered with a GSO number?"
- "Do you have an Intergroup Representative?"
- "Does your group have a GSR?"

While not required for AA meetings, the information could provide insight into which groups are actively connected to service structures.

Other future ideas discussed included creating an archives section, which would require volunteers to digitize existing materials, as well as featuring the Daily Reflection and links to Big Book readings.

Carla M. is awaiting a decision between Stripe and PayPal before integrating online payments into the website. She noted that WordPress is integrated with QuickBooks for bookstore sales, inventory, and reporting. Carla M. will also reach out to Bart B. regarding oversight of the retail and bookstore back-end functions.

4. Questions / Discussion

No further questions were raised.

5. Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 16th at 7:00 p.m.

6. Closing

The meeting concluded at 7:49 p.m.

Information AA Day 2026 Event: Jenn F. (Birds of a Feather), 2026 Event Chairperson

Jenn's verbal report to the Floor included the following points:

- The annual event will be held this Saturday
- Attendance at this event would be beneficial to all; to answer questions in terms of service opportunities
- This would be also beneficial to your home members; especially newcomers! Please spread the word!
- The day features our Area 83 Delegate's Report from the recent General Service Conference
- Other speakers at the event include Rainer (from GSO). Marrey P. (Streetsville Group) and Jimmy S. our current OC Chairperson. They will be sharing on their personal service journeys

Information AA Day 2026

Saturday, May 30 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Area Delegates Report from General Service Conference
- GSO Speaker
- Intergroup Speakers
- Pot Luck Lunch

IN-PERSON LOCATION:

Native Canadian Centre of Toronto

16 Spadina Road (just North of Bloor Street)

Tickets \$10 at the door (virtual 7th contribution welcomed if attending virtually)

VIRTUAL:

Meeting ID 873 3654 2197

Passcode 940396

I.T. Subcommittee: No Report.

Ontario Regional Conference 2027 Event: Email Report by Ray R., 2027 Event Chairperson

Good evening, friends. I'm an alcoholic proudly serving as the 2027 O.R.C. Chair, and my name is Ray. It's both an honour and a pleasure to serve at an event of this magnitude, which attracts attendees from across Canada, North America, and beyond.

A dedicated committee has already been carefully chosen based on their experience and commitment; we have held several planning meetings, and we are well on our way to organising next year's event, including coordinating logistics, accommodations, and program details.

We have an exciting lineup of speakers from across Canada and North America, including one distinguished guest from the Caribbean. Most of them have already been contacted and confirmed their participation, ensuring a diverse and inspiring roster.

We have chosen the theme "Don't Stop Believing," a statement that resonates deeply with our community's spirit and perseverance. This theme will underpin our workshops, keynote addresses, and promotional materials, which are currently in development. Some sample materials, including flyers, banners, and digital content, will be rolled out shortly to generate buzz and enthusiasm.

We are actively seeking volunteers to serve as greeters, ushers, assist at the pre-registration booth, and help during the registration process. We also need individuals with reliable transportation to host our guests travelling to and from the airport, ensuring they feel welcomed and comfortable. Other committee members, such as those managing the newcomer room and logistical operations, will be forming specialised subcommittees to more effectively handle their respective tasks.

Overall, I am pleased to report that our planning is progressing smoothly, and I am excited to see this event grow exponentially in reach and impact in the upcoming weeks, inspiring hope and unity within our community.

In love and service, Ray R.

Twelfth Step: Kelli T. (The Hill), Chairperson + Lynn E. (Golden Mile), Vice-Chairperson (newly elected)

12-Step Committee Report May 26, 2026

Kelli T – 12 Step Chair

Lynn E - 12 Step Vice Chair (introduced by Kelli T. this evening)

12 Step Committee Report

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.

We manage the remote phone system, support over 100 Phone Greeters, and maintain a roster of 12 Step volunteers who are available when a caller needs more than meeting information. For many people, this call is their very first contact with AA—and that moment matters.

The committee continues to operate as a strong and reliable service. Anyone interested in serving on the committee is encouraged to reach out at:

12step.chair@aatoronto.org

This month our committee approved a new Vice Chair for the 12 Step Committee. We welcome Lynn E. Lynn has an extensive service resume, serving as the DCM for District 18. Her enthusiasm for service is impressive! Welcome Lynn.

Each month, the committee identifies one clear message to bring back to home groups.

Our focus for June is Overnight Phone Greeters.

The Toronto AA Help Line is answered 24/7 by AA members. Overnight coverage remains one of our greatest needs.

We are currently looking for Overnight Phone Greeters willing to take one overnight shift per month from 1 a.m.–9 a.m. This is fully remote service, training is provided, and many greeters simply answer calls as needed during the night and return to sleep.

Please announce this opportunity at your home group and encourage members with one year of sobriety to consider participating.

Someone reaching out to AA at 3 a.m. deserves to hear a calm, sober member answer the phone.

Flyers with a QR code are available and can be shared with home groups. Those in person, please be sure to pick up a flyer to post at your home group.

A digital version is also available here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dBbIGqyiyEVs6KuMuVGvnHQ_aPMduuEC/view?usp=sharing

[Overnight Greeters.jpg](#)

Suggested message to carry back to home groups:

Participation in this work is essential.

Someone's first call to AA is only as strong as the person who answers it. Participation truly matters any time of day!

Thank you all for your service to your home groups, and thank you to the Operating Committee for giving us time to share our greatest need.

GTA District Subcommittee Reports

Accessibilities: Marvyn W. (Melrose), Accessibilities Chairperson

Good evening GTA Toronto Intergroup Floor.

Alcoholic Marvyn, Melrose Group, Your A83 Zone One GTA Accessibility Chair

The GTA Accessibility Committee decided not to have a May Committee meeting due to the long weekend, thus the next zoom meeting will be on Sunday June 21st at noon.

We want to thank all GTA Home Groups for filling out the Accessibility Checklist.

We are forwarding from each Accessibility Checklist all the meeting additions and/or changes to the Communications Committee to update your Home Group Meeting Listing.

We are working closely with the 12 Step Committee, to secure Meetings To Go requests, and pass them onto our Meeting To Go Volunteers, which currently totals 15 members.

If your Home Group members would like to be added to the volunteer list, please have them send an email to accessibility@aatoronto.org

Paula S. District 14 Accessibility Chair and Bert District 22 member will be manning the booth at Info AA Day.

Please stop by and say hello.

In the Spirit of Love and Service, Marvyn W., A83 Zone One GTAI Accessibility Chair 647-221-7338

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

Brandon shared updates on subcommittee activities, which included:

- The committee is experiencing new volunteers for Correctional initiatives;
- Corrections have been getting Bridging the Gap requests (members coming out of facilities and wanting to connect with local AA meetings in their area upon release) and fulfilling these requests when required;
- Area 83 Initiative: Rich K. Area 83 Corrections chair, is working with a project at Collins Bay facility (Kingston) which involves uploading AA literature electronically; the goal being that AA literature can be shared nationwide at some point and available to clients in facilities. This will take time, as the committee needs to work with provincial/federal governmental guidelines and protocols.

Brandon also provided some additional items via email:

- We got two sign-ups for prospective Corrections volunteers at Info AA Day (May 30). Both of them were female which continues a positive trend that we've seen going back to the ORC, where almost half of all volunteers were women; and
- There is a current Bridging the Gap (BTG) project of having these BTG forms at meetings, so that members interested in this service can scan the QR code to sign up for Treatment or Corrections. That's exciting news! We continue to get BTG requests as well as occasional requests for letter-writing from inmates.

CPC/PI: Peter H. (Fellowship), OC Liaison – verbal report

Peter shared the following with those present:

- Peter attended the District 22 CPC/PI monthly meeting. D22 CPC/PI Chair, Beth, is spearheading and coordinating committee directives for the GTA;

- Peter has also started attending Area 83 CPC/PI meetings;
- The committee had a booth at the recent (annual) Pri-Med Conference (May 6-8/Airport Road Convention Centre). This is an annual conference for the medical community. Many health professionals approached the booth seeking information and AA literature;
- The committee was also present at a Police Day held at Community Centre 55. Peter shared that each police division in the GTA holds these informational sessions.

Grapevine: Sean H. (Thursday Men's), OC Liaison – verbal report

Sean shared that he did not have much to report; he shared the following two items:

- Grapevine has a new pocket calendar;
- There is a proposal to allow Grapevine to receive direct contributions (they are currently experiencing a shortfall).

Self-Support: Chair not present. Email Report by De R. (Rexdale United), Chairperson:

Inter-District Self-Support Report May 26, 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 meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30. At our last meeting, we discussed how to encourage AA members to participate in Service, be it at the Group level or District or Intergroup Committees.

Each of us has a talent that we can lend and volunteer to Service. Volunteering has many levels and time commitments, so it is easy to find your interest and time availability.

We lead by example, and mentorship and sponsorship have a huge role to play. If you find yourself looking up to someone in a particular role, please ask them about what they do and how much time they devote to it. You may be surprised to find something that suits you! And Committees need you, just as your home group needs someone to make the coffee or set up the room.

For instance, becoming an Intergroup Rep for your group provides a vital link between what happens at Intergroup and you can share this information and communicate your thoughts and feelings for your Rep to bring back to the Monthly meetings.

Just as being a General Service Rep (GSR) is important to carrying information between your group and District and expressing your voice and vote at Area Assemblies.

Service opportunities are there for everyone in AA and these opportunities are how things get done. Consider standing for a position.

Our upcoming Hybrid Info AA Day, May 30 at the Canadian Native Centre of Toronto (where Birds of a Feather meet) is a wonderful opportunity to learn about service roles. The flyer is on the aatoronto.org website.

Self-Support is about maintaining Alcoholics Anonymous, but it is also about engaging the membership in carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic through our Committee work. Without volunteers on our Committees this work we would not reach the still suffering, which is our Primary Purpose.

Please consider joining us the first Tuesday of the month at **6:30 pm.** to learn more self-support. Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

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

Thank you for allowing me to be of service, De R – GTAI Self-Support Chair

Treatment: No report.

Area 83 Alternate Delegate's Report: Bill C., Area 83 Alternate Delegate (verbal report)

General Service Report from Intergroup Liaison-Alternate Delegate Area 83

May 26, 2026 Toronto Intergroup Monthly meeting

1. **GSR POWER HOUR WORKSHOPS:** June 16/17, 2026 (3rd Tuesday and Wednesday @ 8pm)
Topic: **Group Operating Procedures – Motions and Voting – how does it all work?** All the sessions are recorded so you can check them out if you happen to miss one that is of interest. Everyone is welcomed 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.** Now that the Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing and Spring Assembly has completed, the main activities during the early part of the summer will be the Delegate Report Backs. These are information sessions where our Delegate Amy will report to us on what happened at the General Service Conference. The Report Back for Toronto is scheduled for this weekend, 30 May 2026, at the Info AA Service Day.
3. **General Service Office** – If you have had a chance recently, check out the [Grapevine](#) resources. You will find links not only to the magazine, but to award winning Podcasts, YouTube Channel, Instagram and other media channels. As well, there are lots of resources to help carry the message as well enhance our own journey in sobriety.



News from the 76th General Service Conference, Jeff S, is our new Eastern Canada Regional Trustee. He is from Area 86 and served as the Panel 72 Delegate.

Everything AA app has been acquired by the General Service Office. It will undergo an update to bring it in line with the AA Traditions and Conference approved materials.

Unfinished Business

Item 1 — Tim Hortons Donation Matter

“Item 1 is the Tim Hortons Donation Matter from the April 28, 2026 meeting.”

“Last month, Representatives were asked to bring this matter back to their home groups for discussion and guidance following the Operating Committee’s report that repayment of the donation was attempted in good faith, but declined by Tim Hortons.”

“At this time, we would now like to hear feedback from the groups.”

“One possible consideration coming from the Operating Committee to the Floor is maybe whether funds could directed internally toward AA service efforts, rather than outside organizations.”

A discussion ensued.

Marc T. (Twelfth Tradition) asked if the monies could be contributed to another AA service entity.

Janis S. (Streetsville St. Andrews) shared several points: this was a situation that occurred simply because a member was unfamiliar with our Traditions. Janis felt that it was important for members involved in committees to be familiar and aware of our Traditions. With humility and prudence as our guide (12th Concept), perhaps we could give the funds anonymously to another charity, or arrange the funds to be spent at Tim Horton's for another future event.

Tony D. (Brampton Recovery): How much was the estimated cost was the coffee contribution from Tim Horton's? Jimmy answered that the estimated cost was between \$190.00 - \$240.00.

Lisa M. (AA Solution Seekers): Feedback from my group on this item was that the Operating Committee members listened to the Floor, and did their due diligence. We support the Operating Committee.

A question from a member present at the in-person portion of the meeting asked about how this issue came about. Jimmy replied that a member of the Winter Season Open House committee had reached out to Tim Horton's [with good intent and was trying to be helpful] for contributions of coffee for the event, but was unaware of our Traditions. We brought this to the member's attention and this member now fully understands that this action was a misstep and counter to our Traditions. **This is why the Operating Committee endeavoured to create a proposed guidelines manual for GTAI Special Events; to have a guide for future special events committees with an emphasis on practicing and adhering to our Twelve Traditions.**

Two members (Kasia S., Leslie Group and Sean F., King City Group) suggested possibly donating the monies to a Tim Horton's charitable initiative, like the Children's Annual Summer Camp.

Kathy F. (Sisters in Sobriety) agreed with Lisa M.'s comments; that the Operating Committee has gone over and above to settle this issue as per Floor members' concerns. "Like us [Intergroup Representatives] they are but trusted servants. Thank you, Operating Committee!"

Based on this discussion from the Floor, Jimmy then proposed two options for Floor members to consider to resolve this issue, and called for a Sense of the Floor (simple vote by show of hands):

1. All in favour of **contributing the monies to a Tim Horton's Charity initiative** (i.e. Children's Summer Camp):
 - In Person: 5 voted yes
 - Virtual: 18 voted yes
 - **Total: 23**
2. All in favour of **contributing the monies internally towards future AA service efforts**:
 - In Person: 5 voted yes
 - Virtual: 20 voted yes
 - **Total: 25**

Result: As per a sense of the Floor, **the monies will be contributed internally towards future AA service efforts.**

In closing this discussion, Jimmy stated:

"Thank you everyone for the thoughtful feedback and discussion."

"The Operating Committee appreciates the spirit in which this matter has been approached and the continued focus on protecting AA's Traditions and maintaining clear procedures moving forward."

Item 2 — Temporary Webmaster Position

“Item 2 is the Temporary Webmaster Position.”

“Last month, Representatives were asked to bring information regarding the temporary webmaster arrangement back to their home groups for discussion and feedback.”

“Since that time, further review has continued to confirm the importance of stabilizing and securing GTAI website systems while improving continuity, documentation, and functionality.”

“As previously presented, the temporary arrangement remains:

- \$35 per hour,
- up to 15 hours per week,
- reviewed monthly,
- And intended as a temporary safeguard while building sustainable volunteer succession over time.”

Motion

“At this time, the Chair will entertain a **motion regarding approval of the temporary webmaster position under the terms previously presented.**”

Moved by Tim C. (Unionville)

And seconded by Marc T. (Twelve Traditions)

“The motion has been properly moved and seconded. The floor is now open for discussion.”

A brief discussion ensued.

Dave M. (Deer Park) inquired if this webmaster is from an outside source [non-alcoholic], or an AA member. Jimmy replied that this position will be held by an AA member, and we have a person in place for this initiative.

Marc T. (Twelve Traditions) shared that “We have faith in the Operating Committee to operate within their prevue, so our group has no issue with this.”

Several Intergroup Representatives (Ugis Z., Erin Mills Group, Leslie C., Beaches Group, Matt S., Fifth Tradition Group) supported this initiative.

Vote

“We will now proceed to a vote.”

(Virtual: 26 for/ 1 opposed/ 1 abstention. In Person: 11 for/ 0 opposed/ 0 abstentions.)

“Motion carries.”

Brian P. (One Paragraph at a Time) wanted it noted in the Minutes that his group was opposed to this initiative.

Item 3 — Full Financial Disclosure Matter

“Item 3 is the Full Financial Disclosure matter originally brought forward through Notice of Motion procedures earlier this year.”

“As directed by the floor, the requested disclosure materials were gathered and distributed yesterday to Intergroup Representatives for review with their home groups.”

“Due to April being a Workshop Meeting, regular business was suspended and therefore this item returns tonight as unfinished business before the floor.”

Chair Recommendation

“The Chair would recommend allowing Representatives additional time to review the disclosure materials with their home groups before entertaining final disposition of the matter.”

“The floor is welcome to discuss the materials tonight, **and the item can return next month for any motion or final direction deemed appropriate.**”

Anyone needing the documentation regarding the Full Financial Disclosure Matter can reach out to Jimmy:
oc.chair@aatoronto.org

No discussion on this item was forthcoming at this meeting.

“Thank you everyone for approaching this matter thoughtfully and respectfully.”

“The goal throughout this process has been transparency, accountability, and maintaining trust within our service structure while following our Procedures & Guidelines.”

Item 4 — GTAI Special Events Procedures & Guidelines

“Item 4 is the GTAI Special Events Procedures & Guidelines document.”

“The Operating Committee has completed a draft Procedures & Guidelines document for GTAI Special Events, which was distributed yesterday to all Intergroup Representatives.”

“Representatives are asked to:

- review the document with their home groups,
- gather feedback,
- And bring any proposed amendments, concerns, or approval back to next month’s meeting.”

“This item will return next month for discussion and possible approval by the floor.”

Anyone needing the documentation regarding the GTAI Special Events Procedures & Guidelines can reach out to Jimmy: oc.chair@aatoronto.org

New Business

“We will now move into New Business.”

“Is there any new business to come before the floor tonight?”

No New Business was forthcoming.

Reception Report

In-Person Attendance: 19.

Virtual Attendance: Reps 34, Alt Reps 4, Subcommittee Chairs 3, OC Members 3, and 1 Visitor.

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 64.

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

Motion moved by Matt S. (Fifth Tradition)

Motion seconded by Neil W. (Stepping Stones). **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 |

The next monthly General Meeting (Hybrid): Tuesday, June 30, 2026 at 8 p.m.

Appendix (Pertaining to Area 83 Delegate's Report in these Minutes)

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Memo

TO: General Service Conference Members
FROM: Bob Wilcox, General Manager
RE: Everything AA App
DATE: 05/15/2026

Please direct all
Communications to:
P.O. Box 439
Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163

Further to my announcement of the acquisition of the Everything AA App, I'm providing you with the details I shared with you at the Conference as well as a few other updates that have transpired since the announcement.

As with all important matters, I understand that there will be many within the Fellowship who will have questions and requests for additional details related to this transfer. It is my hope that the details noted in this memo will allow for consistency with communication regarding the app and the vision for its future.

The following are details related to acquisition and related benefits:

- The transfer of ownership was effective May 1, 2026. It is fortuitous that it occurred during the Conference week, as the final details with the prior owner and developer were only finalized the day prior.
- With upwards of 1 million downloads, the app offers a great opportunity to communicate on a broader basis than we currently do, reaching a segment of the Fellowship beyond our general service structure.
- The transfer creates an excellent opportunity to expand access to our A.A. literature, helping carry the message to the still-suffering alcoholic, while also serving as a valuable public information and CPC tool.
- AAWS did pay for the app, however the transfer of ownership is considered cost-neutral as the app includes an established number of voluntary contributors who AAWS considers voluntary subscribers.
- Regarding the price and other details related to the contract, we generally do not disclose the content or details of contracts as there is a level of expectation of privacy for both parties. Further to this, price details relating to apps or similar matters may compromise our future position, particularly if we are in a similar position to acquire other assets. It may even encourage others to create them and attempt to sell them to us. In other words, a future seller of an asset may say, "AAWS paid them this much, so they will pay me this much."

We recognized that there are several areas within the app's content and design that are not consistent with A.A. Traditions and the visual identity our members expect with aa.org, our logos, and other published material. The General Service Office and AAWS Board are working together to carefully identify the more urgent and immediate changes that are needed and expect to implement those updates in the next few months. Some examples include:

- Recognizing there is much appreciation by current app users for speaker recordings like the "Joe & Charlie Tapes" and other materials, including those not developed within our U.S./Canada structure, it will be necessary to remove these items as they are not conference-approved.
- Removal of references to the app developer and related messages from them.
- Updating the terms and conditions to align with our other digital platforms.
- Update and simplify the "Meetings" tab to refer primarily to the Meeting Guide App.

- The AAWS Board will also consider establishing a subscription-based model and updating the "Support Us" tab to "Subscribe."

The AAWS Board will determine future phases of changes during its next two meetings in June and July. Major changes to the app will likely be considered during the 2027 budget process and deferred until that time. These phases may include additions of the AAWS Podcast, the ability to make contributions to the General Service Board, and adding video content such as public service announcements (PSAs), to name a few.

Both the AAWS and General Service Boards have clearly expressed the need to acquire the app and recognize the valuable service it provides to our membership, friends of A.A., and the still-suffering alcoholic. Therefore, we will continue operating the app during this transition process as disabling it would suspend these services and other benefits mentioned above.

Thank you for your support throughout this effort and your service to Alcoholics Anonymous.