



GREATER TORONTO AREA
INTERGROUP

Annual Workshop Minutes: April 28, 2026

These minutes **approved** by Floor members.

Groups present: 12 Steps, AA Solution Seekers, Beaches, Birds of a Feather, Brampton Recovery, Church Street, Deer Park, Dry on Danforth, Fifth Tradition, Grace Noon, High Park, King City, Markham Village, Meadowvale Fellowship, Melrose, Mississauga, Newmarket, Parkway, Prince Edward, Royal York, Schomberg AA Discussion, Sisters in Sobriety, St. Clements, Stepping Stones, Steps to Serenity, Streetsville St. Andrews, Sunnyside, Twelfth Tradition, Unionville, Welcome, and Westmoreland.

Operating Committee Members present: Imran R. (Finance Chair), Jimmy S. (Operating Chair), Kylie E. (OC Secretary), Peter H., Sean H., and Sydney W.

Subcommittee Chairs present: Accessibilities, Communications, and Finance.

District Liaisons present: Districts 06 and 22.

Introduction Jimmy S., GTAI Operating Committee Chairperson oc.chair@aatoronto.org

Good evening everyone,

My name is Jimmy, and I am an alcoholic. Thank you all for being here tonight, both in person and online, and thank you for your continued service to Alcoholics Anonymous and to the GTA InterGroup.

Tonight is our Annual Workshop Meeting. This meeting is intended to help new and returning Representatives better understand how InterGroup functions, how service is carried out, and how we can best support the groups we serve.

As outlined in our Procedures and Guidelines, no regular business is scheduled for the Workshop portion of tonight's meeting. However, there are several important information items the Operating Committee would like to share with the floor following the workshop so that Representatives may take these matters back to their home groups for discussion and group conscience.

Opening

We will begin with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Would someone please read the Twelve Traditions?

(The Traditions were read by Bob D., Birds of a Feather)

Thank you.

Housekeeping

A few housekeeping items:

This meeting is being recorded solely to assist in the preparation of accurate minutes. Every precaution is taken to protect anonymity.

Only first names are recorded in the minutes.

Voting Reminder

If any votes are required this evening, voting members are Intergroup Representatives, or Alternate Representatives where the Rep is absent.

Adoption of Previous Minutes

The minutes from last month's meeting were distributed. Are there any corrections or omissions?

(No errors or omissions noted.)

May I have a motion to adopt the minutes?

Moved by Nancy W-R (Parkway) and seconded by Marc T. (Twelfth Tradition). Motion passed.

(Vote: In person – 7 for; 0 against; 0 abstentions. Virtual – 21 for; 0 against; 1 abstention.)

Chair's Opening Remarks

Tonight's workshop is an opportunity to strengthen communication between Intergroup and the groups we serve.

Service in AA depends on informed group conscience, trusted servants, and clear communication. The stronger our Representatives are informed, the healthier our service structure becomes.

Thank you for being willing to serve.

(Collection of 7th Tradition at in-person portion of the meeting: \$24.00)

Annual Workshop Presentation

Jimmy commenced the Workshop portion of the meeting; the following presentation was provided by members of the GTAI Operating Committee (Sydney W., Sean H., and Kylie E.).

Greater TORONTO Area Intergroup Workshop!!

What we're covering today

- History & Who We Serve
- Purpose & Function - Operating committee, What do we even do?
- The intergroup Rep - what do YOU even do?
- Service structure - How do we organize all this?
- Committees! SO many Committees!
- Subcommittees! Even more Committees!

Early History in Toronto

- 1943 - first Canadian AA meeting (led by Rev George Little, Percy P and 6 attendees)
- 1943 - the first ORC, held at the Royal York Hotel with 80 in attendance.
- 1944 - 1170 Yonge Street becomes central hub for meetings and service
- 1947 - formation of GTA intergroup, it changed names a few times but the essentially was the start of GTAI as we know it now
- 1948 - Admin office opens at 331 Bay st. GTAI starts employing admin to help with organization and service to homegroups, committees and community.



Who Do We Serve?

The short answer is YOU.

GTAI encompasses Eight districts: D2 (Milton, 16 groups) D6 (Mississauga, 20 groups) D10 (Toronto south central, 10 groups) D12 (Toronto South West, 22 groups) D14 (Toronto North, 12 groups) D16 (Spanish, 8 groups) D18 (Toronto East, 18 groups) & D22 (Scarborough, 10 groups)

We at intergroup at the point of contact between the individual AA Groups, and larger service bodies.

We provide assistance to service committees, like archives and communications (and MORE, but we'll get to that later, patience is a virtue ;), and special events, like the ORC, Info AA Day and the Winter season Open House!



Services we provide

You're home groups 7th helps make these possible!

- Up to Date meeting Lists
- Local Website
- Newsletters/Better Times
- 24/7 helpline
- Literature distribution & storage
- Group Liability Insurance
- Funds for special events (ORC, WSOH, AA FFD, info AA day, Alcothon etc)
- Bringing meetings into treatment centres etc
- Medallions & Chips
- Helping new groups get up and running
- And more than can be listed here

Intergroup REPS! What do you do?!

- Congrats! You've been elected (or volenTOLD) to represent your home group and come hang with us once a month!
- NOW WHAT?!
- What is your job? Where do you start?
- Dont panic! We're here to help :)



Role of the Intergroup Rep

The Basics

• Voice of the Group

- You are your groups representative! You speak on their behalf. You can ask questions, bring forward motions and act as a conduit of information between them and intergroup.

• Right of decision to vote

- Only Intergroup reps, or their elected alternates, have the right to vote at Intergroup meetings. (However any member of AA can attend these meetings, all are welcome :))

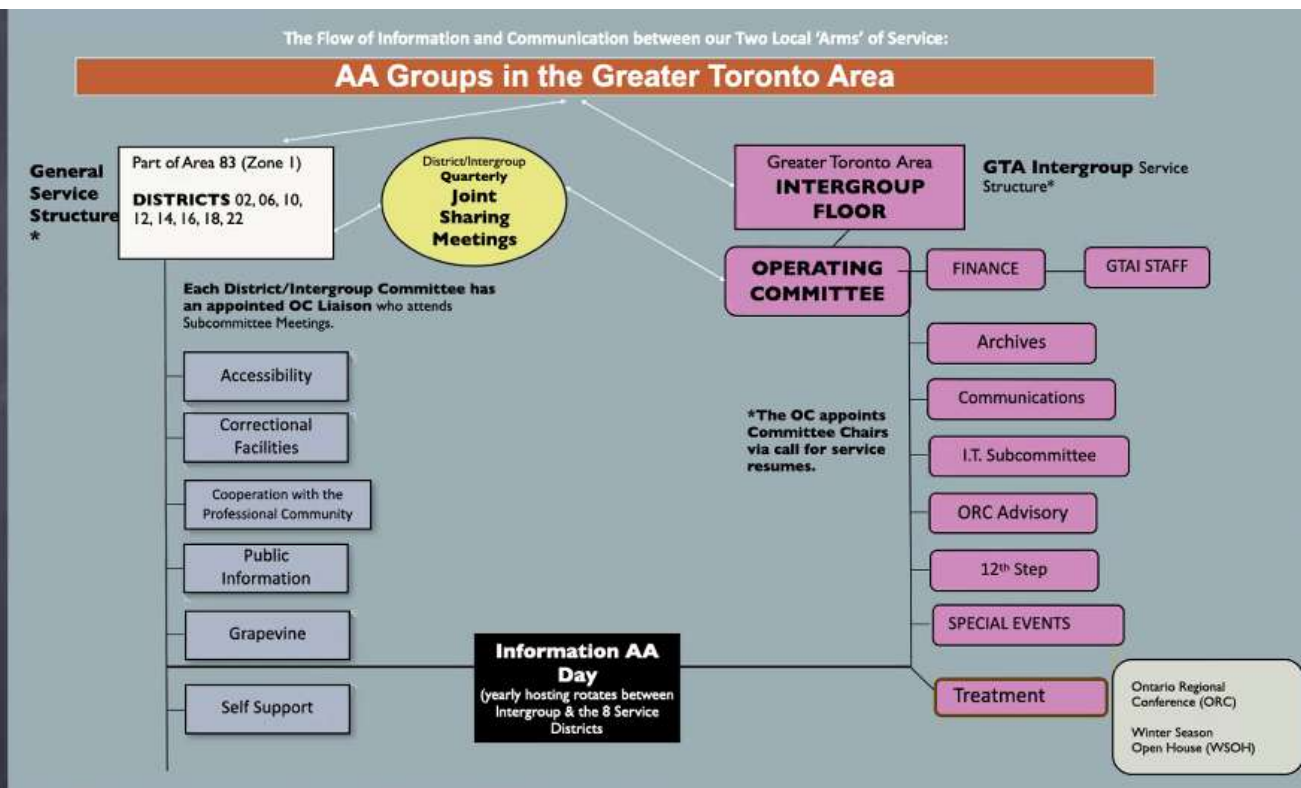
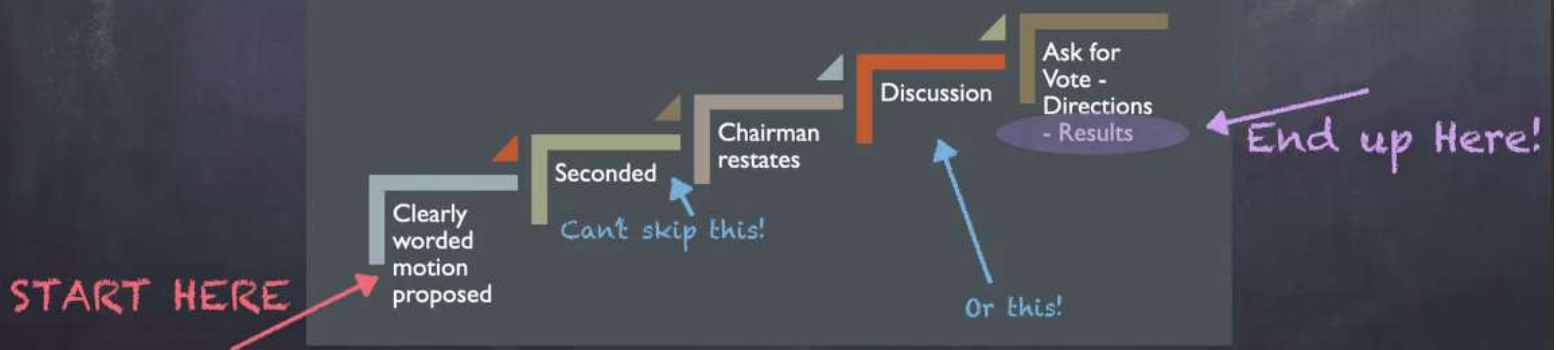
The Rep!

More about what you can do!

- Bring info back to your home group about whats going on in the big wide AA world (AA has parties and events all year! You get to tell your group about all the fun stuff happening!)
- Get your group involved in service opportunities (12 step, various sub committees, special events and parties)
- Does your group have BIG IDEAS? You can bring them to us and we'll help make them a reality! And put you in contact with all kinds of resources to bring ideas that benefit AA to life!
- Make motions! Nominate Candidates! Vote In committee chairs and OC members (WE answer to YOU! Remember?)
- ATTEND MONTHLY MEETINGS! (Weirdly enough, actually being here makes it easier to know whats going on!)

How we get stuff done

- Ever sat through one of these meetings and had no idea what's happening or why we keep asking for motions and seconders?
- Heres a breakdown of how an idea (or motion) passes through the floor to become reality!



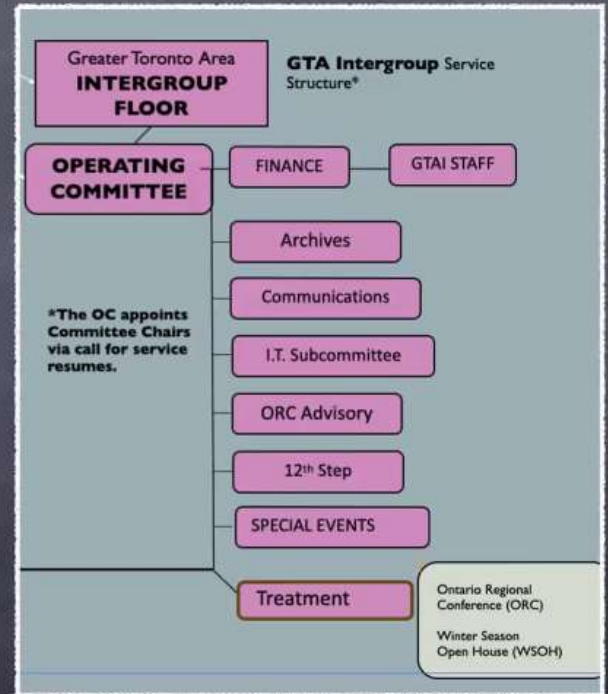
This is us on the right!

Service Structure

Two arms of AA and who does what

Committee's of Intergroup

Operating Committee	Finance Committee
Consists of: Chair & Vice Chair Secretary, Treasurer + 6 members	Consists of: 5 voting members (at least one must be CPA)
Each OC member is a Liaison to a subcommittee (more on that soon)	Chair of Finance committee automatically is OC treasurer (they know all the money stuff, makes sense right?)
Chair is responsible for the intergroup office & its paid staff, with help from Finance committee	Responsible for creating and presenting annual budget. Maintains the security of intergroup finances. Pays staff.
OC responsible for monthly meeting (THIS ONE!), quarterly joint sharing with District (other service arm) and Info AA Day	Distributes funds from budget to various subcommittees (both intergroup and district)



Sub Committees!!!

Don't let your eyes glaze over, this is where it gets interesting!



The following is how you, the intergroup rep (humble hero) get your group involved in SERVICE!

Everyone has unique skills & interests they bring to or acquire in sobriety. These can be used to help others!

Writing, coding, party-planning, leading others, crunching numbers, cooking, talking, listening, research, new ideas, graphic design! We need all your talents!

Archives & Info Tech (IT)

Archives	IT
Do you, or a member of your group like history? What They Do: - Preserving the History of AA in the GTA - Receive, classify, index & preserve info in the GTA - Plan & execute annual archives breakfast Where to find them: https://www.aatoronto.org/service-committees/archives/ Who to contact: Committee chair Archives@aatoronto.org	Know someone techy? Or want to learn to be? What they do: - Recommendations on solutions using technology - Setting up and monitoring official AA email addresses - Guidance on cost effective IT solutions - Review statements of work, price quotes and contracts Where to Find them: Contact committee Chair: IT.Chair@aatoronto.org



Comms & 12 Step

Communications	12 step
Do you, or a member of your group like websites, graphic design, writing or reporting ? What They Do: - THE WEBSITE! AAtoronto.org - Updating meeting info, special announcements, event info - THE NEWSPAPER. Better times magazine, finding stories, reporting events, attending functions, sharing info! - The Meeting directory! (Kinda important!) Where to find them: https://www.aatoronto.org/service-committees/communications/ Who to contact: Chair: cc.chair@aatoronto.org or: communications@aatoronto.org	Just wanna keep it simple? Does helping the newest of the new to AA get you fired up? What They Do: - Staff, train and organize an ARMY of volunteers to man the 24/7/365 help line - Develop and implement the new chat help line - Connecting newcomers to meetings and resources - Organizing 12th step calls Where to find them: https://www.aatoronto.org/service-committees/twelfth-step/ Meetings, 2nd tues of month: Meeting ID: 813 0646 6967 PW: 572531 Contact Kelli (chair): 12step.chair@aatoronto.org



Treatment & CPCPI

Treatment

Do you want to help those still in treatment? Are you REALLY good with super newbies?

What They Do:

- Build relationships with treatment centres
- Arrange for homegroups to bring meetings into rehabs
- Help with temporary sponsorship for newcomers
- Encourage newcomer & group participation.
- Coordinates bringing literature into treatment facilities

Where to find them: <https://www.aatoronto.org/service-committees/treatment/>

Who to contact: treatment@aatoronto.org

CPCPI

Do you like educating? Think AA could be better explained to the normies?

What They Do:

- Outreach to professionals! Doctors, Cops, Lawyers, addictions councillors, educators etc
- Help people understand how and why AA works.
- Find simple/effective ways of cooperating without affiliating (remember our traditions?)

Where to find them:

<https://www.aatoronto.org/service-committees/cooperation-with-the-professional-community/>

Who To Contact:

cpc@aatoronto.org



SPECIAL EVENTS

It's Party Time!!

AA Has multiple social events of varying sizes throughout the year!

DO YOU LIKE PARTIES?!

ARE YOU GOOD AT PLANNING THEM?

DO you have an IDEA for an Event?!!

WE CAN HELP!

Email Jenn (Special Events Liaison):

SELiaison@AAToronto.org

"We are not a Glum Lot!"



Examples of Existing Events

You can get involved in making happen!

September:

AA FAMILY FUN DAY - An outdoor Carnival for parents, kids and kids at heart, has a bouncy castle, face painting, bbq, live entertainment, and carnival games with prizes! NO CLOWNS (yikes)

December:

Winter Season Open House (Xmas Day) - a free Holiday party with food, fellowship, meetings and activities for kids and Families (in partnership with Al Anon).

THE ALCOTHON! (An AA Zoom marathon!) - Back to Back meetings across the winter holidays! Xmas Eve, Xmas Day, NYE, New years Day! How many groups can YOU Get involved? How many different kinds of meetings can you come up with? Can you get a giggle out of someone while they take a break from their insane family?!!!!

Examples of Existing Events

You can get involved in making happen!

March:

THE ORC (Ontario Regional Conference) - our longest running and largest event! 3000+ attendees! Speakers from all over the world! Hundreds of volunteers! This is the biggie, and if you dream big and can deliver, this is the event to get involved with!

May:

INFO AA DAY (A more comprehensive version of this presentation) - There is SO MUCH MORE to do in the world of service and you know whats more fun than reading this off a slide? Meeting the actual people who are making the happen! Physically sitting with them and asking them how they work, what they do, and what they need. This event is about getting involved! Also there's food!

--- End of Workshop Presentation ---

Questions Arising from the Workshop Presentation

Kathryn L. (Markham Village): **Is the Treatment Committee part of District or Intergroup?**

Jimmy: Treatment falls under the District side of things; however, Intergroup works with the Districts in providing literature for treatment facilities and provides a yearly budget for committee initiatives. Two arms of service together, cooperating in reaching out to the still-suffering alcoholic.

Tony D. (Brampton Recovery): **Where does Corrections fall under in the local service structure?**

Jimmy: As with Treatment, Corrections falls under the District arm of service. Corrections and Treatment are known as Institutional Committees. Again, Intergroup provides a yearly budget for Corrections committee initiatives.

Dee G. (Steps To Serenity): **What is the main source of funding for Intergroup?**

Jimmy: Our two main sources for being self-supporting [Tradition 7] include contributions from AA members and groups, and from sales of AA literature.

Dee G. **Is there financial help available from Intergroup for struggling groups** (low attendance/hard time making rent, etc.)?

Paul M. (Beaches): Unfortunately, some groups fold because of low attendance, etc.

Jimmy: For GTA groups -- in terms of support -- Intergroup provides things like Group Insurance (which provides a reasonable, affordable policy for groups starting out or relocating) and a literature 'starter kit' for new groups.

Lisa M. (AA Solution Seekers): **How many times a year are Workshops held? How do you come up with the topic? This is a great idea for beginners! Especially the information on Subcommittees.**

Jimmy: Workshops are held once a year, in April. The ideas for the Workshop presentations come from shared experience.

Lisa also mentioned the **link on our website for Subcommittees:**

<https://www.aatoronto.org/?s=service+committees>

Kasey S. (Visitor): **What is the length of sobriety needed for Twelfth Step Service? What is the monthly time commitment to serve as a phone greeter?**

Jimmy: One year of continuous sobriety is needed to volunteer to be a phone greeter; 2 years of continuous sobriety is needed to be a '12 Stepper'. Phone Greeter Training for new recruits is available online and/or at the Intergroup Office. In terms of monthly commitment for a phone shift, it is once a month and is a four-hour shift.

Matthew J. (Sunnyside): **What is the minimum sobriety requirement for service?**

- Usually one year of continuous sobriety. A member of the OC needs 2 years (Jimmy)
- Subcommittees like AA Family Fun Day, Information AA Day, Winter Virtual Alcahthon and Winter Season Open House ('Special Events') can have very flexible sobriety requirements for volunteers; i.e. 6 months (Kylie E., Operating Committee Secretary)
- Communications committee via group conscience "opened up" their committee volunteers to a 6-month sobriety requirement (Lisa M.)

Dave M. (Deer Park): **Can anyone be a part of a subcommittee? Can a serving Intergroup Rep be serve on a subcommittee?**

Jimmy: Yes – you can be an Intergroup Rep and serve on a Subcommittee.

Marc T. (Twelfth Tradition): **It was great for me to have service opportunities in the first year! It saved my life!**

Information Items for Representatives to Bring Back to Groups

Thank you everyone. We will now move to several important informational matters for Representatives to carry back to their groups.

1. Tim Hortons Donation Matter

The floor previously directed that a prior outside donation be returned.

The Operating Committee followed through on that direction and made efforts to return the donation. Tim Hortons has declined to accept repayment.

We therefore ask Reps to bring this matter back to their home groups for discussion and guidance.

“Concept 12 asks us to proceed in humility and prudence. We acknowledged the issue, made a good-faith effort to correct it, the donor declined repayment, and we improved our process going forward.” (see Concept 12 comments on page ____)

We look forward to the feedback from your groups next month.

2. Temporary Webmaster Position

The Operating Committee would also like Representatives to bring back information regarding a temporary paid webmaster position.

Recent review of our website infrastructure has identified operational vulnerabilities, outdated systems, access issues, and the need for specialized technical support.

Because the website is a critical service tool for members seeking meetings and help, immediate action was required.

The Operating Committee has therefore approved a temporary month-to-month contract under the following terms:

- \$35 per hour
- up to 15 hours per week
- reviewed monthly
- temporary only

The purpose is:

- stabilize systems
- improve security
- maintain accurate meeting information
- restore functionality
- train toward a future volunteer-based model

This is not intended as a permanent employment structure, but as a practical short-term safeguard while building sustainable volunteer succession.

Please bring feedback from your groups next month as we will bring this item forward for discussion and a vote.

3. Representative Reporting Responsibilities

The Operating Committee would also like to acknowledge the excellent work being done by Alexx at 234 Eglinton in preparing and distributing meeting minutes in a timely manner.

At the same time, we wish to remind Representatives that responsibility for reporting back to home groups does not rest solely on the availability of written minutes.

Representatives are encouraged to:

- attend meetings prepared to take notes
- report key discussions and motions promptly
- use minutes as confirmation and reference
- maintain communication with their groups

Minutes are an important service tool, but the Representative remains the primary communication link between Intergroup and the group. Preparing accurate minutes takes time, care, and attention to detail. We kindly ask members to allow reasonable time for this work to be completed and to exercise patience before requesting copies immediately following meetings.

Closing Remarks

Thank you all for attending tonight and for continuing to serve a fellowship that has given us our lives back.

If you are willing and able, please assist with tidying the room following the meeting.

Our next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 8 PM.

Thank you all.

Would someone please make a motion to adjourn?

Motion to adjourn moved by Neil W. (Stepping Stones) and seconded by Kelly P. (AA Solution Seekers).
Motion passed.

(Meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Declaration.)

What is Concept 12?

In the **AA Concepts for World Service**, Concept 12 contains the **General Warranties** of the Conference. These are broad protections against poor governance.

The parts most relevant here are:

1. **No punitive authority**
2. **Prudent financial principles**
3. **Substantial unanimity on major matters**
4. **No dangerous concentration of power**
5. **Proceed in a spirit of humility and prudence**

How Concept 12 applies to the Tim Hortons donation

1. No punitive authority

This means AA service bodies should not become punitive or retaliatory.

Applied here:

- Do not shame volunteers
- Do not make symbolic punishments
- Do not overcorrect to “teach a lesson”

So if returning the donation is being driven by punishment rather than practical benefit, Concept 12 cautions against that.

2. Prudence in money matters

AA should handle money responsibly and proportionately.

Applied here:

- It may cost time, energy, postage, admin effort, and controversy to chase a modest coffee donation.
- If the donor declines repayment, forcing the issue is not prudent.

Prudence says:

Use common sense, not performative purity.

3. Humility and prudence

This is the strongest principle.

Humility says:

- We made an imperfect decision or process error.

Prudence says:

- We correct sensibly.

That means:

- Admit it
- Attempt repayment if group conscience asked
- Accept donor refusal
- Improve future guidance

Not:

- endless escalation
- self-righteousness
- conflict theater

4. Avoid concentration of power

Concept 12 warns against control by a few people.

Applied here:

- The issue went to group conscience.
- Motions were voted on.
- OC acted on the will of the body.

That is healthy governance.

APPENDIX to Workshop Minutes

The following subcommittee activity reports for April (below) were submitted to the GTAI Administrative Assistant for inclusion in these Minutes.

Finance Report:

Finance Report – April 2026

	March 2026 (1 month)						
	Actual 2026	Budget 2026	Variance	%	Actual 2025	Variance	%
Contributions and Other Income	8,596	13,174	(4,578)	(35%)	9,310	(714)	(8%)
Literature Sales	13,792	15,312	(1,520)	(10%)	14,331	(537)	(4%)
= Total Revenues	22,388	28,486	(6,098)	(21%)	23,641	(1,251)	(5%)
- Cost of Sales	9,236	9,953	(717)	(7%)	13,962	(4,726)	(34%)
- Expenses	15,515	17,987	(2,471)	(14%)	13,756	1,760	13%
= Surplus / (Deficiency)	(2,363)	546	(2,908)		(4,077)	1,715	

Contributions and literature sales were both below budget for the month of March resulting in Total Revenues 21% lower than budgeted and 5% below March 2025. The shortfall is driven primarily by contributions, which came in at \$8.6k versus a \$13.2k budget (35% below).

Cost of sales came in \$0.7k below budget and \$4.7k below March 2025. Expenses were well-controlled at \$2.5k below budget, though \$1.8k higher than March 2025 largely reflecting wage increases. The net result is a monthly deficit of \$2.4k, unfavourable to the budgeted surplus of \$0.5k but an improvement over March 2025's \$4.1k deficit.

Year-to-Date Position

While the March result is encouraging compared to last year, the year-to-date picture is more concerning. Through the first three months of 2026, GTA Intergroup is running a deficit of \$15.8k, compared to a budgeted surplus of \$0.9k – an unfavourable variance of \$16.6k. For context, the YTD deficit at this same point in 2025 was \$6.2k, meaning we are tracking \$9.5k worse than the prior year.

YTD contributions and other income of \$23.9k are \$15.6k below the \$39.5k budget – a 40% shortfall – and \$3.3k below where we were at this point last year. The variance to budget also reflects lower literature sales. That said, contributions remain the largest single factor, and closing the contributions gap would go a long way toward bringing the YTD result back in line with budget.

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. While GTA Intergroup remains in a healthy cash position, sustained shortfalls of this size will erode that position over time if not addressed.

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 close the gap. Groups that are not currently contributing are warmly invited to begin, in whatever amount they can.

Individual members are also warmly 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

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	Actual 2026	Budget 2026	Variance	%	Actual 2025	Variance	%	Actual 2026	Budget 2026	Variance	%	Actual 2026	Actual 2025	Variance	%
Contributions and Other Income	8,596	13,174	(4,578)	(35%)	9,310	(714)	(8%)	23,873	39,522	(15,649)	(40%)	23,873	27,158	(3,285)	(12%)
Literature Sales	13,792	15,312	(1,520)	(10%)	14,331	(539)	(4%)	32,635	45,942	(13,307)	(29%)	32,635	41,574	(8,939)	(22%)
= Total Revenues	22,388	28,486	(6,098)	(21%)	23,641	(1,253)	(5%)	56,508	85,464	(28,956)	(34%)	56,508	68,732	(12,224)	(18%)
- Cost of Sales	9,236	9,953	(717)	(7%)	13,962	(4,726)	(34%)	22,251	29,861	(7,610)	(25%)	22,251	31,594	(9,343)	(30%)
- Expenses	15,515	17,987	(2,472)	(14%)	13,756	1,759	13%	50,023	54,711	(4,688)	(9%)	50,023	43,371	6,652	15%
= Surplus / (Deficiency)	(2,363)	546	(2,909)		(4,077)	1,714		(15,766)	892	(16,658)		(15,766)	(6,233)	(9,533)	

Accessibilities Report:

Good Evening GTA Intergroup Floor,

Alcoholic Marvyn, member of the Melrose Group and your 2026 GTA Inter-District Accessibility Chair.

We held our April GTA Inter-District Accessibilities Committee meeting on Sunday April 19th at 12:00 Noon.

Takeaways:

8 In Attendance, represented by Districts 06, 10, 12, 18, 22 and two guests, Bert J., D22 and Carla M aatoronto.org webmaster.

If your Home Group has any changes to your Accessibility Status please fill out an Accessibility Checklist and email to accessibility@aatoronto.org

We received an Accessibility Checklist from the Credit Valley Group D06 today.

Meeting to Go Initiative: If any of your Home Group members would like to be added to the Meetings To Go volunteer list, please have them send an email to accessibility@aatoronto.org.

We received one new Meeting to Go Volunteer from the Hill Group last week.

Next GTAI Accessibilities Committee meeting: is Sunday June 21st at 12:00 Noon on zoom, please access through calendar of aatoronto.org.

Corrections Report:

April Corrections report:

1. A fellow AA member who is also a youth probation officer attended our monthly zoom meeting for Corrections and pitched his idea for bringing AA's message to youth in custody. We are in the early stages of communication and planning with him to map out how this would work. Very initial stages at this point, but exciting news for sure.
2. Rich K., our Area 83 Corrections Chair, has been working for a while towards getting AA literature uploaded onto Federal inmate computers the concept itself has been approved by the Corrections Canada. Templates have been designed but the actual uploading has yet to start. Everything takes a while but progress is being made.
3. AA's representative for Vanier Women's jail in Milton, Christy H., will hopefully be attending our monthly Zoom meeting on May 5th and will be able to let us know how it's going there. Almost half of all sign-ups for Corrections volunteers have been women lately so it's exciting to be in touch with Christy, even though technically Vanier is NOT part of Area 83 somehow. At least a lot of Area 83 women will have opportunities to do service at Vanier.

Yours in Service, Brandon M., OC Corrections Liaison

Self-Support Report:

Inter-District Self-Support Report April 28, 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 Service. Self-Support, in addition to our 7th Tradition which helps Alcoholics Anonymous pay for our services, websites, books and literature among other things, is also about Service. The 3 T's – Time, Talent and Treasury. While the 7th covers cost to remain self-supporting, also we rely on our membership to carry the message through committee work.

This takes people like you to volunteer your time, a few hours a month and your talents whatever they may be. These committees keep the eight Districts informed and aware of happenings in their perspective Committees. We learn from each other, share information and find the best and most effective ways to carry the message through our Committee work. And it is important work and adds to our own recovery journey.

One of the ways we share information about the different Committee work is through Workshops, like the special Workshop event provided by Intergroup each April instead of a regular Monthly Meeting. It gives a great opportunity to learn about Committees at Intergroup, what types of volunteers are needed, and a place to ask questions for our Intergroup Reps.

Another way we share Committee information is hosting an annual Information AA Day each year in May. Flyers for this event should be at Intergroup, on aatoronto.org as well as on area83aa.org – DCMs should have flyers and tickets.

This year's event is Hybrid – the log-in information is on the flyer. The in-person event is where it was last year, the Canadian Native Centre Toronto (where Birds of a Feather meets).

The Area Delegate, Amy L will give her Report-Back from the General Service Conference, and we will have a General Service Office Speaker present his Service Journey talk. There will be two additional speakers with long-time service experience share their Service Journey. Tickets are \$10 in advance or at the door, and Hybrid participants can contribute through the 7th Tradition – email is on the flyer.

Display Tables will be around the room, and we invite you to visit them to explore what each Committee does. AA Books, literature, Service Manuals etc., will be available for purchase. By visiting the Display Tables, you can learn more about what each Committee does. You might find something you would be interested in and join – volunteers are always needed and welcome!

Self-Support is about maintaining Alcoholics Anonymous, but it is also about engaging the membership in carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic and we do this through our Committee work, whether it is taking a shift on the 24/7 call Centre, 12-step work, taking AA meetings into Treatment and Correctional facilities and providing literature, perhaps taking an AA meeting to another alcoholic who otherwise cannot physically attend meetings, informing the public about Alcoholics Anonymous and the list goes on. Without volunteers on our Committees this work we would not reach the still suffering, which is our Primary Purpose.

Please considering 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