



GREATER TORONTO AREA
INTERGROUP

Monthly General Meeting (HYBRID)

Tuesday, June 30, 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 Scott B. (Silverbirch Group).

Members Present:

INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVES + ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES

12 Steps, AA Solution Seekers, Aurora, Birds of a Feather, Bolton, Brampton Recovery, Credit Valley, Deer Park, Erin Mills, Fifth Tradition, Grace Noon, High Park, King City, Love & Tolerance, Markham Village, Miracle, One Paragraph at a Time, Open Hands, Primary Purpose, Principles Before Personalities, Royal York, Silverbirch, Sisters in Sobriety, St. Clements, Stepping Stones, Steps to Serenity, Streetsville St. Andrews, Streetsville, Sunnyside, That Gay Crowd, The Indian Road, Twelfth Tradition, Welcome, and Willowdale-Shepherd.

INTERGROUP + DISTRICT SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Accessibilities, Communications, and Finance.

DISTRICT LIAISONS

Districts: No district liaisons were present.

GTAI OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jimmy S. (OC Chair), Imran R. (Finance Chair), Peter H., and Spencer W.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES –May 2026

Errors or Omissions: No errors or omissions were forthcoming.

Motion to adopt Minutes as presented

Motion moved by Bob D. (Birds of a Feather)

Motion seconded by Chris C. (Welcome). **Motion carried.**

(Virtual: 18 for/ 0 opposed/ 2 abstentions. In Person: 4 for/ 0 opposed/ 2 abstentions.)

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

"Thank you everyone for being here this evening."

"Intergroup exists to support our groups in carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. We do that best when our discussions are respectful, informed, and guided by the collective group conscience of the Fellowship."

"Tonight we'll hear reports from our committees, continue several important governance items before the floor, and look ahead to future service opportunities within GTA Intergroup."

"As always, I ask that comments be directed through the Chair and remain focused on the item currently before the floor. Thank you all for your continued service."

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

COLLECTION OF THE 7TH TRADITION:

"The Seventh Tradition reminds us that every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

"Your contributions support the services GTA Intergroup provides, including our office, literature distribution, website, 24-hour phone line, and many other services that help carry the message throughout the Greater Toronto Area."

- In-person Collection: \$22.75.
- 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 – June 2026

	May 2026 (1 month)						
	Actual 2026	Budget 2026	Variance	%	Actual 2025	Variance	%
Contributions and Other Income	5,913	13,174	(7,261)	(55%)	4,801	1,112	23%
Literature Sales	15,647	15,312	335	2%	10,009	5,638	56%
= Total Revenues	21,560	28,486	(6,926)	(24%)	14,810	6,750	46%
- Cost of Sales	11,043	9,953	(1,090)	(11%)	7,952	(3,091)	(39%)
- Expenses	16,076	22,725	6,649	29%	14,190	(1,886)	(13%)
= Surplus / (Deficiency)	(5,559)	(4,192)	(1,367)		(7,332)	1,773	

Contributions remained well below budget in May at \$5.9k versus a \$13.2k budget (55% below), continuing the contribution shortfall trend. Literature sales were a bright spot, slightly exceeding plan at \$15.6k versus \$15.3k budgeted (2% above) and 56% above May 2025's \$10.0k. Total Revenues of \$21.6k were 24% below budget but 46% above May 2025, reflecting the strength in literature sales.

Expenses were well-controlled at \$16.1k, \$6.6k below budget (29%), which is partly due to the timing of expenses. The net result is a monthly deficiency of \$5.6k, \$1.4k unfavourable to the budgeted deficit of \$4.2k but close to plan. By comparison May 2025 closed with a \$7.3k deficiency.

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

After the above report, Imran added the following:

"We are at this time – year to date – under budget. This is the usual trend until Gratitude Month [October]. That's really the wild card here. We don't know how strong or weak Gratitude Month will be. "

“We need everybody’s help; we need you – the Intergroup Reps – to help carry the message for the need for contributions from groups/members. This is so we can continue to provide the goods and services for the membership.”

“We also have some unforeseen expenses coming up for June, which we discussed previously. We are enhancing the website; we have an online bookstore that’s set to launch tomorrow.”

Archives: Spencer W. (OC Liaison) – verbal report

Spencer and shared updates on subcommittee activities:

- The last meeting was held on June 10; 10 committee members were present
- Archives worked with the Communications committee to enhance the Archives committee webpage, with photographs and educational material
- **The upcoming GTAI Annual Archives Breakfast will be held Saturday November 7** (stay tuned!)
- District Archives chairpersons continue to gather group histories and oral histories from long-time members

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

Lisa announced that GTAI’s brand new website launch will occur on July 1st! The following Announcement below was emailed out to all on the email distribution list on June 29:

Announcement – GTA Intergroup Website Launch

Good evening, everyone.

The Greater Toronto Area Intergroup is excited to announce the launch of our **brand-new website**, officially going live on **July 1st**.

Our new website has been completely redesigned to make it easier than ever for AA members, newcomers, groups, and the public to connect with Alcoholics Anonymous in the Greater Toronto Area.

One of the biggest new features is our **online bookstore**, where you can conveniently order AA literature, recovery books, pamphlets, and sobriety medallions anytime, from anywhere. Whether you're looking for a Big Book, a newcomer package, meeting resources, or a medallion to celebrate a milestone, it's all available with just a few clicks.

The website also provides quick access to meeting information, recovery resources, service opportunities, Intergroup news, and many of the services that help carry the message to the still-suffering alcoholic. Most importantly and for the first time the website will sync and work properly on your IOS and android devices.

Although the website has a fresh new look and new features, our purpose remains exactly the same—to support AA groups and members and help connect those seeking recovery with the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Beginning **July 1st**, we encourage everyone to visit the new website, explore its features, and share it with newcomers, sponsors, sponsees, and anyone looking for information about AA in the Greater Toronto Area. Don't forget you can make your safe and secure online 7th contributions directly to intergroup to celebrate your birthday or during our giving month in October. And try out our new store delivery features for sobriety gifts such as books and medallions!

More additions to come such as the **Archives pop-up feature** *“this day in Toronto AA History”*. **So, stay tuned!**

Thank you! Lisa M., Chair Communications Committee AA Toronto Intergroup

Information AA Day 2026 Event Wrap-Up: Chair not present. The following email report was submitted by Info AA Day committee member, Joe A. (DCM, D22):

Info AA Day 2026 Wrap Up Meeting: Monday June 29, 2026. Online. 7pm – 7:52pm

- Info AA Day 2026 was hosted / chaired by GTA Intergroup
- No minutes from May meeting
- 12 Traditions – Saverio
- Ann – Chairs meeting
- Saverio D18 DCM, Lisa D12 DCM, Ann D10 DCM (Chairs this meeting), Joe DCM D22 (take minutes for this meeting), Eddy ADCM D22, Marrey P Acting ADCM D06
- Financial Report: Closing balance is \$4721.
- **Motion:** To not ask Districts or Intergroup for further funds (Lisa). Saverio 2nd. 712pm – 7-19pm. Approx. \$1700 over the prudent reserve of \$3000 for the incoming committee. **Passed 3-1.**
- **Culinary:**
 - Perhaps do not write “pot luck” on flyer, as there very minimal pot luck contributions
 - A lot of wraps, but a little light on the filling
 - Culinary were made for 120 people, but about 60 people attended
 - Got to have bottled water for future years. Water fountain / filling station was out of order at Native Centre
 - Good effort from the culinary people
 - Obviously we overshot out needs in terms of purchase. But estimated numbers will do that. We may want to be more conservative next time.
 - I would also say that while potluck sounds good, dependant on who actually brings we’d need to still overestimate or risk not having enough food show up.
- **Promotions:** Not as many flyers at the 2026 ORC in comparison to ORC 2025
- In comparison to other recent Delegate Report Backs, Info AA Day showed up well. A recent in person had approx. 8. Recent online had about 5.
- Were there many announcements at local meetings about Info AA Day, or at the Intergroup monthly meeting? Perhaps next year, GSR’s and DCM’s can share the news a bit more effectively
- Should Promotions be the word used for this responsibility? Should it be called Communications?
- **Speaker Co-Ordinator:** (GSO) – Rainer L:
 - It was a bit of a shame that most of the committee wasn’t there for the open meeting on Friday
 - It was worth the investment of travel expenses for the GSO speaker, to meet someone who works at GSO who is passionate about AA World Services
- **Program:** The two-speaker format was good. The program was great. Next year, I would put visiting the committee tables before lunch, as opposed to the end of the end, where it felt a little awkward
- Each committee used to present 3-5 minute blurb from front of room to share what the tables / respective committees do
- This was the first year, that it was changed from the customary 3-5 minute share from the front of the room
- Having people share about the respective sub committees does bring in another 8-10 people in attendance, in presenters alone
- Flyers at the back of the room on describing the committees is a good idea
- **Volunteer Co-ordinator:** success. Had 10 sign up. 8 attended. Perfect number. For tear down and setup. Improved since 2025
- **Open Forum:** If future Info AA Days are to be discontinued or paused, it cannot be a sole decision of the serving planning committee. Such a decision would have to be brought back to the Districts, and Intergroup for discussion and due process

- Monthly planning meeting agendas / emails should always include current online ID & password
- \$10 entry fee is a barrier. Shouldn't have to pay to get in to learn about service.
- Maybe \$5 with lunch included. It gives the committee a count of tickets sold. And maybe there's more of a commitment to those who would attend
- Maybe free admission to learn about service
- \$10 pays for the venue, the food. It's self-supporting.
- The two-year experience at the Toronto Native Centre has proven to be what it was. A new location could now be considered
- As I proposed at the beginning of the committee to have the Districts and Intergroup to contribute and seeing the numbers, I suggest that we ask as low as \$25 each per District and \$200 from Intergroup for 2027.
- We should use Lansing if they are available for 2027. They have everything we need plus a kitchen we can use and A/V equipment. The next committee will have to secure the location at the earliest time. Still think we should rotate from district to district to give an opportunity to all members to hear what the delegate and speakers have to say
- Are there too many planning meetings? Perhaps the amount could be trimmed down? Is September too early for planning for an event in May?
- What led to the decline in attendance between 2025 and 2026? At least a 50% visual drop off
- Because of the drop in attendance, I would consider a new location for 2027
- Thankfully, the most amount of people in the room were for the Delegate's Report Back (which was the first item on the agenda)
- Hybrid was worth the expense and setup, even though there were about 12-16 people online
- Perhaps future Info AA Day should be either \$5 entry or simply covered by the Districts and Intergroup
- Did people visit booths?
- The change in format showed a willingness to adapt, but the 10-12 presenters not in attendance, ultimately affected the total attendance
- Perhaps consider having a feedback survey available for willing attendees to complete?
- Would a podcast / interview panel be an interesting panel in future?
- The following is feedback from a member who attended online:
- Delegate demonstrated vulnerability, in a comprehensive, powerful overview / message
- GSO Speaker's unscripted share was meaningful, well informed, articulate, humble
- The Planning Committee could have been introduced
- The second speaker's talk was real, with an array of pragmatic examples of initiatives related to the respective service journey at group, District, Area levels
- Online technical glitches along the way were handled respectfully, and as efficiently as possible, which helped the online community feel included in the day
- **District 06 is up to rotate in as the Chair of the 2027 Info AA Day Planning Committee**
- Next Info AA Day meeting tentatively set for 7pm, Monday September 28, 2026, online

I.T. Subcommittee: No Report.

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

Ontario Regional Conference – Planning Update Report

Hello everyone,

I'm an alcoholic, and I have the privilege of serving as Chair of the Ontario Regional Conference, my name is Ray.

I'm pleased to share that planning for the Ontario Regional Conference is progressing well. Like any large event, we've encountered a few challenges along the way, but our committee has stayed focused, worked together, and kept things moving forward.

Without a doubt, the biggest challenge has been the recent passing of our dear friend, Mel C., who served as our Program Chair. Mel's passion, dedication, and experience were vital to this conference, and we have all deeply felt his loss. It also required us to regroup and reorganize some of the work around selecting speakers and developing the program. While we certainly miss Mel, the committee has rallied, stepped into new roles, and continued moving forward in a way that I know would have made him proud.

I'm also happy to report that our committee is now complete, with everyone actively involved and contributing. It's been inspiring to see people step up, support one another, and bring fresh ideas and energy to the planning process. The teamwork has been outstanding, and it's exciting to see everything begin to come together.

Currently, one of our main priorities is preparing the conference budget for the Advisory Committee. We're diligently reviewing all anticipated expenses, confirming costs with vendors, and ensuring we've planned responsibly for every aspect of the conference. Our goal is to present a budget that's realistic, well-considered, and demonstrates our commitment to being good stewards of the conference funds. Doing this thoroughly now will help us avoid surprises later and provide a solid foundation as we move into the next stages of planning.

We're also making good progress in other areas. Most of our fly-in speakers have already been contacted and confirmed their participation. We're continuing to listen to recordings from local speakers as we accept new submissions, and we're excited to develop a strong and inspiring program. Additionally, we've begun reaching out to vendors and suppliers to secure the services and equipment necessary to ensure the conference runs smoothly.

Overall, I'm very encouraged by our current position. Despite the challenges we've faced, the committee has remained positive, worked hard, and maintained momentum. There's still plenty to do, but we are well on our way, and I am confident that, together, we'll host an Ontario Regional Conference that everyone can be proud of.

Thank you for your ongoing support, encouragement, and trust. We look forward to sharing more updates as we continue this exciting journey.

In love and service
2027 ORC Chair
Ray R.

Twelfth Step: No Report.

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 A83 Zone One GTA Inter District Accessibility Committee Meeting was held on Sunday June 21st at noon on zoom, with District 06, District 18, and Area Chair in attendance.

We, the GTA Accessibility Committee, want to thank all GTA Home Groups that continue to fill out the Accessibility Checklist, thus we can forward the data to the aatoronto.org webmaster to place on the new aatoronto.org website meeting listings.

We, the GTA Accessibility Inter-District Committee is looking forward to launching a new Nursing Home/Retirement Home Awareness Initiative, in September, to contact all facilities in the GTA in reference to Meetings To Go Awareness. We hope this will create more 12 step calls for our 12 Step Meetings to Go Volunteers.

We have a couple of dilemmas:

First since both the GTA Inter-District Cooperation for the Professional Community and GTA Inter-District Public Information Committees are not meeting in the GTA, only at Area 83 meetings, this initiative will not be able to rely on their past committee expertise.

The second dilemma is not having a GTA Inter-District Liaison for the past three months, we will have to work directly through Alexx, the GTA Intergroup Administrator to help develop correspondence for this initiative.

On the positive side, we have a couple of new Committee members that may be able to help out, and hopefully the A83 Zone One GTA Self Support Committee led by De R. can find some new committee members and volunteers.

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

Leave you with A Success:

In March we passed a Meetings To Go request to an Active Group, Meetings to Go Volunteer, since then the Active Group has put on two meetings per month at the requested Nursing Home Facility shut in member, the most recent yesterday June 29th.

If your Home Group would like to participate like the downtown Toronto, The Active Group, please send us an email to accessibility@aatoronto.org

This success is a good indication, we need to move forward with the /Nursing Home/Retirement Home Initiative

Our next A83 Zone One GTA Inter-District Accessibility Committee Meeting is scheduled for Sunday July 19th at noon on zoom.

GTA Intergroup Accessibilities Monthly Meeting:

<https://zoom.us>, join meeting with ID: 824 8962 1874 PW: 799763

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

We are pleased to announce that AA has been invited into the Roy McMurtry Youth Detention Centre in Brampton. This project has been the result of a working relationship between AA Corrections, an AA member who works within the Youth Justice Field, and the Community Volunteer Coordinator at the facility. We are still in the planning stage so no meetings have taken place yet, but hopefully there will be more to report next month.

Yours in service, Brandon M., Corrections Liaison

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

COMMUNITY POLICE DAYS: After attending 55 Division's Community Police Day in Jimmie Simpson Park in Leslieville last month; and from the positive feedback from Amanda J (Silverbirch), who attended 43 Division's Community Police Day on May 30, I plan on liaising with the Intergroup district CPC-PI chairs to apply for AA to be represented at as many other metro Community Police Days as possible next year.

TORONTO BAIL PROGRAM LUNCH AND LEARN: Mark C (D10 CPC-PI Chair) made a presentation to the Toronto Bail Program, discussing how Alcoholics Anonymous can be a resource for Bail Supervisors, Judges, Lawyers, Probation/Parole Officers, Court-appointed councillors, and other referring professionals. Another meeting is being set.

TTC ADVERTISING: I am looking into TTC advertising with the TTC and Pattison Advertising.

I brought the Intergroup CPC-PI Display to and attended Info AA Day. Re the display, Beth B (D22 CPC/PI) and Amanda J would like to have the Intergroup CPC/PI display updated. Need to determine the new information, design and cost, and will present to the OC once details are prepared.

I attended the Area 83 CPC/PI monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 30 at 7pm.

I will be attending the next District 22 CPC/PI sub-committee chaired by Beth B. on Thursday July 2 at 8 pm.

Thank you! Peter H., OC Liaison

Questions:

Matt S. (Fifth Tradition) asked about the [future] proposed TTC ads. Are you in contact with any company yet?

Peter answered that yes; he has a contact at Pattinson Advertising. Peter spoke with someone at the TTC initially, and that TTC contact referred the CPC committee to Pattison Advertising.

Kathryn L. (Markham Village): In your interaction with the Police Services, is there anything else or any other ways [other than people on bail] that CPC is interacting with the police?

Peter answered that CPC is attending different Community Police Days, which all Police Divisions hold once a year for interacting with the public. AA has been asking to attend some of these events, and the committee is wanting to expand that effort. For instance: Mark C., CPC/PI Chair for District 10, had a meeting with the Toronto Bail program as an example of outreach with Police Services.

Grapevine: No Report.

Self-Support: Chair not present. Email Report by De R. (Rexdale United), Chairperson:
Self-Support Report Intergroup June 30 2026 – Submitted by De R. GTAI Self-Support Chair

Our committee continues to spread awareness of Self-Support to the Districts in the Greater Toronto Area. We are a small committee but an enthusiastic one! We hope to soon be able to post about our committee on the aatoronto.org website with links to answer how the Coffee-Can initiative works, as well as links to the coffee labels in English, French and Spanish!

We also continue to discuss a fun, interactive event to highlight the importance of self-support and what it can mean for you as an A.A. member or group.

Our Tradition Seven long version states in part that: The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. So Self-Support begins with the Group as they have financial needs to meet – rent, insurance, coffee and other refreshments etc. After these financial needs are met, Groups contribute to their District, Intergroup, and General Service Office.

The new suggested amount for Group contributions this year (2026) is \$ 368.06 to ensure the General Service Office (GSO) is fully self-supporting. Your Group's contribution supports the GSO which functions as the central hub for A.A. worldwide.

It supports your group by coordinating communications, publishing literature, maintaining vital digital resources, and providing experienced staff to guide local groups, districts, and areas in carrying the A.A. message.

Literature and Publishing

- **Conference-approved Literature:** The GSO oversees the publication, translation, and distribution of A.A. literature, workbooks, and service manuals (such as *The A.A. Service Manual*).
- **Newsletters:** The GSO publishes *Box 4-5-9*, the bimonthly news bulletin of A.A. world services, as well as periodic sharing from different service areas.

Digital and Communication Services

- **Centralized Platforms:** GSO manages the official Alcoholics Anonymous Website and the Meeting Guide App to help newcomers find meetings globally.
- **Group Management:** GSO maintains the "Fellowship Connection" database, which allows GSRs and group contacts to keep group records updated, manage communications, and process group contributions.
- **Media & Information:** GSO produces podcasts, manages social media channels (like YouTube and LinkedIn), and coordinates mass communication distribution.

Service Material and Guidance

- **Shared Experience:** GSO is a massive storehouse of A.A. history, group experience, and wisdom. It holds a wealth of service material designed to help groups solve common problems and follow the Twelve Traditions.
- **Specialized Desks:** GSO staff assignments assist with specific areas of A.A. work, including Public Information (PI), Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC), Treatment, and Corrections.

Without your Group's contributions to GSO, these services would not be available.

Our Groups have General Service Representatives (GSRs) who carry the Group's conscience, which is they have a voice and vote on behalf of the Group. As a member of A.A., these GSRs and Groups are at the top of the Service Triangle – and there are thousands of them. Decisions affecting A.A. members move from their Group to their District, to their Area and from there a representative from each of the Areas, a Delegate (93 in Canada and the US) shares with the

General Service Conference the voice and vote of those members in their Area. So A.A. members and Groups are the voice of Alcoholics Anonymous. This is why we call our Service Structure (p 2, 3, 4 of the Service Manual) the Upside-Down Triangle!

To make this possible however, these Service entities also have expenses and need our financial support, just as our Group does. Oftentimes, we seldom think beyond our own Groups and the amount of Service our Trusted Servants do on our behalf. We all need to make a conscious effort to ensure A.A. is *fully* Self-Supporting.

And this too of course goes beyond the financial – being of Service at any level in A.A. is how we get things done. From Greeting at the door of our Groups, making coffee, setting up the chairs to becoming a secretary or treasurer at our Group, or standing for a committee you may have an interest in. If we are willing, we all have a talent and time that fits each one of us. This too is being Self-Supporting – as our Responsibility Statement says: “I am responsible . . . and I want the hand of A.A. always to be there”. Remember, A.A. is a “We” Program! We support each other with our experience, strength and hope, with our contributions and with our time.

In Gratitude and Service, De R.

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 June 30, 2026 GTAI Monthly Meeting

1. **GSR POWER HOUR WORKSHOPS:** July 15/21, 2026 (3rd Tuesday and Wednesday @ 8pm) Topic: **Dealing with group challenges (disruptive behavior, declining attendance etc.)** 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.** The Eastern Canada Regional Forum will take place in Boucherville, QC 21-23 August 2026. This is a great opportunity to meet staff from GSO as well as many members from Eastern Canada’s 10 Areas. Here is a [LINK](#) to all of the relevant information regarding registration, hotel reservations and Agenda. The meeting will be fully bilingual in French and English.
3. **General Service Office** – Work is progressing on getting the 76th General Service Conference report in final form. The main access will be electronic with a limited number of hard copies available. Amy our Delegate is making arrangements for the hard copies.

An audio format of the Plain Language Big Book will be available soon. This will be a welcomed resource for many of our members.



Questions:

Neil (Stepping Stones): I heard from someone at my district about changing the wording of the Big Book; changing the word ‘Eskimo’ to another term. This member said the groups weren’t consulted on this change.

Bill C.: This came up at the General Service Conference, and was a discussion among the Delegates and the Trustees. There was a Motion made at the Conference and then approved; to change the word ‘Eskimo’ to something that is non-identified or neutral. I think the line is trying to hide behind alcohol and you could be located in Greenland and ‘an Eskimo comes with a bottle of scotch’. ‘Eskimo’ is a very derogatory term. The First Nations and Inuit are take umbrage at this [term]. So, the Delegates and Trustees at that time moved forward with putting something neutral in there. There will be a change in the Twelve and Twelve as well, as it does show up in there. Amy or Delegate had outlined this at the recent Information AA Day (May 30).

Marc T. (Twelfth Tradition): Is there a new version of the Big Book coming out?

Bill C.: There is! And save your money, as the Fifth Edition of the Big Book is expected to be available by January 2027. What has changed – apart from the word ‘Eskimo’—there is a new Forward, and the stories have changed. The first 164 pages of course remains unchanged. We will see a whole new group of stories. Also Appendix Three {Medical Opinion} will be changed to include the Cochrane report, which Area 83 had a role in moving that forward through a proposed Agenda item.

Dee G. (Steps to Serenity): What are the Workshops to be held July 15 and July 21?

Bill C.: These Workshops are dealing with group challenges (disruptive behaviour, etc.).

Unfinished Business

Item 1 — Full Financial Disclosure Matter

"I'd now like to move to the Full Financial Disclosure matter."

"As everyone will recall, this item came before the Fellowship through the proper Notice of Motion process."

"At the direction of the floor, the Operating Committee gathered the requested documentation and distributed the complete disclosure package to all Intergroup Representatives to review with their home groups."

"Tonight, before entertaining any motion regarding this matter, I would ask the floor the following:"

"Is there any additional information that the floor believes is necessary that has not already been provided?"

⇒ No other additional information was requested by Floor members.

"If there are no further requests for additional documentation, **the Chair will entertain a motion to acknowledge receipt of the requested disclosure, consider the request fulfilled, and dispose of this matter.**"

Motion

Motion to acknowledge receipt of the requested disclosure, consider the request fulfilled, and dispose of this matter.

Motion moved by Lisa M. (AA Solution Seekers).

Motion seconded by Chris C. (Welcome).

Jimmy asked for any discussion from Floor members; no discussion on this item was forthcoming.

"We will now proceed to a vote."

Vote

In person: 5 for Motion; 0 against Motion; 1 abstention.

Online: 17 for Motion; 0 against Motion; 4 abstentions.

Motion passes.

Item 2 — GTAI Special Events Procedures & Guidelines

"The Operating Committee developed these Procedures & Guidelines following the shared experience of previous Special Events committees."

"The intention is not to restrict future committees, but rather to provide clearer guidance, preserve experience, strengthen continuity, and assist future trusted servants."

"Representatives have had an opportunity to review the document with their home groups."

"At this time I'd like to open the floor for feedback, suggested amendments, or discussion."

Chris C. (Welcome) mentioned that his group would like to see the Twelve Concepts in the proposed document; they can be featured in an additional section of the document (Section 11).

Motion

Motion to approve the GTAI Special Events Procedures & Guidelines document, with the addition of the Twelve Concepts of AA to the document (added in another section/Section 11).

Motion moved by Chris C. (Welcome)

Motion seconded by Bob D. (Birds of a Feather)

Jimmy opened up the Floor for discussion; no comments or discussion was forthcoming.

Vote

"We will now proceed to a vote."

In person: 3 for Motion; 0 against Motion; 3 abstentions.

Online: 14 for Motion; 4 against Motion; 4 abstentions.

Motion passes.

Voice of the minority was exercised.

Jimmy asked if any member who voted against the Motion would like to speak as to why they voted in opposition to the Motion.

Alan C. (Credit Valley) shared that he didn't feel that adding the Twelve Concepts was required to make the document complete; in fact, it would make the document more lengthy and complicates the document. The Twelve Concepts are available for members to read and familiarize themselves with them [i.e. The AA Service Manual].

No other members who voted against the above Motion came forward to address the Floor.

Having heard the Voice of the Minority, another vote was held for the Motion with suggested amendment [above]:

In person: 2 for Motion; 1 against Motion; 1 abstention.

Online: 9 for Motion; 6 against Motion; 8 abstentions.

Previous Motion still passes.

We will add the amendment suggested to the proposed document.

No further amendments to the document were suggested by Floor members.

Motion with Amendment Added/ Final Vote

"If there are no further amendments, the Chair will entertain a motion regarding approval of the GTAI Special Events Procedures & Guidelines [with one amendment suggested]."

Motion to approve the GTAI Special Events Procedures & Guidelines document, with the addition of the Twelve Concepts of AA to the document (added in another section/Section 11).

Motion moved by Chris C. (Welcome)

Motion seconded by Marc T. (Twelve Traditions)

In person: 3 for Motion; 0 against Motion; 2 abstentions.

Online: 17 for Motion; 0 against Motion; 8 abstentions.

Final Motion passes.

Result: The proposed GTAI Special Events Procedures & Guidelines document is approved, and will feature the addition of the Twelve Concepts of AA.

New Business

Winter Season Open House 2026: Chairperson Needed

"I'd like to take a few moments to speak about one of GTA Intergroup's most important annual service opportunities."

"Each year, the Winter Season Open House provides an opportunity for Alcoholics Anonymous to open its doors to members, newcomers, families, and those who may still be suffering during what can be a particularly difficult time of year."

"Like every service committee within Alcoholics Anonymous, its success depends entirely upon trusted servants who are willing to step forward."

"I recognize there has been considerable discussion surrounding last year's event."

"Those matters have now been addressed through our service structure, and I believe it's important that they not discourage us from continuing this valuable service to the Fellowship."

"One of the beautiful things about Alcoholics Anonymous is that service doesn't belong to one person or one committee."

"We are simply caretakers for a period of time."

"Someone before us built these opportunities for us, and today we have the privilege of building them for those who will come after us."

“The Operating Committee has also developed the new Special Events Procedures & Guidelines to provide future committees with clearer expectations, stronger support, and documented guidance so that future chairs won't have to start from scratch.”

“Because this event takes several months to organize, we'd like to begin identifying members who may be interested in serving as Chair for this year's Winter Season Open House, as well as next year's Chair to allow for mentorship and continuity.”

“If this is something you—or someone in your home group—may be interested in, we'd love to speak with you after tonight's meeting.”

“Concept Nine reminds us that good service leadership at all levels is indispensable.”

“I sincerely hope someone here this evening feels called to help continue this important work.”

(Please see [Winter Season Open House 2026 Event Chair Needed Flyer](#) in Appendix of these Minutes)

“Is there any other New Business?”

No other New Business items were brought forward at this time.

Reception Report

In-Person Attendance: 6.

Virtual Attendance: Reps 26, Alt Reps 6, Subcommittee Chairs 3, OC Members 2, and 1 Visitor.

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: **44.**

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 Marc T. (Twelfth Tradition)

Motion seconded by Matt S. (Fifth Tradition). **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 |
| ➤ Winter Season Open House 2026 Chairperson needed | Contact: oc.chair@aatoronto.org |
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The next monthly General Meeting (Hybrid): **Tuesday, July 28**, 2026 at 8 p.m.

Appendix



Winter Season Open House 2026 Event Chairperson Needed

Description and Requirement

PURPOSE of the Winter Season Open House Committee	The Winter Season Open House event is an annual holiday tradition in Toronto, sponsored by the Greater Toronto Area InterGroup since 1944 and is open to all. It is a fellowship event with a strong message for all alcoholics, whether they are suffering or recovering: "No matter who you are or what day of the year it is, when you come to A.A. and ask for help, you are no longer alone." GTAI requires a WSOH Chair to organize a committee, to create a plan to host the December 25th in-person event.
RESPONSIBILITIES	The Winter Season Open House Event Chairperson is selected from the membership; subject to approval by the Operating Committee. The Chairperson is to be the Coordinator of the Winter Season Open House Subcommittee and shall assume responsibility for its overall activities, which include the following: • Locate premises to hold event on Sunday, December 25 • Chair monthly committee meetings from August 2026 to December 2026 at Bloor St United Church • Create a monthly Meeting Agenda, and take minutes to forward to admin@aatoronto.org • Monthly reporting to the GTAI Floor at the monthly General Meeting the last Tuesday of each month • Work with GTAI Liaison to work within \$2000 committee budget • Responsible to oversee volunteer recruitment from the membership for the event: -Kitchen Coordinator -WSOH AA Meeting Coordinator -Greeter Captain -Secretary -Food Purchaser -Setup and Takedown Event Manager -AI Anon Meeting Coordinator -Treasurer -Literature Table Coordinator -'Brewmaster' for Coffee
QUALIFICATIONS	1 year of continuous sobriety is required for this service commitment. Knowledge of A.A.'s Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions plus enthusiasm would be a great asset for this service position.

To apply for Winter Season Open House Event Chair please submit an A.A. Service Resume to the Operating Committee Secretary at oc.secretary@aatoronto.org

For further information please contact the Operating Committee Chairperson at oc.chair@aatoronto.org