

# GENERAL MEETING

## TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021 (online meeting)

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(These Minutes approved by Floor Members)

The meeting convened at 8:00 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. David H. (Beaches) read the Twelve Traditions.

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

**INTERGROUP REP/ALT:** A Place to Share, Anniversary, Bayview, Beaches, Beverly Hills, Beyond Belief (Sub.W.), Bloordale, Credit Valley, DeerPark, Dry on Danforth, Erin Mills, Fellowship, Fifth Tradition, Gay Sober Men, Glenholme, Hadenuffyet, Half Century, High Park, Hill, Keep It Simple, King City, Kipling, Leslie, Living Sober, Long Branch, Love & Tolerance, Markham Village, Markland Wood, Mississauga, Morning Discussion, Mount Royal-York, Newmarket, Noon Rap, North Toronto, One Paragraph at a Time, Open Hands, Port Credit, Queensville, Responsibility, Restoration & Recovery, Rox Glen Traditional, Saturday Morning Discussion, Sisters in Sobriety, Six Points, St. Clements, Steps to Serenity, Streetsville Action, Streetsville, Sunnyside, The Dogs, Thornhill, Twelfth Tradition, Twelve Steps, Welcome, and Willowdale.

**DISTRICT LIAISONS:** Districts 06, 10, 12, and 18.

**OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Cam B. (Finance Chair), David H., Gord H., Gord T., Graham D., Kelli T. (OC Secretary), Marvyn W. (OC Vice-Chair), and Nina L. (OC Chair).

**SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS:** Accessibility, Archives, Communications, CPC, Grapevine, IT Subcommittee, Finance, Virtual ORC 2021, Treatment, and Twelfth Step.

**HOUSEKEEPING:** Nina L. (Sisters in Sobriety), Operating Committee Chairperson  
She outlined the following: recording of the meeting.

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES – MARCH 2021:

**Errors and/or Omissions:** No errors or omissions reported.

There was a **MOTION** to adopt Minutes as presented moved by Carlos D. (Bayview) and seconded by Murray J. (Beyond Belief/Sub. W.). **Motion passed.**

**CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Nina L. (Sisters in Sobriety), Operating Committee Chairperson  
Nina welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting.

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

### COLLECTION OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> TRADITION:

- As per our literature and the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition, we are self-supporting through our own contributions.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition link is as follows: <https://www.aatoronto.org/about/7th-tradition/>

### MOTION TO SUSPEND REGULAR BUSINESS – OC ELECTION

**Motion to Suspend Regular Business to Facilitate OC Election** moved by Sean L. (Steps to Serenity) and seconded by Mike C. (Beverly Hills). A Voting Poll was taken: 41 for the Motion; 1 against the Motion; and 1 abstention. **Motion passed.**

The OC Committee is currently looking for two members. After outlining the sobriety requirement and service responsibilities for the position, Nina then called for nominations/volunteers from Floor members.

No members stepped forward for the positions. **This item will be deferred until the May meeting.** A flyer about these service positions will be sent out to Reps, and a copy of the flyer will be posted to our website [www.aatoronto.org](http://www.aatoronto.org). )

## FINANCE REPORT – Cam B. (Deer Park), Finance Chairperson

	March 2021 Year-to-Date (3 months)							
	Actual 2021	Budget 2021	Variance	%	Actual 2021	Actual 2020	Variance	%
<b>Contributions</b>	32,600	28,245	4,355	15%	32,600	24,387	8,213	34%
<b>Literature Sales</b>	19,652	20,000	(348)	(2%)	19,652	33,359	(13,707)	(41%)
<b>= Total Revenues</b>	52,252	48,245	4,007	8%	52,252	57,746	(5,494)	(10%)
<b>- Cost of Sales</b>	11,052	13,000	(1,948)	(15%)	11,052	20,983	(9,931)	(47%)
<b>- Expenses</b>	40,138	44,045	(3,907)	(9%)	40,138	47,130	(6,992)	(15%)
<b>= Surplus / (Deficiency)</b>	1,062	(8,800)	9,862		1,062	(10,367)	11,429	

Note: Prudent Reserve Value at March 31, 2021 was \$256,274. 2021 Prudent reserve "target" is \$266,000.

My name is Cam B. (Deer Park), I am an alcoholic and serving as Intergroup's Finance Chair.

Intergroup's results for the period January to March 2021 were better than expected. Contributions were above budget by 4.4 K and they were 8.2 K above the 2020 amount. Literature Sales were close to budget at 19.7 K while the budget was 20 K. Last years' Literature Sales were 33.4 K but keep in mind that the Literature Sales budget for 2021 is half of what it was in 2020, due to the pandemic. There was a decrease in both Contributions and Literature Sales in March. March contributions were almost half of the amounts seen in each January and February, but are still above budget year-to-date.

Expenses for the period are below budget by 3.9 K caused by all categories of expenses trending below the planned level. Year-to-Date March: the committees had expenses totalling only \$432. For operating expenses, we are lower than budget in the computer, telephone, and bank charges line items. Staff expenses are also below budget due to lower bookkeeping fees.

With higher revenues and lower expenses in the first quarter, the finances are in good shape.

It is important that 2021 Contributions remain in line with the 2019 and 2020 levels. Intergroup relies on Group and Member contributions and Literature Sales to pay for all its expenses including the large ones like rent, telephones, computers, and office equipment. Please carry this message to your groups. Thank you.

## SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

**ACCESSIBILITY:** Tom D. (Mount Royal-York), incoming Chairperson

### Regular Meeting

- Our committee meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month from 11:00 am to noon ET on Zoom.
- Our Zoom ID and passcode has changed, and is now:
  - Meeting ID: 843 2520 8642
  - Passcode: 904604
- **Everyone is invited, especially those members who identify as having or having had obstacles to access the rooms or the messages of Alcoholics Anonymous**

### 2021-04-18 Meeting

- lightly attended with four members
- no liaison from the operating committee

### Meetings-to-go

- I was mistaken in thinking that meetings to go had officially launched
- While it was scheduled to launch in late 2019, the final procedures were never given a final review and approved by the committee

- To that end, we are relaunching the ad-hoc committee for meetings to
  - Goal, finalize:
    - The script / format
    - Safety policies
  - Timeframe: 3 months
  - First meeting
    - Wednesday, April 28 at 8p
    - Zoom id: 83721440437 (no password)
    - Cadence for future meetings will be determined at the first meeting
  - **All are welcome to attend, especially those who might benefit from a meeting to go in the future**
  - Final formal and procedures will be distributed to the groups for comment before launch

#### American Sign Language Speaking Members Wanted

- In March, we were reached out to for an American Sign Language (ASL) speaking member who could work with a newcomer.
- We found that we didn't have a list of members who spoke ASL
- It took us a few weeks, but we were able find someone thank to Jennifer, the Area 83 Accessibilities Chair
- We would like to have a list of people who speak ASL (or any other signing language). **I ask that you please ask your group members if they or another member they know speak a sign language, and if they would be willing to work with newcomers or other members should the need arise, please e-mail such member's contact information to [accessibility@aatoronto.org](mailto:accessibility@aatoronto.org).**

#### Cooperation with DSAT

- We continue to work with the Down Syndrome Association of Toronto
- Two representatives from the DSAT, the 12 Step Chair (Laura), and the CPC Chair (Joe) will be meeting later this week to discuss how we can share information with families associated with the DSAT about AA in line with our traditions
- Stay tuned for future updates. In Service, Tom D, GTAI Accessibility Chair [accessibility@aatoronto.org](mailto:accessibility@aatoronto.org)

**ARCHIVES:** David T. (St. Clements), Chairperson

In attendance 10 committee members.

David and Eddy have received some Canadian Directories and Box 459 from Joan B which have been combined into two separate collections. We have catalogued the Canadian Directories into our Archives Database. We now have Box 459 copies from 1959 – 2001.

More tapes have been dropped off and catalogued. We have had a member approach us for tapes or CDs of talks as she does not have a cell phone or computer. David has created some CDs of members selected to give them something to listen to.

Patricia A is compiling a history of the LGBTQ2 groups in the GTA from the Canadian Directories and interviews with LGBTQ2S+ members.

We have received a request from Joe C on the Came to Believe and Living Sober books and how they came about at GSO.

District 06 Archives Chair is hoping to bring in the history of the Islington Group.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Carla T. (Welcome), Chairperson

- The committee is embarking on the creation of guidelines that establish what can or cannot be posted on the site [www.aatoronto.org](http://www.aatoronto.org)
- A GTAI Literature Catalogue has been posted (Nina showed a screen shot to all)
- The committee is still fixing 'glitches' on the Newcomer Page; adjustments are in tandem with OC approval. There will be a New comer Page presentation in future
- Communications is looking for a Better Times Editor and a committee secretary (please see Unfinished Business)

After Carla's report, Albert F. (Fifth Tradition) suggested that a monthly schedule of all subcommittee meetings/Zoom information/ Dates and times could be included in the monthly publication.

**INFORMATION AA DAY:** Information AA Day 2021 Event Vice-Chair, Marvyn W. (Mississauga)

Saturday, May 15, from 9:00-3:00 pm to attend Information AA Day! Bring a sponsee! Bring a friend! Bring your sponsor!

We invite all AA members to join us for the 2021 Virtual Information AA Day. Please join us for a day of workshops and presentations on becoming active in service, hear about the service initiative and issues, and connect with others across our 8 Districts and GTA Intergroup area.

Since 1980 Info AA Day has been a yearly event where we hear our Delegate's Report from the General Service Conference and get to know a GSO New York staff member who is invited to share their experience, strength, and hope. It has grown into a full day event that involves AAs across our entire Greater Toronto Area.

The various service committees of the GTA Intergroup and District Sub-Committees will give overviews of their service activities and service opportunities. As well, workshops will be given on: Unity of Purpose - Intergroup and Districts Working Together in Support of Our Community, How Do We Get Active in Service? The Importance of 12th Step Work, The Home Group - Review of Our Pamphlets and other GSO Literature, and Staying Connected in This Time of Isolation.

Please download the agenda and flyer at [www.aatoronto.org](http://www.aatoronto.org) or from your District's website.

This is a free event, Closed Captioning is available, and Fellowship time at the start and end of the day.

If you require further information or if we can be of assistance, please email us at:

[infoaaday@aatoronto.org](mailto:infoaaday@aatoronto.org) or [oc.vicechair@aatoronto.org](mailto:oc.vicechair@aatoronto.org)

After reading the report, Marvyn added that the event has a capacity for 500 attendees.

**IT SUBCOMMITTEE:** Michael W. (Welcome), Chairperson

**Mission Statement**

The IT Sub-Committee's primary purpose is to provide technical stewardship to its stakeholders, the Operating Committee, Intergroup office and various Sub-Committees.

**Sub-Committee Responsibilities**

1. Guidance on technology solutions to the operating committee, subcommittees and Intergroup office.
2. Evaluation of proposed IT solutions for the Intergroup office inclusive of software, hardware, networking, telecommunications, internet and third-party providers
3. Providing assistance and direction in best practices for creating and maintaining frameworks, complex or critical systems and for third party service providers and managed service providers.
4. Provide assistance: in defining new requirements, developing Request for Proposals (RFPs), selection of potential providers, review and evaluation of responses, reviewing statements of work, price quotes, contracts.
5. Create and maintain all technical documentation of the Intergroup office and [aatoronto.org](http://aatoronto.org) website.
6. The subcommittee will not take on any of the daily IT support duties of the Intergroup office. This is currently provided by a managed service provider but may provide direction and support if requested.

**Now meeting monthly, 2nd Tuesday of month 8:00-9:00 p.m.**

**Members:** Kevin N., Bart B., Michael W., Darrin M. and Brad K.

**IT Sub-Committee Report April 27, 2021**

Annual service contracts and software licenses for firewall were renewed.

Work has begun on preparing for a Cloud based QuickBooks trial hoping to replace current server based QuickBooks by end of 2021.

Work has begun on gathering requirements for a system which will provide for, at least, a digital Gratitude Month solution to replace the current Canada Post mail system. This system could also be used for an electronic subscription service for "Better Times".

**Committee Members Skills Required**

IT Professional with degrees in computer science, college diplomas, technical certifications or equivalent work experience in A+, CCNP, CCIE, MCSE, CISSP etc..

The committee should be primarily comprised of IT Professionals with a minimum 4 to 5 years of work experience in one of the following fields systems administration, network administration, desktop computer technician, web application development, information security, IT management.

As projects come on board, we will look to fill out the volunteer roster accordingly with the following types of positions:

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| Project Managers                         | Web UX Designers          |
| ➤ AWS Cloud Designers and Administrators | Web Developers            |
| ➤ Windows administrator                  | Apache Web Administrators |
| ➤ Linux Administrator                    |                           |

**Virtual ONTARIO REGIONAL CONFERENCE:** Lisa W. (Port Credit), 2021 Event Chairperson

The Conference was held March 19, 20 & 21. There were over 4,400 attendees to the AA meetings.

Thanks to the committee:

- Sandy, who put the program together, Marlene, Sue, Robbie & Steve.
- Carole, the Al-Anon Chair, and Wendy, Alateen, and Dale & Nicky who helped with Al-anon and Alateen Zoom;
- Finally, last but not least, Zack who was the lead on AA Zoom and lead our sobriety countdown. His hard work & enthusiasm really lead the way for us.

Below are some of the highlights -

- AA Attendance:
  - 598 at Opening Meeting
  - 702 at Saturday night meeting
  - 560 was the top Alanon meeting attendance
  - Alanon attendance was lower than expected due to multiple conventions on the weekend.
- Over \$3,000 in contributions which has covered our costs, details in the finance report.
- Attendees seemed to really enjoy the time before and after the meetings when they could talk to one another; Saturday night, after the speaker, was open until about 11 pm; additionally, many of the speakers attended meetings over the weekend, sharing with attendees before & after meetings;
- Since we're in a virtual world, we received many requests from attendees for the contact information of speakers so they could speak at meetings.

<b>2021 Virtual ORC</b>			
<b>Income Statement</b>			
<b>as at April 26, 2021</b>			
<b>Contributions#</b>			
Individuals		2,985.64	
Alanon GTAIS		200.00	
Total Contributions			3,185.64
<b>Expenses</b>			
Zoom Costs			
AA	218.09		
Alanon	218.09		
Alateen	98.31		
		534.49	
Postage expense - CD mailing		13.89	
Web site costs		203.40	
Total Expenses Paid			751.78
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>			<b>2,433.86</b>
<b>Ongoing ORC Expenses to be paid</b>			
Quickbooks subscription -paid April 23rd		423.75	
Domain names registration - invoiced in May		99.00	
Website annual maintenance paid April 26th		700.60	
Total			1,223.35
Estimated Residual Surplus			1,210.51
# amounts received net of fees deducted at source			

**TWELFTH STEP:** Laura V. (Mount Royal-York), Chairperson

The new on-the-job training whereby a phone greeter applicant shadows an experienced greeter (Coach) in a Zoom room for part or the entirety of their shift has been tremendously successful. The aspiring greeter gets to watch and listen to the Help Line greeter serving a caller in real time. Of course, being able to witness one alcoholic sharing their own story with an alcoholic asking for help to quit drinking is the ultimate experience; but many of our calls involve just providing information; so the newbie is taught how to access the resource material posted on Google Drive (i.e., find a meeting and provide the Zoom and/or geographical coordinates, make a referral to Al-Anon, provide the phone number and Zoom details for a phone-in online meeting, answer the question how to get "Proof of Attendance"), and hundreds of other inquiries. We have already placed six greeters trained exclusively on shadow shifts, and most of them only needed one or two such sessions. Much to their surprise, the "Coaches" have really enjoyed this extra duty, reporting it has enlivened their time spent on the phone in a sort of sponsorship/mentorship role.

In response to my appeal for overnight greeters here a few months ago, and thank you all very much for rallying around, we got an influx of volunteers for the overnights which allowed us to revamp the existing schedule as follows: greeters can still do a whole week if that is their preference (mostly a concession to those who have kept us up and running for a long time), and everybody else can do either Monday night at 9:30 until Friday morning at 9:00 am or Friday night at 9:30 until Monday morning at 9:00 am. So basically weekday nights or weekend nights. We'd like to put the flyer back up on the website and in the Better Times if you wouldn't mind, because we have the time and space to schedule more applicants for shadow shifts now.

The other asset we really need are "other-language-speaking" members for the 12 Step Callers List. When someone with little or no English calls the Help Line, we go to the 12 Step Callers list looking for someone who speaks their language. There is a woeful shortage of these members. We need many, many more English as a second language people available to answer questions from first-timer callers in pretty much any language you can think of, but especially the three East Indian languages, Tamil, Farsi, most of the Eastern European languages, and Russian. These members are invaluable and it's not like their phone is going to ring off the hook—it's a once in a while proposition, perhaps every couple of months, although it's impossible to predict. We could just use more people on this list in general, and it is tailor made for retired or otherwise non-working alcoholics who can be available any time up to 9:30 pm. The overnights don't use the 12 Step Callers List so you will never be woken up in the middle of the night by us.

Lastly, we have been approached by a Down's syndrome organization regarding some of their clients who have developed a drinking problem, but I'll let the Accessibility Chair, Tom D, take point on this. Needless to say, it's pretty exciting because they reached out to us.

**WINTER SEASON ALKATHON:** No report.

## **DISTRICT REPORTS**

**CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES:** No report.

**COOPERATION with the PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC):** Joe A. (One Paragraph at a Time), Chairperson

Monday May 10/21 7pm - 8pm is the next meeting of Co-operation with the Professional Community This meeting is taking place online Zoom ID: 854 7547 0291 PW:002060.

In April 2021, CPC Toronto focused on a grassroots approach in our various districts. Two members from District 22 attended CPC for the first time. At the meeting we read and discussed the topic of Anonymity from the CPC workbook. Afterwards, we at the table each selected a professional in our respective community that we would connect with over the next month...Our Area 83 CPC Chair Jo D is hosting a workshop on "speaking at non-AA events" on Monday May 3/21. Please connect with me for online details: [cpc@aatoronto.org](mailto:cpc@aatoronto.org)  
Thank you. Joe A, District 22, GTAI CPC Chair

**GRAPEVINE:** Scott M. (Bloordale), Chairperson

I'm alcoholic; a member of the Bloordale Group & my name is Scott. Hi! I have the honour & privilege to serve the fellowship as your GTAI Grapevine Committee chair. At our last GTA Committee meeting, we had good attendance from all 8 Districts, but the committee is still looking for a Secretary so our interim Secretary, John M., with District 18, can



move on with his other duties. We have a new Dist. 10 chair & a returning chair from Dist. 22. We continue to call on the need for used Grapevines for their second use around the GTA. As mentioned in my report last month, District 18 has reduced the prices of their Grapevine inventory. There are no more 2020 magazines, but there are still some books for \$10.00 each & 2021 pocket planners and calendars are ½ price (now \$3.50 & \$6.50 respectively).

The latest news from AA Grapevine is the announcement of two new book publications: one called “Free on the Inside” has over 50 stories written by those that are currently serving, were incarcerated or those that go into the Correctional facilities & put on meetings. The other book is Women in AA in the Spanish language entitled “Mujeres en AA”, of which has stories from the Spanish “La Vina” magazine & stories translated from AA Grapevine.

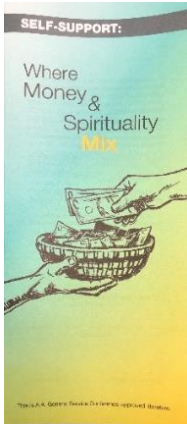
The “Carry the Message” project has been able to purchase over 5000 new subscriptions. If you or your Group would like to purchase a subscription for someone as a gift anonymously, please see the information on the [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org) website. While you’re there, why not check out your days or minutes on the sobriety calculator... here’s the link for that too... [www.aagrapevine.org/sobriety-calculator](http://www.aagrapevine.org/sobriety-calculator) You can also send someone an Anniversary / birthday card simply by providing their sober date.

The May issue of AA Grapevine has a featured section on “Our Twelve Steps” and has stories from members on how the steps changed their lives.

Please contact me through the email: [grapevine@aatoronto.org](mailto:grapevine@aatoronto.org) for any of the sales above or further inquiries.

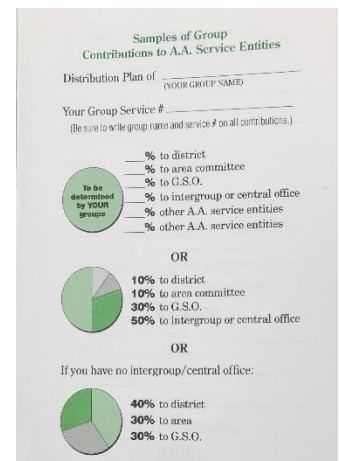
**PUBLIC INFORMATION:** No report.

**SELF SUPPORT:** Gord H. (Bloordale), Operating Committee Liaison, and David T. (Welcome), acting Chairperson Gord once again thanked acting Self-Support Chair, David T., for reviving this vital subcommittee.



Once again: members are needed to volunteer for several subcommittee positions. One position open is for a Self-Support Chair, as the Chair announced last month stepped down.

Group Contributions: Gord and David pointed out the suggested GSO Guidelines on Group Contributions as featured in the Self-Support Pamphlet (pictured right), and stressed the importance of having a Service Sponsor. David also pointed out that it costs GSO around \$150 US funds To support AA groups in carrying the message.



**TREATMENT:** Sean L. (Steps to Serenity), Chairperson

1. Our meeting was supposed to be held on Thursday April 15, however, due to some mix ups with the zoom id promoted on the website and the actual zoom id of the meeting, some folks tried to attend the wrong meeting. And due to mix ups between myself and the Secretary, I didn't have emails for everyone. So it didn't happen. The Secretary and I spoke and she's reaching out the committee, ideally tonight, to communicate the mix up and double-check the zoom account going forward.

2. That said we have two district members from D10 and D18 who will be working together to give the Treatment Committee's presentation at the Info AA Day in May.

**RECEPTION:** Marvyn W. (Mississauga), Operating Committee Vice-Chair

Marvyn reported that there were 49 Reps, 3 Alternates, 8 OC Members, 10 Subcommittee Chairs, 4 District Liaisons, and 6 Visitors for a total attendance of 80 members.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **GTAI Website Presentation** – deferred until a future meeting
- **Finance Committee Member needed**

The sobriety requirement for the Finance Committee member position: 5 years of continuous sobriety, and some business/accounting background preferred. Please send service resumes to [admin@aatoronto.org](mailto:admin@aatoronto.org)

- **Better Times Editor needed**

Requirements for this service position: 2 years of continuous sobriety, editing/writing experience is appreciated, graphic design experience is helpful (but a creative interest can be developed), and be familiar and comfortable with a suitable desktop publishing program (i.e. Adobe Illustrator or Spark, Microsoft Publisher, Photoshop, etc.). For more information or to volunteer, please email [bettertimes@aatoronto.org](mailto:bettertimes@aatoronto.org)

- **Communications Committee Secretary needed**

Requirements for this service position: 1 year of sobriety, good writing skills, knowledge on the use of computers for word processing/email for written correspondence, and knowledge of the Better Times newsletter and GTAI website. Further assets: knowledge of the use of computers for copy editing, internet browsing for research and for graphics design. Monthly time commitment: 12 hours (including meetings). For more information or to volunteer, please email [cc.chair@aatoronto.org](mailto:cc.chair@aatoronto.org)

- **Self-Support Committee Chairperson Needed**

Two years of continuous sobriety, and some service experience preferred. Email [self-support.liaison@aatoronto.org](mailto:self-support.liaison@aatoronto.org) for more information.

- **IT Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed to an IT Subcommittee, whose mandate encompasses researching and recommending cost-effective IT solutions for the Intergroup Office. Qualifications for this subcommittee include: IT Professionals(s) with degrees in computer science, college diplomas in computer science, and/or various highly technical certifications or equivalent (such as A+, CCNP, CCIE, MCSE, CISSP, AWS, Linux).

The committee should be primarily composed of IT Professionals with a minimum 4 to 5 years of work experience in one of the following: field systems administration, AWS, VOIP, Linux, Apache, PHP, Database (MySQL MSSQL), network administration, desktop computer technician, web application development, information security, IT project management. For further information, please contact Michael W. (IT Subcommittee Chair) [it.chair@aatoronto.org](mailto:it.chair@aatoronto.org)

## NEW BUSINESS

Andy C. (Thornhill) had concerns about the messaging on our website [www.aatoronto.org](http://www.aatoronto.org) (Home Page) regarding COVID-19 in relation to in-person meeting status and the use of the phrase 'essential service'. He referred to the GSO model regarding measures for the pandemic. Also, some of the wording is outdated; this is misleading. Due to these concerns, he would like some phrasing removed from the Home Page. Can this be voted on immediately?

Nina asked the member if he was a registered Intergroup Rep, which he was not. However, an exception was made, given he was to register as a rep before the following General Meeting. Nina also informed members that the procedure entails bringing a Notice of Motion(s) to the Floor at this meeting, then members would take the Notice of Motion(s) back to their groups for discussion and an informed group conscience. The Motion(s) are then brought back to the Floor at next month's General Meeting for a vote.

After a lengthy discussion, **the following three (3) Notice of Motions were then brought to the Floor:**

**1. Notice of Motion:** To remove the following information from the GTA Intergroup Website Homepage [www.aatoronto.org](http://www.aatoronto.org) under the heading 'Update on COVID-19 (Coronavirus)' – *"NOTE: AA is considered an essential service under Government of Ontario essential services guidelines."* For provincial regulations [click here](#)  
Notice of Motion moved by Andy C. (Thornhill) and seconded by Don H. (Living Sober).

**2. Notice of Motion:** To remove the following information from the GTA Intergroup Website Homepage [www.aatoronto.org](http://www.aatoronto.org) (paragraph located under blue meeting icon) – *"As AA meetings transition back to in-person format as permitted in Stage 3 of Ontario's Reopening Plan"* from the following paragraph 'As AA meetings transition back to in-person format as permitted in Stage 3 of Ontario's Reopening Plan, every AA Group should be familiar with and follow all government guidelines related to COVID-19. These guidelines can be found here <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/> '.  
Notice of Motion moved by Andy C. (Thornhill) and seconded by Gary P. (Leslie).



**3. Notice of Motion:** To remove the 'call to action' button 'Find an In-Person Meeting' located on the Home Page of the GTAI Website.

Notice of Motion moved by Andy C. (Thornhill). No seconder for the Motion came forward.

This Notice of Motion **fails**.

For purposes on clarity and direction, Nina then screen-shared the GTAI Website Home Page so members could locate the points of concern raised by the two (2) Notices of Motions above. **ACTION: MEMBERS WERE INSTRUCTED TO BRING THE TWO (2) NOTICES OF MOTIONS BACK TO THEIR GROUPS FOR CONSIDERATION, THEN A VOTE WILL BE TAKEN NEXT MONTH.** Wording on the two (2) Notices of Motions – plus accompanying documentation – will be provided to Reps following this meeting.

#### **CHAIRPERSON'S CLOSING REMARKS**

Nina thanked everyone for their participation and patience this evening.

A Motion to adjourn was moved by Gary P. (Leslie) and seconded by Lee M. (High Park). The Motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Declaration.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: An online meeting via Zoom will be held on **Tuesday, May 25, 2021** at 8 p.m.