

January 13, 2021 Ottawa Area Intergroup Meeting

Attendance (Intergroup Board)

Position	Name	Position	Name
Chair	Harry B.	Literature	Al L.
Vice-Chair	Frank O.	Webmaster	Carolyn O.
Secretary	Charlene S.	Newsletter	Dawn-Marie M.
Treasurer	(Vacant)	Spring Conference	Cindy E-M.
TAS Coordinator	Carolyn S.	Eastern Ontario Conference	Richard C. (Absent)
12 Step Coordinator	Natalie L. (Absent)		

Groups in Attendance

12 and 3, Attitude of Gratitude, B-United, Barrhaven Tuesday, Beacon Hill, Beyond Belief, By the Book, Fellowship, Lunch With Bill, Parkwood Hills, Podium Hill, Queensway Carleton, Search for Serenity, Secular Sobriety Group, Sisters of Sobriety, Stepping Ahead, Step by Step, Step Sisters, Stittsville 2nd Chance, Vanier Early Birds, Westboro Big Book Study, Westboro Saturday 11am.

Opening and Introductions

Chair opens the meeting at 7:00pm with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer and the reading of the 12 Traditions;

Roll Call and Voter count: 29 voters (22 group reps, 7 executive committee); 7 non-voters

December Minutes are tabled for approval:

Motion to approve: Representative for B-United

Seconded: Literature Coordinator

Carried unanimously

Reports:

Outgoing Newsletter Coordinator (Jeff F.) and Incoming Newsletter Coordinator (Dawn-Marie M.):
newsletter@ottawaaa.org

- 1) Thanks the membership, Executive Committee and newsletter contributors for their support over his term as Coordinator; .
- 2) Presents the January edition, which features stories on service, the changes over the past year due to the pandemic, as well as a recap of how the first virtual Alkathon went.

Chair (Harry B.): chair@ottawaaa.org

- 1) Welcomes the new members of the Intergroup membership and the Executive Committee;
- 2) A member who recently attended one of the in-person meetings tested positive. The member, group and Intergroup took all precautions necessary, so contact tracing was possible. Chair reminds Members of the importance of following Public Health guidelines.
- 3) Treasurer position has not yet been filled, so there will be another call for nominations later in the meeting. If there are again no volunteers, a virtual bookkeeper will likely be hired in order to maintain OAIG financial records.
- 4) Nominations for Spring Conference Vice-Chair will also be held later this meeting. As the Spring Conference in 2020 was cancelled, the Chair agreed to continue in the role for 20201.

Vice-Chair (Frank O.): vicechair@ottawaaa.org

Nothing to report.

Secretary (Charlene S.): secretary@ottawaaa.org

Nothing to report

Webmaster (Carolyn O.): webmaster@ottawaaa.org

- 1) Ottawa AA Website: New website has been launched, with improved functionality.

TAS Coordinator (Carolyn S.): TAS@ottawaaa.org

- 1) Volunteers: TAS is always seeking volunteers, and time commitments can be as low as three hours per month. The schedule for shifts is available online so it is simple to see where shifts still need someone to cover them. This is a good opportunity for service, especially for sponsees (minimum of one year sobriety is recommended).
- 2) Statistics for December: 80% of shifts were assigned.

Literature Coordinator (Al L.): literature@ottawaaa.org

- 1) Year-End Inventory was completed at the end of December 2020; a discrepancy of around \$1,700 was reported to the Treasurer.
- 2) Online orders with Saturday afternoon curbside pickup continue.

Treasurer (Vacant): treasurer@ottawaaa.org (see attached Treasurer Reports for details)

- 1) OAIG Finances: Slightly less cash than this time last year, but no deficit thanks to some generous group donations. Rent at the Bronson Centre was the largest expense, at ~\$12,000/ year, and will continue for 2021.

12-Step Coordinator (Natalie L.): 12step@ottawaaa.org (Absent)

- 1) Volunteers: Anyone who is interested in volunteering, please contact the coordinator.

Spring Conference Chair (Cindy E-M.) :

- 1) Due to Covid-19, the 2021 Spring Conference will be held virtually and over one day.

Nominating Committee Lead (Clint M.):

- 1) Calls for volunteers to hold the position of Spring Conference Vice-Chair, with the understanding that they would be Chair in 2022.
 - a) Dick G. volunteers for the position. He has experience with online conferences, which included breakout sessions, panels, speakers, etc. as well as smaller meetings since.
 - b) With no other volunteers, Dick G. becomes Vice-Chair by acclamation.
- 2) Calls for volunteers for the Treasurer's position
 - a) As there are no volunteers, Chair asks Intergroup Representatives to go back to their homegroups to ask for volunteers.

Eastern Ontario Conference Chair (Richard C.): (Absent)

Committee Reports:

Policies & Procedures Committee (Clint M.): policies@ottawaaa.org

- 1) Committee Plans to begin meeting again after being on hold for a few months while awaiting updates to the Ontario Corporations Act.

Bylaws Committee

- 1) Chair requests that Sandy K. step up to lead the Bylaws Committee. Sandy K. accepts, and mentions that there is a meeting scheduled for January 24th.

CPC and Public Information committee: (Michel D.):

- 1) The committee is reaching out to HR Personnel within the Federal Government to offer information on the Program, and is also contacting OC Transpo and various grocery stores;
- 2) This committee meets on the third Monday of the month at 6:30pm. Please contact the Acting Chair, Jo-Anne at cpc@ottawaaa.org if you are interested in participating on the committee.

Chair runs through a short presentation on the role of OAIG for new members.

Meeting closed at 8:37pm with the responsibility pledge.

Next meeting: February 10th, 2021