

## June 6, 2021 Ottawa Area Intergroup Meeting

### Attendance (Intergroup Board)

Position	Name	Position	Name
Chair	Harry B.	Literature	Al L.
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	<i>Frank O. (Absent)</i>	Webmaster	Carolyn O.
Secretary	Charlene S.	Newsletter	Dawn-Marie M.
Treasurer	Tim W.	<i>Spring Conference</i>	Cindy E-M.
<i>TAS Coordinator</i>	<i>Carolyn S. (Absent)</i>	<i>Eastern Ontario Conference</i>	
12 Step Coordinator	Natalie L.		

### Groups in Attendance

Attitude of Gratitude, Barrhaven Tuesday Night, Beacon Hill, Beyond Belief, By the Book, Fellowship, Friday night Chelsea, Hand in Hand, Kanata Cofounders, Live and Let Live, New Day, Parkwood Hills, Podium Hill, Search for Serenity, Step Sisters, Step by Step, Stepping Ahead, Stittsville 2nd Chance, Stittsville Serenity at Sunrise, Westboro Big Book Study.

**Other:** District 54 Rep, Area 83 Alternate Delegate, Policy & Procedures Committee Representatives, Spirit of Hope member.

### Opening and Introductions

Chair opens the meeting at 7:01pm with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer and the reading of the 12 Traditions;

Roll Call and Voter count: 25 voters (19 group reps, 6 executive committee); 5 non-voters

*Motion to waive quorum for today's meeting: John P.*

*Seconded by Michel D.*

May Minutes and May's financial statements are tabled for approval:

*Motion to approve minutes as amended: Barry D. .*

*Seconded: Fraser M.*

Carried unanimously

### Reports:

**Chair (Harry B.):** [chair@ottawaaa.org](mailto:chair@ottawaaa.org)

- 1) Chair reminds the membership that we are celebrating the 86th "Founders Day", which is largely celebrated as marking the beginnings of AA.
- 2) Groups have been asking about protocols for reopening meetings, and shared a guidelines document that Lunch with Bill group had put together (<https://lunchwithbill.files.wordpress.com/2020/08/re-opening-lwb-.pdf>). OAIG does not have recommendations except that all groups consider the health and safety of group members by following official health regulations.

**Vice-Chair (Frank O.):** [vicechair@ottawaaa.org](mailto:vicechair@ottawaaa.org) (absent)

Nothing to report.

**Secretary (Charlene S.):** [secretary@ottawaaa.org](mailto:secretary@ottawaaa.org)

Nothing to report.

**Treasurer (Tim W.):** [treasurer@ottawaaa.org](mailto:treasurer@ottawaaa.org) (see attached Treasurer Reports for details)

- 1) OAIG finances are very similar to those presented in May. The group remains comfortable financially. Prudent reserve is adequate to fulfil our financial obligations for up to a year in case it becomes necessary.
- 2) Curbside pickup for literature is helping with revenue, along with generous Group donations.
- 3) Treasurer shared some information from the GSO Quarterly Reports.

**TAS Coordinator (Carolyn S.):** [TAS@ottawaaa.org](mailto:TAS@ottawaaa.org) **Absent**

- 1) *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). Multiple homegroups participated in training in March.*

**Literature Coordinator (Al L.):** [literature@ottawaaa.org](mailto:literature@ottawaaa.org)

- 1) Online orders with curbside pickup continues and is available Saturday afternoons between 2-4pm. An average of 2 people pick up every week, though there are several overdue orders that are waiting for pickup.

**Webmaster (Carolyn O.):** [webmaster@ottawaaa.org](mailto:webmaster@ottawaaa.org)

- 1) Webmaster continues to optimize and automate payments, inventory lists, sales, etc. with fewer manual inputs needed. Website traffic remains fairly steady.
- 2) Meetings: Webmaster encourages groups to create a generic email account for the group so it can be published on the ottawaaa website. In addition, Zoom meeting passwords should be numeric so that people dialing in are able to join. Groups that have both an online and in-person meeting will have two listings.

**12-Step Coordinator (Natalie L.):** [12step@ottawaaa.org](mailto:12step@ottawaaa.org)

- 1) Anyone who is interested in volunteering, please contact the coordinator. (Minimum of one year sobriety is recommended).
- 2) 12-Step volunteers have been busy, and new volunteers are always needed.

**Newsletter Coordinator (Dawn-Marie M.):** [newsletter@ottawaaa.org](mailto:newsletter@ottawaaa.org)

- 1) June edition is online and includes information on June events, as well as other stories and articles from members.
- 2) Any member is welcome to submit articles, editorials, creative corner submissions, etc. by the 21st of the month.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Policies & Procedures Committee (Clint M.):** [policies@ottawaaa.org](mailto:policies@ottawaaa.org)

- 1) The newest version of the second section of the OAIG Policies & Procedures has been circulated to the membership. It focuses mainly on updating the roles and responsibilities of the directors, since they were removed from the Bylaws.
- 2) Seeking approval for the changes made to the second section of the Policies and Procedures document. (First has been approved already, and the third section is upcoming.)

*Motion to approve the Second Section of the document: Michel D.*

*Seconded by John A.C.*

*Motion passes*

**Public Information and CP Committee: (Michel D.): [cpc@ottawaaa.org](mailto:cpc@ottawaaa.org)**

- 1) Ottawa AA service/information day will be on June 12, 2021. Barry D. will be attending the meeting and leading the breakout room from 11-11:15 for those who want to know "What our committee is about".
- 2) At the meeting in May, the committee members voted on the top 3 overall groups that they wanted the committee to focus on in the near future. These will be:
  1. Medical Clinics including Appletree Clinics
  2. Mental Health organizations, including psychologists
  3. Lifeworks (formerly known as Morneau Shepell) – the major EAP contractor
- 3) This committee meets on the third Monday of the month at 6:30pm. Please contact the Chair, Jo Anne, at [cpc@ottawaaa.org](mailto:cpc@ottawaaa.org) if you are interested in participating on the committee.

**Area 83 Alternate Delegate: (James O'D): [alt.delegate@area83aa.org](mailto:alt.delegate@area83aa.org)** (See attached report for more information)

- 1) In partnership with District 62, District 54 will be putting on an event titled "*The Hand of AA in Action - Carrying the Message through service*" on June 12th.
- 2) The AA Preamble wording has been officially updated and approved by AAGrapevine from "men and women" to "people". Groups can adopt the new wording as per their Group's Conscience.
- 3) Ron G, who is a Grapevine Liaison, offered to speak to groups to give more information.

**Eastern Ontario Conference:**

- 1) It is still unknown as to whether this Conference will be virtual this year or in-person.

Meeting closed at 7:59pm with the responsibility pledge.

**Next meeting: July 14th, 2021**

Zoom link for next meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82438786359?pwd=a3FoYVI4eXlJVkVraGtjV3VXM2hOdz09>

Good evening everyone. My name is James O'D – serving our Area (Area 83) as Alternate Delegate and the Intergroup Liaison.

Our Delegate Kimberley gave her GSC report back for the first time on May 15th at the Service Information Day in Toronto. The next report back will be presented this Saturday at The Hand of AA in Action being put on by Districts 54 & 62. If you are unable to attend either of those events there will be one last Delegate's report back on zoom on June 19th.

We just had our Area Committee Meeting on June 5th. In the spirit of unifying the efforts of the Area and our four intergroup offices located within our boundaries, my Alternate Delegate report includes links to the four intergroup websites. The report also included links to the Ottawa (OPP) & Toronto intergroup newsletters.

The Fall Assembly will be held virtually on Oct 22-24. We are all hoping to meet up in person in Spring 2022.

One special note from AAGrapevine. The preamble has officially been changed from "men and women" to "people". Please see below.



**Memo**

To: General Service Conference  
From: Josh Eggleston, A.A. Grapevine Board Chair  
Re: Preamble Revision  
Date: May 28, 2021

Dear Conference Members:

Several people have asked when the revised Preamble will be seen in print. In keeping with the final advisory action of the 71<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference, the A.A. Preamble revision replacing the words "men and women" with "people" will appear in the July issue of Grapevine, and its translation will be in the July/August issue of La Viña. Both of these issues will be mailed, and posted online, on June 15, 2021. After June 15, as new Grapevine, La Viña and A.A.W.S. literature or reprints go to press, and as web pages are updated, the language will change wherever the A.A. Preamble appears.

The June issue of Grapevine was on press when the Conference requested the change, so this is the first opportunity to make the adjustment in the magazines.

We've also received a number of inquiries about whether this negatively impacts the editorial independence of Grapevine. Please remember that the Grapevine Board, Publisher and Editors discussed this topic for an entire year over a series of board meetings. Ultimately it was agreed that Grapevine has the right of decision and foundational editorial independence. We felt that such a change would affect the groups as a whole and in keeping with Tradition 4, we sought the input from those it might affect by sending the discussion to the General Service Conference.

The topic was actively discussed in groups across the United States and Canada for two years over both the 70<sup>th</sup> and 71<sup>st</sup> General Service conference panels. As a result of those conversations the Delegates of the General Service Conference passed a series of votes, in a sequence of events that culminated with the final advisory action requesting:

"The Preamble revision replacing the words "men and women" with the word "people" be presented to the General Service Board for approval as the new revised A.A. Preamble.

Having been accepted by the General Service Board and forwarded to Grapevine for fulfilment, the Publisher and editorial staff at A.A. Grapevine went to work to carry out the will of the Conference with love and service.

I hope you are all having a wonderful experience reporting out the results of the 71<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference and thank each of you so very much for your dedicated service.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Eggleston', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Josh Eggleston  
General Service Trustee  
A.A. Grapevine Board Chair



## Ottawa Area Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous

### Treasurer Report

May 30 , 2021

1. Cash in the Bank \$15446.76, value of GIC's \$12932.01
2. Inventory is sitting at \$17339.53.
3. Total balance is 28378.77, which is up 30%.
4. Total assets at a comfortable \$48,931 and we are up 11.60% from last year. This is because we are not paying for Sunday Meeting at McNab, and insurance is less.
5. Total liabilities are \$715.56 which is low.
6. Surplus/Deficit for this year is 6037.75.
7. Group and individual donations continue to come in which is greatly appreciated.
8. Most current GSO Quarterly Reports that I found show how they finished off last year. Please reach out to GSO with questions or concerns.

I'm continuing to learn this position and spent quite a few hours going through quickbooks. We are currently looking at ways to improve how we enter data into quick books, which will be more efficient and accurate. Thanks to Carolyn for all her work to make this position easier

for future treasurers. I will continue to do my best and keep moving forward in my training.