

## June 8, 2022 - Ottawa Area Intergroup Meeting

### Attendance (Intergroup Board, Committee Reps, Liaisons)

Position	Name	Position	Name
Chair	Mary K. (Absent)	Literature Coordinator	Al L.
Vice-Chair	John D.	Website / Email	Carolyn O.
Secretary	<b>Vacant (Carolyn taking minutes)</b>	Newsletter Coordinator	Dawn-Marie M.
Treasurer	Tim W.	<i>Spring Conference Chair</i>	Dick G.
TAS Coordinator	Eric S.	<i>Eastern ON Conference Chair</i>	Derek R.
12 Step Coordinator	<b>Vacant</b>	<i>Alt. Delegate / Intergroup Liaison</i>	James O.

### Groups in Attendance

Group	Name	Group	Name	Group	Name
12 & 12 Lunch Bunch	Derek R.	B-United	Steve H.	Fellowship Group	
12 & 3 Discussion		By the Book	Bonnie B.	First AAvenue to Recovery	
12 Steps to Serenity		Carp Fellowship Group		Fourth Dimension	
Alta Vista 12 Step Group		Carry the Message		Freebirds	
Attitude of Gratitude	Pam C.	Centennial		Freedom	
Awakening Group		Chelsea Group	Dave H.	Friendly	
Barrhaven Tuesday Night		Co-founders Newcomer Meeting		From the Heart	
Beacon Hill	Catherine F.	Conscious Contact - 11th Step Meditation		Gleaning the Big Book	
Bells Corners Big Book Discussion		Early Birds		Hand in Hand	
Beyond Belief Secular Group	David Y.	Easy Does It Group		Happy Destiny Beach Meeting	

Group	Name	Group	Name	Group	Name
Happy Nooners	Katrina B.	Online Big Book Meeting		Serenity	
Heritage		Orleans Hub		Serenity at Sunrise	
Hope in Recovery		Orleans Noon		Share and Care	
Hull Liberty		Osgoode Step		Share and Care Saturday	
Keep It Simple		Ottawa Men's Group		Sisters of Sobriety	
Laurier-Sandy Hill		Ottawa South		Spirit of Hope	Debbie K.
Live and Let Live	Dick G.	Parkwood Hills		Spirit of the Universe	
Lunch with Bill		Pinecrest		Step By SStep	
Maitland Step Group		Power Hour Virtual		Step Sisters	
Manotick Gratitude		Queensway Carleton		Stepping Ahead	
Mens AA Newcomers Group		Rainbow		Stittsville Second Chance	Bruce H.
Merivale Group		Remember When		Sunday Morning Venture Group	
Metcalfe Last Chance		Richmond 11th Step		Sunday Night 12 Step Meeting	
Morning Glory	Stephan P.	Saturday Morning Westboro	Jess M.	Sunday Night Big Book Study Group	
New Day Meeting		Search for Serenity Orleans	Fraser M.	The H.O.P.E. Group	
New Life - New Hope		Secular Sobriety Group		The Labyrinth Young People's Group	
Oasis	Kim A.	Secular Sundays		The Podium/Hill Group	Crystal M.

Group	Name	Group	Name	Group	Name
Tuesday/Friday		We Can Recover		Where it all Begins	
Unity Group		West End Group	Tom K.	Women in Step	Victoria B.
Wakefield AA Awakenings		Westboro Big Book Study - Joe and Charlie	Yvonne P.	Women's Group	

**Opening and Introductions**

Chair opened the meeting at 7:pm with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Reading of the 12 Traditions.

Roll Call and Voter count: 26 (19 group reps, 6 board members, 1 Intergroup liaison). Quorum not achieved.

**Acceptance of Current Agenda**

An informal agenda was provided via chat with the following: Opening / Board Member Reports / Intergroup Liaison Report / Old Business / New Business. No formal motion to approve but there were no objections.

**Acceptance of Minutes and Financial Reports from Last Month's Meeting**

May Minutes and financial statements could not be tabled for approval since we did not have a quorum.

**Reports:**

**Chair (Mary K.):** [chair@ottawaaa.org](mailto:chair@ottawaaa.org)

- Absent. No report.

**Vice-Chair (John D.):** [vicechair@ottawaaa.org](mailto:vicechair@ottawaaa.org)

- John is continuing to work with AI on a plan to move toward re-opening the office at the Bronson Centre.
- They are canvassing for a general sense of interest and for volunteers.

**Treasurer (Tim W.):** [treasurer@ottawaaa.org](mailto:treasurer@ottawaaa.org)

- Current status: Cash in Bank \$25,047.20, GICs \$13,726.67: Total \$38,973.87
- Reports are attached.

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

- Dawn-Marie walked through the June edition of Our Primary Purpose.
- Edition features a prominent call to action for a Secretary and 12-Step Coordinator.
- Jeff F will be retiring from headline stories and editorials.
- Submissions are always welcome! Creative writing, photography, pearls of wisdom are needed.

**Secretary (Carolyn filling in for Secretary - vacant): [secretary@ottawaaa.org](mailto:secretary@ottawaaa.org)**

- Carolyn confirmed with attendees that they are receiving the communications generated through mailchimp. Response has been positive.
- Although May minutes can't be approved because quorum not achieved, please let us know if there were any errors or omissions. Minutes were sent out to the general mailing list a few weeks ago.

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

- A posts ticker has been added to the site to make event announcements more prominent.

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

- Orders for Big Books from A.A.W.S. are still taking a little longer than usual. We've been able to get some since our out-of-stock situation last month.
- The Literature Coordinator term will end in December so please continue announcing it at your groups. The duties take 1-2 hours per week. Inventory is done a couple of times per year and takes about 4 hours with 2 people.
- Volunteers are also needed for the curbside pick-up shift on Saturdays from 1 to 4 PM.

**TAS Coordinator (Eric): [TAS@ottawaaa.org](mailto:TAS@ottawaaa.org)**

- Summer is here so there may be extra shifts available due to vacations.
- We are always looking for volunteers. Training is quick and easy and Eric is always happy to train more volunteers.
- If you see an open shift on the calendar and want to take it please do so. Just remember to email Eric so he can adjust the calendar accordingly.

**Spring Conference Chair (Dick G.) [spring@ottawaaa.org](mailto:spring@ottawaaa.org)**

- 2022 Conference report was given last month..

**Eastern Ontario [Fall] Conference Chair (Derek R.): [eoc@ottawaaa.org](mailto:eoc@ottawaaa.org)**

- A committee is being formed and, so far, has 9 members. Formal meetings will start soon at which time the Intergroup Vice-Chair will be invited to attend..
- The tentative preferred weekend is Sept 30th - Oct. 2nd (but could be held later depending on final venue selection).
- Four possible venues are being explored.
- Activities such as karaoke are being planned and a DJ is lined up.
- Look for an announcement in the next 2 weeks.

**Area 83 Alternate Delegate / Intergroup Liaison (James O.)**

- See the attached report that James gave at the meeting.

**Old Business:**

Resuming Intergroup Membership Meetings at the Bronson Centre: Derek R motioned that the membership meeting resume in-person at the Bronson Centre. Motion seconded by Al L.

Discussion:

- There is an outstanding action item from last month for Mary to go back to the Bronson Centre to see what is available.
- Motion was deferred to this month but since quorum not achieved the vote couldn't have happened anyway.

**New Business:**

- Dave H asked about having a new group in Chelsea registered with G.S.O. and asked for information about group insurance. Carolyn asked Dave for his email address and took an action to put him in touch with District 54 for registration and to provide information on the Intergroup Group Insurance plan (with the caveat that it may not be available outside of Ontario).

Meeting closed at 8:00 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

**Next meeting: July 13th, 2022 at 7 pm**

Zoom link for next meeting

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

Area 83 - Intergroup Liaison Report - provided by James O.

Joyce S - A 83 P65 Delegate was elected Eastern Canada Regional Trustee at the 72nd General Service Conference

Upcoming events:

ACM (Area Committee Meeting) - Saturday September 10 (in person)

Assembly (Election) - October 28-30 (virtual)

North/South

<https://www.aa.org/North-South-Connections-Forum-AA-in-Remote-Communities>

Details are on the following 3 pages:

## North/South Connections Virtual Special Forum – A.A. in Remote Communities

July 16, 2022, 11 am – 6 pm EDT

### *Beyond Language, Culture and Geography: Sobriety Within Everybody's Reach*



We need your short videos to show during this virtual special forum focused on how A.A.'s carry the message to remote communities. This is a special international event with members from Argentina and Chile in participation with members from Canada and the U.S.

The deadline for submissions is June 1, 2022. Videos submitted will be shown at this special virtual forum only and will not be publicly streamed or published on any other platform.

- ✓ Individuals submitting videos must be at least 18 years of age.
- ✓ Submissions should be in ASL, English, Spanish or French, and *10 seconds up to 2 minutes* (approximately) in length.
- ✓ Submissions should reflect and adhere to the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. Videos will only be shown at this special virtual forum; while this is an A.A. event, and full anonymity protection is not required, as it will not be streamed on a publicly broadcast platform, we do suggest that videos focus on their message rather than individuals. *Be sure to ask permission before taking anyone's photo and explain how you plan to use the images!*

### ***Suggestions for content***

- Share your hometown, your community, the view from your window.
- Your group's meeting places.
- The meeting, after or before, the meeting; social gatherings, could include images from anniversaries, informal images taken during breaks at events- food, décor, art ...ways we express our cultures and customs.
- Service Committees that participate in reaching out to remote communities could share about their committee's projects.

*See the program overview on the next page for ideas and a better understanding of this event.*

### ***Be creative and have fun!***

*continued*

**Technical specs, how to submit, and all that stuff:**

In general, videos should be shot in HD format (just use your smartphone) - please shoot in horizontal (landscape mode), do your best to keep your videos steady and give the audience a good view of A.A. from your perspective. Videos may be edited. If you're recording Audio, please be sure things can be heard clearly. All music used in this project must be royalty free; videos that include popular music must have explicit written permissions for usage. For more details and information on how to submit your video digitally, please contact the Regional Forums Coordinator at G.S.O. via [northsouthconnections@aa.org](mailto:northsouthconnections@aa.org) or by phone at 212-870-3120. The deadline is June 1, 2022.



**Important Legal Notice:**

If your video is chosen to be used by Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. at this event, appropriate permissions will need to be signed. You will grant permission for your video to be used at this event and verify that any persons appearing in the video have given permission for their image to appear. All music used in this project must be royalty free; videos that include popular music must have explicit written permissions for usage. Additionally, the A.A. member making the submission must be at least eighteen (18) years of age. Submitters will not be paid for their videos.

***Beyond Language, Culture and Geography: Sobriety Within Everybody's Reach***  
*Program overview*

**Panel One: Language**

**A.A.'s Language of the Heart:**

*Language of the heart portrayed through literature, member experience, and beyond. We may have differences in color, creed, or background, but we all share in the language of the heart.*

**Finding Solutions to Language Barriers:**

Members who have helped carry and or received the A.A. message share their stories about how we can overcome language challenges, as well as tools they used, and advice on locating resources and starting translations projects.

**Panel Two: Culture**

**Re-Discovering Culture Through A.A. Participation**

*We alcoholics come in many shapes and forms, but we share a common problem and a common solution. Alcoholism caused us to be disconnected from our families and cultures. We recognizing we are alcoholics of varying ethnicities, abilities, genders, languages, education, neighborhoods, socioeconomic backgrounds and ages. Opening our minds and hearts to the diversity in our world, starting locally, we reconnected with our roots.*

**Hidden Communities – Unexpected Opportunities to Carry the Message**

*Rethinking Hidden Communities: What actions can we take so that all seeking help with a drinking problem, know A.A. is for all cultures? How have we found unexpected opportunities to carry the message? How do we reach alcoholics in populated areas who have yet to find us - staying mindful of who's not in the room, and then widen the conversation as to why. What actions can we take so that A.A. is here for all who seek help with a drinking problem?*

**Panel Three: Geography**

**Carrying Our Message: Near and Far, In Person and Online**

*The global pandemic caused A.A. members and groups to greatly expand use of technology, such as video conferencing, to carry the A.A. message.*

*How do we break new ground in terms of carrying the message, and stay united despite great distances?*

**Strengthening our Structure Through Service:**

*How can our service structure help in carrying the message? Can we tailor our structures to meet local needs, rather than focus on "the manual?" Sharing opportunities to bring information and experience to loners, fledgling groups, or service entities. How can we unite service committees separated by distance?*





ARGENTINA

## SAVE THE DATE



CANADA

*“Beyond Language,  
Culture and Geography:  
Sobriety Within  
Everybody’s Reach.”*

### Alcoholics Anonymous®

#### **North/South Connections Virtual Special Forum — A.A. in Remote Communities**

**Saturday, July 16, 2022 – 11am-7pm EDT**

Members from the service structures of Argentina, Canada, Chile and the United States will share their experience, strength and hope in extending the hand of A.A. to Remote Communities.

All sessions will be interpreted into American Sign Language (ASL) and English, French and Spanish.

***The event is open to all members!***

Registration and program will be available June 13, 2022, at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org).

**If you have any questions, please contact the Regional Forums desk at G.S.O.:  
[northsouthconnections@aa.org](mailto:northsouthconnections@aa.org) or (212) 870-3400**

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## Area 83 Glide App

<https://fascinated-advertisement-9540.glideapp.io/>

Some items on the app include:

1. Post Conference Booklet
2. Dates for GSC report backs
3. GSO Inventory

It is updated on a regular basis.



## Ottawa Area Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous

### Treasurer Report

May 29 , 2022

Cash in the Bank \$25,247.20, and the value of GIC's \$13,726.67. Total balance is \$38,973.87. These are accurate numbers of our current financial situation. We have a healthy prudent reserve.

I have had a couple emails regarding where we buy inventory, and how to make an E Transfer. I'm always available to answer questions from any members. I can be reached at [Treasurer@ottawaaa.org](mailto:Treasurer@ottawaaa.org)

There have been group and individual contributions, which is greatly appreciated. I have made trips to the office every weekend and all mail has been checked for bills and contributions.

We are working on completing the inventory update, which will give accurate reports. I assume they will be updating quickbooks sometime in June. I have included reports as some members like to see them, but keep in mind they are not fully accurate.

Yours in service,

Tim W.

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## Balance Sheet Comparison

As of April 30, 2022

	TOTAL		
	AS OF APR. 30, 2022	AS OF APR. 30, 2021 (PY)	% CHANGE
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalent			
10000 Cash in Bank	19,298.60	16,371.81	17.88 %
10550 GIC -Ivestments	12,932.01	12,932.01	0.00 %
12000 Cash on Hand for Deposit	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Cash and Cash Equivalent</b>	<b>\$32,230.61</b>	<b>\$29,303.82</b>	<b>9.99 %</b>
Accounts Receivable (A/R)			
11000 Accounts Receivable	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Accounts Receivable (A/R)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
12030 Advance-Spring Conference	0.00	0.00	
12040 Advance - Eastern Ontario Conference	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00 %
12060 Advance to Canadathon	0.00	0.00	
12100 Inventory Asset	0.00	0.00	
13260 Literature Inventory	11,334.89	11,334.89	0.00 %
13270 Medallions and Other Inventory	2,681.60	2,552.40	5.06 %
13280 Meeting List Inventory	543.06	543.06	0.00 %
13290 Grapevine Inventory	2,909.18	2,685.62	8.32 %
<b>Total 12100 Inventory Asset</b>	<b>17,468.73</b>	<b>17,115.97</b>	<b>2.06 %</b>
13200 Prepaid Rent Mac Hall	368.00	368.00	0.00 %
13210 Prepaid Insurance	-1,047.59	884.41	-218.45 %
13211 Prepaid Web Site for AA	0.00	0.00	
13240 Prpd Mc Nabb Sunday Mtng. Rent	0.00	0.00	
13241 Prepaid Rent Bronson	1,022.18	1,022.18	0.00 %
13250 Prepaid Legal & Accounting Fees	0.00	0.00	
Credit Card Receivables	100.00	100.00	0.00 %
Uncategorized Asset	-2,668.05	-365.00	-630.97 %
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$48,473.88</b>	<b>\$49,429.38</b>	<b>-1.93 %</b>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment			
13410 Office Furniture	5,460.37	5,490.37	-0.55 %
13420 Accum Dprctn. Office Furniture	-5,339.62	-5,339.62	0.00 %
13450 Leasehold Improvements	15,157.77	15,157.77	0.00 %
13451 Computer Equipment	2,496.82	2,496.82	0.00 %
13452 Accum Dprctn Computer Equipment	-2,496.82	-2,496.82	0.00 %
13460 Accum Dprctn.Leasehold Imp	-15,157.77	-15,157.77	0.00 %
<b>Total Property, plant and equipment</b>	<b>\$120.75</b>	<b>\$150.75</b>	<b>-19.90 %</b>
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>	<b>\$120.75</b>	<b>\$150.75</b>	<b>-19.90 %</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$48,594.63</b>	<b>\$49,580.13</b>	<b>-1.99 %</b>

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## Balance Sheet Comparison

As of April 30, 2022

	TOTAL		% CHANGE
	AS OF APR. 30, 2022	AS OF APR. 30, 2021 (PY)	
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable (A/P)			
20000 Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Accounts Payable (A/P)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
20100 Accrued Liabilities	0.00	0.00	
23000 Payroll Taxes Payable	0.45	0.45	0.00 %
23100 Payroll Federal Tax Payable	-107.03	-107.03	0.00 %
23110 CPP Payable	3.33	3.33	0.00 %
23120 EI Payable	135.68	135.68	0.00 %
<b>Total 23000 Payroll Taxes Payable</b>	<b>32.43</b>	<b>32.43</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>
23130 Salaries and Wages Payable	0.00	0.00	
25500 GST/HST Payable Intragrp Oprtns.	-956.79	-712.52	-34.28 %
25550 GST/HST Payable Spring Conf.	-5.71	-5.71	0.00 %
25560 GST/HST Payable Fall Conf	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total 25500 GST/HST Payable Intragrp Oprtns.</b>	<b>-962.50</b>	<b>-718.23</b>	<b>-34.01 %</b>
25600 Deferred Sales Revenue	0.00	0.00	
Receiver General Suspense	-104.88	-104.88	0.00 %
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ -1,034.95</b>	<b>\$ -790.68</b>	<b>-30.89 %</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ -1,034.95</b>	<b>\$ -790.68</b>	<b>-30.89 %</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
30000 Opening Balance Equity	405.50	405.50	0.00 %
Retained Earnings	50,126.21	42,634.33	17.57 %
Surplus/Deficit for Year	-902.13	7,330.98	-112.31 %
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$49,629.58</b>	<b>\$50,370.81</b>	<b>-1.47 %</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$48,594.63</b>	<b>\$49,580.13</b>	<b>-1.99 %</b>

# Ottawa Area Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous

## Income and Expenses YTD Comparison

January - April, 2022

	TOTAL		
	JAN - APR., 2022	JAN - APR., 2021 (PY)	% CHANGE
<b>INCOME</b>			
42000 Literature Sales		1,291.92	-100.00 %
42050 Meeting List Sales		1.33	-100.00 %
42150 Medallions & Other Sales		260.70	-100.00 %
42200 Grapevine Sales		72.38	-100.00 %
Other Income			
42250 Group /Individual Contributions	7,539.37	7,805.00	-3.40 %
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>7,539.37</b>	<b>7,805.00</b>	<b>-3.40 %</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$7,539.37</b>	<b>\$9,431.33</b>	<b>-20.06 %</b>
<b>COST OF GOODS SOLD</b>			
50000 Cost of Goods Sold			
51210 Literature		873.60	-100.00 %
51220 Meeting Lists		1.31	-100.00 %
51240 Medallions & Other		155.71	-100.00 %
51250 Grapevine		56.66	-100.00 %
<b>Total 50000 Cost of Goods Sold</b>		<b>1,087.28</b>	<b>-100.00 %</b>
Inventory Shrinkage-1		-1,713.03	100.00 %
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$ -625.75</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>	<b>\$7,539.37</b>	<b>\$10,057.08</b>	<b>-25.03 %</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
50340 Depreciation	10.00	10.00	0.00 %
51000 Office Expenses			
51050 AA Web Site	375.56	289.92	29.54 %
51070 Internet	510.30	87.88	480.68 %
51090 Office Supplies	240.00		
<b>Total 51000 Office Expenses</b>	<b>1,125.86</b>	<b>377.80</b>	<b>198.00 %</b>
51030 Bronson Office Rent & Parking	4,282.40	4,154.88	3.07 %
51040 Telephone	417.40	329.50	26.68 %
51080 Insurance	2,315.84	644.00	259.60 %
51120 Bank Charges	86.25	81.12	6.32 %
51121 QuickBooks Payments Fees	200.00	250.00	-20.00 %
Ministry of Finance (ON) Expense		7.04	-100.00 %
Suspense		-251.35	100.00 %
Uncategorized Expense	3.75		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$8,441.50</b>	<b>\$5,602.99</b>	<b>50.66 %</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>			
Reconciliation Discrepancies		-2,876.89	100.00 %
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$ -2,876.89</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>	<b>\$ -902.13</b>	<b>\$7,330.98</b>	<b>-112.31 %</b>