

FINAL_2023 August 9 - Ottawa Area Intergroup Meeting

Opening and Introductions

Chair opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Reading of the 12 Traditions.

Roll Call and Voter count: 26 Intergroup Reps and 7 Board members.

Acceptance of Minutes from the Last Meeting:

June and July Minutes: Dan L. Barrhaven Tuesday Night, Second: Eric S. TAS. **Approved.**

Acceptance of Current Agenda: No formal agenda.

Reports:

Chair - John D.

- Ongoing discussion in-person, hybrid, zoom meetings

Treasurer - Stephan P. absent

- **Report below**

Website Coordinator – Paul D.

- **Report Link**
<https://ottawaaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Webmaster-ReportJuly2023.pdf>
- Reminder - email address cleanup
- Reminder to use the “Request a change to this listing” option in the meeting list

Newsletter – Paul D. for Dawn-Marie M.

- Looking for submissions
- Continuing with the month/step theme
- Don't forget to subscribe to the newsletter distribution
 - <https://ottawaaa.org/contact-us/> or email newsletter@ottawaaa.org

Literature – Walter H.

- Reminder of price increases from World Services and Grapevine
 - Currently selling literature at a loss
 - 20% price increase required to break even
- PDF versions of AA literature available at aa.org
- Dan L - BHTN Can we use any profit from literature to subsidize the cost of hybrid meetings?

12 Step Coordinator – Steve R.

- 60 members on the 12 Step caller list

Telephone Answering Service – Eric S.

- Ottawa TAS assisting other areas with training material
- Many shifts available due to summer vacations
- TAS Calendar <https://ottawaaa.org/tas-calendar/>

Secretary - Dick G.

- Send Intergroup Rep updates to secretary@ottawaaa.org
- LinkedIn Ottawa Intergroup page:
- **Report below**

Eastern Ontario Conference – Kerri D.

- Keynote speaker and comedian on Friday night
 - soft opening on Friday afternoon
- Pricing
 - Day ticket \$25.00 includes all events except banquet
 - \$75.00 all events including banquet
 - Friday comedian only cash at the door (\$15?)

Area 83 Update – Amy L.

- Area Committee meeting, September 17, 2023
- GSR workshops monthly (Third Tuesday of the month)

Elections / Acclamations for the Service Positions coming up for new 2-Year terms January 2023

- No candidates

New Business:

- **Drop the Rock workshop.** Decided this was an outside issue and not to be promoted on ottawaaa.org

Old Business:

Meeting closed at 8:00PM with the Responsibility Declaration.

Next meeting: September 13, 2023, at 7:00 pm

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82438786359?pwd=a3FoYVl4eXlJVkVraGtjV3VXM2hOdz09>

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Report for OAIG – August 9, 2023

Summer Contributions: Firstly, I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude for the generous contributions received over the summer months. Such generosity is pivotal in continuing our

mission of reaching out to the still-suffering alcoholic. Your unwavering support is indeed a beacon of hope.

Deposit Delays: I must acknowledge that due to my physical absence from Ottawa this summer, I haven't been able to access the Bronson Center office for deposit duties since early July. However, I want to assure everyone that I will take care of this within the coming week, ensuring that everything is up-to-date and transparent.

E-Transfer & Cheque Inquiries for Non-Intergroup Entities: We've received consistent queries regarding e-transfer details and cheque mailings to the Area, Districts, and committees. The only guaranteed details I can provide are the Ottawa Area Intergroup's address and e-transfer info. I will always try to connect you with the necessary bodies and entities via email/phone. However, for accurate, up-to-date financial details beyond those that fall directly under the Ottawa Area Intergroup umbrella, I recommend groups/treasurers contact them directly, as previously shared information may not remain current. I acknowledge that many emails to districts and committees can be answered. Nonetheless, these entities are part of the general service structure. Engaging with your group's GSR to address these concerns at District meetings can be an effective remedy. Your understanding in directing inquiries appropriately is greatly appreciated.

For Ottawa Area Intergroup Contributions •

Mail cheques and make payable to:

Ottawa Area Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous
211 Bronson Avenue, Suite 108
Ottawa, Ontario
K1R 6H5

- Send e-transfers to: treasurer@ottawaaa.org
(no password or security question required)

Contact & Info for Other Entities

- AA General Service Office: <https://www.aa.org/aa-contributions-self-support>
- Area 83: <https://area83aa.org/about-area-83/area-contributions>
- District 54: district54@ottawaaa.org

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- District 62: district62@ottawaaa.org

BMO and QuickBooks Communication Issues: We've experienced technical hitches between BMO, our financial institution, and QuickBooks, our accounting software. This communication glitch is known and is not unique to us. Our dedicated bookkeeper has been encountering similar issues with other clients. Unfortunately, BMO has been the last major financial institution to remedy the issue. The good news is we have a workaround to prevent this issue in the future, and as of today, things are back to normal. Given these challenges, a

comprehensive financial snapshot was not available for today's report but will be ready for presentation at September's meeting.

Intergroup Credit Card Update: Progress has been made concerning our Intergroup credit card from BMO. The necessary documentation has been signed, and we're currently awaiting the card's finalization and delivery. This card is poised to alleviate some logistical challenges, such as board members having to use personal cards and await reimbursements. It is essential to note that this card will be used judiciously, reserved for scenarios where no other payment options are viable. Our top priority will be to manage it responsibly, ensuring it's paid off monthly to sidestep any extra interest charges.

PayPal Account Issues: Finally, we've been grappling with a technical issue with our PayPal account. While receiving payments has been fine, making payments has proven challenging. I've dedicated over 10 hours on calls with PayPal, which I'd describe as an exercise in patience and acceptance. I'm optimistic about a resolution, but should the need arise, transitioning to a new PayPal account remains a viable alternative.

To conclude, I'm steadfastly working alongside our bookkeeper and other board members to ensure the fluidity and accuracy of our financial operations. While we navigate these temporary challenges, I deeply appreciate your understanding, patience, and unwavering support. Should you have any questions or require additional information about what is contained in this report or anything else related to Intergroup financials and processes, please contact me at treasurer@ottawaaa.org.

Yours in loving service,

Stephan P.

Treasurer, Ottawa Area Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous

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Attendance:

Groups In Attendance	9-Aug	
Voting		
Not Voting		
Group	Name	
12 & 12 @ 12		

12 & 3 Discussion		
12 Steps to Serenity		
Alta Vista 12 Step Group		
Attitude of Gratitude		
Awakening Group		
Barrhaven Tuesday Night	Dan L	
Beacon Hill	Geraldine H	
Bells Corners Big Book Discussion		
Beyond Belief Secular Group	Nick D.	
B-United	Steve H	
By the Book	Bonnie	
Carp Fellowship Group		
Carry the Message		
Centennial		
Chelsea Group	Ray	
Co-founders Newcomer Meeting		
Conscious Contact - 11th Step Meditation		
East End Group		
Easy Does It Group		
Fellowship Group		
First Avenue to Recovery		
Fourth Dimension		
Freebirds		
Freedom	Jeff	
Friday Night Chelsea Big Book		
Friendly		
From the Heart		
Gleaning the Big Book		
H.O.P.E. Group		
Hand in Hand		
Heritage		
Hope in Recovery		
Hull Liberty		
Keep It Simple		
Labyrinth Young Peoples Group		
Laurier-Sandy Hill		
Live and Let Live	Dick G.	
Lunch with Bill	Peter I	
Manotick Gratitude		
Men's AA Newcomers Group		

Merivale Group	Steve C	
Metcalfe Last Chance		
Morning Glory	Al	
New Day	Christopher	
New Day ONLINE	Rendel	Bill H
Oasis		
One Day at a Time (Online)	Lydia	
Orleans Hub		
Orleans Noon		
Osgoode Step		
Ottawa Men's Group		
Ottawa South	Susanna	
Pinecrest	Kerry O.	
Podium/Hill Group	Crystal	
Power Hour Virtual		
Queensway Carleton		
Rainbow		
Recovery on the Hill		
Remember When		
Richmond 11th Step		
Saturday Morning Big Book		
Search for Serenity	Fraser	
Secular Sobriety Group	NAME??	
Secular Sundays		
Serenity at Sunrise		
Share and Care		
Share and Care Saturday		
Sisters of Sobriety	Barb C	
Spirit Group		
Spirit of Hope		
Spirit of the Universe		
Step By Step		
Step Sisters		
Stepping Ahead	Nicky	
Stittsville Second Chance		
Sunday Morning Venture Group	Craig H	
Sunday Night 12 Step Meeting		
Sunday Night Big Book Study Group	Neil J	
Tuesday/Friday	Brendon R	
Unity Group		

Vanier Early Birds		
Vanier Happy Nooners	Katerina	
Wakefield AA Awakenings		
We Can Recover		
West End Group	Tom K	
Westboro Big Book Study - Joe and Charlie		
Women's Group		
Women in Step		
Voting Reps	26	
Attendance (Intergroup Board, Committee Reps, Liaisons)		
Position	Name	
Chair	John D.	
Vice-Chair	Vacant	
Secretary	Dick G.	
Treasurer	Stephan P.	
TAS Coordinator	Eric S.	
12 Step Coordinator	Steve R.	
Literature Coordinator	Walter H.	
Website / Email	Paul D.	
Newsletter Coordinator	Absent	
Voting Board Members	7	
Spring Conference Chair (2023)	Vacant	
Eastern ON Conference Chair (2023)	Kerri D.	
Intergroup Liaison D62 (2023)	Peter I.	
Intergroup Liaison D54 (2023)	Neil J.	
Ottawa Withdrawal Management Center	Pauline E	
Alt. Delegate Area 83 (2023)	Amy L.	
Guest		