



Area 83 Eastern Ontario International VOLUME 6 - FALL/WINTER 2016

CONGRATULATIONS!

The members who participated in the elections of our Panel 67 Area Officers elected the following:

Kim S. - Delegate
Rob McA. - Alternate Delegate
Kimberly M. - Chairperson
James O. - Secretary
Sue B. - Treasurer
Amy L. - Registrar

THE AREA 83 FALL ASSEMBLY WAS HELD AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL IN KINGSTON THIS PAST OCTOBER 28-30, 2016.

Saturday was another fantastic day organized by our Service Information Committee. At this time, I would like to acknowledge and thank the committee for all the hard work and dedication they demonstrated during this term. They are as follows:

Ray R.	District 02 Committee Member – Malton (Chairperson)
Don MacP.	District 14 Committee Member-Toronto North Central
Amy L.	District 26 Committee Member-Lakeshore West (Secretary)
Les M.	District 34 Committee Member-Quinte East
Bryan McL.	District 48 Committee Member-Seaway Valley North
Jim S.	District 82 Committee Member-Victoria Haliburton

EXCITING NEWS FROM OUR GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE!

Michele Grinberg was elected Chair of the General Service Board. Michele was elected Class A Trustee (Non-Alcoholic) in April, 2010. She is a 1985 graduate of West Virginia University College of Law, where she now teaches a legal writing course as an adjunct instructor. Michele is a practicing attorney with a concentration in health policy and medical staff relations. She is co-editor of Women and the Law. Michele chaired the Archives Committee and served on the Conference and Literature Committee at the 66th General Service Conference held in New York this past April 17-23, 2016.

Michele will succeed Terrance M. Bedient (Non-Alcoholic) who was elected Chairman of the Board in 2013. The term of Chair of the General Service Board is a four year term held by a non-alcoholic. Michele will resume the duties of chair starting after the 2017 General Service Conference.





**Area Committee Meeting – December 3, 2016 @ 10:00 A.M.
Westminster United Church –
1199 Wallbridge-Loyalist Road, Belleville, Ontario K8N 4Z5**

Everyone is welcome! Please attend, watch or participate in another great election.

The election for the Panel 67 Area Committee Members will take place. Please help me in thanking the Panel 65 Area Committee Members who served Area 83 well during their term:

Area Archives	- Linda D.
Area Cooperation with the Professional Community	- Gary C.
Area Correctional Facilities	- Robert B.
Area Grapevine	- Jim A.
Area Public Information	- Elaine H.
Area Self-Support	- Dave L.
Area Treatment/Accessibility	- Herb W.

Quote from Alcoholics Anonymous comes of Age – p140

“The answer is simple. An A.A. service is anything whatever that legitimately helps us to reach fellow sufferers. As we have seen, the Twelve Step call is the greatest of A.A.’s services. But the publicity that caused the prospect to get in touch with us, the car we rode in, the gasoline we paid for, and the cups of coffee we brought him – all these aids were necessary to make our call possible and effective. And this is only the start. Our services involve meeting places, hospital co-operation, Intergroup offices, and pamphlets and books. Services can require committees, delegates, trustees, and conferences. They include small voluntary money contributions so that the group, the area and A.A. as a whole function. They range all the way from the cup of coffee up to A.A.’s General Service

Headquarters for national and international action. The sum of *all* these services is A.A.'s Third Legacy. Such services are utterly necessary to A.A.'s existence and growth. Yearning for simplicity, we often wonder if we could not do away with many of A.A.'s present services. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have no bother, no politics, so expense, and no responsibility! But this is only a dream about simplicity; it would not be simplicity in fact. Without its essential services, A.A. would soon become a formless, confused, and irresponsible anarchy."

AREA DELEGATE

The delegate has a demanding job, not only because a large amount of time and work are involved, but because it is the delegate's responsibility to serve the US/Canada Conference as a whole. As voting members of the Conference, delegates bring to its deliberations the experiences and viewpoints of their own areas. Yet they are not representatives of their areas in the usual political sense; after hearing all points of view and becoming fully informed during Conference discussion, they vote in the best interests of A.A. as a whole.

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As your Panel 65 Delegate, it is with immense gratitude that I have had the opportunity to represent Area 83 Eastern Ontario International and A.A. as a whole. I'm especially thankful to the groups and members who made an extraordinary effort to share their group's viewpoints with me, which in turn allowed me to participate at 2015 and 2016 General Service Conferences with an amazing resource of shared experience.

It will give me great pleasure to watch our Panel 67 Trusted Servants grow and change as they continue our commitment to carrying A.A.'s lifesaving message. Each of us has an obligation to keep the doors of A.A. open to those who so desperately need it – now and in the future – no matter who or where they are or what their background is. Our resolve to communicate within our principals with the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts is what is best for the future of A.A.

Yours In Love and Service

Joyce S.

Panel 65 Delegate – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International