

# **Area 83 Eastern Ontario International**

***Virtual***

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## Area Assembly – October 24, 2020

Zoom Meeting

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### Day 1

#### 1. OPENING

Meeting opened at 9:00 am

Good morning everyone. I'm an alcoholic, a member of the GSM in District 10, and my name is James O'D. I have the honor and privilege of serving as Area 83 Chairperson for the 2019 – 2020 term.

Let's begin with a moment of silence followed by the Declaration of Unity (which can be found on the second page of the Service Manual across from the title page). If we could have that moment now please.

Twelve Traditions read by Allie, Alt GSR 12 Traditions District 12; the Twelve Concept (Short Form) read by Jan M., GSR Sober Sisters, District 26. Welcome everybody to the Fall Assembly. This is day one of our two day historic first virtual Assembly.

#### Introduction

This is the final Assembly of this term. During the remainder of this two-year term, we will be working together to provide continued strength and direction to A.A. in Area 83. Our common goal during this term is to keep Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 83 vibrant and strong. Working together is the key for continued Unity in our Area.

The A.A. Service manual defines an Assembly as follows: "The Area Assembly is the mainspring of the Conference structure – the democratic voice of the movement expressing itself." Just as most District tables meet monthly to oversee the affairs of A.A. in the District, and home Groups usually have regular business meetings to handle matters that require a group conscience decision, the Assembly is the business meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 83.

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International spans Eastern Ontario and Northern New York from Oakville to Cornwall and from North-Eastern New York State all the way to Pembroke. We are made up of 578 active groups, including 8 Correctional Institution Groups and 25 Districts.

Some of us have been here before as a General Service Representative or Alternate, as District Committee Member or Alternate, or as visitors. For some, it will be their first Assembly and from personal experience it can seem overwhelming! How many of you are here today attending your first Assembly? Could you raise your hand? Looks like about 15-20 waving hands. That's awesome!! Welcome!

Being in service is a great way to give back to AA. You will not be expected to learn or understand everything the first time or even second time. It takes time but it will make sense. Many of us didn't understand what was going on at meetings at first, but in time, we started to understand. Service is much the same way. So please keep coming back – welcome and enjoy the rest of the assembly.

Over these two years, we have made decisions on a variety of topics. The Area Assembly, like the General Service Conference, strives for substantial unanimity through ample discussion. Before a vote is held, plenty of time is taken for full discussion and questions. It is my hope that you will return to your Groups and Districts with the feeling that you have done your part in keeping Alcoholics Anonymous strong and vibrant in your area and that you have had a strong voice in Area 83. With a spirit of love and cooperation, we will be able to get things accomplished and have some fun while we're doing it.

At the end of today, I hope that each of us returns home with a renewed belief that A.A. is alive and well in our Area and that our message of hope is being well carried to the still-suffering alcoholic.

I would like to remind all those present, who will be giving a report today, to give whatever highlights, are important. Written reports, when submitted to our Secretary, Amy, will be transcribed in full in the minutes, for all in Area 83 to share.

At this time, I would like to introduce to you our Area Officers, Sub-Committee Chairs, Immediate and Past Delegates, appointed individuals and other visitors. If you could hold your virtual applause till the end of each section it will speed things up a bit. In your mind's eye, please picture the front table...

### **Area 83 Officers**

Panel 69 Delegate	Rob M.
Alternate Delegate	Kimberley M.
Secretary	Amy L.
Treasurer	JoAnn P.
Registrar	Dave L.
Our Panel 67 Immediate Past Delegate	Kim S.
Chair	James O'D.

### **Area Sub-Committee Chairs**

Public Information Chair	Ray R.
Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair	Bill C.
Correctional Facilities Chair	Les M.
Treatment/Accessibility Chair	Shane H.
Grapevine Chair	Jenny C.
Self-Support Chair	Mike B.
Archives Chair	Marty M.
Service Information Day Chair	De R.

These are your Area Officers and Sub Committee Chairs for 2019- 2020

In attendance, **Past Delegates, people with appointed Area Service Positions and long-time Service visitors:**  
Panel 59 Delegate Sandy S.; Panel 61 Delegate Robb W.; Panel 63 Delegate, Mel C.; Panel 65 Delegate Joyce S.

**And in Appointed positions we have:** Area Archivist, Linda McQ.; Area Webmaster, George McQ.

Also, we have with us **visitors from outside of Area 83:**

Dale S., Panel 68 Delegate-Area 86 Western Ontario;  
Sandi W., Panel 70 Delegate-Area 86 Western Ontario;  
Jeff S., Panel 70 Alternate Delegate-Area 86 Western Ontario;  
Lorraine P., Panel 69 Area 85 Northwest Ontario;  
Jan L. Eastern Canada Regional Trustee;  
Jo-Anne L., Past Trustee-at-Large Canada;  
Jim A., DCM, Area 86 District 19

This is your Area executive, committees and out-of-Area visitors for this, our final Assembly of the term.

## **HOUSEKEEPING**

### **Registration**

There is no registration for today's portion of the Assembly as there will be no voting or agenda items to discuss. If you haven't already changed your zoom name to reflect our naming conventions, please do so now. You have the ability to change your name today, but this function will be disabled tomorrow.

### **POST NAMING CONVENTION TO SHARE SCREEN**

Tomorrow will be quite different. Our Registrar has requested that everyone register in the morning as early as possible. Registration will open at 8am and if you are able, please register and then walk away from your device until we get going at 9am. This will help our registration team to avoid hundreds of people registering at the last minute.

### Accessibility

Area 83 wants to make sure that everyone is able to participate equally. If you need an accommodation to help with this, please message our tech team in the chat. We will do everything to assist. If you are on the phone, for example, \*6 to mute or unmute yourself, \*9 to raise or lower hand.

### Smoking/Eating area

For the comfort of all attendees it is asked that if you need to eat or smoke please turn off your video or wait until one of the designated breaks. Your cooperation is appreciated.

### Frequency of meetings

I think it's worthwhile to review the schedule of meetings for this term, for both this Assembly and the Area Committee:

The Assembly meets twice a year – Usually the last full weekend in March and October. Tomorrow morning we will decide on a date for the Spring Assembly. The Area committee, which is comprised of the Area Officers, Sub-Committee Chairs, and District Committee Member's, will meet four times this year. We have already met in January, June and September and we will meet again on November 28th. Please note that anyone can attend the Area Committee Meeting in. The information is posted on the Area 83 website. We welcome all visitors.

The schedule of tentative dates for meetings in 2020-21 are found below.

Year	Date	Status	What	Where
2020	<u>October 24-25</u>	Approved	Area Assembly	Virtual Platform
2020	November 28	Approved	Area Committee Meeting	Virtual Platform
2021	January 9	Tentative	Area Committee Meeting	Virtual Platform
2021	March 26-28	Approved <sup>1</sup>	Area Assembly	Virtual Platform/ Ambassador Hotel TBD

<sup>1</sup> Voted and approved on October 25, 2020 Area Fall Assembly, see [Agenda item 3 on Day 2 of the Assembly](#)

On the website, you can find agendas for upcoming meetings, both for the Area Committee Meetings and for the Assemblies approximately 6 weeks before the date of the meeting. This is to ensure that all groups and districts have an opportunity to discuss upcoming motions before voting takes place. As the upcoming ACM has been put forward a week to accommodate our participation in the Forum on December 5<sup>th</sup> and is now being held on November 28<sup>th</sup>, the agenda for this ACM will be available 3 weeks in advance.

### Seventh Tradition

The 7<sup>th</sup> tradition will be collected today and tomorrow by digital means. Our Treasurer will be posting available contribution modalities as a virtual background at the breaks and may also share the information in the chat.

### Who May Address the Assembly?

Only voting members of the Assembly have a voice. These are:

- All Area Officers, including the Immediate Past Delegate, but not the Chair.
- All Area Sub-Committee Chairs
- All District Committee Member's of Districts in Area 83; in their absence, the Alternate District Committee Member may vote.
- All General Service Representative's of Groups in Area 83, in their absence, the Group's Alternate General Service Representative. In their absence, a member of the registered Group may approach the mic. This includes the General Service Representatives of recognized Correctional Facilities groups.

This is important for two reasons:

- It keeps the focus on the fact that the Assembly is the business meeting of the Area – Assembly

members are carrying and presenting their Groups' wishes, rather than their own.

- And it maximizes the time available for those members to voice their Groups' opinions and needs.
- All who are attending may say their piece during sharing time. I would ask for your cooperation in this. If you don't have a voice as I just described, please keep your input for sharing time, which is scheduled as agenda item #8 tomorrow afternoon. At that time everyone is welcome to participate, and their opinions will be listened to.
- To allow me to facilitate discussions, when you are ready to speak, please raise your virtual hand and you will be called on in order.

## **2. DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORTS** (in pre-drawn sequence)

We have requested written reports from all Area Committee members, including District Committee Members. Members are asked to keep in mind the 2-minute time limit for verbal reports. Written reports may be as long as you like and will be included in the minutes in their entirety, if given to Amy, our Secretary.

Order has been determined by drawing District numbers from the bag. I will announce who is up and who is on deck. If you are "on deck", please be ready to come up to the virtual mic to give your report when the DCM before you, finishes. Please clearly state your name, your position and your District before presenting your report, thank you.

### **District 02 Malton**

Good morning all, I am an alcoholic, grateful member of the KF Group and have had the honour and privilege of serving as District Committee Member for District 02 – Malton and my name is De.

Pre-Covid, attendance at our business meeting was approximately 60%, however since April attendance has fallen to 20%. We continue to keep our General Service Reps informed by forwarding information from the Area and General Service Office, and various workshops made available to us. Perhaps our GSRs are having information and email overload. We have discussed how to improve attendance and hopefully we can encourage our GSRs to return to the District Table and subcommittees before end of term.

Financially, we are stable and have some contributions from our groups and 7<sup>th</sup> tradition.

Three of our groups have re-opened with suggested public health, and guidelines provided by the churches we are holding our meetings in. Even though masked and sitting and standing away from each other, it felt good to be at in-person meetings again. Although with so many masks I realized I rely heavily on lip-reading. Many alcoholics in our District are missing the fellowship and friends in the rooms.

As I leave District 02, I will truly miss the activity of the District Table, and it has been an honour and my pleasure to serve as the DCM. Furthermore, I owe a debt of gratitude to the DCMs before me: Shane H., Ray R., and Robert B. They were always encouraging and led by doing and showing the way. And lastly, I know I leave the District in capable hands with Patrick B. rotating in and keeping District 02 a strong service presence in Area.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, De R.

### **District 06 Mississauga**

Good Morning Friends, I'm an alcoholic, member of Daily Reflection Group in Oakville. I have the honor and privilege to serve as the DCM for District 06, my name is Susan.

Our virtual Business Meetings continue to be well attended with on average 27 GSR's, their alternates and guests. This represents 60% group participation. Online meetings continue plus three groups and one service group have opened in person meetings. Our Webmaster Ivy has been diligent in keeping the [aamississauga.org](http://aamississauga.org) website up to date.

Our finances remain in good shape. In August our Treasurer, Jill, put forth a motion to disburse funds beyond our prudent reserve with \$1000 to GSO and \$500 to Area. The motion was approved. In July we approved the motion to accept electronic contributions.

One of the Treatment facilities had opened their doors to us but with the upswing in COVID cases they have shut down again. Toronto South Detention Centre also remains shut to meetings. Robbie our Corrections Chair has collected used Grapevines and will be dropping those off.

In June we held elections for our 2021/22 DCM and ADCM positions: Nat S. from Bloordale is our incoming DCM and Jill B. from Erin Mills is our incoming ADCM. This month our elections were held for the positions of Secretary / Treasurer and it was thrilling to see two members stand and following our Third Legacy procedure we went to the third ballot. Ivy from the New Life group was elected into the position. We also voted in Bart from Credit Valley as our Webmaster / Registrar. District 6 has enthusiastic leadership coming into the new term.

Next month we will hold an information session at our business meeting. Amy L. our Area Secretary will share on "What is the role for the GSR" and Mel C. past delegate on "Service Position Opportunities". 2018 was the first time we held this workshop and there was standing room only!

I thank all of District 06 for their fellowship and service. It has been a tremendous opportunity and a pleasure to have served as their DCM over the past two years. Thank you for my sobriety.

Yours in Love and Service, Susan K.

#### District 10 Toronto South Central

Hi everyone. I'm an Alcoholic and my name is Ann. I'm a member of the Eglinton Park Group in Toronto and am honoured to be serving as your DCM for District 10.

**Overview of Groups and Participation:** District 10 is a vibrant and diverse district of 26 groups from a broad range of demographics. Currently, all but two of our groups have contacts and 19 have GSR's. We average 80%-90% GSR attendance at our monthly District meeting, with between 16-22 attendees, which is amazing. The GSR's reports are a highlight, including valuable exchanges of group experiences, ideas, and information.

**Group Activities:** Currently 24 of our 26 groups are holding about 45 online meetings a week. C three groups have moved back to in-person or hybrid meetings and they are going quite well. Barriers to reopening include venues not reopening, inadequate room sizes, and health and safety concerns. Some groups are looking for new homes.

Groups with an electronic 7<sup>th</sup> are up from about 30% in April to over 75% in October, and are still experimenting with processes and approaches that work for their membership. Many are now making contributions, with a focus on GSO and Intergroup, as they deem them the most in need at the moment

#### **People and Positions/ Service Commitments and Service Committees:**

We're so grateful to have so many people participating in District service in these unusual times. We do have 3 Committee Chairs open at the moment and will be holding elections for the 2021-22 Committee/Liaison positions at our November District Meeting, so who knows!

In September we resumed two of our six Treatment Service meetings on Zoom, CAMH and Women's Own. Attendance has started to pick up and become more consistent, which is encouraging. Our Treatment Chair is working with the other 4 to encourage them to restart with the objective to be back to our 24-26 service commitments a month in the new year.

**Finances & District Activities:** We currently have an ad hoc team working on updating and revising our District Operating Procedures, focusing on content, flow, and processes, as well as role descriptions. Our goal is to have a first version approved by the table in December to be followed by 2<sup>nd</sup> version in 2021. It's very exciting actually, and so important to have cohesive procedures and guidelines. Overall, D10 is currently financially stable. Contributions are down significantly from the same time last year, but so are expenses. Part of the Procedures



work is assessing our prudent reserve and expense requirements, as well as projected 2020 year-end balance. Once complete, in December we will put forward a motion for contributions to Area and GSO.

### **Summary**

Our 2021-2022 officers were elected in October with the exception of Alt DCM, which we're confident will be filled in November along with the Committee Chairs. In 2021, as well as new faces at the table, some of our members are returning, a great mix of new and experienced.

Overall, 2020 has been a busy and challenging year. I'd like to thank the Area for providing us with so much guidance, information and support, in so many ways. And a special thanks to the members our District table, who have remained active, upbeat, and creative. I can't say enough how grateful I am to be part of such a dedicated and enthusiastic District.

Yours in Love and Service, Ann J.

### **District 12 Toronto South West**

I am an alcoholic a grateful member of the Westmoreland group and District Committee Member for District 12 Toronto South West, my name is Dennis. District 12 is in good shape financially, as we have no overhead. Service commitments are very slowly coming back. We have approximately 45% attendance at the District meeting, many groups are not in attendance yet still reporting monthly to the secretary. Although our Assembly is virtual this Fall, I believe we are all still capable of functioning fully in support of the newcomer.

Yours in love and service, Dennis McC.

### **District 14 Toronto North Central**

*Absent, Report submitted.*

We continue to meet monthly via zoom with pretty good attendance. Most of our outreach continues to be suspended. With the exception of CHIIRS, a brain injury clinic, has re-open for monthly meetings. Finances are healthy in the District. We continue to forward donation to GSO almost monthly from the district table. Many GSRs also report their groups are sending in donation too.

Most groups are meeting via zoom, some others are meeting in person or via a hybrid format.

George H (King City), has volunteered to investigate how to put the distribution of donated materials (example, used Grapevine magazines) to correctional and treatment facilities into our Operational Procedures formally. This will be written out to present at the next, November, meeting for a vote to formalize group material sharing. We will be having elections November 9<sup>th</sup> and Kimberley has agreed to help us along that night

Your is service, Bill W. DCM District 14

### **District 16 Distrito Hispano De Toronto**

Hello everyone, I'm an alcoholic and grateful member of Grupo Amistad. I have the privilege of serving as District Committee Member for Distrito Hispano 16 and my name is Gregorio. The District comprises 8 groups which three of them are conducting in person meetings and only one is conducting both in person and meetings via zoom. Although we are experiencing some difficulty keeping our members attend the meetings via zoom or in person, as DCM I have sent information to the 6 members of the district regarding the information that has been covered on the meetings of the area conducted via zoom. District finances are healthy. Grupo Amistad keeps holding the meetings VIA ZOOM on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm. And the other days the in-person meetings are held at 1560 Dupont Street at the same time. The group follows the government's guidelines of cleanliness and social distance, and the maximum capacity is 10 members. Financially, the group has some challenges during this time, and we are one month behind since May but fortunately the landlord has cooperated with us as the group has been able to pay the rent monthly since then. Grupo Unidad had to change their venue as per the landlord's request and the group is holding Meetings at the same venue as Grupo Amitad on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 to 10:00 pm and on Sundays from 12:00 to 2:00 pm. The group has a low attendance but there is hope to carry the message of Recovery to the alcoholic that

suffers. Lastly, Grupo Distinto Amanecer in Kichener is having in person meetings on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 7:00 pm. to 9:00 pm. The group's finances are healthy, and the membership is also limited to 10 members. I am impressed with the support of the members in our district over the last several months as they are placing principles before personalities and keep the spirit alive in the Distrito Hispano

Yours in Love and Service, Gregorio A

#### District 18 Toronto City East

Good morning friends. I am an alcoholic, member of the East York group, having the honour, privilege and responsibility to serve, as the District Committee Member, for District 18 Toronto City East. My name is Glenn.

I've heard it said that there are only two things that an alcoholic hates: change and the way things are. This phrase seems tailor made, for everyone, to especially apply currently, in these global historical moments.

Our District 18 fellowship is suffering. Recent Zoom group meeting attendance, for some of our groups, is down as much as 50% from initial pandemic attendance. Since March, some D18 groups have chosen not to meet at all. We have both heard and empathetically experienced the pain of some members, who have recently suffered dire alcoholic consequences.

I have also heard it said, however, that we, in AA, are in the hope business. There is much hope in District 18. Our members are actively carrying the message of recovery; the Twelve Steps. I am grateful to our D18 groups for keeping their doors open, either physically, virtually or both. District 18 remains unified both with respect and adherence to The 12 traditions, our second legacy. Approximately half of our 26 groups are continuing to proactively embrace zoom meeting technology. Service, our third legacy, is embraced by our groups. Be it by either design or fluke, the 12 Concepts of World Service are actively: quoted, consulted, referenced and contribute to our District being well ordered. The District 18 table is well supported, by those willing to serve/participate. District 18 is both financially and spiritually fit.

District 18 is well positioned for the 2021/22 term. Our elected officers are: Christy F. (DCM) Greg R. (ADCM), Katrina E. (Secretary), John M. (Treasurer), Jeff A. (Registrar). There is substantial interest in our sub-committees and we expect that a webmaster position will be created shortly for our comprehensive website: [www.district18.org](http://www.district18.org)

Christy, Katrina, Greg and I, serve on a D18 procedures review and recommendation ad hoc committee. We expect to present a comprehensive report to the D18 table in December.

I wish to express my gratitude to our D18 officers, GSRs, Sub-committee chairs/alts, and other service minded workhorses from both past and current terms. I have enjoyed serving with you all. I appreciate your love, tolerance and dedication. Thank you for your service. Thank you all for allowing me to serve.

Yours in loving Service, Glenn G.

#### District 22 Scarborough

Good morning everyone. It is my honor and privilege to serve as the District Committee Member for Scarborough District 22. I am an alcoholic, member of the Fifth Tradition and my name is Lynn.

As a quick recap, District 22 currently has 21 registered groups with approximately 15-17 groups that regularly attend our District meetings. Our monthly district meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month (currently being held virtually) Otherwise our normal location Don Montgomery Recreation center.

As a District we are financially secure, perhaps as expenses are down over the past few months. We are pleased to forward a contribution to GSO.

Our 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Service day - "A VISION FOR SERVICE" was held on Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020. I would like to Thank the Service day committee for all their planning and putting together this event. Also, a sincere thank you to everyone who supported this event. HUGE SUCCESS.

Treatment – Meetings are shut-down due to pandemic at Scarborough General Hospital

Corrections – Facility has been on lock-down due to pandemic at Toronto East Detention Centre

Meetings – most groups continue to meet via Zoom. Any meetings that have reopened are following the Public Health Protocols and Guidelines always to ensure the safety of all members, and guests.

District Officers Elections were held on Sunday Oct 4, 2020 facilitated by Past DCM Tom S. Please join in a warm welcome to our incoming 2021 2022 Officers: DCM George W, ADCM Bert J, Treasurer Mike S, Registrar Elise M, Secretary Angela J. Sub-Committee Elections are taking place at this month's meeting - Sunday Nov 8, 2020.

Lastly, I would like to thank District 22 for allowing me to be of service, staying strong together and active through this challenging time. These past couple years truly have been remarkable as I continue on this journey. "Alcoholics Anonymous is not something I joined; it is something I live!"

Yours in Love & Service, Lynn E.

### District 26 Lakeshore West

Good Morning Friends, I'm an alcoholic, a grateful member of the Sober Sisters Group and my name is Terry. It is my honour and privilege to serve as District Committee Member for Lakeshore West District 26.

Our District is doing well, our finances are secure, and attendance has been around 43%. Our District voted on paying our rent for the full year at the end of December when our total funds are distributed. 90% of the groups in District 26 are still holding Zoom Meetings.

As mentioned by Eileen District 28 our Alcathon and Interchange Schedule is still pending notification from the Alano Club, which is currently closed.

- October 18, 2020 Our District had elections, facilitated by Amy L. Panel 69 Secretary, JoAnn Panel 69 Treasurer and Sheree N. District Chair. Only 3 positions were filled. Treatment Chair, Archives Chair and Chairperson.
- As the Term comes to an end, I'm grateful and honored for the opportunity to service District 26 and Area 83.

I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve. Terry N.

### District 28 Lakeshore East

I'm an alcoholic, member of the Gratitude Group and it's my honour and privilege to serve as District Committee Member for District 28, and my name is Eileen. Hard to believe that this is our last Assembly of the term! I have really enjoyed my term as DCM, and I want to thank D28 for giving me the privilege to serve them as DCM. Such an incredible learning experience!

Many of our groups continue to meet through Zoom. Very recently, some meetings are starting to meet in person again. Meetings are posted on the Lakeshore District website: <https://www.aadurham.org>

District 28 elections were held in September, continued in October, and will be on the agenda until all vacant positions are filled. Congratulations to newly elected: DCM – Kathie T; Alt DCM – James S; Treasurer – Rachel N; Self-Support – Darlene B.

Thank you to all those who are rotating out for their continued service and support at District 28. I feel confident that District 28 will be in an excellent position as we move further into this new world of Covid-19.

Districts 26 and 28 traditionally have held an Alcathon from Christmas eve to Christmas Day, and also share an Interchange schedule. We are still uncertain about what is next. Like everyone else, we will wait and see! Information will be posed on the Intergroup website.

I would also like to thank the Area Committee for all of the amazing work you have done to keep AA alive and well in Area 83. You have all done an incredible job of adapting to the virtual world and keeping all of us informed. History is being right now – and WE are a part of it!

Yours in love and service, Eileen S.

### District 30 Quinte West

*(DCM report read by Maria M., Alt DCM)*

I am an alcoholic member of the Alderville Pioneer group currently serving as District 30 DCM and my name is Rick. I'll start off with saying I miss going to Kingston and seeing you all. In district 30 most meetings are still shut down due to Covid 19; there are 3 groups open and running under the guidelines of social distancing.

We have not held District meetings as our meeting place is closed do to the virus. We did, however, have our elections on October 14<sup>th</sup> via Zoom thanks to Amy and JoAnn. A big thanks to the two of you; we couldn't have done it with out you. Also, thank you to Maria our Alternate DCM, and incoming DCM for sharing her home and internet with some of us who don't have good internet service.

We filled 5 positions for next term, leaving 8 subcommittee chair positions still open. Our financial obligations have been met so far; however, we are now into our reserve.

I would like to thank District 30 for allowing me to serve, it has been a great experience, I look forward to seeing all of you again in person one day!

Yours in love and service, Rick W.

### District 34 Quinte East

Good Morning – I am an alcoholic currently serving as District Committee Member for District 34 – Quinte East. My home group is Women Living Sober, and my name is Bev.

Alcoholics Anonymous is alive and well in District 34. Our financial commitments are being met and we have some groups contributing to District, Area and GSO. At our August District meeting, we were able to send money to GSO.

Some groups are utilizing Zoom for their meetings and some groups are now meeting live – with safety measures being adhered to as per our local Public Health. Some groups have been meeting outside at various locations throughout the district. Members are reaching out to members assisting them and/or providing log in information to help ensure no one is without the opportunity to be part of a meeting. And that is what we do as responsible members of Alcoholics Anonymous.

District meetings continue to show a reduced number of GSR's attending. We have had two GSR's who have volunteered to call GSR's to encourage them to attend the district meeting. This has seemed to help. Our district meetings will be held via zoom for the remainder of the year.

District elections were held on September 24, 2020. We still have our Co-operation with the Professional Community, Self-Support, and Webmaster positions available. I am confident these positions will be filled before the end of the term.

District 34 wishes everyone a safe, healthy, and enjoyable fall!!

Yours in Love and Service, Bev H

### District 36 Kingston & the Islands

Good morning friends, I am an alcoholic and a member of the Saturday Morning Step Stop Group in Kingston and I am honoured and privileged to be serving as the DCM for District 36 Kingston and the Islands. My name is Jack.

District 36 has been coping with the pandemic admirably. Most of our groups moved to online meetings and several others held informal outdoor meetings over the summer. Since September a total of 4 groups have reopened in person meetings with one operating a hybrid meeting. All groups are adhering to provincial guidelines. Our district has relatively few active Covid-19 cases, but we remain vigilant.

We have continued to hold District meetings over the summer via zoom. Our treasurer Heather E. reports a reasonable balance as our expenses have been low. We have been able to make contributions to GSO and Area 83. Treatment meetings continue to be suspended although chair Edward O. has distributed literature to the treatment centres. We are also not able to attend meetings inside our correctional facilities as of yet. TLC chair Monique H. reports numerous calls to our help line which continue to be answered by volunteer members.

We are holding out District elections for the 2021-2022 term on Wednesday, October 28. Alternate Delegate Kimberley M. has graciously agreed to help with the election. I remain optimistic that once we get into the new term and the New Year, we will be that much closer to a return to normalcy, one day at a time.

Yours in Gratitude and Service, Jack R.

#### **District 42 St. Lawrence International**

Greetings from your international district. We are plodding along in the new normal which has been going on for so long that it actually feels normal. The online meetings are continuing and a few in person meetings are also happening in the district. It seems that the Covid virus was slowing down enough this summer that we were having conversations about how to continue an online presence at in person meetings. That has changed in the last month. There has been a significant uptick in Covid cases in the district and the feeling is that this will continue as the weather gets colder.

Our district finances are in good order. Although we have about half of our usual reserve and our donations from groups are down, we have had most of district's expenses decline since the shutdown.

The good news from our district is that a large group of AA persons showed up at our last meeting and volunteered for all the open positions. Besides having the largest turnout in months at a district meeting, we also had nearly a full rotation in service positions. I always had faith the slump in attendance at district meetings would eventually fix itself, but I was beginning to lose my optimism. Our district table will now have a new perspective and energy. I am looking toward the day when there will be a new, new normal and we can fully put all our talent back to work.

At our last district meeting we had a discussion about guidelines for in person meetings. Milner G had sent around a document from NYC intergroup, and I had forwarded the information from Area 83. We decided to adopt the NYC guidelines as our district's suggested meeting reopening guide. I guess that's the news from across the mighty St Lawrence. I might add that I haven't had to drink over any of this.

Yours in Service, Ted R.

#### **District 48 Seaway Valley North**

Good morning friends, my name is Wayne, and I am an alcoholic. I am grateful to be a member of the Kemptville Sunday morning group and privileged to be District Committee Member for District 48, Seaway Valley North.

District 48 held its elections on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Our Area 83 Delegate, Rob M., chaired our elections, thanks Rob for a great job. Despite a plea that I sent to our District table for members to attend this meeting, the turnout was low. We did have two members stand for positions, and a number of Sub-Committee Chairs offered to continue in their positions when no one else stood for those positions. Most positions were filled, but we have four open positions: District Committee Member (DCM), Correction Facilities and Treatment Facilities (CFTF) Chair, Literature Chair, and Grapevine Chair. Our Self Support Chair position, which was left open early in this term, has been filled for the next term, which is encouraging. Rob did mention how important it is to have a strong District table, and I have reiterated that message at meetings that I have attended and have encouraged the District table to do the same. I plan to contact directly the GSRs and District Chairs that did not attend our meeting, to tell them that we need their help to fill these positions. I have been communicating mainly by email through our District Secretary, but maybe speaking directly by phone to these members will have more success.

Otherwise, our District is doing well. Our four face-to-face meetings have continued, but the capacity numbers for each meeting, which are posted on our District website, are changing as the daily COVID cases increase and we return to more restrictions. Some backyard meetings are still being held but will certainly be impacted as the weather gets colder.

I want to thank the other Districts for their reports; I read some of these for information on how they are dealing with the pandemic. I have also spoken to members of other Districts to learn how they are handling the current environment and its challenges. I also want to thank our Area Committee for their great support and help through this term, especially over the last six months. Thank you for my sobriety.

Yours in Love and Service, Wayne L.

### **District 50 Cornwall**

*Absent, Report submitted.*

District 50 has our Saturday night meeting in person, Sunday morning on zoom. GSRs for our district haven't had a meeting since March 2020. Our meetings on Saturday morning, Tuesday night and Thursday night are thinking of possibly have in person meetings shortly.

Yours in service, Steph L.

### **District 54 Ottawa Rideau**

My name is Jo D. I am a member of the Search for Serenity Group in Orleans. I am privileged to serve as District Committee Member for District 54 Ottawa Rideau. I am an alcoholic.

District 54 held its elections on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, facilitated by our immediate past DCM, Bartosz W. I am thrilled to report that nine of the ten positions on our Committee are filled. The only vacant position is Archives Liaison. I am truly grateful that District 54 is going to be under terrific stewardship next term.

Of our 22 registered Groups, ten are meeting on Zoom. Four are meeting in person. Only one these Groups was holding both an online meeting as well as the in-person meeting; but with Ottawa being identified as a COVID hotspot – thus under tighter restrictions – a second Group has had to return to holding both an online and in-person meetings. Some Groups are not meeting at all; their members are joining other online meetings of other Groups.

With the zoom and in-person meetings, there are 25 meetings a week happening in the District. In the broader Ottawa Area there are 109 online meetings and 13 in-persons meetings taking place. We are in good shape.

District 54 is financially stable. Notwithstanding the dearth of Group donations (which are over \$2,400 lower than this time last year) I am confident that we will hand over a financially stable District Table to the 2021-2022 Committee.

I want to thank the 2019-2020 officers and service committee representatives who served District 54 these past two years. It is a remarkable group of women and men who showed up regularly and actively participated in District activities and discussions. I wish everyone safety and health.

Yours in service, Jo Anne D.

### **District 58 Ottawa Bytown**

Hi, my name is Kim and I am an alcoholic, a member of the Twelve Steps to Serenity Group and am currently serving District 58 Ottawa Bytown as District Committee Member.

Meetings in our district continue online, with some groups switching to hybrid models. Some meetings on the Quebec side have been meeting in person while observing the provincial rules. Our district meetings have been small with only 6 people attending. We are using this time to discuss reopening, with the consensus in the district being to continue online meetings for the foreseeable future.

Yours in service, Kim

### **District 62 Ottawa West**

I am an alcoholic, a member of the Stittsville Second Chance Group and have the privilege of being the District Committee Member for District 62 - Ottawa West, my name is Trevor F.

District 62 held our elections at our September District meeting, and only three out of ten positions have been filled. I've been elected as District Committee Member, as I've only served for a year with just a couple short weeks as the Alternate DCM before that. Jamie B from the Parkwood Hills group was elected as our District Treasurer and Jocelyn B from the Barrhaven Tuesday Night group was elected as District Registrar. We've been reaching out to our membership and are hoping to fill the vacancies by the end of the year. We've only been seeing around 16 to 18 of our 44 registered groups in attendance at District meetings, which is quite a bit lower than the 25 or so were seeing before Covid, but some of our groups have not moved online and are not meeting currently. A couple of groups had begun meeting in person again, but they have since gone back to Zoom for the time being.

In person meetings at the Ottawa Withdrawal Management Center, our local Corrections facilities and Pre-Treatment Centers are all still temporarily closed, but our committees are looking into bringing virtual meetings into those facilities if possible. Our Ottawa Intergroup office is closed to the public as well, but they are doing curbside pickups for literature, the phones are still being answered, and newcomers are still finding their way to our Zoom meetings.

Financially, District 62 is stable - contributions are down but expenses are down as well. It's nice to see you all, even if it's just on Zoom, and I look forward to seeing you in person soon.

Yours in Love and Service, Trevor F.

### **District 66 Golden Triangle**

Good morning, everyone. I am an alcoholic, member of the Saturday Night Smiths Falls group, DCM of District 66, and my name is Neil. We held our elections in September, and I am happy to report that all but one positions were filled. We are expecting the remaining position to be filled at our October District meeting. The new table is in excellent hands. Special thank you to our Alternate Delegate Kimberly, for chairing our elections.

Our incoming executive is DCM is Theresa L., Alternate DCM Taylor J., Secretary Sue S., Registrar Linda D., and Treasurer Neil P.

As reported in September, some of our groups have reopened meetings following COVID-19 health unit guidelines as requested by the entities we rent our spaces from. Not all churches have allowed us to return to brick and mortar meetings, but there is discussion. Zoom meetings continue, although attendance has declined pretty much across the board.

A big shout out to our District Secretary Sue S., and our Self Support chair, Taylor J. for their work to bring our District Operating Procedures up to date. We will be presenting the proposed changes to the district before the end of the term.

As my term as DCM comes to end, I feel very fortunate and grateful for the opportunity to server Alcoholics Anonymous. The support I received from the District 66 table has humbled me. There were many speed bumps and potholes along the way and if not for the strength and commitment of those at the District Table the term could have been, dare I say, disastrous. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Yours in love and service. Neil P.

### **District 70 Renfrew Pontiac**

Hi, I am Lisa and I am honoured to the DCM of District 70. My home group is Douglas and I am an alcoholic.

Attendance at our District zoom meetings has been low. We have several groups participating in zoom meetings and have a few back-yard meetings popping up. We also have a couple of regular in person meetings happening like before Covid. These meetings are being held with proper precautions in place.

We have decided to cancel the March Round Up this year. Since we do not see it being allowed and we would have to begin planning and preparations in January. We cannot see it happening.

We will be holding our elections in November.

Funds are running low. We discussed moving funds from the conference account to the general account but decided to go month to month and see how it goes.

Yours in love and service, Lisa C.

### **District 74 Pembroke**

I am an alcoholic, member of the Hand of AA Group and my name is Jane. I serve as the District Committee Member for District 74, Pembroke and surrounding area.

Hello from District 74. This is a particularly beautiful time in "the valley" and I wish everyone could take a drive up and visit one of the 3 meetings we currently have open in our District.( Never mind a wind storm came through last night and blew all the leaves off the trees) IF that isn't possible, we would welcome you to join us virtually through the Zoom app. Links to all of our meetings can be found at [pembrokeaa.org](http://pembrokeaa.org).

As in many other Districts our fellowship has had a few “parking lot” and backyard meetings pop up over the summer. These meetings have been invaluable for newcomers and long timers alike. Our District Elections are scheduled for the November meeting with the following positions rotating out:

District Committee Member; Alternate District Committee Member; Self Support Chair; Webmaster; Grapevine Chair; Events Chair. We have invited the Area 83 Secretary, Amy, to assist us with the elections and she has accepted the invitation. Thank you, Amy!

In preparation for the new District Officers coming in we have updated our Operating Procedures to reflect some recent changes as well as made corrections to some grammatical errors. We still have some vacant positions at the District and are hoping that with the elections in November we will be able to fill those very important seats.

Our regular financial contributions have continued to be slower than normal, however one of the groups that went “inactive” did send a substantial contribution this month. We have switched our Zoom account to annual billing to continue with hybrid and zoom meetings well in the new year and beyond. We were able to send GSO \$1,000.00 this month.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank this Assembly, Area Officers, Past Delegates and Delegate for an amazing service experience these past two years. My mind has been blown by all of the dedication to AA, to our Traditions and Concepts. With these kinds of Trusted Servants leading the way I know AA will continue for a long time, God willing.

Hope to see you all in person on the road to happy destiny soon. Thank you for this opportunity to serve and grow.

Yours in love and service, Jane S.

#### **District 78 Madawaska Valley**

I'm an alcoholic serving as DCM for District 78 and my name is Michelle. Our district had our elections last week and I am happy to report that all positions have been filled. Some groups are open for face to face meetings and some are still on Zoom. Our district is meeting financial obligations and our website has been very active. I'm pleased to announce that our alternate DCM, Barbara C will be our new DCM. It has been an honour and a privilege to have been of service for the past two years. I have learned a lot. I look forward to see what God has in mind for my future service work.

Yours in Love and Service, Michelle C.

#### **District 82 Victoria Haliburton**

Good morning, I am an alcoholic. I belong in the Bolsover Pines Group and AA as a whole and my name is Glenn. Currently I am the DCM for District 82 Victoria Haliburton.

Our district is doing well financially so far during this pandemic. Currently we have two meetings that are open for meeting in person. We also have Zoom meetings that are still taking place in our District.

We have not met for our district meeting since March of 2020. Unfortunately, I have nothing else to report at this time.

Yours in love and service, Glenn B.

#### **District 86 Kawartha**

Good Morning Friends, I am an alcoholic, proud member of the Freedom Group, currently serving as District Committee Member of District 86 and my name is Tim F. I have had a wonderful opportunity to grow and learn in this role. This has been a trying term, but I am honoured to have been given the opportunity to serve my District. I wished my last Assembly as a DCM had me seeing all my friends in Service as more than a one-inch square. That is what we have for now, and I have learned to be grateful for the little things.

We continue to do well financially, but I have seen a drop in participation at the monthly District meetings. We have many Zoom meetings available in the District. For a short time our Intergroup which has many groups meet



there, was starting to hold meetings again. We had to suspend that again a month ago due to the rising cases and believing it was the responsible thing to do. Throughout this whole pandemic we have worked closely with the committee, especially Intergruop and PI/CPC to try and keep the District up to date. Nicky G, Jeffary F, and Brad C have gone above and beyond to keep our membership well informed.

We have our 2021-22 District table slowly filling up. As of now we still have four positions open. I am confident that those will fill up before Bruce B takes over the responsibilities of DCM. I think that there are a lot of people that haven't adapted to Zoom or are not comfortable enough with the technology. Thank you for my sobriety.

Yours in Gratitude, Love and Service, Tim F.

*Thank you to all District Committee Members for your reports. If you didn't already give your report to Amy, please send it to her later today, so she can include it in the minutes.*

### 3. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Committee member's reports are not time-limited. Rather, we rely on the member's humility and compassion to keep their reports as brief as possible while still giving the Assembly a description of their activities in our Area. As with the Districts, written reports are to be submitted to the secretary. I would ask each committee member to remain at the podium after their report to answer questions from the floor.

#### A. Public Information

Ray R.

I'm an alcoholic, a member of The Last Chance Group; my name is Ray. I have the honour and privilege of serving as the Area 83 Public Information Chair. It's great to see everyone here, we appear to be holding up well, all things considered, and its obvious were embracing this new normal. I'm thrilled to see so many groups and district continuing to contribute area and GSO, with attendances income down, that's awesome!

I haven't been too busy since we last met; I've fielded a few phone calls, although I wasn't able to answer all the questions, I was able to direct the callers to someone who could provide the answers. I am happy to be participating in a contribution to the Archives newsletter. That exciting news, for me anyway. And I have been attending some virtual meetings and workshops.

Speaking of workshops, I thoroughly enjoyed the service information day presentations. The presenters were knowledgeable and well-informed and just as well delivered. I particularly like the concepts, because they're starting to make sense to me. Good job, guys.

I'm hoping to do a wrap-up meeting with the district chairs. I want to get some feedback on their experience cause that's what it's all about, our shared experience. I'd also like to encourage them to continue their service journey.

This being our last assembly, and as I prepare to rotate out of my position, it gives me cause for reflection. As I think about the people I've met and the experiences I've had and the lessons learned, I full of gratitude for this opportunity. I never imagined my service journey would bring me this far, and I'm excited to see where it will take me. Thank you for your patience and tolerance as I went through my learning curb, as well as the opportunity to give back.

But my term is not over yet; I'm available to serve in any capacity that I can, so please don't hesitate to call on me. Please continue to send me your reports, as I enjoy reading them. And remember, when life gets you down, stay calm and be of service.

Yours in Love and Service, Ray R. [pi@area83aa.org](mailto:pi@area83aa.org)

#### B. Cooperation with the Professional Community

Bill C.

I am an Alcoholic, a member of The West End Group in District 74 Pembroke, and my name is Bill. It is my privilege to serve you as your Area Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair for this term of Panel 69.

Since our last Assembly CPC has been busy despite the restrictions imposed by COVID-19. We continued our regular CPC District Chairs meetings through the summer and early fall. Over the course of almost two years these Zoom meetings have served as a meeting point where we have had lots of great discussions and ideas regarding challenges and solutions to getting the message to professionals that AA in our communities and is there to help their clients with a drinking problem. We have been able to reach out and make inroads with Mental Health Centres, the Military (Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC)), local colleges and treatment facilities and various legal, medical and police departments throughout Area 83.

Our "Pay it Forward" project has moved along and evolved considerably. We have finalized a set of materials which, as CPC Chairs, we can pass along to the next incoming Chair. This Project documents our collective experience and provides suggestions for incoming Chairs. For example, two of the easy to implement actions, but with big impact, that emerged from this project are having a District-level email address that stays with the position rather than a personal email address and a simple spreadsheet (suggested template developed) that can be used to track contacts and follow-up over the service of an individual. Both of these actions make it much easier to have a more continuous level of service over different Chairs.

An article was published in Box 459 this summer outlining the ways in which CPC in Area 83 has been responding to carrying the message to professionals given the COVID-19 pandemic. I was invited to participate at a CPC meeting organized by the San Francisco Bay-Area CPC committee on 25 July 2020.

On the North American initiative, we have had three meetings since our Spring Assembly. About half of the 93 North American Area CPC chairs that joined in each of these meetings. The Google Groups forum we established is working well. We are building a resource which future CPC chairs will be able to access, build upon and improve. The working group to organize a CPC Conference has finalized the agenda. The Conference is scheduled to go on 22 and 23 May 2021 (our Victoria Day Holiday) in Montana. As currently organized, it is planned to be an in-person and virtual conference.

I have been elected as a resource for you to use. An invitation or question from any District is all that is required. If you would like me to do some type of workshop or presentation for your District, don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for allowing me to serve not only Area 83 but Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.

Yours in Love and Service, Bill C. [cpc@area83aa.org](mailto:cpc@area83aa.org)

## C. Correctional Facilities

Les M.

Hello, My Friends: I'm an alcoholic, member of the Foxboro Friendship Gr in District 34. Have the privilege of being your Area 83 Corrections Facilities Chairperson. Still getting the minutes from some of the Districts. Unfortunately, not much is happening as far as AA meetings go on the inside.

Warkworth was supposed to open up for meetings in October with one outside volunteer along with five inside AA members but the Covid shut that down.

Ron M, Corrections Chair for District 36 tells me that Collins Bay Minimum are going to start AA meetings on Sunday evening Nov 1 with one outside volunteer {not rotated} and 5 inside AA members {rotating}.

Had a few emails on how to deal with the Correspondents Program / where an outside member writes to an inside AA member.

I attended some Zoom Corrections Workshops along with the Area 83 zoom meetings. was invited by the Service Information Day Committee to do a Zoom Corrections Workshop on Oct 4, all went well, and thanks to the committee for doing a Wonderful job. I'm here for a resource for you to use: [cf@area83aa.org](mailto:cf@area83aa.org)

*On a last note " If no one told you today that they love you, let Me be the First".*

Yours in Love and Service, Les M.

QUESTION: Yyes, GIR, District 36: from what I understand, St. Lawrence International report that their institutional facility was able to Zoom meetings. Would that be a possibility for the groups here in Kingston, given that there is only one person and 5 inmates to attend an in-person meeting? would it be possible to start offering Zoom meetings to Kingston correctional facilities.

ANSWER: That would be up to each institution, and their availability of Zoom meetings. It seems that from what I understand some of the institutions do not like to move the inside AA members around. I had heard Warkworth facility was going to start meetings in-person, but the recent spike has shut that down. It could be a possibility, if you get the social director, or whoever looks after meetings on the inside, they would have to set up a room for the inside AA members to come to.

Question: What I am hearing is that I should request the social director to set up a meeting on the inside?

Answer: Yes, you could do that.

## D. Treatment Facilities/ Accessibility

Shane H.

Hi Friends, I am an alcoholic and my name is Shane. Grateful member of the Reaching Out Group in Brampton and grateful to serve as your Treatment and Accessibility Chair.

**Treatment:** it is very institutional. Once Covid hit, things went pretty dark. There have been some districts that have been able to get meetings into Treatment Centres via Zoom. Very little luck, but some have been able to do that. The Bridging the Gap (BTG) requests are slowly starting to come back. Before Covid-19 hit, I placed 240 BTG requests. Since March, I have done approximately 43. I have had a lot of shared experience to give to GSO. They are thinking of doing a Bridging the Gap workbook, as some might have heard. As a result, they have been going around giving questionnaires to Area Chairs. I have been busy, so it took me 2 weeks to get those questions in, but they are in. Things are starting to look up. Once Covid starts to dissipate, we are going to see a lot more BTGs. I am already getting 1-2 a week, even with Covid.

I want to thank all of the Treatment Chairs that I serve. A lot of them have been hardcore front-line workers; keeping the meetings going, and they have been the ones going into the Treatment Centres trying to get Zoom meetings set up. Big Kudos to all of the Treatment Chairs in Area 83.

**Accessibility:** I am so grateful that I was crazy enough to take on two jobs at the same time. I was a little worried, and thought often of *"Shoemaker, stick to thy last! ...better do one thing supremely well, than many badly"*. I let my name stand for this position because I have a strong background in Treatment, and a stronger background in Accessibility—two major joys of my service journey. Accessibility did not go dark. Once Covid hit, Accessibility got a lot busier. A lot of the Accessibility District committees in Area 83 really started getting active. I received many reports from them. Such as district 48. They have a 5-member committee and have been getting a lot done. Obviously, 7 of the 8 Districts in Toronto were very active. They get together at the GTA Intergroup and have come up with a workbook, and a plan to set up mobile meetings. Once things start to get a little less restrictive, they will roll out the Mobile meetings. This is an important service—taking a meeting to a member who cannot get to a meeting; they do not have access to online or physical meetings.

A workgroup has started up in the middle of Covid, International Accessibility workgroup. Currently there are 22 Areas involved, and it is growing. Accessibility is here to stay. I want to thank everyone for allowing me to serve.

Yours in service Shane H. [treatment@area83aa.org](mailto:treatment@area83aa.org)

## E. Grapevine

Jenny C.

Hello friends. I'm a member of the Smiths Falls Saturday night group currently serving as your area grapevine chair for area 83 Eastern Ontario International my name is Jenny and I'm an alcoholic.

I was brought to my attention that some of the grapevine jokes may be a little dry. So good news. You can contribute to the laughs by sending jokes to A.A. [grapevine.org/share](https://grapevine.org/share).

*New AA slogan for 2020 "please unmute yourself!"*

Kevin H.B. Accord, N.Y. Oct 2020

*"Back amongst human-type drunks: Two dots are riding a roller coaster.*

*Says one, "Gee, we're making good time!"*

*Replies the second, "Yeah. But I have the strange feeling that we're on the wrong bus!"*

A.A. Grapevine July 1971

As the term has carried on, I have continually been invited to attend the GTA Grapevine Committee meeting. A lot of really good ideas are coming from these passionate Grapevine Representatives; including PDF and power point file for creating your own grapevine display. This can be used for your group or district grapevine representatives and it is located on the area 83 website under resources and grapevine

Pocket planners and wall calendar orders are in and will start to be distributed this week. I only have 2 more districts to confirm volunteers for the Grapevine Relay. This was a fantastic idea that Kimberley put forward to ensure our order could still be placed. even though orders were down 40% from last year we still had 13 orders placed. 113 pocket planners and 78 wall calendars. a total order cost of \$1,453.09. Total funds collected were \$1,805.00 a difference of \$351.91 this difference will stay with the area.

Please don't forget the amazing tools grapevine has put at your disposal.

- YouTube has a growing collection available for free.
- New ePub one-year subscription 19.99
- Both AA Grapevine and La Viña websites have been updated and are looking very nice and very user friendly.
- And as always, a subscription to Grapevine itself is \$45.94 Canadian for a one year.

Your meeting in print during a pandemic. Don't forget to carry the message and gift a subscription to someone who might be in need. This is a perfect gift for the upcoming holiday. Especially for those who are not able to meet up with others. While zoom is an amazing alternative a grapevine is another easy way to stay connected.

It has been an honour to serve and work with so many wonderful human beings over the course of the last 2 years. Even with almost half of the term being conducted virtually you have all been a blessing I thank you and am truly GrapeFull for the opportunity to service as your area grapevine chair for panel 69.

Please feel free to reach out if there is anything I may be able to assist you with.



GrapeFull to be of service, Jenny C.

## F. Self-Support

Mike B.

Good morning, I am an alcoholic and a member of the Parkwood Hills Group in Ottawa and have the honour and privilege of serving as your Panel 69 Self Support Chair for Area 83 Eastern Ontario International. My Name is Mike B.

It's been a whirlwind of a year for sure! Self-Support is more important now than it ever has been. The Fellowship rallied sometime in March and went from face to face meetings to online platforms. We held workshops on "Best Practices" for online meetings. We investigated and put into practice how to collect the 7th Tradition virtually. We looked for those who we weren't seen in meetings that normally attend. We welcomed the newcomer who was looking for a better way of life. We didn't miss a beat even though there was a learning curve for some groups. That is what has made us strong and still able to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

I commend each and every one of you that has made this possible. All this was possible because WE know that Self Support is about carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous and furthering 12 Step work. All it

took was our time and a little bit of money. Many Districts and Groups have recently had elections. I congratulate each and every one of you who have let their name stand in Service of Alcoholics Anonymous. You are being Self-Supporting through your own contribution. I encourage you to go forward with enthusiasm and to do the best job that you are capable of doing.

Later on tomorrow, a slate of candidates will let their name stand at our Assembly, and we will be tasked to choose who we see fit to take on those positions. This is all part of Self Support. We are furthering 12 Step work with our own contribution of time. If at your home group or individual Districts there are positions that still remain vacant, I implore you to think about raising your hand and filling those positions.

From my own experience, 12 Step work is best conducted when we work in Unity for our “common welfare”. If we are doubtful that we don’t have the credentials or the skillset to let our name stand, our saving Grace is, there are many others around us to help us in those positions. I never thought that I would be able to get and stay sober, I believed I didn’t have the skillset for that. Others rallied around me and step by step showed me how they did it and presented me with the solution we can all agree upon.

Here’s a suggestion to all Districts that presently do not have a Self-Support Chair. It has been the practice of some Districts to combine the Self-Support position with the Alternate District Committee Members position and from my own experience, it seems to work out very well. This gives the Alternate District Committee Member an opportunity to get a little bit more active within the District and a chance to get to know the groups better within the District.

It truly has been an honour and a privilege to serve as your Self-Support Chair for Area 83 Panel 69. I have had the opportunity to meet many of you along this “road of happy destiny” and work and learn in tangent with you to better carry the message.

As our 2-year term winds down I would like to thank all of you that put faith in me and trusted me to serve. I sincerely hope that I have lived up to your expectations. In closing, I would like to end with, ENTHUSIASM breeds ENTHUSIASM!!! “If newcomers could see no joy or fun in our existence, they wouldn’t want it.”

So, let’s keep doing what we are doing and let’s do it with ENTHUSIASM! Let’s show the next generation of AAers what Self-Support truly is about. And all it takes is us contributing our time and a little bit of money to keep this whole thing alive.

“Twelfth Step work is the lifeblood of Alcoholics Anonymous—carrying the message to the next suffering alcoholic. Without it, the Fellowship would wither and die.”

*Yours in Love and Service, Mike B.*

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## G. Archives

**Marty M.**

Hello everyone, my name is Marty and I’m an alcoholic. I’m a member of the Open Hands group in Mississauga, District 6 and I am privileged to serve as your area Archives Chair.

This past two years have definitely been interesting, I had no idea there was so much to learn about Archives. I came into this with no archives experience, not knowing what to expect. I’ll admit, I was a little overwhelmed at first, but I was eager to learn. With the help of more experienced members, I enjoyed this term very much, and I continue to learn. I want to say a special thanks to a few people; our Archivist Linda, past Archives chair Eddy, and the Toronto Archives Committee (which has about 4 former archives chairs & former archivist). Thank you so much, I’m truly grateful.

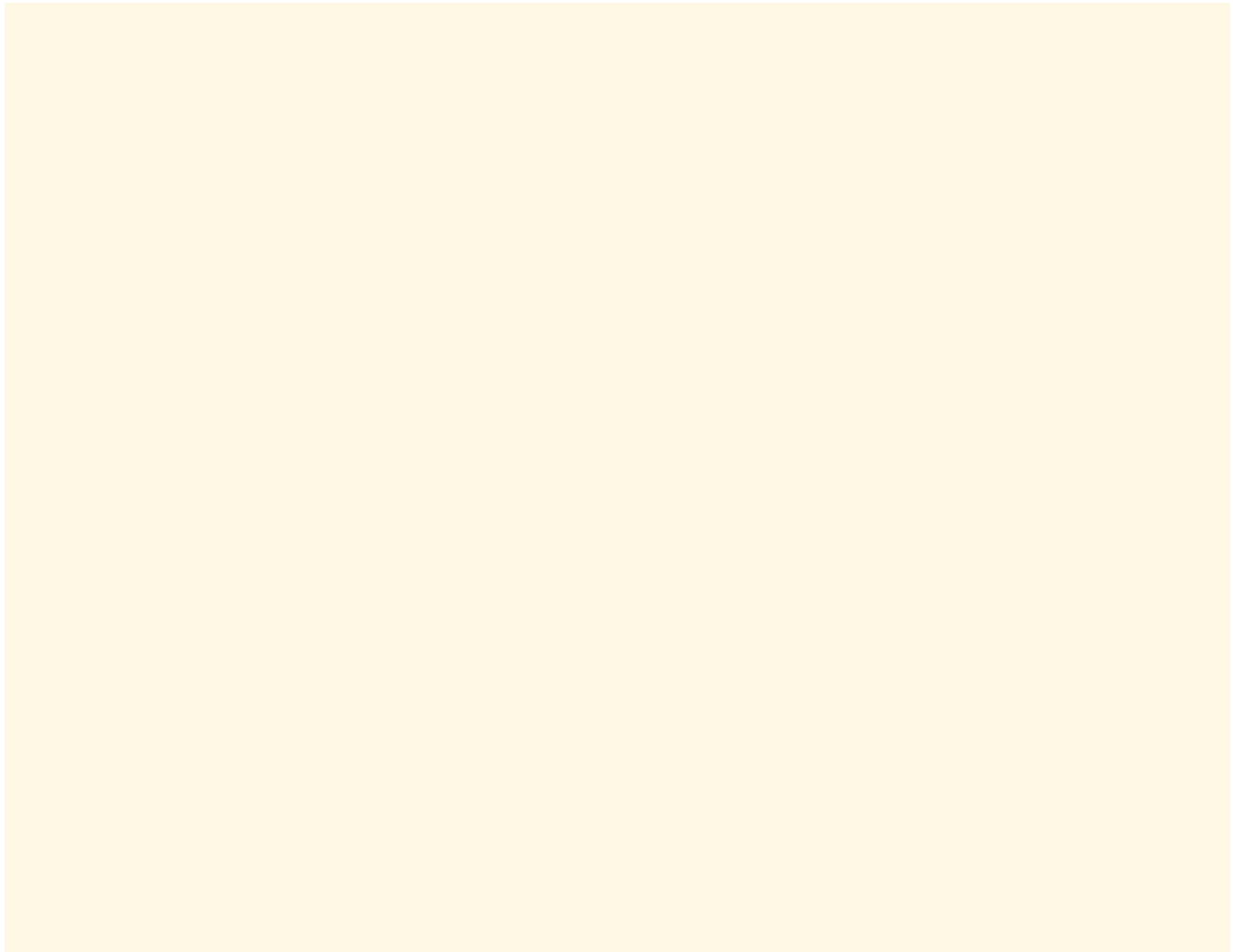
Although meetings have changed so much this year. Fortunately, we are making the best of it by adapting and meeting on Zoom. The Greater Toronto Area Archives committee is no exception, which I have been attending. The GTA Archives committee continues to work on collecting group histories for the book ‘80 Years of AA in Ontario’. Please continue submitting your group and oral histories. In 2023 you can read about when AA first came to your town or city.

I have this announcement; Because of the pandemic, just like other events, the annual GTA Archives Breakfast will be an online virtual breakfast. The event is on Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am to 1:30pm.

Beginning at 11:00 am, there will be a 45 Min Virtual Exploration on the lives, home, and archives of the Wilsons (Bill & Lois).

At 12:00 our Guest speaker Shirley B from Ottawa, who got sober in 1969 in Montreal, will share her story with us. I'm really looking forward to this. Please spread the word, details with meeting I.D. and password can be found on the Area 83 website under events calendar. Click here for [link to Archives flyer](#).

Of course, this event is free, however we will accept contributions in support of the Archives committee's ongoing projects.



**Area Archivist report:**

Hello everyone. First off I'd like to thank the Area committee for all the hard work they've done to ensure that AA in our area remained viable during COVID-19. I'd also like to thank the webmasters, and the intergroups, for providing meeting access, and for setting newcomers on the path to recovery. And my thanks to our members For being there at meetings, sharing their experience strength and hope, and for continually striving to reach the members we no longer see in our meetings. I'd also like to personally thank our Archives Chair, Marty M. for his enthusiasm, suggestions and support. Thanks Marty.

With zoom, I have taken advantage of access to the world, attending the Detroit world conference, as well as the National AA Archives workshop, and other Areas Archive presentations.



The Service Day presentation I gave on Archives focused, on three historical times that impacted AA. The press and marketing of the big book, World War II and today, Covid 19. I have since been asked by Maryland N. Archivist, Washington, Area 72, to work with her in developing it into a 45-minute presentation to take nationally. I'm looking forward to this, our stories are fascinating, and worth knowing.

I am currently working on the fall issue of the Archives 83rd newsletter for 2020. This edition will focus on the Service Committees in Area 83, and the impact of COVID-19. I will also use some of the information from the Archives presentation to flesh out service history.

We are definitely living in interesting times. COVID-19, it's impact on Society, GSO, the area, our members, and to the alcoholic who still suffers **IS** history in the making. We would like your stories, challenges, ie. Zoom, newcomers, celebrating, carrying message to shut-ins, in person be it Parking lot, parks, or backyards, or hybrid. The key is WE continue to carry the message. And I have confidence we always will. Please send your stories to me at [archivist@area83.org](mailto:archivist@area83.org).

Yours in gratitude, Linda McQ, Area 83 Archivist

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The 83' Archives Newsletter will be coming out soon so stay tuned, this edition will focus on the origins of the Area 83 sub-committees.

Yours in Love and Service, Marty [Archives@area83aa.org](mailto:Archives@area83aa.org)

## H. Service Information Day Committee

De R.

Hello everyone, I am an alcoholic, member of the KF Group, District Committee Member for District 02 – Malton and have had the honour and privilege of serving as your Panel 69 Service Information Day Chair and my name is De.

First, let me introduce our committee members: Jack R. our secretary, DCM, District 36 Kingston and the Islands; Lynn E., DCM District 22, Scarborough; Terry N., DCM District 26, Lakeshore West; Eileen S., DCM District 28, Lakeshore East and Bev H., DCM District 34, Quinte East.

I cannot express how grateful I am to each of them for their vital role in putting together the Spring and Fall Service Days of 2019. And in preparing for the Spring 2020 Service Day, several Committees had their favourites of who they wished to chair their presentations; a true testament to their professionalism and ability. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we were unable to provide the Spring 2020 Service Day, and it was canceled.

Our Committee did adjust to the new online way of doing things, keeping in touch by meeting on zoom and brainstorming ideas and solutions, with the assistance of the Area Committee, to bring a Fall Service Day. And we were able to still get together for Area Committee Meetings, keeping informed with reports, and going through Agenda items.

Thanks as well to all Area Committees for designing helpful roundtable workshops, how to navigate and chair on zoom meetings, and how to re-open safely and successfully. The Area continued to provide support, information and helped in the formation of the Service Day workshops, albeit on a different platform and over a series of seven weeks.

The Service Day Committee was tasked with inviting presenters and chairing these workshops, and all did an amazing job. The presentations were well attended, well-thought out, informative and each presenter included their own service experience to make the workshops personal. There will be one more workshop on Sunday, November 8, from 7:00-8:30 pm and will feature three Delegates – we hope you can join us for this special presentation.

The Area also offered practice and training sessions in preparation for the Assembly and thanks to the Area Committee and Tech 12, we have a full Assembly over the two days. And while the Service Information Day Committee has all but finished our participation, we are still available to help in any way possible.

For this alcoholic, it has truly been a pleasure to work with each of the Service Day Committee members as well as Area Officers and Subcommittee Chairs. I have learned so much, grown so much and am humbled by the experience. I would recommend that anyone considering standing for the Service Information Day Committee, do so. This opportunity for me, has been truly rewarding.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, De R.

[ServiceInfoDay@Area83aa.org](mailto:ServiceInfoDay@Area83aa.org)

#### 4. TREASURER'S REPORT

JoAnn P.

Hello friends, I am an alcoholic, a member of Courtice 12 and 12 Group in District 28, and my name is JoAnn. It is both an honour and a privilege to serve as your Panel 69 Eastern Ontario International Area 83 Treasurer.

It seems that although we have been physically distancing and unable to meet in person, the legacy of service in Alcoholics Anonymous continues in Area 83 and beyond. I have had the pleasure of facilitating District 28 Lakeshore East elections on September 13<sup>th</sup>, I assisted our Area Secretary Amy with District 30 Quinte West and District 26 Lakeshore West elections in October. I attended the Area 83 Service Information Day Sessions held over the past 2 months, participated in Service Information Days where we heard our Delegate Rob M share his report of the virtual 70<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference, attended information sessions regarding virtual elections via Area 79 Yukon and BC and even went on a "tour" of GSO and Grapevine thanks to Area 11 Connecticut.

I am grateful that Area 83 Eastern Ontario International is navigating our current reality and continuing to serve the still suffering alcoholic. My tasks as Treasurer have slowed considerably. I know that for most of us, our Groups are meeting on video conferencing applications. Some groups have reached out regarding starting e-Transfer for their home Group. This mode of contributing to Area 83 is convenient and safe. If you would like assistance setting up e-Transfer, I would be happy to help. Our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition is as equally important today as it was before the pandemic.

Before we talk about the numbers, I am going to again reference the integration of ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) system has caused some difficulty in timely acknowledgement of Group and District contributions to GSO. Each Group (after integration) has 2 identification numbers – one is your 6-digit Legacy Group Number (Group Service Number), and one is a new 9-digit number which will be called a Group NetSuite Number. Any new Group will be assigned a NetSuite 9-digit number only. The Legacy Group number will be able to be used in all communications with GSO. While these Legacy Group numbers will not be used in new communications from GSO, your information as a Group will be accessible. In my communications with Groups, I have started to reference Legacy Group Numbers and NetSuite Numbers. There will be a time that only the NetSuite 9-digit number will be used, however, I have no timeline to report. Area Registrar Dave L will be reporting on this issue.

Please continue to remind groups who would like to contribute using PayPal to include their six-digit Group Service Number with any contributions using PayPal so that the group may get credit for their contribution. The place to enter the group number is the screen after entering credit card information. PayPal charges a fee of 2.9% plus 30 cents per transaction. There have been 2 contributions, so far, this year using PayPal.

There have been 45 contributions via e-Transfer so far in 2020. This method of contributing to Area 83 is proving to be uncomplicated for the Groups and straightforward to process Letters of Receipt. Please consider this payment method when your Group or District discusses contributing to Area 83. As with all contributions, please reference your Group and or District Name and Service Number in the memo field. We



will be addressing a motion tomorrow regarding accepting individual contributions to a maximum of \$1000.00 per year and I look forward to that discussion.

When a Group or District sends in a contribution, they will receive, in return, a thank-you letter of receipt. Emailing these to you costs the Area nothing, whereas mailing them requires a stamp, envelope, paper, and ink. Please encourage your Treasurers to include an email address with your contributions, and I can email your letter of receipt. Please make your cheques payable to "Eastern Ontario International Area 83". You can find contact information on the Area 83 website: [area83aa.org](http://area83aa.org) under the tab "About Area 83" click on Area Contributions.

I have prepared the Proposed Spending Guidelines for 2020 which will be discussed Sunday during New Business.

Let's discuss the Financial Statements for the period ending October 17, 2020.

**Page 1** ([Appendix A](#)) is a financial summary. It shows our reserve account, which is set aside for unforeseen circumstances, has a balance of \$20,000 in the form of a GIC which matures September 11, 2023.

Income for the period as of October 17, 2020:

- 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected at the January (in person), June (virtual) and September (virtual) Area Committee Meetings - \$827.05
- Cost Recoveries - \$56.00
- GSO Flow Through - \$1,110.00
- Grapevine Seasonal - \$1,805.00
- Group and District Contributions - \$21,745.35
- Interest transferred from Reserve - \$300.66 (GIC Matured September 11, 2020)

Total Income for the period is \$25,844.06

Expenses for the period as of October 17, 2020:

- Committee expenses are \$5,977.43
- Area Committee Meeting, January 4<sup>th</sup> rent and refreshments \$477.19
- General Service Conference Assessment \$8,821.80 (US\$ 6,500.00)
- Bank Service Charges \$27.40
- PayPal Fees - \$5.25
- Grapevine Seasonal - \$1,456.09
- GSO Flow Through - \$1110.00
- Ontario Delegates Committee \$5,663.02
- Refund regarding Eastern Canada Hospitality Suite at International Convention - \$150.00

Total Expenses for the period are \$23,385.18.

The opening bank balance on January 1, 2020 was \$40,490.20. Total income of \$25,844.06 less expenses of \$23,385.18 leaves a balance in the operating account of \$42,498.08. As of October 17, 2020, our expenses were \$2,457.88 less than our income. Thank you to the 89 Groups and 11 Districts for your generous contributions to Area 83.

**Page 2** ([Appendix B](#)) shows details of expenses. Here we see an itemized breakdown of expenses for the period for each Area Committee Member as well as all other expenses to date.

Some of the numbers you see here:

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- The amount shown under Miscellaneous for Alternate Delegate is \$417.66 which covers our annual Area 83 Zoom Standard Pro account until early June 2021 (\$235.70) and 3 large group add on charges (\$181.96).
- The amount shown under Printing (\$285.00) for Secretary is for September 2019 ACM minutes and January 2020 ACM Agenda.
- The amount shown under the Treasurer for Stationery is for a \$173.20 cheque reorder.
- \$701.54 for Service Manuals – some of this may be recouped at the next physical Area Assembly.
- The amount shown under Registrar (\$192.21) is for an order for name badges.
- Spring Assembly amount of \$1,288.25 is the cancellation charge levied by the Ambassador Hotel. We will be receiving this amount as a credit in a future period when we are able to gather en masse.
- Fall Assembly amount \$916.64 (US \$677.70) is for a 20% deposit paid to Check 2 AV for the technical requirements for our virtual Assembly. The balance payable will be approximately \$2,710.80 USD, and this will be reflected in the next report.
- Rent and refreshments for the January 4<sup>th</sup> ACM is \$477.19. We met in Quinte West.
- Bank Charges and PayPal fees are \$32.65.
- Grapevine Seasonal cost is \$1454.09.
- The General Service Conference (GSC) Assessment. At the Spring Assembly in 2007, a motion passed stating that “provided it doesn’t affect our prudent reserve, Area 83 will pay to GSO the full annual expense for our Delegate to attend the General Service Conference”. Area 83 calculated \$6,500.00 US\$ (Canadian \$8,821.80). This amount was remitted to GSO in January of 2020. The GSC Assessment covers the total cost of the General Service Conference divided by the 93 Delegate Areas. Traditionally, these costs include expenses for Delegates, Trustees, and GSO staff to attend, as well as meeting rooms, A/V equipment, printing (includes the final conference report sent to each group) and miscellaneous expenses. With the 70<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference moving to a Virtual Conference, Eastern Canada Regional Trustee Jan L, reported that each Area contributed the required \$1,800 and some contributed more. The total amount received was \$14,000 less than the cost of the virtual GSC.
- Ontario Delegates Committee is \$5,663.02 for event hosted by Eastern Ontario International Area 83 in Toronto February 28-March 1. This event is to prepare the 4 Ontario Delegates and 4 Alternate Delegates for the 70<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference. These costs were for hotel meeting rooms and refreshments, organizing committee hotel rooms, meals and transportation, and guest presenter’s hotel rooms, meals, transportation as well as the organizing committee’s printing and stationery.
- Flow through amount forwarded to GSO on behalf of 3 Groups and 1 District in Area 83 (\$1,110.00).

To summarize, our financial position for year to date 2020 compared to year to date 2019 is as follows: Income for 2020 is \$26,105.21 less than the same period in 2019. Expenses to date for 2020 is \$28,178.56 less than the same period in 2019. The net change to the Operating Account is \$2073.35. The reduction of contributions in 2020 versus 2019 is \$20,763.07.

**Page 3** ([Appendix C](#)) shows contributions by District. These amounts include contributions from Districts, as well as Groups. 89 Groups and 11 Districts have contributed to Area 83 in 2020. There are 47 less Groups and 4 less Districts contributing in 2020 versus 2019.

We will be collecting a 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition throughout the Assembly weekend. Please e-transfer your contribution and reference Fall Assembly in the memo field. Email address is [treasurer@area83aa.org](mailto:treasurer@area83aa.org). I will group the contributions and report the total at the November 28<sup>th</sup> virtual Area Committee Meeting.

As we navigate the remaining 2 months in 2020, we will have very few expenses paired with a possible continued reduction of Group and District contributions. Please rest assured that Area 83 Eastern Ontario International is financially stable and ready to withstand any challenges as they appear. Yours in Love and Service, JoAnn P.  
[treasurer@Area83aa.org](mailto:treasurer@Area83aa.org)

QUESTION: Amy L., Secretary: Are we paying rent on the Church in Belleville while we are not meeting?

ANSWER: No, I don't believe so. I have not been instructed to continue that practice. Perhaps James can add to this.

Answer: James O., Chair: while we are not using the church, the Westminster United Church has not requested any payment.

**The total amount of the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected during the 2-day Assembly was \$1485.65.**

## 5. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Amy L.

Good morning friends, I am a member of the Liverpool Group in Pickering in District 26 and my name is Amy. I have the privilege of serving Area 83 as your Secretary. First, welcome to those visitors or new GSRs who are here for your first Assembly. I am glad that you have taken the opportunity to see what this is all about and how we conduct the Area's business. Pretty slick that you can check it out from the comfort of your home. Be sure to tune in tomorrow, it should be an interesting day.

I must say, I can't believe this is the last Assembly. I sure missed seeing you all in the restaurant and atrium this morning. I love all of the anxious milling about near mailboxes and registration tables. This term has presented some real challenges, but many of us have embraced them as opportunities. I am so grateful for the virtual platforms we are using; my AA world has gotten so much bigger.

I really enjoyed the Service Information Day sessions. I think the committee did a great job in switching this up and offering something for everyone. Best of all, I was able to hear everyone's workshops. Great Job everyone!

I had the honour to facilitate a few district elections and it is great to hear some of your elections have not been hindered by the online platform. We all know that AA must go on, Pandemic are no excuse!

That said, with all these elections taking place in the Area, District (speaking DCMs or your registrars) please submit your district changes to me as soon as possible [Secretary@Area83aa.org](mailto:Secretary@Area83aa.org). It would be good to get these into GSO before the beginning of the Panel 71 term. Given the delays, and the fact there will be 45 areas that are rotating their trusted servants, there will undoubtedly will be a backlog. Many of the subcommittee chairs will be receiving workbooks and kits to get them up to speed and submitting their names to GSO initiates this process. So, let's try and get all of the rosters submitted before the end of December. I realize that some of your rosters will not be full but submit what you have. It would also be nice to leave the next secretary in a good position. You can find the District Roster change form on the Secretary's tab on the Area website.

<http://area83aa.org/docs/secretary/DistrictChangeForm2017.doc>

For those of you who are giving reports today or tomorrow, please submit them to me as soon as possible. With your cooperation, I will be able to turn the minutes around pretty quickly.

I am glad to receive your District minutes, thank you to those of you who pass them along. It is good to see how districts are picking up and moving ahead on the virtual platforms. I know that it has been a struggle for some but hang in there.

Hope to see you at the Regional Forum in December 5<sup>th</sup>.

If I can be helpful to you, your district or group, please do not hesitate to let me know. Thank you for this opportunity to serve Area 83.

Yours in Love and service. Amy L.

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QUESTION: Susan K., DCM D06: asking for our newly elected district servants. They will not be taking on their rolls until January, are you saying want them now?

ANSWER: Yes, I can submit the forms any time to GSO and indicate when the start date is (January 1, 2021).

They now have the ability to enter that start date in the database, and the new trusted servants record goes live on said start date.

*I am happy to receive these district change forms from the DCMs, the district Registrar or Secretary. I will confirm to the DCM that I have submitted the forms to GSO.*

## 6. REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Dave L.

Hello friends! I'm alcoholic, a member of the Liverpool Group in District 26 & my name is Dave. I have the honour & privilege to serve as your Panel 69 Registrar for Area 83, Eastern Ontario International and I am very grateful to be of service.

Thank you to those who attended the Registrar Workshop at the Service Information Day session on August 30. This has been a challenging term as Registrar.

The General Service Office transition to the NetSuite database continues to have some challenges with the quality of the data. Work continues on the "clean up" of the data. The backlog of data changes sent to GSO for inputting has reduced from 17-weeks down to 1-week. No timelines have been communicated about the further phased rollout of My Portal functionality to Area Registrars.

Since the NetSuite data is still not totally reliable, I continue to maintain a separate database with up to date Area 83 Group information. For now, all changes to Group, GSR and Alternate GSR information, should continue to be sent to me by way of GROUP INFORMATION CHANGE FORMS.

There has also been a lot of work to prepare for this Virtual Assembly. We had to rethink how the registration and roll call preparation could work in a virtual setting. I recruited and trained 26 AA Members to be the Virtual Registration Desk Volunteers who will register attendees and enter their District, Group & Position information into the Roll Call spreadsheet. These needs to all happen Sunday morning largely between 8 - 9:30 am. I greatly appreciate the commitment of these 26 individuals to make the registration process effective tomorrow.

As attendees pass through the Waiting Room, they will be sent to Breakout Rooms, manned by the Virtual Registration Volunteers. It is also critically important for attendees to log onto ZOOM as early as possible (starting at 8 am) on the Sunday (October 25) to be registered. Please log on at 8 am, then grab a coffee, have breakfast and or walk the dog.

It is also critically important that your Group has a representative who will vote on behalf of your Group tomorrow. If your Group General Service Representative is not attending tomorrow, clarify with them who will be voting for your Group.

Currently, Area 83 has 579 active registered groups. Every group should have a representative registered with GSO. That could be a GSR or a Primary contact for the group. When a group does not have a representative, they are considered Unknown To GSO. Area 83 currently has only 1 Unknown Account.

We are coming into a new term and I expect that many Groups are rotating their service representatives. If you are a new General Service Representative make sure that you pass your information on to the District Registrar. Your District Registrar will send the changes to me. I will then forward the information to the General Service Office for inputting. To the District Registrars. I am happy to receive group change information any time between now and January 1.

Once your data is entered, it takes approximately 3-4 weeks for your GSR kits to be mailed. While you are waiting for your kit to arrive we have a link to the contents of the GSR kit online, if you go to the Registrar's Resource tab on the Area83 website (<http://area83aa.org/resources/area-registrar>).

Tomorrow morning, before I give the roll call, I will give a brief explanation of the process of compiling the tally.

Thank you to those Districts that send me their minutes, it has been nice following your District's activities. Thank you for this opportunity to be of service to AA.

Yours, in love & service, Dave L.

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QUESTION: you mentioned a 9-digit number, what are you calling this?

ANSWER: It is called a Net Suite number.

COMMENT: it is important that each group is represented at the Assembly, and if you do not see your GSR here, touch bases with them. And make sure they are or are not going to be here tomorrow. If they will not be there who will be the voting member of your group.

QUESTION: Ron C., GSR, D86: Where do we find the Net Suite number?

ANSWER: They haven't formally broadcast out to the groups yet, and you can still very easily use your service group number, also called the Legacy number. However, if you have an interest in getting this number, I can send it to you, just let me know.

## 7. AREA CHAIR'S REPORT

James O'D

Good morning everyone. My name is James O'D. and I'm an alcoholic. I have the privilege to serve you, Area 83, as your Chairperson.

The Chair doesn't have a voice or a vote for two years...TWO YEARS! And you would think that after all this time that I would be overflowing with things to say...but I am not. I will keep my report short and to the point.

While we as an Area have accomplished many things to date over the term, I would just like to stop and take a moment to acknowledge everyone in this room who has played any part in keeping Alcoholics Anonymous alive and strong through this very difficult time. I have watched our fellowship move from face to face meetings almost overnight to virtual platforms. Many of us had grave concerns and reservations – yet we persevered. We as a society did not skip a beat to continue to reach out to the still suffering alcoholic.

Being the Chair, I am privy to a lot that goes on in our Area and AA as a whole. We should be proud that as an Area and as a fellowship that we have held fast in the face of great adversity and remain united in our primary purpose. Each and everyone of us here today (and many who could not join us) continue to do our part wherever we are called to serve.

It is customary that the Chair offer recommendations during their final report to the Assembly. The only item I would recommend would be the creation of a Communication Committee to follow up on the GSO audit and see where we can address the gaps that exist in our communication structure. Change can be painful but as we have seen over the last 7 months, it can serve to carry the message to places and in ways that we could never have dreamt of.

On a last note before returning to my cone of silence, if you feel the call to serve Alcoholics Anonymous please say "yes" - be it here in the Area, at Intergroup, at your District or Home Group.

I am filled with gratitude that you allowed me to serve as your Chairperson for this two-year term. There's nothing more I can say...but thank you.

## 8. ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT

Kimberley M.

Good morning, I'm an alcoholic and a member of the Ajax Area Group. I am so grateful for this opportunity to serve as Panel 69 alternate Delegate for Area 83 Eastern Ontario International, and my name is Kimberley.

I miss seeing everyone in the Atrium of the Ambassador, in the workshop rooms and greeting you all at the entrance of the Ballroom. We are fortunate that we can still meet here virtually and continue to work together as an Area.

Here are some my activities since reporting to the Area Committee in September:

It was a pleasure to present Concepts 7 through 12 at the well organized and informative workshops facilitated by our Service Information Day Committee on Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, October 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. This experience has given me a much better understanding of the Concepts. Hopefully, those in attendance learned as well.

On September 21<sup>st</sup> I chaired the Inter-Area Remote Community Workgroup. Here are some comments 3 regularly attending chairs: Area 80 Manitoba continues with Telehealth and Zoom meetings. Area 79 BC/Yukon said that although many enjoy a variety of zoom meetings, many using internet connections in Health facilities and libraries have not been able to enter those facilities due to the pandemic. At their recent assembly, Area 79 voted to change the name of Remote Communities to Remote Connections. Area 2 Alaska holds a 3 day a week Alaska Statewide AA telephone meeting that is very active with people from all over the US. With low bandwidths, zoom is not an option. Our next meeting is on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

The District 34 and District 66 elections were held on September 24<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. It was a pleasure to assist with their facilitation and see enthusiasm for service in these districts.

September 28<sup>th</sup> was the last Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly steering committee meeting of this term. Spending time with the Eastern Canada Regional Delegates and their Alternates as well as Jan who is our Eastern Canada Regional Trustee has been great. It has brought us all together so we could get to know each other better.

On September 1<sup>st</sup> was the 2nd sharing session of Alternate Delegates. It has been fun to meet most of the alternate delegates of the 93 Areas - some who are rotating in and some out. These meetings are taking place on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. With so many in attendance, we are still in the process of going through introductions.

The Area 82 Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador elections were held on October 10<sup>th</sup> and it was a huge privilege to assist with these elections. And it was a lot of fun!

The chair of Area 85 requested some assistance preparing for their Area Election Assembly. It was a pleasure to meet with him and his team to provide some assistance.

On October 14<sup>th</sup> was the Ottawa Intergroup Meeting which was very well attended. They made efficient use of their time together.

The Alternate Delegate of our Area is the liaison with our four intergroups. On November 3<sup>rd</sup> is scheduled an opportunity for the Intergroup chairs of Ottawa, Peterborough and the GTA to get together to share what has been going on in their respective Intergroups. I plan to attend the GTA General monthly meeting on Oct 27<sup>th</sup> and the Lakeshore Intergroup meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Other upcoming events:

District 36 and District 14 have invited me to assist with their elections on October 28<sup>th</sup> and November 9<sup>th</sup> respectively. Thank you for this opportunity.

On November 8<sup>th</sup> I look forward to participating our first ever Delegates workshop on Zoom.

The US/Canada Regional Forum is on December 5<sup>th</sup> between 12pm and 7pm. This is a sharing and informational session to help the General Service Board trustees, AA World Service directors and AA Grapevine directors, as well as staff and other employees of GSO and Grapevine to stay in touch with A.A. members and trusted servants throughout the A.A. service structure. This event will provide unique opportunities to share and exchange valuable experience, ask questions and spark new ideas. This opportunity comes every 2 years and will be unique this year since the US eastern regions will be included as well. Please plan to attend and participate.

Thank you to everyone here today and for all the service that you do. It has been wonderful serving with all of you this term.

To those of you who are planning to let your name stand in the elections tomorrow, good luck to you. Hopefully, you will find your service journey as rewarding and exciting as I have.



There have been many ways that my life has been enriched through service in general and specifically to the Area. Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as your Alternate Delegate.

Gratefully yours, Kimberley  
[Alt.delegate@Area83aa.org](mailto:Alt.delegate@Area83aa.org)

## 9. DELEGATE'S REPORT

Rob M.

Hi everyone. I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Motorcity Group in District 28, and my name is Rob. It's an honour to serve as Panel 69 Delegate for Area 83 Eastern Ontario International. It's nice to be with you today on our first ever virtual Assembly.

Here's what I've been doing since our Area Committee Meeting last month.

On Sept 17<sup>th</sup> I participated in a discussion group hosted by the General Service Board Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Committee. The strategic plan is an evolving document that continues to be reviewed and was most recently updated in 2019. The Board uses the plan as its guidepost regarding all matters affecting the Fellowship's primary purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the still-suffering alcoholic and to develop a coherent working vision for the future. All 137 General Service Conference members were invited to provide input as to where we stand in the process and where we might look to in the future. Using a Discussion Café structure, we broke into small groups to focus on the goals of the Strategic Plan.

Sept 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, and October 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> I attended our Service Information Day Workshops. All the presentations were very informative and well done. Thank you to our SID Committee for facilitating this amazing series of virtual workshops.

Sept 26<sup>th</sup> was the District 22 Service Day. Again, great presentations. Congratulations, District 22, on the success of your first virtual service day.

The CERAASA steering committee met on September 28<sup>th</sup>. CERAASA 2021, scheduled to be hosted by Area 86 in St. Catharines, has been postponed. Because CERAASA is a bi-annual event the hotel has agreed to transfer the deposit already paid and will try to keep the room rates and costs the same as they are for 2021. The steering committee voted unanimously that Area 86 host CERAASA 2023 at the Holiday Inn St. Catharines. The next meeting of the steering committee will be January 25<sup>th</sup>.

On Oct 7<sup>th</sup> I facilitated District 48's Elections. Thanks to Pat H. and Linda M. operating Zoom, the elections went well. Congratulations to the incoming District 48 Committee Members.

Oct 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> was the Area 82 virtual election Assembly. I was happy to be part of the election team and gained valuable experience conducting elections on Zoom.

I attended the two Area 83 Election Training sessions Oct 10<sup>th</sup> & Oct 12<sup>th</sup>.

On Oct 13<sup>th</sup> the Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities met. It was a final opportunity for Panel 69 Delegates to provide input to the committee before rotating out. It was emotional saying goodbye to those Delegates I formed friendships with while serving on this Committee.

Last weekend I was on the Area 79 election Assembly. Some of you may remember Rodney S. who was our Panel 61 Treatment Chair before moving to British Columbia. Rodney is currently the Area 79 Treasurer and was elected Area Chairperson.

I volunteered to be part of the election team for the Area 86 Assembly on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Also, on November 8<sup>th</sup> a Delegates Workshop has been added to the SID series of workshops. Our Alternate Delegate Kimberley M., our Immediate Past Delegate Kim S., and I will present the workshop.

Our next Area Committee meeting is November 28<sup>th</sup>, and I've been asked to present a GSR Workshop for District 1 Halifax in Area 82 on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

December 5<sup>th</sup> is the virtual Eastern US/Canada Regional Forum with the theme: “2020: Experience, Strength & Hope - what it was like, what happened, and what it is like now.” The one-day event will feature participation from the Northeast, Southeast, East Central and Eastern Canada Regions, and will include workshops, presentations, Q&A’s, General Sharing, and much more!

The four Ontario Delegates will present a workshop. We met last night to begin planning, and hope to see all of you on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Registration for the Forum will open November 6<sup>th</sup> at [https://aa.org/pages/en\\_US/regional-and-local-forums](https://aa.org/pages/en_US/regional-and-local-forums) More information will be available soon.

I still have hard copies of the final General Service Conference report available on request. If you would like a copy please send me your postal address and I will mail you one. Digital copies of the report were sent to DCMs and posted on our website under the Delegates tab. <https://www.area83aa.org/resources/delegates-page>

That’s all I have to report. I’d like to encourage all who are eligible to consider letting your name stand for election tomorrow. About 17 years ago I reluctantly agreed to be the Alternate GSR for my home group. Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would become Area 83 Delegate but here I am.

This year has been challenging for us all, but it’s been inspiring to see how well AA and Area 83 have adapted. We’ve continued to serve, to carry the message and are in great shape as we move forward.

Attending the General Service Conference in New York Last year, the virtual Conference this year, and serving as your Delegate have been some of the highlights of my life, memories I’ll always cherish. Special thanks to my beautiful wife Kathie for taking this journey with me. Your love and support mean so much to me.

I’ve always said that my favorite part of General Service is all the wonderful people I meet. It’s been a pleasure getting to know many of you this term and I look forward to continued friendships. From the bottom of my heart I thank you for allowing me to serve as your Panel 69 Delegate.

Yours in Love and Service, Rob M  
[Delegate@Area83aa.org](mailto:Delegate@Area83aa.org)

## 10. WORKSHOP– THIRD LEGACY AND VOTING PROCEDURES Robb W. Panel 61 Delegate

Thank you for asking me to do this workshop. It is interesting, while listening to all the reports today I wanted to insert a slide in here about the principle of rotation. People have talked about what a great two years it has been, the fun that they have had, the learning experience.

Robb covered the **Principle of Rotation**, he displayed page 28 from the *The AA Group Pamphlet* on this topic.

Rotation is a lesson in humility. We can do a great job, but there comes a time to rotate out and we let someone else do a great job as well. To give others the same experience that we had. This assembly, we have heard many times that we are making history here in Area 83 with our first virtual Assembly. It is neat for me to be taking part in the elections tomorrow, 10 years after I was elected delegate and now to see all of the new people who have come up over the years. Area 83- is a very strong Area for service, and I am glad to be back.

Robb then covered a bit about the **History of AA Service**. I like to give a little history of AA Service and how we got to where we are. From the Grapevine in 1992, it talks about the humility of serving in Alcoholics Anonymous.

*“In setting up services and make sure they worked well, it was tempting to forget the principle of rotation...How much more difficult it was to hold on to the principle of rotation and make sure humility (rather than power building) was at the center of our efforts. We learned that even though it was more difficult to rotate and have to constantly move through a period of learning, this was good for the individuals involved and for A.A....No one person or small group of people, needed to stay in particular serving positions... Many people got a change to serve rather than just a few”*



AA. Grapevine, September 1992

In 1945, Bill W. was already thinking about how our fellowship would survive after he and Dr. Bob passed on. Bill was very forward thinking, and he knew that the fellowship needed to continue after they were gone. The fellowship grew so fast in those first 10 years, that Bill was concerned AA might not survive if there was not some sort of structure involved. We hear all the time that we are “not organized”. We are not organized as such, but we are organized enough that we can keep going as a global fellowship. That is something that was due to Bill’s thinking way back in the beginning.

Bill had a lot of trouble in the beginning. None of the trustees were interested in the whole representation from the fellowship thing. The Trustees felt they were running things just fine. Like leaders in AA, who really believe in something. If you read the service manual it says that a leader is not just someone who leads by example, but they have the passion to, when they have an idea that they feel is important, that they are willing to fight for that idea.

In 1950, we had our first international convention and Dr. Bob was pretty sick; he died shortly after the convention. Bill went and saw him before he died to talk to him about this Conference again. Dr. Bob was not necessarily too pro conference, but in the end, he suggested that it might be a good idea to try it.

Bernard Smith, a Class A Trustee and great friend of Alcoholics Anonymous. Bill always credited him with the creation of the Conference.

Robb played a short audio of Bernard Smith recorded in the 1970s, reflecting on the first General Service Conference. It is a little humorous, but it illustrates what type of people we have among our Class A trustees. These people are non-alcoholic and freely give of their time, knowledge, experience to Alcoholics Anonymous for whatever reason they do.... Our Class A trustees are really special.

I just wanted to share on the planning for the conference (GSC). I thought when JoAnn was doing her Treasurer’s report and mentioning that Area 83 was covering the cost of almost \$10K for our delegate to attend the GSC. Back in 1950, Bill was worrying that it might cost \$20K to have all of the delegates come to the first conference. Turns out, it was really only a few cents per member. Even today, the number of members in North America, the cost to cover the GSC is a very small amount in proportion.

Bill also had to follow the Traditions in the Conference. We all know about the challenges of getting the Traditions approved in AA. To avoid political infighting-this is something our Third Legacy Procedure really covers well. It was my understanding that it was Bill and Bernard Smith that help put together this Third Legacy Procedure.

The Third Legacy Procedure is unique to Alcoholics Anonymous.

Before I go in and describe how the procedures actually works, because this is a zoom Assembly, I want to put in one slide that is going to give a view of how we are going to be voting tomorrow. I know that this is not part of the Third Legacy Procedure, but it is part of OUR voting procedure tomorrow.

There will be no paper ballots, it is going to be done via Zoom polling.

Robb then went into the minutia of how the Third Legacy works. See graphic on page S22 of the Service Manual. In essence, it is a pairing down of candidates until someone is able to get two-thirds of the votes cast.

On the third and fourth ballot, that the top names and all runners up (i.e., 2<sup>nd</sup> place [and those tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place]) go to the next ballot. If after the 4<sup>th</sup> ballot, no one receives 2/3 of the votes, we will take a vote -decided by simple majority- whether we will go to a 5<sup>th</sup> ballot. If majority say yes, we will go to a 5<sup>th</sup> ballot, if majority say no, we will skip the 5<sup>th</sup> ballot and go to the hat. I caution everyone from voting to skip the 5<sup>th</sup> ballot. With the way we are running the voting this assembly, it should be quicker, and there will not be much saved by skipping the 5<sup>th</sup> ballot. If after the 5<sup>th</sup> ballot, still no one has 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the votes cast, the two names will be put into a hat and pulled.

With our Third Legacy procedure, when we start narrowing the field down through the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> ballots, we should remember that every person that is on that list is a good candidate for whatever position we are voting for. At this place in service, everyone's whose name is on the list is a good candidate.

## **11. Speaker – Dale S – Panel 68 Delegate – Area 86 Western Ontario**

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The Chair Closed Day 1, of the Assembly:

I would like to thank everyone for staying and especially those who participated today.

In closing the first day of two in our first ever virtual Assembly, I would remind everyone to arrive as early as possible for registration tomorrow morning. Registration opens at 8am!

Let's take a moment of silence now and remember why we are here followed by the Responsibility Declaration.

**I AM RESPONSIBLE  
when anyone anywhere reaches out for help,  
I want the hand of AA always to be there,  
and for that I AM RESPONSIBLE.**

# Area Assembly – October 25, 2020

## Day 2

### 1. OPENING

Meeting opened at 9:04 am

Good morning everyone. I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Morning Discussion Group in District 10, and my name is James O'D. I have the honor and privilege of serving as Area 83 Chairperson for the 2019 – 2020 term.

Let's begin with a moment of silence followed by the Declaration of Unity (which can be found on the second page of the Service Manual across from the title page). If we could have that moment now.

12 Traditions read by: Bruce M. GSR, District 10; 12 Concepts – Short Form read by: Kathy M., GSR, District 86

Welcome everybody to the second day of our Fall Virtual Assembly.

### HOUSEKEEPING

#### Registration:

It is important that everyone has gone through the registration process. This should have taken place when you arrived and spoke with one of our registration team members who most likely changed your name to the proper naming convention. If by some chance you did not go through this process when you arrived, please message our tech team in the chat.

#### Accessibility:

Area 83 wants to make sure that everyone is able to participate equally.

If you need an accommodation to help with this, please message our tech team in chat. We will do everything to assist.

If you are on the phone, for example, \*6 to mute or unmute yourself, \*9 to raise or lower hand.

#### Smoking area:

If you need to smoke or eat during our business meeting please turn off your video or wait for one of the upcoming breaks.

#### 7th Tradition:

The 7<sup>th</sup> tradition will be collected today by digital means. Our Treasurer will be posting available contribution modalities as a virtual background at the breaks and also share the information in the chat.

#### Who Votes?

Only members of the Assembly may vote.

These are:

- All Area Officers, including the Immediate Past Delegate, but not the Chair.
- All Area Sub-Committee Chairs
- All District Committee Members of Districts in Area 83; in their absence, the Alternate District Committee Member may vote.
- All General Service Representatives of Groups in Area 83, in their absence, the Group's Alternate General Service Representative. In their absence, a member of the registered Group may vote. This includes the General Service Representatives of recognized Correctional Facilities groups. There is one vote per person.

### **A.A. HAS ALWAYS PROTECTED THE VOICE AND OPINION OF THE MINORITY**

When we have a vote, unless the voting is unanimous, or if the vote was to cover items such as acceptance of minutes, I will ask if anyone would like to speak to the minority. To be able to do this, you must have voted with the minority on the motion.

This next part may be unique to A.A. If, after the minority has spoken, someone from the majority side of the vote wishes to change their vote, that person may make a motion to reconsider. If this motion is seconded and passes by a simple majority, we start discussion again on the original motion.

The pace at which A.A. makes decisions may seem slow, but in truth it is measured. The goal is always to achieve a substantial unanimity, and the process is in place to prevent hasty, emotional decisions.

### **Calling the Question**

During the discussion on a motion, a member, once recognized by the Chair, may move to “call the question”. This is a motion to end discussion and move to the vote. This motion needs to be seconded, is not debatable, and requires a 2/3 majority to pass. If it passes, we go directly to the vote of the motion or amendment we were discussing. I would caution you not to use this privilege too often or too early – many good points and opinions will come out in any discussions, and if discussion is prematurely cut off, we will not get to hear them.

### **Who May Address the Assembly?**

- Only voting members of the Assembly have a voice. This is important for two reasons:
  - It keeps the focus on the fact that the Assembly is the business meeting of the Area – Assembly members are carrying and presenting their Groups’ wishes, rather than their own.
  - And it maximizes the time available for those members to voice their Groups’ opinions and needs.
- All who are attending may say their piece during sharing time which is agenda item #8. I would ask for your cooperation on this. If you don’t have a vote, as I just described, please keep your input for sharing time, which is scheduled for later this afternoon. At that time everyone is welcome to participate, and their opinions will be listened to.
- On the topic of sharing time, please, if you can, stay until the end of the Assembly. The Assembly truly isn’t over until it’s over. We have asked our guests and visitors to have their say during sharing time, and as hosts, it’s polite to stay and hear their views. It’s also quite possible that something important will be said.
- To allow me to facilitate discussions, when you are ready to speak, please identify yourself by name, position, Group and District number.

### **How Do We Vote?**

#### **SENSE OF THE ROOM:**

At the bottom of the participant window you will see a green YES button and a red NO button. We will use these buttons to gauge the feeling of the room – this is not a vote. We will also use this function to second a motion. IF YOU WISH TO SECOND A MOTION USE THE “YES” BUTTON.

*I would like take moment as ask everyone to click on the YES button. If anyone is having a problem, please raise your virtual hand.*

#### **VOTING:**

For anything requiring voting we will be using the polling feature. There will be two options: For/Against. We are not recording abstentions.

#### **DISCUSSION/RAISING HAND:**

If you would like to approach the virtual mic and stand in virtual line to share a new perspective or ask a question, please raise your virtual hand using the RAISE HAND FUNCTION located at the bottom left of the participants window. Zoom will keep people in line in the order they raised their hand.

Reminder: **IF YOUR IDEA OR COMMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN PRESENTED PLEASE LOWER YOUR HAND.** Your humility and cooperation in this regard is appreciated.

Alcoholics Anonymous has traditionally made decisions by 'substantial unanimity'. In practice, this has translated to 2/3 majority which is 2/3 of the votes cast each time. As we cannot control who is in the room at the time of each vote, it is impractical to use the roll call as the basis for the 2/3 calculation.

I believe that for the purpose of this second day of our virtual Assembly that we can move directly to 2/3 majority for voting.

May I have a motion to move to 2/3 majority?

- **Motion for simple majority**

Moved:	Trevor F., DCM, District 62
Seconded:	Tim F., DCM, District 86
Discussion	none
All in favour:	139
All opposed:	3
Any abstentions:	Not Recorded
Motion:	Carried

## 2. ROLL CALL      Dave L., Area 83 Registrar

At this time Dave, our Registrar, will be providing an interim number of voting members so that we can have a yard stick to go by as we proceed into the voting agenda items. Later on, in our meeting, when he has finalized the numbers, we will stop at an appropriate moment for him to give his complete roll call report.

See [Appendix D](#) for final Tally details for Sunday's registration.

**Voting members: Delegation 191 with 146 voting members.**

## 3. ACCEPTANCE OF DATE AND PLACE FOR THE SPRING ASSEMBLY AND SERVICE DAY

March 26–28, 2021 at the Ambassador Hotel in Kingston, Ontario.

One of my functions as Chair, and especially outgoing, is to facilitate a smooth transition for the incoming Chair we will be electing later on this afternoon. Given the current state of affairs, we will most likely be using a virtual platform in the Spring, but we must be prepared. To proceed responsibly and to allow the new Chair options I will need your approval to hold the tentative booking we have with the Ambassador Hotel.

Would someone like to make a motion to accept these dates for our Spring Assembly?

- **Motion to accept** March 26–28, 2021 at the Ambassador Hotel in Kingston, Ontario for the Spring Assembly.

Moved:	Jack R., DCM, District 36
Seconded:	Bev H., DCM District 34
Discussion	None
All in favour:	128
All opposed:	3
Abstentions:	Not Recorded
Motion:	Carried

#### 4. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

**OLD BUSINESS TO BE ADDED-** None

**NEW BUSINESS TO BE ADDED-**None

- Motion to accept the agenda as distributed

Moved:	Terry N., DCM District 26
Seconded:	Aidan, T, GSR District 12
Discussion	None
All in favour:	131
All opposed:	1
Abstentions:	Not recorded
Motion:	Carried

#### 5. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF FALL ASSEMBLY ON OCTOBER 27, 2019.

Are there any ERRORS OR OMISSIONS in the minutes as distributed to bring to our attention?  
None were noted.

- Motion to accept minutes as circulated.

Moved:	Janet C., GSR, District 66
Seconded:	Eileen S., DCM District 28
Discussion	None
All in favour:	125
All opposed:	None
Abstentions:	Not Recorded
Motion:	Carried

#### 6. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Report from Ad Hoc Committee on the Area 83 Website Guidelines and Webmaster Responsibilities.  
Website and Webmaster Ad Hoc Committee Chair—Robb W.

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##### **Report from Ad Hoc Committee on the Area 83 Website Guidelines and Webmaster Responsibilities**

Presented at January 4, 2020 ACM by Robb W., Ad Hoc Committee Chair

Hi friends, I am an alcoholic and my name is Robb. I have the honor of having served Area 83 as your Panel 61 delegate.

On December 4, 2019, the Area Chairperson, James O. struck an Ad Hoc Committee whose scope is: “to review the Area 83 Website Guidelines and the responsibilities of the Area 83 Webmaster and Alternate Webmaster”.

The Ad Hoc committee comprised George McQ. (Area 83 Webmaster), David C. (Area 83 Alternate Webmaster) and me, Robb W. (Panel 61 Delegate).

We met via a Zoom video conference call on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 for approximately an hour and a half. We had agreed to each review the documentation prior to the meeting and use the video conference as a time to discuss our findings and suggestions. Overall, we felt that the Website Guidelines and the Webmaster/Alternate Webmaster responsibilities were in good shape. Most of our recommendations around these documents are in the realm of house keeping. We have divided our recommendations into two sections in order that we may address each document separately.

This Ad Hoc committee recommends to the Area 83 committee the following regarding the Area 83 Website Guidelines (Appendix Seven of the Area 83 Operating Procedures)

**Under the Section “Contents and Services – Describes the types of information approved for display”**

➤ **SECTION A SUB SECTION 1**

Change the third sentence from: **“The information will be limited to materials provided by other AA entities and will also be limited to display in PDF format only.”**

To: **“The information will be limited to AA related materials and will also be limited to display in PDF format only.”**

➤ **SECTION F**

Change the wording from: **“All website visitor messages should receive a timely reply, even if nothing more than a "Thank You" for the message”**

To: **“All valid A.A. inquires through the Area 83 Website shall receive a timely response, even if it is just a “Thank you for your question” message.”**

➤ **SECTION G – SUB SECTION 1**

Replace the first sentence in section 1: **“Group meeting information for Groups and Meetings within Area 83 with type of meeting, time and location through links to websites sponsored by bona fide A.A. service entities (Districts/Intergroups) that will be provided as a service to the website visitor (we will not publish nor be responsible for updates of individual district or intergroup meeting lists).”**

with the wording: **“Links to District websites within Area 83 with a header suggesting that meeting information may be found on these sites”.**

➤ **SECTION G – SUB SECTION 2**

Remove section 2 **“Area 83 District meeting information. Time and location, mailing address, and answering service telephone number.”**

➤ **SECTION G – SUB SECTION 3**

Replace section 3 **“Area 83 Intergroups. Contact information, location and hours of operation.”** with the wording: **“Links to Intergroup websites within Area 83 with a header suggesting that meeting information may be found on these sites”**

➤ **SECTION G – SUB SECTION 9**

Change section 9 from: **“Any approved Area 83 newsletter”**

To: **“Area 83 newsletters including the Delegates Newsletter and “The 83”, Area 83’s Archives newsletter”**

This Ad Hoc committee recommends to the Area 83 committee the following regarding the Area 83 Operating Procedures

➤ **SECTION 3.19 WEBMASTER AND ALTERNATE WEBMASTER**

Change the last sentence, in the second paragraph from: **“The Webmaster shall assure the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts, GSO guidelines and policies and Area 83 Website Guidelines (Appendix Seven) are followed relating to the World Wide Web.”**

To: **“The Webmaster shall ensure that the Area 83 Website is aligned with the 12 Traditions, A.A. Guidelines on the Internet (MG-18), Frequently Asked Questions about A.A. Websites (SMF-101) and Area 83 Website Guidelines (Appendix Seven).”**

➤ Change the wording of the last sentence in paragraph 3 from: **“The Area Webmaster or Alternate Webmaster suggested to attend the Area Committee Meetings and the Area Assemblies.”**

To: **“It is suggested that the Area Webmaster or Alternate Webmaster attend Area 83 Committee Meetings and Area 83 Assemblies.”**

The Ad Hoc committee also had much discussion regarding the responsibility and authority that the Webmaster has been given regarding the running and maintaining of the web site. Concept IV states *“Throughout our Conference*

*structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation," taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge."*

As a committee, we were unanimous in our support of this last recommendation:

The Ad Hoc committee recommends to the Area Committee that the position of Webmaster include the right of participation and as such, the Webmaster (or in their absence, the Alternate Webmaster) be given a voice and vote at the Area Committee Meetings in Area 83 and the Area 83 Assemblies.

Should these recommendations be accepted by the fellowship, we would respectfully ask our Area Secretary to re-organize and re-number any items as required.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Area 83 in this capacity.

Yours in Service,

George McQ., David C., Robb W.

[See item 7E below for Assembly's discussion around these recommendations.](#)

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

To approach the virtual mic please raise your virtual hand and you will be called upon in order. When you have been recognized by the Chair and are ready to speak please identify yourself by name, position, Group and District number.

### A. 2020 Financial Guidelines

JoAnn P., Area 83 Treasurer

The purpose of the proposed spending guidelines is to give members of Area 83 a general idea of what the expenses for the year might be and the income required to carry out the services provided by Area 83. I had previously prepared spending guidelines for the March Assembly which was cancelled due to the pandemic. I once again revisited the guidelines in June and here we are in October. Area 83 Operating procedures state that the Treasurer shall prepare a financial guideline for Area 83, in such detail that is acceptable to the Area Committee and the Assembly. Each year, the Treasurer shall prepare Spending Guidelines to be presented to the Spring Assembly.

At this juncture, I present the spending guidelines that appear almost identical to the Area Financial Statements at October 17<sup>th</sup> which I presented to the Assembly yesterday. All things being equal, Area 83 will not be incurring many expenses in the next 2 months, but it is important to recognize and accept these guidelines.

Typically, the proposed spending guideline has been forecasted using the average expense for the past four years. Step one in this process is to use these average figures as a starting point. Next, I adjust some of the category amounts that I am sure of (General Service Conference (GSC) Assessment, Ontario Delegates Committee (ODC)). Since we have only had one Area Committee Meeting in person and very few expenses, the actual year to date amounts are the starting point.

On Page one ([Appendix E](#)), under Income:

- Beside **Contributions to Match Expenses** is an amount that is NOT based on the four-year average. The amount here is the required Contributions from Groups and Districts that would be required to cover the proposed amounts to effectively carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic throughout Area 83.
- Grapevine Seasonal values may vary slightly as the Grapevine Chair must determine costs for Pocket Planners and Calendars months before the payment is made to Grapevine Inc. This year the payment was in Canadian dollars.

**Under Expenses:**



- Committee expenses are grouped together by category – a detailed breakdown is on page 2.
- Miscellaneous Expenses include technical services for the Fall Assembly, the Spring Assembly cancellation charge and the Area 83 Zoom account annual fee plus add on charges.
- I have increased the postage amount under Delegate expenses to reflect the cost to mail the 70<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference annual report. If you would like a hard copy of this report, please contact Rob M at [delegate@area83aa.org](mailto:delegate@area83aa.org).

**Under Other Expenses:**

- The General Service Conference (GSC) Assessment is an actual amount. As voted on by the Area Assembly in the spring of 2007 that we become fully self-supporting in sending our Delegate to the GSC, I remitted, on behalf of Area 83, the total amount of \$6,500.00 US which at the time came to \$8,821.80 CDN.
- ODC (Ontario Delegates Committee) expenses are final as the event took place in Toronto, ON February 28 – March 1, 2020. Area 83 was the host for 2020. Expenses were for the meeting room, refreshments, hotel rooms committee (4) and guests (2), meals and mileage.

**On Page two ([Appendix F](#)), under Accommodation, Meals and Travel:**

- For the various positions, this is the actual amount for the January ACM. Since travel is restricted due to gathering limits, I do not anticipate any further expenses in 2020.

**Total Other Expenses:**

- Area 83 Contribution to GSO (General Service Office) has been estimated at \$5,000.00. In 2019, Area 83 did not contribute to GSO.

On a closing note, Area 83 is in good financial shape even considering the proposed \$5000.00 contribution to GSO. I have completed an analysis (see September 12, 2020 ACM minutes) and we should end the year with an Operating Account balance of approximately \$30,000.00.

*I have followed the guidelines for what is expected, and I am passing these on to the membership for acceptance.*

QUESTION: Why are we getting guidelines for 2020 in October?

ANSWER: it is 2020 because at the Spring Assembly, had we had an Assembly, I would have presented the Spending Guidelines. My duties require me to present the Guidelines at the Spring Assembly, this is our first gathering as an Assembly in 2020, I present to you the guidelines.

• **Motion to accept the proposed Spending Guidelines as presented**

Motioned:	Glenn G., DCM, District 18
Seconded:	Jack R., DCM, District 36
Discussion	None
Those in favour	137
Those opposed	none
Abstentions	Not Recorded
Motion	Carried

*JoAnn told the Assembly that she will prepare a cheque tomorrow and send it off to GSO!*

**B. Recommendation by the Area Committee: “To accept the recommendations of the ad hoc committee to make Accessibility a stand-alone committee with an Area Accessibility Chair”**

**Mike B., Area 83 Self-Support Chair**

AS PER 2.01 OF AREA OPERATING PROCEDURES: Motions sent to the Assembly from the Area Committee for vote at the Assembly are automatically treated as motions on the floor of the Assembly and do not need to be moved or seconded.

● **Motion to accept the above recommendations from the Area Committee**

ACM reference	See Minutes from <a href="#">September 7, 2019</a> ACM under Old Business 12A.
Discussion	<p>Mike B., Self-Support Chair: I spoke with the present and past Treatment/Accessibilities chair. This has been a discussion in the Area for awhile, that Accessibilities has grown over the years. Everywhere we go in our community, we are talking about accessibilities. I also served as Corrections and Treatment chair for the Ottawa Greater Ottawa Area, and I know that there is enough on the Accessibilities plate already. With the guidance of the Ad Hoc Committee and their recommendation was to form a stand-alone committee.</p> <p>De R.-DCM 02: I fully support making accessibility at the Area level a stand-alone committee with its own chair and expenses. When Shane gave his report yesterday with the amount of bridging the gap requests he is handling- that is huge. There are these two great committees with a full workload, to be handled by one person. Also, as the SID Chair, I was getting feed back that attendees did not like that the material for these two topics were combined into one workshop. workload and workshops warrant the division of these two committees. Especially in my community, there are so many (due to covid) who have even great accessibility issues related to getting to meetings and accessing the program of recovery.</p> <p>Kim S., Immed Past Delegate: We started this ad hoc committee investigation before Covid. At the beginning, not everyone was on board with making it a stand-alone committee. By the time we finished we saw such a great need for it. It wasn't that we wanted it, we saw that we needed it. Just want to say a couple of things that people may not have heard or realized: We voted unanimously to have a stand-alone accessibility chair. We feel truly that Area 83 would not only benefit from a stand-alone committee, that area 83 needs one. Accessibilities is much more than just a wheelchair bound person or a deaf individual. Accessibility is a NO BARRIER to attend and participate in Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Many examples of making a meeting accessible can be found in a tool kit on the Accessibilities tab (<a href="http://area83aa.org/docs/accessibility/Accessibility%20Tool%20Kit.pdf">http://area83aa.org/docs/accessibility/Accessibility%20Tool%20Kit.pdf</a>)</p> <p>This has come across the floor at the Area 3 times now, and now we are very much in need of this committee.</p> <p>Glenn G., DCM D18: Voting in favour, we have discussed this at length at District 18. We are behind this motion.</p> <p>Carrie C., D66 GSR: Accessibility is even more of an issue now that we are on zoom. There are even more people who do not have the ability to attend meetings in person. We are seeing people at meetings that we have not seen for years because they could not get to the in-person meetings.</p> <p>Shane H, Treatment/Accessibility Chair: When I was first introduced to Accessibility it was in 2008. I went to one Accessibility meeting and I was won over. I was told that people with disabilities are great members of AA. I came into AA with a learning disability and I didn't feel like I had much to offer. In 2012 the Area set up a Treatment/Accessibility committee, and within four years of Accessibilities being paired with Treatment, there were 5 districts that made Accessibilities stand alone committees. We have had a workbook on Accessibilities since 1998. It seems that it is getting updated every couple of years with updates to wording as it is always changing.</p> <p>Taylor, J. GSR D66: this is in the spirit of working the steps, especially the 12<sup>th</sup>. This would make service in Area 83 more accessible. There are multiple layers, and it is a really important need and it is in line with our steps and traditions. I really hope people are thinking hard about Accessibilities. If you have never had to think about Accessibilities, then it is a privilege that many of us have, but for some it is always on their mind, as it could be the barrier that keeps them from getting the message or getting involved in Service.</p> <p>Marty M., Area Archives Chair: The Previous term I was the Archives/Treatment chair. It was challenging to be the chair of both committees. At the time I did the best I could. I thought I was doing pretty good</p>

	job, and at time I realized it was an okay job, in retrospect, towards the end of that term, I realized how much work it was to put on two workshops in one session- chairing two committees and giving two reports. To see how many areas have a separate Accessibility chair was surprising. I am in favour of this motion.	
All in favour:	135	
All opposed:	1	
Abstentions	Not Recorded	
Minority opinion	none	
Motion:	Carried	

- C. Recommendation by the Area Committee: “To accept the Operating Procedures Ad Hoc committee’s recommendations.”  
Kimberley M., OP Ad Hoc Committee Chair

Amendments to Operating Procedures.

32) 3.17 Service Information Day

**Change:**

**To ensure involvement by all members of the Area in the Service Information Day program,** the Area Committee, at the beginning of its term, shall elect a standing committee to be known as the Service Information Day Committee, comprised of six (6) District Committee members.

**To: ~~To ensure involvement by all members of the Area in the Service Information Day program,~~** The Area Committee, at the beginning of its term, shall elect a standing committee to be known as the Service Information Day Committee, comprised of six (6) District Committee members.

**Delete the problematic sentence.**

59) 7.03 IN MEMORIAM FUND

**Change:** 7.03 IN MEMORIAM FUND Upon the death of any current member of the Area Committee, a donation of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be made to the *In Memoriam* Fund at the General Service Office.

**To:** 7.03 DONATION IN MEMORIAM Upon the death of any current member of the Area Committee, a donation of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be made to the General Service Office in memory of them.

60) 7.01 GENERAL

**Add:** All financial values in these operating procedures and appendices shall reflect Canadian currency

AS PER 2.01 OF AREA OPERATING PROCEDURES: Motions sent to the Assembly from the Area Committee for vote at the Assembly are automatically treated as motions on the floor of the Assembly and do not need to be moved or seconded.

● Discussion and vote regarding the above motion on the amending the Operating Procedures

ACM reference	See Minutes from <a href="#">June 6, 2020</a> ACM under Old Business 12C.
Discussion	None
All in favour:	140 (100%)
All opposed:	0
Abstentions:	Not Recorded
Motion:	Carried

- D. Recommendation by the Area Committee: **“That Area 83 accept contributions from individual members with appropriate safeguards to ensure contributions are from AA members only and do not exceed a maximum of \$1000 per year.”**  
Jack R., DCM District 36

AS PER 2.01 OF AREA OPERATING PROCEDURES: Motions sent to the Assembly from the Area Committee for vote at the Assembly are automatically treated as motions on the floor of the Assembly and do not need to be moved or seconded.

● Discussion and vote regarding the above motion on accepting contributions from individual members.

Moved:	See Minutes from September 12, 2020 ACM under New Business 13B.
Discussion	<p>Sandy S., Alt GSR, D48: with the majority of meetings not taking place face to face, if I were to attend a meeting, I might easily attend more than 1000 in a year. If I were to put \$5 in each 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition.... And now I cannot if this motion passes? That would be more than \$1000 transferred from me to the Area. What I am saying is that \$1000 is a low value.</p> <p>JoAnn: You can contribute as much as your want to each entity, Group, district and with this Motion to the Area up to a certain amount specified by each service level. Area 83 is setting the contribution limit from an individual to \$1000. It is to enable members to contribute to Area 83 directly. What I found is that since we have accepted e-transfers as a way of payment, they are coming in more readily. If a person sends a contribution and doesn't put down a group number or a district affiliation, it is my responsibility to track the contribution down. In our OPs it does not say anywhere that we accept contributions from individual members of Alcoholics Anonymous. The background information that came out with the Agenda shows a little bit of the research that I did regarding this subject. I know we are autonomous, but I did find that there are other areas that do accept individual contributions from members directly. It is not a cumulative amount for all service entities; this is just about individual members contributing to Area 83.</p> <p>Ray R. PI Chair: I like the idea of doing this, but it kinda reads a little <i>loosey goosey</i>. When you say, “appropriate safeguards”. I would like to see that term tightened up a little bit with a bit more specifics on it. That opens the door for some misinterpretation. What are appropriate safeguards?</p> <p>Mike B. Self Support: I will be voting against this motion. The GSO accepted about 1.3 million dollars in individual contributions, which is not a lot when you think about it their expenses and all of the contributions that they do receive. How would this affect Concept 7, <i>The Power of the Purse</i>, if individuals are allowed to contribute to the Area. I am actually seeing more and more ideas for individual contributions and fundraising schemes within our fellowship, instead of who contributes and why contributing at the home group. That is where money and spirituality mix. Giving at the home group strengthens our service structure and keeps the group at the top of the triangle.</p> <p>Jack R., DCM D36: I made this motion that it is anticipated that Area Treasurer will have to chase down these “anonymous” contributions from people who do not specify a group or district. It will save the area treasurer a lot of work. It does not preclude you from contributing to your group. It is unlikely that there are going to be that many of these.</p> <p>Jamie B., D62 GSR: Groups are at the top of the triangle, and contributions should go to the group and going around the triangle of service. If someone is contributing to Area because their group is not contributing to the Area, then it is up to that individual to find a new home group that aligns with their idea that the area needs to be supported.</p> <p>Milner G., GSR D42: it is important safeguard to not accept money without a group number because how do we know that they are in AA; we do not accept contributions from outside sources. If it is not many, it is important that we maintain that we get our contributions from AA members.</p> <p>Marrey P., acting GSR D10: What are the “appropriate safeguards”?</p> <p>JoAnn, Treasurer:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) make sure the person confirms they are in AA. This could be done on the website, under AA contributions, there would be a statement, I AM a member of AA or I am NOT a member of AA. Clicking on <i>I am a member of Alcoholics Anonymous</i> would take you to the next level where you can make the contribution.</li> <li>2) That the treasurer would have to keep a spreadsheet of individual contributions so that no one person would exceed the \$1000 limit. This has happened only 4 times in 9 months. It likely will happen a few more times due to the ease of e-transfer and our comfort in the virtual environment.</li> </ol>

Susan K.; DCM D06: I feel that it is more of housekeeping to allow our Treasurer to accept contributions. In my opinion, we are already contributing individually when we attend an Assembly or ACM. At our district table we do individual contributions, we do it at Intergroup. I don't think we are doing anything out of line that hasn't been done at many of the other service levels. I am also one of those drunks who called into Intergroup and someone answered the phone, so it is near and dear to my heart-so I give to them monthly. It is right that I have a choice to give where I really want to, so I am in favour.

Bruce M, GSR D10: I know a lot of people leave money to charities in their wills, how would this play out? Is there a break down somewhere as to how much someone can leave in a will and contribute?

JoAnn P. Treasurer: GSO, accepts bequests up to \$10K. In Area 83's operating procedures (See Section 7.04) we have set a bequest limit of \$5K. In the guidelines on finance ([MG-15 Finance Guidelines.pdf](#)), it talks about how each individual group makes their own decision on what they feel is important. There are no "you musts".

Eileen S., DCM D28: I am in favour of the motion, as it is the only chance that I can specify where I want to contribute. As a trusted servant I think we can delegate that authority to the Treasurer to make the decision on what are the "appropriate safeguards".

De R., DCM D02: I am in favour, when the 7<sup>th</sup> is going around at the Assembly or the ACM, I feel embarrassed because I do not carry cash. I want to make a contribution but cannot if the Area does not accept e-transfers from individuals.

Jane S., DCM D74: I am in favour for 2 reason: In my small town and my small group and district did not have anything in place to accept electronic contributions. So, for the last 7 months I have had no where to go with my contributions, except to GSO directly. I would appreciate to be able to make contributions to Area 83 as an individual.

Jim S., GSR, D82: I am in favour of the motion. I find that it is important to have a choice to make that contribution to the Area.

Vivien C., GSR, D22: If approval of this motion is also that we are comfortable with the "appropriate safeguards" I think it would be good to ask, after a person says they are a member of AA, that they put what group they belong to.

Taylor J., GSR D66: In my geographic area, there are a couple groups that are entirely online- so they do not fall within Area 83's service structure. If they are lumped in with other Online meetings... such as Loner's International, they may want to keep their contributions to their physical area, but they have no way to do this. What is involved in confirming that a person is in AA if we do not pass this motion?

JoAnn, Treasurer: The Process: it doesn't happen that often with cheques, but it does happen with E-transfers. Because our Area Account is set up to automatically accept e-transfers. For the Ease and record keeping, we did not believe that a security question would be beneficial to the treasurer. When an etransfer comes in there is usually an email address that allows me to get a hold of the sender. However, if I cannot get a hold them within that month, because all of the record keeping for the Area is done by months. I would put the contribution in the "Unspecified" section of our Contributions spreadsheet. It would sit there until I was sure- and if I find out they are not in AA, then I would have to contact the person and have the conversation that we do not accept individual contributions I would need to send the money back. This would require 2 signatures on a cheque, because the Area OPs state that all disbursements must be done by cheque signed by two authorized trusted servants. That is why, in the chat I have referenced for this Assembly that any 7<sup>th</sup> Traditions collected over this weekend to please reference "Fall Assembly" in the notation field of your etransfer.

**Dan H., Made a Motion to call the Question:**

Motion to Call the Question	Dan H, GSR D22
Secunder of Calling the Question	Dee T., GSR D06
In favour of Calling the question	120 (84%)
Opposed to calling the Question	23 (16%)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Return to the motion: <b>That Area 83 accept contributions from individual members with appropriate safeguards to ensure contributions are from AA members only and do not exceed a maximum of \$1000 per year.</b></li> </ul>	
All in favour:	118 (85%)
All opposed:	21 (15%)
Abstentions:	Not recorded
Minority opinion	<p>Dianne McK, GSR D14: I am self support chair for district 14. I think people are getting confused with 7<sup>th</sup> tradition and making contributions to the different levels of AA.</p> <p>In our literature, anyone who claims to be a member of AA, is a member of AA. There shouldn't be any problem with determining if they are in AA. Why would anyone say they are members of AA when they are not.</p> <p>Monique H., GSR D36: I don't know why the amount has to be regulated. No one has a way to track my contributions.</p> <p>Jan M., GSR, D26: I would have made the maximum amount \$5K.</p> <p>Milner G., GSR, D42: You cannot give money to AA (GSO) in your will if you are not an AA member.</p>
Anyone voting with majority wishing to change their vote?	No one
Motion:	Carried

## LUNCH BREAK

- E. Recommendation by the Area Committee: **"To Accept the recommendations of the ad hoc committee to review the Area 83 Website Guidelines and Webmaster Responsibilities."**

**Terry N., DCM District 26**

AS PER 2.01 OF AREA OPERATING PROCEDURES: Motions sent to the Assembly from the Area Committee for vote at the Assembly are automatically treated as motions on the floor of the Assembly and do not need to be moved or seconded.

ACM reference	See Minutes from <a href="#">June 6, 2020</a> ACM under New Business 13B.
<p>The chair gave the floor to Robb W., the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee reviewing the Website Guidelines and Webmaster Responsibilities.</p> <p>Robb W.: I am going to quickly go through each of these items and give you our reasoning behind them.</p> <p>➤ <b>SECTION A SUB SECTION 1</b></p> <p>Change the third sentence from: <b>"The information will be limited to materials provided by other AA entities and will also be limited to display in PDF format only."</b></p> <p>To: <b>"The information will be limited to AA related materials and will also be limited to display in PDF format only."</b></p> <p>The only real change was to eliminate "Other AA entities" to just AA related. The items in question might not come from an entity, it could come from an individual. The only criteria of consideration is that it is AA material.</p> <p><b>SECTION F</b></p> <p>Change the wording from: <b>"All website visitor messages should receive a timely reply, even if nothing more than a "Thank You" for the message"</b></p> <p>To: <b>"All valid A.A. inquires through the Area 83 Website shall receive a timely response, even if it is just a "Thank you for your question" message."</b></p>	



We had a bit of discussion about this, and that sometimes the Webmaster gets spam to the website; not all mail received is AA related. We wanted to specify that he didn't have to respond to spamming the website. If it is not a valid question to the Area, he does not need to respond.

➤ **SECTION G – SUB SECTION 1**

Replace the first sentence in section 1: **“Group meeting information for Groups and Meetings within Area 83 with type of meeting, time and location through links to websites sponsored by bona fide A.A. service entities (Districts/Intergroups) that will be provided as a service to the website visitor (we will not publish nor be responsible for updates of individual district or intergroup meeting lists).”**

with the wording: **“Links to District websites within Area 83 with a header suggesting that meeting information may be found on these sites”**.

This is in reference to information that is on the Area 83 website. We felt Area 83 is not responsible for posting and keeping up to date the meeting information for districts and intergroups. We expect that these entities would have their own list of meetings. Area 83 would have links to these sites, with the header on that page that says meeting information may be available on these pages.

➤ **SECTION G – SUB SECTION 2**

Remove section 2 “Area 83 District meeting information. Time and location, mailing address, and answering service telephone number.”

For the same reason as stated above.

➤ **SECTION G – SUB SECTION 3**

Replace section 3 **“Area 83 Intergroups. Contact information, location and hours of operation.”** with the wording: **“Links to Intergroup websites within Area 83 with a header suggesting that meeting information may be found on these sites”**

For the same reason as stated above.

➤ **SECTION G – SUB SECTION 9**

Change section 9 from: **“Any approved Area 83 newsletter”**

To: **“Area 83 newsletters including the Delegates Newsletter and “The 83”, Area 83’s Archives newsletter”**

There are no *approved* Area 83 newsletters. The Delegate has been doing a newsletter at least 10 years now. The83, is the Area 83 Archives newsletter. Like Grapevine not being a “Conference Approved” piece of literature, Grapevine is autonomous, and its editorial board has a sort of blanket approval from Grapevine and GSB to publish their material. Similar situation here, there is no Area 83 approved newsletter.

This Ad Hoc committee recommends to the Area 83 committee the following regarding the Area 83 Operating Procedures

➤ **SECTION 3.19 WEBMASTER AND ALTERNATE WEBMASTER**

Change the last sentence, in the second paragraph from: **“The Webmaster shall assure the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts, GSO guidelines and policies and Area 83 Website Guidelines (Appendix Seven) are followed relating to the World Wide Web.”**

To: **“The Webmaster shall ensure that the Area 83 Website is aligned with the 12 Traditions, A.A. Guidelines on the Internet (MG-18), Frequently Asked Questions about A.A. Websites (SMF-101) and Area 83 Website Guidelines (Appendix Seven).”**

Clarify that the Concepts don't really relate to the website. However, the website would adhere to the guidelines of AA and the Area.

- Change the wording of the last sentence in paragraph 3 from: **“The Area Webmaster or Alternate Webmaster suggested to attend the Area Committee Meetings and the Area Assemblies.”**  
To: **“It is suggested that the Area Webmaster or Alternate Webmaster attend Area 83 Committee Meetings and Area 83 Assemblies.”**
- The wording on that was a little strange, maybe there was a word left out, we thought we would clarify that it was suggested that they attend the Area Committee Meeting and Area 83 Assemblies. Currently, these are appointed positions and there is no suggestion that they HAVE to GO to these meetings, but it is suggested that they attend, if they can.
- The Ad Hoc committee recommends to the Area Committee that the position of Webmaster include the right of participation and as such, the Webmaster (or in their absence, the Alternate Webmaster) be given a voice and vote at the Area Committee Meetings in Area 83 and the Area 83 Assemblies.

Going through the Operating Procedures and the Appendix on the Webmaster and job descriptions you find there is a lot of responsibility in the Webmaster position. We felt that there was not a matching authority. So, our suggestion is that the webmaster, or in their absence the Alternate Webmaster, be given a voice and a vote at the Area Committee Meetings and at the Assembly. We feel that it is important to match the authority with the responsibility of the Webmaster. We are asking a lot the people serving in these positions. There are many times that the Webmaster could and should have input to the discussion at the Area Committee meetings and Assemblies. So, a voice and vote are needed to match the responsibility that they hold in that position.

**Discussion:**

Question: Kathy T, GSR D28: Your report says that you recommend they have a voice and vote and participation. Would they opportunity to give a report when required.

Answer (RW): currently, they have the opportunity to give a report to the Chair, to be read at the Assembly or Committee Meetings. We had considered them giving a report. Certainly, they could be asked to give a report. The ability for them to give a report is there, but we didn't feel it necessary to put that in.

James, the Chair added to that: over the last two years, there have been a few times I have asked the webmaster to speak.

Comment: Bill C., CPC: the meeting guide app became a recognized asset, would it be possible to include this in the website, that it is there or how to get help. It is a very useful and up to date way to find out where meetings are.

Question: Rob, M. Delegate, the last recommendation that the Webmaster have a vote and voice, would that not make the 2<sup>nd</sup> to last change moot; it is recommended that the Webmaster or Alternate attend the Area Committee meeting and Assembly. If they have a voice and vote, they are expected to be there.

Answer (RW): I see what you are saying there, but there is really no expectation for anyone to attend the Assembly or ACMs. The hope is that you will attend; it is suggested. Just like the Service Manual suggests that the DCM attend the ACM and Assembly. There are no Musts. Does it make it moot? I don't really think it does; a little duplication maybe.

Question: Milner G., GSR D42: If we give a vote to the Webmaster, then that would be the only appointed position with a vote. The archivist is also an appointed position and it does not have a vote. It is inconsistent either way. If the Webmaster gets a vote, then the Archivist should get a vote too.

Answer (RW): The Area Archivist is really a functional position. Webmaster is as well, but the Website is also the public face of the Area 83. There is a lot of responsibility involved there. Not trying to detract from the archivist's job; their roll is to assist members of Area 83 with the process of archiving. Whereas the Webmaster is putting Area 83's face out there to the world.

Question: Johnathan C., GSR D36: Clarification: removing meeting information from the Area website. Currently it does not list any meeting information.

Answer (RW): that is correct. It does not list meeting information for district or intergroups. This language change is more of a point of clarification. This ensures that the next webmaster doesn't come in and think that they have to post all of the meeting information.



	<p>Question: Kathy M., GSR, D86: Concern wording for section F., all <u>valid</u> AA inquiries. If we do not have a definition for what is valid, this is left to the interpretation of the webmaster of the day. I might suggest an alternative phrasing–  <i>Suggest:</i> our goal is to provide a timely response to all AA inquiries.</p> <p>Answer (RW): the word <u>Valid</u> was used to is to sift through real questions to Alcoholics Anonymous through the Area 83 website- in contrast to advertisements like Duct Cleaning. The webmaster was being directed to respond <u>every</u> email, with a <i>Thank you</i>.</p> <p>Marty M. Archives Chair: This was discussed previously with the archives committee. If this does go through, it would be a good idea to have a conversation about having the archivist having a vote and a voice because it is something that could be important. They are expected to be at the Assembly and thus their expenses are paid. If a question is brought to the mic. Usually not having the same experience as the archivist, the archives chair might not necessarily be able to answer the question, but the archivist could. We do invest in the archivist. We pay to have them go to the National AA Archives workshop. I don't think it would be a bad idea to have a voice and a vote.</p> <p>Bart B GSR, D06: I know that districts and intergroups are struggling with the definition of the Webmaster should be and how they should be directed. The Webmaster should be more functional. They should be working at the direction of a committee or the direction of some kind of feedback. In the GTA, we are looking to make the webmaster report to a committee. They are making the website and the use of technology another committee that reports to the executive. Technology is becoming so important these days it should have its own committee, like Institutions and dealing with professional community is a committee. At this point, if it were asked, who is responsible for giving the webmaster direction, I don't think we have a clear idea at this point.</p> <p>Answer (RW): We <i>tried</i> to clarify the different roles and responsibilities of the Webmaster. It is a living document and as technology change and things happen, we will try to nail things down as we go. This was our first pass and our initial stab, and we likely will review this again.</p> <p>Question: Milner G., GSR, D42: Would you consider electing a webmaster? Since it would be the only appointed position that has a vote.</p> <p>Answer (RW): No, we would not consider electing, because like the archivist, it is a special service position that involves a special skill set.</p> <p>Marrey P, GSR, D06: why are we looking at all of these recommendations as a block item, and not in pieces? What am I to do if I don't agree to all of these items? Should I then vote against it, even though I am okay with many of the items.</p> <p>Answer (RW): committee feel that many of these were housekeeping items, with the exception of the Voice and Vote to the Webmaster. Our feeling is that it could be voted as a block. If it is a feeling of the Assembly, that you don't feel we can vote on all of these things as a block, we can put in off to the spring as it is not time sensitive.</p> <p>Question: Neil P., DCM D66: I am looking for precedence in for a non-elected member having a voice and a vote in the Area?</p> <p>Answer (RW): This would be the first.</p>
Chair took Sense of the Room	who feels comfortable with voting on this?
In favour:	88
Opposed:	43
The Chair decided to move to a vote	<b>MOTION: "To Accept the recommendations of the ad hoc committee to review the Area 83 Website Guidelines and Webmaster Responsibilities."</b>
Those in favour	111 (74%)
Those opposed	38 (26%)
Abstentions	Not Recorded
Minority opinion	<p>Ray R., PI Chair: looks good, but there was a fairly big issue that was snuck in there with the housekeeping. The vote and the voice needs to be unpacked a little bit more</p> <p>Paul F., GSR D28: I am a little disappointed that we are trying to put something through that it is unprecedented with housekeeping issues.</p>

	<p>Susan K., DCM D06: I don't think we discussed this well enough at the district. I don't think the voice and vote was covered well. I want more feed back from my district.</p> <p>Pat A., GSR D06: Bart brought up excellent points, and it is here to stay, so I love the idea of having a committee.</p> <p>Craig M., acting GSR, D36: I would like to see the voice and vote considered as a separate item. Feel the Webmaster is a support role, and it is pushing it a little too far. Right now, we might be happy with the way the current Webmaster is operating, but someone later might want to stir up the pot.</p> <p>Ian, GSR, D10: in agreement with others, okay with the housekeeping, but adding the voice and vote was problematic. I didn't feel comfortable with the explanation that it was a more outward face of the Area gave it a higher weight, among the appointed positions. Was not comfortable with assigning a hierarchy. Could not vote in favour of it as a block.</p> <p>Mike B., Self-Support: glad I heard the discussion, I was going to vote in favour of this, and then I did not. There was an ad hoc committee that reviewed the Archives and Archivist position. The committee had a number of recommendations and presented them as an omnibus bill, and we went through it one item at a time, into 7 motions. Parts of that omnibus did not pass when they were broken up. I think this should be furthered on for more discussion in a separated format.</p> <p>Marrey, Acting GSR; D106: There was an error with the calculation of the percentages reported for the vote on this motion and the total number voted. The chair reported 138 total votes, with 111 in favour and 38 opposed. That is 149 total votes.</p> <p><i>The tech team cautioned the chair in reporting anything other than the number of votes reported in zoom. There are some issues with Zoom's math when calculating percentages and may get disrupted depending on if and when the breakout rooms were closed.</i></p> <p>Marrey, continued and said that the sense of the room was a little problematic. I also feel that for a number of us the role of the webmaster may not have been fleshed out far enough. Is it too late to table this?</p> <p>Ann J., DCM D10: I voted against this for 2 reason, the webmaster's role was fully fleshed out. I found I was going to ignore the housekeeping and answer just on the voice and vote. This was wrong, to not consider the first housekeeping items that I was in favour of, to vote against solely on the last recommendation of vote and voice.</p> <p>Bart B., GSR D06: scope is too narrow, and scope it wide with no clear definition of what the webmaster does.</p> <p>Dee T., GSR, D06; call the question.</p> <p>James responded: we cannot call the question during the voice of the minority</p> <p>Jamie B, GSR, D62: there should not be an issue with deferring this to a later day. Let's not rush this.</p>
Anyone voting with majority wishing to change their vote?	<p><b>Kim S., Immediate Past Delegate– wishes to change her vote.</b></p> <p><b>Seconder: Ed V., acting GSR, D12</b></p>
Vote to go back to the discussion on the original motion: (requires simple majority)	
Yes-go back	97
No-do not go back	38
At this point we go back to the original motion and reopen the discussion.	
Chair took Sense of the Room	<b>Would you like this Motion to be deferred?</b>
In favour:	127
Opposed:	12
DEFERRED	<b>The motion has been deferred to the ACM on November 28, 2020</b>

#### F. Area 83 Election of Officers for 2021 and 2022 Term

Voting details can be found in [Appendix G](#). The Panel 71 Area 83 officers elected are as follows:

Delegate: Kimberley M.	Secretary: JoAnn P.
Alternate Delegate: James O'D.	Treasurer: David L.
Area Chair: Amy L.	Registrar: Bill C.

### 8. SHARING - WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

\*\*\*At this time I would invite all those who did not have a voice today to approach the virtual mic first. After those who have not had a chance to speak today have finished, we will organically move to everyone in the room.

Jan L., Eastern Canada Regional Trustee: just wanted to congratulate everybody on your new positions coming up in January. You guys in Area 83 hold a soft spot for me, and I show you this picture every time, (Picture of Joe D and Jan in New York). Jack, you almost made me cry when you said Joe was your service sponsor. Anyhooo.

Kimberley and James, I know you are going to do a great job, and if you need any help, or anything you know where to find me. I hope to see you all at the Eastern Canada.... USCAN regional forum- a new adventure that is going to be virtual. It was great to be with you it was a great time!

I also wanted to mention what an awesome job your current Delegate Rob has done. I have watched him blossom, and he has been such a great help to me. I love every minute of working with you. Area 83, you should be proud. He got switched on to another committee and he served you well!

Joyce S., Panel 65 Delegate, Congratulations to the Panel 71 team. You are going to do a great job. You all worked well together this past term and I am sure you will continue to do so. Welcome another level of Service Bill, you are going down the triangle.

David T., Congratulations to everyone who stood. Without you we would not have this elections. A plug for the archives breakfast- there will be a virtual tour of Stepping Stones and Shirley B will be our main speaker. The flyer is on the Area website or click [here](#) to download now.

Rob M., Delegate: congratulations to everyone who let their names stand. Area 83 has always enjoyed a wide pool of candidates to choose from, and I believe that is why we have such a strong area. Lots of folks let their name stand and lots of qualified candidates. I know that our area will be in good hands with you guys moving forward.

James added... in case someone hasn't been thanked....Thank you. We all did this today, together. Thanks everyone for coming and sticking it out. (At this time of the meeting, there were still 151 folks signed into the *virtual* Assembly).

### 9. CLOSING

I would like to thank everyone for staying and especially to those who volunteered to help make this weekend amazing.

**AS A REMINDER** - Our next Area Committee Meeting is virtual **on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**

Have a safe walk to the couch and I look forward to seeing you all at the Spring Assembly.  
It is now 6.13 pm, may I have a motion to close the meeting?

- Motion to close the meeting

**AM RESPONSIBLE...  
WHEN ANYONE, ANYWHERE, REACHES OUT  
FOR HELP,  
I WANT THE HAND OF A.A. ALWAYS TO BE  
THERE...AND FOR THAT  
I AM RESPONSIBLE.**

Moved:	Eileen S., DCM District 28
Seconded:	Trevor F., DCM District 62
Discussion	none
All in favour:	89
All opposed:	3
Any abstentions:	None
Motion:	Carried

The Meeting closed with the Responsibility declaration

## APPENDICES

### Appendix A. Financial Summary (as of October 17, 2020)

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**EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83**  
**as at October 17, 2020**

<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>		Actual
January 1, 2020 Opening Balance		20,000.00
Interest		300.66
Transfer to Operating Account		(300.66)
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>		20,000.00

<b>INCOME</b>		
7th Tradition		827.05
Cost Recoveries		56.00
Flow Through to GSO		1,110.00
Grapevine Seasonals		1,805.00
Group & District Contributions		21,745.35
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		25,543.40
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE		300.66
<b>TOTAL INCOME &amp; TRANSFERS</b>		25,844.06

<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Accommodations		0.00

Appendix B. Expenditures (as of October 17, 2020)

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Area 83 Eastern Ontario International  
Details of Expenditures  
as at October 17, 2020

Position	Accommodations	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Misc.	Total
<b>COMMITTEE EXPENSES</b>										
Delegate	0.00	0.00	138.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	138.40
Alt. Delegate	0.00	0.00	167.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	417.66	584.86
Immediate past Delegate	0.00	0.00	144.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	144.80
Chairperson	0.00	0.00	149.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	149.60
Secretary	0.00	0.00	38.13	0.00	0.00	285.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	323.13
Treasurer	0.00	0.00	38.14	0.00	121.59	0.00	0.00	173.20	0.00	332.93
Registrar	0.00	0.00	38.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	192.21	0.00	230.34
Area Web Site/Webmaster	0.00	0.00	224.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.99	245.79
Archives	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	129.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	129.00
Archivist	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cooperation with the P.C.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Corrections Facilities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	226.35	0.00	0.00	226.35
Grapevine	0.00	0.00	148.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	148.80
Public Information	0.00	5.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
Self Support	0.00	0.00	216.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	216.00
Treatment / Accessibility	0.00	0.00	176.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	176.00
Service Info Day Cmte	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	701.54	0.00	0.00	701.54
Spring Assembly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1288.25	1288.25
Fall Assembly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	916.64	916.64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 121.59</b>	<b>\$ 414.00</b>	<b>\$ 927.89</b>	<b>\$ 365.41</b>	<b>\$ 2,643.54</b>	<b>\$ 5,977.43</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>										
Adhoc Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Area Committee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	477.19	477.19
Area GSO Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27.40
Paypal Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.25
Forums	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grapevine Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,454.09	1,454.09
GSC Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,821.80	8,821.80
GSO Flow Through	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,110.00
Ont Delegates' Committee	2,073.20	581.28	926.80	-	7.05	95.95	61.64	-	1,917.10	5,663.02
CERAASA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
International Convention	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150.00	150.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,073.20</b>	<b>\$ 581.28</b>	<b>\$ 926.80</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7.05</b>	<b>\$ 95.95</b>	<b>\$ 61.64</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 12,670.18</b>	<b>\$ 17,408.75</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 2,073.20</b>	<b>\$ 586.28</b>	<b>\$ 2,426.80</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 128.64</b>	<b>\$ 509.95</b>	<b>\$ 989.53</b>	<b>\$ 365.41</b>	<b>\$ 15,313.72</b>	<b>\$ 23,386.18</b>

<b>Income Summary :</b>	
10/17/2020	
7th Tradition	827.05
Bank Interest	300.66
GSO Flow through	1,110.00
Contributions	21,745.35
Cost Recoveries	56.00
Grapevine Seasonals	1,805.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 25,844.06</b>

	<b>YTD 2020</b>	<b>October 2019</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Income To Date</b>	25,844.06	51,949.27	- 26,105.21
<b>Expenses To Date</b>	23,386.18	51,564.74	- 28,178.56
<b>Net Change To Operating Account</b>	<b>\$ 2,457.88</b>	<b>\$ 384.53</b>	<b>- \$ 2,073.35</b>
Contributions	\$21,745.35	\$42,508.42	-\$20,763.07
Contributing Groups	89	136	-47
Contributing Districts	11	15	-4



Appendix C. Area 83 Group and District Contributions (as of October 17, 2020)

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<b>GROUP &amp; DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS</b> <b>as at October 17, 2020</b>
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District	0	Unspecified, Paypal	\$0.00
District	2	Malton	\$200.00
District	6	Mississauga	\$2,349.97
District	10	Toronto South Central	\$1,797.47
District	12	Toronto South West	\$1,251.85
District	14	Toronto North Central	\$559.21
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	\$0.00
District	18	Toronto City East	\$2,384.75
District	22	Scarborough	\$961.00
District	26	Lakeshore West	\$845.00
District	28	Lakeshore East	\$1,366.40
District	30	Quinte West	\$200.00
District	34	Quinte East	\$1,050.00
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	\$1,520.00
District	42	St. Lawrence International	\$0.00
District	48	Seaway Valley North	\$500.00
District	50	Cornwall	\$0.00
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	\$428.98
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	\$120.00
District	62	Ottawa West	\$1,865.72
District	66	Golden Triangle	\$1,215.00
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	\$550.00
District	74	Pembroke	\$1,660.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	\$60.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	\$150.00
District	86	Kawartha	\$710.00

Total Contributions YTD: \$21,745.35

Total from Groups	\$16,124.20	89	Groups
Total from Districts	\$5,511.15	11	Districts

Appendix D Area 83 Fall 2020 Assembly Roll Call

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Area 83 Fall 2020 Assembly Roll Call October 25, 2020

District	DCM	Alt-DCM	District Officers-Other	Comm Chairs	GSR	Alt-GSR	Visitors	Total Groups Attending	Total Delegation	Total Votes	Total Groups in District	% Groups Attending
02	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	2	21	5%
06	1	1	2	4	16	2	2	16	25	17	36	44%
10	1	1	1	1	13	0	1	13	16	14	26	50%
12	1	1	2	1	8	0	0	8	12	9	23	35%
14	1	0	1	1	4	1	0	5	7	6	31	16%
16-SP	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	2	8	13%
18	1	1	2	4	5	0	0	5	10	6	27	19%
22	1	1	0	2	8	0	5	8	17	9	22	36%
26	1	0	1	1	5	0	6	5	14	6	24	21%
28	1	1	1	1	6	0	3	6	13	7	23	26%
30	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	3	5	4	15	20%
34	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	4	6	5	35	11%
36	1	0	0	1	9	0	0	9	10	10	26	35%
42	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	2	21	5%
48	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	4	5	5	20	20%
50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0%
54	1	0	1	0	5	0	0	5	6	6	23	22%
58	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	2	28	4%
62	1	0	1	0	10	0	2	10	14	11	44	23%
66	1	1	0	2	6	0	3	6	11	7	28	21%
70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	0%
74	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	5	5	11	36%
78	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	2	7	14%
82	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	2	18	11%
86	1	1	2	0	8	1	0	8	12	9	23	35%
CF					1	0	0	1	1	1	8	13%
	DCM	Alt-DCM	Dist Officers-Other	Comm chairs	GSR	Alt-GSR	Visitors	Total Groups	Total Delegation	Total Votes	Total Groups	
ALL	22	8	16	22	125	4	22	127	202	149	579	22%
Area Committee									16	13		
Past Delegates									3			
Out of Area Visitors									8			
Total	22	8	16	22	125	4	22	127	221	162	579	
Oct-19	23	17	23	49	229	23	67	230	407	266	572	
Mar-19	24	19	23	58	219	20	71	219	412	255	571	
Oct-18	24	17	27	54	240	26	79	240	425	276	569	
Mar-18	23	14	16	59	201	15	75	201	379	238	567	
Oct-17	25	18	22	50	247	21	71	247	421	285	565	
Mar-17	25	17	15	40	176	15	71	176	338	214	573	

Appendix E Summary of 2020 Proposed Spending Guidelines for Area 83

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***Eastern Ontario International Area 83  
2020 Proposed Spending Guidelines Summary  
Prepared October 2020***

<b>Income</b>	<b>2020 PSG</b>	<b>2019 Actual</b>
7th Tradition	2,750.00	8,587.55
Bank Interest	300.66	-
Cost Recoveries	56.00	1,420.00
Grapevine Seasonals	1,805.00	3,837.50
Contributions From Groups And Districts	<b>28,419.99</b>	<b>58,328.42</b>
GSO Flow Through	1,500.00	400.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 34,831.65</b>	<b>\$ 72,573.47</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>2020 PSG</b>	<b>2019 Actual</b>
Accommodation	-	9,855.65
Meals	-	17,933.13
Travel	1,500.00	13,181.30
Long Distance	-	-
Postage	480.00	220.62
Printing	464.00	3,111.95
Literature	927.89	2,670.47
Stationery	365.41	525.69
Miscellaneous	8,213.25	4,546.05
<b>Total Committee Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 11,950.55</b>	<b>\$ 52,044.86</b>
Adhoc Committees	-	125.00
Area Committee	477.19	1,301.73
GSO Contribution	5,000.00	-
Bank Charges	100.00	63.43
PayPal Fees	15.00	17.78
Forums	-	-
GSC Assessment	8,821.80	11,170.14
GSO Flow Through	1,500.00	400.00
Ontario Delegates Conference	5,663.02	1,600.00
Grapevine Seasonals	1,454.09	3,637.63
CERAASA	-	3,143.53
International Convention	(150.00)	400.00
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 22,881.10</b>	<b>\$ 21,859.24</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 34,831.65</b>	<b>\$ 73,904.10</b>
<b>Net Change To Operating Account</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (1,330.63)</b>



Appendix F Detailed Expenses for 2020 Proposed Spending Guidelines for Area 83

2020 Proposed Spending Guidelines - Detail

Prepared - October 2020

Position	Hotel	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationary	Miscellaneous	Total
Delegate	-	-	138.40	-	200.00	-	-	-	25.00	363.40
Alt. Delegate	-	-	167.20	-	50.00	-	-	-	500.00	717.20
Immediate Past Delegate	-	-	144.80	-	-	-	-	-	25.00	169.80
Chairperson	-	-	149.60	-	30.00	-	-	-	25.00	204.60
Secretary	-	-	38.13	-	-	285.00	-	-	25.00	348.13
Treasurer	-	-	38.14	-	200.00	-	-	173.20	25.00	436.34
Registrar	-	-	38.13	-	-	-	-	192.21	25.00	255.34
Area Web Site/Webmaster	-	-	224.80	-	-	-	-	-	25.00	249.80
Archives	-	-	-	-	-	129.00	-	-	25.00	154.00
Archivist	-	-	-	-	-	-	226.35	-	25.00	251.35
Co-operation With The P.C.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25.00	25.00
Corrections Facilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25.00	25.00
Grapevine	-	-	148.80	-	-	-	-	-	25.00	173.80
Public Information	-	-	20.00	-	-	-	-	-	25.00	45.00
Self Support	-	-	216.00	-	-	-	-	-	25.00	241.00
Treatment / Accessibility	-	-	176.00	-	-	-	-	-	25.00	201.00
Service Info Day Committee	-	-	-	-	-	50.00	701.54	-	50.00	801.54
Spring Assembly	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,288.25	1,288.25
Fall Assembly	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,000.00	6,000.00
<b>TOTAL COMMITTEE EXP.</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 480.00</b>	<b>\$ 464.00</b>	<b>\$ 927.89</b>	<b>\$ 365.41</b>	<b>\$ 8,213.25</b>	<b>\$ 11,950.55</b>
Adhoc Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Area Committee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	477.19	477.19
Area GSO Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000.00	5,000.00
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00	100.00
PayPal Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00	15.00
Forums	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grapevine Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,454.09	1,454.09
GSC Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,821.80	8,821.80
GSO Flow Through	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500.00	1,500.00
Ont Delegates' Committee	2,073.20	581.28	926.80	-	7.05	95.95	61.64	-	1,917.10	5,663.02
CERAASA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
International Convention	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150.00	150.00
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 2,073.20</b>	<b>\$ 581.28</b>	<b>\$ 926.80</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7.05</b>	<b>\$ 95.95</b>	<b>\$ 61.64</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 19,135.18</b>	<b>\$ 22,881.10</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 2,073.20</b>	<b>\$ 581.28</b>	<b>\$ 2,426.80</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 487.05</b>	<b>\$ 559.95</b>	<b>\$ 989.53</b>	<b>\$ 365.41</b>	<b>\$ 27,348.43</b>	<b>\$ 34,831.65</b>

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Appendix G  
Voting Details  
for Panel 71  
Area Officer  
positions

4 FOR THE POSITION OF SECRETARY						
	CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5 THE HAT
1	Tim F.	7	2			
2	Terry N.	11	8			
3	Ray R.	23	19	33		
4	Bill C.	19	12			
5	David L.	12	7			
6	JoAnn P.	62	84	101		
	Total Votes Cast	134	132	134		
	2/3 of Votes Cast	90	88	90		
	1/5 of Votes Cast		26	27		
	1/3 of Votes Cast			45		

5 FOR THE POSITION OF TREASURER						
	CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5 THE HAT
1	Jack R.	14	10			
2	Glenn G.	11	5			
3	Shane H.	4	4			
4	Ray R.	16	9			
5	Bill C.	22	19	30		
6	David L.	54	80	101		
7	Terry N.	11	5			
	Total Votes Cast	132	132	131		
	2/3 of Votes Cast	88	88	90		
	1/5 of Votes Cast		27	27		
	1/3 of Votes Cast			44		

6 FOR THE POSITION OF REGISTRAR						
	CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5 THE HAT
1	Shane H.	7	7			
2	Ray R.	20	5			
3	David L.	8	1			
4	JoAnn P.	27	2			
5	Amy L.	75	59	68	71	75
	Total Votes Cast	137	55	62	58	53
	2/3 of Votes Cast	92	129	130	129	128
	1/5 of Votes Cast		86	87	86	86
	1/3 of Votes Cast		26	26	26	26
				44	43	43

**\*MOTION for 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Ballot for election**  
**of REGISTRAR**  
Made by Mary P.,  
GSR, D10  
Seconded by Gale,  
GSR, D06  
  
In favour: 81  
All opposed: 45  
Proceed to 5<sup>th</sup>  
Ballot

1 FOR THE POSITION OF DELEGATE						
	CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5 THE HAT
1	Kimberley M.	128				
2	James O'D.	16				
	Total Votes Cast	144				
	2/3 of Votes Cast	96				
	1/5 of Votes Cast					
	1/3 of Votes Cast					

2 FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE DELEGATE						
	CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5 THE HAT
1	Ray R.	5	3			
2	Amy L.	49	37			
3	James O'D.	86	100			
	Total Votes Cast	140	140			
	2/3 of Votes Cast	94	94			
	1/5 of Votes Cast		28			
	1/3 of Votes Cast					

3 FOR THE POSITION OF AREA CHAIR						
	CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5 THE HAT
1	Shane H.	7	6			
2	Ray R.	20	15			
3	David L.	8	6			
4	JoAnn P.	27	12			
5	Amy L.	75	100			
	Total Votes Cast	137	139			
	2/3 of Votes Cast	92	93			
	1/5 of Votes Cast		28			
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