

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

Area Committee Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2019

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Area Committee Meeting – January 5, 2019

1. OPENING

Area Chairperson, James O'D. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

Moment's Silence – Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions read by Jeffery F. - District 86 Secretary/Registrar

12 Concepts (Short Form) read by Bruce B.- District 86 Alternate DCM

Welcome to Quinte West. It's great to see everyone here today. This is our first Area Committee meeting of the 2019-2020 term. This is your meeting and it is an opportunity for you to share what's happening in your Districts. The Area committee is where recommendations to the Assembly are discussed and formulated and where tasks assigned by the Assembly are carried out. It is where your questions are answered, and concerns addressed. Please feel free to voice any concerns or questions you may have. There may be someone in the room who has the same question and it helps to share. As we start this new term, I am reminded of our First Tradition - "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity". We are here to ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous remains unified and strong in Area 83 Eastern Ontario International. Our personal recovery, as well as the recovery of the still suffering Alcoholic, depends upon it.

When someone is speaking, please do not speak to those around you. Let's be courteous to all who give reports and during motion discussions.

Some reminders

This is a non-smoking facility. A break will be called sometime around 11:00 AM and again in the afternoon. Lunch is not shown as an agenda item, but we will break around noon. Please turn off your cell phones or anything else that might interrupt the meeting.

At this time, I would like to introduce our Area Committee.

Area 83 Officers

On my far right, our Panel 69 Delegate

On my immediate right, our Alternate Delegate

On my immediate left is our Secretary

Beside Amy is our Treasurer

Beside JoAnn is our Registrar

Our Panel 67 Immediate Past Delegate

And I'm your Chairperson

Rob M.

Kimberley M.

Amy L.

JoAnn P.

Dave L.

Kim S.

James O'D.

Area Sub-Committee Chairpersons

Public Information Chairperson

Cooperation with the Professional Community Chairperson

Correctional Facilities Chairperson

Treatment/Accessibility Chairperson

Grapevine Chairperson

Self-Support Chairperson

Archives Chairperson

Ray R.

Bill C.

Les M.

Shane H.

Jenny C.

Mike B.

Marty M.

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

Introduction of Previous Delegates and other distinguished guests:

Also with us today we have Panel 63 Delegate Mel C., and Panel 65 Delegate, Joyce S.

Housekeeping:

The Area committee meeting will be held in this room three times this year and four times next year. Dates for 2019 are June 1 and September 7.

The Area Assembly and Service Information Day take place at the Ambassador Conference Centre in Kingston and are held twice each year, once in the spring and again in the fall. Dates for 2019 are March 29, 30, 31 and October 25, 26, 27.

Our meeting schedule up to and including tentative dates in 2019 will be included in the minutes. These dates are booked and secured with the hotel and church. Some are listed as tentative as the date of the following Assembly/Meeting is approved at the end of each meeting.

Year	Date	Status	Type of Meeting	Where
2019	January 5	Approved	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2019	March 29-31	Approved	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel
2019	June 1	Approved	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2019	September 7	Tentative	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2019	October 25-27	Tentative	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel

Assembly rooms cannot be booked online. Call the Ambassador hotel and quote the group name AA March 2019 or AA October 2019. Our discounted block of rooms is held until 30 days before the Assembly.

NOTE: Westminster United Church now requires (as of January 1, 2019) insurance for groups meeting in this building. We acquired the necessary insurance at the cost of \$187.92 for the full year – that would be 3 ACMs.

The agenda for the Assembly is sent out at least 6 weeks in advance. It is sent to DCM's to distribute to the GSR's. This is so that groups will have time to discuss the items and vote at the **group level** and at the **district level** prior to the assembly.

A REMINDER there is a motion that has been deferred to our upcoming Assembly regarding how we end the Friday and Saturday open meetings over the Assembly Weekend. In advance of the Spring Assembly, this motion should be discussed and voted on at the group level and brought back to the District. This will help all the DCMs and GSRs to have an informed group conscience that they bring to the Assembly.

Recycling and garbage disposal. Please adhere to the signage, and if in question, ask someone for help. Washrooms, keep them tidy please.

Food: Lunch has been arranged by Maria M. alt DCM of District 30 at a cost of \$5.00, per serving. Tickets will be sold at the break prior to lunch. You must have a ticket to be served.

Thank-you Maria M., Alt. DCM for District 30 for organizing the lunch, refreshments, and snacks.

Seating: As much as possible – District Committee Member's and Sub-Committee chairs sit on the outside of the tables. Alternate District Committee Member's on the inside. Visitors and Past Delegates are asked to sit at the tables set up at the sides of the room. This seating arrangement helps to facilitate the voting.

Who votes?

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 on behalf of their District. There is one vote per person.

How do we vote?

Procedure:

Alcoholics Anonymous has traditionally made decisions by ‘substantial unanimity’. In practice, this has translated to 2/3 majority. At times, I may ask for a show of hands to get a ‘sense of the meeting’. This is not a vote, and anyone may raise his or her hand. I believe that the first part of the agenda today can be handled under simple majority. *The items under new business are of such a nature to be under 2/3 majority and I will ask for a motion when we get to that point in the agenda.* If, at any time, you think that we should move to a 2/3 majority, please make the motion.

Minority Opinion:

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 wishes to speak to the minority. To be able to do this, you must have voted with the minority on the motion. 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 is seconded and passes by a simple majority, we start discussion again on the *original* motion.

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 discussions, and if discussion is prematurely cut off, we will not get to hear them.

Who may address the committee meeting?

It has been the *practice* at the Area committee level to use the same *principle* as we do at the Assemblies: only voting members of the Committee have a voice. This is important for two reasons

It keeps the focus on the fact that this Committee is in effect the steering committee of the Assembly – members are representing their District’s positions or Area’s in the case of our Officers, rather than their own.

It also maximizes the time available for members to voice the opinions and needs of their District. All who are attending may say their piece during sharing time.

I respectfully ask for your cooperation in this. If you don’t have a vote, as I mentioned, please keep your input for sharing time which is scheduled for later this afternoon. At that time all in attendance are welcomed to participate and their opinions will be heard.

Floor Motions

If you are making a floor motion for the Area Committee to consider today, it would be much appreciated if you would write your motion out and give it to our Secretary Amy.

I would entertain a motion now to carry out the first part of today’s meeting by simple majority:

Motion for simple majority

Moved: Bev H DCM District 34

Seconded: Terry N DCM District 26

Discussion none

All those in favour: all

All those opposed: None

Any abstentions: None

Motion Carried

2. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Are there any other items that should be added to today's agenda?

OLD BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

12(A). Interim report from the Accessibility Chair Ad Hoc Committee. – Kim S, Immediate Past Delegate

NEW BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

None

May I have a motion to accept the agenda as amended?

Moved: Frank V. DCM District 62

Seconded: Tim F. DCM District 86

Discussion: none

All those in favour: All

All those opposed: None

Any abstentions: None

Motion Carried

3. ROLL CALL

Our Area Registrar Dave has circulated the attendance sheets – please sign in the appropriate spot – there is a separate section for visitors.

FROM THE REGISTRAR'S REPORT: The roll call for today is 13 Area Officers, 1 Immediate Past Delegate, 2 Past Delegates, 21 District Committee Members, 12 Alternate District Committee Members and 8 visitors.

For voting purposes there are: 13 Area Officers eligible to vote (including 1 Immediate Past Delegate) and 23 District Committee Members or Alternate District Committee Members for a total of 36 votes.

Total delegation for this meeting is 47 people.

4. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 2018 ACM

Minutes of the December 1, 2018 ACM were distributed by email and a hard copy was placed in your folders today. As some of you might be seeing these minutes for the first time this morning, *with your permission I will defer this agenda item until **after lunch** to allow time for review before voting on their acceptance.*

Our Secretary Amy has also distributed a separate sheet with an important motion regarding the formation of an ad hoc committee to look into a stand alone Accessibilities committee that was passed at the last ACM and was omitted in the minutes you received. This item should be 14 D in the minutes. If you have any questions regarding this please see me at one of the breaks.

After lunch a motion was made **to accept the minutes of December 1, 2018, as amended**

Motioned: Terry N DCM District 26

Seconded: Rick W DCM District 30

Discussion: None

All those in favour: all

All those opposed: none

Any abstentions: none

Motion Carried

5. DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORTS (Sequence of reports to be drawn from the hat)

We have requested written reports from all 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.

I would ask members to come up to the mic to give their report. Order is 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 come up to the front and be ready to give your report when the DCM before you steps down. Please clearly state your name, your position and your District when you are up here, thank you.

Let's get started

District 02 Malton

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

District 02 is alive and well! At our last meeting, we had 73% attendance of General Service Reps. We only have four of our twenty-three groups in Toronto, the rest being in Brampton and Malton. Currently, our business meetings are in the West Toronto area. We are in the process of looking for a venue in Brampton in the hopes of improving attendance. As well, I and Bob D., our Archives Chair will be visiting all groups to encourage General Service Reps, and to do an Accessibility Checklist to forward to the Intergroup Committee to update our Meeting Guide. Just to note, we want to discover Groups who are or are not accessible – there is no "partial" accessibility.

To date, we have only five Committee Chairs: Accessibility, Archives, Intergroup Liaison, Grapevine and CPC/PI. With incoming General Service Reps, we hope to fill the remaining Committees.

Financially, we are struggling, but hope to turn this around in the next few months.

Our first business meeting of the Term is Sunday, January 13, 2013 and we will begin discussion about our Service Day.

In other matters, as Chair of the Information AA Day, I have contacted the General Service Office via email and expect to hear back from them by month's end with a Speaker. We do have a venue, Bar-Parkdale Presbyterian Church, 250 Dunn Ave., Toronto, which is the current location of the Sunnyside Group. We meet again Monday, January 28, 2019 and encourage anyone who is interested to come on out and support us in any way. There are many tasks and positions to fill.

The Concepts Committee, which brought a very successful Workshop to Toronto in November, has asked me to help with a venue West of the city, and I have provided them two locations: St. Paul's Apostle Church in Rexdale, and Bloordale United on Bloor St. at highway 427. Their next meeting will be Monday, January 7, 2019. The hope is to have another Concepts Workshop late April, early May. This concludes my report.

Yours in Gratitude and Service, De R.

District 06 Mississauga

(Read by Nat S- Alternate DCM)

Good Morning All, I'm an alcoholic, member of Daily Reflections, DCM district 06, my name is Susan.

I apologize for not be present for our first meeting of Panel 69. Thank you Nat for stepping in on my behalf. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve and am looking forward to two more years at the district table.

David B handed over the reins at our "Pizza Party", held every December meeting as a thank you to our outgoing GSR's and Subcommittee chairs. We had 19 of our 34 groups present. 4 of the 34 groups do not have GSR's but we do have point of contacts so that communication can flow from our district to those groups. Of the remaining 30 groups our attendance over the past 2-year term shows 24 groups attending a minimum of 25% or 6 of the 24 meetings.

We, through the hard work of an AD HOC committee, have prepared and approved a “Beginners Guide” to be placed on our AA Mississauga website. The Beginners Guide is a brief summary of positions available at District 06. We also unanimously agreed that a Workshop held by Toronto Intergroup on the 12 Concepts would be welcomed in the west end in 2019. We approved the purchase of books and chips for the Peel Youth Village and through the generous donation of one of our groups handed off used Grapevines for Treatment and Corrections facilities.

Our Secretary/Treasurers position for 2019 became available as our incoming had to step down. The announcement was made, and we will hold elections for this position along with all our subcommittee positions at our January meeting.

Our finances are in good shape and we will be making disbursements to Area and GSO in the new year.

District 6 along with 7 other districts in the GTA will be hosting our AA Information Day on June 8, 2019. We have invited Rob, incoming Delegate to share his notes from the General Service Conference, along with a speaker from the General Service Office and subcommittee panels to share on the good works they are doing.

Thank you for my sobriety.

Yours in love and in service, Susan K.

District 10 Toronto South Central

Hi all. I'm an Alcoholic, a member of the Morning Discussion Group who is currently serving District 10 as DCM and my name is Doug. Here are some of the Summary Highlights for District 10:

- **Finances:** District 10 is in good shape financially, meeting all obligations, and contributing accordingly.
- **Attendance/Participation:** Of the 28 groups* currently listed in our District, we typically get between 15-20 at any given District 10 meeting, representing roughly a 60% attendance rate.
- **Positions:** We recently underwent elections, so have many new faces at the table, including GSR's, Alt-GSR's, Position holders, and Sub-Committee Chairs. Am happy to report that all 5 District Positions and 9 sub-committee chair positions are currently filled.
 - NOTE: two of our Sub-Comm chair positions - Corrections and Treatment - have actually completed their respective rotations, but have volunteered to stay on until replacements step up. We're of course grateful for their continued service.
- **Service Commitments:** District 10 is currently active with 7 service commitments, with a potential 8th being negotiated by our Treatment Sub-Comm Chair. The Commitments are mostly well attended, and our participation rate is high.
- ***District Data:** Over the upcoming term we aim to work with our GSR's, District Registrar, and the Area team to reconcile/clean up our Group and contact information as best as possible.
Looking forward to contributing over the new term.

Yours in Love and Service, Doug P.

District 12 Toronto South West

I am an alcoholic a Grateful member of the Westmoreland Group and DCM for District 12, my name is Dennis. Our financial responsibilities are being met and our service commitments are being covered. We have 16 of 22 groups attending the district meeting. I am looking forward to meeting the new GSR's and alternate GSR's, and am hoping to fill the committee chair positions as soon as possible. I will also be looking for an alternate DCM.

Yours in Loving Service.

District 14 Toronto North Central

I am an alcoholic, my name is Will, I am a member of the “Mount Albert” and “Street Level Sobriety” Groups of AA and have the honor and privilege of serving as the DCM for District 14 – Toronto North Central for the 2019 – 2020 term.

All of our district officer positions have been filled and there are three sub-committee chair positions that are vacant. I am sure these positions will be filled in the near future. All of our service commitments are being met and our finances

are in good shape. The previous officers, sub-committee chairs and myself have been and are continuing to support the new officers and committee chairs where necessary. I look forward to working with and supporting the new GSR's and groups in our district. We are all learning our new positions and are excited about carrying the message in our district.

Our district meets on the second Monday of each month and our first meeting is January 14th. Attendance at our district committee is regularly attended by most of our groups and we generally have over 60% attendance of the 30 or so groups. I will be making my rounds of the groups in the district as I always love a road trip with a carload of drunks.

I look forward to the next two years of service as the DCM of District 14 and to help where my higher power leads me. I'm kind of nervous like I felt at my first ever AA meeting and I know that will pass just like my obsession to drink passed. I am grateful that we have great resources like previous DCM's and service committee members, the aa.org website, the area committee and website and my service sponsor, that always asks me toward the end of any of my service terms, "What are you going to stand for now?" Who would have known that raising my hand at my first district committee meeting to interpret an "AA Concept" would lead me to this service position? I remember that as clear as anything, it was Concept 9 (Good service leadership at all levels.....)

Yours in love and service, Will H.

District 16 Distrito Hispano De Toronto
(absent and no report submitted)

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 District Committee Member and outgoing chair of the Grapevine committee, for Toronto City East District 18. My name is Glenn.

Our District 18 officers are in place for this term! Christy F., our Alternate District Committee member, joins me today. We have already had many planning discussions. Greg R. takes over as Treasurer, Sue H. continues as Secretary and Candice F. will be our Registrar. Our officers met at the bank, on December 20, to adjust signing authorities and also met for dinner afterwards, to discuss next term goals.

We also have elected many sub-committee chairs: Gord for Accessibility, Jeff for CPC, Jennifer for Treatment, Rick for Archives. My hope is that, after the GSR orientation, the District table will fill the remaining Chair and Alternate positions, at our upcoming District meeting this Tuesday. From there, with help from our alternate DCM, Former and current Self-Support Chairs, the plan is to recruit additional committee members from our District 18 groups.

Our District 18 committee chairs and officers, as well as our groups and members, continue to strongly facilitate carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. They honour weekly service commitment meetings: parole board, two hospitals, a men's detox. They serve in tandem with other District chairs on Greater Toronto Area Intergroup committees. Most of our committees also work in concert with surrounding Districts. Most recently, our fall events included: District 22 Service day, Gratitude Conference, Scarborough Roundup, Toronto Intergroup joint sharing, GTA Archives Breakfast. Planning/Cooperation is underway for 2019: CERASSA, The Ontario Regional Conference, East Toronto Archives breakfast, AA Information day. Our District is both spiritually and financially fit.

We have approximately 25 groups in our District. Our District boundaries stretch roughly from Lake Ontario to Lake Simcoe, bounded loosely by Bayview and Victoria Park. Members of the District table visit approximately half of these groups each month.

I enthusiastically embrace this new term of service, and am excited to be working with another dedicated group of like-minded individuals. I have often heard it said "give a little money, give a lot of time". I like this philosophy. Thank you for the opportunity to share this journey.

Yours in both gratitude and loving service, Glenn G.

District 22 Scarborough

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

We have 22 groups within our district and approximately 75% attend our monthly meeting. We are doing well financially and continue carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic. Treatment Facilities include Scarborough General Hospital. Correctional Facilities at the Metro Toronto East Detention Centre.

All our District Officer positions are filled with the exception of Secretary. Sub Committee/ Alternate positions are available. Our next District meeting will be held Sunday January 13, 2019.

East Toronto Archives Breakfast Committee is planning for the 14th Annual event. This is a joint venture with District 18. Date confirmed is Sunday May 5th. Flyers and tickets will be available soon.

Info AA day will be held Saturday June 8th. Location change. Bonar-Parkdale Presbyterian church 250 Dunn Ave.

Joint Sharing meetings are held quarterly. Both of these events are represented by the 8 GTA Districts.

I look forward to growth in my service journey.

Yours In Love & Service, Lynn E.

District 26 Lakeshore West

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

Our new Alt. DCM Edeline A. is with me today.

Our District is doing well, our finances are holding and attendance has been around 65%.

All positions are filled and I'm truly looking forward to working with them all. Our Public Information Committee has launched a new youth website: www.aadurhamyoung.ca.

We are also planning a GSR workshop on February 3rd with a great committee. We truly want to welcome all our new GSR's and Alt.'s.

I am grateful for the opportunity to service. Terry N.

District 28 Lakeshore East

Good morning. I'm an alcoholic, member of the Gratitude Group in Bowmanville and my name is Eileen S. I'm honoured to serve as District Committee Member for District 28, Lakeshore East.

District 28, along with District 26, held the annual Alcathon at the Alano Club from Christmas Eve at noon until Christmas Day at noon. Groups from both districts held Gratitude-style meetings every hour and the event was very well attended. I spoke with one member who's time was in the middle of the night and there were three newcomers.

Our District still has 3 vacant subcommittee Chair positions – Treatment and Accessibilities, Corrections, and Grapevine. Our Treasurer recently resigned as well. We are hoping to fill these important positions at our District Meeting next week.

Lakeshore districts have a Spring Round-Up on April 13th at LVIV Hall in Oshawa. please save the date, as this is always a great day of fellowship and meetings.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Eileen S.

District 30 Quinte West

I am an alcoholic member of the Alderville Pioneer Group currently serving as District 30 DCM my name is Rick. This is my first Area meeting as a District Committee member. I am looking forward to the next two years and I am here with our alternate District Committee member, Maria. I don't have a lot to report for District 30, I just started my term and we have not yet had our first district meeting.

Our finances are stable with good group support. I am happy to report that I start my term with all positions at the table filled. We also have a new Roundup committee that is working on putting together District 30 roundup for April 27th. This will have a potluck lunch and the admission will be 7th tradition, all are welcome.

Yours in Love and Service. Rick.

District 34 Quinte East

Good Morning Everyone. I am an alcoholic – a member of the Women Living Sober group and my name is Bev. I am currently serving as the District Committee Member for Quinte East -- District 34.

As we begin the new term, the District is financially sound, and we can meet all the financial commitments of the district. Attendance at the monthly district table meetings continues to see approximately 65% of groups attending.

All the sub-committee chair positions are filled, and each chair is looking forward to the start of the new term.

Our district registrar – who is also the ALT. DCM -- will be working alongside our district secretary completing the Group Change Forms and passing the information along to the Area Registrar to ensure all group information is current and up to date.

Our first District meeting for this new term will be held January 31, 2019 and I am looking forward to serving and working with the new District Committee.

Finally, I am looking forward to this next phase of my service journey -- with much humility and gratitude.

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.

We are looking forward to a new term in District 36. All our district service positions have been filled. There appears to be lots of enthusiasm in the district and several new people have stepped up to fill committee chair positions at the district for the first time. Lynn H. is our Alternate DCM.

Attendance at our district meetings has been good with approximately 80% of our 24 groups attending monthly meetings. Financially we are in a position to make substantial contributions to Area 83 and GSO. We have switched our telephone answering system over to Callture and so far it has been seamless with a good response from volunteers so far. The cost savings are significant and we will be able to put the money to good use helping the still suffering alcoholic.

Items on our agenda for the first part of this term include ongoing revision of our operating procedures and discussion of our recent district inventory with formulation of motions based on that exercise.

This is my second time serving as DCM for our district having been here 15 years ago on Panel 53. I am excited to be back at the Area table and look forward to a productive and stimulating 2 year term.

Yours in Gratitude and Service, Jack R.

District 42 St. Lawrence International

October meeting. A few months ago, D42 decided to discontinue the combined meeting list District 42 and 19. District 19 decided to start printing a combined meeting list. This caused some concern.

A motion made and turned down, to purchase combined meeting lists from District 19 for use in District 42. The St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility, PI/CPC, and 4 Treatment Facilities.

A motion made and turned down, to purchase 2 combined meeting lists for each meeting in District 42 from District 19.

A motion was made and approved to print and distribute 12, District 42 meeting lists for each group in District 42. An accompanying letter from the District meeting list coordinator Milner G. explaining reasons for discontinuing the combined list. As well as instructions how to download and print lists from the District 42 website.

Elections for the District 42; 6 members present 4 in current positions; no one else standing for positions. Decision made to delay confirmation of all positions till November meeting.

Gary G., Ogdensburg Riverside Group reported Hamilton Hall Rehab will reopen their treatment program to AA participation after a 5-year suspension of the decade's long cooperation.

November meeting. Milner G. printed a pamphlet describing the functions of the district committee and descriptions of district positions. The 5 members attending will distribute to the 25 groups.

Corrections Chair Louise T. stopped in to resign the position.

PI/CPC chair Allan C. continues to collect mailing addresses of professionals. Letters he has sent notifying of AA as a resource. So far, no replies have been received.

December meeting. Star Lake Group reactivated; it had been inactive for just shy of 18 months; it was registered in 1970.

District 42 is cooperating with Districts 19 and 10 of Area 48 (Northeastern NY State) on a Joy of Service Day in Plattsburgh, NY on 2 February. Started in February 2017 these inter-district events have attracted speakers from Buffalo to Boston, past delegates, current delegates, and past trustees. Notice flyers here. As speakers are confirmed detailed flyers will be available at the District 42 web page.

No changes in current service positions.

The district will be broke by the middle of January. We are sure the groups will come through.

As always District 42 is doing what they can. YILS

District 48 Seaway Valley North

Good morning friends, I am an alcoholic and my name is Wayne. Happy New Year to everyone. It is a privilege to serve as DCM for District 48, Seaway Valley North. We have a few new faces on our District Committee, as well as some familiar faces taking on new tasks in different Chair positions. We have yet to fill the Chair for Self Support, but I am confident that we can get this position filled. Unfortunately, our incoming secretary has had to step down due to health reasons. She is looking forward to returning to her position in the near future, in the true spirit of service.

The District finances are in good shape and we are having good turnouts at our District table. We consistently have 12 to 14 of our 19 groups attending our monthly meetings. The first meeting of our new District Committee will be held on Tuesday, January 8th.

We are finalizing arrangements for our 25th annual Round-up on Saturday, February 9th, 2019. I have printed copies of the flyer, and they are sitting on the kitchen table at home, so you won't be getting any of those today. This is a wonderful day of AA and Al-Anon speakers and panels, so please speak to me if you would like more information.

Thank you for my sobriety.

Yours in Love and Service, Wayne L.

District 50 Cornwall

(absent and no report submitted)

District 54 Ottawa Rideau

My name is Jo Anne. I am an alcoholic, currently serving as District Committee Member for District 54, Ottawa-Rideau. I am here today with our newly elected Alternate DCM, Anna P.

District 54 held its first meeting of the new term two days ago. I am delighted – and relieved – to report that we have filled two of our vacant positions, that of Secretary and PI/CPC Rep. Regrettably, our self-support rep has had to step down for health reasons, so the Table still has two vacancies: Registrar and Self-support.

Tomorrow, I will be attending a meeting among the three Ottawa area Districts, our local Intergroup, and the Alkathon Committee to discuss Intergroup's proposal to have the annual Alkathon fall under its umbrella. This is an issue that came up last March and is now back for further discussion.

One matter that I think is significant for District 54 relates to the sale of a building that housed five of our Home Group Meetings. Our Lady of Assumption Church on Cody St in Vanier has been sold. The new owners of the building have given notice that they will not renew the leases of the five (5) Home Groups that meet there. These five Home Groups hold 19 meetings a week, a minimum of one every day; there are three meetings a day several times a week and on Mondays there are four! It is these five groups that collaborate in organizing the Vanier Round Up every year; and it is in that location numerous workshops, planning meetings and events have taken place, including in recent years, a fairly successful East-a-thon, essentially a continuation of the Alkathon after it ends at noon.

The five groups have tried to find a location that will accommodate all of them; unfortunately, so far, any location found suitable for them has been cost prohibitive. Each of the groups is now trying on their own to find a venue. It remains to be seen the actual impact on the District – it is unclear whether, in the event of separate meeting locales of these groups, any of the events that they collectively organize together will continue.

I wish everyone a Happy New Year. 2019 is going to be awesome!

District 58 Ottawa Bytown

Good morning. My name is Kim, District Committee Member for District 58 – Ottawa By-town and I am an alcoholic. I am looking forward to working with you all for the next 2 years.

District 58 is doing well. Service commitments are being fulfilled and finances remain adequate. The recent Alkathon was a success providing 24 hours of meetings and fellowship on Christmas Eve to Christmas Day and New Years Eve to New Years Day.

A friend of AA in Ottawa, Sister Louise Dunn, passed away on December 27th. She helped many alcoholics and their families recover from alcoholism. She was always available for a hug, a kind word, and encouragement. She heard many 5th steps and considered the AA program a gift from God.

Yours in Service Kim B.

District 62 Ottawa West

Good Morning friends, my name is Frank V., I am an alcoholic. I have been a member of AA since March 15, 2004. My home group is Morning Glory in Ottawa's west end and I have a sponsor as well as being a sponsor to others. I am also active in my home group.

I am privileged to be the District Committee Member serving District 62 Ottawa West for the 2019 -2020 term.

My report is brief.

The District 62 2019-2020 term has a great committee of people as elected by the members and I am looking forward to working with them as a team. The Alternate District Committee Member, Gene M. is here with us today. This is his first time here and I am glad he made it.

The first District meeting of 2019 will be held January 14th. This will be a meet and greet pot luck with a GSR workshop after the pot luck. The workshop will be facilitated by Sandy S.

There will be Tradition workshops each month before the regular District meeting, one tradition a month. This will be facilitated by past District Committee Member Mike B.

District 62 is an active with numerous service commitments, the support of the service groups within our district, the Alkathon, Service Day, the Spring Conference, the Canadathon as well as the Fall Conference. The district is also active in Self-Support presentations and contributes financially to Area and GSO.

We had a great team that went before us in the previous term and I want to thank them for that leadership and for sharing their experience and knowledge with the new team. I know we can call upon them and others before them for consultation, guidance and support at any time. A special thanks to Mike B., our past District 62 (DCM) for his patience with me as I learned in the Alternate position.

Over the past time as an Alternate District Committee member, I have learned a lot about the flow of information from the member to the group to the district to the area and on to New York. This all happens as a result of trusted servants voted to serve and I am proud to be one of those trusted servants.

I have participated in numerous group inventories, have attended the Area Committee meetings here in Belleville, and have attended the Area Assemblies in Kingston. I have registered and will be attending CERASSA in Laval, Quebec and am looking forward to seeing you all there.

It's a new adventure for me in service and in my recovery. I look forward to learning from and working with the other District Committee Members, Area Representatives and Delegates in Area 83.

Thank You, In Love and Service, Frank

District 66 Golden Triangle

I am an alcoholic, a member of the Smiths Falls Saturday Night Group, and the incoming DCM for District 66. My name is Neil P.

I am looking forward to the next 2 years as the DCM for District 66. May humility be my guiding force.

My Alternate Theresa L. is with me this month.

We are splitting up the Secretary / Registrar positions and have one person interested in the now vacant Registrar chair. All other executive and chair seats are occupied. Who says people aren't willing to serve?

Last summer the district asked me to report on the current status of our meetings as they are listed at Ottawa Intergroup. There was concern too many meetings were misreported for location and the Ottawa list was very outdated. After discussing with the new Intergroup webmaster, they updated the listings. Unfortunately, there remains discrepancy in comparison with the District 66 website and printable meeting lists. The decision was made at the December meeting to request our meetings be removed from the Ottawa website and printable directory. If someone looks for a meeting in our district, they can Google AA in any one of the towns and our website is ranked first. If they use traditional means for reaching out and dial 411, they will be directed to our local and toll-free numbers.

There was also some discussion on the type of bank account groups should use, many responded with a non-profit business account with multiple signatures. Personal anonymity was a must. One group was asked to provide proof they were non-profit.

The District has saved \$1000 for sending me to CERASSA in February.

Yours in love and service, Neil P.

District 70 Renfrew Pontiac

Hi Everyone, I am an alcoholic and my name is Lisa. I am a member of the Douglas Group and the DCM for District 70 Renfrew-Pontiac.

We held our elections in November and asked Jack to be our facilitator. I am pleased to say that only one position has not been filled and that is Alternate DCM.

As well, we have a chairperson in place for our upcoming St. Paddy's Day Round up Scheduled for March 16. There were many celebrations at the end of the last year. Three I attended were Gratitude Potluck in Arnprior, celebration of 40 years of sobriety Les B in Cobden and a New Year's Potluck meeting and Dance.

I am looking forward to learning and growing with all of you.

Yours in Service, Lisa C.

District 74 Pembroke

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

Our elections took place in December rotating out half of the District Table pursuant to our operating procedures. Currently there are still some seats open which we anticipate will be filled possibly at our next meeting on January 19, 2019. I am excited to be working with a team of dedicated members to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to those who still suffer.

In December we held a District Inventory meeting which was facilitated by Sue B. along with Mike B. from district 62, Ottawa. We had a fair number of GSR's present along with other interested members. As a result of this inventory process we have a very good basis to work from over the next two years to improve in some areas. We can't thank Sue and Mike enough for their help and guidance.

Financially we continue to be in good shape and will be able to make contributions to area and GSO. Our annual spring conference venue has been chosen and we are planning a great day of fellowship, information and food. We also hope to facilitate more events over the coming years to bring our groups together more often including workshops, bbq's and just plain fun. We are not a glum lot!

As this new year rolls in, we mourn the loss of some of our long timers and welcome the many newcomers as we trudge the road to happy destiny.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve and grow.

Yours in love and service, Jane

District 78 Madawaska Valley

I'm an alcoholic, new DCM for District 78, member of the Bancroft New Hope Group, my name is Michelle. AA is a live and well in our little district. We recently had many wonderful Gratitude meetings over the holidays including Christmas eve and New Year's Eve! I am looking forward to serving District 78 at the Area level for the next two years to the best of my ability.

Yours in service, Michelle C.

District 82 Victoria Haliburton

Good Morning

I am an alcoholic, I belong in the Bolsover Pines Group of District 82 and my name is Glenn. I am grateful to be here today and look forward to serving as the DCM for District 82 during this term.

Our last District 82 committee meeting was held on December 9, 2018. We had 9 GSR's in attendance and we currently have 13 active groups at our GSR table. We are trying to get more group GSR's to attend our district meeting regularly. Attendance prior to our December meeting had been low. Most of our District Committee positions have been filled. We do have one opening and that is for Archives. Elizabeth D is currently doing the position until someone takes the position.

Our district is doing well financially. We recently posted AA information in our district's regional newspapers and on the radio over the holiday season. This is something we do every year.

We have decided to print our district meeting lists quarterly. In the past we have printed them monthly. We found that we were recycling a lot of the meeting lists since we were updating them monthly. Printing them quarterly will hopefully cut down on waste and save our district money.

Our 2019 Lindsay Conference will be held at the Armouries in downtown Lindsay on May 4th. All of the conference speakers have been lined up and our conference committee is very excited about the great lineup of speakers. Our theme for the conference will be "Acceptance". I will have conference flyers and tickets available at our Area 83 March assembly.

Our service information day will be held in Peterborough this year on Sunday June 23rd. All are welcome.

I look forward to serving District 82 at the Area level this term!

Yours in love and Service, Glenn

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. I have brought with me today, my Alternate District Committee Member, Bruce. Also accompanying us is our Secretary/Registrar Jeffary.

I am looking forward to this two-year term as a chance of growth and learning. I am amazed at how much I have learned in all my previous service positions and I know there is still plenty for me to learn. It has been a wonderful experience sitting at the District table in various positions over the last few years. Getting a chance to learn more about the Area level of service is going to be great. Tomorrow will be our first District meeting and I'm looking forward to meeting and working with the incoming General Service Representatives and Committee Chairs.

Our District will have our annual Conference June 22/19 and I will have more on that later. Due to a need to change venue for the conference, the committee needed to ask the District table in December for more money. This dropped the operating account a fair amount but finances remain in good condition. This was needed because a much higher deposit was required, but is of no concern as the overall cost remained comparable. We still have two chair positions empty and hopefully they will get filled tomorrow.

Yours in Gratitude, Love and Service, Tim F.

Thank you to all those who gave reports.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

We now come to our Area Sub-Committee Chair reports. We rely on your humility and compassion to keep your reports brief. As with the Districts, 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. I would ask the committee members to stay at the front after their reports to answer any questions, if any.

A. Public Information

Ray R.

I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Last Chance Grp, and serving as your Area 83, Panel 69, Public Information Chair, my name is Ray.

It's great to see so many new faces, as well as familiar ones.

I'm totally excited about my new position, and eager to see where this leg of my journey will take me. My hope is to take what I've learned in the old position and apply it to the new one. I recently received my information kit from GSO and will be getting familiar with it in the days to come. I've also been sorting thru the literature given to me by the out going chair. I'd like to thank the past chair, and the ones that came before him, for laying the ground work, and giving me an easy platform to come from.

I look forward to connecting with the district chairs, to exchange ideas, and see what great conversations can

be started.

I also plan on attending the GTA bi-monthly meetings at the Toronto intergroup office. The first meeting is on January 21/19.

The spring assembly will be a pre-conference assembly, and I look forward to receiving the related talking points and making them a part of my workshop. I plan to have a fun, informative, and interactive workshop.

Please add me to your mailing list and know that I'm available for presentations, workshops, and service days. I can be reached at pi@area83aa.org.

Yours in love and service
area 83, panel 69
Public Information Chair
Ray R.

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 C.

It is my privilege to serve you as your Area Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair for this term of Panel 69. I am very excited as I start my journey as the CPC Chair for Area 83. I have been blessed to serve as a DCM where I was able to participate at Area 83 meetings for the 2017/2018 Term.

The CPC kit arrived as a sort of Christmas gift. Once opened I remembered an acronym that my first sponsor would say – AFGO (Another Fun Growth Opportunity). However, after reviewing the excellent past notes that Jim S left and having talked to a couple of past Area CPC Chairs the excitement is setting in and I'm looking forward to the Fun and Growth that will come with this Opportunity.

Looking through the CPC Workbook and other information that I have received, I realize that there is so much more to CPC than making sure there is literature available to the Professional Community. This will be a learning experience for me, and I can promise to carry out my responsibilities to the best of my ability. I am ready and willing to work with all the Districts that make up Area 83. 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.

Naturally as part of our Traditions, each District forms their own committee structures. Some may have a separate CPC committee and others may combine this with the Public Information committee. In either case, I look forward to meeting and working with each District. It so happens that the PI Chair Ray R and I are located at different ends of the Area. We have discussed the logistics of covering for each other as a team as events and opportunities arise for both PI and CPC.

From the reading and research that I have been able to do to date, there is a great wealth of material, ideas and experience as to how we can reach out and Cooperate with the Professional Community. I am looking forward to working with your Committee members and have some ideas on how we can reach out the important Professional Community – Being Friendly with our Friends as the slogan goes. I know I can count on all of you for your good advice as I go about my new task.

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

C. Correctional Facilities

Les M.

Good Day, I would like to welcome you all to Quinte East, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Foxboro Friendship Group in District 34, and with much gratitude I have the privilege to serve Area 83 as your Corrections Chair. My name is Les M.

Now, as I get started on my second term and have a better understanding on how this level of service work goes, I'm real excited about what will be happening in this position. Since I live close by I know most of the Ladies and Men that look after the institutions from Warkworth to Kingston. I met with Mac B our out-going Corrections Chair and was able to pick up the display rack and a few short movies, very few pamphlets. Being in contact with Elaine Barnes from the Ontario Correctional Institute who looks after the BTG Requests being sent from there.

Robert B, past corrections chair offered his help and sent me lots of info on corrections.

Mel C. has also contacted me and offered his help, our Delegate Rob M. was very generous with his time in helping me setup the corrections email site, I'm used to gmail and this is foreign to me but with a little practice and time I'll make all this a great experience. Also my Service Sponsor Joyce S has being very kind with her time and patience. So my Friends you can see that right here in this room we have many resources available to us.

As of now I have fifteen District Correction Chair and I'm sure this number will grow as we get further into this term. I'm here as a resource for you, and please have a little fun in your service journey.

As for BTG Requests if there is no District Correction Chair, I'll send the request to the DCM to look after, and I can help you with these. Also, please send me your District minutes.

You can reach me at: Email: cf@area83aa.org

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

Yours in Love, Service and Fellowship in A.A.

Les M

D. Treatment Facilities/ Accessibility

Shane H.

Hello friends I'm an Alcoholic my name is Shane. This Alcoholic is truly grateful for this opportunity and would like to thank Marty for all the hard work he did in his term; the Area 83 map is truly a thing of beauty and its practicality is beyond measure. This is something I experienced on January 2nd, barely two days in and I received the first BTG request of the new panel that went to district 26.

As far as Accessibility I have been researching mobile meetings the idea being that rural districts may have different needs from urban districts but both types could easily support a mobile meeting with a scope of work well defined that could fit into any rural or urban district setting. One example would be bringing a meeting to a member who is in the hospital for a lengthy or indefinite stay.

This Alcoholic's goal is to bring attention to the various types of Accessibility issues we face in Area 83 and to fire up GSRs and DCMs to go to their groups and districts and form Committees.

Yours in service,

Shane H.

treatment@area83aa.org

E. Grapevine

Jenny C.

Good morning friends. I'm a member of the Smiths Falls Saturday Night group, currently have the honour and privilege of serving as your panel 69 grapevine chair I'm an alcoholic, name is Jenny.

Happy new year everyone. I hope you all had an exciting sober holiday filled with joy. It's exciting times when the year turns over and a new term of commitments begins to commence.

Q. How do you know when you're too drunk to drive?

A. When the tree you've been dodging all night turns out to be the air freshener hanging on your rear view mirror. Deborah B GV Feb 2012.

Grapevine has a new book available January

21st. http://www.aagrapevine.org/sites/fileuploads/isovera/drupal6core/GV_Toolkit_2019.pdf building connections with Grapevine 75th anniversary toolkit.

Includes:

- 1 year grapevine complete subscription
- 12 issues of GV print and online
- 12 issues of audio recording
- 1 year access to the GV Story Archives
- The GV book "one on one" about sponsorship in action.
- 12 Traditions Checklist

Plus

- 75th anniversary stickers and bookmarks (5 of each)
- Info on how to be a GV Rep

\$49.95USD to compare just a magazine subscription is \$28.97 USD. Or \$35 Canadian. For those that are not aware.

In December I was able to take a few totes and a display board off Robert's hands. So I now have everything needed to make appearances for those districts that wish to make that happen.

That being said I am excited to have my first comment already booked. I will be attending the District 66 round up on April 13th happy to be sharing some space with their district literature grapevine chair.

I am accepting used grapevines if there are districts that collect. I would be happy to distribute them to districts in need. I also have copies of La Viña available if anyone would like some. I will continue to pass along copies of grapevine throughout the term.

I can be reached at Grapevine@area83aa.org

I am truly *Grapefull* for the opportunity to serve.

F. Self-Support

Mike B.

Good morning, I am an alcoholic and am a member of the Parkwood Hills Group in Ottawa and have the honour and privilege of serving as your Self Support Chair for Area 83.

After our Area Committee Meeting in December I received the Self Support Display and a box of goodies all relating to Self Support. I have had the opportunity to go through it all and it looks like I have enough material to hit the ground running. I have contacted our Area Chairperson and expressed a desire to create a new Self Support display since the one we have is looking old and tired and has been well traveled just like a well used Big Book. There is nothing wrong with the concept of the display, in fact it gets the message of self-support across quite well. But if I were dragged across Area 83 for years like the display has, I too might be in need of some repair.

I would like to encourage the Districts to send me your minutes, so I can follow along with what is happening in respect to Self Support. If I can be of any help to you, please email me. I would love to hear from you! I am looking forward to the conversations and exchange of ideas we will be having regarding self support over the next 2 years and hoping to meet all the District Self Support Chairs at the Spring Assembly. Quick update from The Lunch With Bill Group in Ottawa that meets 5 days a week at noon. On December 13th-2018 they started accepting Debit/Credit card payments for 7th Tradition contributions and Literature sales at the Group level using Square* (payment method). The future is here!

In closing I will leave you with this, When Bill stood in the lobby of the Mayflower Hotel and was tempted by the bar, he headed to the public phone and started making calls to find another alcoholic to talk to. It is rumoured that he didn't just make one phone call but that he made 11 calls until he was directed to an alcoholic. This might have been the first indication of self support. Time & Money! Bill used his own money to travel and also used his own time to carry THE message. Think about it, that was 11 phone calls at a nickel a call, considering the average wage was 25 cents an hour back then.

Yours in Love and Service,

Mike B.

Selfsupport@area83aa.org

G. Archives

Marty M.

Hello everyone, Happy New Year. I am a grateful alcoholic; my name is Marty. I'm a member of the Open Hands Group in Mississauga, District 6 and I am very grateful to serve as your Archives chair for this term.

I have reviewed the responsibilities of the Area Archives chair and the Area Archivist. It seems crucial that the two work together. The more I learn about this position; the more I realize there is so much I need to learn.

A message to all DCM's; for your incoming District Archives chairs. If they haven't yet received their kit from GSO. In the meantime, on the Area 83 website under the resources tab, click on Archive; there they can find The AA Archives Guidelines, the Archives Workbook & the Oral History Kit which are all linked to the GSO Website.

I have met with some members of the GTA Archives committee last month. I was graciously invited to join them for their year end dinner. A special thanks to Eddie for including me. I look forward to learning from him as well as the rest of the committee. I will be attending the monthly meeting of the GTA Archives committee, to get acquainted with the workings of an Archives committee. I have been in contact with David T., our previous Area Archivist and he has assured me that he will answer any questions and help me in any way. I am very grateful for that.

I will be quite busy for the next 3 – 4 months. In addition to preparing for the upcoming Assembly and Service Information day. I will be organizing Area 83's annual Archives workshop to held in Kingston in April. This event is held every spring and the location rotates between Kingston, Toronto, Peterborough, and next year it will be in Ottawa. As soon as I have a date confirmed, I will have our Area Secretary send out a posting to all Area Committee members. The Area Archives newsletter will be out prior to the Assembly. I hope to be working with our Area Archivist Linda, on all of these.

Yours in Love and Service,

Marty M

Archives@area83aa.org

7. REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Dave L.

Hello Friends, I am an alcoholic, a member of the Liverpool Group and currently serving as your Panel 69 Registrar for Area 83 International and my name is Dave L.

I met with Amy L, the Area's previous registrar last weekend and besides being a very organized person, she did a fantastic job documenting the duties of this position. The next day I started entering the group change forms that had arrived over the weekend thus cementing many of the Registrar's procedure in my mind.

I have passed along to the Area Webmaster, the New Group forms and Group Information Change forms with my address and contact email to upload on the Area website (www.area83aa.org). You will find them under Resources/Registrar and they are Word files that are easy to download.

Please pass along to your District Registrars that it is much easier to identify the changes to a form if they are highlighted or bolded. Updates or new group forms should be sent to me by email and in a Word format. It makes it so much easier to cut and paste information and avoid human errors.

It is important for your groups to update their information as soon as possible. While each district is autonomous, the general practice is to have your District's Secretary or Registrar collect the Change forms and submit them to me. I will enter the new information in the General Service Office's database, called Fellowship New Vision (FNV) and if there are any new GSRs, I flag these people for GSO to send out GSR kits. Kits should arrive within a month. So don't delay- as we should insure that all GSRs have the tools they need to do their job. Don't forget to remind GSRs and their alternates to indicate if they want to be listed in the AA directory, and whether they want their surname as an initial or spelled out.

Lastly, the General Service Office will be shutting down the FNV from Jan 23 to Feb 4, to transition to the new system, called the Enterprise Resource Planning system (ERP). I am waiting for instructions for the use of the new system. I have the opportunity to learn 2 systems in my first month as Registrar. Getting any changes to me before Jan 23 will speed up the receipt of GSR kits.

Please continue to send your District minutes, to keep me informed on what is going on in your districts. It also can be a resource for my registrar activities.

Thank you for this opportunity and privilege to be of service.

Yours in Love and Service,

Dave L

Registrar@Area83aa.org

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

JoAnn P.

Hello friends. I am an alcoholic, a member of Courtice 12 & 12 Group in District 28, and my name is JoAnn. It is both an honour and a privilege to serve as your Area 83 Treasurer. I travelled to Ottawa the last weekend in December to meet with our Panel 67 Treasurer, Sue B, and complete training. Thank you to Sue for her comprehensive notes, directions and files.

Please remind your groups that Area contributions should now be sent to myself. I have provided two envelopes with my address in each the DCM folders. Please share these with your District and Group Treasurers for future contributions. Several of the envelopes are also available on the side table, please help yourselves to them. I have asked George, our Webmaster, to update the Area website with my address. These envelopes have a spot on the return section where District and Group Treasurers can print their return address along with the Group Name, Group Number and District Number. This will help me when mailing the Letter of Receipt to the correct people. If there is no indication as to where the cheque is from, and the name of the sender is not familiar, then the contribution will appear under "unspecified" and your District will not get credit for the contribution.

Please ask your Treasurer's to make contribution cheques payable to:

Eastern Ontario International Area 83

mail to: Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

c/o Treasurer

92 Fenning Drive

Courtice, Ontario L1E 3H2

Contributions can also be made using PayPal. Please remind Groups to include their six-digit Group Service Number with any contributions using PayPal to ensure the group will receive credit for the contribution. The place to enter the group number is the screen after entering the credit card information. PayPal charges a fee of 2.9% plus 30 cents per transaction. So far this year, there has been two contributions using PayPal, both by the same Group.

PLEASE NOTE that a Financial Statement was distributed to all Area Committee Members and Officers on January 3, 2019 via email. This initial report was incorrect as the bank charges and the PayPal charges were shown as a credit (income) instead of an expense. The Financial Statement has been corrected, distributed (sent as an attachment on Jan 3, 2019 at 9:23 pm (FILE: Area 83 Financials Jan 5 2019 Revised 2.pdf) and available to the Area Committee for approval at the ACM on January 5, 2019.

In the District Committee Members' mail folders, as well as the Area Committee Members' folders, you will find copies of these revised Financial Statement for the account as at December 31, 2018. Copies of these are also available on the side table; let's go through these numbers now, please.

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Page 1 is a financial summary. It shows our reserve account, which is set aside for unforeseen circumstances, has a balance of \$20,000 and is in the form of a GIC paying 1.4% interest maturing September 11, 2020.

Income for the period:

- 7th tradition collected from all four Area Committee Meetings and both Assemblies = \$7,768.10
- Cost Recovery is \$403.00; this is from the sale of Service Manuals, PI Workbooks and Grapevine books
- GSO Flow Through = \$60.00 (A Flow Through is when a Group sends a cheque for ie \$120.00. They request a certain amount of the monies be allocated to Area 83, ie \$60.00, and the remainder be sent to the General Service Office. This is shown as Income as the total cheque is deposited.)
- Grapevine Seasonal = \$3,890.00 was collected for Pocket Planners and Calendars.
- Group and District contributions \$56,082.04

Total income for the period is \$68,083.14.

Expenses for the period:

- Committee expenses are \$46,296.41
- Area Contribution to the GSO - \$5,000.00
- Area Committee Meeting – Rent, Refreshments and Insurance for three meetings in 2018 - \$1,823.21
- General Service Conference Assessment \$10,386.94 CDN; total cost was \$8,200.00 US and has been paid in full to the General Service Office
- Bank service charges – \$169.83
- PayPal Fees – \$28.75
- Forum, held in Victoriaville, Quebec – \$2,319.34
- Grapevine Seasonal - \$3,920.51
- GSO Flow Through - \$60.00
- Ontario Delegate's Conference (ODC), held in Thunder Bay – \$1,603.80

Total expenses for the period are \$71,488.79.

To date income is \$3,405.65 less than expenses.

The bank balance on December 31, 2018 was \$41,151.78. As of that date, all cheques received have been processed and Letters of Receipt have been mailed out.

The opening bank balance as of January 1, 2018 was \$44,557.43. In 2018, total income = \$68,083.14 and total expenses = \$71,488.79.

The bank reconciliation has been done and the balance in the operating account is accurate.

Page 2 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.

Just to clarify some of the numbers that you see here:

Under Committee Expenses:

- The amount shown on the Area Web Site/Webmaster line under miscellaneous, \$334.80, is the amount of the website hosting services renewal for 2 years provided by PowWeb.
- The amount shown for Treatment/Accessibility under Literature, \$341.94, is for an order purchased from the GSO. Both displays required replenishing as this has not been done in a few years.
- Beside both the Spring and Fall Assemblies, under meals, is an Assembly expense which covers coffee/tea/pop, cleaning of the atrium, meeting rooms, and staff etc. We are also not charged for the majority of room rentals during our Assembly weekends. Under Miscellaneous for the Assemblies are costs for the rental of the Archives room, DVD rental, data projectors and the set up of the ballroom.

Under Other Expenses:

- Area Committee line, under miscellaneous, includes \$187.92 for Insurance covering the three Area meetings in 2018.
- Area GSO Contributions = \$5,000.00 which had been approved at the 2018 Spring Assembly.
- 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." The cost for Delegates to attend this year was \$8,200.00 US, or \$10,386.94 CDN and has been paid in full.
- Forums - \$2,319.34. The Forum was held in Victoriaville, Quebec from July 20-22nd.
- Ontario Delegates Conference (ODC) - \$1,603.80. Was held in Thunder Bay this year from March 2-4th.

At the bottom of the page is a summary comparing year to date for this year and last year at the same time period. Income is \$4,589.00 less than last year at this time and expenses are up \$13,595.92 (no Forum last year, General Service Conference (GSC) held in New York, NY, \$5,000.00 contributed to the GSO, etc). Contributions are down by \$1,426.15 compared to this time last year. There have been sixteen less Groups and one more District contributing in comparison. The resulting net change to our operating account is \$18,184.92.

Page 3 shows contributions by District. These amounts include contributions from Districts, as well as Groups within the District. There were 162 Groups and 18 Districts who made financial contributions to Area 83 in 2018.

The rates for the 2019 Spring Assembly, being held March 29 – 31, will be as follows:

Room Rates:

- Traditional, 2 Queen Beds - \$107.00 + applicable taxes. A valid credit card is required to guarantee all reservations. When making reservations, contact the Hotel at 1-800-267-7880 and quote the Group Name "Spring Assembly Area 83". (You cannot email your reservation)

Our block of Hotel rooms will be held until February 25, 2019. After this date, you will not be guaranteed a room.

Food and Beverage Prices:

- Saturday Dinner Buffet – \$39.50 per person including gratuity and tax

- Assembly Fee – \$17.25 per person including gratuity and tax

Please note - before anyone in their new Area 83 positions can order literature, you will require a GSO Service number to do so. I have sent an email off to the GSO requesting this information. I will be sending out an email to all those involved as soon as I am in receipt of this information.

Please send me your District Minutes as I would love to read them all. The treasurer email is treasurer@area83aa.org.

In closing, thank you to the 162 Groups and 18 Districts that generously supported Area 83 in 2018.

Yours in Love and Service,

JoAnn P

Treasurer@Area83aa.org

Questions following the Treasurer's report

QUESTION 1: Why is there an increase in the Area Expenses for the Year 2018?

ANSWER: I have looked at the financials for 2018 and have found the following which may help to explain the \$13,000 increase in expenses.

- \$5000.00 contribution to the General Service Office
- Assembly Cost increase - \$917.49
- 2018 Fall Election Assembly - \$430.47 for travel reimbursement for Election Chair
- Website hosting service - \$334.80 (2 year renewal)
- Insurance for Area Committee Meetings - \$187.92 (new expense - coverage required by Church)
- General Service Conference - held in Manhattan as opposed to Rye, NY for an increase of approximately \$3000.00
- An additional Area Committee Meeting in the last year of Panel 67 - approximately \$450.00
- Eastern Canada Regional Forum held in Victoriaville, PQ - \$2319.34 (forum held every 2 years)

QUESTION 2: Why was the Fall Assembly \$1196.01 over the spending guidelines?

ANSWER: There are a few items that may contribute to the increase in costs - they are:

- An extra projector was required - approximately \$110.00
- Costs for coffee / facility fee per person increase from the Spring Assembly to the Fall Assembly \$602.97
- Ballroom Cost increased \$113.00 (\$100.00 plus HST)
- Travel costs for imported speakers may be an increase as well.

9. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Amy L.

Good morning friends, I am a member of the Liverpool Group in Pickering, and my name is Amy. I have the privilege of serving Area 83 as your Secretary. I met with James on December 9 where he shared his experience, strength and hope as the outgoing Area Secretary. Aside from a number of laughs, I felt like I left with a better understanding of what was expected from this position and comforted by the fact that if I had any question- James and so many of those before me will be happy to clear up any of my issues.

My report will be fairly short with just a few points to make at this early stage of our term.

First, I want to make sure that I am communicating with everyone in the best possible way. When I am sending out communications to the Districts, I am sending it the DCM. We are relying on the DCMs to share this information with all groups and committee chairs in your district. I assure you, if I send something out that is not to be shared (such as Area 83 Rosters, since these have last names included), I will indicate that it should not be shared. Everything else is for the General consumption of members of Area 83, especially at your district. You are the conduits to the groups.

Also, in an effort to save money I want to determine the number of hard copies of the minutes that are required. The Operating Procedures say that I must print at least 3 copies per district. This is the upper threshold, so if your district chooses to not have any minutes printed, I can honour that. I am sending around a sheet for all of the

districts and I open that up to our delegates and appointed positions to let me know if you need a hard copy printed. While you are checking off your needs, you can double check your email and make sure that it is correct and that is the email to which you want to be reached when I am circulating communications.

I have placed a copy of the roster just for your District in your mail folder. Please review this quickly, because, these details are what have been entered into the FNV- this is what GSO will use to mail out service Kits. If there are any address updates required, I would like these ASAP, so that I can enter them before GSO sends out the Service kits. (Note: DCM, CPC, PI, Archives, Corrections, Treatment, Accessibility) all receive kits and it would be wasteful if GSO sent these out to the wrong address- simply because we didn't check the details. Further to that, if you are waiting for your kit, you will find electronic links to all of the contents under the Secretary's tab on Area 83's website.

Lastly, I found that when I was DCM it would have been most helpful to have the ACM minutes available to me at my district meetings when I was giving my report. According to the Operating procedures I am required to send out the minutes within 6 weeks of said meeting. My preference, would be to send the minutes out sooner rather than later. That means, I would need your reports, if not before the ACM, shortly right after. With your cooperation I will do my best to turn these around very quickly.

I am looking forward to serving Area 83 in the upcoming term. If one thing is for sure, AA has taught me an open mind is a teachable mind. I am always open to suggestions if anyone has another idea how we can best communicate within the area and how I might assist. I would be happy to receive your District minutes. Please send them to Secretary@area83aa.org

Yours in Love and service. Amy L.

10. ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT

Kimberley M.

Good afternoon, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Ajax Area Group in District 26, and my name is Kimberley. It's an honour to serve Area 83 as Alternate Delegate for this term.

A big thank you to Rob for sharing your experience as Alternate Delegate with me! I am very excited to be starting my new role as Alternate Delegate for Area 83.

One of the responsibilities of the Alternate Delegate is to be the single point of contact and be responsible for all matters relating to Remote Communities initiatives across Area 83, including serving as liaison with other Delegate Areas as required. In the past this has involved being part of the Remote Communities workgroup for Canada and participating in the scheduled conference calls to keep our Area up to date about what is happening in Remote Communities. Rob has forwarded my information to the workgroup chairperson. I am looking forward to being a part of the conference call taking place later this month.

Our operating procedures state the Alternate Delegate shall be Intergroup Liaison Officer for Area 83 (liaison between General Service and the various Intergroups in Area 83). I have sent a letter of introduction to the 4 Intergroup offices in our Area located in Toronto, Oshawa, Peterborough, and Ottawa. I asked to receive their committee meeting minutes and offered to be of service in any way I can. I plan to attend each of the GTA Intergroup Joint Sharing Meetings this year, with the first one being on February 5th.

I have registered and made plans to attend CERAASA February 22-24 in Laval, Quebec. Apparently Alternate Delegates will be asked to participate, but I haven't been asked yet. I look forward to being there and being of service.

Rob is keeping me updated of his invitations to service days to give his General Service Conference report. I am planning to attend as many of these as I can.

Please include me in the mailing list of your District minutes. I look forward to receiving and reading your minutes.

Kim still has some copies of the General Service Conference 2018 Final Report. Did you know that on page 123 you will find the answer to the question “What do panel numbers mean?”. You will also see the Areas listed by number which corresponds to their alphabetical ordering for the US. Then in Canada we start numbering in the west coast then jump to the east coast and circle around Ontario and Quebec in a counter clockwise direction finishing up in Saskatchewan for Area 91. California and Washington each grew requiring new area designations and were given 92 and 93.

At the Service Information Day in March, you will hear mention of class A and class B trustees. If you are interested in knowing who they are a little bit about them, you will find a short biography of each of them starting on page 120.

Yours in Love and Service,
Kimberley M.–
Panel 69 Alternate Delegate

11. 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 M. It’s an honour to serve as panel 69 Delegate for Area 83 Eastern Ontario International.

We’re only 5 days into panel 69 and already I have much to share with you.

The 69th General Service Conference will take place in New York City May 19th – 25th. The theme for this year’s Conference is “Our Big Book – 80 Years, 71 Languages” and the Presentation/Discussion topics will include:

1. Yesterday’s World—Our Legacies Begin
2. Today’s World—Demonstrating Integrity, Anonymity and Service
3. Tomorrow’s World—Courage to be Vigilant

The General Service Conference runs on the committee system – there are 13 standing committees of the Conference which are mirrored with Trustee’s committees. Conference committees do most of their work during the Conference week; the Trustee’s committees work throughout the year, getting together during board weekends. Each new Delegate is assigned to a Conference committee for their two-year term. I have been assigned to the Treatment and Accessibilities Conference Committee.

To give area delegates a further voice in the Agenda item selection process, the General Service Board has agreed on the following action. Before the January board weekend, the trustees’ committee chair and staff secretary will arrange a conference call with the Conference committee to review items submitted as Agenda items and to talk about items still being considered by the trustees’ committee.

Our Treatment and Accessibilities conference call will take place on January 16th.

Currently the committee’s agenda is (1) Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook (2) Review contents of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.

At last year’s General Service Conference, the scope of the Treatment and Accessibilities Committee was expanded to include Remote Communities.

I should receive the final Conference agenda and background material on February 15th. Once I do get the Agenda Items, I will pass them along to the committee chairs which I encourage you to use in your Service Information Day workshops at the Spring Assembly which has been designated as a Pre-Conference Assembly in the past. I would be grateful for any input on the Conference agenda items.

Everyone here should have received the AA internal-external communications audit report by email. Communication is most important in our efforts to extend the hand of recovery from alcoholism to anyone who seeks help.

The GSB has commissioned a thorough communications audit of A.A. as a whole. Impact Collaborative (IC) was engaged to perform a comprehensive evaluation of A.A.’s ability and effectiveness in sending, receiving, and sharing information

with various audiences within the organization, as well as with key external constituencies. Please take the time to read and pass this information along to your GSR's and Groups. If you have any feedback, let me know and I will pass it on to our Eastern Canadian Regional Trustee Jan L, who will be discussing it at the General Service Board weekend January 26th – 28th.

I will be attending CERAASA, the Canadian Eastern Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly, in Laval Quebec February 22nd – 24th. This is a great opportunity to be a part a wider discussion on conference agenda items, and a chance to meet all 10 Eastern Canada Delegates, and our Eastern Canada Regional Trustee. I hope to see many of you there. Please visit the website at ceraasa.org to register.

I'm scheduled to give the 69th General Service Conference report at info AA day in Toronto on June 8th, and in Renfrew for Districts 70, 74, and 78 on June 15th. June 22nd is Ottawa for Districts 54, 58, and 62, and June 23rd is Oshawa for Districts 26, 28, 82, and 86 , If your District is planning a Service Day, and you would like me to attend, please let me know the date as soon as possible.

Yours in Love and Service,
Rob M.

At this point in the agenda, I would like to recommend that we move to 2/3 majority.

Motioned: Will H. DCM District 14
Seconded: Eileen S. DCM District 28
Discussion None
All those in favour ? all
All those opposed ? none
Any abstentions ? none
Motion Carried

12. OLD BUSINESS

A. Interim report from the Accessibility Chair Ad Hoc Committee. Kim S., Immediate Past Delegate

My name is Kim and I am alcoholic. At the last Area Committee meeting on December 1, 2018 a motion was passed to form an ad hoc committee to look at the possibility of a stand-alone Area Accessibility Chair. Kimberley, the Area Chair at the time, asked me to chair this ad hoc committee. On the committee are Ruth F., Bill C., and Marty M.

Our Scope:

- To make an assessment of and recommendations around the value of an Area Accessibility chair to Districts and Groups in Area 83
- the pros and cons of creating a stand-alone committee verses continuing to have the responsibilities fall under the role of the Treatment chair
- the potential responsibilities of an Accessibility chair
- the costs to carry out the responsibilities of an Accessibility chair

Mandate: To report our recommendations to the Area Committee

Timing: We are making an interim report today and hopefully a final report preferably at our June ACM.

We had our first meeting today during lunch. We can report that moving forward we will be doing some research and will report back in June.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.
Yours in loving service,

Kim S.
Chair of Accessibility ad hoc Committee
Immediate Past Delegate

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment of Signing Authorities, JoAnn P., Area Treasurer

Motion: *In addition to the signatures of JoAnn P and Amy L, Area Secretary, we appoint Eileen S, DCM, District 28, as the third secondary signing authority for Area 83 for the 2019 / 2020 term.*

Motioned by: JoAnn P., Area 83 Treasurer
Seconded: Neil P DCM District 66
Discussion: none
All those in favour ? all
All those opposed ? none
Any abstentions ? None
Motion Carried

B. Appointment of Auditors, 2017-18 Finances, JoAnn P., Area Treasurer

Motion: *That we appoint Dave L, Area Registrar and Joyce S, Panel 65 Delegate, as auditors to assist the Area 83 Treasurer in auditing Area 83's books for the years 2017/2018.*

Motioned by: JoAnn P., Area 83 Treasurer
Seconded: Frank V, DCM District 62
Discussion none
All those in favour ? 35
All those opposed ? none
Any abstentions ? 1
Motion Carried

C. Amend the Operating Procedures Section IV: A., II, 6 and B, II, 6 Kimberley M., Alternate Delegate

Motion: *To remove "except the Area Chairperson" from the Operating Procedures in Section IV: A., II, 6 and B, II, 6 (see Page 11 and 13).*

Motioned by: Kimberley M. Area 83 Alternate Delegate
Seconded: JoAnn D. DCM District 54
Discussion: *Rationale for the motion* amending the Operating Procedures (Kimberley M.)
At the elections at our last ACM in December, Mel pointed out an anomaly in the Operating Procedures. With respect to the election of the Sub-committee chairs, the Operating procedures state that *the members of the Area Committee, except the Area Chair, are eligible to vote*. Some felt it referred to the chair of the elections, but it says Area chair. However, with respect to the election of the Area Officers in October, the Operating procedures state that *all members of the Area Assembly are eligible to vote*. For the election of the Area Officers, this of course makes sense because the Area chair is eligible to stand for a position, so therefore they are eligible to vote. Let's suppose that the area chair stood for a position in October and did not get elected. Then they would be eligible to stand for a sub-committee chair position at the election in December. However according to our operating procedures, they would not be eligible vote. I inquired with past Delegates and past minutes to see why this might be the case. So far, the best rationale I've found is that if the chair is not eligible to vote, then they can facilitate the elections of the Sub-committee chairs. These elections typically take place once every 2 years.

This could save the Area travel reimbursement costs for the facilitator. Of the past 7 elections held for the Sub-committee chairs, only twice did area chairs choose to facilitate the elections themselves. For the other 5 elections, the Area chairs had a past Delegate facilitate the elections. Some of these Delegates were reimbursed and some shared rides and did not need reimbursement.

After talking with some of the past Area Chairs, it is possible they voted in the December elections at the end of their term.

To summarize, here are four reasons why we might permit the Area chair to vote at the election of the sub-committee chairs:

- a. As the operating procedures are now, there is a loop hole where it is conceivable that an Area chair could decide to facilitate the sub-committee election and also stand for a position in that election. Although we hope this would not happen, it is possible.
- b. To create consistency between the elections of the Area Officers and the elections of the Sub-committee chairs so that all members of the Assembly vote for the Officers, and all members of the Area committee vote for Sub-committee chairs.
- c. The Area Chair is a member of the Area committee. Over the term, they have been working closely with those who may be standing for positions. Their vote could be considered just as valuable as every other member of the Area committee.
- d. The Area Chair is eligible to stand for a position, and therefore should be eligible to vote.

One reason against this motion is to permit the Area chair to facilitate the December elections if they choose. This may or may not save the area a small amount of money. If this motion were to pass, the Area chair would not be able to facilitate the elections of the sub-committee chairs. With the elections still fresh in our minds, it seemed like a good time to bring this inconsistency to you as a committee to see if you want to modify the operating procedures as stated in the motion.

In the motion there are 2 locations referenced in the Operating Procedures where this might be changed. The first location refers to the section for the Bi-annual elections, which we just held. And the second location refers to the section for interim elections. These would take place should a sub-committee chair step down and another be elected at some point during the term.

QUESTION: Would an Area chair ever be eligible to facilitate elections if we amend these operating procedures as described above?

ANSWER: No.

All those in favour: all
All those opposed: none
Any abstentions: none
Motion Carried*

**As is true for all amendments to the operating procedure, this will have to get final approval from the Assembly.*

D. Website Update and Discussion, George McQ. Area Webmaster

Good morning friends. I am an alcoholic, member of the River group, having the honour, privilege and responsibility to serve as the Area 83 Webmaster. My name is George. I'm sorry I couldn't there with you today, but it seems I brought home more than good will and cheer from a Christmas visit with family and have been laid up with a bug ever since.

Website: The website is currently working well, and all software is up to date. The most visited page is the 'Contact Us' page followed by the 'Self-support' page.

There is a spot or two on the menu system where you “ *can’t get there from here* ” and these need to be reconfigured. The menu system itself is antiquated. Definite need for a clean up and re-organization.

Events: I would like to encourage the DCM’s to talk with their district events chairs and forward their up coming events to the webmaster. If we have a central spot to post events on the area website then people may be aware of what is happening in the districts around them. This may also encourage ‘road trips’ to visit neighbouring districts fostering fellowship and friendship.

Email: The email hand over went relatively smoothly and the new chairs are receiving email through the mailboxes and the forwarders. There is still one outstanding issue with a missing mailbox and work continues on that.

Yours in Love and Service, George M–Area83 Webmaster

E. Election of Service Information Day Committee, James O’D., Area Chairperson

Following the Elections procedure for the Service Information Day Committee as outlined in Appendix 3 of the Area 83 Operating procedures, 6 District Committee Members will be elected at the first meeting of the New Delegate Term (January Area Committee Meeting of odd years) to serve as the organizing committee of the assembly weekend service day.

Eligibility includes all District Committee Members in Area 83 are eligible to stand.

All District Committee Members, their alternates if DCM is absent, all Area sub-committee chairpersons, and all area officers except the Chairperson are **eligible to vote**.

Nominations shall be made by roll call of eligible members. If only 6 members are nominated by roll call of eligible members, then they serve as the committee by acclamation.

If more than 6 members let their name stand: each nominee shall give a short resume; each voting member shall be given a ballot; one name shall be written on the ballot and election is by plurality (top 6 vote counts successful).

Candidate	District	# votes	Elected to SI Day Comm
De R.	02	3	yes
Susan K.	06	1	
Will H.	14	1	
Glenn G.	18	2	
Lynn E.	22	2	
Terry N.	26	4	Yes
Eileen S.	28	3	Yes
Rick W.	30	2	
Bev H.	34	3	Yes
Jack R.	36	4	Yes
Jo Ann D.	54	2	
Frank V.	62	4	yes
Neil P.	66	1	
Lisa C.	70	1	
Glenn B.	82	1	
Tim F.	86	1	

In the event there is a tie then another vote will take place with only the names that are tied.

F. Motion to destroy the ballots

Motioned by: Terry N. DCM District 26

Seconded: Will H. DCM District 14

Discussion None

All those in favour: all

All those opposed: none

Any abstentions: none

Motion Carried

The Chair, James O’D, stated that working closely with the Chairperson over my term as Secretary, it became apparent that there were certain discrepancies and confusion with parts of the Operating Procedures. The Operating Procedures were overhauled in depth in 1991, were looked at again in 2004 and have been added to over the years creating a patchwork-quilt which needs some attention. I will be forming an ad hoc committee to look at some of the following areas:

- 1) whether all motions have been included over the years and are they reflective of our current practice
- 2) improve flow of format

3) looking for any inconsistencies and/or eliminate repetition.

The members of the ad hoc committee will be asked to report back to the June ACM allowing us the summer to review their findings and possibly pass on their recommendations to the Area Assembly in the Fall of this year.

14. SHARING - WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

- Ray R. celebrating 12 yr on 27 January, Last Chance Group.
- Paul B, celebrating birthday tonight at Smith Falls.
- Gord T, celebrates 40 yrs today.
- Shane H. celebrated 12 yrs in December.
- Edeline A., Alt DCM for District 26 celebrated 4 year.
- District 66 will be having their *36th Annual Spring Round-Up* on 13 April 2019
Lombardy Agricultural Hall
6 Kelly Rd, Lombardy, ON K0G 1L0
- **Clarification on events page of the Area 83 website.** Is it true that to post on the website, all flyers should be sanitized to make it AA only? For example, it cannot advertise Al Anon events, or other 12 step recovery programs.
Please review Appendix 7 of the Area Operating Procedures that provides the guidelines for the Area 83 Website.

15. NEXT AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

I would recommend the next committee meeting be held here at Quinte West on **June 1, 2019**. Would someone be willing to make a motion to that effect?

Motioned by: Eileen S. DCM District 28
Seconded: Jack R. DCM District 36
Discussion: None
All those in favour? all
All those opposed? none
Any abstentions? none Motion Carried

REMINDER: The Spring Assembly will be held
at the Ambassador Conference Centre in
Kingston March 29-31, 2019.

16. CLOSING

It is now 2:41 p.m. and I would like to thank everyone for their participation today and wish you all a safe drive home.
I look forward to seeing you again in March.
May I have a motion to end this meeting?

Motioned by: Jane S. DCM District 74
Seconded: Kim B. DCM District 58
Discussion: None
All those in favour? all
All those opposed? none
Any abstentions? none Motion Carried

The Meeting closed with the Responsibility declaration

**I 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.**

Appendix A Financial Documents

EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83
as at December 31, 2018

RESERVE ACCOUNT		Actual
January 1, 2018 Opening Balance		20,000.00
Interest		
Transfer to Operating Account		0.00
RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE		20,000.00

INCOME		
7th Tradition		7,768.10
Cost Recoveries		403.00
Flow Through to GSO		(60.00)
Grapevine Seasonals		3,890.00
Group & District Contributions		56,082.04
	TOTAL INCOME	68,083.14
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE		0.00
TOTAL INCOME & TRANSFERS		68,083.14

EXPENSES		
Accommodations		8,649.21
Meals		16,616.23
Travel		13,059.77
Long Distance		0.00
Postage		328.84
Printing		2,332.56
Literature		1,238.04
Stationery		184.09
Miscellaneous		3,887.67
Total Committee Expenses		46,296.41
Ad Hoc Committees		0.00
Area Contribution to GSO		5,000.00
Area Committee Meetings		1,823.21
General Service Conf. Assessment		10,386.94
Bank Service Charges		169.83
Paypal fees		28.75
Forums		2,319.34
Grapevine Seasonal		3,920.51
GSO Flow Through		(60.00)
Ontario Delegate's Conference (ODC)		1,603.80
CERAASA		0.00
Total Other Expenses		25,192.38
TOTAL EXPENSES		71,488.79

OPERATING ACCOUNT		
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2018		44,557.43
Total Income & Transfers		68,083.14
Total Expenses		(71,488.79)
OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE		41,151.78

0.00

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International
Details of Expenditures
as at December 31, 2018

Position	Accommodations	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Misc.	Total	Approved Spending Guideline	Balance +/-	YTD Usage
COMMITTEE EXPENSES													
Delegate	0.00	333.24	1654.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1988.14	\$2,352.00	363.86	84.53%
Alt. Delegate	0.00	210.40	704.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	53.74	0.00	63.80	1032.16	\$1,645.00	612.84	62.75%
Immediate past Delegate	0.00	259.12	1144.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1404.02	\$1,200.00	-204.02	117.00%
Chairperson	0.00	117.52	759.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18.00	894.72	\$1,050.00	155.28	85.21%
Secretary	0.00	196.89	913.30	0.00	0.00	1378.73	0.00	0.00	24.57	2513.49	\$2,916.61	403.12	86.18%
Treasurer	0.00	180.00	1059.93	0.00	328.84	373.38	0.00	24.84	0.00	1966.99	\$2,305.00	338.01	85.34%
Registrar	0.00	118.34	515.70	0.00	0.00	15.15	0.00	108.67	134.58	892.44	\$1,370.00	477.56	65.14%
Area Web Site/Webmaster	244.42	148.69	880.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	334.80	1608.77	\$1,935.00	326.23	83.14%
Archives	0.00	174.91	609.15	0.00	0.00	69.83	0.00	0.00	7.90	861.79	\$1,270.00	408.21	67.86%
Archivist	244.42	188.38	162.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	594.85	\$510.00	-84.85	116.64%
Cooperation with the P.C.	0.00	141.26	831.90	0.00	0.00	11.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	984.46	\$1,772.00	787.54	55.56%
Corrections Facilities	0.00	92.44	116.90	0.00	0.00	92.41	191.24	0.00	45.20	538.19	\$1,225.00	686.81	43.93%
Grapevine	0.00	146.39	538.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.30	0.00	224.00	920.09	\$1,215.00	294.91	75.73%
Public Information	60.00	199.00	234.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	493.50	\$1,560.00	1066.50	31.63%
Self Support	0.00	272.66	566.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	99.14	0.00	0.00	938.00	\$1,090.00	152.00	86.06%
Treatment / Accessibility	0.00	135.19	1060.30	0.00	0.00	15.09	341.94	43.98	476.33	2072.83	\$1,995.00	-77.83	103.90%
Service Info Day Cmte	1710.94	1064.19	1164.56	0.00	0.00	127.50	540.68	6.60	60.01	4674.48	\$5,145.00	470.52	90.85%
Spring Assembly	2810.83	5987.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1113.00	9921.48	\$10,200.00	278.52	97.27%
Fall Assembly	3578.60	\$6,639.96	142.80	0.00	0.00	249.17	0.00	0.00	1385.48	11996.01	\$10,800.00	-1196.01	111.07%
TOTAL	\$ 8,649.21	\$ 16,616.23	\$ 13,059.77	\$ -	\$ 328.84	\$ 2,332.56	\$ 1,238.04	\$ 184.09	\$ 3,887.67	\$ 46,296.41	\$ 51,555.61	\$ 5,259.20	59.80%
OTHER EXPENSES													
Adhoc Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$15.00	15.00	0.00%
Area Committee	-	-	146.40	-	-	-	-	-	1,676.81	1,823.21	\$1,325.00	-498.21	137.60%
Area GSO Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000.00	5,000.00	\$5,000.00	-	100.00%
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	169.83	\$187.00	17.17	0.00%
Paypal Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28.75	\$40.00	-11.25	0.00%
Forums	547.40	162.74	1,552.70	-	-	-	-	-	56.50	2,319.34	\$2,100.00	-219.34	0.00%
Grapevine Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,920.51	-	-	3,920.51	\$4,200.00	279.49	93.35%
GSC Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,386.94	10,386.94	\$10,386.94	-	100.00%
GSO Flow Through	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60.00	60.00	\$120.00	-60.00	0.00%
Ont Delegates Conf.	605.68	156.89	742.81	-	-	-	-	-	98.42	1,603.80	\$1,603.80	-	0.00%
CERAASA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00	0.00	0.00%
TOTAL	\$ 1,153.08	\$ 319.63	\$ 2,441.91	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,920.51	\$ -	\$ 17,218.67	\$ 25,192.38	\$ 24,737.74	\$ 456.89	101.84%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 9,802.29	\$ 16,935.86	\$ 15,501.68	\$ -	\$ 328.84	\$ 2,332.56	\$ 5,158.55	\$ 184.09	\$ 21,106.34	\$ 71,488.79	\$ 76,293.35	\$ 4,793.31	93.70%

	YTD 2018	Dec 31, 2017	Difference
Income Summary :			
December 31, 2018			
7th Tradition	68,083.14	72,672.14	(4,589.00)
Bank Interest	71,488.79	57,892.87	13,595.92
GSO Flow through	-	-	-
Contributions	56,082.04	57,508.19	-1,426.15
Cost recoveries	3,890.00	-	3,890.00
Grapevine Seasonals	-	-	-
Total Income	\$ 68,083.14	\$ 68,083.14	\$ -
Net Change To Operating Account - \$	3,405.55	14,779.27	\$ 11,373.72
Contributing Groups	162	178	-16
Contributing Districts	18	17	1

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Income Summary :			
December 31, 2018			
7th Tradition	68,083.14	72,672.14	(4,589.00)
Bank Interest	71,488.79	57,892.87	13,595.92
GSO Flow through	-	-	-
Contributions	56,082.04	57,508.19	-1,426.15
Cost recoveries	3,890.00	-	3,890.00
Grapevine Seasonals	-	-	-
Total Income	\$ 68,083.14	\$ 68,083.14	\$ -
Net Change To Operating Account - \$	3,405.55	14,779.27	\$ 11,373.72
Contributing Groups	162	178	-16
Contributing Districts	18	17	1

GROUP & DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS as at December 31, 2018

District	0	Unspecified, Paypal	\$0.00
District	2	Malton	\$1,381.75
District	6	Mississauga	\$3,710.00
District	10	Toronto South Central	\$7,828.35
District	12	Toronto South West	\$985.35
District	14	Toronto North Central	\$2,646.05
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	\$240.00
District	18	Toronto City East	\$3,410.00
District	22	Scarborough	\$2,528.00
District	26	Lakeshore West	\$2,882.16
District	28	Lakeshore East	\$2,115.99
District	30	Quinte West	\$2,538.75
District	34	Quinte East	\$2,880.00
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	\$3,095.00
District	42	St. Lawrence International	\$1,048.34
District	48	Seaway Valley North	\$250.00
District	50	Cornwall	\$885.00
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	\$770.00
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	\$730.00
District	62	Ottawa West	\$4,574.80
District	66	Golden Triangle	\$3,407.00
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	\$1,880.00
District	74	Pembroke	\$1,770.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	\$680.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	\$1,825.00
District	86	Kawartha	\$2,020.50

Total Contributions YTD: \$56,082.04

Total from Groups	\$41,623.56	162
Total from Districts	\$14,448.48	18