

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

Area Committee Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2019

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Area Committee Meeting – June 1, 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 Sue B. District 62 Archives Chair

12 Concepts (Short Form) read by Jeffery F. - District 86 Secretary/Registrar

Welcome to Quinte West. It's great to see everyone here today. This is our second 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; this includes e-cigarettes and vaping. 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. Also, please be considerate of those with perfume allergies when applying scents.

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

Area 83 Officers

On my far right, our Panel 69 Delegate	Rob M.
On my immediate right, our Alternate Delegate	Kimberley M.
On my immediate left is our Secretary	Amy L.
Beside Amy is our Treasurer	JoAnn P.
Beside JoAnn is our Registrar	Dave L.
Our Panel 67 Immediate Past Delegate	Kim S.
And I'm your Chairperson	James O'D.

Area Sub-Committee Chairpersons

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

And in **Appointed positions** we have our Area Webmaster – George McQ.

Housekeeping:

The Area committee meeting will be held in this room three times this year and four times next year. We already met in January. The next ACM will be here, on September 7th.

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. The Fall Assembly this year will be held on October 25, 26, 27, 2019.

Our meeting schedule up to and including tentative dates in 2019-20 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. Please note that we have three Area Committee Meetings in 2019 and four in 2020.

Year	Date	Status	Type of Meeting	Where
2019	September 7	Approved ¹	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2019	October 25-27	Approved	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel
2020	January 4	Tentative	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2020	March 27-29	Tentative	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel
2020	June 6	Tentative	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2020	September 5	Tentative	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2020	October 23-25	Tentative	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel
2020	December 5	Tentative	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church

¹Voted and approved at June 1, 2019 Area Committee meeting, see agenda item 15 in these minutes.

Assembly rooms cannot be booked online. Call the Ambassador Hotel directly. Our discounted block of rooms is held until 30 days before the Assembly.

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 Members 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:	Terry N DCM District 26
Seconded:	Frank V. DCM District 62
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

None

NEW BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

13 C. Discussion: “Use of e-transfers for contributions to Area 83.” **JoAnn P – Area 83 Treasurer**

13 D. Discussion: “Using Zoom to enhance communication.” **Kimberley M – Alternate Delegate**

13 E. Discussion: “Assembly attendance based on group size: how to encourage smaller groups to attend.” **Dave L – Area 83 Registrar**

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

Moved:	Rick W. DCM District 30
Seconded:	Bev H. DCM District 34
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 15 Area Officers (including the Area Webmaster), 1 Immediate Past Delegate, 2 Past Delegates, 20 District Committee Members, 7 Alternate District Committee Members and 9 Visitors.

For voting purposes, we have: 13 Area Officers eligible to vote (including 1 Immediate Past Delegate) and 22 District Committee Members or Alternate District Committee Members for a total of 35 votes. Total delegation for this meeting is 53.

4. REVIEW & ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES –AREA COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 5, 2019

Minutes of the January 5, 2019 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, we can defer this agenda item until after lunch to allow time for review before voting on their acceptance or vote on them now. The Area Committee opted to vote on the acceptance of the minutes right away.

Has everyone had the opportunity to review the minutes of the January 5th, 2019 Area Committee meeting? Are there any errors or omissions in the minutes?

None were noted.

• **I would entertain a motion to accept the January 5th, 2019 ACM minutes as circulated.**

Moved:	Jack R. DCM District 36
Seconded:	Neil P. DCM District 66
Discussion	none
All those in favour:	All but 1
All those opposed:	None
Any abstentions:	1
Motion:	Carried

5. DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

(Sequence of reports 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, 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 and my name is De.

In March we moved our District business meeting from Rexdale in Toronto to Brampton where most of our groups are and since our attendance has increased. All our Committee positions have been filled except for Corrections and Self-Support. We will continue meeting during the summer and although we expect a flux in attendance, we hope to still maintain quorum for District business.

We continue to struggle financially but hope this is temporary and we try to keep expenses to a minimum. We have a new Treasurer, Patrick B. and he and our Alternate District Committee Member Vince R. are still conducting a financial audit. We also welcomed our new Secretary/Registrar Paul B., who is keeping our Group information up to date and forwarding changes to David L. our Area Registrar. He is also forwarding our District minutes to Area.

Our Treatment commitments at the Brampton Detox twice weekly have been filled for the remainder of the year thanks to the dedication of our groups. We continue to contact and visit individual Groups to determine if they are accessible to forward to Toronto Intergroup for their Meeting Guide which will be published soon. We look forward to continuing our Service within the District, Intergroup and Area. This concludes my report.

Yours in Gratitude and Service, De R.

District 06 Mississauga

(Read by Amy L- Area Secretary)

Good Morning All, I'm an alcoholic, member of Daily Reflection Group. I have the honor and privilege to serv as the DCM for District 06, my name is Susan. I apologize for not be present for our meeting. I have however provided a report to be entered into our minutes.

Our District meetings continue to attract approximately 60 percent of our 34 groups. With in district 06 we have several service groups that are registered but do not attend the monthly meetings. We have filled all our sub committee position save for Accessibility and Self Support.

Our Archives Chair will be stepping down from his position due to time restraints and our Registrar / Treasurer will also be stepping down due to personal reasons. These position openings will be announced at our next business meeting and I am hoping they will be filled. At our May meeting we had a mini workshop on what a "Service Sponsor does and what a Service Sponsee would need from their Service Sponsor". It was a great event and well attended. We approved the purchase of 40 pocket big books and 50 beginners' pamphlets for the Toronto South Detention center. Our Corrections Chair completed his orientation for the Toronto South and will now be able to volunteer.

Our Treatment Chair has been very busy replenishing pamphlets that went out to the Peel Addictions Assessment and Referral Centre (PAARC), 2 Big Books and pamphlets were also purchase and distributed to Cawthra Centre, Jean Tweed and Peel Youth Village. Our Public Information Chair attended the Day of Recovery event in Mississauga on May 4th and set up a booth. There were about 120 in attendance and many stopped by to pick up pamphlets.

Our finances are in good shape. We supported our committee chairs, along with 2 subcommittee chairs and one group GSR to attend the March Kingston Assembly. We have had 15 groups contributing to District 6 and our 7th is marginally higher than 2018.

District 6 along with 7 other districts in the GTA and Toronto Intergroup will be hosting our AA Information Day on June 8, 2019. I am this years Treasurer and all 8 districts have made contributions as has Toronto Intergroup. This year I chose to sell the tickets at our regular business meeting. This proved to be a very successful enterprise with 28 tickets sold and a further 20 collected from GSR's to sell, hopefully prior to the event.

We have some big birthday celebrations coming up in District 06 this month, Tom O will be celebrating 25 years at the Erin Mills group June 3, Leo D will be celebrating 1 year at New Life on June 4th and Wes B will be celebrating 40 years at Long Branch on June 10th! 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, currently serving as DCM for District 10, and my name is Doug.

Attendance/Participation: To quickly recap, D10 currently has 26 registered groups, including 2 new ones that just joined this year. Of these, 17 regularly attend our District meetings, representing a 65% participation rate.

Finances: Overall, we're in solid shape financially, meeting all obligations, with multiple groups contributing.

Positions: At present, all 5 District Positions and 8 of 9 sub-committee chairs are filled, but it's been a busy period. We recently transitioned Treatment, are in the process of transitioning Archives, Grapevine just opened up, and Corrections is up for rotation.

Based on upcoming summer schedules, the concept of activating Alternate Sub-Committee Chairs has come up, to provide back-up for our Primaries when needed; in particular for Archives, Treatment and Accessibility.

Service Commitments: We currently put on 30 service commitments each month, which are mostly well attended, and Group participation is high. We are monitoring facility attendance as well as our own capacity limits.

New Developments: Lately we've been looking at ways to allow more time for new business at our District meetings. One concept that has come up is Online Voting. More discussion is still needed on this, but ideas are flowing.

District 10 is taking an active part in the upcoming Info AA Day on Jun08. And, as with many of you, I took part in the recent **Zoom meetings** on May 06 and found the concept to hold potential. Looking forward to learning more about this as the term moves along.

Yours in Love and Service, Doug P.

District 12 Toronto South West

Good morning everyone, I am an alcoholic a grateful member of the Westmoreland group and District Committee Member for District 12 Toronto South West. All our Committees are now Chaired, some with alternates. Our District is continuing to search for a new venue, so as to allow full accessibility for our members. Our finances are in good shape and all our service commitments covered on a monthly basis. We are prepared for and involved in the June 8, 2019 A.A. Toronto Service Information Day.

Yours in Love and Service, Dennis M.

District 14 Toronto North Central

I am an alcoholic, a member of the Mt Albert and Street Level Sobriety Groups of AA, my name is Will H. I have the honor and privilege of serving as District Committee Member for the 2019 – 2020 term for District 14.

All of our service commitments are being met and there are still three open positions at our district table. Our Alternate DCM is helping out where we have some open positions. We are visiting groups and getting more involvement from the groups at the District Table. We are making headway in re-establishing a service meeting at the Makenzie Health Centre. As we now have an internal contact that we did not have before.

Our subcommittees are being managed well by the individual chairs. I attended the Zoom meeting with Kimberley and I can see how this may be a good way for the DCM's to meet between Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings. I attended the second session and can see how this media will assist in carrying our life saving message to the suffering alcoholic through GSR's in the district and have shared that with the GSR's.

We received correspondence from a doctor at McKenzie Health and is promising that we have had some movement here in re-establishing a service meeting. George B, Jonathan and I discussed what follow up we should do this month.

The Wednesday Southlake Hospital and the CHIRS service meeting are being we attended by the groups in the district. I have been contacted about a few "Bridging the Gap" requests and have forwarded to members in the District.
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 the District Committee Member for Toronto City East District 18. My name is Glenn.

In addition to their usual service, our District 18 officers are, and continue to be, very active in either supporting or driving sub-committee/ad hoc committee initiatives. Christy F., our Alternate District Committee member, along with four of our group service representatives, has formed a District 18 ad hoc website committee. Greg R., our Treasurer is our Alternate Accessibilities Chair, Candice F, our Registrar, is Alternate Self Support Chair, Sue H. continues as Secretary, also acting as secretary for the website committee. We are a cohesive team, in constant communication, attending at half of our group's meetings each month, reviewing both current and future goals!

Our many sub-committee chairs are also active: Victoria for PI, Jeff for CPC, Rick for Archives, Jennifer for Treatment, John M for Grapevine. Our GSR orientation, at the start of this term, was successfully informative. The table has responded in a respectful and cooperating manner. 14 GSR's, from our 26 groups, have attended each of our last two District meetings. We continue 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, hospital, 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 events included: Toronto Intergroup joint sharing, Ontario Regional Conference, Area 83 Assembly, 70th anniversary of the Toronto Men's meeting, GTAI Concepts workshop, East Toronto Archives Breakfast. Planning/Cooperation is underway for AA Information day on June 8th, in Toronto. Our District is both spiritually and financially fit.

We have approximately 26 groups in our District. Our District boundaries stretch roughly from Lake Ontario to Lake Simcoe, bounded loosely by Bayview and Victoria Park.

I enthusiastically embrace this term of service and am excited to be working with another dedicated group of like-minded Three Legacy individuals. I have often heard it said, "give a little money, give a lot of time". I like this philosophy. Thank you to Kimberley for both her individual training and DCM sharing sessions, on Zoom. This recent experience confirms what friends have often said – I have a great face for radio! 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, a 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 / Sub Committee positions are full. We are in need of Alternate Sub-Committee as most positions remain available. Our next District meeting will be held Sunday June 9, 2019.

East Toronto Archives Breakfast 14th Annual event was held on Sunday May 5th. Another successful year for this joint venture with District 18. The ETAB committee would like to thank everyone for their support. Total of 135 people gathered at Qssis Banquet hall for an amazing morning. Info AA day is just around the corner next Saturday June 8th.

New Location is Bonar-Parkdale Presbyterian church 250 Dunn Ave. Our Delegate Rob M will present his Conference Report & we welcome our GSO speaker Patrick C. Buffet Lunch \$5.00. Please come out and have some fun. Joint Sharing meeting was held Tues May 7th. I was unable to attend due to a previous commitment. Our Alt. DCM George W. attended on the behalf of District 22. These meetings are held quarterly at Toronto Intergroup to include all 8 GTA Districts. District 22 Service Day – Joy in Sobriety will be held on Saturday September 14th at Oakridge Community Center in Scarborough. Further information will be available over the next few weeks as planning continues. Please contact our Alt DCM George W for details. Have a safe trip home and wonderful summer.

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. I also have the honour and privilege to service on the SID Committee. Our District is doing well, our finances are secure, and attendance has been around 65%. All positions are filled.

On May 6, 2019 I participated in a zoom meeting hosted by Kimberley Alt. Delegate, with other DCM's and our Area Chair James. Our Treatment Sub-Committee Chair Rob F. has set up a new meeting at the Ajax, Pickering Hospital, starting June 6, 2019 at 7:30.

District's 28, 30, 82, 86 and myself have been busy putting together the Service Information AA Day Agenda hosted by District 26. The Service Information AA Day is being held at the Alano Club in Oshawa, 1:30 to 4:00.

August 9-11th, is Lakeshore Districts 26 & 28 Conference, LVIV Hall, Oshawa.

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

District 28 Lakeshore East

Hi. I'm an alcoholic, member of the Gratitude Group in Bowmanville and my name is Eileen. It's my honour and privilege to serve as District Committee Member for District 28, Lakeshore East.

Our District Meetings are held monthly, with an average of 15 groups present. We have all of our Chair positions filled, with the exception of Treatment and Accessibilities, which we hope to fill shortly. Thankfully, a previous chair is assisting until the position is filled.

I participated in one of the Zoom calls that Kimberley facilitated. I love the potential and will put information about Zoom in my monthly DCM Report for our District meeting next weekend. I have also included information about the GSR workshop June 18th.

I requested that our Intergroup office order and stock the new Anonymity in the Digital Age posters for Groups in District 26 and 28 have access to the posters if desired.

District 28 suspends meetings in July and August, so next week's District meeting will be the last until after Labour Day. Interchange is also suspended for the summer.

Our district is very active and we have several events and medallions scheduled, with more to come. Specific information about each event can be found at our Intergroup website: <http://www.aadurham.org/>

- June 23 – Service Information Day – Districts 28, 26, 30, 82, and 86. Alano Club, Oshawa
- Aug 9-11 - Summer Conference 'Into Action'. LVIV Hall, Oshawa
- Sept 29 - Sobriety Gratitude Banquet. Jubilee Banquet Hall, Oshawa

I appreciate the opportunity to serve District 28 and AA as a whole.

Yours in love and service, Eileen S.

District 30 Quinte West

I am an alcoholic, a member of The Alderville Pioneer Group currently serving District 30 as District Committee member, and my name is Rick. I am here today with our Alternate District Committee Member Maria.

District 30 is doing well and we get a good turnout at our district meetings. All of our financial obligations have been met with a little left over to contribute to the good of AA. District 30's annual round up was held on April 27th. We had a great day, and our new Roundup committee did an awesome job. We are looking forward to taking part in-service information day on June 23rd with District 26, 28, 82, and 86. Our Alternate District Committee Member Maria will be presenting "singleness of purpose". This should be a fun day with all five district presentations, as well as Rob's delegate report. It is an honor and a privilege to serve District 30.

Yours in love and service, Rick W.

District 34 Quinte East

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

Alcoholics Anonymous is alive and well in District 34. All the Sub Committee Chair positions are filled, and each chair is working to the best of their ability to engage fellow alcoholics in becoming part of their respective committee. All our financial commitments are being met and we have approximately 60% of groups attending.

Our Public Information Chair distributed updated meeting lists at our District Meeting this past Thursday night -- in addition to our Outreach cards. Our Self Support Chair has been diligent in distributing self support material to the groups in the district and has also shared he is willing to speak to any groups who are looking for a much more concise understanding as to what self support is and all that that entails. Our Corrections Chair will be attending a Pre-release fair being held in June at Millhaven Penitentiary. At our District Meeting that was held this past Thursday, I also circulated the information about the Online GSR workshop being held on June 18. Unfortunately, that night, there is a 5-year medallion for our District Treatment Chair – but I am hopeful that there will be some GSR's from the District who will be participating in the workshop. A committee has been formed to review and update our Operating Procedures – my hat is off to that committee -- as you know this can be a daunting task.

May 25 was the Tri County Round Up held in Marysville -- which was a great day of fellowship, AA and AI anon Speakers and of course – the roast beef dinner. Again, a job well done by the committee. Last Sunday I had the privilege of taking part in the online session in order to becoming familiar with Zoom. A great learning experience and again, thank you to Kimberley for organizing the session and providing information as to how this could become a very valuable tool for Area 83 and its members. I am excited to see where this may lead us.

Lastly, I am happy to share that a member of the Triangle Unity Group – her name is Jaynce – submitted an article to the Grapevine and her story will appear in the June edition of the Grapevine magazine.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy sober summer.

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.

Attendance at our district meetings continues to be good with approximately 75% of our 25 groups attending monthly meetings. Nicole C. has agreed to step into the PI/CPC position – now all our positions at the table are filled. Our financial situation is stable, and we have been able to meet our service commitments. All our subcommittee chairs are working hard in their new positions, with lots of good work being done.

We continue to get many calls on our new telephone number run through Callture and our volunteers are stepping up doing valuable twelfth step work. Interestingly some of the calls seem to be coming from far afield including Wakefield

(Quebec), Brampton and even Australia. This has caused us to incur some long-distance charges because the calls are being patched through. On the bright side, the costs are still far below what we were being charged by our former answering service and suffering alcoholics are still getting help!

Our Founder's Day roundup is coming up soon at Crossroads United Church next Saturday June 8 in Kingston. I have printed up a few flyers for the side table. The flyer is also on our website (kingstonaa.org). It promises to be a great day of panels beginning at 11:30 and ending with a Greek buffet dinner for 10 dollars and an evening speaker. All are welcome.

Yours in Gratitude and Service, Jack R.

District 42 St. Lawrence International

Greetings from District 42. AA is alive and well on this side of the river. We have been fortunate in having a professional web developer, David L, accept the position of district webmaster. This will allow us to Smooth out the rough spots in our web presence. Milner G will serve as the assistant webmaster.

Speaking of modern technology, I reported on the Zoom meeting of DCMs that Kimberley M put together. Our district is very interested in this. It seems like there are many ways that Zoom could be put to use in our district. It might even be a way to increase participation in district meetings, which really need improvement.

Our treasury is in good shape at the moment with groups still responding to our last minor crisis and we are able to meet all our commitments. The Old Timers Dinner that was organized by Alan C, our CPC chair, was very well attended by both oldtimers and newtimers. The food was excellent and the various stories told by the speakers were inspirational. Alan had mentioned that he would like to make this an annual event. That would be great.

We are still in need of a Corrections and Literature Chair.

Yours in Love and Service, Ted R

District 48 Seaway Valley North

Good morning friends, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Kemptville Sunday Morning Group, and my name is Wayne. It is a pleasure to serve as the District Committee Member for Seaway Valley North, District 48. I continue to learn more about our District as I get around to the meetings of our 20 groups.

Last night I attended the final meeting of one of the oldest groups in our District, the Iroquois-Dundas group. The church where the group meets has been sold and, after looking into other locations, the group conscience was to disband. This group has existed for forty-two plus years and, based on some of the history that I heard from members, as well as the number of members that started their AA journey with this group, I am again so grateful for being a part of Alcoholics Anonymous. One member of the group is looking into starting a meeting in a neighbouring town, Cardinal, also on Friday night; amazing how AA works.

I'm looking forward to our annual Service Information Day on June 9th in Brockville, in collaboration with our neighbouring Districts 42, 50, and 66. Thank you to Neil, DCM of District 66, who took the lead on organizing our event for this year.

Our District meetings are well attended, and our finances are good. We are establishing operating procedures and documenting the responsibilities of our committee positions, which will help incoming GSRs and committee chairs. Thank you for my sobriety.

Yours in Love and Service, Wayne L.

District 50 Cornwall

(absent and no report submitted)

District 54 Ottawa Rideau

I am privileged to serve as District Committee Member (DCM) for District 54, Ottawa-Rideau. My name is Jo Anne; I am an alcoholic and a member of the Search for Serenity Group in Orleans. I am here without our Alternate District

Committee Member (ADCM), Anna P., because today is the Vanier Round Up. We have split our desire to be in two places at once, so Anna is representing the District there while I am here.

Our Registrar, Karen A., has worked diligently to update and reconcile District and Area records as requested by the Area Registrar. I am continuing to meet with each of the Home Groups in the District. Mostly recently, I visited a group for which the DCM has been the sole contact (in order to keep the meeting from being “unknown”) for several years; that Group now has a mail contact. I want to assure the Area Table, especially Secretary Amy, that I have dutifully circulated to our District GSRs every email that she has sent! I also forward most of the Grapevine notices to our Intergroup Literature Coordinator as well. She and our District Grapevine Rep collaborate on efforts to have a variety of literature available at every Ottawa area event.

Based on discussions at our District Table and conversations with individual GSRs, I can also report that the GSRs who attend the District meetings regularly have also been dutifully reporting to their Groups on most of the subjects that come to us. Collectively, as a District, we had a disappointing response to the Delegate’s feedback form to help him prepare for the May General Service Conference. GSRs told me of the challenges they faced getting their groups to respond. The lesson learned for me as DCM is that next year, we will solicit feedback for you, Robb, in a different way. Of course, maybe your and Kimberley’s Zoom application will be the answer.

I participated in the Alternate Delegate Kimberley’s Zoom videoconference with DCMs. I want to thank you Kimberley for the private Zoom lesson beforehand. I felt prepared for the actual videoconference with you the next day and even better prepared for the first quarterly CPC videoconference the following night with Bill C., the Area CPC Chair! Finally, please don’t forget the tri-district Gratitude in Service Day in Ottawa on June 22, 2019.

Both Robb W. and Bill C. are coming. I brought fliers for you to take home.

Happily serving, Jo Anne D.

District 58 Ottawa Bytown

Good morning my name is Kim and I am an alcoholic. A member of the Twelve Steps to Serenity Group and serving as the DCM for District 58. I am looking forward to a busy summer visiting groups and encouraging attendance at the District table and promoting self-support through service and financial means. Mike B. will be coming to our July meeting to talk about Self-Support. I was at a meeting at the Royal Ottawa Hospital trying to get AA’s presence back in that facility.

The district is attending the newly reformed PIC/CPC meeting and there is regular attendance at the CFT meeting as well. Unfortunately, the Canadathon will not be happening this year, we are hoping the membership will notice its absence and it will be back next year.

Yours in Service Kim B.

District 62 Ottawa West

Good Morning friends, my name is Frank, 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.

District 62 is an active group of General Service Representatives with numerous service commitments, providing support to the service groups within our District as well as the Alkathon, Service Day, the Spring Conference, the Canadathon and the Fall Conference. The Awareness Kit Program remains a success in the District 62 as well.

The District is also active in Self-Support presentations and facilitating Group Inventories as they are requested. District 62 is financially sound and makes contributions to Area 83 and the General Service Office.

There are on going Traditions Workshops held each month before the regular District meeting, one tradition a month. These are being facilitated by the past District Committee Member Mike B.

I continue to learn about the flow of information and knowledge stream starting with the AA member at their group, through to the District table. Then it’s on to the area and finally on to the General Service Office in New York. The

2019/2020 term of the position moves along rapidly. Six months have passed already. This has all happened as the result of trusted servants voted to serve and I am proud to be one of those trusted servants. The learning process is rewarding while working with the other District Committee Members, the Area Representatives and past and present Delegates in Area 83. Participation at the Area Assembly in Kingston and working with the Service Information Day Committee is challenging, exciting and fun. A great gathering of souls.

Service is Great! Change is Great!

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.

We've had many spirited and lengthy District meetings. As the chairperson, my goal is to ensure the meetings move along and at the same time, hope that none of the table members leave the meeting with a sense of bewilderment. We are a work in progress.

We are working on a new website. The current site is pretty much the same format and look we first established 15 years ago. We are also implementing a Meeting Guide App friendly database of our district meetings. I will be getting together with a dozen or so members of the table to spend an afternoon discussing the Communications Audit Report. Many in District 66 are struggling with the size and scope of the report and feel a get together to discuss will be very helpful.

District 66 will hold an annual workshop for the members who are interested in positions at the table. Each of the committee and subcommittee chairs will be given 5 minutes to outline their position responsibilities and 5 minutes for Q&A. The Annual Spring Roundup agenda will now include a moment of silence in remembrance of those lost since the last Roundup.

Our finances are in good shape, and we will be sending money to Area and GSO this month. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Annual District 42, 48, 50, and 66 Service Information Day.

Yours in love and service, Neil P.

District 70 Renfrew Pontiac

Good morning. I am a member of the Douglas Group and my name is Lisa C. I am the DCM for District 70.

On May 26 I participated in a Zoom meeting hosted by Kimberley. It is very easy to access and very user friendly. I look forward to introducing it to the GSRs in my district. On March 16, District 70 had their St. Paddy's Day Roundup. The Total years of sobriety was 1,753 and 40 days. We had 258 guests registered. I attended the Spring Assembly in Kingston from March 29-31, 2019. As always, there was great fellowship and learning.

Only 18% of our District was represented at the Assembly and I encourage the GSRs to car pool, share rooms, especially for the Spring assembly which tends to book quickly. A staff member at the Assembly advised us to book for the Spring Assembly at check-in for the Fall Assembly, rather than when we are checking out.

District 70 is hosting a tri-District service Day along with District 74 and 78. Our Theme is "It Only Works when you Give it Away". There are a few flyers at the back of the room. We are pleased to have our delegate Rob M as well as a few other members in the room attend and share.

Yours in Love and Service, Lisa C.

District 74 Pembroke

I am an alcoholic, member of the Hand of AA group District Committee Member for District 74 and my name is Jane. It has been a busy time in District 74 over the past few months getting ready for and hosting our annual spring roundup. This took place on May 11, 2019. Our theme was *Rule 62, Don't Take Yourself too Damn Seriously*. The event was well attended this year and most of the tickets sold for the dinner were sold locally. We were blessed to have wonderful speakers share their experience, strength and hope on the deadly serious illness of alcoholism, while having a few great laughs. There was a "skit" regarding sponsorship along with crazy glasses, fake moustaches and other fun props during the day. Well done District 74!

We are looking forward to June 15, 2019 Tri District Service Information Day in Cobden, ON. This event is typically under attended therefore we are currently promoting at all groups to grab your sponsor and attend. We will be offering a training session for our phone line volunteers over the next few months which will include a speaker on crisis intervention. I was able to attend a Zoom meeting with our Alt Delegate, Kimberly this month and became more familiar with how to host a meeting.

We may be able to include those which otherwise might not be able to attend by using Zoom. The logistics are currently being worked out. At the present time all District Chair positions are filled with the exception of Public Information. We wish everyone a hot and sunny summer.

In love and service, Jane S.

District 78 Madawaska Valley

I'm an alcoholic, DCM for District 78, name is Michelle. I am happy to have our Alternate DCM, Barbara with me today for her first Area Meeting. Most groups in our District are reporting good attendance. On June 15th, along with Pembroke and Renfrew Districts we are hosting a Service Information Day in September 28th. We are having our 46th Annual festival of Colours Roundup in Maynooth. Flyers are also available on our District78 Website.

Yours in service, Michelle C.

District 82 Victoria Haliburton

Good Morning, I am an alcoholic, I belong in the Bolsover Pines Group and AA as a whole and my name is Glenn. The district is doing well financially. We have been able to meet all of our regular financial obligations. Our last district meeting was held on Sunday May 12. This happened to be Mother's Day. We had discussed at our previous meeting of changing the date of the May district meeting, but the majority of people wanted to have it on May 12. We did not have enough GSR's to have a quorum. We currently have three open chair positions at our District table. We hope to fill these positions in the near future.

District 82 held the annual conference on Saturday May 4th in Lindsay. The day was a great success. The speakers were excellent, the food was good, and the friendly atmosphere was great!

Our men's and ladies' corrections team have been experiencing more lockouts than usual at the Lindsay jail and have not been able to put on many meetings in the past two months. They do remain committed and hopeful that it will get better. The meetings that they have been able to put on at the jail have been well attended.

Yours in love and service, Glenn B.

District 86 Kawartha

(Report read by Alternate DCM, Bruce B.)

Good Morning Friends, I am an alcoholic, proud member of the Freedom Group and currently serving as District Committee Member of District 86 and my name is Tim. I want to apologize for my absence today, but I believe it will give my Alternate Bruce a good learning experience. It was a difficult decision as I had the opportunity to attend our union education centers Bi-annual EFAP/Addictions conference this weekend.

We continue to have 80% attendance at our District Meetings and so far they have run smoothly. Our PI/CPC Chair had to step down but was filled at the same meeting. I want to welcome Nicky G aboard and I know she will be an asset to our table. This keeps our District with all the committees having a chairperson.

I am looking forward to the Kawartha District Unity Roundup, which will be held on June 22nd with registration starting at 7.30 am, at the Personal Touch Banquet Hall. Lunch & Registration is \$15 and for a total of \$31 you get lunch, registration and Banquet. Tickets can also be bought by E-Transfer. Due to the hall supplying lunch the deadline for tickets sales will be June 8th so there won't be tickets at the door. Bruce (I) will have tickets here today if you want to come to our roundup. Looking forward to seeing you there for a great day of fellowship.

I am also looking forward to our joint Service Information Day June 23rd at the Alano club. Rob will give his report on the General Service Conference and the other Districts will present workshops. Looking forward to seeing you all again in September and regret missing the opportunity today.

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 Group, serving as your Area 83, Panel 69 Public Information Chair, my name is Ray. Here are my activities since we last met:

Participated on the committee meeting on the Zoom app, which proved to be very convenient when we can't all be in the same place at once, we could hold a meeting in the comfort of each of our homes. I'm sure by now, most of you have already experienced Zoom, or will in the near future. But, as been expressed from the start, we must guard that technology like Zoom, does not replace face to face meetings.

I attended the concept workshop, held in the west end of Toronto, which was well attended, and very informative. The panelists were very knowledgeable and delivered the concept in a simple, easy to understand manner. Thank you to the past delegates for sharing their knowledge with us, there was a lot to take away.

In early May, the annual Pri-Med conference was held at the International Centre in Mississauga. I had the honour of manning the AA booth for 2 days. I met all kinds of interesting people, showing off the latest and greatest medical break through; one of the biggest break throughs being medical marijuana. There seemed to be more booths dedicated to that than any other. In fact, the AA booth was set up right beside me. Needless to say, we had some good conversation. While the conference is usually a CPC event, my participation is just an example of how closely we are connected, and at the end of the day, we're both carrying the same message.

Last week I attended the archives workshop in Kingston, another worthwhile day spent. I now have a better idea and greater appreciation for the work that goes into preserving our past. Very informative,

Events coming up include, an archives breakfast in London, tomorrow, next week, while some of you will be attending the GTA Info AA Day, I will be travelling to Akron for Founders Day, and I'm planning to attend the tri-district service day in Cobden on the 15th, and on the 23rd, I will also be attending the service day at the Alano club in Oshawa. While not all events are P.I. related, it great to get out there and be part of other events.

Please continue to include me in your minutes, and know that I'm available for workshops and service days, and you can reach me at pi@area83aa.org

In Love and Service, 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. It is my privilege to serve you as your Area Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair for this term of Panel 69.

Since our Spring Assembly in March there has been a pretty steady stream of activities. We had our first CPC Chairs meeting on 7 May 2019 which lasted about 1.5h. Lots of great discussion and ideas. Many thanks to Kathy T and Wim P for leading a discussion on how their Districts are implementing CPC programs. A summary of the five key points that emerged from the discussions that we had, was sent to all of the CPC District Chairs. Full details are in my written report.

- For those who are starting from "scratch", focusing on a particular professional group (e.g., police, doctors, clergy) and building a contact list seems to be more productive. Reminds me of focusing on only one column in my 4th!
- Once a contact list has been started, there are many resources available to make the initial contact. These are outlined in the CPC workbook as well as on the [AA website](#), under the Information for Professionals.
- Making contact and subsequent follow-up as easy as possible (whether by phone, letter or email for example) is a key to building a relationship with that professional.
- Invite a Professional or student in a professional program (e.g., social work, nursing) to an Open Meeting has been a time-tested effective way of letting the Professional Community know first-hand that AA can be there for their clients.
- Presentations at non-AA events, such as Wellness Fairs, Professional Conferences (e.g., the recent Pri-Med conference in Toronto) are a way to bring AA to the attention of many at the same time.
- Once a list is in place, making sure that there is a follow-up from time to time is essential.

I was contacted by representatives from the Canadian Mental Health Association, Toronto (who happen to be members of this Fellowship and were referred by Roy R – thanks Roy (Panel 53 Delegate) about putting on a presentation for their professional staff. I was able to help them with putting a presentation together, familiarizing them with the AA.org website and resources for Professionals that are available and providing some tips for presentation to non-AA audiences.

I participated in a (Zoom) meeting with Toronto Intergroup – the goal was to stimulate discussion around sharing District-level activities, best practices and organizing some Intergroup-level activities.

I had a chance to help behind the scenes with the Pri-med conference – this was quite interesting.

Finally, from our CPC quarterly call, we realized that French and Spanish as well as English are active in our Area. After reaching out to the CPC GSO contact, Diana, she was able to provide the general CPC presentation in French and Spanish to accompany the English version that we already had in place.

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. As has been mentioned previously, the PI Chair Ray R and I are located at different ends of our Area. We have discussed the logistics of covering for each other as a team as events and opportunities arise for both PI and CPC. Thank you for allowing me to serve not only Area 83 but Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.

Yours in Love and Service, Bill C.

C. Correctional Facilities

Les M.

Good Day Everyone, I'm a alcoholic, a member of the Foxboro Friendship Group here in District 34, and have the privilege and honour of being your Area 83 Corrections Facilities Chairperson. My name is Les.

I'm still getting the minutes from Districts in Area 83, these let me know what is taking place at the different Corrections Facilities, also make great reading.

Over the past several months I've had emails from a Corrections Chair in Area 79 who wanted us to set up a phone contacts for clients in Institutions out West. I discussed with past and present Corrections Chairs along with Area officers and this is not a venture we are going to do. We already have Bridging The Gap in place, along with the correspondence from an outside AA member to a client on the inside and this works very well.

Also we have the Pre - Release Fair coming up in the second week of June and I'll be attending the ones at Warkworth, Bath and Millhaven Institutions. These fairs are for the clients to get information on the different places that they can go to upon their release. These are put on by the John Howard Society, and they get my pass to go into these Institutions. On my next report I'll let you know how this went. I'm still waiting for my clearance to go into Bath, these seem to take quite a while; I started this procedure in December 2018.

I've had a few calls from District Chairs to answer questions they have, mostly on literature, BTG requests and the

many shutdowns. May you all have a safe trip home. You can reach me at email: cf@area83aa.org.
On a last note, "If no one told you today that they love you, let Me be the First."
Yours in Love and Service, Les M.

D. Treatment Facilities/ Accessibility

Shane H.

Good morning friends, I'm an alcoholic, my name is Shane. My homegroup is the Reaching Out Group in District 02. And I am grateful to serve as your Area 83 Treatment / Accessibility Chairperson.

Treatment has been steady. I have recently received word from Rob F, Treatment Chair for District 26, that they have the go-ahead to start the service meeting in the Ajax Pickering Hospital, every Thursday Night. Start time is 7.30 pm and the meeting is completely Accessible.

Treatment has had many inquiries about starting up new meetings, and this alcoholic is eagerly awaiting any more questions or feedback. Since the Assembly I have received 23 more Bridging the Gap requests; bringing the total number of requests to 68 since the start of this term.

I appreciate and welcome any suggestions on how I might better serve as the Treatment/Accessibility Chair.

Accessibility is alive and well in Area 83. At the Assembly that was all too apparently, judging by the attendance at the workshop and the 15 people who showed up at the 7 am Sunday morning meeting. There was a lot of positive response to Inga B's American Sign Language interpretation of the Sunday Accessibility Report. Special thanks to Inga and Ruth F for help with the planning of that report and James our Chair who encouraged it.

Toronto Intergroup Accessibility is up and running but is needing representation from District 06 and 22. A shout-out to District 14 and 18, who have sent their DCM or Alternates to the Intergroup meeting; we meet every third Sunday of the month, at 234 Eglinton Ave W, at 11 am.

And Amy, I asked which districts have stand-alone Accessibility committees, within an hour of that question, emails were flying in and out. So far, four districts have formed Stand Alone Accessibility Committees, District 26, 48, 66, and 86, and another four who have paired it with Treatment. The full final count is not in yet, so more will be revealed. That is a lot of growth in a 4-year period.

I would like to thank the Chair, Kim of the Ad Hoc Committee on Accessibility for keeping me informed of what they are doing and the issues that revolve around that subject. They are so informed and realize that it is so much more than just serving persons with disabilities. That we have members with special needs who are not members with disabilities. An example Single Parent, caregiver needs; geographic barriers, cultural barriers, etc. I have been working with Bill C, our CPC chair, we are designing a page about accessibility for the Area 83 website. We plan to have it done by summer's end. Thank you so much Bill, without your help, I could not get this done. Next weekend, I will be doing a presentation at Info AA Day in Toronto, looking forward to seeing some of you there. I eagerly await any invitations for speaking engagements; but if not, doing two jobs at the same time keeps me busy-so I will be okay either way if I do or don't get the invitations.

In service, Shane H.

PS: I have all kinds of ideas for workshops on the upcoming service day, and eagerly await the service Information Day Committee's answer on the possibility of separate workshops for Treatment and Accessibility.

Thank you

Questions following Treatment/Accessibility Report:

QUESTION: District 22 has an Accessibility Chair, but our District meeting are at the same time as the GTA Intergroup Accessibility meeting. What can we do?

ANSWER: We can include your chair in the distribution of our Intergroup minutes, and your chair can include a report and highlights of their activities to the Intergroup committee.

E. Grapevine

Jenny C.

Hello friends, I'm a member of the Smiths Falls Saturday Night group, our area grapevine Chair. I'm an alcoholic and my name is Jenny.

Heard at a meeting, a sponsor turned to his Sponsee and says, "The difference between you and God is..... God never thought he was you" Norman H in Howell, N.J. June 2019 Grapevine

For those of you who do not know there is some new literature available for Grapevine. A new cartoon book titled *"Take me to your sponsor"* filled with the best jokes and cartoons from the A.A. Grapevine. For \$11.50USD. There is also the Language of the Heart that has been put into 18 hours of audio. New price of \$9.99USD.

There is an AA Grapevine Non-trustee Director Opening. AA Grapevine's Corporate Board has started its search to fill the vacancy for one non-trustee director, which will open following the 2020 General Service Conference. Interested A.A. members are encouraged to submit a resume to resumes@aagrapevine.org

On May 21st I had the privilege of attending the GTA Grapevine meeting with districts 6, 12, 18, and 22. We were able to use Facebook messenger to connect through video which allowed me to take part and see everyone at the meeting. It was great to be included. There are some good things happening in the GTA. We had some really good discussion and a lot of good ideas are being brought forward that we are starting to take action on.

They have a Grapevine survey they are sending out to the groups in their districts to find out who is utilizing grapevine. I'm hoping to get a hard copy of it so we can distribute it to the Area for other districts to pass along to their groups.

Currently all pricing online is in US funds. The only way to know what you are actually charged in Canadian funds is to do the conversion yourself. Or you wait to get your credit card statement.

We have reached out to Grapevine Inc to see if there is any way this can be changed on the website. We have a lot of members that are looking for price lists for Grapevine material and I have a price list but it's in US funds, so it doesn't reflect what the actual cost would be.

We have been told in the past Milner use to have a floppy disc filled with items that use to be passed around for members to print off items for their Grapevine displays. So, I have tried to reach out to a past Grapevine Chair by am Alain for help to try and locate this information so help save costs on displays for districts. If anyone has info or Milner's contact info it would be greatly appreciated.

Pocket planners and wall calendars are now available online. Wall calendars are \$9.50 USD (\$11.25 CAD) and pocket planners are \$5.00 USD (\$6.25 CAD). For the districts that are interested in making a purchase for these I will make sure I send out an order form to all DCMs and Grapevine reps before this coming Friday. ***I would ask to have these all returned to the next Area Committee meeting in September***, so the order can be placed and hopefully have them ready to distribute at the Area assembly in October.

Congrats to District 34 for being the first district of this term to have an article published in Grapevine. This is very exciting I look forward to hearing about other districts having this happen. If you have any questions or need assistance with anything my email is grapevine@area83aa.org
GrapeFull to be of service, Jenny C.

F. Self-Support

Mike B.

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

"We will be amazed before we are half-way through". I am thoroughly amazed and we are not even at the half-way mark of our first year of our 2-year term. There are some great things happening in Area 83. First off, I was invited and attended the Lakeshore East, District 28 Self-Support Night at the movies on April 26th. There was a screening of the Movie, 'My Name is Bill W.' and before the movie, I gave a presentation on Self-Support. There were about 70 members in attendance and from what I was told by the District 28 Self-Support Chair, the night was a smashing success. So much so, they are planning on holding another event similar to that one later in the year. I thank the District for inviting me and giving me a warm welcome.

I was honoured to be invited and speak at the Annual District 74 Spring Conference on May 11th in Pembroke. It was a great day of Spirituality, fun and Fellowship. Thank you for the invite.

Now that the General Service Conference (GSC) is over, **Let the Service Days begin!** I am looking forward to hearing our Delegates report and learning about what transpired at the GSC. I will get the opportunity to hear Rob's report a few times over the next little while.

On Sunday, June 9th, I will be up in Brockville at the District 42, 48, 50, and 66's Service Day. I have been asked to do a Self-Support presentation. When I was asked to do this I must admit, I was a little scared. However, I was taught to reach out and ask for help, and that's what I did and there was ample help to be found. We are never alone in Service!

Districts 70 -74 & 78 have invited me to do a Self-Support presentation at their Tri-District Service Day in Cobden on June 15th. Thank you for the invite, I am looking forward in participating.

A week later, I will be in Ottawa at the District, 54- 58 & 62's Tri-District service day which will be held on, Saturday, June 22nd and I have been asked to present an "Anonymity in the Digital Age" workshop. This one, I can take a City bus to get there.

I just wanted to express my appreciation for the Zoom meeting we had on May 1st between the Area Officers and Sub-Committee Chairs. After some thought, I believe meeting this way not only with the Area Officers and Sub-Committee Chairs is the wave of the future. In fact, I should not use that term, I should say, the future is here and we have the resources. Some great ideas were thrown around at our Zoom meeting and I think this is a good thing.

"A vast communications net now covers the earth, even to its remotest reaches ... Nothing can matter more to the future welfare of AA than the manner in which we use this colossus of communication. Used unselfishly and well, the results can surpass our present imagination. Should we handle this great instrument badly, we shall be shattered by the ego demands of our own people -- often with the best of intention on their part."

AA Co-Founder Bill W. November 1960, Grapevine.

Our Area 83 website under the Self-Support tab has been updated with new material and please remember, Area 83 and the General Service Office can accept digital contributions from Groups and individual members alike. More info is available on the Area 83 website on digital contributions. The magic number is around \$8.03. That represents the amount of money annually with a 1-time contribution per member to make our General Service Office completely Self-Supporting. Please think about that when the basket comes around at your Home-Group.

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

Thank you to all the Districts that continue to send us their District minutes. Rest assured, I read them all. There are still quite a few Districts that don't share their minutes though. If anyone has any questions or suggestions regarding Self-Support, I can be reached at, selfsupport@area83aa.org . I am also available if you wish to invite me to any of your local Service days or other events to give a Self-Support presentation. Please don't forget, **ENTHUSIASM BREEDS ENTHUSIASM !!** "If newcomers could see no joy or fun in our existence, they wouldn't want it. We absolutely insist on enjoying life."

Yours in Love and Service, *Mike B.*

G. Archives

Marty M.

Hello everyone, my name is Marty and I'm an alcoholic. I'm a member of the Open Hands group in Mississauga, District 06 and I am privileged to serve as your Area Archives Chair.

Here's what I've been up to;

I continue to attend the monthly meeting of the Toronto Area Archives committee. I'm still amazed by how much enthusiasm there is at this meeting. We regularly get from 15 – 17 people in attendance. Not everyone is a district chair, they just have a passion for Archives.

On Sunday May 5th, I attended the East Toronto Archives Breakfast at the Qssis Banquet Hall in Scarborough. This was a great event. The speaker was Jean K. She has 43 years of sobriety and was a long-time member of the Agincourt Acorn group until she and her husband moved to Orillia. Jean shared a great message of recovery. It was nice to see so many people attended.

Most recently I organized the 14th annual Area 83 Archives workshop in Kingston. This was just last weekend. We had 25 people attend; coming from Ottawa, Peterborough, Pickering, Toronto of course Kingston. Ten people were at their very first archives workshop, including myself. It was a very informative day, including how to preserve documents, how to conduct an oral history with a long timer, and finally doing a group history. I want to say a special thank you to our presenters: Eddie G, David T, Gary C and our special guest from the Archives Association of Ontario; Iona McGrath. The day wrapped up with an interesting guided tour of Queen's University Archives. Heather was a wonderful host who gave her own time to show us around and how they treated archival materials.

Reporting on the Archivist's activities:

It was a good turnout. About 25 people, with ten new to archives. Marty opened the session, welcoming all and outlining the day. I talked about the need to learn in order to do the archives job. I think that newcomers to archives got a good overview on the scope and breadth of archives, and a basic understanding thanks to our presenters. Illona, who is a professional Archivist, gave a wonderful talk on archives, and gave tips and techniques on preserving, and storing archival material, with a focus on a limited budget. Eddy and David discussed how to interview, and then demonstrated an oral interview. Gary gave a talk on creating group histories, stressing anonymity. He gave examples of the various research that was done to uncover his district group histories, i.e., from newspapers, meeting lists, old timers, interviews etc.

Working in archives requires training. From what to collect, how to organize, categorize, and classify. Understanding the legalities. How to preserve paper, film, books artifacts, how to safely store and protect, how to display. How to research, including data mining. How to conduct group interviews, and interview long timers, and friends of A.A., use of Technology. Where to go for help i.e., Illona and professional Archivists. The workshops are intended to provide us with basic tools and techniques to do our part in carrying the message, and to encourage sharing of ideas, resources, and best practices amongst us. That's it for now. I thank you for the opportunity to serve and learn.

Yours in Love and Service, Marty

H. Service Information Day Committee Chair

De R.

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

Since our first Assembly in March the Committee has kept in touch via email and phone. We went through our Checklist, the Surveys and feedback from attendees and Area Committee Chairs to note what went well and how we can improve for the upcoming Fall Assembly in October.

Already we have District Committee Members contacted and confirmed for the Traditions Workshop as well as one Wildcard Workshop "Diversity in AA" to be presented by Kim S.

The Facilitator Binders will be updated over the summer. Also, we hope to change from scribing 'summaries' to noting questions/answers for each Workshop. As well, we plan to stream-line the "Ask-it-Basket" process. And someone will be delegated to collect the Surveys and compose them to forward to the Area Secretary Amy.

This afternoon we will go over the Checklist for the Fall, and start to formulate Wildcard Workshops and possible Presenters with suggestions from our Area Chair James O' and Delegate Rob M. We are hoping to also have a Zoom meeting over the summer and are looking forward to pre-planning for October.

I would like to thank everyone on the Service Information Day Committee for their hard work to date, Area Officers who presented and Committee Chairs for their Workshops. We look forward to working with all the Committees once again to make the Fall Assembly a successful one.

In Love and Service, De R.

7. REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Dave L.

I am an Alcoholic, a member of the Liverpool Group in District 26, currently serving as your Panel 69 Registrar for Area 83 International and my name is Dave L.

See above, item 3. ROLL CALL, for detailed attendance at this meeting.

Since the Area Assembly, I have sent out Group Information Sheets to all Districts and updates have been flowing in. Unknown Groups are currently at 3 thanks to great follow-up by dedicated District Registrars and DCMs.

I attended the District 28 Spring Roundup on April 13 and the District 82 AA Conference on May 4. Both events were well organized with excellent speakers.

I have been in touch with many of the districts in the Area. I have really enjoyed working with the District Registrars, to get the group representatives registered for the current term. I keep a running log of the changes I have made in the database, and there have been 450 entries into the database related to Groups and their representatives and given that we have 576 groups in the Area, I think those are pretty good numbers for the first 5 months of this term.

If you know of any GSR's who have yet to receive their GSR kits, please send me an email. I have emailed GSO already about a few GSR kits, I would be happy to do it for you.

The General Service Office database conversion from the Fellowship New Vision (FNV) to the Enterprise Resource Planning system (ERP) has not yet happened. Testing at GSO continues and the transition date and process have not yet been communicated.

I do have hard copies of New Group and Group Change forms. Otherwise these can be found on the Area's website (<http://www.area83aa.org/resources/area-registrar>).

I want to remind you that an individual cannot be entered into the GSO database without an up-to-date mailing address. If you are attending a meeting to get a contact, please collect all of their details (name, phone, email and most importantly, mailing address).

Thank you to the Districts that send me your minutes; I enjoy reading them, and sometimes they even help me track down representatives for groups that have not been entered into the system. If I am not on your District's distribution list, I would appreciate being added. Once again, thank you for this opportunity to be of service.

Yours in Love and Service, Dave L.

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. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve Area 83 as your Panel 69 Treasurer.

At the Spring Assembly in March, there were 2 questions from the floor that I would like to address:

- **Question 3:** Is there a way to do electronic transfers (eTransfers) to Area or GSO?

Update: This information will be presented under new business today.

- **Question 5:** Of the possible options on the Area 83 website for making online contribution, PayPal and pay by credit card (e.g. Visa) appear to be available. However, when I tried to use the Visa, I was not able to continue with the transaction.

Update: Visa and Mastercard are only available within the PayPal platform.

Also, I reviewed the Contributions page on area83aa.org website. I asked our Webmaster to investigate the following:

1. Change PAYPAL donation to PayPal contribution.
2. Indicate that credit cards can be used within PayPal only.
3. Can we change the Donate button to Contribute? I know it may be a PayPal feature and therefore we might not be able to change it.

The Area Webmaster was able to make these revisions – thank you George! Please look at the revised Contributions and Self-Support page on the Area Website under the “About Area 83” tab.

In each of the District Committee Member mail folders, I have provided the General Service Office (GSO) District Quarterly Report as of March 31, 2019 regarding contributions from each group received by the General Service Office. There are also two Area 83 contribution envelopes. Please share these with your District Treasurer for future contributions. You can find several more envelopes on the side table; please help yourself. I would like to thank all Groups that provide your 6-digit Group Service Number and a return address either on the envelope, on the cheque or in an attached note. This information indicates where I will send the letter of receipt.

Please continue to remind groups who would like to contribute using PayPal to include their 6-digit Group Service Number with any contributions using PayPal so that the group will get credit for the contribution. So far this year, there have been 3 contributions via PayPal.

Also, in the District Committee Members mail folders, as well as the Area Committee Members folders, you will find copies of the Financial Statement as at May 24, 2019 (for the period of January 1st to May 24th). Copies of these are also available on the side table; let's go through these numbers now.

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 at the January Area Committee Meeting and the Spring Assembly = \$4074.10.
- Cost Recovery is \$760.00 - \$575.00 from the sale of Service Manuals at the Spring Assembly in Kingston, \$45.00 from Corrections for the sale of kits, workbooks and readers, \$40.00 from Public Information for the sale of workbooks and \$100.00 from District 26 to go toward Big Book purchases for Corrections.
- Flow Through to General Service Office is \$40.00.
- Group and District Contributions are \$20,870.91.

Total Income for the period is \$25,745.01.

Expenses for the period:

- Committee expenses are \$22,885.26.
- January Area Committee Meeting – Rent and Refreshments \$383.57.
- General Service Conference Assessment – \$11,170.14 CDN; total cost was \$8,300.00 USD.
- Bank Service Charges - \$19.28.
- PayPal fees - \$6.73.
- GSO Flow Through - \$40.00.
- Ontario Delegates Committee (ODC) deposit for 2020 in Mississauga - \$1200.00.
- CERAASA (Canadian Eastern Region AA Service Assembly) - \$2801.79 – held in Laval PQ.

Total expenses for the period are \$38,506.77.

To date, income is \$12,761.76 lower than expenses.

The bank balance on May 24, 2019 was \$29,059.07. As of that date, all cheques received have been processed, and letters of receipt, along with return contribution envelopes were mailed out.

The opening bank balance as of January 1, 2019 was \$41,820.83. Total income of \$25,745.01 less expenses of \$38,506.77 leave a balance of \$29,059.07 in the operating account as of May 24, 2019. We have \$5,914.16 less in our operating account this year compared to this time last year.

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

Page 2 shows detail 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.

To clarify some of the numbers you see here:

Under Committee Expenses:

- The amount shown for Treatment/Accessibility under Literature, \$261.38, is for an order purchased from GSO. Also, under Literature, Corrections amount is \$278.04 for various items (pamphlets, workbooks, etc.) purchased from GSO.
- The amount shown for Service Information Day Committee under literature is mostly Service Manuals purchased from GSO for sale at the Spring Assembly.
- Beside the Spring Assembly, under meals, you see \$6,900.77. This worked out to \$17.25 per person which covers much more than the cost of coffee/tea/pop. We are not charged for most room rentals, cleaning of the Atrium, meeting rooms, staff. Etc. In that same line under Miscellaneous, the amount of \$1582.00 includes data projectors and the set up of the Ballroom.

Under Other Expenses:

- The General Service Conference (GSC) Assessment. At the Spring Assembly in 2007, a motion was passed stating that "provided it does not 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 this year for our Delegate was \$8,300.00 USD or \$11,170.14 CDN. This amount has been paid in full. Also, a note of interest regarding the GSC Assessment – the full assessment covers much more than travel and accommodation costs to attend the GSC. Other costs factored into the assessment (total costs divided by the 93 Delegate Areas) are expenses for Trustees and GSO staff to attend, meeting rooms, A/V equipment, the Conference Final Report and miscellaneous expenses.
- Ontario Delegates Committee (ODC) – a deposit of \$1,200.00 was required to secure a venue for 2020. Area 83 will be the host.
- Canadian Eastern Regional AA Service Assembly (CERAASA) – total costs to attend for our Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Immediate Past Delegate was \$2801.79.

At the bottom of the page is a summary comparing year to date for this year and last year for the same time period. Income is \$271.40 less than last year at this time and expenses are up \$5642.76. Contributions are down \$1,635.90 compared to this time last year. There have been 9 less Groups contributing in comparison. The resulting net change to our operating account is \$5,914.16.

Page 3 shows contributions by District. These amounts include contributions from Districts, as well as Groups within the District. You can see that 87 Groups and 11 Districts have made financial contributions to Area 83, so far, this year.

The rates for the Fall Assembly (October 25 – 27, 2019) will be as follows:

Room Rates:

- Traditional, 2 Queen beds - \$109.00 + applicable taxes. A valid credit card is required to guarantee all reservations. When making reservations, contact the Ambassador Hotel at 1-800-267-7880 and quote the Group Name Fall Assembly.

- Our block of guestrooms will be held until Monday, September 16th. Reservations requested after this date will be accepted on a space and rate availability basis.

Food and Beverage Prices:

- Saturday Dinner Buffet - \$39.50 per person including gratuity and tax.
- Coffee Service - \$17.25 per person including gratuity and tax.

For the Area Subcommittee chairs, please remember to quote your GSO Service Number when ordering literature from GSO and please email me that you have placed an order. Please remember to give my information as to whom to bill, and yours as to where the literature should be shipped. Please continue to send your District Minutes to the area@area83aa.org address. In closing, thank you to the 87 Groups and 11 Districts that have made financial contributions to Area 83 this year.

Yours in Love and Service, JoAnn P.

Questions following the Treasurer's report:

QUESTION: The operating balance, which is in a GIC, when it matures, what happens with that money?

ANSWER: There will be interest when it matures in September 2020, right now the GIC is as \$20K, it is paid once a year, and at that time it will be a little more than 20K, it is common practice to put the interest into the Operating account.

QUESTION: What is the net outcome up the spring Assembly, financially. Accommodation, meals, transportation, banquet expenses, etc?

ANSWER: We do not break even, aka, we do not cover our costs for the Assembly. I would say the Assembly costs us about 12-13K, and we bring in about \$3800 in 7th Tradition. This includes, hotel, setting up ballroom, food and beverage. The Banquet is self-supporting (breaking even) and doesn't appear on the treasurer's report.

QUESTIONS: The 5K net income difference from last year, is that a result of foreign exchange?

ANSWER: when I saw the 5K, and I went back and started to look at the financial position at this time of year and in the years prior, I could see that it is normal to have a shortfall early in the year, because we have a lot of out lay of expenses at the beginning of the year. I am not concerned as this is typical for our annual expenses.

QUESTION: Is the GSO contribution higher than it was last year?

ANSWER: It was \$100 USD higher, it has been in Manhattan back to back as compared to the alternating Manhattan and Rye locations. So, the expenses are usually a little less in the 2nd year when it is not in Manhattan. Next year, if it is in Rye, the cost will be lower.

9. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Amy L.

Good morning friends, I am a member of the Liverpool Group in Pickering in District 26 and my name is Amy. I have the privilege of serving Area 83 Eastern Ontario International as your Secretary. It is so nice to see everyone again.

As the Secretary I have been updating the District Rosters as the changes come in. Once I enter these positions in the GSO database it should trigger the workbook and kits to be issued. So, if there is anyone new in these committee positions who has not received their Service Kit, please let me know.

As many of you have reported, I have been bitten by the Zoom bug. I participated in Kimberley's Area Zoom meeting and found it to be a great way to quickly touch bases with the committee and offers a great opportunity for some free-flowing discussions about agenda topics.

As will be reported later under New Business, I have been involved in the Ad Hoc Committee to review the Operating Procedures. This has been a good experience for me, especially now that I am serving as the Area Secretary. The deep dive into why we do what we do at the Area, and at times a forensic analysis as to why certain pieces were written in a particular way has been interesting to say the least. This opportunity to be on the committee has been a real education on the ideal practices when taking minutes of meetings and essentially capturing moments of time in the Area's history. Who knows, all of these minutes and notes I am taking may be needed for interpretation and context in years to come.

I have been assisting Rob and Joyce with some of the early materials involved in the upcoming ODC in 2020. I will be looking forward to helping with this event as much as I can.

I attended the Area Archives workshop last weekend and Marty did a great job pulling together presenters and material that offered something to the seasoned and first-time archivists. It is so neat to see more people in the Area getting interested in our history.

A little housekeeping matter, I hope that no one take umbrage that I have been scrubbing your reports of all anonymity concerns. Our minutes are uploaded to the Area 83 website, and, as you may recall from the Website Guidelines, our emails must be anonymous, and phone numbers will be expunged from your reports. Basically, all you get is your first name, initial and if you have a very generic email like DCM22@yahoo.com, I will leave it in your report. Otherwise, people will know how to reach you by looking at the Area 83 roster that I frequently update and distribute. If you are not getting it as frequently as you like, just shoot me an email and I can send you a copy.

Lastly, I am looking forward to attending District 06's Service Information Day next weekend. I have been asked to get a brief overview of Area 83 service structure. Grateful to be of service and if there is anything I can do to assist you or your districts, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Yours in Love and service. Amy L.

Questions following Secretary's report:

QUESTION: I am not clear on the anonymity email issue; what is really considered anonymous? Are we becoming too anonymous, and something like GeorgePD22@yahoo.com wouldn't be anonymous enough?

ANSWER: Yes, that email you mentioned does seem to be anonymous, but if you set something up that excluded the name, that would be accepted. We are putting the minutes up on the Area website, and we would like to see George P, have his anonymity protected... not necessary for George, but for George's family and AA as a whole.

Actually, I find putting emails in the reports to not be necessary unless we are asking for a direct response to an issue that should be directed to an email address that is not the one you have listed in the Roster. I keep the Roster updated and send it out with enough frequency that I think someone could look up your email on the Roster. If you ever find that you need an updated Roster, just shoot me an email, and I will send you the most recent version.

10. ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT

Kimberley M.

Good afternoon, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Ajax Area Group in District 26. I have the honor of serving as your Panel 69 Alternate Delegate for Area 83 Eastern Ontario International, and my name is Kimberley.

After the Spring Assembly I presented the Concepts 1-3 workshop online using zoom which had very enthusiastic participation. Please let your GSRs know that there is now a narrated Power Point of this Concepts 1-3 workshop on the Area 83 website under Resources within the Alternate Delegate tab for anyone interested. I plan to repeat this process for the remaining 3 Concepts workshops. Which is, to present at the Assembly, offer an online version afterwards, and prepare a narrated Power Point to be uploaded to the website.

In April, I attended the GTA Intergroup Concepts workshop which was fantastic. Like the Steps and Traditions, the Concepts sink in a little more each time I hear about them. On April 13th, I attended the 32nd Annual Lakeshore Spring Round Up in Oshawa – what a great day! On May 7th, I attended the GTA Joint Sharing meeting. The need to improve communication between various entities was discussed. This seems to be a common theme these days. I touched base with the Intergroup Chair in Peterborough and got an update of their activities and challenges.

On the first Friday in April, I joined the monthly zoom meeting that Area 78, Alberta and NWT, hosts which is combined with a regular face to face meeting. My face was one of the 5 faces visible on the laptop which sat on a chair in the meeting. I could see 7 of the maybe 12 members in that room. It was a regular open discussion meeting. If you are interested, this meeting takes place at 10pm our time on the first Friday of every month. Check it out if you get a chance!! The information to join is on our Area 83 website under resources within the Alternate Delegates tab.

At the March Remote Communities Workgroup Conference Call, one of the Chairs had copies of the 12 Steps represented in Cree and wanted to know where they originated. They knew they came from our Area. It turns out

that Gord H of our Area saw these steps represented in Cree hanging on the walls of a treatment centre in Moosonee back in 2009. They were made by a Native Cree elder. The Steps, Traditions and some other readings had also been translated into Cree by an elder for use in that Treatment centre. Gord shared all these with several members in our Area who in turn shared them with other Areas. Mystery solved. Joyce gave me copies of all of these documents electronically. So, if you know anyone who would benefit from these Cree translations, or translations in Inuktitut, then please let me know. I've had two takers already!

On May 20th I attended another Remote Communities Workgroup Conference call using zoom. Other Areas are exploring ways of using zoom to connect with remote members. Smart phones are more common in remote towns these days, so members can really benefit from online meetings and workshops offered using online tools like zoom.

We were also told that the latest copy of the Remote Communities Communicator has been published. Rob M gave me a hard copy today. It includes submissions from 17 Areas including an article about Remote Communities in Area 83 submitted by Rob. Once an anonymity protected version has been shared, I will ask that it be put on our Area website under the Alternate Delegates tab.

Although our Area may not have remote communities like Alaska or Nunavut, we do have groups that are very small and may feel disconnected to the rest of AA. I was wondering how to find out which groups these are, so we could strategize ways to reach out to them. I inquired with our Registrar who did a fabulous analysis which he will share with us later. But the trend seems to be the smaller the group, the less likely they will be able to send anyone to an Assembly and therefore they are more likely to feel disconnected from our Area and AA as a whole. It would be great if we could use Zoom to reach out to these groups to try to get them more connected and informed about AA beyond their group. This could be a good topic of a future Zoom sharing session.

After our January ACM, our Area Chair James formed an Ad hoc committee to examine our Operating Procedures. One task was to log the motions made over the years for quick reference. To complete this task, we have been gathering all the Area Committee and Assembly minutes from 1973 to present. We are only missing minutes from 5 meetings. If we can round those up, we will have a complete set of minutes in pdf form. We are missing October 1975, October 1976, September 1988, September 1990 and March 1993. If anyone has a copy of these minutes, please let me know!!

I can now appreciate the importance of including discussion points to explain the reasons behind why certain motions come forward. As well as how important it is that the minutes are accurate and clearly worded.

In addition to the log of motions, some noteworthy items are also included. Here are some interesting milestones:

- At the Oct 1977 Assembly an Area committee was created to lessen the administrative work of the Delegate. At this meeting they elected a chair and secretary/treasurer. The Area committee was then comprised of the chair, secretary/treasurer, PIC chair, Institutional chair as well as 10 DCMs and their alternates. I think its assumed that the Delegate and alternate delegate were already part of the committee. The new chair scheduled the first Area Committee meeting for Nov 1977. Ed A. chaired the first Area committee meeting which started at 12:45pm. At that meeting they had 2 matters that needed attention
 - a) appointing officers and setting up new committees
 - b) setting down operating procedures to cover both the area committee and the assembly.
- At the Nov 1979 ACM they decided to start meeting at 9am, instead of around noon
- The fall 1983 assembly was the first experimental 2 day assembly which was a success so there was a Notice of motion made: that starting in 1984, Assemblies of East Ontario Area be of the following duration: Spring – one day; Fall-two days. At the first 2-day assembly there was the first banquet held on Saturday night called a Gratitude dinner at a cost of \$12 and the speaker was a former trustee John R. There were 200 dinners sold.
- In the fall of 1984 it was decided that the spring assembly would also be 2 days going forward.

It's been quite informative reading through the minutes and seeing the growth and development of our Area.

Quick update about the Service snapshot items found under the Did You Know button on our Area 83 website. Some groups have added it to their weekly readings and there has been some really positive feedback from both

newcomers and other members. They are finding the content very informative. With the exception of the original two items, the snapshots have each been split into 3 or 4 items to make them much shorter. Hopefully this makes it more appealing to groups to read at their weekly meetings. The items now have about the same length comparable to reading the first 6 of our Traditions. There are some flyers at the back of the room.

As of Wednesday May 22, 2019, there have been 273 views, 226 of them are unique. The daily views range from 1 up to about 8. Our webmaster, George stated, "This web page has a (whopping) average view time of 3 minutes and 25 seconds. This means people are reading the whole the page. In all the web sites [he] manages and in conversations with other webmasters view times are generally measured in seconds, not minutes."

Please encourage your GSRs to share this Did You Know...website resource with their members. Send any feedback my way because there's always room for improvement.

Most of you have participated in at least one zoom sharing session so far. Having experienced how zoom works you are better informed to share with your GSRs how beneficial this tool could be. Many have expressed how valuable these additional sharing sessions can be. It enables us to talk about items we otherwise wouldn't be able to discuss as a group because of time and distance restraints. Hopefully we can use zoom to increase our communication with each other and communication with our members.

On June 18th Robb W. will present a GSR Workshop using zoom. An email about this workshop was sent out by our Secretary. This is an exciting new learning opportunity. Please take the time to remind and encourage any GSRs and alternates who have never attended a GSR workshop to sign up by sending an email to gsrworkshop@area83aa.org.

Thank you to the Districts who are sending me your minutes. I enjoy learning about your district from the comfort of my own home as Joe D used to say. Your minutes can be sent to all Area Officers and sub-committee chairs by sending it to area@area83aa.org.

Like many of you, I am looking forward to hearing the report back from our Delegate about the GSC. I plan to accompany him, when possible, as he travels to your district or districts to give his presentation. Thank you for allowing me to serve, with gratitude, Kimberley

Questions following Alternate Delegate' report:

QUESTIONS: For the Cree Translations- what is it that you have?

ANSWER: I have translations for the Steps, Traditions, and Promises.

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. It's an honour to serve as Panel 69 Delegate for Area 83 Eastern Ontario International.

I've been busy during the 9 weeks since the Spring Assembly. Much of that time was spent preparing for the 69th General Service Conference - reading the background material, considering agenda items, and summarizing the feedback I received from Area 83.

The Conference took place in New York City May 19th – 25th. What an amazing experience. It was very exciting and emotional for me. I'm not usually much of a crier but found myself with tears in my eyes on a few occasions, tears of gratitude. One of those occasions was during the election for Trustee at Large Canada. Our own Joyce S was ahead in votes on all 5 ballots but did not receive the 2/3s votes required to be elected. After the fifth ballot it went to the hat and Trish M of Area 79 BC/Yukon was elected. As Joyce said, "When it goes to the hat it's in God's hands".

The main focus of the Conference is on the deliberations of each of the 13 Conference committees, and it is during committee meetings that most of the Conference work is done. Conference committees discuss numerous issues of interest to the Fellowship as a whole, and come up with recommendations, some of which result in Conference Advisory Actions. Not all of the Conference discussions resulted in Advisory Actions. Many of the important matters were addressed as "additional considerations"— more informal suggestions and guidance on how best to carry the message.

I will be reporting on these and much more at five Service days scheduled in June.

I have ordered a copy of the final Conference report for each Group and Committee Member in our Area. I should receive them before the September Area Committee Meeting and will distribute them there.

During the Eastern Canada Regional Lunch the ten Delegates of our region discussed CERAASA moving forward. This year's CERAASA had a significant financial shortfall. To keep it going, each of the ten Areas participating will be asked to contribute \$350. An adhoc committee, consisting of the ten Delegates and ten Alternate Delegates, has been formed. The committee will meet by phone or video conference over the summer, and I should have more to report at our September meeting.

I'm scheduled to give the 69th General Service Conference report at Info AA day in Toronto on June 8th for Districts 2, 6, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, and 22. June 9th I'm at a Service Day in Brockville for Districts 42, 48, 50, and 66. June 15th I've been invited to the Tri Districts Service Day in Cobden for Districts 70, 74, and 78. June 22nd is the Ottawa Grateful in Service Day for Districts 54, 58, and 62, and June 23rd I'll be at the Service Information Day in Oshawa for Districts 26, 28, 30, 82, and 86. This means that 23 of 25 Districts will be participating in these 5 service days.

Area 83 will be hosting the Ontario Delegates Committee meeting at the Toronto Airport Holiday Inn February 28th – March 1st, 2020. A save-the-date flyer is on our website. More information will follow as we get closer to the date. I look forward to visiting your Districts and hope to see all of you on my journey.

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.**

Moved:	Will H. DCM District 14
Seconded:	Eileen S. DCM District 28
Discussion:	none
All those in favour:	All but 1
All those opposed:	0
Any abstentions:	1
Motion:	Carried

12. OLD BUSINESS

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

Good afternoon everyone. I am an alcoholic, a member of the St. Clements Group; the Immediate Past Delegate for Area 83, my name is Kim. I am also the Chair for the Accessibilities ADHOC Committee. On the committee we have Bill C., Ruth F. and Marty M.

The last time such a committee was formed was in 1995. It was a “simply a fact-finding exercise, to determine if and how we are meeting the needs of those with mobility and sensory disabilities both inside and outside the Fellowship.” There was a report to the Assemblies in March 1996 and October 1997. There was further discussion and recommendations made but not accepted. Then there was a motion in March 1998 to discontinue pursuing this idea. More recently, there was a motion in March 2014 for Area 83 to recognize Accessibility as a stand-alone committee at the Area level. This was tabled until the June 2014 meeting. Ruth researched and prepared a report to present at the June meeting to provide further information. This report is included in the June minutes. The motion was again tabled to the September 2014 meeting. At the September meeting the motion was defeated. A new motion passed which was “That Area 83 add Accessibility role/functions to the Area Treatment Chair”. This motion was passed by the Assembly in October 2014.

Committee 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

As a committee we looked at what other Areas had in place for Accessibilities. We found 42% had a stand-alone accessibilities committee. 47% did not have accessibilities at all and 9% were combined with Treatment and 1 Committee was combined with Remote Communities. During that search we were able to get a general idea of their accessibilities committees. We also found some different ideas from other Area websites for ways accessibility could be even more effective.

We feel we want to get this right. We wanted to meet today with our current Treatment/Accessibilities Chair, Shane, today. We did so at lunch today. We are not ready at this time to finalize our report as we need to finish the potential responsibilities of the Accessibilities Chair.

We will have a full report for you at our September meeting. We voted unanimously to have a stand-alone Accessibilities Chair prior to today. We wanted to inform you of our decision to enable you to go back to your districts and discuss this. You will then be fully informed to discuss this at our September Area Meeting.

Yours in Service, Your ad hoc committee, Bill C., Ruth F., Marty M., Kim S.

B. Area 83 Membership Survey update.

Marty M. – Area Archives Chair

Hi Friends, Marty Alcoholic. This will be a brief report. I have given all DCMs another, hard copy of the Membership Survey. And as it says on the first page, the Purpose of the Survey is to provide a snapshot in time of Area 83. The survey is important because it will provide information, and how individuals were introduced to AA. All of this will help the Districts and the Area in carrying the message to the still suffering Alcoholic. We would like to come up with an idea of what comprises Area 83 at this time. Much like the membership survey that comes out of GSO, we would like to have a similar snap shot.

This was brought up at an earlier Area Committee meeting, by the previous archives chair. The DCMs at the time agreed to take this back to their districts. Now, we are in the next term, and so far, our Archivist Linda has received 23 and I have received 18. That is 41 groups out of 575 groups in Area 83. That is 41 groups from two districts. I am reaching out to you to encourage groups in your district to fill out the survey. The survey is found on the Area 83 website, and it can be mailed to Linda (Archivist@area83aa.org) or myself (Archives@area83aa.org). Or hard copies can be collected at the next Area Committee Meeting or the Assembly in October 25-27. My plan is to collect them throughout this year and have some details to present to you in January at the ACM as well as to the Assembly in the Spring.

Questions following report:

QUESTION 1: Can an electronic copy be sent out to DCMs?

ANSWER: Yes, I will send a copy out

QUESTION 2: For the 43 that you have received, is that just for this year?

ANSWER: Yes, just this year-I don't think there were many more collected in the previous year.

QUESTION : I think a lot of the information is valid, but I am getting a lot of resistance from the GSRs in my district.

QUESTION : Why do you want it, and what is it being used for and why would I put my hand up in my group and tell you what age group I belong to, or whether I am divorced, widowed or whatever? These are the types of reactions I am getting, and maybe you should lay it out a little clearer what it is going to be used for.

ANSWER: I gather that the information is going to help us carry out our work in Area 83; much of our subcommittee work might find summaries from this data to be useful in directing their outreach and initiatives. Many of the questions that were included on the survey was adopted from the question in the GSO survey to generate the membership pamphlet. It is optional....

When we do compile the information we will mention the number of groups that participated, so that we don't pretend that we are representing all of Area 83.

QUESTION: Wasn't there a way to fill this out on online? Fill it out and submit without printing a hard copy?

ANSWER: I don't think the form can be filled in online.

There were echoes of the resistance from GSRs to DCMs

QUESTION: If you do send out an email, could you provide some additional details about the reasoning behind the survey. Include that in the body of the email.

ANSWER: Yes, I can do it.

One problem that was reported to me from GSRs in my district is that groups were okay to fill out the first page, but as soon as they turned to page 2 and the pronoun turned to "you", the questions got a little personal. We have had this presented *ad nauseum*, and there is still resistance.

QUESTION: When was the GSO membership results last published? And will they be doing it again soon? Could we work jointly with GSO to survey our Area as a rationale get groups in Area 83 to fill out the form?

ANSWER: This survey would be helpful for the Area, but not helpful nor has anything to do with GSO and GSO has their own procedures for conducting their membership survey. The Membership survey is produced by the Public Information Committee at GSO. They wouldn't be requesting data from an area as a whole. They send the survey out to random groups and ask them to fill it out, but never an area as a whole.

QUESTION: Given the method that GSO takes, sending the surveys out to random groups, would that be a method to adopt for this survey if you are not getting the results back that would generate a more accurate average of Area 83.

ANSWER: I don't think I am willing to pursue anything like that.

Our alternate delegate sent out a questions that was going to be asked as the GSC, "what areas are we missing in AA in a city like Ottawa?" I can see that one purpose for the survey- help committees target communities in their region that are not represented in districts. The membership survey will be very useful in that way.

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment of Alternate Webmaster (TBD), effective June 1, 2019 for 2 years. James O'D – Area Chairperson

In December, Kimberley as the previous Area Chair had appointed George as the Webmaster. George previously was the Alt Webmaster, and so this appointment left the position of Alternate Webmaster vacant. We received resumes up to May 1, 2019 and received 4; they were all excellent candidates and George decided on one candidate.

From the Operating Procedures: "To be appointed (or re-appointed) for a two-year term by the Area Committee, on a recommendation of the Area 83 Chairperson after consultation with any other members of Area 83 deemed suitable for advice by the Area 83 Chairperson."

This is not to be put to a vote, but I am asking the ACM for disapproval (kinda like a wedding).

The Chair, then said: "I recommend that we appoint David C. as Alternate Webmaster effective June 1, 2019 for a 2-year term." Does anyone disapprove.

- *Approval: Dave C., from District 06 has been appointed the Alternate Webmaster.*

B. Discussion: Use of e-transfers for contributions to Area 83. JoAnn P.-Area 83 Treasurer

As your Area 83 Panel 69 Treasurer, it is part of my responsibility to respond to enquiries. I have had a few requests for the ability to use e-Transfers to send a Group or District contribution to Area 83.

General Information of Interac e-Transfer

- Interac e-Transfer is a funds transfer service between personal and business accounts at participating financial institutions.
- Most Canadians who use on-line banking can send funds and any personal account holder in Canada can receive funds.

- The money is not actually transferred by email. Only the instruction to retrieve the funds are.

How it Works

- The sender opens an online banking session and chooses the recipient, the amount to send, and a security question and answer (if the receiving account is not set to Autodeposit).
- If a security question is required, the receiver must answer the security question within 3 attempts, or the funds are returned to the sender.
- If the recipient is subscribed to online banking, the funds are deposited instantly or within a few hours with no extra charge.
- The Autodeposit feature allows senders to send money and be received by the recipient without the recipient having to answer a security question.
- The funds are deposited immediately upon initiating a transfer.

What does this look like for Area 83 contributions?

- Our Community Plan Plus at the TD bank can accept and send e-Transfers. I would recommend only accepting e-Transfers.
- Our TD bank account could be set to Autodeposit – no security question would be required. We could do a test run with security question and answer as well as an Autodeposit to determine which method is acceptable for audit and review purposes.
- The email address that could be set up with the account could be treasurer@area83aa.org.
This would ensure seamless transition from one panel to the next. Or we could create another email (contributions@area83aa.org) which would be used only for receiving and reconciling contributions.
- Our bank service charges would not increase to a large extent – we currently have very few electronic / digital payments (3 from PayPal so far in 2019).
- The group or district would send an email to treasurer@area83aa.org or other email as discussed (i.e.: contributions@area83aa.org) indicating group name and number, district number and the amount of the e-Transfer contribution.
- Letter of receipt would be sent to contributor's email address.

Benefits to the Area

- Less postage costs – letters of receipt will be emailed.
- Less time spent by Treasurer running to the bank to deposit cheques.
- Technology is useful – let's use it!

JoAnn asked how many people have done an e-transfer, and most members of the ACM raised their hand. It is a tool that many are familiar and have made use of it.

Questions following the report:

QUESTION: It would seem that most contributions to the Area come from Groups, have you given any thought as to how a group could make use of this?

ANSWER: some groups have a bank account, and if they do, they will have a client card that will allow them to use this technology. If they don't have this, someone within the group, and it is the group conscience, they can give said member the money for the contribution and said member can make it via their bank account.

• **Notice of motion from Eileen S., DCM District 28**

To allow e-transfers of contributions only for Area 83 as outlined by the Treasurer of Area 83.

This will be a motion for voting at the September Area Committee Meeting.

Questions following the report:

QUESTION: Did you say that you did not want any of the other types of electronic movement of money?

ANSWER: Right now we have pay pal, Cash, and cheques.

Note: This would be in addition to Pay pal

QUESTION: I send E transfer and I know that there is a nominal fee to me to transfer money in this way. What is the charge for Pay pal and who covers that cost.?

ANSWER: If a group uses PayPal, the Area absorb the service charge. This is a 2.9% charge on all funds. This translates to \$6.73 on 3 contributions totally \$285. Your group should investigate their options to use this. If the sender has a bank account that allows them to send an etransfer at no charge, there would be no charge to the sender or receiver. However, if they are mailing a cheque, there is the cost for the stamp and envelope, and the cost could be similar

QUESTION: why are we making this a notice of motion, why not just make a motion?

ANSWER: when I asked if this was a notice of motion or a motion, it was said to be a notice of a motion.

QUESTION: Why are we having to take it back to our groups? Would it change the operating procedures?

ANSWER: because it technically is a group issue, and it is an issue of money and requires a level of investigation that perhaps a notice of motion might be a better option for us at this point of time. Most people don't really understand what this is all about. It is your job to go back to your districts and start the conversation with the GSRs that this will be an option, what do you think?

Further additions from the floor: We have to take this back to our district secretary, as well as our group secretary. This is why I think we need a notice of motion. It doesn't just affect the Groups, but it affects the District.

QUESTION: How do we assign Group and/or district attribution to the contribution?

Answer: usually there is a memo field when making the etransfer, and I am going to ask for an email so that I can follow up with request for additional information as well as where I will send the receipt for the contribution.

Statement from Self Support chair: This is not the wave of the future, this is the future that is here right now. There are a lot of folks afraid of technology and I think we need to get the info out here, and we shouldn't be afraid of the technology. We should push forward with all the gusto that we can.

C. Discussion: Using Zoom to enhance communication. Kimberley M. – Alternate Delegate

As most of you know we have been experimenting with Zoom to see if it is something that our Area could benefit from using to supplement what we are already doing. It would just be intended to be used in addition to what we are doing. Some questions that have come up on line,

QUESTION: why is a paid account better than a free account?

ANSWER: a free account limits us to 40 minutes to meeting, and paid account has no limits.

Both free accounts and paid accounts allow up to 100 participants. But Paid will allow for recording. Which provides usage reports, how many meetings are taking place, and on which days. Which days, number of participants, length of meeting and more.

I double checked the cost again, and the cost for 1 year account, \$149.90 USD (\$ 202.37 CDN)

How will the Group members benefit?

We can offer the opportunity for groups to provide feed back on the General Service Conference Agenda items. Maybe in Mid-February to Early April, we can offer workshops to those who might not be able to attend workshops.

Members who cannot cross the border would be able to participate in the workshops because they cannot attend the Assembly. Groups with very small membership might not be able to afford to send their GSR to the Assembly or service information day.

Indirectly groups could benefit by the increase of flow of accurate information at all levels of General Service-between all of us and our positions as well as Area subcommittee chairs with their respective committees.

Why Zoom and not Skype? With Skype you can audio meetings, with up to 50 members, but not video meetings.

I have been reflecting on the discussions that we have had on Zoom over the last two months, and we have graciously been allowed to use Bill C, the CPC chair's account to conduct these trial meetings on at least 5 instances now. As an Area so far, we have used Zoom for 3 DCM sharing sessions; a sharing session with the Area officers and subcommittee chairs; Bill has used it to have sharing sessions with CPC district committee chairs; I have offered a Concept workshop on Zoom, and there will be a GSR workshop offered later in June. I met with Area 82's Remote Communities Chair and introduced her to Zoom. The Service Information Day Committee is talking about using Zoom for their organizational meetings in preparation for the Area Assemblies (something that used to take place over a series of emails and over an extended period of time). We have used it for discussion with Past Delegates, and we have used it while working on the Ad Hoc Committee to review the Operating procedures. We have at least 3 more meetings on the books before September (sharing sessions with DCMs; Area officers and subcommittee chairs; a GSR workshop).

I have used Zoom to meet with the Webmaster to talk about how to handle some web-related items.

Rob, our delegate, would like to potentially propose using Zoom with Regional Eastern Canada Delegates and their Alternates regarding the CERAASA Ad hoc committee. Planning of the Ontario Delegate's Committee (ODC) is in the early planning stages, and we could use Zoom to meeting and efficiently handle the business of organizing for that.

Many of you expressed during our Sharing sessions that perhaps we should purchase a Zoom Account now, since we are not being self-supporting using Bill's account. Since it would be the ACM that would be primarily using the account, it might be reasonable that the ACM make the decision on whether to purchase an account on a 1-year basis. This tool helps us to improve our communication with the members and is in direct response to the findings of the GSO communication Audit. This could help our Delegate to do his job to make sure members in our Area are informed. Area 78, which is Alberta and Northwest Territories, has two zoom accounts: one that is used regularly by the ACM and the Finance committee; and the second account that is used for a variety of Remote Community purposes. So, if we did want to consider a motion today, it might be that:

The Area purchase a 1-year Zoom account at a cost of approximately \$205 CAD.

• **Motion: That the Area purchase a 1-year Zoom account, at a cost of approximately \$215 CDN**

Moved:	Glenn B. DCM District 82
Seconded:	Jack R. DCM District 36
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost of this, in today's money is for sure a good investment. <p>QUESTION: If the area purchases the Zoom account, who is the facilitator? If we want to do an organizational meeting for the Service information day Committee, who helps with that?</p> <p>ANSWER: One possible way to handle this would be to use the calendar on the Area 83 website. We could create an event email, (i.e., Event@Area83aa.org) and include when Zoom Sessions would be happening on the calendar. If it would be the ACM's account, you, as the ACM would be the ones who could set up and host a meeting for whatever purpose.</p>

<p>This is how it could work: Check the area website calendar for availability; and send an email off that says <i>"I would like to schedule an event on this day and time"</i>. One person would take care of the account, it could be the Alt Delegate, especially since a tool of this nature could be considered part of communicating with remote communities and that falls under the Alt Delegate.</p> <p>It is very quick to add it to the website and shoot out an invitation. The invitation could be copied to the requester and the requester could share the invitation with those that are to participate in the session.</p> <p>Is it one meeting at a time. Couldn't have concurrent meetings. One meeting of up to 100 individuals.</p> <p>Zoom can record, Audio and video. After the recording it is uploaded to a cloud. There is 5 G to store the files.</p> <p>From the Recording, it can be translated to Closed Captioning. I don't have any experience with that yet.</p> <p>QUESTIONS: With one account, are we limited to 1 meeting at a time?</p> <p>ANSWER: with one account there would be 1 group with up to 100 participants at a time. Therefore, the calendar would be necessary and available for everyone to refer to.</p> <p>There is a feature that includes options to go into breakout rooms, up to 50 rooms. This isn't what you are talking about, but we could have several people work on GSC Agenda items, go to breakout rooms (up to 50 rooms with 100 participants in total) Send a banner to each person in those rooms advising that there are 2 minutes left and the group will be getting back together in the main meeting space. When they rejoin the group, the chair can move on to another agenda item and send the participants back into breakout rooms again.</p> <p>QUESTION: it was mentioned that Zoom will record, does it generate minutes?</p> <p>ANSWER: The default is not to record, but you can choose to record audio and video. It is then uploaded to the cloud. We are allowed 5G of storage.</p> <p>They are introducing the ability, once the meeting is recorded to translate the spoken word into a crawler that goes across the screen (viz, close captioning), but that is it. <u>It does not generate minutes.</u></p> <p>Just prior to taking the vote, the chair reminded the ACM that this motion does not need to go to the Assembly.</p>	
All those in favour:	All but 4
All those opposed:	1
Any abstentions:	3
Motion:	Carried
Voice of the minority:	None

**D. Discussion: Assembly attendance based on group size: how to encourage smaller groups to attend.
Dave L – Area 83 Registrar**

About 6 weeks ago, resulting from a conversation that Kimberley and Amy were having I was asked to look for correlations between group size and attendance at Assemblies. Looking at two election Assemblies as well as the most recent Spring Assembly I examined the Roll Calls from these assemblies and found:

- Attendance levels at Area Assemblies increase as Group Size Increases
- The participation levels of smaller Groups increased from 2016 to 2018.
- From District minutes one might find that smaller groups are less involved in District meetings, translating to less involved in Assemblies.

Attendance at Assemblies broken down into 6 categories for group size and reviewed for 3 prior Assemblies.

# Members in Group	# Groups in Area 83	2019 Spring Assembly		2018 Fall Assembly		2018 Fall Assembly	
		# Groups Attending	% of Groups Attending	# Groups Attending	% of Groups Attending	# Groups Attending	% of Groups Attending
0-10	206	46	22%	52	25%	43	21%
11-20	158	54	34%	60	38%	49	31%
21-30	80	38	48%	43	54%	36	45%
31-50	73	48	66%	47	64%	43	59%
51-99	33	22	67%	24	73%	21	64%
100 and over	15	10	67%	12	80%	13	87%
Total	565	218	39%	238	42%	205	36%

What can we do to encourage the smaller groups to be involved? In some Districts, DCMs may visit the smaller groups, encourage participation at the District and Assembly. It is likely that financial constraints may prevent smaller groups from attending. The intent of this agenda item was to have a discussion and sharing of ideas on how we might get the smaller groups to attend.

Questions and Discussion following the report:

QUESTION: Where did you get the information on the Size of the Groups? Because when people register at the Assemblies, there is no place to fill out the group size?

ANSWER: out of the FNV (GSO's database), there is field for membership numbers. This is reflected in the Group information sheets that are circulated to Districts a couple times of year. The number is found in the upper right corner, "members" and can (should) be updated when the contact information is reviewed. I have been asking District Registrars to keep the membership numbers up-to-date.

QUESTION: Have you considered that the logistics of booking a room might be preventing some from attending the Assembly? We have found in my district, especially in the Spring that the Hockey tournaments that are going on in Kingston make reserving a room tough. Is there a chance that we can set aside a larger block of rooms for the Assembly?

ANSWER: There is a preset number of rooms that are held until a date that is usually communicated to you when that hold will be lifted. I cannot remember the number of rooms that are held, but I don't think we would be able to book them all. As far as increasing the number in our block of reserved rooms, we can ask, but especially during the hockey season I don't think this will be possible since those folks also have a block of rooms being held.

Shared Experiences:

- In my district we offered to support groups where money was not available, offering \$75/ group. We have since increased that to \$125/ group for those who need it. Planning ahead is critical to allow for car pooling and room sharing. This is June and our district is already planning for the Fall Assembly. We are making announcements at our District meeting to coordinate logistics (rides and rooms). We have GSRs who are bringing food with them, to keep their experiences down. Without planning the opportunity to save money is more difficult. We have seen our group attendance go up from 4 to 11 at the Assemblies.
- We were advised by the Desk Attendant at the Assembly that when we check out for the Spring Assembly we should book our room(s) for the Fall Assembly. And when checking out at the Fall Assembly, book our room for the Spring Assembly.
- In my district, we know that woman have less of an issue sharing accommodations. We have put 4 women in one room with two queen beds. There is a lot of Fellowship- and 4 women can easily travel down in one car.

E. Motion: Request from our Area Archivist for funding from Area 83 for our Archivist to attend National AA Archives Workshop Sept 5-8, 2019- Detroit, MI Marty M. – Area Archives Chair

Moved:	Marty M. Area Archives Chair
Seconded:	Mike B, Area Self-support Chair
Rationale:	<p>In the Area 83 operating procedures, under responsibilities- it says the Archivist may attend the NAAAAM upon the approval of the ACM. Note, it is recommended, that any unexpected expenses, (those not associated with the Assemblies, the Archives Newsletter, the North American Annual Archives AA workshop, or Area 83 workshop) incurred by the archivist and not covered by the requesting parties or organizations, shall be charged to the Area 83.</p> <p>Our previous archivists in 2013, had a similar motion (request) that passed, and I reviewed the minutes of the ACM, June 1, 2013 and the discussion around this includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approx. cost of the request was \$1200 to attend the workshop in Springfield IL. • Good to invest in our history • Confirmed that it is an AA Archives workshop <p>The motion was carried, David T did attend the workshop. It is an investment in our future and our past. Attending a workshop like this (an AA Archives event) helps to insure continuity of Archives in AA. Linda M, is just finishing her first year of a 3-year term, so Area 83 will have 2 more years to benefit from this experience.</p> <p>Detroit is 800km from where Linda lives. She will be able to drive.</p> <p>She is asking for only \$0.20/km.</p> <p>The amount requested by the Area Archivist is: \$1500 CAD</p>
Amendment to the Motion:	Glen G., DCM District 18 Amended the motion "to an amount not to exceed \$1500."
Secunder of the original motion:	<p><u>The amendment to the Motion was rejected.</u> Mike B, the secunder of the motion, did not agree with the amendment, we should trust our trusted servants. There was a breakdown of an approximate itemized budget, and all funds requested seemed to be accounted for in the proposal. It does say approximately.</p> <p>Motion is as stated in the original motion: Request from our Area Archivist for funding from Area 83 for our Archivist to attend National AA Archives Workshop Sept 5-8, 2019- Detroit, MI</p>
Discussion:	<p>Question: how often does this event happen? And why did it not come up last year as a request to attend?</p> <p>ANSWER: It is an annual event. My understanding is that it is an event that an archivist would attend once/term. They would not go every year.</p> <p>QUESTION: why did this not come up in the previous term?</p> <p>ANSWER: the archivist was David T, and he had already attended the event in 2013.</p> <p>QUESTION: Why are we accepting a lower amount for the mileage, the Area has approved a set amount for mileage of \$0.40/km , and was agreed to at the Fall Assembly.</p> <p>ANSWER: yes, I was wondering if anyone was going catch that. She has applied a conservative amount for mileage and we don't know the details behind that.</p> <p>QUESTION to the Treasurer: Do we have the money?</p> <p>ANSWER: If this committee says that it is an important investment for the Archivist to attend, then we will find the money. As I mentioned in my report, there are a lot of expenses coming up shortly. However, if contributions from Districts and Groups is what feeds the financial guidelines.</p> <p>QUESTION: financial decisions need to go to the Assembly for Approval, do they not.</p> <p>ANSWER: No, it is in the operating procedures that it is upon approval of the Area Committee.</p> <p>The archivist is in a 3-year term, and she is starting the 2nd year of her term. It is close, in Detroit, and we don't know where the next one will be.</p> <p>I will take this back to my district and say that the Area is planning to send the Archivist to Detroit, and encourage groups in my district to make a motion to send more money to the Area. It is a good thing to do.</p>

	<p>The Treasurer further shared that, this is a trusted servant, we have \$12K more expenses than revenue. That is going to even out later on in the year. This is in September, we have a few months, to make up the difference. I am not comfortable saying yes or no personally.</p> <p>Question: We are asking the Treasurer, can we afford it? Answer: Yes, we can afford it if it is a priority.</p> <p>Concern from District 18 DCM: I am having trouble with Area expenses, and it was nice that we had a distribution to GSO, I have to be a little more prudent on what I am voting on behalf of my group. I know that in my district they are going to be more focused on the money. On behalf of my district I will not be able to vote in favor of this motion unless there is a limit set on the expenses.</p>
Vote On the Motion:	Request from our Area Archivist for funding from Area 83 for our Archivist to attend National AA Archives Workshop Sept 5-8, 2019- Detroit, MI
All those in favour:	25
All those opposed:	4
Any abstentions:	5
Motion:	Passed
Voice of the Minority:	None

POINT OF ORDER: Why didn't we have to take the request to purchase the Zoom account to the Assembly? I thought everything that had to deal with money had to go to the Assembly? I question why it didn't have to go to the Assembly.

- The Alternate Delegate responded: It is up to the ACM. We are already making use of it by way of Bill C's account. It would be nice if we were self-supporting. It was a smaller amount, and it is in response to the Communications Audit and one of the items that was raised in the Area Inventory- to increase communication. Since the ACM is currently using this software, and it will be the ACM that will be making use of it in the future, it was felt that we could make the decision to fund it here.
Some have felt that this falls within the expenses that are required to carry out the responsibilities of some positions. In the past we would not question purchasing stamps or doing printing, even some subcommittee chairs will make a purchase of the display if it is needed without taking it to the Assembly. This could be considered an expense of the Alternate Delegate in dealing with Remote Communities and could be put under miscellaneous expenses of the Alt Delegate.
- The Immediate Past Delegate responded: I am concerned that we are setting a precedent, and as long as I have been coming here the past practice has show that even the day to day issues dealing with money should go to the Assembly for Approval. Example the laptop computer had to get approved at the Assembly, even though it was 100% necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of the Registrar, we still took it to the Assembly.
- DCM District 62: I understood that as a trusted servant, we were sent here as a trusted servant, and to make decisions on matters that should not wait.
- DCM District 58: said they concur with the point above to make the purchase as we are trusted servants and suggest that the Alternate Delegate report to the Assembly that the account has been purchased and what the final cost to the Area will be.
- It is tricky, we have not had to deal with something like this before.
- The motion has passed and it is not appropriate to discuss whether it goes to the Assembly at this point.

The Area Chair took a SENSE OF THE ROOM (this is not a vote) Asking who would like the motion to be taken to the Assembly? Of the 35 voting members at the ACM, only 5 raised their hands indicating they wanted to see this

brought to the Assembly for Approval. Therefore, the motion to purchase a Zoom account will not be taken to the Assembly.

F. Operating Procedures Ad Hoc committee final report and recommendations. Kimberley M – Alternate Delegate

After the January ACM, James invited me, Sandy and Amy to participate on an ad hoc committee to take on the task of a “fact finding and fact facing” approach to updating our Area 83 Operating Procedures. The last time the Operating Procedures were overhauled in depth was in 1991. They were reviewed again in 2004 but not much was corrected. Modifications to the Operating Procedures have been made over the years as reflected by the 24 dated entries listed on the front of the current Operating Procedures.

The scope of our task was to assess and offer recommendations around:

- Inclusion of motions passed over the years (to make sure they were incorporated correctly)
- Determine how the OPs reflect our current practice
- Improvement flow of format
- Inconsistencies and/or eliminate repetition
- Creation of a historical Motions database for future Area Committees

We compiled an historical database of motions and other interesting items by reviewing the reports from the Delegate and Alternate Delegate, Old Business, New Business and reports by Ad hoc Committees from the Assembly and ACM minutes. We have reviewed minutes from 1973-1987 and 1999 to present. We will finish reviewing 1987-1999 before our Sept ACM.

We grouped our recommendations into four categories:

Category I) It has always been the secretary’s responsibility to correct language and punctuation, and any other modifications that do not alter the meaning or intent. The items listed in this category have already been approved by the ACM and/or the Assembly and are the responsibility of the Secretary to incorporate into the Operating Procedures. These would not need approval.

Category II) Requires the approval of the Area Committee. These may be modifications to the Appendices, which in the Operating procedures under Section V: Appendices (in updated Operating Procedures that would be Section 9) says “Note: Appendices are deemed as *guidelines* and NOT *operating procedures* and as such are written, amended, and approved by the Area Committee not the Assembly.”

Category III) Requires the approval of the Area Committee and then the Assembly. These are items that modify the Operating Procedures and would require approval from both ACM and anything that the Area Committee agrees to would have to be approved by the Assembly.

Category IV) No action required. These are items that we noticed them, we discussed them but felt that nothing further needs to be done with them.

Kimberley then moved to a PowerPoint presentation that outlined all recommendations from the committee. See Appendix B, which represents a *Presentation of Corrections to Area 83 Operating Procedures that were last approved October 29, 2017*. Also handed out was a copy of the reformatted operating procedures with Category I, II, III noted on the margin.

14. SHARING - WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

- August 14 Motorcity Group there will be a 15-year medallion for Kathie T.

- District 26 lost two long timers recently, Audrey G, of the Whitby Saturday Night Group with 60 years of Sobriety and Audrey T from Whitby Serenity who had 42 years of sobriety passed away within a week of each other.
- This Friday Silverbirch is having a dinner, which will be a special meeting with a panel of long-timers.

15. NEXT AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

I would recommend the next committee meeting be held here at Quinte West on **September 7, 2019**.

- **Would someone be willing to make a motion to that effect?**

Motioned by:	Terry N. DCM District 26
Seconded:	Eileen S. DCM District 28
Discussion:	None
In favour:	all
Opposed:	none
Abstentions:	none
Motion:	Carried

**REMINDER: The Fall Assembly will be held
at the Ambassador Conference Centre in
Kingston October 25-27, 2019.**

16. CLOSING

It is now 5:03 p.m. and I would like to thank everyone for their participation today and wish you all a safe drive home. I hope you have a wonderful and refreshing summer; I look forward to seeing you again in September.

- **May I have a motion to end this meeting?**

Motioned by:	Will H. DCM District 14
Seconded:	Jane S. DCM District 74
Discussion:	None
In favour:	all
Opposed:	none
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 May 24, 2019

RESERVE ACCOUNT		Actual
January 1, 2019 Opening Balance		20,000.00
Interest		
Transfer to Operating Account		0.00
RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE		20,000.00

INCOME		
7th Tradition		4,074.10
Cost Recoveries		760.00
Flow Through to GSO		40.00
Grapevine Seasonals		0.00
Group & District Contributions		20,870.91
	TOTAL INCOME	25,745.01
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE		0.00
TOTAL INCOME & TRANSFERS		25,745.01

EXPENSES		
Accommodations		4,275.50
Meals		9,009.30
Travel		5,308.32
Long Distance		0.00
Postage		101.70
Printing		1,372.07
Literature		1,140.14
Stationery		50.24
Miscellaneous		1,627.99
Total Committee Expenses		22,885.26
Ad Hoc Committees		0.00
Area Contribution to GSO		0.00
Area Committee Meetings		383.57
General Service Conf. Assessment		11,170.14
Bank Service Charges		19.28
Paypal fees		6.73
Forums		0.00
Grapevine Seasonal		0.00
GSO Flow Through		40.00
Ontario Delegate's Committee (ODC)		1,200.00
CERAASA		2,801.79
Total Other Expenses		15,621.51
TOTAL EXPENSES		38,506.77

OPERATING ACCOUNT		
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2019		41,820.83
Total Income & Transfers		25,745.01
Total Expenses		(38,506.77)
OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE		29,059.07

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AREA 83 EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International
Details of Expenditures
as at May 24, 2019

Position	Accommodations	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Misc.	Total	Approved Spending Guideline	Balance + / -	YTD Usage
COMMITTEE EXPENSES													
Delegate	0.00	99.50	281.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	381.10	\$2,325.00	1943.90	16.39%
All Delegate	0.00	64.50	295.20	0.00	0.00	51.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	411.68	\$1,651.00	1239.32	24.94%
Immediate past Delegate	0.00	0.00	148.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	148.80	\$1,240.00	1091.20	12.00%
Chairperson	0.00	94.87	361.60	0.00	0.00	39.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	496.01	\$1,160.00	663.99	42.76%
Secretary	0.00	107.90	233.20	0.00	0.00	887.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	1228.75	\$2,340.00	1111.25	52.51%
Treasurer	0.00	39.50	525.20	0.00	0.00	194.20	68.79	20.31	0.00	950.70	\$1,790.00	839.30	53.11%
Registrar	0.00	107.50	328.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.93	0.00	465.43	\$1,450.00	984.57	32.10%
Area Web Site/Webmaster	0.00	146.60	240.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.99	658.89	\$2,304.00	1645.11	28.60%
Archives	0.00	92.50	393.60	0.00	0.00	45.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	531.30	\$1,355.00	823.70	39.21%
Cooperation with the P.C.	0.00	100.52	124.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	476.02	\$1,790.00	1359.00	24.08%
Corrections Facilities	0.00	55.00	376.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	431.00	\$1,400.00	968.46	30.82%
Grapevine	0.00	89.50	100.00	0.00	0.00	8.00	278.04	0.00	0.00	431.54	\$1,400.00	1240.50	11.39%
Public Information	0.00	138.30	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	263.30	\$1,400.00	1136.70	18.81%
Self Support	0.00	127.85	314.00	0.00	0.00	33.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	475.48	\$1,830.00	1354.52	25.98%
Treatment / Accessibility	0.00	39.50	376.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	261.38	0.00	0.00	676.88	\$1,400.00	723.12	48.35%
Service into Day Centre	1257.50	745.49	1029.32	0.00	0.00	111.87	530.83	0.00	26.00	3701.11	\$4,717.00	1013.88	78.46%
Spring Assembly	2515.00	6900.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1582.00	10997.77	\$11,350.00	352.23	96.90%
Fall Assembly	0.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$11,650.00	11650.00	0.00%
TOTAL	\$ 4,273.50	\$ 9,009.30	\$ 5,308.32	\$ -	\$ 101.70	\$ 1,372.07	\$ 1,140.14	\$ 50.24	\$ 1,627.99	\$ 22,885.26	\$ 53,092.00	\$ 30,206.74	43.10%
OTHER EXPENSES													
Adhoc Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	383.57	\$15.00	15.00	0.00%
Area Committee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	383.57	\$1,325.00	941.43	28.95%
Area GSO Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00%
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19.28	\$187.00	167.72	10.31%
Paypal Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.73	\$40.00	33.27	16.83%
Forums	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00	0.00	0.00%
Grapevine Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$4,200.00	4,200.00	0.00%
GSO Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,170.14	\$11,177.64	7.50	99.93%
GSO Flow Through	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40.00	\$-120.00	80.00	-33.33%
Ont Delegates Committee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,200.00	\$1,200.00	0.00	100.00%
CIRASA	1,063.86	307.56	1,264.26	-	-	-	-	-	166.11	2,801.79	\$2,892.79	0.00	96.85%
TOTAL	\$ 1,063.86	\$ 307.56	\$ 1,264.26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,919.82	\$ 15,621.51	\$ 22,417.43	\$ 6,944.92	69.86%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 5,339.36	\$ 9,316.86	\$ 6,572.58	\$ -	\$ 101.70	\$ 1,372.07	\$ 1,140.14	\$ 50.24	\$ 14,547.81	\$ 38,506.77	\$ 75,509.43	\$ 37,151.66	51.00%

Income Summary :	
May 2019	
7th Tradition	4,074.10
Bank Interest	-
GSO Flow through	40.00
Contributions	20,870.91
Cost recoveries	760.00
Grapevine Seasonals	-
Total Income	\$ 25,745.01

	YTD 2019	May-18	Difference
Income To Date	25,745.01	26,016.41	(271.40)
Expenses To Date	38,506.77	32,864.01	5,642.76
Net Change To Operating Account	-\$ 12,761.76	\$ 6,847.60	\$ 5,914.16
Contributions	\$20,870.91	\$22,506.81	-\$1,635.90
Contributing Groups	87	96	-9
Contributing Districts	11	11	0

GROUP & DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS as at May 24, 2019
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District	0	Unspecified, Paypal	\$0.00
District	2	Malton	\$237.70
District	6	Mississauga	\$1,310.00
District	10	Toronto South Central	\$1,883.00
District	12	Toronto South West	\$751.31
District	14	Toronto North Central	\$990.02
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	\$180.00
District	18	Toronto City East	\$846.00
District	22	Scarborough	\$1,340.00
District	26	Lakeshore West	\$1,722.53
District	28	Lakeshore East	\$1,499.17
District	30	Quinte West	\$698.00
District	34	Quinte East	\$2,400.00
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	\$1,370.00
District	42	St. Lawrence International	\$311.43
District	48	Seaway Valley North	\$150.00
District	50	Cornwall	\$656.82
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	\$230.00
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	\$50.00
District	62	Ottawa West	\$1,354.93
District	66	Golden Triangle	\$350.00
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	\$500.00
District	74	Pembroke	\$810.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	\$40.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	\$250.00
District	86	Kawartha	\$940.00

Total Contributions YTD: \$20,870.91

Total from Groups	\$13,982.19	87
Total from Districts	\$6,888.72	11

Appendix B Final Report of the Ad Hoc Committee reviewing Area 83 Operating Procedures

Ad Hoc Review of Area 83 Operating Procedures

Presented to ACM 1 June 2019

Ad Hoc Committee Report – June 2019

The scope of our task was to make an assessment of and recommendations around:

- Inclusion of motions passed over the years
- Determine how the OPs reflect our current practice
- Improvement flow of format
- Inconsistencies and/or eliminate repetition
- Creation of a historical Motions database for future Area Committees

Category 1:

Items that are the responsibility of the Secretary to correct or incorporate

- A) We recommend that the secretary makes housekeeping modifications to the Operating Procedures that do not change the meaning or intent of the language. This falls under the responsibility of the Secretary.**

Historical database of motions: From the Assembly and ACM minutes

- Delegate
- Alternate Delegate
- Old Business
- New Business
- reports by Ad hoc Committees

We have reviewed minutes from

- 1973 to 1987 and
- 1996 to present.

We will finish reviewing 1987 to 1996 before our Sept ACM.

Category 1A: Secretarial housekeeping

- Grammar, punctuation, spelling, maintain gender neutrality
- Global secretarial changes that are not reflected in part B, or as comments on the margins of the Reformatted Operating

Original Word or Term	Updated Word or Term	Note
Chairperson	Chair	At least 93 instances
AA	A.A.	
Service Manual	The A.A. Service Manual	
DCM's	DCMs	
GSR's	GSRs	
Elections	elections	(when it is not a title)
SID	Service information Day	
Web Master	Webmaster	

- Add Registrar to the Area Officers list in Appendix 4 – page 1 in the Introduction
- Remove Appendix 4 – page 10 and add a row to the chart on page 11 for 1/3 of total votes cast

Category 1:

It has always been the secretary's responsibility to correct language and punctuation, without changing the meaning. The items listed here have already been approved by the ACM and/or the Assembly and are the responsibility of the Secretary to incorporate into the Operating Procedures.

Category 2:

Requires the approval of the Area Committee

Category 3:

Requires the approval of the Area Committee and then the Assembly

Category 4:

No action required

- B) We recommend that the secretary updates the Operating Procedures to include these motions that were passed but incorrectly or not added to the Operating Procedures.**

Category 1B: Secretarial Corrections

- 1) October 2017 – Motion to Remove from Section III, 18 and add under Section III, 17:

Accept the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Archives in Area 83 to Add to operating procedures section III Responsibilities under Area Archives Chairperson: "The Area Archives Chairperson shall report the activities of the Archivist to the Area Committee and Assembly."

Correction: (pg 12) Moved from 3.18 Area Archivist to 3.16 Area Archives Chair in the modified Ops as indicated in the margin.

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- 2) March 2005 - Motion to aid in the coordination of the Bridging the Gap Temporary Contact Program within Area 83 and with other Areas to be added to the outline of the responsibilities for the Area 83 Treatment Chair and the Area 83 Corrections Chair in the Area 83 Operating Procedures

Correction: insert reference to Bridging the Gap as follows

Under Section 3.12: (pg 12) The Chair shall liaise, with the Districts' and Intergroups' Correctional Facilities Committees and shall provide assistance (**i.e., Bridging the Gap**), when requested, in accordance with the *Workbook for Correctional Facilities*.

Under Section 3.13: (pg 12) Similar insertion for the Treatment/Accessibility.

Category 1B: Secretarial Corrections

- 5) March 2018 – Motion to print a poster sized version of the [Assembly] agenda and place it in the atrium.

Correction: (pg 9) Add to 3.07 Secretary

The secretary will print a poster-sized version of the Service Information Day agenda to be placed in the atrium.

Category 1B: Secretarial Corrections

- 3) March 2002 - Motion to recommend to the Area Assembly to modify the Area Committee Operating Procedures, Section III Expenses by

Changing : **"opening/banquet speakers on Assembly weekends"**

TO: **"workshop chairpersons/banquet speakers on Assembly weekends"**.

Correction: (pg 22) Under 7.01 : **"workshop chairs/banquet speaker on Assembly weekends"**.

Category 1B: Secretarial Corrections

- 6) October 2012 – Motion was made to add: "The Area Webmaster or Alternate Webmaster is **required** to attend the Area Committee Meeting and the Area Assembly."

Friendly amendment, to change the wording to **"suggested** to attend the Area Committee meeting and the Area Assembly" was passed but the motion with the word **required** was entered into the Operating Procedures under the Responsibilities of the Webmaster and Alternate Webmaster.

Correction: (pg 12) Under 3.19 Area Webmaster or Alternate Webmaster

Change:

The Area Webmaster or Alternate Webmaster is **required** to attend the Area Committee Meeting and the Area Assembly."

To:

The Area Webmaster or Alternate Webmaster is **suggested** to attend the Area Committee Meeting and the Area Assembly."

Category 1B: Secretarial Corrections

- 4) October 2018 – Motion to increase travel expense reimbursement from \$0.35/km to \$0.40/km

Correction: (pg 21) In section 7.01 General After the words "cost of travel" **add:**
(at a rate of \$0.40/km)

Category 1B: Secretarial Corrections

- 7) 7.04 Bequests in Wills

In October 2007 there was a motion to:

Amendment to Area 83 Operating Procedures under section III, Expenses Sub-Section 4, bequests in wills, the second sentence be

changed to: **"the limit for such bequests is three thousand dollars \$3,000." From "the limit for such bequests is two thousand dollars \$2,000"**

to reflect the recent change by the General Service Conference.

Our Current Operating Procedures state:

Bequests in Wills are acceptable only from members of Alcoholics Anonymous. The limit for such bequests is **three** thousand dollars (\$5,000) and must be on a one-time-only basis and not in perpetuity.

Correction: (pg 21)

Change: \$5000

To: \$3000

Category 1B: Secretarial Corrections

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Category 2:
Requires the approval of the Area Committee

8) Introduce a hierarchical format to the Index and follow it throughout the entire document.

9) Appendix Two: Service Information Day Committee

Insert the following after the first paragraph: (pg 26)

The Area Chair will facilitate the election of the Service Information Day Committee Chair and Secretary. All members of the Service Information Day Committee interested in standing for the position of Chair and/or Secretary will place their names in a hat. The first name out of the hat will be the Service Information Day Committee Chair and the second name drawn will be the Secretary for the committee.

12) Appendix Two, Service Information Day-Assigning Workshop Chairs (pg 28)

Add a footnote to clarify:

"fuel expense" to be **at the rate provided in 7.01.**

Category 2: Requires ACM approval

10) Appendix Two, Service Information Day-Workshops/Presentations (pg 27)

Change:

The Area Delegate's workshop(s) generally are plenary sessions (full attendance / no other workshops scheduled).

To:

The Delegate's Plenary session is the time when the Area Delegate addresses all those in attendance.

Category 2: Requires ACM approval

13) Appendix Two, Service Information Day-Questionnaires (pg 28)

Change:

They should be designed in such a way that their results will give the **committee** a better idea of what the **assembly wants....**

To:

They should be designed in such a way that their results will give the **Service Information Day committee** a better idea of what the **members want....**

Category 2: Requires ACM approval

11) Appendix Two / Service Information Day / Assigning Chairpersons to workshops (pg 28)

Add a footnote to clarify:

An **import** is a guest who has been invited to participate and would otherwise not be attending the Area Assembly weekend.

Note: There was an Asterisk after 'import' that looked like it might have been linked to a footnote in the original version of Ops.

Category 2: Requires ACM approval

14) Appendix Two, Service Information Day-Responsibilities-Service information Day Committee Secretary (pg 29)

"Provide copies of those minutes to the members of the Service Information Day committee and Area Officers".

Either: Remove "and Area Officers"

OR: Start sending the minutes of the Service Information Day committee to the Area Officers

Category 2: Requires ACM approval

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15) Appendix Three- Procedure

Add: (pg 30)

In the case of a tie for the 6th member, a vote shall be held to choose between those 2 members.

Category 2: Requires ACM approval

18) PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENT FOR AN ELECTION:

(pg 34)

Change:

Chairs in the Assembly hall to be arranged with four aisles (left, right and two internal) to allow for more people to distribute and collect ballots – we may need more rows to make up for the loss of 2-3 chairs per row required to make the extra aisle.

To:

Chairs in the Assembly hall to be arranged with four aisles **of 6 chairs each** (left, right and two internal) to allow for more people to distribute and collect ballots – we may need more rows to make up for the loss of 2-3 chairs per row required to make the extra aisle.

Category 2: Requires ACM approval

16) Appendix Four-

Change Six to Eight in the following locations:

The Teller: (pg 33)

The Teller recruits the Ballot Distributors and Collectors. ~~Six~~ **Eight** people are required for this job.

The Teller also recruits the Ballot Counters. ~~Six~~ **Eight** people are required for this job.

Category 2: Requires ACM approval

19) THE RECORDER:

Change: (pg 33)

The Recorder is responsible for recording the names of all candidates standing for each position and displaying the list of candidates **on an overhead projector** for review by the Assembly.

To:

The Recorder is responsible for recording the names of all candidates standing for each position and displaying the list of candidates ~~on an overhead projector~~ for review by the Assembly.

Category 2: Requires ACM approval

17) PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENT FOR AN ELECTION:

Change: (pg 34)

Overhead projector & screen – always there, but make sure they work

To:

Make sure that a projector (overhead or laptop projector) is available and working.

Category 2: Requires ACM approval

20) THE RECORDER:

Change: (pg 33)

The Recorder reviews all results with the Election Chair prior to displaying them **on an overhead projector** for review by the Assembly.

To:

The Recorder reviews all results with the Election Chair prior to displaying them ~~on an overhead projector~~ for review by the Assembly.

Category 2: Requires ACM approval

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21) **SUPPLIES:**

Change: (pg 34)

Paper ballots – say a maximum of
5 ballots X **5 positions** X 250 votes per ballot =
approximately 8,000 ballot forms
Note: $5 \times 5 \times 250 = 6250$

To:

Paper ballots – ~~say~~ a maximum of
5 ballots X **6 positions** X 250 votes per ballot =
approximately 8,000 ballot forms
Note: $5 \times 6 \times 250 = 7500$

Category 2: Requires ACM approval

24) C. Election Procedure- (pg 39) **Number 9**

Change:

The Teller **writes** the number of ballots for each candidate **on a transparency**. The Teller also **shows** the total votes and the number of votes required for a 2/3 majority. At the end of the third ballot the Teller determines the number of votes equal to one-fifth of the total and **writes** this number **on the transparency**. At the end of the fourth ballot, the Teller determines the number of votes equal to one-third of the total and writes this **on the transparency**.

To:

The Teller **displays** the number of ballots for each candidate ~~on a transparency~~. The Teller also **displays** the total votes and the number of votes required for a 2/3 majority. At the end of the third ballot the Teller determines the number of votes equal to one-fifth of the total and **displays** this number ~~on the transparency for the Assembly~~. At the end of the fourth ballot, the Teller determines the number of votes equal to one-third of the total and displays this ~~on the transparency for the Assembly~~.

Category 2: Requires ACM approval

22) **SUPPLIES:**

Change: (pg 34)

Buckets for the collectors – **3 aisles** X 2
collectors each = **6 buckets** + spares

To:

Buckets for the collectors – **4 aisles** X 2
collectors each = **8 buckets** + spares

Category 2: Requires ACM approval

25) C. Election Procedure- (pg 39) **Number 11**

Change:

The Recorder reviews the results with the Election Chair and then places the transparency on the overhead projector for viewing by the Assembly

To:

The Recorder reviews the results with the Election Chair and ~~then places the transparency on the overhead projector for viewing by~~ **displays the results for** the Assembly.

Category 2: Requires ACM approval

23) **Election Agenda** (pg 37) – **Number 13**

Change:

Introduce each one separately, in the order of election, ask each to say a few words to the Assembly.

To:

Invite the newly elected Area Officers to stand up at the front to be presented to the Assembly as a group.

Category 2: Requires ACM approval

26) **Form for Recording Election Results**

There were two forms, and the page preceding them said

Change: (pg 41)

The following pages contain samples of forms for:

1. The recording of the results of each ballot
2. The recording of the results of all ballots for each position

To:

The following page is a sample form for recording the results of all ballots for one position. *Make a copy of this form for each position for which an election is being held*

Category 2: Requires ACM approval

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27) **Appendix Six, Number 13**

Rewrite for clarity: (pg 47)

Change:

What is the percent of attendance of groups?

To:

What percentages of groups attend the district meetings?

Category 2: Requires ACM approval

30) **Appendix Seven,
Administration and Maintenance, C.**
(pg 50)

CLARIFICATION

Mediate differences of opinion regarding the information displayed on the website and the services it provides.

This implies that the webmaster is to mediate?
Is that what is meant by the statement?

Category 2: Requires ACM approval

28) **Appendix Seven**

Change: (pg 48)

The Website shall serve as a communications tool within the Area by providing information about Area activities and events **and will** encourage further general service participation within the Fellowship **by serving as an exchange of information about opportunities for involvement in Area activities.**

To:

The Website shall serve as a communications tool within the Area by providing information about Area activities and events **to** encourage further general service participation within the Fellowship. ~~by serving as an exchange of information about opportunities for involvement in Area activities.~~

Category 2: Requires ACM approval

31) **Appendix Seven, Administration and
Maintenance, D.** (pg 50)

CLARIFICATION

Give website status reports at Area 83 Assemblies and Area Committee meetings as necessary.

If the webmaster gives a status report at an Assembly, would he be reimbursed if attendance at the Assembly is suggested but not required?

Category 2: Requires ACM approval

29) **Appendix Seven, G-9** (pg 49)

CLARIFICATION

What are the approved Area 83 newsletters?

Category 2: Requires ACM approval

32) 3.17 Service Information Day (pg 11)

CLARIFICATION

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

Category 2: Requires ACM approval

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Category 3: These items require the approval of the Area Committee and then the Assembly

33) Preface

Change: (pg 3)

Throughout this document, the meaning of words and phrases specific to A.A. shall be defined in the most recent edition of *The A.A. Service Manual*. A copy of the Operating Procedures for Area 83 - Eastern Ontario International hereinafter referred to as "Area 83") *Assemblies* and *Area Committee Meetings* should be held by:

To:

Throughout this document, the meaning of words and phrases specific to A.A. shall be defined in the most recent edition of *The A.A. Service Manual*. "Area 83 - Eastern Ontario International" shall be hereinafter referred to as "Area 83". A copy of the Assembly and Area Committee Operating Procedures for Area 83 should be held by:

36) 3.05 Alternate Delegate

Change: (pg 9)

In the event of the absence of the Area Chair and the Alternate Delegate from any Assembly, **members** shall **select** a Chair for that Assembly only.

To:

In the event of the absence of the Area Chair and the Alternate Delegate from any Assembly, **voting members of that Assembly** shall **elect** a Chair for that Assembly only.

Category 3: Requires ACM & Assembly approval

34) 1.01 Name

Change: (pg 6)

The Assembly shall be known as the Area 83 Assembly, hereinafter called the **Area Assembly**.

To:

The Assembly shall be known as the Area 83 Assembly, hereinafter called the **Assembly**.

Category 3: Requires ACM & Assembly approval

37) 3.07 Secretary

Change: (pg 9)

for recording the minutes of the **Assemblies**, compiling and updating

To:

for recording the minutes of the **Area Committee Meetings, Assemblies**, compiling and updating

Category 3: Requires ACM & Assembly approval

35) 3.03 Area Chair

Add: (pg 8)

(The Area Chair is eligible to vote at bi-annual and interim elections of the Area Officers and the sub-committee chairs as stated in section 4.02)

Category 3: Requires ACM & Assembly approval

38) 3.07 Secretary (pg 9)

Change: **address** lists

To: **contact** lists

39) 3.07 Secretary (pg 9)

Change: **"postage"**

To: **"printing"**

Category 3: Requires ACM & Assembly approval

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40) 3.07 Secretary (pg 9)
Change:
as well as **information on all Districts in the Area**

To:
as well as **contact details for all District positions in the Area**

41) 3.07 Secretary (pg 9)
Change:
all records of **Assemblies; and, other**

To:
all records of **Area Committee Meetings, Assemblies, and other**

Category 3: Requires ACM & Assembly approval

44) 3.16 Area Archives Chair
5 references to Service Zones in OPs, what are these Zones?

Add an Appendix outlining the service zones with a reference to a map (*suggest map be available on Area Website*):

Zone 1: Districts 2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 22

Zone 2: Districts 26, 28, 30, 82, 86

Zone 3: Districts 34, 36, 66

Zone 4: Districts 42, 48, 50

Zone 5: Districts 54, 58, 62

Zone 6: Districts 70, 74, 78

Category 3: Requires ACM & Assembly approval

42) 3.08 Treasurer (pg 9)

Change:
Each year, the Treasurer shall prepare a **Financial Statement** to be presented to the Spring Assembly.

To:
Each year, the Treasurer shall prepare **Spending Guidelines** to be presented to the Spring Assembly.

Category 3: Requires ACM & Assembly approval



Category 3: Requires ACM & Assembly approval

43) 3.09 Registrar (pg 10)

Change: **"roll call forms"**

To: **"registration sign-in sheets"**

Category 3: Requires ACM & Assembly approval

45) 3.18 Area Archivist (pg 12)

To be appointed (or re-appointed) for a (3) three-year term by the Area Committee, on a recommendation of the Area Chair after consultation with the **Area Archives Committee**. Resumes for consideration shall be submitted to the Area Chair.

CLARIFICATION

Who makes up this Area Archives Committee to be consulted regarding the appointment of the Area Archivist?
(outgoing Archivist and Archives chair?)
Should it be the Archives Chair that is consulted?

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46) Section 4: Election Procedures (pg 14)

Add: **Table of Eligibility**

	Regular Bi-Annual Every year, with term of office commencing on January 1, of the following year.	Interim Any time outside of Regular Bi-Annual election.
Assembly Area Officers	1 st Members of outgoing Area Committee, if no one is prepared to stand. 2 nd Members of immediate past Area Committee, if no one is prepared to stand. 3 rd Nominations from the floor.	1 st Members of immediate past Area Committee, if no one is prepared to stand. 2 nd Nominations from the floor.
Area Committee Area Sub-Committee Chairs	1 st Members of immediate past Area Committee, if no one is prepared to stand. 2 nd Nominations from the floor.	1 st Members of immediate past Area Committee, if no one is prepared to stand. 2 nd Nominations from the floor.
District* District officers and Committee Chairs	1 st Members of outgoing General Service Representatives, if no one is prepared to stand. 2 nd Nominations from the floor.	1 st Members of outgoing General Service Representatives, if no one is prepared to stand. 2 nd Nominations from the floor.
Trustees for General Service Board Area Nominee	Nominations from the floor.	Nominations from the floor.
E L I G I B I L I T Y		

Category 3: Requires ACM & Assembly approval

Additional items to consider:

49) The Website guidelines and Responsibilities for Webmasters and the Alternate are dated.

Form an ad hoc committee to review Appendix Seven-Area 83 Website Guidelines and 3.19 Responsibilities of the Area 83 Webmaster and Alternate Webmaster

47) 7.03 In Memoriam Fund

Change: (pg 21)

Upon the death of any member of the Area Committee, a donation of one hundred dollars [\$100.00] shall be made to the *In Memoriam* Fund at the General Service Office.

To:

Upon the death of any **current** member of the Area Committee, a donation of one hundred dollars [\$100.00] shall be made to the *In Memoriam* Fund at the General Service Office.

Category 3: Requires ACM & Assembly approval

50) Motion to add under 3.03 Area Chair: (pg 8)

Before the end of their term, the Area Chair together with the Area Secretary, shall ensure that all motions passed over the term have been accurately incorporated into the Operating Procedures.

Category 3: Requires ACM & Assembly approval

48) January 2008 - Motion that any unexpected expense outside Area 83 require Area Committee approval in advance.

Recommendation: add under 7.01 (pg 21)

"Any unexpected expense outside Area 83 require Area Committee approval in advance."

Category 3: Requires ACM & Assembly approval

51) Motion to add under 3.07 Area Secretary at the beginning of the second paragraph: (pg 9)

Up-to-date Operating Procedures shall be distributed at the beginning of each year.

Category 3: Requires ACM & Assembly approval

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52) Motion in 3.17 after "The Delegate shall select the Saturday night dinner speaker" to add the words: (pg11)

whose name is to be included on the Service Information Day Agenda.

Category 3: Requires ACM & Assembly approval

55) October 2001 - Motion to amend our Area 83 Operating Procedures Section IV ,New Districts be modified to read as follows

"At approximately the middle of every two-year period there should be a review by each District Committee Member of the need for redistricting within the District in order to provide AA. services in the best interest of the groups and members. Should redistricting be desired District Committee Member should take action in accordance with The A.A. Service Manual Chapter III. The proposed redistricting shall be brought to the Area Assembly for approval."

Recommendation: That the chair brings this up at the January ACM in the even years.

The Area Chair should add this to the list of informal suggestions that are passed on from one Area Chair to the next.

Category 4: Took no action

53) In 2018 the GSO upped the amount of bequests to \$5000. In the past we have updated our OPs to agree with GSO.

Recommendation: (pg 21) the Area Committee consider updating the amount in 7.04 Bequests in Wills to \$5000.

Category 3: Requires ACM & Assembly approval

56) June 2001 - Motion to ensure that all our future Area meetings after September 2, 2001 be held only in facilities that are totally accessible to any persons with physical disabilities.

Recommendation: that no action be taken to implement this into the Operating Procedures.

Category 4: Took no action

Category 4: No action to be taken

Just in case anyone checked our work, we wanted to make sure that you knew we saw these items and carefully considered them.

54) January 2007 - That the delegate shares electronically as soon as possible, the preliminary and final General Service Conference agenda with DCMs and Area Committee chairpersons and officers

Recommendation: The spirit of the motion has been captured in the service manual and no changes to the operating procedures is required.

Category 4: Took no action

57) June 2000 - Motion that Area 83 continue to support the attendance of the Alternate Delegate to one annual intergroup conference during each term.

Recommendation: that no action be taken to implement this into the Operating Procedures.

Category 4: Took no action

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58) June 1999 - Motion that the Area 83 Secretary will continue to receive, make copies and redistribute minutes from the Greater Toronto Area Intergroup Accessibility Committee to all members of the Area Committee.

Recommendation: that no action be taken to implement this into the Operating procedures.

Category 4: Took no action

In Summary: *for your consideration*

Category 1	Items 1-7	Secretarial
Category 2	Items 8-32	Requires the approval of the Area Committee
Category 3	Items 33-48; Items 49-53	Changes that require ACM and Assembly approval
Category 4	Items 54-58	Take no action