

# **Area 83 Eastern Ontario International**

## ***Virtual* Area Committee Meeting Minutes**

**September 12, 2020**

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## Area Committee Meeting – September 12, 2020

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### 1. OPENING

Area Chairperson, James O'D. opened the meeting at 10.00 a.m.

Good morning!! I'm an alcoholic a member of the Morning Discussion Group in District 10 and my name is James. It's an honour to serve Area 83 as your Chairperson.

Meeting opened with a moment of silence, followed by the Declaration of Unity.

12 Traditions read by Bert J. (Silverbirch group) visitor

12 Concepts (Short Form) read by Kevin O. (district 54)-visitor

Welcome to our 2<sup>nd</sup> virtual ACM. It's great to see everyone here today. This is our sixth 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. It is important for all of us to remember 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.

Even though we are on a virtual platform, I would ask you to remain attentive to whomever is sharing. Let's be courteous to all who give reports and during motion discussion.

## Some reminders

This is a non-smoking virtual space. This includes e-cigarettes and vaping. If you feel the need to smoke or vape please turn off your camera or wait until the break. 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.

At this time, I would like to introduce our Area Committee. In your mind's eye, picture the long table at the front and join me on a visual journey.

## Area 83 Officers

Our Panel 69 Delegate	Rob M.
Alternate Delegate	Kimberley M.
Secretary	Amy L.
Treasurer	JoAnn P.
Registrar	Dave L.
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.
Service Information Day Chairperson	De R.

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

Also, with us today we have:

**Previous Delegate:** Joyce S. Panel 65 Delegate

**Appointed positions:** Area Webmaster – George McQ.; Area Alternate Webmaster – David C.

**Notable Guests:** Jan L., Eastern Canada Regional Trustee

## Housekeeping:

Our meeting schedule, up to and including tentative dates in 2021, 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. We will be meeting again as an Area Committee in December this year.

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

<sup>1</sup>Voted and approved at September 12, 2020 Area Committee meeting, see agenda [item 15](#) in these minutes.

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

**Food:**

Lunch has been arranged by you. Hope you enjoy it!

**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?**

**SENSE OF THE ROOM**

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

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

**VOTING:** For anything requiring a vote we will be using the polling feature. There will be two options: For/Against. Agenda item “D” in new business – discussion regarding date of December ACM - there will be four (4) options. We are not recording abstentions.

**DISCUSSION/RAISING HAND:**

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

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

**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 and old 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:	Trevor F., DCM, District 62
Discussion:	none

All those in favour:	32 votes (97%)
All those opposed:	1 (3%)
Motion:	Carried

## **2. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

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

*De, DCM 02* pointed out that the SID report is not included on the Agenda (6H) as circulated

**OLD BUSINESS TO BE ADDED–** None

**NEW BUSINESS TO BE ADDED–**

**13D. Discussion regarding date of ACM in December 2020.**

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

Moved:	De R., DCM District 02
Seconded:	Eileen S., DCM District 28
Discussion:	none
All those in favour:	33 votes (100%)

All those opposed:	0 vote (0%)
Motion:	Carried

## **3. ROLL CALL**

Our Area Registrar Dave is taking the roll call today and will be sharing his results during his report. Please make sure that your name matches the naming protocols outlined at the beginning of the meeting.

**FROM THE REGISTRAR'S REPORT:** The roll call for the Area Committee Meeting of September 12, 2020 is:

The roll call for the Area Committee Meeting of September 12, 2020 is: 16 Area Officers (including Area Webmaster), 1 Immediate Past Delegate, 1 Past Delegate(s), 21 District Committee Members, 9 Alternate District Committee Members and 12 Visitors.

For voting purposes, we have: 14 Area Officers eligible to vote (including the Immediate Past Delegate) and 23 District Committee Members for a total of 37 votes. Total delegation for this meeting is 57.

#### **4. REVIEW & ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES –AREA COMMITTEE MEETING June 6, 2020.**

Minutes of the June 6, 2020 ACM were originally distributed by email June 25, 2020

Terry N, DCM District 26 noted that in one instance in the minutes she was listed as DCM district 28.

*This has been corrected in the approved and posted minutes.*

- **A motion was made to accept the June 6, 2020 ACM minutes as amended.**

Moved:	Bev H., DCM District 34
Seconded:	Glenn G., DCM District 18
Discussion:	None
those in Favour:	34 (98%)

Those opposed:	1 (2%)
Motion:	Carried

#### **5. DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

(Sequence of reports were 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.

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

*Let's get started*

##### **District 02 Malton**

Good morning all, my name is De, I'm an alcoholic, grateful member of the KF Group and have the honour and privilege of serving as District Committee Member for District 02 – Malton. I hope everyone had a great summer, even if plans may have had to be altered.

Attendance at our business meeting since June has declined with an average of 26%. We continue to keep our General Service Reps informed by forwarding information from the Area and General Service Office, and various workshops made available to us.

We continue to meet virtually and there is no indication at this time when we will be allowed by the Church to meet in person.

Financially, we are stable and have some contributions from our groups and 7<sup>th</sup> at our District business meeting through e-transfers set up by our Treasurer. At our upcoming September business meeting, we will discuss financial support to Area and GSO.

At our June meeting we held our Table Officer elections and I am pleased to announce that Patrick B., of the Rexdale United Group was voted in as District Committee Member. Also, we filled the position of Treasurer and I am once again pleased to announce that Vince R., of the Sunday Serenity Group was voted in. We continue to find someone to stand for our Secretary/Registrar as well as Alternate District Committee Member.

We have heard from our General Service Reps that many in our District are attending online meetings, and in some cases, attendance has increased in lieu of in person meetings. Two of our Groups, the Rexdale United and the KF Group will begin in person meetings September 16<sup>th</sup> and September 19<sup>th</sup> respectively. All precautions will be in place

to safely re-open these groups – distancing of chairs, people, having sanitizer and face masks available. Both venues are churches which have resumed their services.

We continue to encourage our members to attend online meetings. Several of our Subcommittee Chairs have been meeting with Intergruop's Chairs for hybrid meetings, so the business of AA continues, as well as information sharing. We continue to be of support to all our groups. This concludes my report.

Yours in Grateful Service, De R.

### **District 06 Mississauga**

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

Our virtual Business Meetings continue to be well attended with on average 27 members joining in with 60% group participation. While all our Sub Committee Chair positions have been filled since the beginning of the term, we do have four Alternate positions open. I'd like to welcome our newest committee member; Tony from Rest and Recovery as our Alternate Archives Chair. Thank you all for your continued service.

At our last Area Committee Meeting I announced the shut down of all our in-person meetings. Online meetings have supported many in the fellowship and many new members are getting sober virtually. Currently we have three groups and one service group that have opened in person meetings. Many more are having discussions on how to best move forward. Our Webmaster Ivy has been diligent in keeping the aamississauga.org website up to date.

Our finances remain in good shape, although contributions from the groups are low given the current climate. Our Treasurer, Jill, put forth a motion to disburse funds beyond our prudent reserve with \$1000 to GSO and \$500 to Area.

I'm happy to report that one of the Treatment facilities we support have opened their doors to us. We're looking forward to the others following suit along with our Corrections commitment at Toronto South.

In June we held elections for our 2021/22 DCM and ADCM positions: Nat S from Bloordale is our incoming DCM and Jill B from Erin Mills is our incoming ADCM. District 6 has enthusiastic leadership coming into the new term.

I look forward to our continuing Service Information workshop Session and our Area Assembly. Thank you for my sobriety.

Yours in Love and Service, Susan K

### **District 10 Toronto South Central**

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

**Overview of Groups and Participation:** District 10 still has 26 registered groups. All but two have a contact registered and 21 have GSR's. Since going to online in April we have had between 18-20 attendees at our monthly District meetings. There continues to be valuable exchange of group experiences, ideas, and information at our District meetings, which is helpful for everyone. We did experience a slight downturn at our Sept. meeting this past week, but are hoping it's due to the long weekend, school starting etc.

**Finances:** Overall, D10 is currently financially stable. We have had 3 contributions since going online in April, totaling \$525, down significantly from the same time last year. Most groups who are able, are contributing to GSO and Intergruop, as they deem them as the most in need at the moment.

The District voted to pay our 2H2020 rent, although we may not be able to get back into the space in 2020. Once we assess our required reserves and projected 2020 year-end balance, we will have a fuller picture.

**Group Activities:** Currently 24 of our 26 groups hold online meetings, with over 45 meetings a week. The groups are well settled into the new normal and have adapted well to the new environment. The GSR's now report



consistent and good attendance and are doing their best to reach out and connect with newcomers, as well as those struggling!

At least 50% of the groups have adopted an electronic 7<sup>th</sup>, and are still experimenting with processes that work for their membership.

Currently only three groups are moving back to in-person “hybrid” meetings. We’re excited to see how these go. Most groups cannot get back into their venues because they are not opening to them yet, or the members are hesitant to move back to in-person meetings because of concerns of health safety. A couple of venues have told a few groups that they will not be asked back at all.

**Service Commitments and Service Committees:** Our District Treatment commitments are slowly beginning to resume, on Zoom only. CAMH and Women’s Own are starting back up, but there is little to no attendance yet. It’s still early and we’re working with the Centres to encourage and establish attendance. We hope to be back to our 24-26 Treatment commitments in the next two or three months.

Most of the other Committee Chairs are still meeting with their counterparts at the GTA level, and they report that things are becoming more active in these service areas as well!

**Positions:**

These are uncertain times and we’re so grateful to have so many people able to continue to participate in District service. Since our last ACM we filled our open CPC position but lost our Grapevine, Self-support, and Treatment chairs due to other life commitments. Treatment has been filled already and we hope to fill the other two soon!

**Summary**

As we move toward the conclusion of this term, we’ve established an ad hoc committee to review and update our District 10 Operating guidelines. We have a team of 5 working together, with a target to present a revised version to the table in November/December 2020. It’s a tight deadline, so we’ll be focussing on major items along with recommendations for further changes at a later date.

On a final note, we will be holding District elections for the 2021-2022 term at our October meeting. As well as new faces, we hope some of our members will consider new positions next year! 2020 in particular has been a challenging journey and I am so grateful to be part of such a dedicated and enthusiastic team.

Yours in Love and Service, Ann J.

**District 12 Toronto South West**

I am an alcoholic a grateful member of the Westmoreland Group, and District Committee Member for District 12, Toronto South West, my name is Dennis. We are doing well in District 12, our finances are stable and we are supporting Area 83 as well as GSO. Our service commitments are slowly returning, allowing our members to again be of service in our community. Most groups have embraced Zoom meetings. We are waiting with anticipation for face to face meetings to safely restart. There are to my knowledge some meetings happening, and I've advised my GSR's to remind their members to be responsible for theirs and the health of others.

Yours in Love and Service, Dennis McC.

**District 14 Toronto North Central**

Hello, I’m Bill W., a member of the North Toronto group and the Alternate DCM for District 14. It is my privilege to report the following.

Our District is thriving and well. Several groups have opened up back to in-person meetings with proper procedures in place.

As well several groups have launched Hybrid meeting with participation by both in person and via zoom attendees.

Most sub committees are quiet at present. As well several positions remain vacant.

Our Treatment Chair -George B. has reported that one of the facilities in our district has opened up for meeting. CHIRS - (Community Head Injury Resources Center <http://www.chirs.com/>) all other remain closed presently.

District finances are in good shape with recent disbursements to both GTA intergroup and GSO.

Our elections will be held at our October meeting. General enthusiasm remains high amongst all the GRS in the district

Happily, Yours in Service, Bill W.

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

Hello Everyone: My name is Gregorio A member of the Grupo Amistad and have the pleasure to represent the Distrito Hispano #16 as the MCD.

At this moment there are two groups having in-person meetings, Distinto Amanecer in Kitchener and Grupo Amistad in Toronto. Grupo Amistad started to conduct 2 in-person meetings and 3 via zoom in May and as per the members requests to add more meetings we added two more days plus kept the 3 meetings via zoom.

We implemented the health basics procedures from the beginning which are keeping the 6 feet distance, using masks, sanitise before and after meetings and suspended the coffee service.

Grupo Amistad's members are paying the rent monthly, but we are behind one month, fortunately the landlord has been very flexible with the group and we are trying to catch up with the payment as soon as possible.

Grupo Amistad was fortunate to celebrate 32 years of being opened and we had a modest celebration with a small cake as Victor M. was also celebrating his 32 years of sobriety.

Unfortunately the Grupo Unidad located on 1049 Weston Road had to close its doors as per request of the landlord and have had their own communication meetings via WhatsApp and soon the members will be meeting in person at the location of grupo Amistad three times a week when they meet via zoom.

At the Distrito Hispano, the members have met only one time in person, I have sent emails communicating any information, but it has been very limited. Unfortunately, most of the district members are not familiar with zoom or they do not prefer this channel so hopefully the pandemic will slow down, and we could come back to in-person meetings.

Yours in love and service, Gregorio A

## **District 18 Toronto City East**

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

We recently held elections. Congratulations to our incoming: District Committee Member Christy F., member of The Steps to Serenity group and our Alternate District Committee Member, Greg R., member of the Markham Village group. They have served the District well in their current service positions of ADCM and Treasurer respectively. This term, they have both also gone above and beyond, "normal service", in supporting the DCM position as right and left hands. Both their/other District 18 members, additional commitment/duties to: District 18, Greater Toronto Area Intergroup, Area 83; sub-committee/panels/focus sessions is exemplary. The immediate future for District 18 is in sterling hands. Please say hello when you see them today. Elections for Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar will be held at our October District meeting. It is likely that position of webmaster will be created soon.

Ajay P., new GSR for the Unionville group and Brendan O., of Fellowship of the Spirit, just joined us at the District table. They both immediately took service positions; Ajay as Alt Corrections chair and Brendan as Treatment Chair. Katrina E. Has also stepped up as our Corrections Chair. Our other sub-committees have either a chair, alt chair or both.

Our many sub-committee chairs are also active: Greg R. Alt Accessibility, Jeff A. for CPC, Jeff A. Alt. PI Chair, Rick M. for Archives, Jim B., Alt Archives Chair, John M. for Grapevine, Larry V. for Self Support. The Greater Toronto Area sub-committees continue to meet via zoom. The District table is functioning in an enthusiastic, respectful and cooperating manner. Many of our GSR's, from our 26 groups, have actively attended our District meetings this term. During the pandemic, attendance has ranged from approximately 30 to 40 percent. We continue to recruit additional committee members from our District 18 groups. We previously both encouraged and supported our GSR's to attend the Area 83 Eastern Ontario International Assembly and Service Information Day. We will continue to do this for both the fall assembly and future events. We know that Area 83 Eastern Ontario International is planning a virtual Assembly on October 24/25, 2020.

Although our District 18 committee meeting attendance has recently been between 30 and 40 percent, our District is both spiritually and financially fit. We are a cohesive team, reviewing both current/future goals!

Prior to this global pandemic, in addition to their usual service, our District 18 officers have been very active in either supporting/driving sub-committee initiatives. Their focus is now directed towards increasing District 18 zoom meeting attendance, encouraging/enhancing GSR communication, zoom meeting questions/answers and participation at Greater Toronto Area committee/joint sharing zoom meetings.

We are grateful for the previous zoom support/initiatives provided by our Area 83 Eastern Ontario International officers. Christy F., our Alternate District Committee member (ADCM), along with many of both our Group Service Representatives (GSRs), and individual District 18 members, have been enthusiastically embracing zoom. Currently, I am aware of at least 11 zoom meetings in District 18, covering most of the week. Please visit [www.district18.org](http://www.district18.org) for a list of our District 18 zoom meetings. The website has many resource links. There are a few face to face meetings in District 18. They are following protocols from both the Province of Ontario and the facility/church.

District 18, along with the other 7 GTA Districts, participated via zoom for Information AA Day on Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020. It was a fun, informative, successful event.

Our weekly service commitment meetings: parole board, hospital, men's detox, are still closed.

District 18 has purchased 15 Grapevine Pocket Planners and 15 Grapevine Calendars. These will be sold within the District in December.

The East Toronto Archives Breakfast (ETAB15) committee, a co-hosted event with District 22, continues to meet via zoom.

We are grateful to the Area 83 Operating Procedures ad-hoc committee consisting of Amy L, Area 83 Secretary, Kimberley M., Area 83 Alternate Delegate, and Sandy S. a past Area 83 Delegate. The thoughtful analysis, review, and recommendations were both comprehensive and extensive. The presentation process to the Area 83 committee was informative, patient and thorough. The District 18 operating procedures were updated four years ago. At this month's District 18 meeting, the table voted to create a Procedures Review ad-hoc committee consisting of Katrina E., a past District 18 DCM, Glenn G., current DCM, Christy F., incoming DCM, and Greg R., incoming ADCM. I imagine that the ad-hoc committee will present their recommendations at the November District meeting.

Members are impatiently waiting for the reopening of face-to-face meetings. Prior to the pandemic, research determined that face-to-face meetings are much more effective than online meetings. Zoom meetings were not prevalent at the time of those findings.

Yours in both gratitude and loving service, Glenn G. DCM

## **District 22 Scarborough**

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

I would like to begin by saying that communication continues to be a main focus during these past couple months.

As a quick recap, District 22 currently has 21 registered groups with approximately 15-17 groups that regularly attend our District meetings. Our District discussed alternate virtual monthly meeting option and moved over to a Zoom format. As a District we are financially secure, perhaps as expenses are down over the past few months. We are pleased to forward a contribution to GSO.

Our 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Service day - *"A VISION FOR SERVICE"* will take place on Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The committee meets monthly and enthusiastically via Zoom.

District Officers Elections will be facilitated by our immediate past DCM Tom S. and are scheduled to take place on Sunday Oct 4, 2020. Sub-Committee Elections will be held the following month Sunday Nov 8, 2020.

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

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

Our next scheduled monthly district meeting is approaching Sunday Sept 13, 2020 via Zoom. I will continue to reach out to groups within the District during this challenging time. Together WE can.

Yours In Love & Service, Lynn E.

## **District 26 Lakeshore West**

Good Morning Friends, I'm an alcoholic, a grateful member of the Sober Sisters Group and my name is Terry. It is my honour and privilege to serve as District Committee Member for Lakeshore West District 26. Our District is doing well, our finances are secure, and attendance has been around 60%. As District finances are doing well, we sent out an email for groups to support GSO if they have the finances.

90% of the groups in District 26 have Zoom Meetings. We have a new Zoom Group named the Sober Sisters which meets Friday Nights at 7:30 pm.

Vacant Chair Positions which I hope will be filled October 18, 2020 when we have our elections facilitated by Amy our Area 83 Secretary and JoAnn our Area 83 Treasurer. Grapevine, PI, and Self Support.

We have had three District Zoom Meeting; however, we close for the summer. Our next District Meeting is September 20, 2020.

- June 16, 2020, I attended Area 83, How do we reach out to members missing from our Zoom Meeting?
- June 20, 2020, I attended our Service Day, a great report by Rob M. Panel 69 Area 83 Delegate.
- June 23, 2020, I attended the Breakout Rooms Session with Kim M. Panel 69 Alt. Delegate.
- June 30, 2020, I attended Safely Returning to In-Person meeting Session # 1
- July 21, 2020, I attended Safely Returning to In-Person meeting Session # 2
- August 30, 2020 Help with the Tech Hosting for the Service Information Day Session 1.
- September 9, 2020, I attended Third Legacy Procedure Session.

I am grateful for the opportunity to be of service.

Yours, in Love & Service, Terry N.

## **District 28 Lakeshore East**

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

Our District, like many others, do not have business meetings in July and August. Our next meeting is via Zoom tomorrow, September 13. Elections for all District service positions will be held. Our Area Treasurer, JoAnn, will be facilitating the elections, with the assistance of our Area Secretary, Amy. Hopefully, all of our positions will be filled, and I will announce the newly elected District Committee in my December report.

Many of our groups have been meeting through Zoom. Very recently, some meetings are starting to meet in person again. Meetings are posted on the Lakeshore District website:

<https://www.aadurham.org/2020/09/02/local-groups-re-opening-for-face-to-face-meetings/>

I would like to thank the Area for organizing the round-table meetings to discuss re-opening of meetings. I did participate, and I found the information during and after the meetings to be vital in communicating best practices for groups who are considering re-opening.

Yours in Love and Service, Eileen S

### **District 30 Quinte West**

Read by Maria, Alternate DCM.

Hello friends, I am an alcoholic, a member of The Alderville Pioneer Group, currently serving District 30 as District Committee Member; my name is Rick.

I don't have a lot to report for district 30, all our meetings were shut down. Some people are enjoying there zoom meetings other not so much, for me my internet provider is not fast enough for zoom and at this point there is only one provider here. I believe 3 meeting have started back up in district 30, we still don't have a place to hold district meetings. I pass on all the information from area to district 30. I hope everyone is well and that one day we can meet in person again.

Yours in love and service, Rick W.

### **District 34 Quinte East**

Good Morning – I am an alcoholic currently serving as District Committee Member for District 34 – Quinte East. My home group is Women Living Sober, and my name is Bev. Alcoholics Anonymous is alive and well in District 34. Our financial commitments are being met and we have some groups contributing to District, Area and GSO.

The draft copy of our operating procedures will be available to all members of District 34 by the end of September. This process is finally coming to an end!!!

Groups and members of our District are adjusting to the new normal. Some groups have taken the initiative to move forward with a Zoom meeting format. Some groups have been meeting outside at various locations throughout the district. Members are reaching out to members assisting them and/or providing log in information to help ensure no one is without the opportunity to be part of a meeting. And that is what we do as responsible members of Alcoholics Anonymous.

District meetings have been taking place via Zoom with limited attendance. Prior to our August meeting, two GSR's volunteered to reach out to all groups to encourage them to take part in the District meetings via Zoom. This did increase attendance at the August meeting so I am hoping this will continue. The district also has purchased its own Zoom account and will be using it for future meetings.

District elections will be happening on September 24, 2020. I have contacted a previous DCM of our District to facilitate the elections and our Alt. Delegate – Kimberley has accepted our invitation to also assist that evening. So, thanks Kimberley!!

The Addictions Centre in Belleville has also opened its doors to start accepting clients for treatment. This should facilitate Bridging the Gap requests again. The In- House meeting that is normally held on Monday evenings is still not happening.

Due to COVID-19, the Belleville and Area Roundup scheduled for November has been cancelled. But having said that, the committee is enthusiastically looking forward to November 2021!!

District 34 wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable fall!!

Yours in Love and Service, Bev H.

### **District 36 Kingston & The Islands**

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

Many online meetings have been flourishing in District 36 over the summer, with participation from local members and from many out of district attendees. Two of our groups have now started up face to face meetings with one operating a hybrid meeting. All the required precautions are being followed. Many other groups are considering restarting their meetings or are waiting to see what transpires in the province as cases of Covid-19 are anticipated to go up and restrictions may well be put back in place. Treatment meetings continue to be suspended.

We have continued to hold District meetings over the summer. Our treasurer Heather E. reports a reasonable balance as our expenses have been low. We have been able to make contributions to GSO and Area 83. We plan to hold our District elections on October 28 using input from the new zoom guidelines.

Yours in Gratitude and Service, Jack R.

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

Greetings from across the St Lawrence. My name is Ted, DCM for district 42. My home group is the Fall Island Big Book Study Group.

We seem to be getting used to the new reality; doing what district activities we can, and not getting too bothered by what is not possible. Our district treasury is at a little more than half its usual level. This is not a problem because our expenses have dropped by more than that with shut down. Not traveling to Canada for assembly or committee meetings has cut a big chunk out. We are also not putting on our days of sharing or inter-district events. Milner G, our reach-out coordinator began talking to the hot line people more than a year ago about switching phone services to save money. This was accomplished for before the shut down and cut our phone expenses by about 75%. We did have a problem finding a person to pay because the reach-out offices are shut down. Milner was eventually able to succeed at paying them and they were thrilled to get the funds. We are also giving some money to the organization where we held our monthly district meeting as a show of gratitude for their support of AA for so many years.

We did get a new body attending our last district meeting via zoom. If we get lucky, we might be able to get him to take one of our open positions. With district elections coming up and very few people attending district meetings it may be that we will not be able to rotate out our positions in the proscribed manner.

The Zoom account that the district purchased has seen a lot of use. I don't know if it may become a permanent fixture in our district, but I could see that happening. There are currently 7 online meetings listed on our website. With the current uptick in Covid cases I don't see them ending anytime soon. There are 6 live meetings that have opened up. The ones I am familiar with are being very careful.

We have been doing a Zoom meeting at the County Jail for about 2 months. I find the jail meetings quite difficult because it is hard to hear what the attendees are saying much of the time. There are also very few inmates taking part because the jail population is low. This is one area where Zoom is not the best tool but certainly better than nothing. Lastly, as always, our new web site is almost done.

Yours in Service and Gratitude, Ted R

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

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

Participation at monthly District meetings has declined over the summer. We were missing several sub-committee Chairs at our September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, probably since there is very little activity with some sub-committees. One sub-committee which continues its work is our Accessibility Committee, with five members documenting the status of various levels of accessibility in our groups. We have re-opened four face-to-face meetings, with two more planned for later this month. We are posting the capacity for each meeting, which varies between fifteen and twenty-five, on our District website, along with information on the protocols in place. Some backyard meetings are being held; I attended one of these and the protocols were being very well followed.

Thank you to our Area Committee for the Zoom session on September 9 to discuss the Third Legacy procedure in a virtual world. We will be conducting District elections on October 7<sup>th</sup>, and the information from the session will assist us greatly in our Zoom session.

Yours in Love and Service, Wayne L.

### **District 50 Cornwall**

District 50 has in person meeting on Saturday night 7:00pm and zoom meeting every Sunday at 10:30am from the Sunday morning group. As a District our last meeting was March 4, 2020 and since that time, I have spoken with the GSR from Tuesday night group, Wednesday night group, Thursday night group Saturday night group and Sunday morning group. We have our phone line that is active, and some members are having outdoor meetings in their backyards. A lot of new members are having a difficult time without the in-person meetings. We are working on restarting Tuesday night and Saturday morning meetings.

Yours in service, Steph L.

### **District 54 Ottawa Rideau**

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

I am excited to tell you that I am here today with two members of District 54 who are here as observers. Karen A, our District Registrar, Barré C., a GSR and Kevin O. who is considering standing for election to the District Table.

District 54 is holding its elections on October 1<sup>st</sup> via Zoom. As has become tradition in the District, our immediate past DCM, Bartosz W., will run our elections. To that end, I participated in [most of] the Area 83 training session. District 54 is grateful to Area 83 for all the support the Area has provided, notably the two sessions on returning to the rooms. The summary document that was produced after the second session is incredibly useful and valuable. Two of our District meetings have begun formally meeting in person; a couple of groups have begun to hold smaller face-to-face gatherings in addition to their regular zoom meetings. I have been reaching out to GSRs of Groups who do not regularly attend District meetings, especially those that appear not to have launched online meetings.

District 54 continues to meet regularly via zoom. Eight Groups and the Ottawa PI-CPC Committee use the District account. On behalf of District 54, I wish everyone safety and health.

Yours in service, Jo D

### **District 58 Ottawa Bytown**

Absent, no report submitted.

### **District 62 Ottawa West**

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

District 62 currently has just one vacancy at our District table - our Alternate District Committee Member position. We've been seeing between a third and a half of our 44 registered groups in attendance at District meetings. District 62 will be holding Elections for the 2021-2022 term on September 14<sup>th</sup> via Zoom, and we're hoping for lots of

participation and a full roster. Thanks to Area 83 for putting together a great workshop on holding Third Legacy elections virtually this past week.

In person meetings at the Ottawa Withdrawal Management Center, our local Corrections facilities and Pre-Treatment Centers are all still temporarily closed. Our Ottawa Intergroup office is closed to the public as well, but they are doing curbside pickups for literature, the phones are still being answered, and newcomers are still finding their way to our Zoom meetings. A couple of groups in District 62 have started in person meetings again on a trial basis, others have begun meeting in parks, while the majority are choosing to remain virtual for the time being. Some groups have expressed interest in holding their face to face meeting over Zoom as well for a while.

Financially, District 62 is doing well, despite contributions being down - expenses are down as well. Looking forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming virtual Service Day sessions and the virtual Fall Assembly.

Yours in Love and Service, Trevor F.

### **District 66 Golden Triangle**

Good morning, everyone. I am an alcoholic, member of the Saturday Night Smiths Falls group, DCM of District 66, and my name is Neil.

Our monthly District Zoom meetings are quite small, yet I think our discussions are very relevant and the input from those attending is solid. I hold myself responsible for some of the dwindling attendance as I have not followed up with the absent members.

We are close to our prudent reserve, mostly due to a large literature purchase as books continue to flow in our district. The money will be recovered. Some of our groups have reopened meetings, following COVID-19 health unit guidelines as requested by the entity we rent our spaces from. Digital payments are a hot topic at the moment, as our self-support chair is working diligently to provide the table with the information needed.

The church that we meet in is opening the doors for church services this month. We are expecting to hear from them soon on guidelines for holding our meetings in the church possibly starting in October. There is discussion on the possibility of either staying with digital meetings or offering a hybrid.

Liability insurance is definitely on the board for our return, as the church attempts to lower operational costs. I will be contacting the Ottawa Intergroup to investigate their solution used in the Ottawa area.

Our Alternate Delegate, Kimberly, has graciously accepted our request to chair our district elections September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Our district chairs continue to do a solid job. Kudos to our Webmaster, who not only redesigned the website, but continues to ensure all information is kept up to date. That's all for this month.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve, Neil P.

### **District 70 Renfrew Pontiac**

Absent: *report submitted for inclusion in minutes*

Hi, I am an alcoholic and my name is Lisa and I have the privilege of serving as DCM for District 70. My home group is the Douglas group.

We will be resuming our district meetings September 20 after being on break for the summer.

There are several little informal groups that have been meeting outside in backyards or on patios in the recent weeks. The Cobden Way of Life group is the only one that is meeting indoors following the protocols set out by the church. It is Thursday nights at 8pm as it always was.

Yours in Service, Lisa C.



## **District 74 Pembroke**

I am an alcoholic, member of the Hand of AA group and my name is Jane. I serve as the District Committee Member for District 74, Pembroke and surrounding area. These past few weeks we have seen a few of our groups go "live" with their meetings. We have kept our District Zoom Account and these meetings are now a mix of in person and zoom attendance.

We anticipated a surge in phone activity, however, our phone line has been surprisingly inactive over this period. It seems most folks are still searching for information online. We placed more Ads in the local newspapers, this time with the 12 Questions and the phone line activity has picked up a bit.

Financially we are not in great shape as contributions are slowed to almost nil. Hopefully with the live meetings resuming, this will correct itself.

District 70 and 74 share an archivist appointed by the DCM's for a two-year term on the even years. We have extended to invitation to Maryanne H. and she has accepted the position. We look forward to welcoming Maryanne in January 2021.

Our District Elections are scheduled for the November meeting with the following positions rotating out:

- District Committee Member
- Alternate District Committee Member
- Self-Support Chair
- Webmaster
- Grapevine Chair
- Events Chair

We have invited the Area 83 Secretary, Amy, to assist us with the elections and she has accepted the invitation. Thank you, Amy!

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

Yours in love and service, Jane S.

## **District 78 Madawaska Valley**

I'm an alcoholic, currently serving as DCM for District 78, Madawaska Valley and my name is Michelle. As we continue to navigate these trying times, I'm pleased to report most of our groups have reopened for face to face meetings with a few still doing Zoom. Unfortunately, one of our groups has become inactive due to lack of membership. At the District level we are keeping up with fiscal responsibilities and are preparing for elections. Thanks to the Area team for all the Zoom training, we have defiantly used it to its full advantage. I hope to see you all as we trudge the road to happy destiny!

Yours in Love and Service, Michelle C.

## **District 82 Victoria Haliburton**

I am an alcoholic, I am the DCM for District 82, I belong in the Bolsover Pines Group and my name is Glenn.

Our district is doing well financially so far and have been able to meet all of our financial obligations. We have not met as a district since March right before Covid-19 closed everything down. Normally we take a break for summer and start back up again tomorrow but due to Covid we have no plans on meeting as a district.

Currently we have two meetings that are open. Both have a cap on how many people may attend at 21 and 25. The kitchens in both halls are not accessible at this time and regular social distancing rules apply. I hope everyone stays safe!

Yours in service, Glenn B.

## District 86 Kawartha

Good Morning Friends, I am an alcoholic, proud member of the Freedom Group, currently serving as District Committee Member of District 86, and my name is Tim. We have many Zoom meetings and some outdoor meetings going on that are going well. We have one meeting that has started up face to face and others planning strategies around also reopening. This has been a slow process as everyone is being cautious and monitoring ongoing changes. The group I belong to has decided to have our next business meeting this week in person. Our District has been doing OK financially during the last few months. Contributions are down but there is enough coming in to cover our reduced expenses. We continue to hold monthly Zoom business meetings with good attendance.

Nominations open tomorrow to fill Committee positions for the 2021-22 District table with elections Oct 4th. I have had a great time working with and getting to know our District Committee and GSR's. Considering the hurdles we have faced during this term I believe all of these people have performed admirably. This goes for the Area Officers and Committee as well. This has been an interesting term and I have been blessed to be of service to AA. I've had the opportunity to be involved in finding solutions to continue carrying the message to the suffering alcoholic. For that I will be forever grateful.

Yours in Gratitude, Love and Service, Tim F.

*Thank you to all those who gave reports.*

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

Moved:	Trevor F.; DCM District 62	All those in favour:	27 votes (97%)
Seconded:	Eileen S.; DCM District 28	All those opposed:	1 vote (3%)
Discussion:	none	Motion:	Carried

## 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.

**FRIENDLY REMINDER THAT ITEMS SHARED IN THESE REPORTS ARE MEANT TO BE SHARED WITH GSR'S AT THE NEXT DISTRICT MEETING SO THEY CAN TAKE THE INFORMATION BACK TO THEIR GROUPS.**

### A. Public Information

**Ray R.**

I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Last Chance Grp, my name is Ray. I have the privilege of serving as the area 83, panel 69 Public Information Chair. Virtual hugs to everyone.

Since the last area committee meeting, , I had the pleasure of attending both service days and the information AA day that took place in June. While I was unable to fully participate, I was able to listen to the presentations. Those days were well organized, and the presenters were well prepared, which definitely makes for a good day. I thoroughly enjoyed the reports from our delegate, the G.S.O. speaker, and even the various service positions, I must say what touched me most was when our service men and women shared their experience from the front line. The ones going into the treatment centres, and the correctional facilities, that really brought the message home. I'm also looking forward to attending district 22's service day later this month.

I missed the round table discussions on how to reopen the rooms that took place in July, but I read the minutes, and a lot of good ideas came out of the discussion.

In May, the area lost one of its past servants, Dan N passed away from cancer. He served graciously at the area, but more important to me, he was a past D.C.M for district 2, and he played an important role in not

only getting me into but keeping me in service through his encouragement and examples. He will be sadly missed.

In August, I attended the G.T.A's monthly P.I. meeting. With their permission I invited chairs from Area 83, and from area 82. The information sharing session was very successful, and I'm hoping to do it again soon, and possibly expand it even more.

I would like to invite everyone to attend Service Information day, next week, Sept 20, where myself and other Chairs will be presenting our workshops. Please, continue to send me your reports, as that keeps me in the loop, and know that I'm available for workshops, or to help any way possible, I can be reached at [pi@area83aa.org](mailto:pi@area83aa.org), and remember, it's service with a smile.

Yours 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 Area Committee meeting in June, CPC has been keeping active over the summer. We had our fifth CPC District Chairs meeting which was held on 12 August 2020. We had 9 District CPC Chairpersons join and had a chance to discuss many topics. Our "Pay it Forward" project has moved along considerably. We have developed a set of materials which, as CPC Chairs, we can pass along to the next incoming Chair. Jeff A from District 18 is currently editing this document to put it into a more professional format. Two of the easy to implement actions, but with big impact, that emerged from this project are having a District-level email address that stays with the position rather than a personal email address and a simple spreadsheet (suggested template developed) that can be used to track contacts and follow-up over the service of an individual. Both of these actions make it much easier to have a more continuous level of service over different Chairs.

David T. has continued his work with Senior Military commanders in Canada to determine if and how AA can provide support to military members with alcohol problems. He has made great progress and has identified Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC) as the point for contact within the Military Command Structure.

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

On the North American initiative, we have had two meetings in the past quarter. There were about 43 and 55 of the 93 North American Area CPC chairs that joined. The Google Groups forum is working well, and we are starting to build a nice resource. The working group to organize a CPC Conference has finalized the agenda.

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

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

Yours in Love and Service, Bill C.

[cpc@area83aa.org](mailto:cpc@area83aa.org)

## **C. Correctional Facilities**

**Les M.**

Hello My Friends, I'm an alcoholic, member of the Foxboro Friendship Gr in District 34. Have the privilege of

being your Area 83 Corrections Facilities Chairperson.

Still getting the minutes from some of the Districts and this keeps me informed on what's taking place with the different Corrections Facilities. Unfortunately, not very much is happening as far as AA Meetings on the Inside are concerned, all are at a standstill.

Since the beginning of this Corrections term I have received twenty-two Bridging The Gap (BTG) requests.

Had an email from Brenda B, the Corrections Coordinator at the General Service Office (GSO) asking for help in getting a fellow AA member involved at volunteering in Corrections.

Attended a few Zoom Corrections Workshop I find these very informative. I'm here as a resource for you to use.

On a last note "If know one told you today that they love you, let Me be the First". Thanks for My Sobriety.

Yours in Love and Service, Les M.

[cf@area83aa.org](mailto:cf@area83aa.org)

#### D. Treatment Facilities/ Accessibility

Shane H.

Hello Friends, I'm an alcoholic and my name is Shane. I am very grateful to serve as your Treatment-Accessibility Panel 69 Chair.

**Treatment:** Great News! Area 83 received a first bridging the gap request from Homewood in Guelph three weeks ago. I have received 10 since then. Currently 2 of 5 treatment centres are open for bridging the gap from Area 86. Two out of four treatment centres are open in Area 83 as well. Before Covid happened in March I received 260 Bridging the Gap requests. It was pretty quiet until Toronto went into Stage 3 of the reopening protocol; that is when I received the Homewood request.

I am really looking forward to face to face meetings and I hope I can see you all in person again.

**Accessibility:** When Covid-19 hit, the GTA Accessibility committee was already meeting on Zoom. Under the strong leadership of De R., and her unofficial co-chair, Bert J., the committee did not miss a beat. They have put together a handbook and a flyer for the upcoming mobile meeting service that will be introduced to Toronto. Not the first of its kind, but a much-needed service in that area. They have a detailed handbook and offer a Zoom option as part of that service. This alcoholic is grateful to have been there and was allowed to participate.

It is so amazing to see a committee I love become mainstream—almost overnight. Online meetings started in 1986. They used computer bulletin boards. In 1990, members of special needs committees got together and started the Lamplighters. Wow! What a name. They called themselves that because they wanted to light the way for those who were lost in the dark; those who could not get to meetings such as loners, internationalists, persons with disabilities, shift workers. In 1992 the Online AA group was founded. By the year 2000 there were 6,000 members and 150 groups. Look at us now! 11 of the 15 districts I serve are very active and have been since before the Covid outbreak. A lot of members feel that \$1,200/year for a stand-alone Accessibility committee is not a lot, especially from what we have heard here today. From the various requirements for Hybrid meetings (hybrid meetings do overcome barriers). Looking forward to next Sunday for the presentation on Accessibility.

Special thanks to James and Rob for getting me in touch with various area chairs and six workshops from different areas. Wow! I really enjoyed all of them. It is my hope that a stand-alone accessibility chair might consider an annual Zoom Accessibility workshop. I attended Area 66 Accessibility workshop. There were 450 people in attendance. I really think this Zoom platform is important. While I really look forward to face to face meetings, I do think we need to continue hybrid meetings and Zoom will help make us more efficient. I am sorry that I voted against Zoom way back; I let my fear of the technology get in the way. I know that we are smart enough not to let it replace the old ways of AA. We need to incorporate and find a balance.

I have been put in touch with an Accessibility work group that has 18 area chairs as members and is growing fast. They started up on March 18, 2020. Every second and fourth Monday of the month 7 pm EST. Accessibility is mainstream now! Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Yours in grateful service Shane H.

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

## E. Grapevine

Jenny C.

Hello friends. I'm a member of the Smiths Falls Saturday night group I am currently serving as your area grapevine Chair my name is Jenny and I am an alcoholic.

*Some enchanted evening. . .*

*You know that tingling feeling you get when you drink your first cocktail of the evening?*

*It's the feeling of your common sense leaving your body.*

Dusty B – Hancock, Maine

As we continue on this virtual journey together I will say I would still prefer to be face to face with you however I am getting more comfortable being screen to screen with you.

I will put the important stuff first so that I do not run out of time. But please check the minutes as I am sure I won't have time to get through this entire report.

The **deadline** for all pocket planners and wall calendars to be submitted is **October 1st**. I have already received some forms and payments from a few districts. If you have sent payment and forms through the mail could you please send me an email so I know it is on it's way ([grapevine@area83aa.org](mailto:grapevine@area83aa.org)).

Pocket planners are \$7.00

Wall calendars are \$13.00

To be safe we are going to go forward with the relay method for distribution of your districts orders. A spread sheet will be distributed in the next 24 hours. If you could please look and see if you are able to contribute some of your time to this process it would be GrapeFully appreciated.

I have been attending the GTA grapevine meetings via zoom. Some exciting things are happening. Dareena B and Scott M from district 06 have been developed a file that can be used for your home group or district grapevine Reps to create a grapevine display. I believe this will completed soon. We have been speaking with our area webmaster George in hope that we will be able to get this posted to the area website for all to see and use.

If you look at the website. A one-year subscription to grapevine is currently \$46.13 Canadian.

A one-month ePub subscription is \$2.62 Canadian.

Always remember an easy way to help the still suffering alcoholic is to carry the message by giving a gift subscription. All details can be found at [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org) Don't forget The Grapevine workshop will be held September 27th.

**Deadline to submit orders: October 1**  
**For Grapevine pocket planners and wall calendars**

Make all cheque's payable to:  
**Area 83 Eastern Ontario International**  
E-transfers can be sent

to: [grapevine@area83aa.org](mailto:grapevine@area83aa.org)

Order forms can be mailed to:

122 Ramsay Drive

Carleton Place On

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Or

emailed to: [grapevine@area83aa.org](mailto:grapevine@area83aa.org)



If you need anything or have any questions please reach out. I am here to help.

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.

Firstly, I Would like to take the opportunity to thank the Districts that invited me to both Service Days back in June to put on a virtual Self-Support presentation that was facilitated by Area 83.

On August 17th our Delegate sent everyone the General Service Office financial report with a power point presentation from Leslie Backus, Class A (nonalcoholic) Trustee General Service Board Treasurer. A summarized and condensed finance report can be found in the final General Service Conference report on page 48. A more detailed report on A.A. finances will be made available separately in a supplemental report shortly. [Update: The final financial report as presented to the General Service Conference on August 15th was emailed to all Districts late last night.](#)

It has been interesting watching the financials coming out of our General Service office and seeing the fellowship rally when needed. I believe we are truly blessed to have the trusted servants as we do looking after our finances. During these challenging times and with the shut down, I am sure a lot of Prayer and meditation is taking place on their part. One phrase from our Big Book keeps coming to mind and that is, "Fear of people and economic insecurity will leave us,"

I have been asked by several members since the Conference, "What does it cost the General Service Office to service the Groups in AA?"

The total cost was \$11,804,000 in 2019. There are an estimated 1,446,603 members in Canada and the United States. If you divide the cost by the number of members it comes to, \$8.16 per member. So, if each and every member of AA contributed an additional \$8.16 one time this year there would be no shortfall.

There has been a grassroots challenge over the past few years and this year is no different. Some members have taken up the challenge once again. I have changed my view on such challenges over this term and although the \$8.16 figure is valid and accurate, I see it as more of a fundraising scheme than A.A.'s tradition of self-support "Where Money and Spirituality Mix". Each member ought to make his/her own decision whether to participate or not. Keeping in mind that this is not and has never been a challenge initiated by the General Service Office but from individual members.

Fundraising conflicts with the AA General Service Board's expressed and adopted definition of the phrase "fully self-supporting" from Tradition Seven, which states, all expenses are to be liquidated by individual contributions. Our founders wished to be very clear. Fundraising activity interferes with our faith that a God of our understanding will direct and provide for our fellowship if we follow traditions. Practicing our Traditions is our path to a higher power and true unity.

Fundraising encourages our membership to miss the underlying spiritual experiences inherent in the phrase "fully self-supporting". Simplicity, faith, generosity, sacrifice and responsibility are for many, necessary experiences required to have changed lives, becoming fully contributing members to our fellowship and to society as a whole.

In my very first report and workshop as Self Support Chair I discussed wording. Donation vs Contribution

regarding Self Support. In AA we use the word contribution because Self Support means so much more than just money. It also means time. Twelfth Step work is the lifeblood of Alcoholics Anonymous, carrying the message to the next suffering alcoholic. Without it, the Fellowship would wither and die.

Some face to face meetings are starting or will be discussing meeting re-opening. This will put us all to the test and hopefully the true meaning of Self-Support will be predominant. It will take a lot more than one person to open meetings during this pandemic. This is the time we as members need to pitch in and raise our hands to be part of. And please don't forget about the members who will not be able to attend face to face meetings at this time. AA was always meant to be inclusive not exclusive. Let our 12 Traditions be our guide when making decisions.

A special thanks to the Service Information Day Committee for mobilizing quickly and efficiently in going forward with the traditional workshops that usually proceed the Fall Assembly. I am looking forward to attending as many of the upcoming virtual Service information Day workshops as possible which will be held in September and October. The Self Support workshop is being held on September 27th at 7 pm. The theme of this workshop will be, 'Getting Back to the Basics of Self-Support'

In closing, thank you to all the Districts that continue to send us your District minutes. Rest assured, I read them all. If anyone has any questions or suggestions regarding Self-Support, I can be reached at, [selfsupport@area83aa.org](mailto:selfsupport@area83aa.org) . I am also available if you wish to invite me to any of your local Service days or Districts to give a Self-Support presentation. **ENTHUSIASM BREEDS ENTHUSIASM!!**

Yours in Love and Service, Mike B.

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

QUESTIONS FOLLOWING SELF-SUPPORT REPORT:

QUESTIONS: Glenn G., DCM d18: Do you think the Area should be making contributions to GSO given our financial situation?

ANSWER: I am not qualified to answer that question; I will defer that to when that subject is on the table. I would also defer experience like that to the Treasurer. However, if we look at our Seventh Tradition, it does say that when we have an amount over the prudent reserve, how we should pass it along.

## G. Archives

**Marty M.**

Hello everyone, I am a grateful alcoholic my name is Marty. I am a member of the Open Hands group in District Six Mississauga and I'm privileged to serve as your area archives chair.

Update from the GTA Archives Committee:

2020 GTA Archives Breakfast will be a Zoom event

We feel that the safety of our members is the most important. The committee voted unanimously to hold this year's event online. **GTA Archives Breakfast:** Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:00 am

45 Min Virtual Exploration on the lives, home, and archives of the Wilsons (Bill & Lois).

Followed by our Keynote speaker. A flyer will be distributed soon with the meeting details including Zoom Id and password.

Our District 6 archives chair Jim Y is tracking down groups that have not completed a group history. Mine is one of them. When the Open Hands group resumes 'in person' meetings on September 16, I will touch base with a long-time member and record a group history.

Below, please find the Archivist's report. However, Linda also wanted me to say thank you to all the committee members for setting up all of these Zoom meetings and the various workshops. It's been amazing and much appreciated.



That's it from me, I thank you for the opportunity to serve and continued learning experience.

Yours in Love and Service, Marty

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

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#### Area Archivist Report:

Hello everyone, I am working on preparing a presentation for the Archives service portion in October. Focus will be on historical events that had an impact on AA, including World War 2, the Jack Alexander article, and COVID-19. I have purchased a subscription to Grapevine specifically to get hold of the 1940s info on the war, etc. I am still hoping to find a Canadian perspective for example an article, letter, or archives interview that includes perspective of Canadian AA member in World War II. I am also collecting stories of people's recovery/experiences in AA in the Zoom world. If anyone has any information on any of these topics, I would appreciate having it forwarded to me.

I am working on creating a list of questions to use to interview the subcommittees chairs on how the various subcommittee got started in Area 83. These histories will be used in articles in the Archives newsletter. If anyone has any information with regard to this or a contact that they would recommend I'd appreciate the information.

I will be attending this year's National A.A. Archives Workshop held online, on September 26, 2020 from 1:00-5:00 PM Eastern. The event is intended for all A.A. archivists and Archives Committee members but other interested persons are welcome. The agenda includes

- a talk on the history of NAAAW by Gail L.;
- new archival preservation video demonstrations;
- a tour of the resources available on the GSO website;
- a virtual tour of the GSO Archives with Michelle Mirza (non-alcoholic Archivist)

Zoom meeting ID: 918 6728 6250

Password: 151526

For more information on National A.A. Archives and upcoming workshops go to: <https://www.naaaw.org/>

Yours in Love and Service, Linda

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

#### QUESTIONS FOLLOWING ARCHIVES REPORT:

COMMENT: Terry N., the Lakeshore intergroup (located at the Alano Club-200 Thorton Road N, Oshawa) is undergoing some construction and they will be putting in archives room. I will have more information after I have seen the space; this might be included in my report at the Assembly. The hope is that District 26 and 28 to have a repository put in at the Alano Club.

ANSWER: Thanks for that Terry. I would like to remind you that the District 26 and 28 Lakeshore Archives chairs are always welcome to attend the GTA committee so that we can share information. It is a hybrid meeting, so some are tapping into the meeting via Zoom.

#### 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.

The Committee met via zoom July 5<sup>th</sup>, July 29<sup>th</sup> and August 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively to discuss our role in the upcoming Fall Assembly in October. Knowing there would be a two-day Assembly, we discussed various ways to present the workshops historically available on the Saturday.



Having workshops of fifteen minutes was discussed, as well as not having wildcard workshops. Thus, leaving a block of time on the Saturday for part of the Sunday's business agenda. We discussed having the District and Subcommittee reports Saturday morning freeing up valuable time for Sunday's agenda items as well as Elections.

Zoom-fatigue was also discussed. We wanted to be able to present Service Day workshops while also not taxing those in attendance. It was discussed hosting the Subcommittee and Table Officer workshops stretched over the summer. This seemed to be a great solution – having all the workshops prior to Assembly. An agenda for five workshops was put together, with each member of the Service Day chairing one of the sessions to be offered Sunday evenings between 7:00 and 8:30 pm. Each member of the Service Day chose a date that would work for them and they were responsible to asking presenters. As this Assembly is unlike any before we wanted to provide presentations to all in Area 83 in an informative and relevant way.

Our first session Sunday, August 30 at 7:00 pm was well attended with approximately forty people in attendance. Lynn E., District Committee Member for District 22 chaired the Secretary presentation by Amy L., the Registrar presentation by Dave L. and "Change – Essential to AA" presented by Joyce S. Panel 65 Delegate. Terry N. District Committee Member for District 26 and Jack R. District Committee Member for District 36 were on hand to offer zoom tech support. Each of the presentations were informative and each presenter added in his or her personal experience. Thank you to all who presented, Lynn for her great chairing and the tech support from Terry and Jack.

The agenda for the five sessions is on the Area 83 website, as well as the Toronto Intergroup website. A flyer will be posted on both websites approximately ten days prior to each session. The flyer will also be available on Facebook's private page, The Fellowship of the GTA. The next session will be on September 20, 2020 from 7:00 to 8:30 with Jack R. District Committee Member District 36 Chairing. We appreciate all the presenters for taking the time to virtually share with all members of Area 83.

One other item discussed was the technical support for the Assembly. Some expressed that perhaps there was someone in our Area that could provide this service. James was invited to our July 29<sup>th</sup> Service Day virtual meeting and shared with us the rationale of a contract with Check 2 AV.

This is the same company used to provide tech support to the General Service Conference and they would be signing non-disclosure agreements keeping anonymity for all in attendance. The company has the technical equipment needed, the technical expertise, and the staff. James shared the quotes for a one-day and two-day assembly. In Canadian dollars the cost would be \$5,200 approximately. The average cost of Assembly is approximately \$15,000. As we had cancelled our Spring Assembly, we saved \$5,000 and with the tech company for the Fall Assembly we would save the same.

As a Committee we continue to stay in touch and hope you will join our Service Day Sessions between September 20 and October 4, 2020.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, De R.  
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## 7. REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Dave L.

I am an Alcoholic, a member of the Liverpool Group in District 26 and my name is Dave. It is my honour and privilege to serve as your Area 83 Registrar. I continue to enjoy serving Alcoholics Anonymous as the Registrar for Area 83 to keep each of our 578 groups connected to AA as a whole. I delivered a Registrar Workshop as part of the Service Information Workshop Session on August 30.

Roll call: see [Agenda item 3.](#)

The General Service Office transition to the NetSuite database continues to have some challenges with the quality of some of the data. Work continues on the "clean up" of the data. The backlog of data changes sent to GSO for

inputting has reduced to 3-weeks, down from 17-weeks. No timelines have been communicated about the further phased rollout of My Portal to Area Registrars.

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

There has been a lot of work to prepare for the Virtual Assembly in October. We had to rethink how the registration and roll call preparation could work in a virtual setting. We will recruit 20/30 AA Members to be Virtual Registration Desk Staff who will register attendees and enter their District, Group & Position information into the Roll Call spreadsheet. This needs to all happen Sunday morning largely between 8 - 9:30 am. As attendees pass through the Waiting Room, they will be sent to Breakout Rooms, manned by the Virtual Registration Desk Staff. We have also tested Google Sheets as a tool to allow multiple Virtual Registration Desk Staff to be able to make entries at the same time to our spreadsheet. I will be reaching out shortly to the District Registrars and Alternate DCMs for volunteers to man the Virtual Registration Desk After the recruitment process is completed, training sessions will be held for the Virtual Registration Desk Staff.

**It is also critically important for you, as DCMs, to ask your District attendees to log onto ZOOM as early as possible (starting at 8 am) on the Sunday (October 25) to be registered.**

Once again, thank you for this opportunity to be of service.

Yours in Love and Service, Dave L

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## 8. TREASURER'S REPORT

JoAnn P.

Hello friends, I am an alcoholic, a member of Courtice 12 and 12 Group in District 28, and my name is JoAnn. It is both an honour and a privilege to serve as your Panel 69 Eastern Ontario International Area 83 Treasurer. I took part in the virtual Area Service Days held in June. My presentation was an overview of the General Service Structure. The June / July Area Roundtable discussions were interesting as well.

I have re-forecasted the 2020 Proposed Spending Guidelines to mirror our financial position as it will stand for the remainder of the year. This item will be on the agenda for our Fall Assembly for approval. Our Panel 69 Delegate, Rob M, has received information as follows: Our Regional Trustee Jan reported to the Eastern Canada Delegates that we will not be reimbursed for the GSC. Each Area contributed the required \$1800 and some contributed more. The total amount received was \$14,000 less than the cost of the virtual GSC. With this information in mind, I would like to let the Area Committee know that I have added a \$5000.00 contribution to the General Service Office in the proposed spending guidelines to be presented to the Assembly in October. **If any of the Area Committee and Sub-Committee have upcoming expenses that they would like to see in the Proposed Spending Guidelines, please let me know by October 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Table 1.** The opening balance of Area 83's Operating and Reserve accounts from 2003-2020

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International Starting Balances				
Panel	Year	Operating Account	Reserve Account	Total Funds
53	2003	\$ 8,640.82	Unknown	\$ 8,640.82
	2004	\$ 12,621.01	\$ 30,454.80	\$ 43,075.81
55	2005	\$ 14,542.40	\$ 35,629.43	\$ 50,171.83
	2006	\$ 15,841.81	\$ 36,166.80	\$ 52,008.61
57	2007	\$ 20,591.14	\$ 36,166.80	\$ 56,757.94
	2008	\$ 32,758.83	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 52,758.83
59	2009	\$ 21,267.67	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 41,267.67
	2010	\$ 34,709.50	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 54,709.50
61	2011	\$ 32,897.79	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 52,897.79
	2012	\$ 34,977.40	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 54,977.40
63	2013	\$ 33,114.26	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 53,114.26
	2014	\$ 30,433.87	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 50,433.87
65	2015	\$ 18,927.31	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 38,927.31
	2016	\$ 23,640.83	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 43,640.83
67	2017	\$ 29,496.89	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 49,496.89
	2018	\$ 44,557.43	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 64,557.43
69	2019	\$ 41,820.83	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 61,820.83
	2020	\$ 40,490.20	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 60,490.20

As we discuss the financial reports please be aware that I have reviewed 18 years of history regarding the opening balance of our operating account and the numbers are found on **Table 1** (above).

I am confident that all things being equal, we can start Panel 71 with an Operating Account Balance of approximately \$30,000.00 and a Reserve Account of \$20,000.00.

**Table 2.** Month by month comparison of the number of contributions in 2020 to the end of August; Area 83 is down 87 contributions versus this time last year (August 2019).

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International Contributions - Number of Transactions					
MONTH	2019	2019 YTD	2020	2020 YTD	DIFFERENCE
JANUARY	21	21	31	31	10
FEBRUARY	12	33	14	45	12
MARCH	22	55	24	69	14
APRIL	36	91	5	74	-17
MAY	25	116	13	87	-29
JUNE	27	143	9	96	-47
JULY	29	172	10	106	-66
AUGUST	24	196	3	109	-87
SEPTEMBER	16	212			
OCTOBER	17	229			
NOVEMBER	48	277			
DECEMBER	34	311			

My duties as Treasurer have certainly pivoted from extremely busy to exceptionally light. I am continuing to receive Group and District contributions in the mail as well as by e-Transfer.

As we start to re-open face to face meetings, I am hopeful that 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions will increase to some degree. I have done a month by month comparison of the number of contributions and transactions to the end of August (**Table 2**); we are down 87 contributions versus 2019 year to date.

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

Transfer so far in 2020. This method of contributing to Area 83 is easy for the Groups and Districts and straightforward to process letters of receipt. Please consider this payment method when your Group or District discusses contributing to Area 83. As with all contributions, please reference your Group and service number or District name and number in the memo field.

There have been 18 contributions via e-

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

Let's discuss the Financial Statements for the period ending September 5, 2020 ([Appendix A<sub>1</sub>](#))

[Page 1](#) is a financial summary. It shows our reserve account, which is set aside for unforeseen circumstances, has a balance of \$20,000 in the form of a GIC which matured September 11th. Interest income will be reported on the financial statements for the Virtual Fall Assembly. The reserve account starting balance has been re-invested for 3 years with the rate being a minimum of .33 % to a maximum of 12% (Canadian Utilities and Banks). This is tied to investment performance of the fund.

Income for the period as at September 5, 2020:

- 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected at the January 4<sup>th</sup> and June 6<sup>th</sup> Area Committee Meetings \$642.05
- Group and District Contributions \$19,315.35
- GSO Flow Through - \$1010.00.
- Cost Recoveries - \$56.00

Total Income for the period is \$21,023.40.

Expenses for the period as at September 5, 2020:

- Committee expenses are \$4,969.82.
- Area Committee Meeting, January 4<sup>th</sup> rent and refreshments \$477.19
- General Service Conference Assessment \$8,821.80 (US\$ 6,500.00)
- PayPal Fee \$1.32
- Bank Service Charges \$27.40
- Ontario Delegates Committee \$5,663.02
- Flow Through Payment to GSO - \$1010.00
- Refund of \$150.00 from Eastern Canada Region Hospitality Room at the International Convention – event cancelled

Total Expenses for the period are \$20,820.55.

The opening bank balance at January 1, 2020 was \$40,490.20. Total income of \$21,023.40 less expenses of \$20,820.55 leaves a balance in the operating account of \$40,693.05. As of September 5, 2020, our expenses were \$202.85 less than our income. Thank you to the 83 Groups and 10 Districts for your generous contributions to Area 83.

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

Some of the numbers you see here:

- The amount shown under Printing (\$285.00) for Secretary is for September 2019 ACM minutes and January ACM Agenda.
- The amount shown under the Treasurer for Stationery is for a \$173.20 cheque reorder.
- The amount shown under Registrar (\$192.21) is for an order for name badges.
- The amount shown under Alternate Delegate for Miscellaneous Expenses (\$326.69) is for Zoom annual renewal \$235.70 and 2 large group add-ons \$90.99.
- The General Service Conference (GSC) Assessment. At the Spring Assembly in 2007, a motion passed stating that “provided it doesn’t affect our prudent reserve, Area 83 will pay to GSO the full annual expense for our Delegate to attend the General Service Conference”. The estimated assessment for our Delegate to attend this year is \$8,400.00 USD (based on 2019 GSC). Since the location was in Rye Brook NY, our Delegate was in discussion as to what amount we should remit to GSO. Area 83 suggested \$6,500.00 US\$ (Canadian \$8,821.80). This amount was remitted to GSO in January of 2020. The GSC Assessment covers the total cost of the General Service Conference divided by the 93 Delegate Areas. These costs include expenses for Delegates, Trustees, and GSO staff to attend, as well as meeting rooms, A/V equipment, printing (includes the final conference report sent to each group) and miscellaneous expenses.
- Ontario Delegates Committee is \$5,663.02 for event hosted by Eastern Ontario International Area 83 in Toronto February 28-March 1. This event is to prepare the 4 Ontario Delegates and Alternate Delegates for the 70<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference. These costs were for hotel meeting rooms and refreshments, organizing

committee hotel rooms, meals and transportation, and guest presenter's hotel rooms, and transportation as well as the organizing committee's printing and stationery.

- Flow through amount forwarded to GSO on behalf of 2 Groups and 1 District in Area 83 (\$1010.00).

To summarize, our financial position for year to date 2020 compared to year to date 2019 is as follows: Income for 2020 is \$20,392.37 less than the same period in 2019. Expenses to date for 2020 are \$22,590.68 less than the same period in 2019. The net change to the Operating Account is \$2,198.31. The reduction of contributions in 2020 versus 2019 is \$16,781.52.

\*An item of special note is the cost to cancel the 2020 Spring Assembly. We have a credit at the Ambassador Hotel of \$1,288.25 toward payment of a future Assembly.

[Page 3](#) shows contributions by District. These amounts include contributions from Districts, as well as Groups. 83 Groups and 10 Districts have contributed to Area 83 in 2020. There are 42 less Groups and 5 less Districts contributing in 2020 versus 2019.

The virtual Fall Assembly (October 24 – 25) will be technically facilitated by the firm Check 2 AV who worked with GSO to deliver all technical needs of the 70<sup>th</sup> virtual General Service Conference. Our cost for this service will be approximately \$3,388.50 USD. We will be collecting a 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition during the Assembly. Instructions will be shared during the Assembly.

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

Under new business, I have asked for a discussion regarding "Should Eastern Ontario International accept contributions from individual members of A.A.?" I have some interesting facts which I look forward to presenting.

I will be taking part in the Fall Virtual Workshop Sessions on Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see many of you online that evening at 7pm. Thank you for the opportunity to be useful and serve. I am confident we can prudently navigate the remainder of 2020.

Yours in love and Service, JoAnn P.

#### QUESTIONS FOLLOWING TREASURER'S REPORT:

QUESTION: Glenn G., DCM, d18: When will the proposed spending guidelines will be available?

ANSWER: They will be issued one week in advance of the Fall Assembly; so you can all review them. They are going to look a lot like what our actual spending has been, with the addition of the \$5,000 contribution to GSO.

QUESTION: Should we adjust our Reserve account?

ANSWER: I do not have an opinion regarding the reserve account. If the membership is concerned that \$20,000 was not enough that would be something that would come from the floor. I can just point out the history. These are unusual times for sure.

QUESTION: Bev H., DCM d34: Why did we not receive a refund from the GSC?

ANSWER: The cost of the GSC was \$14,000 more than what the Areas remitted to the GSC. That being said, there were no real cost savings (note: if it was a physical conference, the deficit would have been a lot larger than \$14,000). This was the case for all Areas. The net that was collected, which was \$1,800 USD conference assessment that is suggested each area contribute. Some areas, like us) contribute more than the suggested amount.

QUESTION: Ray, PI chair: the \$5,000 contribution that you are going to put on the spending guidelines is separate from the refund from the GSC that we did not receive?

ANSWER: Yes, that is correct. If you remember the conversation that we had at the June ACM about whether we should contribute to GSO, we agreed to wait and see what and if we receive a refund from the GSC. There was no refund, and I think that we can be happy that we contributed to the totality of the GSC, more than the prescribed about per area.

QUESTION: Ray, PI chair: How does a conference that ran virtually run into such a deficit? You may not be able to answer that questions, but if you have any thoughts, I would like to hear them.

ANSWER: Traditionally the GSC, 9 times out of 10 goes into a deficit position when you take the Assessment and the contribution compared to the cost of the event. Perhaps Rob might be able to sign off on that thought. The cost for the virtual conference, they had to factor in the cost for technology, support staff. That is why it wasn't markedly less. Organizing, cost, electronic cost, employee, and tech firm to facilitate the GSC.

ROB M ADDED: two of the bigger costs of the virtual GSC were the final conference report was made available in hard copy. Area 83 chose to receive only a limited number of hard copies, but some area chose to receive a copy for each group. Those were still printed and shipped out and are part of the General Service Conference expenses.

Also, Conference members book their own travel before they go to GSC and get reimbursed for that travel. A lot of members had already booked their flights and were reimbursed BEFORE the conference was cancelled. Some of them, did not have travel insurance (did not receive a refund), so there was quite a bit of travel expense involved with the conference even though it was virtual.

## 9. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Amy L.

Good morning friends, I am a member of the Liverpool Group in Pickering found in District 26 and my name is Amy. I have the privilege of serving Area 83 Eastern Ontario International as your Secretary and it has been a pleasure.

It is so nice to see you again, it doesn't seem that long ago and that is probably because of all the virtual activities the Area has been doing, I am bumping into many of you every couple of weeks. How cool is that? I am so grateful for the virtual platforms we are using, as it has given me so much more freedom to move around in my AA world.

Some of the activities I have been doing on behalf of the Area since we last met have been:

- In June I attended the various Service events where Rob presented his General Service Conference report.
- I facilitated an inventory of the Motorcity group in District 28 in July.
- Participated in the two sharing sessions on Re-opening our rooms after covid and worked with Kimberley to synthesize all the information gathered from those two sessions
- Gave my secretary's workshop for the Area's virtual Service Information Day, 2 months before the Assembly. Now that is a nice feeling to have that done.
- I participated on the Zoom workshop last week on elections using the Third Legacy Procedure in the virtual world.

Looking ahead

- I will be attending the remaining 4 service information day sessions
- Assisting JoAnn in facilitating District 28's elections tomorrow
- Facilitating elections for District 26 in October and District 74 in November

With all these elections just around the corner, I think it would be good to mention that we (DCMs and me) should strive to get the new district roster details into GSO before the beginning of the Panel 71 term, if possible. Given the ongoing delay in the records department at GSO, while much reduced, I believe submitting details early might ensure that incoming trusted servants receive their workbooks and kits near the start of their term. Let's try to avoid the GSO records department crunch in January.



I want to thank everyone who has submitted their reports already. You are all awesome and your efforts make my job so much easier. If you haven't yet, please do at your earliest convenience. As you know, I like to get the minutes out and off my plate as soon as possible.

I am grateful for this opportunity to be of service, and if there is anything I can do to assist you or your districts, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Yours in Love and service, Amy

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## 10. ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT

Kimberley M.

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

Here are some of my activities since our June Area Committee Meeting:

- Attended the two fantastic virtual Zonal Service days held in June where Rob gave his Delegates report.
- Assisted with the 3 lively Virtual Round Table discussions that took place in June and July. A big thank you to Amy for compiling the discussion points collected during the discussions on re-opening face to face meetings and putting them in to one concise document.
- Attended the brief CERAASA steering Committee meeting on June 22nd. The next one is scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Hosted a fun Breakout Room Training session on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Attended the first virtual Information AA Day put on by GTA Intergroup on June 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended the Lakeshore Intergroup meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Chaired the Inter-Area Remote Community Workgroup on July 20<sup>th</sup>. The next one is scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Attended the 1<sup>st</sup> of 5 Service Information Day workshops being put on by our Service Information Day Committee.
- Attended the Area 19 Sharing sessions on Third Legacy Procedures as well as an excellent Mock Election put on by Area 79 to gather information to benefit our Area.
- Assisted with the workshop on Sept 9<sup>th</sup> regarding our Third Legacy in a Virtual World.
- Attended the first sharing session of Alternate Delegates earlier this month. We plan to meet monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month going forward and see how that goes.

Upcoming activities:

- Preparing to cover Concepts 7 to 12 during the remaining 4 Service Information Day workshops.
- Excited to be facilitating the elections for Districts 34 and 66 later this month. Thank you for the invitation.
- Looking forward to assisting Area 82 with their elections on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to the Districts who are sending me your minutes.

If I can be of service in any way, please feel free to email me or give me a call!!

Yours in love and service, Kimberley

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QUESTIONS FOLLOWING ALT-DELEGATE'S REPORT:

QUESTION: Glenn G. DCM, d18: creating a database log for sharing of information on events.

ANSWER: not at this time. Events like this are typically shared by our Area Secretary through the DCMs to GSRs. There are some events that are by a member to member sharing by various Facebook groups. We do not have anything organized in the form of a database, and it relies on our current service structure to share the information.

ROB, DELEGATE ADDED: Most committees-like the organizing committee of CERAASA takes minutes of the meeting and those are passed on to the next committee. From committee to committee, we have the information from previous committees and collected over the years.

QUESTION: Glenn G. DCM, d18: we are finding a lack of information getting passed on to the groups by the GSRs. In the absence of this information not getting to the members-maybe going forward this might be something that the Area and Districts might consider.

ANSWER: That is something on the side that some of us have considered, that info is not making it to the group members. Mapping out the flow of information to make sure there is no break in the chain, stating what that obvious chain might be a worthwhile exercise to discuss at the District table.

AMY AREA SECRETARY ADDED: If you are talking about Area Events, you will find that these items, shortly after they are sent out by the Area Secretary find their way on to the Area's website. Go to: <https://area83aa.org/events/upcoming-events>. Lately, items pertaining to our new online initiatives and new way of doing things have been published online on the Covid link: <https://area83aa.org/area-83-covid-19-information>

DENNIS MC, DCM D12 ADDED: My homegroup secretary of my group has a list of most group members email addresses. I would suggest to GSRs, if they don't know how to contact a member-perhaps get the communications to the group secretary to distribute the group members.

## 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 really wish we were gathered together in the basement of the church in Quinte West. I miss seeing all of you guys. However, I am grateful that we are still able to meet online and it is really nice to be with you here today.

Here's what I've been doing since we last met.

I reported on the General Service Conference at Area 83 Service Days on June 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. June 27<sup>th</sup> was info AA day, a service day hosted by the GTA Intergroup and the eight Districts in Toronto. All three were well organised with informative presentations. Thanks to everyone involved and all those who attended.

June 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, and July 21<sup>st</sup> I zoomed into the Area 83 round table discussions on who is missing from our Zoom meetings, and safely re-opening our in-person meetings. These discussions were captured, and some really helpful summaries can be found on our Area 83 website.

On June 22<sup>nd</sup> the CERAASA steering committee met. CERAASA 2021, hosted by Area 86, is scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> in St. Catherines. The hotel has not cancelled any events past September of this year. There is a chance of re-scheduling in 2023 and deferring cancellation costs. The committee chair will report more on this at our next meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

On August 5<sup>th</sup> the Delegates of Eastern Canada met with our Regional Trustee Jan to hear Jan's report on the August General Service Board meetings. The big news here is that the board has been advised to cancel all in person events next year. Here is a recommendation that was approved by the General Service Board: *"That the General Service Board begin planning for the likelihood of a virtual General Service Conference from April 18-24, 2021, and that the planning involve the 71st General Service Conference delegate members, while acknowledging that if and when circumstances allow, an in person Conference is always preferred"*.



On August 15<sup>th</sup> the GSC members reconvened to hear an updated financial report from Leslie B. Class A Trustee and Treasurer for the General Service board. A digital copy of the final financial report was sent to District Committee Members and posted under the Delegates tab on our website.

On August 30<sup>th</sup> I was on our Service information day's first virtual workshop. Amy, Dave, and Joyce all gave wonderful presentations and the committee did a great job of facilitating the workshop. I plan to attend upcoming Service Information Day workshops scheduled in September and October.

I participated in our 3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy workshop on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Documents used in the workshop with suggestions for conducting virtual elections were sent to DCMs.

September 26<sup>th</sup> is the National Archives Workshop and the District 22 Service Day. With one scheduled in the morning and one in the afternoon I hope to attend both.

Area 82 Nova Scotia Newfoundland and Labrador will elect their Panel 71 Committee at their Assembly on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Kimberley and I have been invited to be part of the Zoom team facilitating the elections. It will be a chance for us to witness virtual Area elections before we get to ours later in October.

As you know the Eastern Canada Regional Forum scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> in Ottawa has been cancelled. In its place will be a virtual Eastern US Canada Forum that GSO is calling USCAN. Unfortunately, the Forum is scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup>, the same day as our Area Committee Meeting. Later today we will discuss changing the date for our ACM. More information on the virtual Forum will be shared when I receive it.

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

Area 83 was one of ten Areas of Eastern Canada who contributed financially to the hospitality suite for the International Convention. The hospitality suite chair had already purchased 3000 regional pins and 5000 maple candies to hand out at the suite before the convention was cancelled. The pins have been tucked away for the 2025 International Convention and the candies were sent to the CERAASA Committee as they won't last 5 years. The balance after these expenses was around \$1500 so each Area received a \$150 refund.

I look forward to the time when we can meet in person. Until then I wish all good health and hope to see you online.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve, Rob M.

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## 12. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Tabled motion brought forward from June 6, 2020 ACM: *"Send \$2,000 CAD to GSO"*

Motioned:	Glenn G., DCM, District 18
Seconded:	Terry N., DCM, District 26
Discussion	Glenn G.: given the treasurer's decision to put an amount to contribute to GSO in the Spending Guidelines, I believe that it renders this motion as moot. I will withdraw my motion.

**Point of order:** Mike B., Self-Support chair: why wasn't the seconder of the motion not consulted on the withdrawing of the motion?

The Chair responded: My understanding is that once the motion is withdrawn, there is no second. So, there is nothing to second.

- No one added to this matter and the Committee moved on to the next item of business.

### 13. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Area 83 Zoom Usage Report

Kimberley M – Alternate Delegate

Hello again, I'm an alcoholic, currently serving as Alternate Delegate for Eastern Ontario International, and my name is Kimberley.

When it comes to account usage, the reports disappear after one year. If we don't grab the data now, we will lose it! Here you can see that over that first year ([Appendix B<sub>1</sub>](#)), we averaged 8.5 meetings per month that were on average 96 minutes long with an average of 11 participants.

Here is the data usage starting in on year two ([Appendix B<sub>2</sub>](#)), which so far includes June, July and August of 2020. We have had an average of 7.7 meetings per month with an average of 108 minutes per meeting and an average of 26 participants per meeting. The service days and round table discussions took place in this time period. There were 121 participants in the Round table discussion that took place on June 30<sup>th</sup> and 110 on the July 21<sup>st</sup> Round table discussion.

The account has been used for a variety of events; see the list on bottom of [Appendix B<sub>2</sub>](#).

Yours in love and service, Kimberley

#### B. Discussion: "Should Area 83 Eastern Ontario International accept contributions from individual members of A.A.?"

JoAnn P – Area Treasurer

Good afternoon, I am an alcoholic and a member of Courtice 12 & 12 in District 28 and serving as your Panel 69 Treasurer and my name is JoAnn. I asked James to add this discussion item to new business today. This topic arose from the questions that were asked during our last Area Committee meeting and contributions that have been sent by e-transfer to Area 83 without a Group or District affiliation. As I mentioned in June, the Area 83 contributions page on the Area website ([area83aa.org](http://area83aa.org)) indicates Group and District contributions are accepted. There have been 4 contributions to Area 83 this year from individuals with no indication of Group or District affiliation. This leads to investigative work to ascertain where the contribution should be recorded and reported. The ease of e-transfers will undoubtedly lead to more individual digital contributions.

The core issue is the confusion regarding what is allowed and what is not. GSO accepts individual contributions from AA members (max \$5000.00 per year) as well as bequests of \$10,000.00. Our Area 83 Operating Procedures – Section 7 Expenses – item 04 states: Bequests in Wills are acceptable only from members of Alcoholics Anonymous. The limit for such bequests is five thousand dollars (\$5000.00) and must be on a one-time-only basis and not in perpetuity. There is nothing in the Operating Procedures stating that we accept individual members contributions.

As far as I know, there has not been a reason stated as to why Area 83 does not accept 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions from individuals outside of the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected at Area 83 events (Assembly and Area Committee Meetings). Perhaps it is due to the interpretation of Tradition 6 - *An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.*

Also, Concept 12 which reads *"The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action".*

Some further investigation was called for. I visited all 93 Area Websites and found the following:

- 60 Areas accept online contributions (Group, District, Special Event, Individual, Birthday are some of the categories).
- 50 Areas accept individual contributions as well as Group and District.
- Of the 50 areas that accept individuals' contributions, 4 Areas indicate a maximum for individuals (3 - \$5000 and 1 - \$3000).
- Only one Area in Canada (BC / Yukon) accepts member contributions.

Long Form Tradition 7 states "The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority".

The short and long form of Tradition 7 are quoted on many Area Websites. Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix (F-3) pamphlet is often quoted as well. Many websites have a simple statement "I am a member of Alcoholics Anonymous" which can be selected for individual contributions.

**Why accept personal contributions outside of Area events where the 7<sup>th</sup> is collected?**

- Member's Group or District does not contribute to Area 83
- Any excess contributions can be forwarded to GSO to continue supporting the services that we have asked GSO to provide to assist in Twelve Step work
- The principal of participation at an individual level
- Spiritual intention is participation
- ...collective obligation that rests upon all of us – A.A. Guidelines – Finance - (MG-15) Bill W October 1967 Grapevine.

Either way, accept or decline, we should indicate that **we do or do not accept individual contributions outside of Area 83 events for clarity sake.**

**Case for not accepting personal contributions outside of Area 83 events where the 7<sup>th</sup> is collected.**

- Big shot ism – humility issue
- Accumulating a large amount of money is contrary to traditions and concepts.

**What would need to happen if a motion to accept individual member contributions outside of Area events with a maximum yearly limit stipulated were proffered here and accepted at the Area Assembly?**

- Operating Procedures would have to be amended
  - Change Heading Section 7 to Finances / Expenses
  - Add individual Contributions before Bequests – 7.04
  - Renumber Bequests and General Service Conference
- Revise Treasurer Financial Spreadsheets – add category and tracking method
- Website would need to be updated with a declaration statement and some form of tracking.

**What would need to happen if a motion to accept member contributions outside of Area events was defeated?**

Disclaimer added to contributions page.

QUESTIONS FOLLOWING THIS REPORT:

QUESTIONS: JACK R. DCM, DISTRICT 36: in the past, pre-e-transfers, Area Treasurers received personal cheques, and what did they do in the past? Did they accept, deposit, tear them up or what?

Answer: I have no information about what previous treasurers have encountered in the past. Sometimes groups will use a member's personal check, but they indicate in the memo field on the cheque the group and service number. I don't know if and when it was brought up in the past.

Question: Did this topic come up in the past at an ACM or Assembly in the past? I seemed to remember quite a few years ago, this came up when people were sending cheques mail. A decade or two ago.

Answer: I have no information about what previous treasurers have encountered during their term. We have 3-4 previous treasurers attending this meeting today, if they would like to share. Sometimes members of a group will use a personal cheque to contribute when the group does not have a banking account. They will indicate on the memo field of the cheque which group and district this contribution should be assigned. I haven't run into much difficulty with the cheques, but it is the e-transfers that are coming with no information. I brought this question up at the June ACM and no one was really sure if it has come up or not.

QUESTION: Glenn G., DCM d18: The e-transfer option is a bit more anonymous and tracking down group and district details more difficult for the treasurer. If that is what is behind this topic, then I would support a limit of 3-5,000 like other areas have done.

ANSWER: that is part of the issue. This was brought up in the June ACM, and if you read the 3-page discussion thread that ensued. For me, for clarity sake and for the next treasurer that we need to decide that either we do accept individual contributions, or we don't. We do have a category titled "Unspecified" but I don't think it has been used. This category is, in accounting practices is used as a suspense account, where you temporarily put things where you don't know where they go. That would be in worse case scenario the contribution would show up there. Usually I can track it down to a district, to a group and have a conversation that I need to attach the contribution to Group/District. It is up to you guys. This is your decision and discussions. I would just like to see some clarity on the issue.

Question: Jo D., DCM D54: If you receive an e-transfer and there is no indication that it is from a particular group. Are you suggesting that you will take it-henceforth as an individual contribution-and credit it to the person?

Answer: it would not be classified as an individual contribution, because we have not decided that yet. If someone sends an e-transfer and they don't indicate the group details, I need to do the back and forth etc.... I had a group that closed, that wanted to submit the balance of their funds, so I had to track that down and assign it to the District.

Question: if we approve what you are suggesting, when you receive an e-transfer in the future, from somebody with no indication that it is coming from a group, district or individual- are you going to accept it as an individual.

Answer: That is why I mentioned that we need to have some sort of tracking on the Area 83 Contribution website page. They would have to indicate that they are a member of AA., and their would have to be some form of tracking accounting. I wouldn't just automatically presume, that when someone does not include the memo of group/district that it is an individual contribution. We have to have a mechanism in place. It would be reported as individual (anonymous-no names would be listed). Individuals can contribute to GSO, and very few people actually do this. I cannot imagine that Area 83 will any different than GSO. This is more for clarification and not to try to boost our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions.

Terry N., DCM d26: I feel that an area we should accept contributions from groups. During our Area committee meetings and Assemblies, we collect from individuals a 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition. Groups are having a hard-enough time as it is today to collect 7<sup>th</sup> tradition today. If we start this, I don't know how much the Area will get, but I don't think it is a precedence we should set now.

Mike B., Area Self-Support chair- If I can remember from the PowerPoint presentation from the GSC Individual contributions to GSO in 2019 was approximately 1.3 million. How would this affect Concept 7- the power of

the purse if individuals are allowed to contribute directly to the Area. I am seeing more and more ideas for individual contributions and fund-raising campaigns within our Fellowship instead of talking about who contributes and why contribute at the Homegroup. That is the one place that money and spirituality are supposed to mix. Having said that, I absolutely respect the group conscience and the process. I wonder if we are making informed and educated decisions about what avenue your contributing your 7<sup>th</sup> tradition as members. The more I contribute to my homegroup, that is where the decision are made. I believe individual contributions should remain at the group level, as it strengthens our service structure, keeping the groups at the top of the triangle.

Glenn B., DCM d82: As an area, I think we should allow individual contributions to be made, to the area. From history, and experience with my own group-Sometimes through group conscience, group members may argue over what to do with group funds (choosing to keep it local) and there might be some people who want to see their money go to the District and Area. I think it would be good to have that option.

Amy L., Area Secretary: In this day and age, and zoom, and many of us are still participating in home groups, I think we might be on the cusp of something revolutionary where some might not be affiliated with a physical group. Online meetings at this time do not fit within the General Service Structure – and I do know that Area 83 does a lot of great work for AA in Eastern Ontario. Supporting that good work that we are doing, that maybe if I don't belong to a group, I would never be able to share my gratitude. I would entertain allowing individual contributions to be made to the Area. We are on the edge of something new that will need to be dealt with soon.

Eileen S., DCM d28: many in-person groups we do not know how they will fair during these weird times. I am in favour of accepting individual contributions. Perhaps like GSO, when I click *Am I member or Am I not a member*, we could easily put something on the Area 83 website that asks, are you contributing as a District? As a Group? As an individual member? And you have to click on one option to proceed.

Ted R., DCM d42- we are not talking about a lot of money here, and it would save some work for the area treasurer to track down the contribution to group or district.

Jack R., DCM d36- make a motion, if only to simplify JoAnn's life, since nothing in our Area operating procedures stipulates that the Area accepts individual 7<sup>th</sup> traditions.

**Motion:** that Area 83 accept contributions from individual members outside of Area 83 functions with appropriate safeguards to ensure contributions are from AA members only and do not exceed a maximum of \$1000 per year.

Moved:	Jack R., DCM District 36
Seconded:	Eileen S., DCM District 28
Discussion:	<p>Susan K DCM D06: when we add the caveat of outside of Area 83 functions, we are suggesting that Area 83 functions are no longer accepting 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions? I would suggest removed that caveat (outside Area 83 functions)</p> <p>Dave L., Area Registrar: I am in support of the motion, I have a couple of registrations from virtual groups/meetings- That GSO treats all online meetings by lumping them in with International Correspondence meetings. They are not attached to individual Areas. That means these groups have no way to contribute to the Area or the service structure by way of their Group.</p> <p>Glenn G., DCM d18: make the friendly amendment to remove "outside of Area 83 functions:"</p>
<div style="color: red;">●</div> Friendly Amendment	<b>Amended Motion</b> , that Area 83 accept contributions from individual members with appropriate safeguards to ensure contributions are from AA members only, and do not exceed a maximum of \$1000, per year.
From the original motioners	<p>Jack R., DCM District 36: I would accept a different wording if that is what folks would prefer.</p> <p>Eileen S., DCM District 28: agrees to support the amendment</p>
Discussion after the amendment	De R., DCM, d02: I am glad we are having this discussion. I don't think after this covid era, online meetings will disappear. As Shane gave in his Accessibility report, they were doing online meetings for a while now, but just in a different format. There may be people who are uncomfortable going to meetings, and if they can contribute directly to support their district

	<p>and area, it is great. Sometimes at the Assembly, folks may not have resources to contribute, so lifting the time limitations on when an individual can contribute to the Area is good.</p> <p>Kim S., immediate Past Delegate: The area needs clarity on this, good work! I don't think if individuals are contributing to the Area, they are going to be skipping contributing to their groups. I think it is good to allow people who want to contribute to the Area to be able to. I am in favour of this motion, 100%</p> <p>Amy L. Area Secretary: Reminder that the treasurer will have to keep track of these individual contributions, so they do not exceed the yearly limit.</p> <p>Bev H., DCM d34: How would do you think this will impact Districts? This will be an added task of the Treasurer.</p> <p>JoAnn P. Area Treasurer: keeping track is no trouble-a simple table on a spreadsheet. It would align with all the other spreadsheets on a month basis. I don't think it will require that much more work-once the spread sheet is created.</p> <p>Terry N, how many contributions are you getting that are unaffiliated?</p> <p>JoAnn: I have received 4 this year that I had to track down. That doesn't necessarily mean there would be 4- if this motion were to pass.</p> <p>Eileen S. DCM, d28: should this be a notice of motion, since it changes the OPs?</p> <p>James, Area Chair: No, if passed it would go to the Assembly for a final vote.</p>
Those in Favour	31 votes (94%)
Those opposed	2 votes (6%)
Voice of the minority	None
Motion	Carried

This item will be added to the Area Fall 2020 Assembly Agenda.

### **C. Report from the Chair regarding the Area 83 virtual Fall Assembly** James O'D – Area Chair

The Final Assembly of our term is coming up very soon and we are in good shape and in good hands. Area 83 has hired a company called Check2 AV to run our event – the same company that facilitated the recent virtual General Service Conference. They have a deep understanding of our Traditions and respect for our anonymity concerns. Over the past few weeks they have managed several Area Election Assemblies and will also be in charge of the Forum in December.

Our Assembly falls into three distinct sections: registration, body and elections. What follows will be a very general breakdown of some of the creative ways we are approaching these items.

**Registration:** When a member logs into the meeting they will be immediately brought to one of our 20-25 breakout rooms where they will be greeted by one of our registration volunteers. This is where you will be renamed using our naming convention to indicate if you are a voting member or a guest. After this process you will then be sent to the main room. This will assist in our voting process for any motions and elections but also acts as one of the many security features that are in play. We may, for example, put a “1” in front of voting members and a “2” in front of non-voting members. Visitors may have a “V”. Attendees will not be able to change their name once in the main room. If a voting member swap needs to take place (ie. a GSR that was voting for their group has to leave and the Alt GSR now becomes the voting member) the attendee will advise one of the Zoom techs and will be moved to a waiting breakout room to be renamed.

**Body:** In the body of the Assembly we will be addressing the various agenda items where only voting members will have a voice and a vote – exactly like in our regular Assembly. I would strongly suggest that all voting members read or reread all the background information pertaining to the recommendations made by the Area Committee so that we can make the most of our discussions and therefore come to a truly informed group conscience. In agenda item #2, our Registrar Dave will provide us with the number of voting members and will provide a more detailed roll call later on in the meeting when all of the numbers have been checked and verified.

**Elections:** At this point of the meeting all the non-voting members (those with anything but a “1” in front of their names) will be moved to a breakout room where they can watch the elections take place but will be unable to vote.



Our elections ringmaster this year is Area 83 Panel 61 Delegate Robb W. Please take the time to review “APPENDIX FOUR Procedures for Election of Area Officers” to be found on pages 31-41 in our Area Operating Procedures. Some of the procedures have been adjusted for a virtual environment.

N.B. To ensure the smooth running of our historical first online Assembly (and an election Assembly to boot!) we have organized two **training sessions for all members of Area 83** – especially voting members. The following dates have been confirmed by Check2 AV – please mark them in your calendar:

1. Saturday October 10, 2020 – Registration opens at 6:30pm – Meeting at 7pm
2. Monday October 12, 2020 – Registration opens at 6:30 – Meeting at 7pm

We encourage the membership to come to at least one but would appreciate it if you could support both. By attending both meetings you will solidify your own confidence in the unfolding of the Assembly process but also you will be assisting our Registration and Elections teams to practice on living, kind and patient test subjects. Just imagine your heavenly rewards!

I will now open the floor for any questions.

QUESTIONS FOLLOWING THE REPORT:

QUESTION: Ray R., Area PI chair: in the event we are not able to make the practice session, what can we do.

ANSWER: If you don't make it, you will just have to figure it out. We picked two different days of the week to not force a person to miss their group twice. We made it early enough so that we can address any systemic problems.

QUESTION: Neil P., DCMd66: When will we get notice of the meeting IDs for these training sessions:

ANSWER: We will be meeting with the company, and we will be using their account. As soon as we have them we will send them out.

QUESTION: De R., DCMd02: Who will be issuing the meeting IDs? The company or The Area.

ANSWER: The company will be sending us the meeting IDs and we will go through the secretary to distribute to the Area.

QUESTION: Eileen S., DCM d28: will it be sent as a link or as a flyer. That is Thanksgiving weekend (Saturday and Monday), I am sure you have considered that.

ANSWER: I think we will probably just send out the ID and Password because when you send out a link it is possible to scrape all of the information. That said, it is not confirmed yet. Yes, we have considered its proximity to the holiday.

QUESTION: Tim F., DCMd86: what was the cost for the tech company AV?

ANSWER: \$3,765.00 USD.

QUESTION: Glenn G., On Saturday there is going to be reports and speaker. So, we are participating on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

ANSWER: there has been some mention on Zoom fatigue. We have some pretty big items to cover and allowing two days for the meeting was necessary to not feel like the discussions are rushed.

QUESTION: Bev H., DCM d34: How are we handling those who do not have internet access and phoning in? I have a GSR that does everything by landline.

ANSWER: We will be having a meeting with Dave L., Kimberley, and company to work on the Registration portion of the Assembly. As for the body of the meeting, we will have to figure that out with the company. Then later, there will be a meeting with Kimberley, myself, Robb W. Panel 61 Delegate and his election and the company. For the elections, we will see how members can phone in.

ROB M. PANEL 69 DELEGATE added- this company did an outstanding job at the GSC and had a good handle on the event. They will have facilitated a few area elections before ours and they will have any bugs worked out by the time they get to ours.

***We are hoping ALL members of Area 83, especially those with a vote will attend the Assembly practice sessions. Even if you don't have a vote, you can attend the practice session(s). It helps us all.***

## D. Discussion regarding date of ACM in December 2020

James O'D – Area Chair

You may already be aware that the General Service Office has selected December 5, 2020 for the Regional Forum. This also happens to be the date we had agreed upon for our final Area Committee Meeting where we hold the elections for the new Area Sub Committee Chairs. The date for the Regional Forum cannot be changed so as an Area we are left with a decision to make.

I would like to propose to the committee members a few different options and we will use Zoom's polling function to tabulate the results.

At this time, I would like to open the floor for discussion to be followed by a poll. This is NOT a vote. Agenda item #15 will ask for a motion to determine the date of final ACM of our term.

James, took a sense of the room whether to open this up for a discussion from the floor prior to surveying the ACM for new December dates. (19 no; 3 yes-for a discussion).

The meeting moved directly to conducting poll on rescheduling the December ACM>

The following are the suggested options:

OPTIONS TO ADDRESS CONFLICT WITH REGIONAL FORUM	% VOTES
1. Move the ACM to Saturday November 28 <sup>th</sup>	47%
2. Move the ACM to Saturday December 12 <sup>th</sup>	19%
3. Move the ACM to Sunday December 6 <sup>th</sup>	22%
4. Leave the ACM on the already scheduled date of December 5 <sup>th</sup>	13%

### Opened the floor for Discussion following the poll.

Amy L., Area Secretary: this poll might be more informative if we could select all agreeable options, instead of just one.

**Reminder:** *Motions going to the assembly need to be shared with GSRs to take back to the groups. This will prepare GSRs and DCMs to make informed decisions at the Assembly. Ideally, everything discussed collectively at this meeting would be shared with GSRs and their groups.*

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

Bert J., Silverbirch group is re-opening on October 2 and on October 29 I will be taking my 35-year medallion. Silverbirch has a newcomers meeting on Monday at 8:30 pm. It is posted on Toronto Intergroup <https://www.aatoronto.org/meetings/silverbirch-newcomers/?tsml-day=1&tsml-query=silverbirch>

George W. ADCMd22 District 22 is hosting service day on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 9:30-12:30pm Meeting ID: 839 7338 2609. You should have received the flyer, please share with members in your District.

Jan L., Eastern Canada Regional Trustee: I wanted to apologize for the change of date. It has been such an unprecedented year, 2020 and the General Service Office has been very busy rescheduling dates. I was really hoping that we could schedule the dates for the forum on our original dates in November. However, we also had to accommodate the Eastern US. It is going to be a very interesting day. It is going to be Eastern Canada and Eastern US.... hence, USCAN. We will be having four regions celebrating 1 day together. It is going to be a really fun day. I don't know what all is going to be involved in it, but I am sorry that we conflicted with your ACM and I really hope you will consider changing the date of your meeting to attend. It will be a first ever, and an only 1-time deal. For 2021, we have already cancelled the in-person Regional Forum event and we will be making arrangements to have the regional event held online with the 10 participating regions from Eastern Canada. I always enjoy coming to Area 83, I wish I could be there live, but hey, I don't have to lose



my suitcase to get there. Thank you for having me, and Greetings from the General Service Board. These are so busy. I was at AAWS meeting yesterday. And August contributions were up again, Thank you so much! The Fellowship has stepped up again and it just warms my heart that when the need is there the Fellowship follows through; the need is definitely there.

Christy F., ADCMd18: I heard you would like non-voting folks to assist with the Assembly. Will there be a call out regarding this. Dave L. replied that he will be sending something out directly to the Registrars and Alt DCM to invite them to be a part of the registration process.

Kim S., Immediate Past Delegate: Panel 65, Joyce S celebrates 38 on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Susan K., DCM d06: Mississauga Fall roundup, initially started through District 06 and Toronto Intergroup is hosting their 24<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Roundup. DATE: 26<sup>th</sup> October 3 <http://www.mississaugafallroundup.org/>  
NOTE: We are looking for an ala-teen speaker.

Bert J. shared that Ben W., from Thorncliff Park is Celebrating 58 years today!

Susan K. shared that Roy R., Panel 53 Delegate on Sept 26 will be celebrating 36 years!

## 15. NEXT AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

I would recommend the next committee meeting be held virtually on **November 28, 2020**

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

Motioned by:	Terry N., DCM District 26
Seconded:	Ann J., DCM District 10
Discussion:	Mike B., Area Self-Support: this is our last area committee of the term. And the outgoing chairs do pass along their materials. Is there any thought as to how the exchange will take place. Chair replied: this will have to be worked out with the outgoing and incoming members. Normally, we do this in the parking lot, it is going to be different.
In favour:	32 votes (97%)
Opposed:	1 votes (3%)
Motion:	Carried

**REMINDER:** The Fall Assembly, will be held on Zoom on October 24-25, 2020

## 16. CLOSING

It is now 3:44 p.m. EST and I would like to thank everyone for their participation today and wish you all a safe walk to the couch. I look forward to seeing you in October, if not before.

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

Motioned by:	Trevor F., DCM District 62
Seconded:	Bev H., DCM District 34
Discussion:	None
In favour:	32 votes (97%)
Opposed:	1 votes (3%)
Motion:	Carried

**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.**

**The meeting closed with the Responsibility Declaration**

## Appendix A<sub>1</sub> Financial Documents—Financial Summary

**EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83**  
*as at September 5, 2020*

<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>		Actual
January 1, 2020 Opening Balance		20,000.00
Interest		0.00
Transfer to Operating Account		0.00
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>		20,000.00

<b>INCOME</b>		
7th Tradition		642.05
Cost Recoveries		56.00
Flow Through to GSO		1,010.00
Grapevine Seasonals		0.00
Group & District Contributions		19,315.35
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	21,023.40
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE		0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME &amp; TRANSFERS</b>		21,023.40

<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Accommodations		0.00
Meals		5.00
Travel		1,500.00
Long Distance		0.00
Postage		121.59
Printing		414.00
Literature		927.89
Stationery		365.41
Miscellaneous		1,635.93
	<b>Total Committee Expenses</b>	4,969.82
Ad Hoc Committees		0.00
Area Contribution to GSO		0.00
Area Committee Meetings		477.19
General Service Conf. Assessment		8,821.80
Bank Service Charges		27.40
Paypal fees		1.32
Forums		0.00
Grapevine Seasonal		0.00
GSO Flow Through		1,010.00
Ontario Delegates' Committee (ODC)		5,663.02
CERAASA		0.00
International Convention		(150.00)
	<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	15,850.73
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		20,820.55

<b>OPERATING ACCOUNT</b>		
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2020		40,490.20
Total Income & Transfers		21,023.40
Total Expenses		(20,820.55)
<b>OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>		40,693.05

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Appendix A<sub>2</sub> Financial Documents–Detail of ExpensesArea 83 Eastern Ontario International  
Details of Expenditures  
as at September 5, 2020

Position	Accommodations	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Misc.	Total
<b>COMMITTEE EXPENSES</b>										
Delegate	0.00	0.00	138.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	138.40
Alt. Delegate	0.00	0.00	167.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	326.69	493.89
Immediate past Delegate	0.00	0.00	144.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	144.80
Chairperson	0.00	0.00	149.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	149.60
Secretary	0.00	0.00	38.13	0.00	0.00	285.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	323.13
Treasurer	0.00	0.00	38.14	0.00	121.59	0.00	0.00	173.20	0.00	332.93
Registrar	0.00	0.00	38.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	192.21	0.00	230.34
Area Web Site/Webmaster	0.00	0.00	224.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.99	245.79
Archives	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	129.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	129.00
Archivist	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cooperation with the P.C.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Corrections Facilities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	226.35	0.00	0.00	226.35
Grapevine	0.00	0.00	148.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	148.80
Public information	0.00	5.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
Self Support	0.00	0.00	216.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	216.00
Treatment / Accessibility	0.00	0.00	176.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	176.00
Service Info Day Cmte	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	701.54	0.00	0.00	701.54
Spring Assembly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1288.25	1288.25
Fall Assembly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 121.59</b>	<b>\$ 414.00</b>	<b>\$ 927.89</b>	<b>\$ 365.41</b>	<b>\$ 1,635.93</b>	<b>\$ 4,969.82</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>										
Adhoc Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Area Committee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	477.19	477.19
Area GSO Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27.40
Paypal Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.32
Forums	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grapevine Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GSC Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,821.80	8,821.80
GSO Flow Through	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,010.00
Ont Delegates' Committee	2,073.20	581.28	926.80	-	7.05	95.95	61.64	-	1,917.10	5,663.02
CERAAASA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
International Convention	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150.00	150.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,073.20</b>	<b>\$ 581.28</b>	<b>\$ 926.80</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7.05</b>	<b>\$ 95.95</b>	<b>\$ 61.64</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 11,216.09</b>	<b>\$ 15,850.73</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 2,073.20</b>	<b>\$ 586.28</b>	<b>\$ 2,426.80</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 128.64</b>	<b>\$ 509.95</b>	<b>\$ 989.53</b>	<b>\$ 365.41</b>	<b>\$ 12,852.02</b>	<b>\$ 20,820.55</b>

	YTD 2020	Sept 2019	Difference
Income To Date	21,023.40	41,415.77	- 20,392.37
Expenses To Date	20,820.55	43,411.23	- 22,590.68
<b>Net Change To Operating Account</b>	<b>\$ 202.85</b>	<b>\$ 1,995.46</b>	<b>\$ 2,198.31</b>
Contributions	\$19,315.35	\$36,096.87	-\$16,781.52
Contributing Groups	83	125	-42
Contributing Districts	10	15	-5

<b>Income Summary :</b>	
9/5/2020	
7th Tradition	642.05
Bank Interest	-
GSO Flow through	1,010.00
Contributions	19,315.35
Cost Recoveries	56.00
Grapevine Seasonals	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 21,023.40</b>

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## Appendix A<sub>3</sub> Financial Documents—Contributions by District

<b>GROUP &amp; DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS</b> <b>as at September 5, 2020</b>
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District	0	Unspecified, Paypal	\$0.00
District	2	Malton	\$100.00
District	6	Mississauga	\$1,704.97
District	10	Toronto South Central	\$1,547.47
District	12	Toronto South West	\$1,251.85
District	14	Toronto North Central	\$559.21
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	\$0.00
District	18	Toronto City East	\$2,384.75
District	22	Scarborough	\$851.00
District	26	Lakeshore West	\$795.00
District	28	Lakeshore East	\$1,366.40
District	30	Quinte West	\$200.00
District	34	Quinte East	\$950.00
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	\$1,120.00
District	42	St. Lawrence International	\$0.00
District	48	Seaway Valley North	\$300.00
District	50	Cornwall	\$0.00
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	\$303.98
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	\$20.00
District	62	Ottawa West	\$1,865.72
District	66	Golden Triangle	\$1,065.00
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	\$550.00
District	74	Pembroke	\$1,660.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	\$60.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	\$150.00
District	86	Kawartha	\$510.00

Total Contributions YTD: \$19,315.35

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Total from Groups	\$14,654.20	83	Groups
Total from Districts	\$4,661.15	10	Districts



## Appendix B<sub>1</sub> Zoom Usage Report- Year 1

### Area 83 Eastern Ontario International Zoom Usage Report

**June 2019 to end of May 2020**

TOTAL Number of Minutes Zoom was used : 13,091 Minutes OR 218 hours and 11 minutes OR 9 days, 2 hours and 11 minutes

Month	Total time Zoom was used		Number of scheduled meetings	Total number of actual minutes of scheduled meetings*	Total number of participants ** of scheduled meetings	Average meeting length in minutes of scheduled meetings	Average number of participants per scheduled meeting
June 2019	0 minutes	0 hours and 0 minutes	0 meetings	0 minutes	0 participants	0 minutes	0 participants
July 2019	1116 minutes	18 hours and 36 minutes	7 meetings	980 minutes	75 participants	140 minutes	10.7 participants
August 2019	574 minutes	9 hours and 34 minutes	6 meetings	508 minutes	32 participants	95.7 minutes	5.3 participants
September 2019	918 minutes	15 hours and 18 minutes	8 meetings	802 minutes	67 participants	111.6 minutes	8.4 participants
October 2019	271 minutes	4 hours and 31 minutes	4 meetings	222 minutes	14 participants	55.5 minutes	3.5 participants
November 2019	1070 minutes	17 hours and 50 minutes	5 meetings	609 minutes	77 participants	121.8 minutes	15.4 participants
December 2019	859 minutes	14 hours and 19 minutes	7 meetings	793 minutes	58 participants	113.3 minutes	8.3 participants
January 2020	1060 minutes	17 hours and 40 minutes	9 meetings	714 minutes	89 participants	79 minutes	9 participants
February 2020	1396 minutes	23 hours and 16 minutes	15 meetings	1223 minutes	98 participants	81.5 minutes	6.5 participants
March 2020	3630 minutes	60 hours and 30 minutes	19 meetings	2627 minutes	441 participants	138.3 minutes	23.2 participants
April 2020	953 minutes	15 hours and 53 minutes	6 meetings	634 minutes	117 participants	105.7 minutes	19.5 participants
May 2020	1244 minutes	20 hours and 44 minutes	7 meetings	791 minutes	77 participants	113 minutes	11 participants
<b>MONTHLY AVERAGE</b>	<b>1190 minutes</b>	<b>19 hours and 50 minutes</b>	<b>8.5 meetings</b>	<b>900 minutes</b>	<b>104 participants</b>	<b>95.9 minutes PER MEETING</b>	<b>11 participants PER MEETING</b>

\* This does not include assisting members to connect with Zoom OR members connecting in advance of the meeting.

\*\* Many members will join more than one meeting during the month

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## Appendix B<sub>2</sub> Zoom Usage Report-Year 2, first quarter

### June 2020 to end of August 2020

Month	Total time Zoom was used		Number of scheduled meetings	Total number of actual minutes of scheduled meetings*	Total number of participants ** of scheduled meetings	Average meeting length in minutes of scheduled meetings	Average number of participants per scheduled meeting
June 2020	2042 minutes	34 hours and 2 minutes	12 meetings	1884 minutes	441 participants	157 minutes	34 participants
July 2020	574 minutes	9 hours and 34 minutes	7 meetings	574 minutes	240 participants	82 minutes	23 participants
August 2020	339 minutes	5 hours and 39 minutes	4 meetings	339 minutes	78 participants	85 minutes	20 participants
<b>MONTHLY AVERAGE</b>	<b>985 minutes</b>	<b>16 hours and 15 minutes</b>	<b>7.7 meetings</b>	<b>932 minutes</b>	<b>104 participants</b>	<b>108 minutes PER MEETING</b>	<b>26 participants PER MEETING</b>

\* This does not include assisting members to connect with Zoom OR members connecting in advance of the meeting.

\*\* Many members will join more than one meeting during the month

### Zoom events:

- Ad hoc committee meetings
- Delegate and Alt. Delegate to attend district meetings
- Sub Committee chair presentations at district meetings
- Sub Committee meetings with area and district chairs
- Workshops
- Sharing sessions with DCMs/Alternates
- Sharing sessions with Officers and Sub Committee Chairs
- Meeting with the Intergroup chairs of the 4 Intergroups
- District business meetings
- Pre Conference Agenda Sharing
- CERAASA Steering Committee meetings
- Area Discussion/Round Tables
- Service Days
- Inter Area Remote Community Work Group meetings (starting May 2020)
- Zoom Tutorials
- Area Committee Meetings

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