

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

***Virtual* Area Committee Meeting Minutes**

January 9, 2021

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2. OPENING

To allow our Area 83 Registrar to properly complete the Attendance for the meeting, please rename yourself on your ZOOM picture as follows: if you have a vote please precede your name with a number 1 followed by First name Last initial, Position District.
(1 Ann J, DCM D10 or 1 Kim M, Delegate). If you are an Alt DCM and your DCM is not present, label yourself as DCM-acting. Visitors label themselves as: 2 Dave M. Visitor

Please do that now.

If you have any technical difficulties today, please contact one of the members of the Zoom Ops team in chat.
If you are having difficulties with weak Wi-Fi connection, it is suggested to turn your video off. Bottom left corner.

Good morning Friends!! I'm an alcoholic a member of the Liverpool Group in District 26 and my name is Amy. It's an honour to serve Area 83 as your Chairperson.

It is customary to open this meeting with a moment of Silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

12 Traditions read by Mike H., Alt DCM D30

12 Concepts (Short Form) read by Karen A., Alt DCM D54

Welcome to our first Area Committee Meeting of our Panel 71 term. It's great to see everyone here today. I hope everyone received their welcome letter. While that letter came from me, your Area Chair, on behalf of all Area Officers, I would like to extend a special welcome and to let you know that we are all here for you. Please do not hesitate to let us know how we could be of assistance. The beauty of these online meetings, we would be happy drop into one of your district meetings if you invited us to do so. This is our first Area Committee meeting of the 2021-2022 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 here who has the same question and it helps to share. As we start this new term, I am reminded of our First Tradition - "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity". We are here to ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous remains unified and strong in Area 83 Eastern Ontario International. Our personal recovery, as well as the recovery of the still suffering Alcoholic, depends upon it.

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.

Area 83 Officers

First, our Panel 71 Delegate

The Alternate Delegate

Secretary

Treasurer

Registrar

Kimberley M.

James O'D.

JoAnn P.

Dave L.

Bill C.

Our Panel 69 Immediate Past Delegate
And I am your Chairperson

Rob M.
Amy L.

Area Sub-Committee Chairpersons

Public Information Chairperson
Cooperation with the Professional Community Chairperson
Correctional Facilities Chairperson
Treatment
Accessibilities
Grapevine Chairperson
Self-Support Chairperson
Archives Chairperson

Jack R.
Jo D.
Marty M.
Tim F.
Jenny C.
Jane S.
Bev H.
Shane H.

These are your Area Officers and Sub Committee Chairs for 2021-2022.

Introduction of Previous Delegates and other distinguished guests:

Also, with us today we have: Panel 61 Delegate Robb W., Panel 65 Delegate Joyce S and Panel 67 Delegate Kim S.

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

Housekeeping:

The Area committee meeting will be held three times this year and four times next year. Dates for 2021 are June 5 and September 11. The Area Assembly and Service Information Day will be taking place in March on this virtual platform March 27 & 28. The Saturday will be dedicated to the workshops and open meeting organized by our Service Information Day Committee, and Sunday will be the Business meeting for Area 83. We will have Another Assembly in the Fall, October 26-27th. The format and venue for this is tentatively the Ambassador Hotel. I hope we will have a better idea of what is possible in the Spring and can address that at the Spring Assembly.

Our meeting schedule up to and including tentative dates in 2021 will be included in the minutes. These dates are reserved on the Area Calendar, and when we resume meeting in-person will be booked in advance with the hotel and church. Some are listed as tentative as the date of the following Assembly or Area Committee Meeting is approved at the end of each meeting.

Year	Date	Status	Type of Meeting	Where
2021	January 9	Approved	Area Committee Meeting	Virtual
2021	March 26-28	Confirmed	Area Assembly	Virtual
2021	June 5	Confirmed ¹	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church/Virtual ²
2021	September 11	Tentative	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2021	October 25-27	Tentative	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel

¹Voted and approved at January 9, 2021 Area Committee meeting, see agenda [item 15](#) in these minutes.

² format (location of the meeting) will be determined and conveyed at the Spring Assembly.

The agenda for this Area Committee Meeting was sent out originally on December 4th to DCMs and if they were known at the time, their alternates. It is sent in advance so that you can consider as your district's representative items that may require a vote.

NOTE: As I assume the Area Chair roll, there are a couple of items of business that I am addressing, and the Area Committee should be made aware:

- The term for two of our appointed positions has expired and call letters have been issued. You can find copies of these call letters attached to the minutes, as well and they will also be posted on the Area Website, under the Chair's tab. Deadline for submitting resumes will be February 20th, for both positions. [Area 83 Alcoholics Anonymous - Chairperson](#)
 - 1) The Area Archivist: as per 3.19 of our OPs: "To be appointed (or re-appointed) for a (3) three-year term by the Area Committee, on a recommendation of the Area Chair." The Last appointment of the Archivist was: September 2017.
 - 2) The Webmaster: as per 3.20 of our OPs, "To be appointed (or re-appointed) for a (2) two-year term by the Area Committee". The Last appointment of the Webmaster was January 1, 2019 effective until December 31, 2020
- Lastly, under 3.03 of our OPs, it says "The Area Chair shall strike an Ad Hoc Committee every 4 years to review the location and expenses for the bi-annual Area 83 Assemblies beginning in the year 2020." Given the current situation with the pandemic, I am deferring this exercise for the time being. I want to let you know that this Ad Hoc committee will be struck as soon as it is safe and practical to do so.

Who votes?

All Area Officers, including the immediate past Delegate, but not the Area Chair. All Area subcommittee chairs. All District Committee Members of Districts in Area 83; in their absence, the Alternate District Committee Member may vote on behalf of their District. There is one vote per person.

How do we vote?

Procedure:

Alcoholics Anonymous has traditionally made decisions by 'substantial unanimity'. In practice, this has translated to 2/3 majority. I believe that the first part of the agenda today can be handled under simple majority. *The items under old and new business are of such a nature to be under 2/3 majority and I will ask for a motion when we get to that point in the agenda.* If, at any time, you think that we should move to a 2/3 majority, please make the motion.

At times, I may ask for a show of hands to get a 'sense of the meeting'. This is NOT a VOTE, and those with a vote may raise their hand. We will do this by clicking the green Yes button or Red NO button. We will use these buttons to gauge the feeling of the voting members. We will also use this function to second a motion. IF YOU WISH TO SECOND A MOTION USE THE "YES" BUTTON.

VOTING:

For anything requiring a vote we will be using the polling feature. There will be three options: For, Against and Abstain.

DISCUSSION/RAISING HAND:

If you would like to address the committee (as though you were approaching the mic) 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 or if you have the latest version of Zoom your hand can be found in the reaction window. Zoom will keep people in a queue in the order in which they raised their hand.

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

Voice of the Minority:

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 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 will take place under Agenda Item 14. 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 JoAnn.

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

- Motion for simple majority

Moved:	George W., DCM District 22
Seconded:	Ian C., DCM District 26
Discussion	None
All those in favour:	All – Number not provided
opposed:	None
abstentions:	None
Motion:	Carried

3. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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

OLD BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

None

NEW BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

None

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

Moved:	Christy F., DCM District 18
Seconded:	Maria M., DCM District 30
Discussion	None
All those in favour:	36
opposed:	None
abstentions:	1
Motion:	Carried

4. ROLL CALL

Our Area Registrar Bill is taking the roll call today and will be sharing the results later during the Registrar's 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 today is 14 Area Officers and Sub-Committee Chairs (including Webmaster & Area Archivist), 1 Immediate Past Delegate, 3 Past Delegates, 21 District Committee Members, 17 Alternate District Committee Members and 12 visitors.

For voting purposes there are: 14 Area Officers and Sub-Committee Chairs eligible to vote (including 1 Immediate Past Delegate) and 22 District Committee Members or Alternate District Committee Members for a total of 36 votes. Total delegation for this meeting is 65 people.

5. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF November 28, 2020 ACM

Minutes of the November 28, 2020 ACM were distributed by email on December 13th to the Panel 69 and Panel 71 DCMs and again on January 3, 2021 with the financial statements.

Are there any errors or omissions in the minutes? JoAnn P. presented:

Correction to the November 28, 2020 Minutes – Treasurer's Report Page 26 bottom of the page paragraph starting with "The opening bank balance", the 3rd sentence is, As of November 21, our expenses were \$2,245.89 less than our income. The proper wording should be As of November 21, our expenses were \$2245.89 more than our income.

- May I have a motion to accept the November 28, 2020 ACM minutes as amended?

Moved:	Trevor F., DCM District 62
Seconded:	Jill B., DCM District 6
Discussion	None
All those in favour:	36
opposed:	None
abstentions:	None
Motion:	Carried

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

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

I would ask members to come up to the mic to give their report. Order is determined by drawing District numbers from the bag. I will announce who is up and who is on deck. If you are "on deck", please be ready to give your report when the DCM before you has finished. Please clearly state your name, your position and your District when you are addressing the committee, thank you.

Let's get started

District 02 Malton

Good afternoon, my name is Patrick B. and I'm an alcoholic and District Committee Member for District 2. This is my first meeting as District Committee Member for District 2. Our first District business meeting for the new term will be tomorrow January 10th, 2021 so I don't have much to report.

District 2 is doing well financially. We have decided to hold off on contributions to the three entities for now as contributions are down during these uncertain times. Our attendance has suffered greatly since Covid-19 hit and meetings began using the Zoom format. We've only had four to five people attending our monthly business meetings.

Our Grapevine Chair Randy C. has been generous enough to allow our District to use his Zoom account to carry on our monthly business meetings. We have voted to obtain our own Zoom account for District to use.

I will be personally contacting all the General Service Representatives and all subcommittee chairs in an effort to generate more interest and to boost attendance. I hope to boost our spirits and spread an attitude of gratitude during these trying times.

I look forward to an exciting, promising term as the incoming District Committee Member for District 2. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Yours in Love and Service, Patrick B.

District 06 Mississauga

Good morning all, my name is Jill, alcoholic and a member of the Erin Mills Group and currently serving as the District Committee Member for District 6 for Panel 71.

I'd like to introduce you to our new Alternate District Committee Member, Marrey P of the Streetsville Group; as well as Dareena B our Secretary/Treasurer and Bart B our Registrar/Webmaster. Elections for the Committee Chairs will be held later this month on January 20th.

During the past term, we continued to have approximately 19 of our 34 group (or 59%) represented consistently each month. While some groups do not attend the District, we do maintain a Point of Contact for each group so that information can flow through to their members.

We have recently launched our District 6 website on the WordPress platform. We are also actively connecting with each group's General Service Representative to ensure we have their correct meeting information listed so that those in need of a meeting can access one. The District wishes to thank our website Ad-hoc committee for all their time and effort for making that venture successful.

District 6, along with the other 7 GTA districts will once again participate and take the lead this year for the GTA AA Information Day. We hope to connect shortly with Kimberley M, to invite her to share her notes from the General Service Conference; as well as extend an invitation to a speaker from our General Service Office.

We wish each of you a Happy New Year, please continue to stay safe and healthy.

Yours in love & service, Jill B.

District 10 Toronto South Central

Hi everyone. I'm an Alcoholic and my name is Ann. I'm a member of the Eglinton Park Group in Toronto and am honoured to be serving as your DCM for District 10. Having just had one District meeting since our last Area Committee Meeting, I don't have a lot of new news. I'd like to start by welcoming Joe M, who's here today, as our Alternate DCM.

Overview of Groups and Participation: As a recap for the new members, District 10 currently has 26 groups. We average 80%-90% GSR attendance at our monthly District meeting, with between 18-22 attendees, a strong representation.

Group Activities: 24 of our 26 groups are online, with about 45 online meetings a week. Three of these groups also hold in-person or hybrid meetings

Groups with a form of electronic 7th are at about 75%. Many are now making contributions to District, Area, GSO and Intergroup, as their group conscience guides them in these challenging times.

People and Positions/ Service Commitments and Service Committees: I'm happy to report that 6 of our 9 2021-2022 Committee/Liaison positions are filled and we hope to fill the remaining 3 in the next couple of months.

We continue with two of our six Treatment Service meetings on Zoom, CAMH and Women's Own, with no specific plans to restart the other four, due to various logistics.

Finances & District Activities: In December, our D10 Operating Procedures adhoc team presented a phase 1 draft, with a vote to implement this month. Once approved the team is very excited to begin Phase 2 of the project.

In addition, to welcome all of the new GSR's and Alternates, a District 10 GSR workshop is in the works.

Overall, D10 is currently financially stable. This month we will be reviewing our finances in detail and expect to be able to make a contribution to Area, in addition to our November contribution to GSO.

Summary

In summary and looking forward in the 2021-2022 term....as well as solid mix of enthusiastic new/returning faces, District 10 is represented by a diverse mix of sobriety, ages, demographics, and service experience. I feel blessed to be part of such an awesome team at the District and Area level.

Yours in love and service, Ann J.

District 12 Toronto South West

Good Morning everybody, I'm an alcoholic member of The Prince Edward Group and the District Committee Member for District 12 Toronto Southwest and my name is Sean.

It's nice to be back at the District once again. With us this morning virtually is our Alternate DCM Ed V. The District at their last meeting elected a new Treasurer and Registrar. We hope to get the Secretary position filled at our upcoming meeting.

The District agreed to make contributions to Area 83 and the General Service Office. Looking forward to seeing virtually all the incoming GSR's at our next District meeting later this month. Thank you for my sobriety and hope you all have a good meeting.

Yours in Love and Service, Sean K.

District 14 Toronto North Central

Absent, report submitted

AA is thriving in our district. Most meetings are Zoom only. Newcomers are coming and staying sober!

The district continues to make donations to WSO and GTA intergroup regularly. I would like to thank Kimberley for helping with our elections in November. About half the sub committee positions were filled at that time. Fortunately, several more positions were filled at our meeting last night by new GSRs looking to get involved. I hope the trend continues to pick up next month.

Yours in love and service, Bill W.

District 16 Distrito Hispano De Toronto

Good Morning everyone, I'm an alcoholic and grateful member of Grupo Amistad. I have the privilege of serving as District Committee Member for Distrito Hispano 16 and my name is Gregorio. The members of District 16 have closed all the in-person meetings due to the situation in hand and Grupo Amistad is conducting a virtual meeting on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

The District did not have elections last year as we were not able to conduct any meetings due to the pandemic and the lack of knowledge of zoom. We will help the members in the district to get familiar with zoom so we can have meetings. The information is distributed via emails, so they are aware of everything that is going on in Area 83. The groups in the district will meet in person once it is safe.

Yours in Love and Service, Gregorio A.

District 18 Toronto City East

Good morning/afternoon, I am an alcoholic, a member of Steps to Serenity, and my name is Christy F., I have the honour of serving District 18 as their new District Committee Member.

Our District has our first meeting of our new term January 12, next Tuesday, when we will elect the Chairpersons for our Sub-Committees and conduct our new GSR orientation session. We added the position of Web Master at the end of last term. This position will also be filled during our elections.

At our November 2020 meeting we elected Officers for our new term. All positions were filled. I am joined here today by our Alternate District Committee Member, Greg R., who is our out-going Treasure. He is extending his many years of active service and someone I am grateful to be joined by at the Area Committee. Katrina E., our former DCM, is incoming Secretary, John M., our former GV chair is incoming Treasurer, and Jeff A., our former chair and alt-chair of CPC and PI, is our incoming Registrar.

Preparing for the new term was an exciting and steep learning curve for me. Our District already has a number of items slated for the first few months; a draft of a new set of Operating Procedures were submitted by an ad hoc committee to answer a long-standing oversight – we did not have a set of accepted P&Gs. We look forward to reviewing and accepting a set of O&Ps. We have a new position of Web Master which will result in the building of a website to serve our membership; we have our Pre-Conference Sharing Session slot from Kimberley M.; and I am taking advantage of our digital virtual world and have made our GSR orientation into a digital kit and presentation that has imbedded links to resources; will offer additional sessions outside of regularly scheduled District meetings, use calendar functions to schedule Zoom sessions, currently use our temporary website to house resources, and asked our Officers to meet on a monthly basis to better communicate.

As well, we have begun the planning of the virtual Information AA Day tentatively scheduled for May 15, with the GTA Districts and Intergroup. Our Secretary, Treasure, and Chair for this committee are filled by Ann J., DCM D10, Jill B, DCM D06, and myself. Kimberley M, our P71 Delegate and Jeff W. from the GSO, are penciled in.

Our District has 23 groups yet only 8 of them are meeting virtually and none are meeting in person nor hybrid. We hold 16 meetings per week and at least one per day; some of which are private while most are publicly posted. We have no service meetings running nor have we received any Bridging-the-Gap requests. I am concerned about our significantly diminished ability to carry the message in District 18. I have sought advice and experience from sister Districts and from Area 83 in order to get ideas and suggestions on how to better enliven and engage our members. I have asked members from groups that are not meeting for insight. The general sense is that groups who lost meeting locations disbanded while waiting out the pandemic. We are financially fit.

Our upcoming General Service Conference theme, AA in a Time of Change, is most welcomed by this alcoholic. I know I need to hear from others how AA is meeting the needs of all alcoholics during this time of change.

Yours, in loving service, Christy F.

District 22 Scarborough

Greetings to all. I am an alcoholic, grateful member of the Silverbirch Group. I have the honour and privilege to be serving as the DCM for District 22- Scarborough for the term 2021-2022. With me today, is Bert J, our alternate DCM. It is a blessing for the District, and myself, to have such an active and experienced member serving in this position.

At the start of this new term (Dec22) there were 14 of our 22 groups listed in the Meeting Guide App as being active. Twelve of these groups were offering on-line only meetings, one group is listed as in person only, and one group's meeting is a hybrid. All the groups currently functioning offer a closed meeting (Big Book, Step, or Discussion), three of the groups have chosen to cancel their open (speaker) meetings. The two groups which were open meetings only are cancelled. It would appear that the single noontime group listed in D22 has folded and turned its location and time over to the Dry on the Danforth (previously a daily noon meeting listed in D18). Whether the other groups revive themselves is an open question. Whatever the future holds for our groups, we alcoholics continue do 12 Step work, and to offer meetings in what ever form we can.

There were 10 Service meetings recorded on a District list in 2018. One meeting is no longer listed on the Meeting Guide; two are still functioning; the Scarborough General Hospital meeting (our only District sponsored service meeting) has been cancelled from March last year. The four noontime meetings amongst these service groups are all temporarily cancelled. The East Detention Facility meetings are on hold; however, literature- Big Books, and Grapevines- are still

being distributed. Efforts have been underway to hold on-line meetings (audio only). Currently (Jan 08), all in person meetings are cancelled.

Our District meets via ZOOM on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 1pm. Our first meeting of the new term is tomorrow! James O'D (alt Delegate), and Joyce S (past delegate) has graciously agreed to present at our GSR orientation. I have prepared/ updated a package of information which will be sent out to the incoming GSRs. Following this, there will be some elections.

The critical role of registrar is open. Lynn E (immediate past DCM) will fill this duty in the meantime. We are blessed to have Angela J (New Anchor) as Secretary, and Mike S (Beaches) as our new treasurer. We are grateful to Ed H (out going treasurer) for setting up E-transfer for our 7th tradition and on-line account access. Currently, only two sub-committee chairs are filled- Accessibility (Vivien C (SMDG)), and Corrections (Gale R (SMDG)). All alternate positions are open.

Bert J (Alt DCM) has been instrumental in starting an on-line Traditions & Concept meeting (Wednesday, 6pm), and now a Service Manual study meeting (Sunday, 6pm). We will encourage our incoming members to attend these. From the example of the Area meetings, we will be encouraging Group sharing to be a more formal part of our meetings, hopefully including short written reports on occasion. It is the hope that greater understanding and appreciation of the Traditions and Concepts, and their applications, will be an encouragement to participate in general service activities at the district level, and foster a stronger group conscience and unity of purpose at the group level. We are all working together to maintain a vibrant District 22-Scarborough. Many thanks for allowing me to share.

Yours in Service, George W.

District 26 Lakeshore West

Good Morning my name is Ian, member of the Liverpool Group in Pickering and serving as DCM District 26, Lakeshore District West and I am an alcoholic. Milner there is a reason why many members are Scottish. Glad to discuss off-line.

We are still missing a few officer positions, but I am confident we will get these filled quickly. Rob F., who is with us today, was elected and is serving as Alt DCM, I mention this as I did not get the necessary notification done in time. I am personally grateful for Rob's experience and assistance. Our first goal is to increase Group participation over the coming year. After such a short period and the fact that we have not had our first meeting for the new term there is not much else to report.

A special welcome to the new Area Committee, and best wishes for the coming term. I am looking forward to the coming year and working with you all. Thank you for my sobriety.

Yours in love and service, Ian C.

District 28 Lakeshore East

Hi Everyone, I'm an alcoholic, member of the Motor City Group, and my name is Kathie. I'm currently serving as District Committee Member for District 28, Lakeshore East. I am joined today by our Alt DCM James S.

District 28 has 23 registered groups, with about half of them meeting on Zoom during COVID-19 lockdown. For the latest updates, please visit the Lakeshore Districts Intergroup website <https://www.aadurham.org>.

All District Officer positions are filled, as well as Archives, Corrections, and Self Support. I'm confident the remaining positions will be filled at our District meeting tomorrow.

Our financial audit was completed on Thursday, and I'm pleased to report that everything is good. We'll be discussing the disbursement of excess funds at tomorrow's District meeting.

Unfortunately, our annual Spring Round-Up in April has been cancelled in person due to the pandemic. We will discuss the possibility of a virtual platform tomorrow. I look forward to working with all our new GSRs and committee chairs to carry the message of hope in District 28.

Thank you for my sobriety.

Yours in Love and Service, Kathie T.

District 30 Quinte West

Good morning friends, I'm an alcoholic a member of the Hope Group in Port Hope and I am honoured and privileged to be serving as the District Committee Member for District 30 Quinte West my name is Maria. Our Alternate District Committee Member, Mike H joins me here today.

In light of the cancellation of the Last District meeting in December, we will be having our first (virtual) meeting January 17. I'm optimistic that the open positions will be filled. Our District is doing well, all financial responsibilities are met.

Yours in Gratitude and Service, Maria M.

District 34 Quinte East

Good morning everybody I am an alcoholic and a member the Triangle Unity Group, honoured and privileged to serve and to be serving as District Committee Member for District 34 Quinte East and my name is Inge. With me today is our new Alternate District Committee Member, Mike S.

Our District is in sound financial shape thanks to the support from our groups and many individuals. We have not had a district meeting this year yet and I look forward to having our first meeting at the end of this month and to work with our new GSRs and new committee members. All of our positions are filled except for 2 and hopefully we will get those filled within the next few months. Most of our meetings in our District are on Zoom except for 2 which are face to face meetings and they are continuing to have face to face meetings following the social distancing guidelines.

Yours in Love and Service, Inge D.

District 36 Kingston & The Islands

Hello all, I am an alcoholic and a member of Journey Through Recovery Group and I am honoured and privileged to be serving as Panel 71 DCM for District 36. My name is Jonathan C-J.

We expect to continue primarily with Zoom online meetings for several months and will look into creating a shared District Zoom account which groups can use as they transition back to in-person meetings -- once paying rent again, \$23/month is an additional expense that smaller groups may wish to avoid. Groups could use hybrid meetings if they wish to allow more vulnerable members to still attend by Zoom if they feel safer doing so. I would be interested to hear if other districts have made use of shared Zoom accounts to date. Some of District 36's groups reopened for in-person meetings but have closed again with the provincial lockdown in effect. All in-person Corrections and Treatment meetings are on hold, although some detox centres have provided iPads to allow clients to join Zoom meetings one at a time.

One group in District 36 has closed and another is on hiatus until the pandemic conditions have eased, leaving us with 25 active groups, 4 of which are Corrections based. Representation at the District table remains solid so far in late 2020, averaging 60% of GSRs attending. All positions at the table are filled for 2021 with the exception of Public Information. Finances are depleted from earlier in the year, but still quite stable. GSRs are being informed of our mutual commitment with District 34 to one of the Pre-Conference information sessions to be held on April 6 on the topic of Corrections.

Yours in Love and Service, Jonathan C-J.

District 42 St. Lawrence International

Greetings from your international district. It has been somewhere around 40 weeks without an in person meeting for our district. We are getting so used to Zoom meetings that I can't remember what a live meeting is like. Although this past year has been challenging our district is doing well. In some ways it is doing better than it was pre-COVID-19. We are having a much higher level of district participation and have been able to rotate all of our positions. Most of the positions are being filled by AA's who were not involved with the district in a big way before. New Blood! This brings me

to the next bit of good news; I am being rotated. Milner G. offered to become DCM at the prodding of one of our chairs. It was suggested that with so many new people serving in district his experience would be very helpful in mentoring. I will find something else to do in service. I am very thankful for the opportunity to serve as DCM for the past few years.

Our district finances are in good order although much diminished. This is not a big worry at this time because our expenses are also way down. It seems that if we have a real need, the funds show up. David L. is taking over as Treasurer from Milner and he will be very good at that position. David L. is also our Webmaster and doing all sorts of small things to improve the flow of information in and through our district. Our new website is about to be rolled out.... soon.

We have four live meeting in our district presently, although some of them could shut down at any time. Our online meetings have dwindled too with only four now listed on our web page. My home group, Fall Island Big Book Study, is doing well with a mix of locals and snowbirds from Florida.

As I am about to end my foray into Area 83 matters, I would like to make an observation. You seem to have a diversity issue. It is not that the meetings are majority white that strikes me. It's that they seem to be majority Scottish. You should try to fix that. I do love the accent though.

Yours in Service, Ted R., Panel 69 DCM (presented by Milner G., Panel 71 DCM)

District 48 Seaway Valley North

Good morning friends, my name is Sharon, and I am an alcoholic. I am grateful to be a member of the Kemptville Monday/Friday Big Book and Steps Discussion Group and privileged to be the Alternate District Committee Member for District 48, Seaway Valley North.

District 48 runs from Russell south of Ottawa, to Prescott on the St Lawrence over to Morrisburg, encapsulating Winchester, Kemptville and North Gower.

I am here at present because we did not fill the DCM position at our November 2020 elections.

Participation at monthly District meetings has declined over the COVID-19 months. We are consequently missing several Sub-committee Chairs including Treatment/Correctional facilities, Grapevine and Literature as well as already stated a DCM.

We are however managing to host from our normal 30 meetings a week, 10 meetings. Morrisburg has three in person meetings. Kemptville has 6 and Russell has 1. You can go to a zoom meeting everyday in District 48. It was decided at our district meeting, this week, by our members not to run our annual February Roundup. We do have new members during COVID and attempt to get chips and literature to them.

I thank Wayne L the outgoing DCM for all his help and guidance.

Yours in love and service, Sharon C.

District 50 Cornwall

Absent, no report

District 54 Ottawa Rideau

Good Morning everyone, I am an alcoholic and 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. My name is Kevin O. I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and wish you all the best for the coming year.

This is my first report as DCM for District 54 to the Area 83 Assembly. Jo D. my predecessor and I have had several conversations and completed the handoff of DCM in December. Working with Jo, we completed the transition of the Zoom account to myself with no disruptions to existing meetings on the account. Encountered a couple of minor inconveniences due to some settings previously in place being changed, however these were corrected easily and quickly. I can honestly say my skills in Zoom have doubled in the last month.

At our last District 54 meeting in December 2020, the remaining vacant position of Archives Liaison has been filled. We are starting off the New Year with all ten positions filled.

Our first District meeting was held January 7th and was well attended. A few new GSR's and their Alternates were present. Our outgoing Registrar and incoming Registrar are working together to complete the necessary District Group change forms to be sent to the Area 83 Registrar. Signing authority changes for the District 54 account are being coordinated by our outgoing Treasurer and incoming Treasurer, to be completed in January. District 54's spending guidelines will be presented to our group at our next meeting in February. District 54 is financially stable. Other elected positions hand offs are in progress. Overall, the transition to our new committee members is going well.

With the announcement of the lockdown measures in the Ottawa area as of December 26th, previously reported groups that were meeting in person have had to pause this for now. Existing online meetings continue.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as the District 54 DCM and I am looking forward to the learning and growth opportunity over the next two years of service.

Yours in Service, Kevin O.

District 58 Ottawa Bytown

Absent, no report

District 62 Ottawa West

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

District 62 has slowly been filling the vacancies for the 2021/2022 term. We still have three committee liaison positions to fill, which are difficult to fill as most of the committees aren't meeting for the time being. 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 a GSR workshop at our January District meeting this coming Monday, with Mike B presenting to our incoming and returning GSRs. We will have participation from the Ottawa Service committees as well as the Ottawa Intergroup Chair. We have also extended the invitation to members of District 54 and 58 and are hoping to encourage enthusiasm in service in the Ottawa area.

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 still closed to the public as well, but they are doing curbside pickups for literature, and the phones are still being answered. A few groups in District 62 are having in person meetings again, some are doing hybrid meetings, while the majority are choosing to remain on Zoom for the time being. Close to a third of our groups haven't been meeting at all during the pandemic.

Financially, District 62 is doing well, contributions are down - but expenses are minimal. It's nice to see the new (and returning) faces here, and I hope you all have a wonderful year ahead in 2021.

Yours in Love and Service, Trevor F.

District 66 Golden Triangle

Hello folks, I am an alcoholic. This is my inaugural report to Area 83 as I begin the privilege of serving as DCM of District 66. My home group is the Mississippi Group in Carleton Place and my name is Theresa L.

We held our final District meeting Dec 30 for the term and the year. Chairpersons for the positions of Roundup Chair, Alternate Roundup Chair and Registrar submitted, with regret, their need to step down from their commitments. Our former Webmaster chair stepped up and was acclaimed to fill the Registrar position. Word has gone out to the groups encouraging members to attend the next District meeting if they are interested in fulfilling the role of Roundup Chair and Alternate.

The Roundup is traditionally held in April so we will be proceeding with plans to host a Virtual Roundup.

Attendance at District meetings remains at approximately 32% of our 29 registered groups. I will be reaching out to GSRs to encourage their support at the District Table.

Yours in gratitude and service, Theresa L.

District 70 Renfrew Pontiac

I am the DCM for District 70; my home group is the Douglas Group, and my name is Lisa C. Over Christmas and New Years District 70 opened a drop-in Alkathon. We had a few visitors. Our District has decided to review our Standard Operating Procedures.

We are looking into insurance for the groups that are held at Trinity St. Anne Church as per the direction of the church in anticipation of opening up in the coming year. District 70 is financially sound for the time being and since we initiated etransfer on our account and 7th traditions have been coming in.

Yours in Service, Lisa C.

District 74 Pembroke

I am Julie F, an alcoholic and DCM for District 74. My home group is the River Group in the Ottawa Valley.

I have much to learn. I don't have a substantial report this time, and I apologize to our Secretary for not sending a written submission already. I will do so immediately after this meeting. The District 74 committee will hold its first meeting of the year next week. All AA meetings posted on our web site are accessible through Zoom with only one exception.

I am impressed with the enthusiasm I witness at this ACM and am pleased to serve among you.

Yours in service, Julie F.

District 78 Madawaska Valley

Our six groups are doing well with some holding Zoom meetings, one meeting is holding in person meeting and others not holding meetings at all. All the positions at the District table have been filled except for Archives. District meetings are being held on Zoom.

Depending on Covid-19 restrictions we are anticipating holding our annual Roundup, Festival of Colours, in September of this year.

Yours in Love and Service, Barbara C.

District 82 Victoria Haliburton

Hello everyone, I'm an alcoholic and a member of The High Noon group in Lindsay and a grateful member of AA and my name is Joe. I hope you all had a safe and happy New Year!

I was elected to the DCM position on December 20th, 2020, so we would have someone in position for this ACM. We plan to have our fall elections on January 17th, 2021 by Zoom. Obviously, with the pandemic we have not been having in person meetings, we do have some groups who offer Zoom meetings which many people love, and other not so much.

Our District is still financially sound; however, it's been a while since we've had contributions from our groups, so we will be addressing this in an upcoming meeting.

Due the pandemic, there have been no meetings in The Central East Corrections Center since March for either Men or Women. I know that reading materials have been dropped off to share with those who are waiting on meetings to resume and also, that Donna M, the volunteer coordinator, has been using CDs she got from the GSO to help with the message of A.A. in place of face-to-face meetings. It seems unlikely that we will be able to hold our Annual Conference

in May this year, but it would be nice if things get better sooner rather than later to see if there is something we could do, but that will be up to the Conference Committee.

We are looking forward to our elections to get started on a new term that may be challenging but no less rewarding! That's about it for now.

Yours in service, Joe C.

District 86 Kawartha

Good morning friends, I am an alcoholic, a grateful member of the Stonewall Group and my name is Bruce. Hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Years, its great being sober, isn't it. Its a privilege today to be serving as District 86's DCM. This is going to be a first for many of us, not only by attending our first meeting at this level of service but by via Zoom for a good part of the term, I expect, I welcome the experience. I've trained many years as a practising alcoholic for this privilege.

A good percentage of our districts registered groups have adapted to the Zoom format; some are trudging, some are growing. One day at a time. Seeing a lot of people stepping up to the new service opportunities that Zoom has brought with it, is great. Many buked at Zoom at first, self included but here we are today.

Before the last lock down, our Intergroup had 4 service groups operating with less than 10 people in attendance, following COVID-19 procedures but have now shut down till end of January. At that time, another evolution of COVID-19 conditions will be done and the necessary protocols that would be needed will be evaluated. Intergroup is closed now but phones are being answered on a daily basis with Library operating on phone and curb side pickup. Group donations and contributions are keeping the wolves away from the doors, with operating expenses such as rent, phone, utilities etc. being paid. With sadness we had to cancel our Wi-Fi, grateful alcoholics we are. A lot of old-timer sweat and Stories went into that place and we are very lucky to have it. It will be a grand day when we can reopen for face-to-face meetings.

Our subcommittee chairs are almost filled and I'm confident that they soon will be filled. AA is alive and well in the Kawarthas. Let gratitude be your attitude.

Yours in love and service, Bruce B.

Thank you to all those who gave reports.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

We now come to our Area subcommittee 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 JoAnn, our Secretary. I would ask the committee members to stay unmuted 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 ... SO please take notes!!

A. Public Information

Jack R.

Good Morning, friends. I am an alcoholic and a member of the Step Stop Group from District 36 in Kingston. I am honoured with the privilege of serving as your Panel 71 Public Information Committee chair for Area 83. My name is Jack R.

I am eager to take on this new position for the next 2-year term! I was able to reach out to Ray R., our panel 69 PI chair for some of his experience and expertise in this role. I also hope to draw on my experience of Public Information Chair from District 36. I hope to review the past minutes and GSO guidelines to best move forward.

I hope to soon receive the contact information for all the District Public Information chairs so that I can communicate with them individually and as a group. I plan to have regular meetings to exchange ideas and create a forum to help solve any regional differences and improve on what is working in individual districts. I

ask DCM's to send me their emails and those of their PI chairs so that I can get this process started. My email is pi@area83aa.org.

I also am looking forward to the pre-conference Area 83 Assembly in March where I plan to put together a workshop building on the many previous workshops and hopefully expanding on new points that will be part of the General Service Conference agenda.

I welcome all the new DCM's and alternates and am grateful to be part of what is sure to be a rewarding journey over the next 2 years!

Yours in Gratitude and Service, Jack R.

B. Cooperation with the Professional Community Jo D.

Hello everyone. I am an alcoholic and a member of the Search for Serenity Group in Orleans in District 54. My name is Jo D (Jo Anne), and I am truly honoured to be serving as your Panel 71 Chair of the Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) subcommittee of Area 83 Eastern Ontario International.

Since the Area Committee Meeting on November 28, 2020, I have stepped onto the learning curve with which this new service role gifts me. I started this new journey by attending my first Regional Forum on December 5, 2020.

On December 7th, Bill C and I met on zoom. I want to thank Bill for spending a little over an hour with me on that call to answer all my questions and share his knowledge of the role. Bill kindly sent introductory emails to the CPC North America Initiative, and to the GSO staffer (who has just changed). I am now a participant in the CPC North America initiative. The next meeting of that group is scheduled for January 27th.

On Saturday, December 12th, I participated in the (US) National PI and CPC Working Group Meeting organized by Tim C. from the East Bay Intergroup in California. That group is moving forward with website design, best SEO Practises, Google Business Listings, web content creation, social media messaging. My big take-away from that meeting is that any Intergroup and/or District that has a website, can use the Group's precedent for creating a landing page that shows up in a google search of AA related searches on the first page, rather than the ten pages in. Tim's "how to" document is available if anyone would like it. I have joined the Group and will attend their regularly scheduled meetings. Very cool work this group is doing.

On Monday, January 4th, I participated in a CPC Workshop hosted by Area 50 featuring three information-laden presentations: one by the CPC Chair for Area 50 about the activities in that area; another by Dr. Al Mooney, a Class A Trustee, who shared his story, ideas, and some of the science behind specific elements of the Program; and Tim C from the National PI and CPC Working Group on the work that Group is doing.

I just want to remind everyone that Grapevine is looking for stories about having participated in CPC service (providing doctors, therapists, clergy, lawyers, teachers, parole officers and other professionals information about AA)? Did a professional help you find your way to AA because of CPC service work? Are you a professional who found out about AA from members doing CPC work? Grapevine is looking for stories of your experiences, anywhere from 300 to 1800 words. To submit your story, go to aagrapevine.org/share The deadline is April 15.

Next steps for me are to reach out to District and Intergroup CPC Committees to build relationships and to generate interest in continuing with the quarterly Area CPC meetings. DCMs, I hope you will encourage your CPC Chairs to contact me any time at the CPC@area83aa.org email address with which George has set me up.

Yours in love and service, Jo D.

QUESTION FOLLOWING COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY REPORT:

QUESTION: You mentioned the North American Initiative, what exactly is that?

ANSWER: So, it is an initiative that was started a few years ago and it basically is a group of CPC representatives in North America, Canada and the United states and it is just information sharing and they have a google group and they share documents as

well, and I plan on circulating those once I have a distribution list of CPC District Committee Chairs. It is just information sharing.

C. Correctional Facilities

Marty M.

Hello everyone, my name is Marty and I'm an alcoholic. I am a member of the Open Hands group in Mississauga, District 6 and I am privileged to serve as your new area Corrections Chair. Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you all had a great holiday considering all that's going on. I had a very busy month because I decided to move in with my partner just after Christmas. The packing and planning and move was a lot to add in with the normal Christmas stress, in hindsight perhaps not the best idea for timing. But I am glad I did it, now starting off the new year with a fresh start.

So, I have been corresponding with Les; our former Corrections Chair. He sent me some great reading as well as the contact information for the discharge planner at Maplehurst in Milton and Ontario Corrections Institute in Brampton. I acquired from Les a list of all the Correctional facilities in Area 83 and the Districts they are located in. We have yet to meet up for him to pass along the materials to me, I'm hoping to see him in the next week or so.

I'm looking forward to setting up a Zoom meeting with all the District Corrections chairs, just as soon as I receive an updated Area 83 contact list. My hope is that we can continue to carry the message into these facilities in any limited capacity. Furthermore, set up some initiatives for when things do open back up. Like I said in December, I want to unite the districts and get all of the chairs involved. Hopefully set up a Bridging the Gap program in all of the correctional facilities.

I was forwarded a communication on the latest activity update from the Corrections assignment at G.S.O. There are some great ideas I would like to share with the district chairs. Also, what looks to be a quarterly newsletter titled: *Sharing From Behind the Walls*, this is a really good read, I recommend you check it out. This is available on the GSO website.

That's about it from me. I am very grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve Area 83. I look forward to the next two years with you all. I wish everyone a safe and prosperous new year.

Yours in Love and Service, Marty M.

QUESTION FOLLOWING CORRECTION REPORT:

QUESTION: Jane S., Grapevine Chair: from the Chat feature – Does Corrections committee have a Grapevine Rep?

ANSWER: I am not aware that the Correction committee having a Grapevine rep. If anyone could correct me on that I would be very very grateful, but I am not aware of that at this time.

D. Treatment Facilities

Tim F.

Good Morning Friends, I am an alcoholic, proud member of the Freedom Group, and my name is Tim F. I have the honour of serving Area 83 International as your Panel 71 Treatment Chair. I am grateful that the outgoing Committee saw fit to elect me to this position. I intend to fulfill the duties of the Treatment Chair to the best of my abilities. If you have any questions regarding Treatment, please feel free to contact me. I am a resource for you to use and I will either have an answer or I will find one. I want to welcome the incoming District Committee Members; I found the last term as DCM to be very rewarding.

I started shortly after the November Area Committee Meeting by working on a presentation with Jenny C that you will see later today. I found it a great learning experience and an interesting project. It didn't take long for the first Bridging the Gap request to come through. It showed up on Monday the day after I got access to the Area email account. When I get the full Treatment contact list for all Districts, I intend to set up a Zoom Treatment meeting, similar to the Sub-Committee meetings that are generally held at the Assemblies. This way we can get to know each other early on and see what is going on in the Districts and compare strategies. I know treatment during COVID-19 has undergone changes and has to adapt due to restrictions. I am available whenever you need me, so feel free to invite me to any events taking place that I could be of assistance.

District Committee Members please have your Secretaries add me to your Distribution Lists so I can receive your minutes. I am better able to assist if I am well informed and it's beneficial to know what's going on in all Districts. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you over this term and getting to see you all in person when possible. I know it will make my family happy when I'm no longer monopolizing the wi-fi for meetings such as this.

Yours in Gratitude, Love and Service, Tim F.

E. Grapevine Jane S.

I am an alcoholic, member of the Hand of AA Group in Pembroke and my name is Jane S. It is my honour to serve Area 83 as your Grapevine Chair for Panel 71! I am both thrilled and terrified at the same time. I will do my best to assist all District and Group Grapevine Representatives to the best of my ability. Should you wish to reach out to me at anytime I can be reached through the Area 83 website at grapevine@area83aa.org.

So, as part of the tradition set by my predecessors here is a joke from the January 2021 issue of the Grapevine:

A group reports two New Service Positions as follows:

GDR = General Disinfectant Representative AND

*DTC = Digital Thermometer Committee (insert laugh track here) ***

I have reviewed Chapter 12, Grapevine in the Service Manual to familiarize myself with it. I have also reviewed the Grapevine Statement of Purpose along with the grapevine website. I have placed an order for books to become comfortable with the process. I also came across a phone number for customer service for anyone unable to access the website 212-870-3023.

I was able to attend the Grapevine Portion of the Regional Forum held virtually in December 2020. The Grapevine has exploded in to a full fledge media company over the past years and is no longer simply a magazine. Unfortunately, Grapevine finances have been gutted by the pandemic as sales came to an almost stop (down 65%). Grapevine does NOT receive any "contributions" from the fellowship. The only income is SALES. The magazine subscriptions, books, E publications and now U-Tube channel are invaluable resources for new members and long timers alike. Please take a few minutes to rediscover all that the Grapevine has to offer and make a purchase if you can.

Grapevine has a 2021 Carry the Message Project underway. To give the gift of Grapevine to a friend, sponsee, doctors office or for give-aways at anniversary events or roundups, etc., simply go to store.aagrapevine.org and click on the gift subscriptions box. You can then follow the instructions (listed after my report) to purchase for those you know and/or you are able to forward the gift subscription to EA@grapevine.org for them to redeem it for someone in need i.e., prison inmate or someone who has requested a subscription they cannot afford.

For more information about what Grapevine and La Vina have to offer you can go the "did you know" section of the Area 83 website and find a few bits of great information there. I am excited to have obtained from Jenny C. books, magazines and displays so that I can attend any District Meetings or Events when requested. I think we can even make this possible virtually with a little furniture rearranging in my office!

Going forward I will be scheduling quarterly zoom meetings with all Grapevine Representatives as well as attending the monthly meeting of the Toronto Intergroup Grapevine Committee. I am excited also to chair the Pre-conference Agenda Sharing Session on Sunday, March 21, 2021 regarding Grapevine. Please join me if you can for this important session and pass along the invitation to your District Tables.

There are over 500 groups in Area 83. If each group would place one order for books, magazine subscriptions and/or digital e-pub magazine + audio it would go a long way in support of the Grapevine Statement of Purpose "Linking one alcoholic to another". Thank you for this opportunity to serve and grow.

Yours in love and service, Jane S.

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- Enter the number of gift certificates that you want and click the
- Buy button. (For multiple gift certificates, the discount will automatically be applied).
- Click Checkout and enter your order and payment information.
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- Forward the gift certificate to EA@aagrapevine.org and we will redeem it for someone who has requested a subscription but can't afford one. (If you have purchased multiple gift certificates, select all of them and use the Forward as Attachment option, so you only have to send us one email).

NOTE: Your information will not be connected to the subscription record and all renewal notices will be sent directly to the recipient.

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- the Buy button. (For multiple gift certificates, the discount will automatically be applied).

- Click Checkout and enter your order and payment information.
- When you click the Confirm button, you will get an order confirmation email and the gift certificate will be sent to you as an individual email.
- Print and hand the Gift Certificate or email Gift Certificate to the individual(s) you wish to donate a subscription to and they will be able to redeem the gift certificate code and enter their information themselves on the store: store.aagrapevine.org/to-redeem-your-gift-certificate.

F. Self-Support

Bev H.

Good Morning. I am an alcoholic, member of Women Living Sober group in District 34 – Quinte East and I have the honour and privilege of serving as your Panel 71 Self Support Chair for Area 83 Eastern Ontario International and my name is Bev H.

After the Area Committee Meeting in December, I reached out to the former Area 83 Self-Support Chair to discuss handing off the Self-Support Display board and other pertinent information that he currently has. Mike and I shared a good service conversation, and I appreciated the service advice he passed off to help me move forward in this position. As we are still amid a pandemic and under a provincial lockdown, Mike and I have agreed to hold off until it is safe to do to meet to receive the rest of his documentation.

Once the district rosters have been finalized, I will be reaching out to the Self-Support chairs with a welcome letter – meet and greet on paper – to encourage them to contact me if there are any questions and offer them any assistance I can as they begin their service journey. How we work together during these challenging times is important as we try to continue to share the message of what Self-Support is and still carry the message to the suffering alcoholic.

I would encourage the Districts to send me their monthly district minutes so I can follow along with the self-support happenings in their respective districts.

I have been in contact with our Area Treasurer – Dave L. and we will be working together for the Pre-Conference Sessions being planned over the next months. Self-Support and the position of Treasurer fall under the category of Finance for these sessions. The date for our session is April 8, 2021. More information will be forthcoming.

I look forward to working with all of you over the course of this term and of course, during these unprecedented times. Service for Alcoholics Anonymous has never been more of a challenge and together, I am confident we are all up to the challenge.

Yours in Love and Service, Bev H.

G. Archives

Shane H.

Hello friends I'm an Alcoholic my name is Shane, a member of the reaching out group in Brampton located in District 2 and I am grateful to serve as your Area 83 Archives chair. To be honest I still am riding the pink cloud effect from being elected for one of my passions in A.A., and since then I have been studying The Archives workbook. Very little has changed since I served as a District chair on that committee in 2011.

Last night I attended the Greater Toronto Area Intergroups Archives Zoom meeting. There were 12 people total in attendance and the meeting was chaired by David T. There was discussion on the 80 years of AA in Ontario book, and they are on track to meeting their deadlines, so please I implore you if your village, town, or city is not in the "50 years of AA in Ontario", please think about writing a history of said place, if not sure contact Eddy G the Toronto Archivist at archives@aatoronto.org.

Tomorrow I will call Linda MqQ., our Area Archivist to make plans for our Area 83 Annual Workshop as well as potential articles for our newsletter, "The 83". Really looking forward to learning from those who know, and Area 83 is rich in archivists, so I won't have too look far.

A virtual tour of repositories of Area 83 is something I would like to do before rotating out, this would involve taking pictures of the various venues and collections seeing that some repositories are held in peoples garages

and homes due to high cost of rent or spacing issues, then formatting the pictures into a PowerPoint slideshow, possibly a narration as well.

I just found out recently the Archives chair of District 74 is completing a time capsule based on covid19 and A.A. They will bury it, then open it in ten years, District 70 and 74 share a repository I was recently informed.

In closing, new DCMs please say, "Yes, I will stand for the Service information Day Committee"! It's a journey you do not want to miss.

Last Election 16 DCMs stood, panel 67 had 15 DCMs stand and 13 stood for Panel 65 Service information Day committee, let's go for 17. Good luck to all who stand.

In Love and Service, Shane H.

QUESTIONS FOLLOWING ARCHIVES REPORT:

QUESTION: Christy F., I want to represent East York a former borough of the GTA. I know you are asking for articles from cities and towns. Would you consider East York a sperate entity and if so, can I champion that at District 18 please?

ANSWER: I would and you can send your write up to the Toronto archivist, Archives@aatoronto.org I would encourage you to write that too because all these different little areas, towns, boroughs, villages it doesn't matter wherever history was made is where history was made even if it was swallowed up and become a city or town.

QUESTION: George W., You mentioned virtual repository that could be accessible for local district websites to post images and things like that. Is that a thing that is already under work or is that initiative that's just started?

ANSWER: That's an idea that I want to review as the Archives Chair for Area 83 as a project- record all these repositories and maybe put it on the actual webpage. For example, one of those pop ups where you have the interactive where you click a button and get a little slide show of the different pictures of the different repositories that we have in Area 83 such as Peterborough, Toronto, Ottawa, Kingston, District 70 and 74.

H. Accessibilities

Jenny C

Good Morning, I'm a member of the Smiths Falls Saturday Night group in District 66 currently service as your Panel 71 Accessibilities chair my name is Jenny and I'm an alcoholic. I am so excited and grateful to be a part of Panel 71 as your Accessibilities chair. Welcome to everyone attending today and to those holding a position for the first time.

Accessibility challenges apply to all alcoholics who have difficulties participating in AA, whether those are mental, physical, geographic, cultural, or other factors that vary among people. Some of these alcoholics may experience barriers to accessing the A.A. message, including the literature, meetings, twelfth step work and service structure. My goal for this term is to determine what some of these barriers are and come up with ideas or plans to address them and remove some of these obstacles to make our area more accessible for all that seek to be a part of.

In December I was asked to go through the operating procedures with Tim S., our Treatment chair, so we could see where we may need to make adjustments to separate and or add treatment and accessibilities. Tim did an amazing job putting everything into a power point that we will be going through this later today later today.

As you have probably noticed, we have been trying to do some research on options allowing the use of closed captioning in meetings and for area. We are trying new ways of making our area accessible to all. In saying this I will also be looking for feedback on how this feature is working today or if anyone is aware of other options that are available. I am aware of one meeting at this time that is using this feature, the Smiths Falls Saturday night meeting. This can be found on the Meeting Guide app. Anyone that wishes to can attend this open speaker meeting and see how the closed caption feature is working in a meeting. I would welcome any feedback. For those interested the website is <http://www.Rev.com>, the cost for this closed captioning program is \$20.00 a month. The area is currently using a 7-day free trial to allow us to see how this works. This can be a pay per month option. You can stop and re start it when ever you need to. If this was helpful in any way to members in attendance today, I would encourage us to take a look at making this an option going forward.

I will be in touch with your District Accessibility chairs in the next week and hope to start the ball rolling with them as well in the coming weeks.

If you or your Districts need anything or have feedback on what you would like to see or what you need, my aim is to be always accessible. My email is accessibiites@area83aa.org.

Yours in love and service, Jenny C.

QUESTIONS FOLLOWING ACCESSIBILITES REPORT:

QUESTION: Jonathan C.J., We are looking at maybe planning or helping groups to implement hybrid meetings. Is this something they would get in touch with you about?

ANSWER: Sure, I am open to anything that we can try and do to help the transition from online to in-person. I am willing to help in any way that I can.

QUESTION: Marty M., Quickly want to know – its great that you have the caption feature going here – but that \$20.00 a month is that an annual subscription or can we just grab it for the months when we have an ACM or an Assembly and then just not use it the next month, so on and so forth?

ANSWER: I believe it is monthly, but I will do some research before I send my report out and make sure it is in the minutes.

8. REGISTRAR'S REPORT Bill C.

Hello Friends, I am an Alcoholic, a member of The West End Group in District 74 Pembroke, and my name is Bill C. It is my privilege to serve you as your Panel 71 Registrar for Area 83.

The results of the roll call for today are found under Agenda item #3 [ROLL CALL](#).

Dave L, the Area's Panel 69 Registrar and I have met several times. Besides being a very organized person, he did a fantastic job documenting the duties of this position and arranging for the transfer of both physical and electronic materials.

We are entering a new phase of Record Keeping in Alcoholics Anonymous – the Enterprise Resource Planning system (ERP). This NetSuite driven system is now functional. It provides a unified linkage among three related databases: Fellowship Connection, Contribution Online and Online bookstore. Dave arranged for me to participate in a training and subsequent Q&A session for the Fellowship Connection database in December. I have since started entering information from the Groups cementing many of the procedures in my mind. The New Group forms and Group Information Change forms with my address and contact email have been provided to the Webmaster and uploaded on the Area website (www.area83aa.org). You will find them under Resources/Registrar, and they are Word files that are easy to download. Please note that, with Fellowship Connection an email is essential to completing the registration process.

Please pass along to your District Registrars that it is much easier to identify the changes to a form if they are highlighted or bolded. Updates or new group forms should be sent to me by email (registrar@Area83aa.org) and in a Word format. It makes it so much easier to cut and paste information and avoid human errors. It is important for your groups to update their information as soon as possible. While each District is autonomous, the general practice is to have your District's Secretary or Registrar collect the Change forms and submit them to me. I will enter the new information in the General Service Office's Fellowship Connection database. For new GSR's once entered, the system automatically flags these people for GSO to send out GSR kits. Kits should arrive within a month.

So, don't delay, as we should ensure that all GSRs have the tools they need to do their job. Do not forget to remind GSRs and their alternates to indicate if they want to be listed in the AA directory, and whether they want their surname as an initial or spelled out.

Please continue to send your District minutes, to keep me informed on what is going on in your Districts. It also can be a resource for my registrar activities. Thank you for this opportunity and privilege to be of service.

Yours in Love and Service, Bill C.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT Dave L.

Hello friends. I am an alcoholic, a grateful member of Liverpool Group in District 26, and my name is Dave. It is both an honour and a privilege to serve as your Area 83 Treasurer.

On December 28, I received extensive training on ZOOM from our Panel 69 Treasurer, JoAnn P. Thank you to JoAnn for her comprehensive training, notes, and organized files.

The Area 83 website has been updated with my address. At the top of the Home page click on A.A. Contributions. There is a question "Are you a member of Alcoholics Anonymous?" and if you click on yes, you will have access to the various methods of contributing to Area 83 Eastern Ontario International, including my home address.

Contributions via e-Transfer are proving to be easy for the Groups, Districts, and Individuals to make contributions to Area 83. As with all contributions, please reference your Group and or District Number and Service Number in the memo field.

Cheques should also include the Group Name, Group Service Number and District Number. This will help me when mailing the Letter of Receipt to the correct people. If there is no indication as to where the cheque is from, and the name of the sender is not familiar, then the contribution will appear under "Unspecified" and your District will not get credit for the contribution.

Please ask your District Treasurer's and Groups to make contribution cheques payable to: Eastern Ontario International Area 83 and mail to:

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International
c/o Treasurer
819 Kate's Lane
Pickering, Ontario
L1V 3C3

When a Group, District, or individual 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 & Groups to include an email address with your contributions, and I can email your letter of receipt.

Let's discuss the Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2020.

Page 1 ([Appendix A₁](#)) is a financial summary. It shows our reserve account, which is set aside for unforeseen circumstances, has a balance of \$20,000 in the form of a GIC which matures September 11, 2023.

Income for the period as of December 31, 2020:

- 7th Tradition collected at the January (in person), June (virtual), September (virtual) and November (virtual) Area Committee Meetings and Fall Assembly - \$2,517.70. (Fall Assembly 7th was \$1485.65)
- Cost Recoveries - \$56.00
- GSO Flow Through - \$1,635.00
- Grapevine Seasonal - \$1,805.00
- Group, District & Individual Contributions - \$27,867.35
- Interest transferred from Reserve - \$300.66 (GIC Matured September 11, 2020 and renewed for 3 years)

Total Income for the period is \$34,181.71

Expenses for the period as of December 31, 2020:

- Committee expenses are \$10,088.11
- Area 83 Contribution to GSO - \$5,000.00
- Area Committee Meeting, January 4th rent and refreshments \$477.19
- General Service Conference Assessment \$8,821.80 (US\$ 6,500.00)
- Bank Service Charges \$73.65
- PayPal Fees - \$12.12
- Grapevine Seasonal - \$1,454.09

- GSO Flow Through - \$1,635.00
- Ontario Delegates Committee \$5,663.02
- Refund regarding Eastern Canada Hospitality Suite at International Convention - \$150.00

Total Expenses for the period are \$33,074.98.

The opening bank balance on January 1, 2020 was \$40,490.20. Total income of \$34,181.71 less expenses of \$33,074.98 leaves a balance in the operating account of \$41,596.93. As of December 31, our expenses were \$1,106.73 less than our income.

Page 2 ([Appendix A₂](#)) 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 Miscellaneous for Alternate Delegate is \$493.08 which covers our annual Area 83 Zoom Standard Pro account until early June 2021 (\$235.70) and 4 large group add on charges (\$257.38).
- The amount shown under Printing (\$285.00) for Secretary is for September 2019 ACM minutes and January 2020 ACM Agenda.
- The amount shown under the Treasurer for Stationery is for a \$173.20 cheque reorder.
- The amount shown under Registrar (\$192.21) is for an order for name badges.
- The amount shown under Area Website/Webmaster (\$355.79) is website fees until December 2022.
- The amount shown under Service Information Day Committee (\$701.54) for Service Manuals – some of this will be recouped at the next physical Area Assembly.
- Spring Assembly amount of \$1,288.25 is the cancellation charge levied by the Ambassador Hotel. We will be receiving this amount as a credit in a future period when we are able to gather on masse.
- Fall Assembly amount \$4,540.44 (US \$3,388.50) to Tech 12 for the technical requirements for our virtual Assembly.
- Rent and refreshments for the January 4th ACM is \$477.19. We met in Quinte West.
- Bank Charges and PayPal fees are \$85.77.
- Grapevine Seasonal cost is \$1454.09.
- The General Service Conference (GSC) Assessment. At the Spring Assembly in 2007, a motion passed stating that “provided it doesn’t affect our prudent reserve, Area 83 will pay to GSO the full annual expense for our Delegate to attend the General Service Conference”. Area 83 calculated \$6,500.00 US\$ (Canadian \$8,821.80). This amount was remitted to GSO in January of 2020. The GSC Assessment covers the total cost of the General Service Conference divided by the 93 Delegate Areas. Traditionally, these costs include expenses for Delegates, Trustees, and GSO staff to attend, as well as meeting rooms, A/V equipment, printing (includes the final conference report sent to each group) and miscellaneous expenses. With the 70th General Service Conference moving to a Virtual Conference, Eastern Canada Regional Trustee Jan L, reported that each Area contributed the required \$1,800 US\$ and some contributed more. The total amount received was \$14,000 less than the cost of the virtual GSC.
- Flow through amount forwarded to GSO on behalf of 3 Groups and 1 District in Area 83 (\$1,635.00).
- Ontario Delegates Committee is \$5,663.02 for event hosted by Eastern Ontario International Area 83 in Toronto February 28-March 1. This event is to prepare the 4 Ontario Delegates and 4 Alternate Delegates for the 70th General Service Conference. These costs were for hotel meeting rooms and refreshments, organizing committee hotel rooms, meals and transportation, and guest presenter’s hotel rooms, meals, transportation as well as the organizing committee’s printing and stationery.

To summarize year to date for this year and last year at the same time period.:

Income for 2020 is \$38,391.76 less than the same period in 2019. Expenses for 2020 are \$40,829.12 less than the same period in 2019. The net change to the Operating Account for 2020 is \$1,106.73. The reduction of contributions in 2020 versus 2019 is \$30,461.07.

*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 ([Appendix A₃](#)) shows contributions by Groups & District. These amounts include contributions from Districts, Groups, as well as Individuals. Individual contributions show up as District 0, Unspecified, Individual Thank you to the 104 Groups, 13 Districts and 2 Individuals for your generous contributions to Area 83.

We will be collecting the 7th Tradition today. Please e-transfer your contribution and reference January 9 ACM in the memo field. Email address is treasurer@area83aa.org. I will group the contributions and report the total in the 2021 Spring Assembly financials.

Please rest assured that Area 83 Eastern Ontario International is financially stable and ready to withstand any challenges that may arise.

I am grateful and privileged to have this opportunity to serve Area 83.

Yours in love and Service, Dave L.

QUESTIONS FOLLOWING TREASURER'S REPORT:

QUESTION: Barbara C., I'm just wondering if we should put a reference line for the e-transfer? So, should we just reference area meeting for today?

ANSWER: When you go into the e-transfers there is a memo field so you can put the information, the District and or the Group name and or the service information number. For the e-transfer, put Area Committee Meeting 7th.

QUESTION: Jill B., Just a question on the financial summary section and it is pertaining to Grapevine Seasonals. Just looking for clarification. On the income Grapevine Seasonal, the income was \$1805.00 but under the expenses Grapevine Seasonals amount disbursed was \$1454.00. I think in my mind, those two figures should be equal. Could you explain what the discrepancy or difference is?

ANSWER: Typically, there is some difference because up until I think the coming year there has been a discrepancy in the exchange rates. When I looked at last year's financials there was a bulk purchase from District 18 which seemed to account for that difference. I don't know if Jenny could clarify further if there is more to that than I am missing. As the past Jenny Grapevine chair or JoAnn?

- JoAnn P., As the past treasurer I will speak quickly to the Grapevine Seasonals issue. The cost for the pocket planners and the wall calendars is calculated quite a bit before the actual order is put in and what happened was that there was an exchange rate put onto the orders but the orders were paid in Canadian dollars so there was a significant portion that was, in a way, overcharged to the Districts, but rest assured it goes back into the coffers so that we can continue to do what we do at Area 83. It was a timing difference and a currency issue.
- Jenny C, past Grapevine Chair – At the time the conversion was decided upon we did not have the availability to pay in Canadian funds, it came up after and played a factor as well.

QUESTION: George W., In reference to the summary year to date, there is a significant decline in income and expenses, but they more or less seem manageable but returning to face to face meetings I would imagine that our expenses will dramatically increase sending delegates and to actual meeting etc., and I am wondering how I'm not sure that our incomes will similarly match maybe over time they will but will not similarly rebound the way the expenses will increase and whether there is some caution or concern in that regard?

ANSWER: Thanks for the question. I think the timing of when the Area Officers and people are going to be able to be out visiting and incurring more travel expenses should coincide with when Groups are starting to meet in person again and hopefully Districts will get more participation and hopefully then the flow of contributions will start. We do have a good amount in the operating account currently and we still have had, as you can see during the past year even through the COVID-19 environment, contributions coming in which are basically covering our expenses. I can't predict the future, I think we are a little way away obviously and some ways away from those in-person things and incurring greater expenses particularly the Fall Assembly and we won't know that for a while, but I am not concerned at this point that it should be an issue, I think. The contributions will pick up as they have in the past.

QUESTION: Milner G., Being we are the only US District in Area 83 we don't have that e-transfer capability available I can do Venmo I can do PayPal, but I can't do the e-transfer that is set up the same as it is set up in Canada. So, do you still have the PayPal possibility?

ANSWER: Yes, PayPal is still on the Area 83 website as one of the options for making contributions.

10. SECRETARY'S REPORT JoAnn P.

Good Morning friends, I am an alcoholic, a member of Courtice 12 & 12 Group in District 28 and my name is JoAnn. It is an honour and a privilege to be serving Area 83 as your Panel 71 Secretary. I have met with Amy via Zoom on a few occasions in December where she shared her experience, strength and hope as the outgoing Area Secretary.

I know that Amy will be available for questions if I should have any, and I know I will. I look forward to working with the Area Officers and Area Committee.

We are 8 days into the new term and as such I have relatively few items to share. I have familiarized myself with my duties as listed in the Area 83 Operating Procedures and the AA Service Manual.

My role is to send communications to the Districts and Area Committee, keep up-to-date roster of District Officers and Sub-Committee Chairs, take minutes of the Area Committee Meetings and Area Assemblies, and update the Area Operating Procedures as needed. If a District fills a service position during the term, there is a District Change Form on the Area Website www.area83aa.org, under the Resources Tab, click on Secretary. Please return this information to me at secretary@area83aa.org via email. This form should also be used if a district member's contact information has changed during their term. I will be entering the data into Fellowship Connection (formerly FNV) at GSO. This is where all contact information is stored to send kits and workbooks. Kits can take a bit of time to be sent from GSO so accessing the information from the Area website is a great way to ease into a new service position. Kits for downloading are available for the following committee positions: Accessibility, Archives, Cooperation with the Professional Community, Corrections, District Committee Member, Public Information and Treatment.

I have sent up-to-date Operating Procedures electronically to the Area Committee. I find that I reference this comprehensive document often. You can also download this information from the Area 83 website.

Each DCM will be receiving their District Roster electronically shortly – a quick browse to ensure all information is complete and correct will assist me in my duties. The Area Roster is a confidential document – last names and some addresses are listed so this document is not to be shared widely.

The flow of communication from the Secretary will be directly to the DCM, who in turn is encouraged to share this information with all groups, officers, and committee chairs in your District. If a communication is not to be shared past the District, I will indicate this in the body of the email.

If a District would like a hard copy (up to 3 maximum) of the Area Minutes and Operating Procedures, please let me know.

I will do my best to get your minutes out to you in a timely fashion. The Area Operating Procedures state that the minutes are to be sent out within 6 weeks of said meeting. My goal is to have them out within 15 days or so. To assist me in this effort, if you are giving a report at the Area Committee Meetings and Area Assemblies, please send me your reports prior to the meeting or shortly after. A matter to note for all who will be sending reports – please help me keep your anonymity. Your sign off should be your first name and last name initial. Also, if you include an email address in your report, ensure that it is nonidentifiable: for example, d00dcm@ or samsdcm00@, not samsmith@..., please and thank you. I look forward to a full inbox soon.

I am delighted to serve Area 83 as your Panel 71 Secretary. If there is anything that I can do to assist you or your District, please let me know. I would be happy to receive District minutes. Please send them to secretary@area83aa.org.

Yours in love and service, JoAnn P.

11. ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT James O'D.

Good afternoon everyone. My name is James O'D and I am an alcoholic. I have the honour of serving Area 83 as your Alternate Delegate. While it has only been 9 days in my new position it has been a busy time! Our Delegate Kimberley has been diligently passing on all the information regarding the General Service Conference coming up in the Spring and many other relevant documents. She will be a very busy woman! I feel my major job right now is to make sure that she stays safe and healthy. I would like to start my report by outlining some of the AD duties followed by what I have been doing and will be doing.

I must say that the previous Alternate Delegates I have watched over the years all looked pretty chill, footloose, and fancy free. Meanwhile, however, they were working quietly and with great steadfastness on our behalf in the

background. It's now my turn. Some of the duties are the following: Intergroup liaison for the four Intergroup offices in our Area, serve on the CERAASA committee, participate in the Ontario Delegate Committee meetings, Remote Communities committee member, manage the Area Zoom account, present Concept workshops at Area Assemblies, group & District inventories and elections as requested, organize DCM sharing sessions and lastly, whatever else comes across my desk! I am so excited!!!

I was invited to my first monthly North American Alternate Delegate zoom meeting on December 1st and then again on January 1st. It is an amazing sharing session. At the January meeting I met an AD that was serving as a DCM last term. So, watch out DCMs...it could happen to you! My first experience with something like this was during 2020, the Area Chairs also met monthly. I can't say how important meetings like this are for sharing experience and finding out what other Areas are doing to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. Meeting with peers to discuss common issues and common solutions is the foundation of AA.

The Regional Forums held on Dec 5th and 19th were outstanding. It is incredible to see the passion and creativity of members from across the continent. We may not always agree on the methods but our love for Alcoholics Anonymous is the same and runs deep.

Tomorrow Joyce S - Area 83 Panel 65 Delegate - and myself have been invited by District 22 to present orientation workshops for new GSRs and District sub committee chairs.

January 18th – Remote Community meeting

January 25th – CERAASA meeting

Feb 26-28th – our ECRT Jan L is organizing an ODC type event

I would like to thank Districts who share their business meeting minutes. It is a great way for us all to stay informed on what is happening in the Area. If there is any way that I can be of assistance to you or your District, please do not hesitate to contact me. What an amazing time we are living in in our Fellowship. Thank you for this opportunity to serve.

12. DELEGATE'S REPORT Kimberley M.

Good afternoon, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Ajax Area Group in District 26, and my name is Kimberley M. I am thrilled to be on Panel 71 with all of you and it is a privilege to serve as your panel 71 Delegate for Area 83 Eastern Ontario International.

Let me start off this report by wishing everyone a happy, safe, and sober New Year. I hope all of you are as enthusiastic about beginning this leg of our service journey as I am! I look forward to working with you for the next two years.

The 71st General Service Conference will take place virtually from April 18-24, 2021. This year's theme is "A.A. in a Time of Change".

The annual Conference week will be a busy and exciting one, filled with reports, presentations, committee work and discussion of Conference agenda items. The Conference provides an opportunity for the conference members to meet with each other in a spirit of mutual trust and communication to take actions that will guide the groups in the years to come. The Presentation/Discussion and workshop topics were included in an email sent earlier this week to DCMs. At the conference I am to participate in the discussion period following the presentations made by some Conference members on these topics. There will be an interactive experience using breakout rooms to discuss the workshop topics. Recorders will take notes to be submitted to the Conference secretary. I am asking that you discuss these topics in your Districts and groups and email me a summary of any views or information that may arise from these discussions so that I may have our Areas thoughts and ideas to bring with me to the Conference.

On December 18th, I received my Committee appointment and some background information. I have been assigned to the Agenda Conference Committee for this 2-year term. One function of this committee is to select a theme and presentation/discussion topics from those submitted and present them to the Conference for approval for the next General Service Conference. Another is to consider the Conference agenda and, where appropriate makes suggestions for improvement. This committee also reviews the Conference Evaluation Questionnaire and summary

of responses from the previous year's Conference and makes suggestions for improvement. Currently the agenda for the Agenda Conference committee includes eight items. Four of these items were forwarded from the 70th General Service Conference.

My first Conference call is on Monday night where we will hear a verbal report on the disposition of items submitted to the trustees' committee and have an opportunity to offer feedback to be brought to the trustees' committee meeting as background for their discussion. The final agenda will be decided during the Board weekend at the end of this month.

Altogether there are 31 items that were forwarded from the 70th General Service Conference to the 71st General Service Conference. I will receive the final Conference agenda and all of the background material on February 15th.

Our Delegates have used various methods over the years to inform members and invite feedback regarding items discussed at the Conference. Last year's Pre-Conference Sharing Sessions provided Rob with discussion points and feedback to help prepare him for the Conference.

I would be grateful for any input that our members can provide through our Pre-Conference sharing sessions which are scheduled for March and April. I would also welcome input by email anytime. The purpose of these sharing sessions is to seek the informed group conscience and the "sense of the Fellowship" in our area on the items that will be discussed at the Conference. DCMs, please encourage the GSRS and members in your district to join these sharing sessions to learn about and share on these items that may affect AA throughout Canada, the US and potentially the world. To help members prepare for these sessions, short summaries of the background information will be emailed to DCMs on February 25th as well as posted on our Area 83 website. These are intended to be shared with all AA members in your district. For those who would like to really dive into the information available on each agenda item, full background information will be made available on our website. It will be password protected as it is intended for AA members only. The password will be included in the email containing the summaries. All A.A. members in Area 83 are encouraged to attend any or all the sharing sessions. Each district has been assigned to one of the 13 standing committees in hopes that as a minimum, DCMs will encourage members in their district to participate in the discussions for at least one committee. Consider reading over the agenda items and background summaries with your GSRs and invite them to do likewise with their group members. Showing them how to access the background information on the website may encourage them to access it and read it over on their own. Thank you to the Area Officers for organizing these sessions, the subcommittee chairs for accepting a loving invitation to prepare the background summaries and our past Delegates for being willing to assist wherever needed.

On December 5th, I attended the US/Canada Forum. It was wonderful hearing the excitement in the voices of first time Forum attendees, many who were hearing about AA beyond the home group for the first time. On December 17th, Jan L, our Eastern Canada Regional Trustee, gave a brief report to the Panel 69 and 70 Delegates and their Alternates. She reported that over 2000 people attended the December 5th US/Canada Forum with just under 1000 people attending their first forum. There was good attendance up to the end with over 500 at closing. There is talk of continuing with virtual forums in the future.

Because CERAASA (Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) was cancelled, Jan is organizing a virtual Delegates Orientation. The purpose of this day is to help prepare the ten Delegates in Eastern Canada to attend the 71st General Service Conference. The Delegates will be giving presentations on agenda items for their respective Conference Committee. Any member interested in hearing these presentations or learning more about the General Service Conference is encouraged to attend. It will take place on Saturday February 27th from 9 am to 4:30 pm. Joyce S, our Panel 65 Delegate, will be chairing. Once the agenda and zoom information has been provided, it will be sent out to all of you. I look forward to meeting with the CERAASA steering committee later this month.

A big part of the delegate's job is reporting to groups, districts, and the area after the Conference. Please let me know as soon as possible which date, preferably after May 7th, that you would like me to share my report with your district or service zone. Although travelling around the Area would be awesome, I expect that this tour will be virtual.

I have already been invited to attend the virtual GTA Info AA Day on May 15th to give my report.

I have to submit a form by Feb 1st to indicate the number of hard copies of the Final Conference Report that our Area would like. Rob ordered a small number of reports in English, French and Spanish last year. If you would like a hard copy, please send me an email. An anonymized version will be emailed to the Area late August.

I enjoy reading your district minutes. It is a great way to keep informed as to the activities in Area 83. Thank you for sending them!

Keep an eye out for a Delegate's newsletter within the next few weeks with lots more interesting information that I do not have the time to share with you today. Including a preliminary Conference Agenda. If I can be of assistance to anyone – please do not hesitate to call or email me. You can email me at delegate@area83aa.org.

I would like to thank everyone for the kind words of support I received since the election in the fall and hope that I will be able to measure up to the responsibility that the Fellowship has bestowed upon me.

Yours in love and service, Kimberley M.

QUESTIONS FOLLOWING DELEGATE'S REPORT:

QUESTION: I am just wondering could you just share the cost per final conference report to the fellowship?

ANSWER: I'm not sure of the cost per one is as far as ordering it but I do know that Rob shared with me that when he was mailing them out the cost to mail them out normally the final conference reports are sent to the Delegate and then the Delegate brings them to the Area Committee Meeting in September, and you know passes over boxes over of them to the District Committee Members. So, since that of course did not happen last year he had to mail them out the conference report and he told me that it was about \$8.00 per physical copy of the conference report to mail it out to whoever wanted it.

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

Moved:	Jack R., PI
Seconded:	Ian C., DCM D26
Discussion	None
All those in favour:	33
opposed:	0
abstentions:	0
Motion:	Carried

13. OLD BUSINESS

a) [Modifications to Operating Procedures: Webmaster and Website Guidelines \(Appendix Seven of Area 83 Operating Procedures\)](#)

- Motion: "That the Area Committee Accept the Housekeeping changes recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee reviewing the Website guidelines and Webmaster responsibilities" Trevor F., DCM District 62

Moved:	Trevor F., DCM D62
Seconded:	Tim F., Treatment
Discussion	<p>Trevor F., DCM D62: These items were left over from last term. The ad hoc committee recommendation including voice and vote privileges with housekeeping items. That wasn't accepted so this motion is to discuss the housekeeping items only.</p> <p>George W., DCM D22: Just a point of clarification: these items are going to the Assembly for final approval or just approving them in principle or what exactly?</p> <p>Amy L., Chair: We are separating these and approving them and they will go to the Assembly.</p> <p>George W., DCM D22: So, its just approval in principle?</p> <p>Amy L., Chair: By the steering committee which is the Area Committee.</p>

<p>Jack R., PI: These items were already approved by the Area Committee along with the other contentious issue at our September Area Committee Meeting, so we are just re-approving them in a separate form, is that correct?</p> <p>Amy L., Chair: That is correct they are exactly the same items.</p> <p>George W., DCM D22: Just a supplemental on that the housekeeping items are they just procedural like are they procedural or guidelines and therefore they are they subject to Assembly approval or not?</p> <p>Amy L., Chair: A few of the items are. For those of you who don't know, if a change takes place in the main body of the OP it has to go to the Assembly for final approval. If it is just a change in an Appendix, the Area Committee, the approval can reside at the Area Committee level. We will take the items to the Assembly for full approval.</p> <p>George W., DCM D22: So, all these items are on the housekeeping side are needing Assembly approval.</p> <p>Amy L., Chair: Some are in the Appendix as well.</p> <p>George W., DCM D22: We aren't separating them?</p> <p>Amy L., Chair: No, I wasn't going to.</p>	
All those in favour:	35
opposed:	None
abstentions:	0
Motion:	Carries

The next item on the Agenda

b) Discussion: Voice and Voting privileges for Area 83 Webmaster

A considerable amount of background information has been made available to you along with the Agenda. This Item was initially presented and discussed at the [January 4, 2020 ACM](#) under Old Business (See Item 12b). It was discussed again at the [June 6, 2020 ACM](#) under New Business (Item 13B). It was brought to the Assembly on October 25, 2020 as new Business (Item 7E). Again, under New Business at the last ACM, on November 28, 2020 a motion was made to separate the housekeeping recommendations from the recommendation that the Webmaster have a voice and vote at the area. So, having some time to take this back to your districts, do we want to find the Area's conscience on this matter?

Discussion:	<p>Milner G., DCM D42: I would just reiterate what the notes say on the discussion for at the Assembly. I am not in favour of having an appointed person have a vote, a voice may be another matter but not a vote. I think that anyone who is voting should be elected.</p> <p>Shane H., Archives Chair: I agree with both having a voice and a vote for Webmaster. Concept 4 Right of Participation coming here and not having a voice or a vote just seems like a big part of Concept 4 that is talked about – inclusion.</p> <p>Marty M., Corrections: I sort of feel how Milner feels. But I want to take it a step further. I do think it should be separated I think it should be revisited.</p> <p>I think it should be separated. We should vote on what appointed positions should have a voice or whether and then whether appointed positions should have a vote and I think both appointed positions should be included in this not just the Webmaster. Also, the Archivist is very much important to the area committee especially when questions are raised at the Assembly, whereas the Archives Chair might not be able to answer those questions but having had more experience the Archivist might be able to answer such questions but as it stands now the Archivist doesn't even have a voice. Its like they're you know what I mean there just as a figurehead. I think this should be revisited and separated and both appointed positions should be included, not just the webmaster.</p> <p>Kathie T., DCM D28: I just want to remind everyone that we are talking about the Webmaster and the Webmaster position whether it is appointed or not. I don't necessarily know if that is the issue. But certainly, bringing the Archivist and the Archives and the appointed positions into this discussion, which should really be kept to the Webmaster and the Webmaster position. I just wanted to make that point.</p> <p>George W., DCM D22: I take... point that I think Marty the general principle of whether the appointed positions needs should have a voice and or vote is perhaps the underlying principle. I believe at the General Service office staff have voting and are members so that; my comment maybe we need to look at the principle first.</p>
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	<p>Jenny C., Accessibilities: Just a thought for consideration, the Webmaster is an appointed position, but they don't have a partner in crime other than the Alternate Webmaster, so they don't have a voice and they don't have a vote, so they also don't have a sidekick. I hope that doesn't diminish the difference between the Archivist and the Archives Chair. They don't have a chairperson to voice their concerns so, just you know, I feel like they should be especially in the world we are living in today where the Webmaster and the internet are such a pertinent source for us. I feel like that should also be put into consideration that they don't have a liaison to voice their concerns for them at the Area level without having a voice.</p> <p>Rob M., Past Delegate: So, there are several positions at the General Service Conference that are appointed positions. Class A Trustees, General Service Trustees, the GSO Staff members, some of those are appointed positions and they all have a voice and a vote at the General Service Conference. This ad hoc committee was formed to look into the position of Webmaster and Alternate Webmaster and that's what we are discussing and voting on now. 3 years ago, we formed an ad hoc committee to look into the position of Archivist and Archives Chair and make recommendations and those recommendations were discussed and voted on at the time. There was no recommendation to make the Archivist a voting member at that time. I just wanted to bring that up.</p> <p>Jack R., PI: Is there currently a motion on the table regarding this?</p>
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Motion: "Area 83 Webmaster or Alternate Webmaster and the Area 83 Archivist attend and be given a voice but not a vote at the Area Committee Meetings and the Area Assemblies."

Motioned:	Jack R., PI
Seconded:	Christine F., DCM D18
Discussion	<p>Ian C., DCM D26: We are doing old business right now. Surely this should be a new business item. The old business item does not mention the Archivist. We are being asked to, discuss item 12. It doesn't mention the Archivist at all. Now we have introduced a motion, to me, that should come under new business not old business. It can't be old business if it hasn't come up before.</p> <p>Christine F., DCM D18: A question or clarification on what Ian has brought up. Would we ask then for a friendly amendment to the old business item we are discussing now or would we ask Jack to defer this to new business. I am just wondering the process for what Ian has brought up.</p> <p>Amy L., Chair: Well, this is like my first go. For process I think I have no opinion. I know that its up to you guys do you want to ...I don't think we need to move it to new business personally while we are on it. If you think it should be included then we will proceed, but I have no opinion, so I am going to call on Rob M, Immediate Past Delegate please.</p> <p>Rob M., Immediate Past Delegate: Sort of further to what Ian brought up, this started out as a recommendation by an ad hoc committee and its been started last January and its kind of been moving on and changing over the Area Committee meetings, but what we are still talking about is a recommendation from an ad hoc committee that was tasked with looking into the Webmaster - Alternate Webmaster positions. I think to throw on another motion that is totally different than the recommendation that the ad hoc committee brough out is inappropriate at this time. I think that we need to finish dealing with the recommendation of the ad hoc committee before we start entertaining motions that have nothing to do with what the ad hoc committee recommended or was tasked to look into.</p> <p>Jack R., PI: from our last Area assembly in October the contentious issue with this recommendation of the ad hoc committee the Webmaster or Alternate Webmaster be given a vote and certainly it would appear that that might be a difficult item to get past the Assembly, but you know certainly having them be given a voice might be something that and I would consider. I would be open to a friendly amendment to exclude the Archivist. It just seemed like, as the other appointed position, that might be worth including having a voice but maybe I'm certainly overstepping things and I agree with Rob that I would be happy to either accept a friendly amendment to remove the Archivist from my motion or withdraw the motion if that is feeling of the committee.</p> <p>George W., DCM D22: I would like to make a friendly motion to the motion to remove the Archivist and I don't believe the issue of a vote was included in that motion. It was strictly about the voice. I agree with the idea that the vote and voice should be separate items. It would be easier to</p>

	<p>consider it that way. I would like to make a motion to remove the Archivist from the motion that was made.</p> <p>The motion: “Area 83 Webmaster or Alternate Webmaster attend and be given a voice but not a vote at Area Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings.”</p>
Friendly Amendment	“Area 83 Webmaster or Alternate Webmaster attend and be given a voice but not a vote at Area Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings “
Original Motioner	Jack R., PI Chair: I am alright with that friendly amendment
Original Seconder	Christine F., DCM D18: Yes, I am. Thank you
Discussion:	<p>Ian C., DCM D26: I would like to ask a question as I was not here last year. I noticed at the bottom it says voice and voting privilege for Area 83. Where did that voice and vote privilege come from? Was that a recommendation of the ad hoc committee? Because if it was and we accept a friendly amendment we aren’t accepting the recommendations of the ad hoc committee. I don’t know why anyone would speak to something when they have no vote. I think the two things go together. Should have the right to make your point and you should the right to vote on it. The two things to me go together and I am really curious, and I think Rob could probably answer that best. Did it come from the ad hoc committee and are we accepting a friendly amendment - it changes the ad hoc committee recommendations? Therefore, what was the point of the ad hoc committee?</p> <p>Christine F., DCM D18: I had originally went back when we decided to split them and take the voice and vote apart and still accept the recommendations of the ad hoc committee at the time seemed to make sense. Knowing how difficult it is to guarantee right of participations as well as insuring the integrity of what we are doing I think that the amendment as it stands to have a voice and no vote is a palatable compromise where if we want to increase to have a vote later, we can bring that to the committee, but I do fear that having voice and vote will be rejected. This way it gives our webmaster a chance to have a voice at the committee which is an important role. A vote and I am going to qualify this - I think a voice allows other trusted servants to vote according to what they just heard as opposed to having one person having one additional vote if that makes any sense.</p> <p>Kevin O., DCM D54: I’ve been trying to absorb and understand what we exactly are doing here and maybe in my mind is looking at this too simply, but this is a recommendation of an ad hoc committee to approve to an assembly. Based on everything that I have heard what they recommended to us we don’t approve of so should therefore we decline and be sent back to the ad hoc committee for changes in order to be presented as a new recommendation to consider a vote as opposed to us collectively trying to modify and amend through motions the original recommendation. Seems to me that should go back to the ad hoc committee to reshape it and give us a different recommendation. I am just not sure why we are trying to modify all this from the original recommendation - why we as an Area is trying to modify.</p> <p>Rob M., Immediate Past Delegate: Concept 4 deals with the right of participation and it says that voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility each must discharge. I think that the Webmaster having a voice and not a vote is not really going to change anything because currently in our Operating Procedures...there is something in there, this caveat, in there where the Webmaster can report to the assembly from time to time. I believe on a recommendation of the Area Chair, I am not positive how its worded, but I know there is something in there that gives the Area Chair the ability to invite the Webmaster to report to the Assembly. This wouldn’t really change much – the recommendation of the ad hoc committee is for a vote and a voice and that would be what I would be in favour of voting on.</p> <p>Kathie T., DCM D28: I think the original motion is voice and vote and I am seeing a lot of things trying to get slipped in or put in and I don’t even know that we even have a seconder yet for the original motion of voice and vote. But I don’t think we have a seconder for the Jack’s motion.</p> <p>Any L., Chair: Yes, we do.</p> <p>George, DCM D22: I think its important that we hear have a voice and if we return it to the ad hoc committee it will delay it, and this is very critical that our District and GSRs hear that a voice and have an opportunity to find out what the Webmaster has to say so I wouldn’t recommend - agreeing to having it sent back to the committee. I think the committee recommendation is a recommendation, not a binding thing it is up to us to decide. We are not the final arbiters of this recommendation it’s the Assembly which is, so I agree with Rob that you need to follow Concepts, so I don’t know where this leads me, but I am going to take it to my District and hear their voice.</p>

	<p>James O'D., Alternate Delegate: The chair mentioned at the beginning about calling the question and about not using it too soon and too often and I think this motion is actually very similar to that. The agenda item is a discussion item so that motion cut off any discussion and moved us in another direction prematurely. At this time, we are the steering committee for the Assembly, and we need to discuss things here and they need to be written down so that we can bring them back to our Groups and Districts. I would like to see this motion withdrawn and our discussion on the original agenda item take place again.</p> <p>Milner G., DCM D42: It is my understanding that the way things work when an ad hoc committee provides a recommendation is that it is then up to the Area Committee to accept reject or modify as it sees fit. I think that the motion currently on the table is directly in answer to that recommendation is to change to and answer to it and I think it is entirely appropriate to vote on it on that basis.</p> <p>Dave L., Treasurer: I think is important to go back to the original recommendation from the ad hoc committee and perhaps a motion specifically around voice and vote privileges being linked together and having a broader discussion about that and voting on that.</p> <p>Jack R., PI: My concern if we go back to original motion of voice and vote and pass it again like it was passed in September that would be brought to the Assembly in March and there is a good chance that the original motion it would be voted down and then we would be another 6 months to a year getting the Webmaster a voice. That was my only concern but if we vote this down, that's fine and then we would return to the original motion.</p> <p>Ann J., DCM D10: I'm a bit confused at this point so I would like a clarification. We talked about sending the recommendation back to the ad hoc committee to be re-recommended. Is the ad hoc committee still active since they already made their report. Is there actually a committee to send it back to?</p> <p>Jonathan C-J., DCM D36: Since we originally had a topic for discussion of the recommendation of the ad hoc committee which was to provide a voice and vote privileges and we are now looking at a motion on the floor that would only provide voice privileges, and not a vote my suggestion would be to put forward 2 separate motions to forward to the Area Assembly. One for voice and one for vote and that way if they decline one, they can always pass the other.</p> <p>George W., DCM D22: I like that idea and I would like to make a motion that we separate the 2 items. I think that's a great compromise and a great idea that would move us forward and allow the Assembly to make its own mind up.</p> <p>Amy L., Chair: This would be a friendly amendment to Jack's already friendly amended motion. I think if we have it ...</p> <p>Jack R., PI: I am not sure you could pass that and then pass another on for a vote and then have them both come to the Assembly as they conflict each other. I think we would have to deal with this one and then...</p> <p>Amy L., Chair: You could withdraw your motion and we could put two motions forward.</p> <p>Jack R., PI: I am happy to do that.</p>
Motion	Withdrawn

Motion: "Area 83 Webmaster or the Alternate Webmaster be given a voice at the Area Committee meeting and Area Assembly."

Moved:	George W., DCM D22
Seconded:	Bev H., Self-Support Chair
Friendly Amendment to Motion:	Area 83 Webmaster, or in their absence the Alternate Webmaster be given a voice at the Area Committee Meeting and Area Assembly.
Friendly amender	by Trevor F., DCM D62
Original Motion	George W., DCM D22 approved amendment
Original Seconder	Bev H, Self Support Chair approved amendment
Discussion:	<p>Ian C., DCM D26: Curious which motion gets presented first to the area? The voice only? Because if the second motion gets passed you don't need the first one.</p> <p>Amy L., Chair: We will do the first motion.</p> <p>Trevor F., DCM D62: Around the wording of it – does it say Webmaster or Alternate Webmaster should it say something like in their absence – the Alternate Webmaster.</p>

	**See friendly amendment above.	
Those in Favour	29 Votes	
Those opposed	2 Votes	
Abstentions	2 Votes	
Minority opinion	None	
Motion	the amended motion Carried	

Motion: "Area 83 Webmaster or the Alternate Webmaster be given a voting privilege as well as a voice at the Area Committee meetings and Area Assembly."

Moved	George W., DCM D22	
Seconded:	Dave L., Area 83 Treasurer	
Friendly Amendment to Motion:	Area 83 Webmaster, or in their absence the Alternate Webmaster be given a vote as well as a voice at the Area Committee meetings and Area Assembly.	
Friendly amender	Trevor F., DCM D62	
Original Motioner	George W., DCM D22, approved amendment	
Original Seconded	Dave L., Treasurer, approved amendment	
Discussion:	None	
Those in favour	26	
Those opposed	8	
Abstentions	None	
Minority opinion	James O'D., Alternate Delegate – Point of Order – is 2/3 met? Amy L., Chair: Total votes 34 and 2/3 majority is 23. Milner G., DCM D42: I am still opposed to giving the vote to unelected person and the example of people voting at GSO is I don't think it is relevant – they are not elected for anything. I still oppose the motion.	
Anyone voting with majority wishing to change their vote?	No	
Motion	the amended motion Carried	

14. NEW BUSINESS

a) Appointment of Signing Authorities, Dave L., Area Treasurer

- Motion: "In addition to the signatures of Dave L. and JoAnn P., Area Secretary, we appoint Amy L., Area Chair, as the third secondary signing authority for Area 83 for the 2021 / 2022 term."

Moved:	Dave L., Treasurer
Seconded:	Bev H., Self Support
Discussion	None
All those in favour:	32
opposed:	0
abstentions:	0
Motion:	Carried

b) Appointment of Auditors, 2019-20 Finances, Dave L., Area Treasurer

- Motion: *That we appoint Ian C, DCM District 26 and Joyce S, Panel 65 Delegate, as auditors to assist the Area 83 Treasurer in auditing Area 83's books for the years 2019/2020. The timing of the Audit will be delayed until Provincial Guidelines allow the participants to meet in person safely to conduct the audit.*

Moved:	Dave L., Treasurer
Seconded:	Maria M., DCM District 30
Discussion:	<p>Bill C., Registrar: Are there any provincial requirements in terms of the reporting that we have to do or is this internal to us for our own security and understanding?</p> <p>Dave L., Treasurer: It is strictly internal to us there is no reporting outside the Area. Historically the audit typically takes place some time in January, but I don't feel it is time sensitive. It works best if people can get together and access the files and randomly be reviewed and audited. I have discussed this with 2 past treasurers, and they agree it makes more sense to do it in person and to delay a bit is not putting our finances at risk.</p>
All those in favour:	32 votes
opposed:	0
abstentions:	1
Motion:	Carries

c) Revised description for 3.13 Area Treatment Chair in the Area 83 Operating Procedures, Tim F., Area Treatment Chair

Item 1:

Change: 3.13 Area Treatment/Accessibility Chair

To be elected by the Area Committee. The Treatment/Accessibility Chair shall be responsible for the implementation of Treatment Facilities and Accessibility policy within the Area. The Chair shall liaise with the Districts' and Intergroups' Treatment Facilities and Accessibility Committees, and shall provide assistance (i.e., Bridging the Gap), when requested, in accordance with the Workbook for Treatment Facilities and the Accessibility Workbook.

To: 3.13 Area Treatment Chair

To be elected by the Area Committee. The Treatment Chair shall be responsible for the implementation of Treatment Facilities within the Area. The Chair shall liaise with the Districts' and Intergroups' Treatment Facilities Committees, and shall provide assistance (i.e., Bridging the Gap), when requested, in accordance with the Workbook for Treatment Facilities.

Moved:	Bill C., Registrar
Seconded:	Milner G., DCM D42
Discussion:	<p>Prior to second.</p> <p>James O'D., Alternate Delegate: I am a little confused with the wording in the second sentence. The Treatment Chair should be responsible for the implementation of Treatment Facilities within the Area. I'm not sure if that is technically correct. We are not implementing treatment facilities. I am wondering what we are implementing.</p> <p>Jenny C., Accessibilities: Elaborate a bit, when we came up with the wording essentially, we just took what the other Chairs wording and reiterated it into the specific Chair, just if you are wondering where this came from, we followed the other Chair descriptions.</p> <p>Jack R., PI: Change the word to implementation to administration or facilitation – something that would be perhaps a bit better?</p> <p>Jonathan C-J., DCM D36: Request a little more clarification. I think it may be a little confusing that it refers to treatment facilities because it has been copied from other text. It sounds like you are referencing a building and I get the impression that it is not what it is at all.</p>

	<p>Tim F., Treatment: if we are going to change the word I would be leaning toward coordination. All I did was change the existing wording to get rid of anything that was to do with accessibilities. Implementation is not the correct word – coordination would be a better word.</p> <p>Kimberley M., Delegate: I believe there is a word missing on this particular slide that we are looking at. It says the treatment chair shall be responsible for the implementation of treatment facilities and accessibility policy within the Area and if you go forward one slide the word policy is missing. Perhaps if it were put after implementation of treatment facilities policy within the area. I think that would help.</p> <p>Christine F., DCM D18: In our district when we had language difficulties, we came up with Treatment facilities service- service policy – service activity. What we are offering is service so the word service would assist us. So would policy.</p> <p>Marty M., Corrections: I am trying to remember when accessibility was added to the treatment chair – the Operating procedures were changed at that time to add. Accessibilities to it. I am pretty sure that it referred to the treatment chair being responsible for the implementation of the treatment workbook and it didn't refer to facilities at all. We are not here to mimic, or echo or implement anything that treatment facilities are doing. We are more into what the Workbook is stating, and it is our guidelines. Look back at what the treatment chair was back then, and we should go back to what it said before accessibilities.</p> <p>JoAnn P., Secretary: The wording of Treatment facilities – is that not because it mirrors the committee at the General Service Conference. Is it not why the operating procedures are stated that way? This mirrors the General Service Conference committee.</p> <p>Amy L., Chair: Do you want to take this back to your Groups to see if there are any wording issues, concerns, alternatives?</p> <p>James O'D., Alternate Delegate: If we were just to add policy, that would bring it in alignment with other positions in our Operating Procedures. This is an omission of one word and if we add the word back in the spirit would be there.</p> <p>Ian DCM D26: it would be better if we keep it simple. If we take it back to the Groups and ask for wording it could be problematic. Add policy and I don't think we will have any problems.</p> <p>Milner G., DCM D42: I opened October 2012 Operating Procedures and it has the word policy in it.</p>
Friendly Amendment:	<p>Bill C., Registrar: Add the word policy to the presented wording of the position of Treatment Chair. The motion will read: <i>To be elected by the Area Committee. The Treatment Chair shall be responsible for the implementation of Treatment Facilities policy within the Area. The Chair shall liaise with the Districts' and Intergroups' Treatment Facilities Committees, and shall provide assistance (i.e., Bridging the Gap), when requested, in accordance with the Workbook for Treatment Facilities.</i></p>
Discussion:	<p>Marty M., Corrections: Clarify it was suggested or asked if we are going to vote on these item by item – point of order – are we doing these item by item?</p> <p>Amy L., Chair: We will be proceeding to item 13d for the Accessibilities Chair position and then we will have some housekeeping items for the Operating Procedures.</p>
All those in Favour:	32 votes
opposed:	1 vote
abstentions:	0
Voice of Minority:	No
Motion:	the amended motion Carried

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

d) Proposed description for Area Accessibilities Chair in Area 83 Operating Procedures under SECTION 3:
RESPONSIBILITIES Jenny C., Area Accessibilities Chair

Item 2:

ADD: 3.17 Area Accessibilities Chair

To be elected by the Area Committee. The Accessibilities Chair shall be responsible for the implementation of the Accessibilities policy within the Area. The Chair shall support initiatives that help to maintain and improve Accessibility for members of A.A. at all levels of service. The Chair shall liaise with the Districts' and Intergroups' Accessibilities Committees, and shall provide assistance, when requested, in accordance with the Accessibilities Workbook.

- Motion to accept the description for Area Accessibilities chair as presented

Moved:	Bill C., Registrar
Seconded:	Milner G., DCM D42
Discussion	None
All those in favour:	33
opposed:	0
abstentions:	0
Motion:	Carried

Item 3:

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Change: Area Treatment/ Accessibility Chair

To: Area Treatment Chair

Add: Area Accessibilities Chair below Area Archives Chair.

Item 4:

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Change: 3.13 Area Treatment/Accessibility Chair

To: Area Treatment Chair

Add: 3.17 Area Accessibilities Chair

Item 5:

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Change: 3.17 Service Information Day Committee,

3.18 Area Archivist, and

3.19 Area Webmaster and Alternate Webmaster

To: 3.18 Service Information Day Committee,

3.19 Area Archivist, and

3.20 Area Webmaster and Alternate Webmaster.

Item 6:

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Change: Area Treatment / Accessibility Chair

To: Area Treatment Chair

Add: Area Accessibilities Chair below Area Archives Chair.

Item 7:

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Under Area Committee

Sub-Committee Chairs to be elected by the Area Committee and order of election.

Change: (4) Area Treatment/ Accessibility Chair

To: (4) Area Treatment Chair

Add: (8) Area Accessibilities Chair

Item 8:

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Under Area Committee

Sub-Committee Chairs to be elected by the Area Committee and order of election.

Change: (4) Area Treatment/ Accessibility Chair

To: (4) Area Treatment Chair

Add: (8) Area Accessibilities Chair

Item 9:

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Change: Area Treatment/ Accessibility Chair

To: Area Treatment Chair

Add: Area Accessibilities Chair below Area Archives Chair

Item 10:

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Guidelines for the Service Information Day Committee

Under Purpose of the Service Information Day

Change: 3.17 Responsibilities

To: 3.18 Responsibilities

Under The Service Information Day Committee

Change: 3.17 Responsibilities

To: 3.18 Responsibilities

Item 11:

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8. List of Eligible Candidates

Change: Area Treatment/ Accessibility Chair

To: Area Treatment Chair

Add: Area Accessibilities Chair below Area Archives Chair

- Motion to accept item 3-11 amendments to the Area 83 operating procedures.

Moved:	Jack R., PI
Seconded:	Jo D., CPC
Discussion	none
All those in favour:	33
opposed:	0
abstentions:	1
Motion:	Carried

e) [Election of Service Information Day Committee, Amy L., Area Chairperson](#)

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

The purpose of the Service Information Day is to present and explain as many facets of A.A. General Service as possible to members and guests of the Assembly.

Area 83-Eastern Ontario International Election Results-Term 2021-2022
for the position: Service Information Day Committee.

CANDIDATE	District	# votes	2nd vote*	Elected
Jill B.	6	5		X
Christine F.	18	5		X
Kathie T.	28	7		X
Maria M.	30	3	8	
Trevor F.	62	5		X
Theresa L.	66	3	12	X
Barbara C.	78	2		

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

Bruce B.	86	3	15	X
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Who may vote: All District Committee Members, their alternates if the District Committee Members is absent, all Area Sub-committee Chairs, and all Area Officers except the Area Chair.

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

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

*Three candidates had 3 votes each; a second vote was taken to find the last 2 members of the SID committee.

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

14) SHARING - WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Jill B., DCM D6: Thank you to Mary and Linda for the Area 83 Newsletter that was sent out in December. There was so much information, so much historical information on our Area and I wanted to thank them for all their hard work on that issue.
Colleen D66 Self Support – Question about the Service Day – Is there anyway that we could do an audio recording of that day for Archives or something as I probably won't be able to attend. I am wondering if that is anything that anyone ever considered?

Jenny C., Accessibilities: Paul B D66 Smith Falls Saturday Night Group will be celebrating 26 years next Saturday Night.

Rob M., Past Delegate: Thank you to the Area Committee for all your reports. They were well done. I especially want to thank Amy. This was not an easy meeting to chair for your first one and you did a really good job.

Marrey P., ADCM D6: I have 2 questions. Jenny C Accessibilities Committees – Initiative that you have, do you have any information.

Jenny C., Accessibilities: If you want to send me an email at accessibilities@area83aa.org, I can send you any information that you need or want.

Marrey P., ADCM D6: One other question regarding the Webmaster – Do we know if other Areas have their Webmaster have a vote or a voice? Just a question...Everyone has done a great job today.

Bert Alt DCM D22: Congratulations to everyone who was elected to the Service Information Committee and everyone here today, you did a great job.

Les M.: It looks like Area 83 is in good hands. I hope you all enjoy your service journey as much as I have, and the Service Information Day Committee was a blast. Love you all.

15) NEXT AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

I would recommend the next committee meeting be held on June 5, 2021 either in-person at Quinte West or on this virtual platform. Would someone be willing to make a motion to that effect?

Motion to hold the next ACM on June 5, 2021 either in person or virtual.

Moved:	Trevor F., DCM D62
Seconded:	Jack R., PI
Discussion	none
All those in favour:	31
opposed:	1
abstentions:	0
Voice of the Minority:	George W., DCM D22: I would be concerned with people's health and I don't know if its going to be safe to get together, so I don't know the format.
Anyone voting with majority wishing to change their vote:	No
Motion:	Carried

Comment: Milner G., DCM D42: With the border situation being the way that it is, has any thought been given to a hybrid Area Committee Meeting?

Amy L., Chair: Yes, we will investigate that possibility.

Jenny C., Accessibilities: If anyone has any feedback with the closed captioning worked today, can you please let me know. Your input is greatly appreciated.

REMINDER: The Spring Assembly will be held virtually, and all members of Area 83 are encouraged to attend. Remember, that the Saturday will be a day of workshops with broad appeal, so please encourage all members (in general service or not in service) to attend. The Agenda should be available 6 weeks in advance. It will be sent out to the DCMs and I would ask that you please pass it on to the GSRs. The Agenda will also be available on the Area83 website-under the events tab. DCMs, please ask GSRs to extend the invitation to any interested group members to attend both the Saturday and if they wish to observe the business meeting on Sunday.

16) CLOSING

It is now 4:01 p.m. and I would like to thank everyone for their participation today and wish you good health and safety until we meet again.

May I have a motion to end this meeting?

Moved:	Jill B., DCM D6
Seconded:	Maria M., DCM D30
Discussion	None
All those in favour:	33
opposed:	1
abstentions:	None
Motion:	Carried

The Meeting closed with the Responsibility declaration

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

Appendix A₁ Financial Documents—Financial Summary (December 31, 2020)

***EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83
as at December 31, 2020***

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

INCOME		
7th Tradition		2,517.70
Cost Recoveries		56.00
Flow Through to GSO		1,635.00
Grapevine Seasonals		1,805.00
Group, District & Individual Contributions		27,867.35
	TOTAL INCOME	33,881.05
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE		300.66
TOTAL INCOME & TRANSFERS		34,181.71

EXPENSES		
Accommodations		0.00
Meals		5.00
Travel		1,500.00
Long Distance		0.00
Postage		198.25
Printing		414.00
Literature		927.89
Stationery		365.41
Miscellaneous		6,677.56
Total Committee Expenses		10,088.11
Ad Hoc Committees		0.00
Area Contribution to GSO		5,000.00
Area Committee Meetings		477.19
General Service Conf. Assessment		8,821.80
Bank Service Charges		73.65
Paypal fees		12.12
Forums		0.00
Grapevine Seasonal		1,454.09
GSO Flow Through		1,635.00
Ontario Delegates' Committee (ODC)		5,663.02
CERAASA		0.00
International Convention		(150.00)
Total Other Expenses		22,986.87
TOTAL EXPENSES		33,074.98

OPERATING ACCOUNT		
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2020		40,490.20
Total Income & Transfers		34,181.71
Total Expenses		(33,074.98)
OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE		41,596.93

Appendix A₂ Financial Documents–Detail of Expenses (December 31, 2020)

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International
Details of Expenditures
as at December 31, 2020

Position	Accommodations	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Misc.	Total	Approved Spending Guideline	Balance +/-	YTD Usage
COMMITTEE EXPENSES													
Delegate	0.00	0.00	138.40	0.00	76.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	215.06	\$563.40	148.34	59.18%
Alt. Delegate	0.00	0.00	167.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	483.08	660.28	\$717.20	56.92	92.06%
Immediate past Delegate	0.00	0.00	144.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	144.60	\$169.80	25.00	85.28%
Chairperson	0.00	0.00	38.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	38.13	\$204.60	55.00	73.12%
Secretary	0.00	0.00	38.14	0.00	0.00	285.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	323.13	\$348.13	25.00	92.82%
Treasurer	0.00	0.00	38.13	0.00	121.59	0.00	0.00	173.20	0.00	332.93	\$436.34	103.41	76.30%
Registrar	0.00	0.00	38.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	192.21	0.00	230.34	\$255.34	25.00	90.21%
Area Web Site/Webmaster	0.00	0.00	224.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	355.79	0.00	580.59	\$249.80	-330.79	232.42%
Archivist	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	129.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	129.00	\$154.00	25.00	83.77%
Archivist	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$25.00	25.00	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	\$25.00	25.00	0.00%
Corrections Facilities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	226.35	0.00	0.00	226.35	\$251.35	25.00	90.05%
Grapevine	0.00	0.00	148.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	148.80	\$173.80	25.00	85.62%
Public Information	0.00	5.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	\$45.00	20.00	55.56%
Self Support	0.00	0.00	216.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	216.00	\$241.00	25.00	89.63%
Treatment / Accessibility	0.00	0.00	176.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	176.00	\$201.00	25.00	87.56%
Service Info Day Cmte	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	701.54	0.00	0.00	701.54	\$801.54	100.00	87.52%
Spring Assembly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1288.25	1288.25	\$1,288.25	0.00	100.00%
Fall Assembly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4540.44	4540.44	\$5,000.00	1459.56	75.87%
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ 5.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 198.25	\$ 414.00	\$ 927.89	\$ 365.41	\$ 6,877.56	\$ 10,088.11	\$ 11,950.55	\$ 1,862.44	84.42%
OTHER EXPENSES													
Audiot Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00	0.00	0.00%
Area Committee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	477.19	477.19	\$477.19	0.00	100.00%
Area GSO Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000.00	\$5,000.00	0.00	100.00%
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73.65	\$100.00	26.35	73.65%
Paypal Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.12	\$15.00	2.88	80.80%
Forums	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00	0.00	0.00%
Grapevine Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,454.09	1,454.09	\$1,454.09	0.00	100.00%
GSC Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,821.80	8,821.80	\$8,821.80	0.00	100.00%
GSO Flow Through	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,635.00	1,635.00	\$1,500.00	-135.00	109.00%
Ont Delegates' Committee	2,073.20	581.28	926.80	-	7.05	95.95	61.64	-	1,917.10	5,663.02	\$5,663.02	0.00	100.00%
CERAASA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00	0.00	0.00%
International Convention	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150.00	150.00	\$-150.00	0.00	0.00%
TOTAL	\$ 2,073.20	\$ 581.28	\$ 926.80	\$ -	\$ 7.05	\$ 95.95	\$ 61.64	\$ -	\$ 12,670.18	\$ 22,986.87	\$ 22,881.10	\$ 105.77	100.46%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,073.20	\$ 586.28	\$ 2,426.80	\$ -	\$ 205.30	\$ 509.95	\$ 989.53	\$ 365.41	\$ 19,347.74	\$ 33,074.98	\$ 34,831.65	\$ 1,756.67	94.96%

	YTD 2020	December 2019	Difference
Income To Date	34,181.71	72,573.47	- 38,391.76
Expenses To Date	33,074.98	73,904.10	- 40,829.12
Net Change To Operating Account	\$ 1,106.73	\$ 1,330.63	\$ 2,437.36
Contributions	\$27,867.35	\$58,328.42	-\$30,461.07
Contributing Groups	104	161	-57
Contributing Districts	13	20	-7
Contributing Individuals	2	0	2

Income Summary :	
12/31/2020	2,517.70
7th Tradition	300.66
Bank Interest	1,635.00
GSO Flow through	27,867.35
Contributions	56.00
Cost Recoveries	1,805.00
Grapevine Seasonals	\$ 34,181.71
Total Income	

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Appendix A₃ Financial Documents—Contributions by District (December 31, 2020)

GROUP & DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS as at December 31, 2020

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District	0	Unspecified, Individual	\$60.00
District	2	Malton	\$200.00
District	6	Mississauga	\$3,089.97
District	10	Toronto South Central	\$2,630.47
District	12	Toronto South West	\$1,621.64
District	14	Toronto North Central	\$688.71
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	\$0.00
District	18	Toronto City East	\$2,900.25
District	22	Scarborough	\$961.00
District	26	Lakeshore West	\$1,495.00
District	28	Lakeshore East	\$1,848.00
District	30	Quinte West	\$300.00
District	34	Quinte East	\$1,450.00
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	\$1,620.00
District	42	St. Lawrence International	\$12.61
District	48	Seaway Valley North	\$575.00
District	50	Cornwall	\$0.00
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	\$628.98
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	\$120.00
District	62	Ottawa West	\$2,540.72
District	66	Golden Triangle	\$1,275.00
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	\$550.00
District	74	Pembroke	\$1,990.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	\$130.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	\$150.00
District	86	Kawartha	\$1,030.00

Total Contributions YTD: \$27,867.35

Total from Groups	\$20,746.20	104	Groups
Total from Districts	\$7,061.15	13	Districts
Total from Individuals	\$60.00	2	Individuals

Appendix B Call Letter – Archivist



January 9, 2021

Area 83 Archivist

Area 83 seeks an individual to serve as Area Archivist until December 31, 2023.

At the 2005 Spring Assembly, the position of Area Archivist was created:

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

The Archivist is the traditional trustee of the Area's memorabilia and shall supply advice and consultation, when requested, to all Archives Committees in the Area with respect to the preservation and cataloguing of local archival materials in accordance with the Workbook for Archives. The Archivist, a non-voting appointed committee member, as reported by the Archives Chair, will report to the Area Committee and the Assembly about new material received and give updates about ongoing projects.

Attendance at the Area Committee meeting is voluntary, and expenses shall not be reimbursed. Attendance at the Assembly is expected, and expenses shall be reimbursed. The Archivist may attend the annual North American Archives meeting upon the approval of the Area Committee. The Archivist shall work in conjunction with the Area Archives Chair and committee in presenting rotating archival displays at each Assembly. All expenses, including but not limited to transportation, crating, travel expense (including room and meals for the Archivist), shall be paid by the requesting party or organization.

NOTE: It is recommended that any unexpected expenses (those not associated with Area Assemblies, The Eighty Three (archives newsletter), the annual North American Archives Workshop or the Area 83 Archives Workshop) incurred by the Archivist and not covered by requesting parties or organizations shall be charged to the Area. A separate line-item on the Area Spending Guidelines and Expense worksheet shall reflect expected Archivist expenses.

NOTE: The Archives Chair shall be responsible for the implementation of Archival policy within the Area and will ... report activities of the Archivist to the Area Committee Meeting and Assembly as well as being the liaison on Archival matters between Area 83 and the General Service Office.

Some of the qualities most desirable in the individual who will fill the vacancy are:

- To have some familiarity with Archival procedures or the willingness to learn the basics of such procedures.
- To be experienced and comfortable working within the committee system.
- To be familiar with the A.A. traditions, particularly as they relate to anonymity.
- To have an understanding of A.A. history

The attached resume form should be completed by prospective applicants and returned by **February 20, 2021** to: chairperson@area83aa.org



From the Archives Workbook:

Role of the Archivist

The archivist is the focal point of the collection, determining on one hand what to include in the collection, and on the other hand working towards making the collected material available to the greatest extent possible to members of our Fellowship and those in the public realm with a valid interest in A.A.

- The archivist collects, organizes and preserves material of historic interest. Typically, the archivist selects a representative sample of the collection and arranges those into a traveling display.
- The archivist is responsible for both the physical and the intellectual integrity of the collection. It is important to ensure the privacy and protect the anonymity of members whose names are included in the collected documents.
- The archivist is also responsible to report regularly to the Area Committee and to the Area Archives Committee about new material received and give updates about ongoing projects at the archives.

Training

It is helpful and desirable for the archivist to have some familiarity with archival procedures or the willingness to learn the basics of such procedures. Depending on the location of the archives, the local high school, college, major library or historical society might offer basic courses in handling historical records.



[A version of this form in Word may be downloaded HERE](#)

Area 83 Archivist Resume Sheet

Name:		Phone number:	
Address:		Email:	
		Sobriety Date:	
		Date submitted:	

Education

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A.A. Background

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Current A.A. Activities

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Archival Experience / Training

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Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Additional Information may be attached

Appendix C Call Letter – Webmaster



January 9, 2021

Area 83 Webmaster

The 2-year term for our incumbent Area Webmaster concluded on December 31, 2020. This letter serves as a call for résumés from members interested in serving Area 83 for the Panel 71 term (2021 to December 31, 2022).

To be appointed (or re-appointed) for a (2) two-year term by the Area Committee, on a recommendation of the Area Chair after consultation with any other members of Area 83 deemed suitable for advice by the Area Chair. Total term length not to exceed (4) four years. Resumes for consideration shall be submitted to the Area Chair. The Webmaster shall also be a member of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 83.

Some of the qualities most desirable in the individual who will fill the vacancy are:

- To be experienced with software used in creating and maintaining a website.
- To be experienced and comfortable working within the committee system.
- To be familiar with the A.A. traditions, particularly as they relate to anonymity.
- To be familiar with the GSO's service material: [FAQs about AA Websites](#) (SMF-101) and [Guidelines for the Internet](#) (MG-18).

A complete position description, taken from the Area Operating Procedures, is attached.

The attached resume form should be completed by prospective applicants and returned by **February 20, 2021** to the Area 83 Chair: chairperson@area83aa.org

Yours in love and Service,

Amy L

Panel 71 Chair

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

chairperson@area83aa.org



From Area 83 Operating Procedures:

AREA WEBMASTER AND ALTERNATE WEBMASTER

To be appointed (or re-appointed) for a (2) two-year term by the Area Committee, on a recommendation of the Area Chair after consultation with any other members of Area 83 deemed suitable for advice by the Area Chair. Total term length not to exceed (4) four years. Resumes for consideration shall be submitted to the Area Chair. The Webmaster shall also be a member of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 83.

The Area Webmaster holds primary authority and responsibility for the oversight of the Area 83 Website. The primary duty is to maintain the website, in terms of additions, deletions, updates, email address forwarding for Area 83 contacts and to track web site usage. The Webmaster shall assure the *12 Traditions* and *12 Concepts*, GSO guidelines and policies and Area 83 Website Guidelines ([Appendix Seven](#)) are followed relating to the World Wide Web.

The Webmaster, a non-voting appointed committee member will report to the Area Chair regularly, and to the Area Committee and the Assembly as necessary about new material received and give updates about ongoing projects. The Area Webmaster or Alternate Webmaster is suggested to attend the Area Committee Meetings and the Area Assemblies.

The Area Committee shall ultimately be responsible for and give direction regarding the policy and content of the Area 83 website, thus requiring attendance of the Area Webmaster or Alternate Webmaster at Area Committee meetings. Attendance at Assembly is expected; however, the Service Information Day Committee may require the Webmaster to do a workshop or participate in a panel or in presenting displays at the Assembly. All expenses, including but not limited to transportation, travel expense (including room and meals for the Webmaster or Alternate Webmaster), shall be paid by Area 83 or in the case of other requests, the requesting party or organization.

A separate line-item on the Area Spending Guidelines and Expense worksheet shall reflect expected Area Webmaster expenses including the costs to maintain the Website.

An Alternate Webmaster will be appointed (or re-appointed) for a (2) two-year term by the Area 83 Chair from candidates recommended by the Webmaster from resumes submitted to the Area Chair. The Alternate Webmaster shall also be a member of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 83 and assist in the design and maintenance of the Website and be available for meetings of the Area Committee/Assembly when the Area Webmaster is not able to attend. The overall position summary for the Area Webmaster shall apply to the Alternate Area Webmaster.



[A version of this
form in Word may be
downloaded HERE](#)

Area 83 Webmaster Resume Sheet

Name:		Phone number:	
Address:		Email:	
		Sobriety Date:	
		Date submitted:	

Education

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A.A. Background

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Current A.A. Activities

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Relevant Experience / Training

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Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Additional Information may be attached

Appendix D ECDO 2021 Flyer

The EDCO Agenda is available [HERE](#)

Eastern
Canada
Delegates' Orientation

orientation des délégués de
l'est du
Canada

“A.A. in a Time of Change”

Saturday, February 27th 2021

***Sponsored by the 10 Areas of the
Eastern Canada Region
Via Virtual Conference***

The purpose of this event is to prepare the Panel 71 Delegates for the Virtual General Service Conference (GSC) which will be held April 18 – 24, 2021. The Panel 71 Alternate Delegates will also be taking part in this event as they may be asked to attend the GSC on behalf of their Delegate.

We are striving to develop greater unity among the members, groups and areas of the Eastern Canada Region; to encourage the participation of our members with their input for their Delegate to attend the General Service Conference with the voice of their Area, fostering the Recovery, Unity and Service legacies of A.A.

All members of A.A. are welcome to attend!

**Agenda & zoom information available closer to the
date of event.**