

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

Area Committee Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2022

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1. OPENING

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 Panel 71 Chair.

As we customarily do, let's open this meeting with a moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

12 Traditions read by Barb C – DCM D74

12 Concepts (Short Form) read by Greg R – ADCM D18

Welcome to Quinte West! It is so good to see so many of you here today! This is our sixth 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. It is important for all of us to remember our First Tradition - *"Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity"*. We are here to ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous remains unified and strong in Area 83 Eastern Ontario International. Our personal recovery, as well as the recovery of the still suffering Alcoholic, depends upon it.

Some reminders

This is a non-smoking meeting. We ask that you refrain from these things during the meeting. For those of you on-line, please turn off your camera if your activities may be disruptive. A break will be called sometime around 11:00 AM and again in the afternoon. Lunch is not shown as an agenda item, but we will break around noon. Please mute your cell phones or anything else that might interrupt the meeting.

The church has asked us to be extra vigilant when we are disposing of our recycling and garbage. Please pour any liquid that you are disposing of in the bucket before putting the cup/container/bottle in the appropriate bin. You should also know that this church is a non-styrofoam facility and they ask that we not use Styrofoam in our meetings.

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

(If you could hold any applause until the end, it will speed things up)

Area 83 Officers

Panel 71 Delegate Kimberley M
Alternate Delegate James O'D
Interim Secretary..... James O'D
Treasurer Dave L
Registrar Bill C
Our Panel 69 Immediate Past Delegate Rob M
And I'm your Chair..... Amy L

Area Sub-Committee Chairpersons

Again, please hold any applause until all chairpersons have been recognized.

Public Information Chair Jack R
Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair (absent)Jo D
Correctional Facilities Chair Marty M
Treatment..... Tim F
Accessibilities Jenny B
Grapevine Chair Jane S
Self-Support Chair Bev H
Archives Chair..... (absent)Shane H
Service Information Chair Trevor F

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

Introduction of Previous Delegates:

Also, with us today we have:

Panel 61 Delegate Robb W.

Panel 63 Delegate Mel C.

Panel 65 Delegate Joyce S.

And in **Appointed positions** we have

Area Webmaster – George McQ.

Area Archivist – David T

Housekeeping:

Our meeting schedule up to and including tentative dates in 2023 will be included in the minutes. These dates are reserved on the Area Calendar, and for the in-person meetings, have been booked in advance with the 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. We will be meeting here again in December this year.

Year	Date	Status	Type of Meeting	Where
2022	October 28-30	Confirmed ¹	Area Assembly	Virtual
2022	December 3	Tentative	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2023	January 14	Tentative	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2023	June 3	Tentative	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church

¹Voted and approved at Sept 10, 2022 Area Committee meeting, see agenda [item 15](#) in these minutes.

- We will have our elections of the Area Officers at the upcoming Assembly which will be virtual. I have asked Mel C. our Panel 63 Delegate to facilitate them. We will also be having an election for our candidate for Canadian Trustee at Large.
- There is still a need for an **Alternate Webmaster**. We have been looking for a member in Area 83 to submit a resume for consideration. The Call Letter can be found on the Area 83 Website under the Area Chair's tab, or by clicking this [link](#).

- The term for our **Webmaster** is drawing to a close at the end of December. Please, if you know anyone interested in serving the Area in this position, please encourage them to submit a resume. The Call Letter for the Webmaster is available on the Chair's page on the Area 83 website. ([Area 83 Alcoholics Anonymous - Chairperson \(area83aa.org\)](https://area83aa.org))

Food:

Snacks have been arranged by our District 34 DCM Maria and Lunch arranged by Les M. The cost is \$10.00, per serving. Tickets will be sold at the break prior to lunch. You must have a ticket to be served.

Thank-you Maria and Les for organizing the lunch, refreshments, and snacks.

Seating:

For safety reasons, we have arranged the seats in these rows to allow ample room for social distancing. DCMs, if you brought your Alternate, please have them sit with you. Those with voting privileges at the meeting, please place your name card in front of you.

Who votes?

All Area Officers, including the immediate past Delegate, but not the Area Chair. All Area subcommittee chairs and the Area Webmaster. 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 indicate they are in favour or against by either raising their hand in-person or online.

DISCUSSION/RAISING HAND:

If you would like to address the committee (as though you were approaching the mic) to make a motion, second a motion, those **in person**, please approach the phone on the floor and wait until you have been recognized.

For those of you **online**, please raise your virtual hand using the RAISE HAND FUNCTION and wait until I have recognized you before unmuting.

When you have been recognized by the chair, please identify yourself by Name, Service Position and District.

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

Minority Opinion:

A.A. has always protected the voice and opinion of the minority. When we have a vote, unless the voting is unanimous, or if the vote was to cover items such as acceptance of minutes, I will ask if anyone wishes to speak to the minority. To be able to do this, you must have voted with the minority on the motion. **If, after the minority has spoken, someone from the majority side of the vote wishes to change their vote, that person may make a motion to reconsider.** If this is seconded and passes by a simple majority, we start discussion again on the *original* motion.

Calling the Question:

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

Who may address the committee meeting?

It has been the *practice* at the Area committee 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 the 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 with this. If you do not 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 welcome 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:	Jack R – PI Chair
Seconded:	Kathie T – DCM D28
Discussion	None
All those in favour:	Unanimous
opposed:	0
abstentions:	0
Motion:	Passed

The agenda for this Area Committee Meeting was sent out originally on August 1st to DCMs and their alternates. It is sent this far in advance so that you can consider as your district's representative items that may require a vote.

2. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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

OLD BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

NONE

NEW BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

FLOOR MOTION

E, F, B

E) Motion: "In addition to the signatures of Dave L., Treasurer, and Amy L., Chair, we appoint Kimberley M., Delegate, (replacing JoAnn P., Secretary) as the third secondary signing authority for Area 83 for the balance of the 2021 / 2022 term."Dave L, Area Treasurer

F) Motion: "That Area 83 make an additional contribution up to \$10,000 to the General Service Board. This contribution is in addition to the \$5,000

approved in the Proposed Spending Guidelines at the Spring 2022 Assembly and is subject to sufficient funds being available, as determined by the Area 83 Treasurer."Dave L, Area Treasurer

B) Motion: to authorize the Delegate to make a one-time expenditure of \$2,714 [or a maximum of \$3,000] for French language interpretation during four information sessions to be hosted by Area 83 in November and December 2022 on the A.A.W.S. Comprehensive Media Plan.

.....Jill B., DCM District 06

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

Moved:	Vince R – ADCM D02
Seconded:	Barbara C – DCM D78
Discussion	NONE
All those in favour:	Unanimous
opposed:	0
abstentions:	0
Motion:	Passed

3. ROLL CALL

Our Area Registrar Bill is taking the roll call today and will be sharing the results later during the Registrar's report.

4. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF June 4, 2022 ACM

Minutes of the June 4, 2022 ACM were distributed by email on June 30th to the Area Committee. I believe we have had enough time to review the minutes in advance of this meeting. Therefore, I would like to ask:

Are there any errors or omissions in the minutes?

NONE!

- **May I have a motion to accept the June 4, 2022 ACM minutes as distributed/amended?**

Moved:	Bill W – DCM D14
Seconded:	Maria M – DCM D30
Discussion	NONE
All those in favour:	Unanimous
opposed:	0
abstentions:	0
Motion:	Passed

5. DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORTS

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 James, our interim secretary.

I would ask that members come up to the mic to give their reports. If a report is going to be given from a member attending virtually, please remain muted until it is time to give your report. Order is determined by drawing District numbers from the bag. I will announce who is up and who is on deck. If you are “on deck”, please come up to the front and be ready to give your report when the DCM before you 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. It is my honour and privilege to serve as DCM for District 2. District 2 is alive and well although attendance is still low. We continue to hold our monthly business meeting on Zoom on the second Sunday of every month.

We are doing well financially as expenses have been low during Covid. We will be holding Elections for the next term on Sunday September 11th.

Bob E is our new Corrections Chair. He has been taking meetings to Maplehurst Correctional Complex for residents that were at OCI as that facility is under renovations. Bob will also be attending a community barbecue in Brampton on September 17th hosted by the Peel Regional Police. This will be a resource sharing event that AA was invited to.

Our Treatment Chair Candis W. has been taking meetings into Addiction Rehab Toronto on the third Wednesday of every month. We are also going into Mgloughlin Detox once again on Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Meetings had stopped at the Detox during Covid. Treatment is also taking meetings into St. Leonards House in Brampton Tuesdays at 7pm.

Ray R. has stepped up to be our new Self Support Chair. Although our attendance is low, our energy and passion are high. A few can accomplish a lot. That is all for District 2 for now. I wish you all another 24.

YILS, Patrick B.

District 06 Mississauga

Good morning, my name is Jill, alcoholic and a member of the Erin Mills Group and currently have the privilege to be servicing as the District Committee Member for District 6.

District 6 is comprised of 37 registered groups, which includes 1 online group. Attendance has been less than 40% of late. Which is less than we experienced during this period last year. We were able to obtain quorum in June & August, however we failed to obtain quorum in July so all business requiring a vote was moved to August.

At our monthly meetings, General Service Representatives or Sub-Committee Chairs provide their interpretation of Traditions & Concepts. Since we are in the 2nd term, we're all learning about the Concepts. Up in September will be Concept 9.

A motion was carried to disburse \$2,500.00 of the district's surplus to Area 83 Eastern Canada International and the General Service Office.

A couple of the vacate Sub-Committee positions have now been filled. Heidi F, Mississauga Group has been elected as the Accessibilities Chair and Eric M, Lakeshore Group has been elected to the Alternate Chair position for Public Information.

During the August meeting, Rob D, Erin Mills Group was elected as the incoming Alternate District Committee Member. Rob joins us today at the ACM. Welcome Rob!

Here's a summary of some of the Sub-Committee highlights these past months.

- Our Public Information Chair, Dorothy A has been invited to the University of Toronto, Mississauga Campus' Wellness Fair on October 6th. The event is from 9-5 and has volunteers already in place.
- Our Treatment Chair, Rebecca V has been in contact with PAARC (Peel Addiction Assessment and Referral Centre) and has restocked their literature and opened discussions on starting up AA meetings at the Centre. Rebecca has also restocked literature at the Mississauga Hospital, which includes their in patient and off-site programs.

In closing, District 6 remains a vibrant and financially stable District. I'm blessed to be a part of it.

Yours in love & service,

Jill B

District Committee Member - District 6

District 10 Toronto South Central

Hi everyone. My name is Ann J. and I'm an Alcoholic. I am honored to currently be serving as your DCM for District 10, Toronto South Central.

Overview of Groups and Participation: District 10 currently has 23 active groups.

Re meetings: Over the last few months most of our groups have been transitioning back to in-person meetings. Hybrid and online meetings are being scaled back or discontinued due to low attendance. In a couple of groups, two parallel meetings are being offered at the same time, an in-person and an online meeting.

In July we welcomed our first 100% online group to the table, with international membership of approximately 50 members and up to 120 attendees. Their GSR is

currently from Toronto and their Alternate is from California. It's an exciting new perspective for us.

Overall, our groups are healthy both as functioning groups and also financially.

District Finances & District Activities/Status:

District 10 is in good financial shape. Our prudent reserve intact with some buffer available.

From a district committee perspective, current treatment service commitments have almost fully transitioned from zoom to in-person, with only one still on zoom. We are sharing a new commitment with district 18, a wonderful example of our chairs working as a team at the GTA level. On the flip-side we gracefully withdrew from Maxwell Meighen after 6 years, to an independent group of AA volunteers who bypassed us and the process by introducing an alternative service meeting at the centre. Not an example of AA at it's finest. We're still hosting about 14 service meetings a month over three centers. Our treatment chair and our groups are stepping up to meet the inperson commitments with enthusiasm.

In terms of our other committees, Archives, CPC, PI, and Self-Support are all engaged in active initiatives. Accessibilities, Grapevine and Corrections remain open positions.

I am happy to see that our attendance at District meetings is still steady at about 18-20 attendees. We are beginning to see group GSR turnover and I expect by the end of 3/4, we will have about 1/3 new GSR's which is a nice blend of new and experienced GSR's at the table to support each other.

On that note, we will be holding the election for our 2023 Alternate DCM at our October District meeting, followed by the election of Table Officers in November. Exciting times!

With that in mind, AS ALWAYS, I am especially grateful for the enthusiastic and committed team in District 10, who work hard serving their groups, committees, and District. Their service is invaluable and so appreciated.

Thank you all for your time this morning and for allowing me to be of service.

Yours in Love and Service....Ann J., DCM – District 10

District 12 Toronto South West

Good morning, everyone, I'm an alcoholic, member of the Hill Group in Toronto and currently have the privilege of serving District 12 Toronto Southwest as District Committee Member. My name is Norm.

District 12 currently has 22 active groups across Toronto Southwest, and we are seeing approximately 50% attendance by GSRs at our district meetings. Our district meetings are still virtual and may stay that way for a while. We are in contact with our previous venue, but have not been able to make an arrangement with them yet.

We have another new group in District 12. Last quarter we welcomed The Big Chunks of Truth Group to District 12. They meet on Tuesday nights at the Humbercrest United Church in Toronto at 6:00pm (16 Baby Point Rd.), and more recently we have had the pleasure of welcoming the Gladstone Group. They meet on Monday nights at 8:00pm at St. Wenceslaus Church – 496 Gladstone Ave.

More of our groups are returning to in person meetings. Some are discontinuing their Zoom meetings, while other are going hybrid.

As far as table positions, we have taken one step forward and a couple of steps back. I'm very happy to announce that John L. of the Friendly Group has stepped up as Alternate DCM for District 12. However, we are now looking for a Corrections Chair and Accessibility Chair.

Service meetings. We currently have 2 commitments that are given to groups in District 12 on a rotating basis. The Saturday Noon meeting which has gone back to in person, and Women's Renascent online on Sunday nights at 8:00. We had picked up a third one at Homes First, but it was ultimately cancelled due to some logistics related to COVID restrictions. Our CPC/PI chair and Corrections chair are actively looking for more service opportunities in the district.

Overall, District 12 is doing well and remains active and financially healthy. We will be making contributions to both Area and GSO this quarter.

Thank you, and I am so grateful to have this opportunity to serve.

Yours in love and Service, Norm

District 14 Toronto North Central

Report given but not submitted.

District 16 Distrito Hispano De Toronto - ABSENT – NO REPORT

District 18 Toronto City East

District 18 will return to normal monthly meetings this month after a summer of ‘mini-agenda’ meetings. We ran a limited agenda focusing on active Service Meeting commitments, timely items, and some reports. It was possible to cover all our responsibilities in this format. It was a compromise from our usual choice between suspending meetings or holding meetings during the summer.

Our Service Meeting commitments are expanding from our initial in-person meeting, at a Fred Victor Mission support housing complex to our return to the Withdrawal Management Meeting at a Michael Garron Hospital facility. It was a meeting we held for years prior to the pandemic. It is great to return as well as serve their coed cliental; which is a new aspect from the former men-only meeting. We look forward to returning to our other Michael Garron Hospital meeting once the details are ironed out. Our Corrections Sub-committee is in discussion with District members for our availability to cover a Parole Service Meeting. This is a prior commitment that is being re-fashioned to run during business hours with hopes of improving on our former meeting model.

Our members have taken on all Sub-Committee responsibilities save for Self-Support and Webmaster. These have been vacant all term. The Officers cover these vacancies.

As we round the corner and begin the last few months of the term we conduct elections. We begin this month with elections for our District Committee Member and Alternate District Committee Member. In October we hold them for Table Officers and Sub-committee Chairs in December. Alternate Sub-committee Chairs stand at the start of our new term.

We are returning to meeting in-person this month – while also accommodating members not ready to do so yet by making the meeting hybrid. We received Seventh contributions in the form of equipment as well we purchased gear. It was a surprisingly easy process. We have a small ad-hoc group that will sort this out and test our set-up

the night before. Fingers-crossed. Thank you to the members who helped guide us. Our new homegroup host, The Parkway Group, has kindly taken us on. We had lost our former location.

Our District is spiritually as well as financially fit. We were able to send \$1500 as an even split between Area and the GSO in August. We had put this decision off until we had our hybrid meeting requirements worked out.

We have been having some connection issues re-engaging with groups we lost contact with during the pandemic. As a result it is difficult to say how many groups are in District 18; yet, our Registrar keep all of our active or known groups up-to-date with Area and the GSO. I am planning a robust campaign of homegroup visits.

September also sees the return to our participation in the East Toronto Archives Breakfast planning committee and the Information AA Day planning committee.

Otherwise we have had a relatively quiet few months. It is my honour to serve District 18 members.

Yours In loving Service,

Christine F. - District Committee Member

District 22 Scarborough

Scarborough District 22 comprises 24 groups and hosts one service meeting, at Scarborough General Hospital. Two meetings have not reopened since the beginning of the pandemic restrictions, including the meeting at Rouge Centenary Hospital. A third group, Bellamy, has suspended meeting due to poor attendance. Most groups have adopted a mix of on-line, in-person, and hybrid meeting formats. Eight groups are now in-person only, whereas thru most of the covid mandates only one district group held in-person only meetings. The district has virtual group.

There have been several discussions at the district table regarding returning to in-person District meetings. A consensus exists that, if we do return, a hybrid meeting would be preferable. At August's meeting, a motion was on the agenda to return to in-person/hybrid meetings, but this was withdrawn. Some members find the on-line format convenient, effective, and accessible for those with ability challenges or health concerns; others would like to return to in-person for its intimacy, a sense of direct connection that can be an attraction to members to participate in general service activities.

Attendance at the district committee meetings ranges from 8 to 14 voting members. This has been fairly consistent over the past term. Our officer positions are filled, except for Registrar. Positions for Grapevine rep., Self-Support chair, Treatment chair and Intergroup Liaison are vacant. Most groups have a GSR, but few have alternate GSRs.

Elections will be held in October, prior to the Fall Assembly, for District officers and subcommittee chairs. The low participation rate and the lack of alternates at all levels is particularly worrisome.

The ad-hoc committee on Operating procedures, comprised of past DCMs- Eddy G (chair), Lynn E, Tom S, and Ed H, has submitted its report at our last meeting. The revised document clarifies procedures and guidelines, and contains a new appendix on rules of order. With limited time before the next term elections, we will be discussing the proposed revised OP at this Sunday's district meeting. Thanks to the committee for this valuable work. A special thanks to Eddy G., who has also filled as district secretary.

District 22's 44th annual Service Day is just around the corner (Sat., Sept 24). The theme this year is Service-The Heart of AA. Held at the Oakridge Community Centre, there will be presentations by our committees, a potluck lunch, a performance of the 12 Traditions Skit, and a talk by our Area 83 Delegate. There will be a social event in the evening with a D.J., Tickets are \$15 at the door for the dance. A big shout out goes to our alternate DCM (now incoming DCM for next term) Bert J for chairing this committee, and to Kimmie D (One Paragraph at a Time)for organizing the social, Lynn E (Fifth Tradition) as Kitchen Coordinator, and Iner s (Silverbirch) as skit director.

As we gradually shift to in-person meetings and events, unconsidered expenses have arisen and the district table has become aware of the need for financial guidelines. Our treasurer, Mike S., has taken on this task, scouring past records for guidance. The district will soon have its first set of financial guidelines, which should stand it in good stead going forward. The district has restarted a 7th tradition collection at its monthly meeting, and offers e-transfer for groups making contributions. Thanks Mike.

Valerie L. (GSR Anniversary Grp.) got involved at the district by volunteering to do tech support and collating the announcements posted in the meeting chat box. This evolved into the production of a two page District Newsie. She is now our enthusiastic and diligent secretary. Much thanks.

Our corrections committee, chaired by Gail R, has continued to support members on the inside at the East Toronto detention Center. Although there have been no meetings, visitations, correspondence, and suppling Big Books and Grapevines have been ongoing.

CPC/PI, chaired by Joe A., held two district sponsored workshops for medical professionals. Thanks to Jo D., Area 83 CPC chair, Dr Mooney, class A trustee for their participation. It was most interesting.

Bert J and myself held a GSR Assembly orientation for new GSRs prior to Spring assembly. This term saw an unusual amount of rotation mid term, so the workshop was there to fill the gap normally provide by the service sponsorship. We will be hosting this workshop again.

The district functions as an extension of group conscience guided by a higher power. Although one may wish a more vibrant district table, it is as it needs to be at this time; with concerted effort it will grow. Our district groups and its members are connected to AA as a whole by the function of their district table; its members and groups continue enthusiastically to carry the message in their neighbourhoods, at their meetings , and thru recovery sponsorship. This is the true heart of A.A. at work.

Yours in Service,

George W - DCM D22

District 26 Lakeshore West

I'm an Alcoholic. I'm a member of the Ajax Friday Night Group and am honored to be serving as DCM for District 26, Durham West and my name is Rob.

We didn't have any District Meetings after June so the attendance will be shared at the next ACM.

We have open positions in our District and some positions with some sub-committee chairs that are not attending. We are optimistic that with the new elections coming, we'll have some new service-minded people stand for positions.

Our finances are solid with the balance growing each month. As of the May 15th, we had around \$1,729.95 in the bank.

The Alternate DCM's of both Districts 26 and 28 compiled an "Interchange" schedule for 2022-23 (excluding the summer months). Interchange is a program that we have where groups can host other groups on their first open meeting of the month. The guest groups bring their own participants to the meeting. It's a wonderful way to get to know more people in our Districts.

The Zone 2 Service Information Day and BBQ on June 18th was an amazing success. We had presentations from the current Delegate, a Past Delegate and even our own district's Treatment Representative. It was his first time doing a PowerPoint and he nailed it! Jan L, our past Eastern Canada Regional Trustee shared her experience, strength, and hope over Zoom. Attendance was around 60 people.

We hosted the Summer 2022 Lakeshore Districts Conference from Friday August 12 to 14th. Terry N was the Conference Chair and Tom C. did a wonderful job in finding speakers. The attendance was as follows:

- Conference Tickets-288
- Banquet Tickets – 105

Financially, the conference lost a bit of money so they will have to go District for a contribution next year.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to serve.

Yours in Love & Service,

Rob F. - DCM – District 26 Lakeshore West

District 28 Lakeshore East

Good morning, everyone! I'm an alcoholic, member of the Motor City Group, and my name is Kathie. It's a pleasure to serve as District Committee Member for District 28 Lakeshore East. Our Alternate DCM, James S., is also here today.

Our District meetings are regularly suspended over the summer, so this report will be brief.

We are in good shape financially, and meeting our commitments.

Our Zone 2 Service Day/BarBQ in June was both informative and delicious. Thank you to District 86 for hosting it this year.

Our Lakeshore Districts Conference in August was a wonderful weekend of fun, fellowship, and great speakers. A huge thank you to Terry N. and her committee for stepping up and kicking off the first big in-person event in our districts since Covid began.

Our CPC-PI Committee is hosting a "Bring a Friend" event on Wed Nov 16, details to follow.

We continue to have 20 registered groups in our District - the majority have re-opened with attendance slowly increasing. Some groups are hybrid, a few remain online only, and some hold live meetings one night, and online discussion meetings another night.

For meeting updates, please visit Lakeshore Districts

Intergroup: <https://www.aadurham.org>.

Tomorrow is our District's first in-person meeting since Covid, our first attempt at running a hybrid meeting to make it accessible to all, and our District elections...it should be quite an afternoon! A special thanks to Amy L. who will facilitate our elections, & our zoom tech, Rob M.

Thank you for my sobriety.

Yours in love and service,

Kathie T. - District Committee Member - District 28, Lakeshore East

District 30 Quinte West

Good morning, I am an alcoholic a member of the Hope Group my name is Maria, it is an honour and a privilege to be serving as District Committee Member for District 30 Quinte West. Joining me today is Alternate District Committee Member Mike H.

All but one group in the District have resumed meeting in person, there is one inactive group, the two hospital service meetings are still closed, however, this month volunteers will resume attending the Astra Group meeting in the Warkworth Penitentiary which is great news, we are still awaiting confirmation on a date and how many volunteers will be allowed to attend each week. Groups are reporting that their meeting's are well attended.

District finances continue to be stable fulfilling all financial responsibilities, a contribution of \$400.00 will be made to Area today. Literature and Grapevine sales are still strong due to the growing membership in the District. The growth is attributed to 12 Step work by volunteers staffing the phone line service. A request of paper copies of meetings in the District was made, information on groups and meeting is in the process of being updated to be made available as soon as possible.

Elections to fill the remainder of District Officers and Subcommittee chairs for the next term will take place at the District meeting next week, the immediate past District Committee Member Rick W. will be facilitating the elections.

District 30 membership continues to stay strong in both spirit and enthusiasm, thank you for the opportunity to be of Service.

Yours in Gratitude and Service, Maria M.

District 34 Quinte East

I am an alcoholic, member of the Triangle Unity Group and my name is Inge D. I am honored to serve as your District 34 Committee Member.

District 34 will start holding in person district meetings starting in September. Our district is in sound financial position with many of our groups starting to make contributions regularly.

The majority of groups have re-opened to in person meetings with two groups closing their doors permanently.

Yours in love and service, Inge D

District 36 Kingston & the Islands

Good morning friends, I am an alcoholic and a member of Journey Through Recovery Group in Kingston and I am honoured and privileged to be serving as the DCM for District 36 Kingston and the Islands. My name is Jonathan CJ.

The District is financially stable with groups continuing to contribute both to District and higher levels.

Most subcommittee positions are filled. Attendance of GSRs is averaging 50% so far this year of 27 groups, but we generally make quorum, with the exception of our August meeting. We will be holding elections for District table positions in October, facilitated by alternate delegate James O., and many of the groups have their own elections at that time as well.

The District website is now compatible with the Meeting Guide app and newcomers are finding meetings using it.

About two-thirds of our groups continue to meet in-person, while the rest use either

Zoom only or else two 'parallel' meetings (one on Zoom and one in-person) or a single hybrid meeting. Some groups returning to in-person meetings still have difficulty obtaining insurance policies as required by their venues, due to high cost.

Treatment meetings continue using Zoom to allow outside speakers, and a few additional AA members are now being allowed to participate on site to relieve the two people who have been working for the past year to facilitate these meetings. For Corrections, AA meetings led by outside volunteers returned to Collins Bay Institution in July and August. Meetings will soon return to Joyceville institution. The activities coordinator at Joyceville was recently given a list of volunteers.

The District continues to use a hybrid format for business meetings.

Yours in Gratitude and Service, Jonathan CJ.

District 42 St. Lawrence International

My name is Milner G and I am a grateful alcoholic. My home group is the Fall Island Big Book Study Group in Potsdam, New York. I am privileged to serve as District Committee Member for District 42 St. Lawrence International.

District Positions

Most of our positions are currently filled. Current open positions are: Public Information Chair; Literature/Grapevine Chair; and Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair.

District Status

We are continuing to meet via Zoom on the 4th Wednesday, with 6-10 in attendance.

Here are recent highlights:

- **District Membership:** We have received a petition from two registered groups (and one 5-day-a-week noon meeting) which meet in Massena to leave District 19/Area48 and join District 42/Area 83. The groups have discussed it among themselves and with the District 19 table.

Two people from those groups attended our August D42 zoom meeting to make their case. I asked for a written request from the groups (along with group change forms) and a signed letter from the groups – verified by District 19 DCM Fred L., that D19 is in accord with the groups' request.

We will discuss their request under “Old Business” at our September 28 D42 meeting. If the district conscience approves the request, our D42 Registrar will forward the request and the group change forms to the Area 83 Registrar.

- **Finances:** Our District Treasurer, David L., notes that we are currently solvent and meeting expenses.
- **Corrections:** Ted R. reports that meetings are now being permitted at the two New York State prisons in the district. Riverview Correctional Facility (Ogdensburg) is now permitting in-person meetings, with masking required for all attendees. There are currently two meetings per week. Gouverneur Correctional Facility has no meetings that we know of. St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility has one meeting a week for men (in person one week and via Zoom the next week).
- **Covid Status:** Most groups are still meeting in person; a few are remaining virtual at this time.

I am grateful for the chance to serve A.A., both District 42 and in Area 83, and to help carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

Milner

Milner G

District 48 Seaway Valley North – ABSENT – NO REPORT

District 50 Cornwall – AGSENT - 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.

District 54 continues to meet regularly with good attendance, full agenda, and excellent service committee reports. The PI/CPC committee has been busy with initiatives with senior centers, medical clinics, recreation centers and participation at the upcoming WOW festival in Ottawa (previously known as Recovery Day). The corrections committee has been busy working on returning to DETOX Centers and

Correctional Facilities. Our Grapevine rep is actively getting out to in person meetings that he has been invited to.

District 54 is in good financial standing. Now that more in person meetings are taking place, we are starting to see an increase in contributions. We can support our local committees needs as they are becoming more active with local services slowly make there way back to somewhat normal operations.

And I am hopeful that with increased attendance to in person meetings that we will see an increased interest in getting involved in Service.

District 54's elections are planned for our next meeting on October 6th, 2022. We are actively spreading the word out to District 54 groups, and I am hopeful we will see some new faces stand for positions along with some current folks possibly rotating into a new service role at the table.

District 54 continues to meet virtually for our monthly District meetings and will be for the foreseeable future.

I am grateful and honoured to be serving as the DCM for District 54. Thank you!!

Be safe and stay healthy.

Yours in Gratitude and Service,
Kevin O. - DCM District 54

District 58 Ottawa Bytown

District 62 Ottawa West

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

District 62 currently has just one vacancy at our district table - our Grapevine Representative position. It has been pretty quiet over the summer, but we've been encouraging the GSRs of the District to bring back to their groups the need for more volunteers to join our local service committees.

At our October District meeting, we will be holding elections for the 2023-2024 term, which will be facilitated by Sue L, and we're looking forward to all positions being filled. We've had a new group called Recovery on the Hill join District 62, bringing our total number of groups up to 52. We're usually seeing about 18-20 groups at our District meetings over the summer.

Service meetings at the Ottawa Withdrawal Management Centre, our local Corrections facilities and Pre-Treatment Centres will hopefully be starting back up shortly. Planning is also under way for the Ottawa Alkathon this year.

Financially, District 62 is stable - contributions are rising with more groups meeting in person, and expenses are minimal with the District continuing to meet on zoom. It's great to see everyone in person today, and I hope you all have a great fall season.

Yours in Love & Service,

Trevor F - District Committee Member, District 62 , Ottawa West
trevorfdistrict62@gmail.com

District 66 Golden Triangle

Good morning everyone. My name is Theresa, alcoholic, and a member of the Mississippi Group in Carleton Place. I am honored to be serving as DCM for District 66 Golden Triangle. I am accompanied here today by D66 ADCM Taylor J.

District 66 currently has a total of 28 active groups. There are 41 weekly meetings; 29 in-person, 6 hybrid, and 6 on-line.

The District continues to conduct its monthly meetings in a virtual format. Efforts to secure insurance coverage to allow for in person or hybrid meetings is underway.

Attendance by GSR's at District meetings continues to be 30-35% of the total. Groups are reporting good attendance and a healthy stream of newcomers making their way into the rooms.

The District remains in good financial standing.

Various suggested changes to the District Operating Procedures were presented at the July 27 meeting. All amendments were unanimously voted in favor of inclusion in the District OP's.

The District table presented a Service Information session Aug 31. Each administrative and committee chair member did a presentation outlining their respective roles and responsibilities.

Our sub committee chairs continue to update the District monthly.

A couple of subcommittee highlights:

Corrections Facilities Rod D. (after much dogged determination on his part) has been finally able to attain forward motion on bringing meetings into the Brockville Secure Treatment Unit and the Brockville jail. Our secretary Sue S. has stepped forward and together with Rod will present information sessions for members interested in bringing meetings into these institutions.

Treatment Facilities chair Janet C. is in correspondence with the Brockville General Hospital and will be meeting to discuss the possibility of bringing meetings into the Mental Health unit. Covid infections occurring at Neugate 180, one of our regular treatment centers, continue to prevent the hosting of in-house meetings.

Our D66 elections will be held Sept 28. Area 83 Alt Delegate James O has graciously agreed to facilitate the election process.

The Mississippi group in Carleton Place has been meeting since Sept 1953 and will be celebrating this, their 69th year, on Tuesday, Sept 27. A panel of 3 speakers with short, medium, and long-time sobriety will share their experience, strength and hope. If you'd like to tune in, the on-line info is on the D66 website lanarkleedsaa.org.

District 66 continues to carry the message of hope and recovery, and I am honored to be able to serve as DCM

Theresa L.

District 70 Renfrew Pontiac

My home group is the Douglas group and I have the privilege of being DCM for District 70, my name is Lisa R.

On June 12 we had a successful Tri-District Service Day with Pembroke and Madawaska. We had a nice assortment of speakers and visitors from all the areas. We also enjoyed the presentation from Kimberley about her time in New York.

District 70 is in the process of updating the SOPs before the next election in November. I will be stepping down as DCM as this is my second term and I believe it is important to rotate duties and hope someone will step forward and assume the wonderful experiences that come with being DCM.

We are hoping the new committee will be going ahead with the St. Paddy's Day Round Up in the spring as we have already booked the hall for the 18th of March. We will be strongly encouraging them to go with a catered meal rather than potluck.

Our District meetings are still being held with zoom as was voted on. Attendance is very low at our District meetings, only about 6 to 8 of a potential 19 groups attend.

Beachburg group was recently welcomed into District 70. It is on the border of District 74 and District 70. They had accumulated a large amount of money which they gave to District 70 and we used the money to purchase supplies and literature from Peter V. At a discounted price. This will reduce the need to go to Ottawa to get supplies and further reduce our expenses.

Yours in Service
Lisa R

District 74 Pembroke

DCM Report - District 74, 2022 September 10

Hello friends,

I'm an alcoholic and a member of the River Group currently serving as DCM for District 74, Pembroke and Area. My name is Julie.

In-person meeting have resumed for most groups in District 74, with selected hybrid meetings and two online-only groups.

The district committee has initiated a periodic review of its Operating Procedures. This time, a different approach is used: rather than assign a small *ad hoc* committee to prepare a proposed draft, each GSR will be part of the *ad hoc* committee. This way, each group can have input on any changes as they are considered, before they are drafted. We hope to minimize the objections and re-work that tend to surface once a proposed draft is distributed for review.

Upcoming elections

District 74 will hold elections in November for certain positions to be elected in even years. The rest of the positions will be elected in 2023. The intended purpose of electing half the district table one year and half the following year was to promote continuity. However, over time concerns have been raised regarding this approach, which limits the range of positions available for outgoing servants to rotate into in any given year. This system will be revisited during the review of the Operating Procedures. Meanwhile, the upcoming elections will proceed in the usual way. We will call for nominations next week, start taking nominations in October, and hold the elections in November.

Willingness over experience

Over the last year, we have seen inexperienced servants fulfill their position admirably with the support of experienced servants. We have also seen experienced and skilled servants who were not sufficiently engaged and available to fulfill their role.

Willingness and ability to serve are essential, unlike experience. A sponsee who is "voluntold" to accept a service position will not necessarily show the commitment required for the position. We encourage and nurture interest in service among willing individuals who will take their service commitment seriously and who will treat fellow servants with respect. Experience will grow from there. Attitude is everything.

Yours in Love and Service,
Julie F. - DCM, District 74

District 78 Madawaska Valley

Our seven groups are doing well with all holding in person meetings.

We will be holding our District elections in October and look forward to seeing some new faces at the table.

Our annual Roundup, Festival of Colours, will be held on Saturday, October 1st in Maynooth. Dinner tickets are \$20 each with admission being a 7th Tradition. A light lunch will also be available for a 7th Tradition. You can purchase your dinner tickets via e-transfer or I have some available today. Come out and enjoy the Fall colours as well as some great speakers and a wonderful dinner.

Yours in Love and Service
Barbara C

District 82 Victoria Haliburton

Good morning, everyone, I'm an alcoholic and a member of The High Noon Group in Lindsay, and humbled to be District 82 Victoria/Haliburton's District Committee Member, and my name is Joe.

I hope you all had a great summer so far; I know I have really enjoyed it. Our District does take a two month break from District Meetings, but we will be starting up again on September 18th. Just in time for us to go over the material from this ACM.

We still have not held any meetings in the Central East Corrections Facility since the pandemic began two and a half years ago. We will continue to send them Grapevines and reading materials as they require them, as we have been since the pandemic started. Sadly, there doesn't seem to be any change in that coming anytime soon.

As you probably have realized by now, I unfortunately could not attend today's ACM due to a scheduling conflict with our **District 82 Annual Victoria/Haliburton Conference** which takes place today, September 10th. It has been canceled these past two years and I have several duties to perform as a Committee Member. Our District is really looking forward to it, and I know it will be a great day of Speakers, fun and

fellowship, and I'm sorry that it had to fall on the same day as the ACM this year. I will get the minutes out as soon as I get them and pass them on to the GSR's for review.

Many Thanks to our Past Delegate Robb W. for volunteering to read my report today.

Thanks again Robb.

We are still short 3 positions at the district table, Archive Chair, Grapevine Chair, and Alternate Webmaster. We also had to combine CPC and PIC due to resignations over this term, but we do our best and keep announcing that the positions are open and remain hopeful someone will step up.

Our finances are stable, and we will be able to meet all our financial responsibilities.

Yours in Love and Service.

Joe C. - District Committee Member - District 82 Victoria/Haliburton

District 86 Kawartha

I am an alcoholic; a grateful member of the Coffee Club Group in Peterborough and my name is Jeffary F and currently servicing as District 86 DCM. District 86 hosted the Zone 2 Service Information Day on June 18th with a dynamic turnout for not only Districts 26, 28, 30, 82 & 86 but members of the Area committee on Zoom and in person with a fantastic B.B.Q. lunch and a bright sunny. Tomorrow will be the District's September meeting which will include on the agenda the call for chairpersons for the district table 2023 / 2024 term with elections taking place in October and a report from our "ad hoc" committee regarding recommendations on how to deal with a \$10,000 endowment left to district 86 based on input from our district groups to be addressed at our October District Meeting. I apologize for my absence today due to a personal commitment to attend District 82's 41st Conference.

With Gratitude

DCM District 86

Jeffary F.

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Thank you to all those who gave reports.

6. 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 James, who is minuting this meeting. 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 have the honour and privilege of serving as your Panel 71 Public Information Committee chair for Area 83. My name is Jack R.

Jo D., Area 83 CPC chair and I chaired jointly a meeting for the district PI and CPC chairs on August 24 that was helpful in hearing about some of the work that has been going on over the summer in some of the districts including outreach to churches in District 6 and an update on the Facebook page in District 26. There was also good feedback about the A.A. table set up at the Pri-Med medical conference in May which was a resounding success.

Our delegate Kimberley has been tirelessly working on a workshop that will educate the membership on the Comprehensive Media Plan and the ongoing work happening at GSO as we evolve our message on all the different platforms that are now available to us. I am looking forward to participating as chair of one of the sessions in early November.

I have participated in the ad hoc committee on digital resources for Area 83 which we will hear about this afternoon. Thanks to all the committee members for their many hours of research especially Mel C., Kimberley M. and Bill C.

I continue to attend the meetings of the National PI and CPC working group. Their next meeting unfortunately is today where they will be presenting a video done by two

members from Area 36 about A.A. from a professional's view and the challenges they faced creating it. I hope to be able to access that recording later.

Again, please keep sending me your District meeting minutes as I am always interested to see what is happening in your district.

Yours in Gratitude and Service,

Jack R.
Panel 71 Chair, Public Information Committee
Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

B. Cooperation with the Professional Community Jo D.

Area 83 CPC Chair Report to Area 83 Committee Meeting – September 2022

My name is Jo D. I am a member of the Search for Serenity Group in District 54, Ottawa Rideau. I am an alcoholic. It continues to be an honour to serve Area 83.

In my June report, I told you about how the GTA CPC Committee had stepped up to staff the A.A.W.S. Exhibit at the Pri-Med Conference in May. I am really excited to tell you that Area 83 is called upon to serve again: the CPC Desk at GSO is sending its exhibit to Toronto once more, this time for the Canadian Psychiatric Association which is taking place in person on October 27-29. Joe A., who chairs the GTA Committee and who did much of the leg work to get the exhibit set up on site, is leading the team again! I can't wait to hear the debrief from the volunteers. Those who have helped staff the GSO exhibits in the past described it as an awesome experience.

After the June ACM, District 22 – Bert J. and Joe A. – organized two information sessions for professionals. Dr. Al Mooney, Class A Trustee of the General Service Board made a presentation on June 14, tailoring his remarks to the AA members who participated, many of whom are involved in CPC service work. Some helpful suggestions came out of his presentation and the ensuing discussion. On June 16, I made a presentation, tailoring my remarks to the professional who had attended. Kudos to District 22 for organizing the sessions. We can draw on their experience for future events.

The Ottawa PI-CPC Committee, comprising Districts 54 and 62, is participating once again in what is now called, "WOW Festival". WOW stands for Working on Wellness. This annual event was formerly called Recovery Day. It's an opportunity to showcase AA as one of the options for recovery from alcoholism. Past experience tells us that numerous visitors spend time at the AA booth picking up literature and talking to the member volunteers.

Jack R. and I held a joint CPC and PI meeting of District chairs in August. This was a meeting primarily to discuss the upcoming information sessions on the Comprehensive Media Plan and to ask for their help in developing a list of questions and issues they would like to hear about.

I am always available to meet with District CPC chairs individually or with their Committee. It's always a pleasure to talk about ways to carry the message to professionals. Please call on me anytime!

Blessings to all.

Yours in service,

Jo D
Area 83 Chair
Cooperation with the Professional Community

C. Correctional FacilitiesMarty M.

Hello everyone, I am a grateful alcoholic my name is Marty. I'm privileged to serve as your area 83 panel 71 Corrections chair.

As I reported at our last meeting in June even more Correctional institutions are beginning to open up to outside members coming in to put on AA meetings. I reached out to our district Corrections chairs once again for updates and here's what's going on around area 83 Corrections.

I will begin with our inside members at Ontario Correctional Institute formerly in Brampton but temporarily at the Maplehurst Correctional Facility in Milton. The volunteer coordinator there Elaine had originally reached out to me requesting Zoom

meetings. However, shortly thereafter restrictions began to ease up. Elaine values the importance of face to face AA meetings so therefore she changed her course to encourage outside members to come in. This was great news and I'm happy to say that our new Corrections chair for district 2 Bob E. is currently taking a handful of volunteers into OCI and they're putting on meetings.

- Toronto South Detention Center- district 6: The Tuesday day meetings are still going on. Robbie is busy keeping the literature stocked. They are saying that the Wednesday night meeting may be able to return sometime in mid-October or November.
- Toronto East Detention Center- District 22: Toronto East now has an addiction counselor who is in contact with our D22 chair Gail. She said she's hoping for volunteers to re-enter sometime in September. Gail is busy keeping them stocked with pocket size AA books and pamphlets. CPC invited Corrections to their annual Peel Police information day to be held September 17. District 22 Service Day will be held September 27. Corrections will be part of the panels at both events.
- Warkworth Institution - District 30: Warkworth will be opening up in the next couple of weeks for volunteers to start coming in again. This will be a weekly meeting and no word yet as to how many members will be allowed to go in.
- Quinte Detention Center in Napanee- District 34: This from our District 34 Corrections chair Deborah T; the two new volunteers for Quinte detention have had their tour of the facility and their ID badges done as well as learning the ins and outs of being a Corrections volunteer. One female and one male are now ready to go in with an experienced volunteer to put on meetings. The two Millhaven volunteers Les M and Neil W distributed several books and pamphlets there. Les bought two 12 and 12 large print books, also 24-hour chips making this part of his personal 7th tradition donation, thanks less. As for Bath Institution my many attempts to have our volunteers go into bath have warranted no response. I would be happy to hear from anyone who has a name of someone I can contact besides Kim Garland who is the volunteer coordinator and does not return my calls, I would be truly grateful.
- Collins Bay- District 36: we have a new Corrections chair for District 36 I want to say welcome to Trevor O and thank you for your service. AA meetings led by outside volunteers returned to Collins Bay institution in July and August. Between Trevor and Ives, Monique and Ron not only are they taking meetings and they are also keeping the institution stocked with literature. Great job on

the District 36 Corrections committee. Soon this minimum institution will be allowing escorted inside members to attend meetings of AA outside. Joyceville Institution has a new volunteer coordinator. Trevor did meet with her and she is not going to hold meetings for now, but mid September she will reach out for minimum institutions support.

- Ottawa Carlton Detention Center - Districts 54 and 62: OCDC has cleared two women to go in for meetings in the women's section. The AA volunteers agreed to go once a month, the second Thursday of every month. They were able to go in once (July) and the following month it was canceled due to lack of staff. We'll see if they make it in there this month. They have not started on the men's side yet and no word as to when they will clear more volunteers.
- Riverview Correctional Facility - District 42: The District 42 Corrections chair is now Ted R. Riverview is having one meeting per month.

That's all from me. I thank you for the opportunity to serve Area 83 and Alcoholics Anonymous. I wish you all a safe trip home.

Yours in Love and Service, Marty

D. Treatment Facilities.....Tim F.

Good Afternoon Friends, I am an alcoholic, proud member of the Freedom Group in District 86, and my name is Tim F. I have the honour and privilege of serving Area 83 Eastern Ontario International as your Panel 71 Treatment Chair. There has been little change in Treatment since our last meeting in June so my report will be brief. Bridging the Gap requests are coming in on a steady basis. The BTG chair for Area 86 and I continue to work closely sending requests back and forth. I also occasionally get requests I have to forward to Areas 84 and 85.

Our last Sub-Committee Meeting was held August 28th at 7PM and the next meeting will be November 27th at 7PM. Any one is welcome to attend this meeting and I will ask George to put it on the Area Website. We had a great discussion between all of those that attended. Many Districts are busy carrying the message into Withdrawal Management and Treatment Centers, either virtually or in person. I am looking forward to putting on my final workshop for Treatment at the Fall Assembly. If you have any thoughts on what you would like to see feel free to email me. In theory I have the content planned out. Just need to transfer my thoughts to presentation form.

Thanks for sending me District minutes as it keeps me updated and I enjoy finding out what is going on throughout the Area. I am available whenever you need me, so feel free to invite me to any events taking place where I could be of assistance. Thank you for your friendship and for being an important part of my sobriety.

Yours in Gratitude, Love and Service, Tim F.

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E. Grapevine Jane S.

GRAPEVINE

I AM AN ALCOHOLIC, MEMBER OF THE Hand of AA GROUP IN DISTRICT 74 AND MY NAME IS JANE S. IT IS MY HONOUR TO SERVE AS THE AREA 83 GRAPEVINE CHAIR FOR PANEL 71.

In June of 1972, after only two years of sobriety, I had to make a business trip from Winnipeg to Kansas City. When the flight attendant rolled her booze wagon down the aisle of the plane, she looked at me and asked, "Sir, would you like something from the bar?"

My answer? " No thanks, I've got to be home for Christmas!" True Story!

Ralph C. Winnipeg, Manitoba Grapevine Magazine December 2016

+++++ Some highlights from AA Grapevine are:

Carry the Message 2022 project is now almost through the year. If you or your group or district can provide Grapevine subscriptions to someone in need please check out aagrapevine.org/carry-the-message. Our magazine can be a lifeline for so many still suffering alcoholics unable to get out for various reasons.

If you haven't listened to the AA Podcast yet, give it a try at aagrapevine.org/podcast or your favourite podcast platform. New episodes every Monday. To date, there have been over 125,000 listens and growing by about 25% per month.

Instagram has 7000 followers Grapevine and only 859 LaVina. Posts include inspiration, daily quotes, upcoming events, new books and humour on Friday's.

If your interested in writing your story for the Grapevine Magazine the Inter-District Grapevine Committee has put together a virtual Writing Workshop to be held on

October 22, 2022 from 11AM to 2PM. There will be presentations by current and past Grapevine Trustees, Delegates and members that have been published. A copy of the flyer is attached.

If your District Grapevine Rep has rotated in or out, please drop me an email with the new information. grapevine@area83aa.org.

I was able to attend my first Area Grapevine Representative workshop in June.

It was great to put faces with the names of those who work so diligently at Grapevine supporting us and answering our questions. We learned that we lost a large number of new subscribers due lockdowns and the loss of conventions and events where typically Grapevine Displays attract interest. Now that we are back to live meetings and events please reach out to your District GV and LV Reps and to me for assistance in setting up a table at your events.

We also learned that a new Guide to AA Grapevine will be available in September for GV and LV Reps. There are many complimentary tools such as post cards and other printable at the aa.grapevine.org website under GVR Resources. The YouTube Channel also has Grapevine Rep Videos available for free download presentations.

Finally, an AA Grapevine and AA La Vina APP are in progress to integrate everything in one place. We anticipate this to be available within the next year. This will be in addition to the magazine, not in place of.

Price increases will take effect on January 1, 2023 for books and other ancillary items.

The Order Form for the 2023 Calendars and Pocket Planners is attached to this report and also in each DCM's folder today. Copies have previously been provided to the District GV Reps via email. Cost for Calendars is \$11.76 CAD and PP \$6.00 CAD. DCM's please collect all group orders and send all monies (either transfer or check) to the Area Treasurer ONLY with a copy of the Order Form to the Treasurer and to me. Deadline for orders is November 1, 2022. I have a small number of these on hand today for single orders.

Almost without exception alcoholics are tortured by loneliness.....Bill W.

Perhaps the AA Grapevine can ease that loneliness for someone you know today.....

Yours in Love and Service,

Jane S - Area 83 Eastern Ontario International Grapevine Chair, Panel 71

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One bulk order will be placed by Area 83. Traditionally, DCM's and/or Grapevine Reps bring these forms to GSR's in their Districts for distribution. Once all Groups in your District have submitted their orders, DCM's forward ONE payment and ONE order form for your District. Please have all order forms submitted and payments made by November 1, 2022.

Payment required when order is placed. Payment to be made ONLY to Area 83 Treasurer by Check (Area 83 Eastern Ontario International, c/o Treasurer, 819 Kate's Lane, Pickering, ON 1Lv 3C3) or Etransfer (treasurer@area83aa.org). Please make sure to indicate in the memo section of check or transfer that this is a GRAPEVINE SEASONAL ORDER so the treasurer can mark it accordingly.

Please forward a copy of this Order Form to the Treasurer (treasurer@area83aa.org) AND the Grapevine Chair (grapevine@area83aa.org)

I have a small amount of Calendars and Pocket Planners on hand for individual orders, say one or two copies for personal use or gifts. These orders should come directly to me via text (613-639-7665) or email (grapevine@area83aa.org) and will not be included in the Area 83 bulk order.

Please keep a copy of your order form for your records.

If you have any questions or need any assistance with ordering please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

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.

I am happy to provide you with an update relating to Self-Support in Area 83.

I have continued to attend the GTA Intergroup Self-support meetings. I want to thank those members who attend and provide me with the opportunity to learn what is happening in their respective districts regarding self-support.

I continue to hold self-support meetings – the first Thursday of the month with the District Chairs of Area 83. I continue to be impressed with the dialogue that happens during this monthly meeting. I love to hear the challenges and successes being discussed by all members attending re self-support. And again, anyone who would like to attend this monthly meeting, you are more than welcome. Contact me and I will send you the zoom login information.

I attended the Zone 2 Service Information Day on Saturday June 18 at the Peterborough Intergroup Office to present on Self-Support. Thanks to District 28 for the invite.

I was also invited to present in July to District 66 at their monthly Traditions Workshop. Again, thank you for the invite and the opportunity to share about Self-Support.

I want to thank those districts who send me their monthly district minutes. I enjoy reading them and finding out what is happening in your respective districts. If I can be of service to any group and/or district, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am more than happy to assist in any way I can.

I am looking forward to the Assembly being held in October. I will be facilitating a workshop on Self-Support – along with our Area 83 Treasurer for the Service Information Day.

With many districts having elections upcoming, I strongly encourage you to have those conversations with your fellow Alcoholics on how a service position can add so much to their sobriety. In a perfect world, it would be fantastic to have all service positions – at the group and district level filled -- as Area 83 prepares for the 2023/2024 term.

Self-support This is the fundamental work of AA – to ensure the hand of AA will always remain outstretched, money and spirituality must continue to mix. And for that we are all responsible.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Yours in Love and Service,

Bev H

G. Archives..... Shane H.

Our archivist is sanitizing the original Area Assembly and Committee Minutes to remove last names so that they may be posted on a website. David has completed minutes from 1973 to 1986.

Our Archivist will be planning the next Archives Workshop at the October Assembly and he is also working on completing The 83 for the fall assembly.

Yours in Love and Service
Shane H

H. Accessibilities..... Jenny B.

Hello, can everyone hear me? Test, test, test?

Hello, I'm a member of the Smiths Falls Saturday Night Group in District 66. Currently serving as your Panel 71 Accessibilities Chair. My name is Jenny, and I'm an alcoholic. Unfortunately, yet conveniently, today I am giving my report through a screen reader. Due to a ongoing case of laryngitis I am unable to read my report to you today. Good news is this prevented me from procrastinating and waiting until I got here to complete my report. God can be funny sometimes.

This also allows me to showcase yet another sometimes unforeseen need for Accessibilities Technology. You never know when you will be the one in need. If we talk now about the tools that are available, we can spread awareness and maybe allow someone the opportunity to take part in a meeting of AA that they once believed to be a barrier at some point.

The Area Accessibilities Committee continues to hold it's monthly meeting on the first Thursday of every month at 8pm. It seems since our last ACM that some members have chosen to double dip their service activities on this evening, as we have had a few regulars attending after the self support meeting at 7pm.

So what's happening?

We were able to get the Tri Fold pamphlet posted up on the area website, along with A recording of Norma A from Texas.

Greg A-DCM from District 18 was working with a team completing a document that explains what you need and how to set up a hybrid meeting. They are just in the

process of making a few more additions to this document and then we will be able to share it with the rest of you. In the meantime if you have any questions on how to do this, we do have a current template that we can share with you.

Speaking of hybrid meetings. This is another topic that we are continually discussing at our Accessibilities meetings. I would love to hear some feed back from anyone that is interested in sharing how this has been going in your districts or groups, any challenges that you are facing and any barriers that you have been encountering.

We believe this is a very valuable tool that can be used to keep members connected. Weather someone from out of town that wants to come to a celebration for a friend, a member that was recently in an accident and can't make it to their home group or someone that just might not be ok doing face to face at this time. What ever the reason we would like to see how we can make more meetings in our area accessible to anyone that wants to come and visit. Let's be honest. We are a pretty special group of individuals that have a lot to offer anyone that would like to join us. Let's help make it that much easier for people to see how we thrive in area 83.

The accessibilities committee for the GTA was also able to put together a PowerPoint presentation on accessibilities. This is something that can be used for anyone looking to do a presentation. We don't have anything posted at this time but its yet another thing to look forward to us posting on the area website.

I am currently in talks with the Canadian Hearing Society, working to secure another ASL Interpreter for our fall assembly. Our speaker will be sharing in American Sign Language. We look forward to seeing you there.

Finally

We were lucky to get some information from Kimberly on the upcoming sessions for the comprehensive media plan. It brought up some good conversation and I'll be excited to attend. I'm also excited to hear what she has to share with us today.

Together we can achieve great things.

Thank you for allowing me to share this journey with you.

Jenny B - Accessibilities chair

I. Service Information Day Committee Trevor F.

I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Stittsville Second Chance Group, the District Committee Member (DCM) of District 62 - Ottawa West , and currently serving as your Service Information Day Committee Chairperson, my name is Trevor F.

The Committee met a few times in August on Zoom to prepare the Agenda for the Fall Virtual Service Information Day. It came together fairly quickly, and we're looking forward to having a great day of Service workshops. We're also looking into creating a more accessible version of the Agenda, so stay tuned for that. I will be reaching out to all of the workshop chairs in early October asking for a summary of their workshops so we can provide attendees with a little more information on what to expect from each of the workshops. We will be looking for volunteers to help out with zoom and secretary positions for all of the workshops - if you are interested, please send me an email or see me on a break.

We have a large number of the older Service Manuals that were given to us by the previous committee in both the regular and large formats. They are out of date, but are great for holding a workshop on the 12 Concepts if that is something you may be interested in. Please let me know if you would like some, they are free for the taking.

Yours in love and service,

Trevor F - Service Information Day Committee Chairperson - Area 83 - Eastern Ontario International

J. Webmaster..... George McQ.

Good morning, friends. I am an alcoholic, a member of the River group in District 74, having the honour, privilege and responsibility to serve as the Area 83 Webmaster. My name is George M.

1. Visitors

The Area 83 AA website receives visitors from around the world with the bulk of them coming from Canada and the United States. We have had a total of 1,653 visitors between April and May of this year.

The highlight was Monday May 2nd, when we had 309 unique visitors to the website. I am unsure as to why we had so many visitors on this day.

2. Officer & Chairs Pages

Each of the Area 83 Officers and Committee Chairs have their own webpages where they post pertinent information about their own areas. These can be accessed through the Resources menu tab. This will allow you to keep up to date on what is happening in Area 83

3. Events

The events pages are updated as information about the various events are received from AA entities within Area 83. If you would like your event listed either send me an email or use the submission form on the website found under the Events menu tab. Let me know if you have a poster and want it included.

The Web pages are up, running and healthy. Please take the time to explore them.

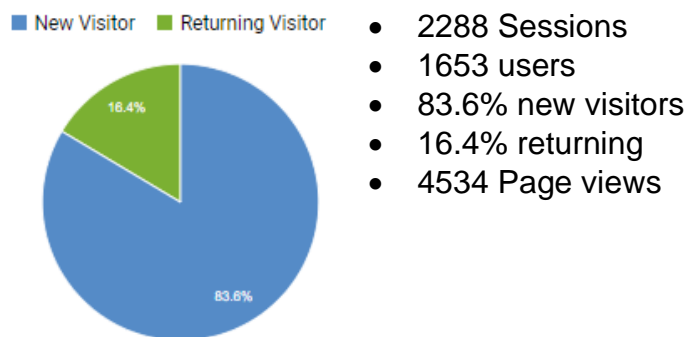
Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Yours in service,

George M

Webmaster@Area83AA.org

1. Google Analytics –June – August 2022



2. 309 Visitors on August 24th.



Website traffic. Below is a screen capture of webpages ranked as to page views.

Page ?	Page Views ?	Unique Page Views ?	Avg. Time on Page ?	Entrances ?	Bounce Rate ?	% Exit ?
	4,534 % of Total: 100.00% (4,534)	3,703 % of Total: 100.00% (3,703)	00:01:03 Avg for View: 00:01:03 (0.00%)	2,288 % of Total: 100.00% (2,288)	66.87% Avg for View: 66.87% (0.00%)	50.46% Avg for View: 50.46% (0.00%)
1. /	1,417 (31.25%)	1,162 (31.38%)	00:00:42	1,091 (47.68%)	59.40%	54.83%
2. /resources	284 (6.26%)	201 (5.43%)	00:00:26	23 (1.01%)	8.70%	8.80%
3. /how-it-works/is-aa-for-you/quick-self-assessment	231 (5.09%)	168 (4.54%)	00:01:54	162 (7.08%)	64.81%	64.07%
4. /events/area-meeting-schedule	226 (4.98%)	159 (4.29%)	00:00:46	18 (0.79%)	55.56%	29.20%
5. /events/calendar-of-events	175 (3.86%)	134 (3.62%)	00:01:12	56 (2.45%)	44.64%	37.14%
6. /resources/secretary	138 (3.04%)	136 (3.67%)	00:02:07	130 (5.68%)	99.23%	96.38%
7. /how-it-works/helpline	133 (2.93%)	111 (3.00%)	00:03:09	105 (4.59%)	77.14%	76.69%
8. /how-it-works/district-websites-2	120 (2.65%)	106 (2.86%)	00:02:14	77 (3.37%)	79.22%	66.67%
9. /about-area-83/area-83-districts-map	111 (2.45%)	100 (2.70%)	00:02:12	51 (2.23%)	92.16%	69.37%
10. /about-area-83/area-minutes	110 (2.43%)	94 (2.54%)	00:02:17	9 (0.39%)	100.00%	48.18%
11. /about-area-83/area-assembly	107 (2.36%)	93 (2.51%)	00:00:52	62 (2.71%)	77.42%	59.81%
12. /about-area-83/area-committee-meeting-2	107 (2.36%)	91 (2.46%)	00:02:06	39 (1.70%)	64.10%	47.66%
13. /contactus	93 (2.05%)	77 (2.08%)	00:01:42	32 (1.40%)	56.25%	49.46%
14. /events	78 (1.72%)	59 (1.59%)	00:00:21	13 (0.57%)	30.77%	28.21%
15. /about-area-83/area-contributions	75 (1.65%)	57 (1.54%)	00:01:13	19 (0.83%)	68.42%	50.67%
16. /resources/accessibility	73 (1.61%)	62 (1.67%)	00:02:27	40 (1.75%)	82.50%	69.86%
17. /about-area-83	68 (1.50%)	52 (1.40%)	00:01:11	18 (0.79%)	72.22%	35.29%
18. /contactus/contacts	67 (1.48%)	59 (1.59%)	00:01:05	9 (0.39%)	66.67%	49.25%
19. /events/calendar-of-events/monthcalendar/2022/9/-	60 (1.32%)	38 (1.03%)	00:00:15	1 (0.04%)	0.00%	11.67%
20. /resources/delegates-page	57 (1.26%)	50 (1.35%)	00:02:01	12 (0.52%)	83.33%	54.39%
21. /events/calendar-of-events/monthcalendar/2022/8/-	41 (0.90%)	33 (0.89%)	00:01:02	6 (0.26%)	50.00%	26.83%
22. /information-on-aa	36 (0.79%)	29 (0.78%)	00:00:50	6 (0.26%)	83.33%	27.78%
23. /area-83-covid-19-information	30 (0.66%)	30 (0.81%)	00:01:48	9 (0.39%)	100.00%	50.00%
24. /how-it-works	30 (0.66%)	20 (0.54%)	00:00:36	4 (0.17%)	100.00%	33.33%
25. /all-contacts/5-treasurer	29 (0.64%)	21 (0.57%)	00:02:33	13 (0.57%)	38.46%	41.38%
26. /resources/alt-delegate	29 (0.64%)	27 (0.73%)	00:01:31	19 (0.83%)	89.47%	75.86%
27. /information-on-aa/did-you-know	28 (0.62%)	27 (0.73%)	00:00:31	5 (0.22%)	20.00%	28.57%
28. /31-district-reports/general/44-gso-contributions	27 (0.60%)	25 (0.68%)	00:01:04	25 (1.09%)	84.00%	85.19%
29. /information-on-aa/a-brief-guide-to-aa	27 (0.60%)	24 (0.65%)	00:01:46	20 (0.87%)	90.00%	70.37%
30. /resources/area-registrar	27 (0.60%)	23 (0.62%)	00:06:30	8 (0.35%)	62.50%	59.26%

7. REGISTRAR'S REPORT Bill C.

Registrar Report Bill C.

Good afternoon friends. I'm an alcoholic, a member of the West End Group in District 74 and my name is Bill C. I have the honour and privilege to serve as your Panel 71 Registrar for Area 83, Eastern Ontario International.

As Registrar, I have been entrusted with the responsibility for maintaining and updating Area 83's 584 Group records (581 Regular Groups and 16 Virtual Groups (up from 575 and 15 Virtual in June) and serving as the liaison with the General Service Office for matters concerning Group registration and Group records.

The Fellowship Connection is used for all the 93 Areas Canada and the United States of America. The database keeps track of all our Service Members, Groups, Districts and Areas and allows the Area Registrar to make real time updates to the Area database. DCM's as well as the Delegate have read-only access to the Fellowship Connection Database.

The number of Virtual groups has grown considerably in the past couple of years. In fact, Area 83 has 15 Virtual Groups. As previously mentioned, Virtual groups register directly with the General Service Office (GSO). Our Delegate, Kimberley M and I now receive a notification from the GSO when a new group has been registered. We have a welcome letter to the General Service Representative to ensure that the Virtual Groups first and foremost feel welcomed into Area 83 and hopefully into a District. It is important that the Virtual Groups realize that they are part of the Service Structure of A.A. That they have a voice and a vote. A special workshop for Virtual Groups in all the 93 Areas took place on August 6, 2022. Several Groups from Area 83 participated, and several have followed up with me following this workshop. Encouraging signs.

New Group Change Forms (fillable PDF) have been developed and have been posted on the A83 website. Electronic GSR kits are also available immediately (here is the [link](#) from our Website) – digital content is the trend for GSO, but physical kits can be ordered.

In closing, I will make myself available to Districts and Groups to assist you with Registrar-related issues where I can, and please remember that communication is most important.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you. Yours in Love and Service, Bill C

Bill C
Panel 71 Registrar
Area 83 - Eastern Ontario International
registrar@area83aa.org

8. TREASURER'S REPORTDave L.

Hello friends, I am an alcoholic, a member of Liverpool Group in District 26, and my name is Dave L. It is both an honour and a privilege to serve as your Panel 71 Area 83 Treasurer.

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 to include an email address with your contributions, and I can email your letter of receipt. Please make your cheques payable to "Eastern Ontario International Area 83". You can find contact information on the Area 83 website: area83aa.org at the top of the Home Page click "A.A. Contributions". Then click "I am an A.A. Member".

There have been 44 contributions via e-Transfer so far in 2022. This method of contributing to Area 83 is proving to be uncomplicated for the Groups. Please consider this payment method when your Group or District discusses contributing to Area 83. As with all contributions, please reference your Group and/or District Name and Service Number in the memo field. Individual contributions to a maximum of \$1000.00 per year will also be accepted.

Let's discuss the Financial Statements for the period ending September 2, 2022.

Page 1 is a financial summary. It shows our Reserve Account, which is set aside for unforeseen circumstances, has a balance of \$20,000 in the form of a GIC which matures in September 2023.

Income for the period as at September 2, 2022:

- 7th Tradition collected to date is \$1,569.55 including \$379.55 at the June Area Committee Meeting
- Flow Through Contributions to GSO were \$475.00
- Group, District and Individual Contributions \$27,711.91, which is closing in on the total year Guideline amount of \$30,339.60

Total Income for the period is \$29,756.46

Expenses for the period as at September 2, 2022:

- Committee expenses are \$1,796.52
- Area Contributions to GSO were \$5,100, including an in Memorium contribution of \$100 for Bruce B, DCM District 86
- Area Committee Meeting costs of \$516.46
- General Service Conference Assessment \$10,445.60 (\$8,000 US)
- Bank Service Charges \$32.45
- Forums costs of \$2,183.78 for our Delegate and Alternate Delegate to attend
- Flow Through Contributions to GSO were \$475.00
- Ontario Delegates' Committee \$1,093.69
- Eastern Canadian Delegates Orientation \$114.97

Total Expenses for the period are \$21,761.11

The opening bank balance at January 1, 2022 was \$46,492.09. Total income of \$29,756.46 less expenses of \$21,761.11 leaves a balance in the operating account of \$54,487.44. As of September 2, 2022, our expenses were \$7,995.35 less than income. Thank you to the 93 Groups, 12 Districts and 2 Individual for your generous contributions to Area 83.

Page 2 shows details of the 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:

- Travel expenses of \$1,316.40 for several committee members relates to travel expenses to the June Area Committee Meeting
- The amount shown for the Delegate of \$296.48 for costs relating to presenting the General Service Conference recap.
- The amount shown for the Chairperson as Miscellaneous of \$101.3) relates ZOOM account costs for larger attendees for PCAS & Spring Assembly. The budget for the ZOOM account is now with the Chairperson, rather than the Alternate Delegate.
- The amount shown for Treasurer, totalling \$300.89, relates to postage, and printing
- The amount shown for the Corrections Facilities (\$67.12) relates to postage got Grapevine magazines to Institutions.
- The amount shown for the Grapevine (\$99.93) relates to postage for Grapevine Calendars and Pocket Planner orders for 2021.

Regarding the General Service Conference (GSC) Assessment, at the Spring Assembly in 2007, a motion passed stating that “provided it doesn’t affect our prudent reserve, Area 83 will pay to GSO the full annual expense for our Delegate to attend the General Service Conference”. The full assessment for our Delegate to attend the 2022 In Person GSC was \$8,000.00 USD, or \$10,445.60 CDN, which has been paid in full.

To summarize, our financial position as at September 2022 compared to September 2021 is as follows: Income for 2022 is \$7,645.53 more than the same period in 2021. Expenses to date for 2022 are \$12,933.16 more than the same period in 2021. The net change to the Operating Account is an increase of \$7,995.35.

The increase of contributions in 2022 versus 2021 is \$7,971.98.

Page 3 shows contributions by District. These amounts include contributions from Districts, as well as Groups.

In the Spring 2020, an amount of \$1,288.25 was levied by the Ambassador Hotel as a cancellation charge for the cancelled Assembly. We will receive this amount as a credit in a future period when we are able to gather in person in Kingston.

We will be collecting a 7th Tradition today at the in person ACM. For those on ZOOM, please e-transfer your contribution and reference the ACM in the memo field.

The email address is treasurer@area83aa.org.

I will group the 7th Tradition contributions and report the total at the Fall Assembly.

On a personal note, due to the increasing challenges and impact of some family health issues, I will not be standing for any Area positions in the upcoming elections.

I am announcing my decision now, so eligible candidates have more time to consider which Area positions they will stand for at the Fall Assembly.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my various Area 83 roles and the many friends I have made.

I will continue to focus on carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Area 83.

Yours in Love and Service,

Dave L – Area 83 Treasurer – Panel 71

9. SECRETARY’S REPORT.....James O’D. (Interim)

Good morning Friends. It is a pleasure serving Area 83 as your secretary...for the third time!

If you haven’t already you will find important flyers and ACM documents that are important for this meeting and to bring back to your table. There are also name tags that I was able to create. Please remember to leave your name tag in your folder at the end of the meeting for our meeting in December.

Tent cards are available for most members of the Area Committee. Again, it is important to return it to your folder for our next in person meeting. The only items to be left in the folders should be your name tag and/or tent card. Some choose to use their name tags at other events and opt to hold on to it.

Thank you for sending in your District roster updates. I would like to begin preparations on the next term roster for the Panel 73 Area 83 Secretary. Once your elections have taken place and you are beginning to firm up the team for the new term, please send them to me. I don't expect to receive anything until after the Area Assembly in October so no rush.

I am looking forward to co presenting the Registrar/Secretary workshop for the upcoming Fall Assembly. If you know anyone in a group or perhaps at your District table who is interested in this form of service it promises to be very informative.

If you haven't already, please send in your report for this meeting. Moving forward, it is an act of kindness to send them in before the ACM.

Feel free to reach out to me at any time if I can be of assistance.

10. ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORTJames O'D.

Good afternoon Friends. My name is James and I'm and alcoholic. My home group is the Family Recovery Meeting in District 10. It is a honour to serve Area 83 as your Panel 71 Alternate Delegate for Area 83.

Intergroup

I continue to attend as many online Intergroup meetings as possible and am forwarding all pertinent information from the GSO and GSB to our contacts for publication in the newsletters. This has proven to be another very effective way of getting information into the hands of many group members who are most likely sharing this with others. Here are links to two newsletters:

<https://www.aatoronto.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/September-Better-Times-2022.pdf>

<https://ottawaaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/OPP-202209.pdf>

I attended the 2022 ICOAA Seminar in Denver, Colorado from September 3-5. The scope of the gathering is:

“The purpose of the Seminar is to foster greater unity among A.A. Member, groups, areas, regions and service boards throughout the exchange of ideas and experiences and to provide an opportunity for representatives attending the Seminar to discuss the relevant A.A. and office operation issues. It is intended that the activities of the Seminar and its committees will foster A. A.’s here legacies: Unity, Service and Recovery. “

The event included Intergroup office managers from across the US and Canada (over 80 in attendance - several from western Canada and none from Eastern Canada) and the Chairman of the GSB Board, the Chair of the AAWS Board and the Editor of the AAGrapevine magazine.

I was inspired by the trusted servants present and could really relate with their difficulties and triumphs along their service journeys. It was humbling to be among this group of “boots on the ground” members carrying our message of hope directly to newcomers, groups and members.

A report has been prepared for the four Intergroup offices located within our Area and my hope is that they will see the value not only in the amazing information exchange available but also on the human connection that is available to all attendees. A report is one thing but sharing a coffee with another member one on one or even in a small group is priceless.

Remote Communities

The Inter Area Remote Communities Workgroup continue to meet monthly sharing our experience, strength and hope on this particular way of carrying our solution. We are planning an online event on December 17th. More to follow.

DCM Sharing Sessions

1. July – “Leadership in A.A.: Ever a Vital Need” – Group reading of Concept IX
2. August – “Comprehensive Media Plan” – Kimberly hosted this meeting
3. September – Elections – District/Area – Rob M shared on his experience

Other activities

1. Revision and discussion of the 2013-2015 GSC Inventory Compendium Report

2. September 28 – D66 Elections
3. October 12 – D12 District Inventory
4. October 26 – D36 Elections
5. December 17 - Remote Communities Forum

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11. 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. It is a privilege to serve as your panel 71 Delegate for Area 83 Eastern Ontario.

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

Conference Report Backs

I reported on the General Service Conference to Districts 36 and 48 on June 5th. June 11th was Ottawa Service Day with districts 54 and 62(Zone 5). Both on Zoom.

June 12th was the Tri District Service Day in Cobden with Districts 70, 74 and 78(Zone 6).

June 18th Hot Dog it was a service day in Peterborough with districts 26, 28, 30, 82 and 86(Zone 2).

These events were well organized, informative and a lot of fun! Thank you to everyone involved and all who attended.

A final virtual Conference report back took place on June 21 for anyone who was unable to attend any of the other reports.

Final Conference Report

Final Conference Reports were emailed out September 1st. The printed reports won't be available until the end of October. I ordered a small number in English, French and Spanish. If you would like a physical copy, please send me an email and I will be sure to get it to you. (Note from GSO: there may be a change in the weight of the paper that will be used impacting its usual 'look and feel,' but due to supply chain shortages this is how we can manage to get the hard copies into the hands of the groups quickly.)

On July 18th I facilitated a group inventory for the Black River group in District 14.

On August 11th, it was a pleasure to chair the DCM sharing session.

On August 12, 13 and 14th I enjoyed the wonderful weekend of speakers and fellowship at the 50thLakeshore Conference.

On August 29th, Joyce, our Eastern Canada Regional Trustee, invited the 10 Eastern Canada Regional Delegates and our Alternates to ask questions about her Report to the Region following the July Board Weekend.

Committee Participation

The CERAASA steering committee met on July 25thand we will meet again next on September 26th.

5 planning meetings have taken place to organize four 90-minute Comprehensive Media Plan Panel Discussions scheduled for November 16, 23, 30

and December 7, 2022 at 7:00 PM EST. I am excited for the opportunity for you and our members to learn more about the Comprehensive Media Plan from staff at the GSO and our Trustees.

I have met with a volunteer committee 4 times to review the outcomes of the 2013-2015 General Service Conference Inventory.

The ad hoc committee looking into the digital needs of Area 83 has met 6 times.

Membership Survey

One of the agenda items at the 72nd General Service Conference was to move forward with a 2022 AA Membership Survey. Nine groups(1.3% of groups) in our Area

have been randomly selected to complete the survey. I have reached out to each group to establish a contact and look forward to working with them to have the surveys completed between September 19 and October 15th.

This Tuesday, delegates are invited to attend and Q & A about the process of the Membership Survey. If you have any questions that you would like me to ask, please let me know!

Stories Needed

A third call has been emailed to you looking for stories from those who found recovery after the age of 60. Please encourage GSRs to reach out to members who sobered up after 60 and invite them to share their story.

Upcoming Events

CERAASA 2023, hosted by Area 86, is taking place February 24-26 in St. Catharines. Registration is now open for this Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly!!

Come join excited AA members from all over Canada's Eastern Region and be part of this unforgettable event. The entire weekend is packed with panels, presentations, open mic sharing, speakers and fellowship.

The purpose of CERAASA is to:

- Develop greater unity among the members, groups, and areas of Eastern Canada.
- Encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences.
- Provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of Alcoholics Anonymous.

It will be an experience you will not want to miss. Registration and Hotel details can be found on the ceraasa.org website.

Future Events

Area 83 will be hosting the 2024 Eastern Regional Forum in Ottawa August 23-25. Trevor F has agreed to be the Welcome Committee Chair for this Forum.

The International Convention will take place from July 3 - 6, 2025, at the Vancouver Convention Center and BC Place Stadium. The theme is "90 Years – Language of the Heart."

GlideApp

The glideApp that was created for our PCAS sessions has been updated to provide current information. On there, you can find the following:

- Agenda for today's ACM
- Agendas and meeting IDs for our Assembly weekend
- Information for the CMP sessions planned in November/December as well as the 2021 CMP document
- Agenda for our December ACM

- CERAASA information
- 2022 Final Conference Report
- The 2013-2015 Conference Inventory results
- Chairing guidelines used at the Conference describing the various kinds of motions as well as calling the question and minority opinion etc.
- And more....

Thank you for sending me your minutes so I can stay up to date with what is happening in your district. Please continue to have your secretary/registrar send district minutes to area@area83aa.org which goes to all Area Officers and Area Sub-Committee chairs. If I can be of service to your groups or district, please let me know!

With gratitude, Kimberley

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

Moved:	Trevor F – DCM D62
Seconded:	Christine F – DCM D18
Discussion	None
All those in favour:	Unanimous
opposed:	0
abstentions:	0
Motion:	Carried

12. OLD BUSINESS

a) Report from Ad Hoc Committee for Area 83

Digital ResourcesMel C., Panel 63 Delegate

September 10, 2022 ACM Report – Digital Resources Committee

Hello, my name is Mel C. and I am an alcoholic,

In January of this year, I was asked by Amy L., Area 83 Chairperson, to chair an ad hoc committee to examine the digital resources of Area 83.

Along with myself, Amy asked:

George McQ., our current Area Webmaster
Kimberley M. our P71 Delegate
Bill C. our Area Registrar
Jack R. our Area Public Information Chair
&
Ryan D. of the Courtice 12&12 Group

We were asked to have a look at our website and email structure to see if improvements could be made. It has been posited that many of our members are becoming more comfortable with online Alcoholics Anonymous activities and that our digital footprint could be improved. That static webpages such as the one we have now, which went live in 2008 and was updated in 2014 are not serving our audience optimally. This committee will assess our situation to see if that is indeed true.

Our terms of reference/mission were to examine 4 basic questions and come back to the Area Committee with recommendations. Our ad hoc committee is not concerned with the construction and roll-out of a new digital presence, just assessment and recommendations respecting our current one.

The four questions we were asked to consider were:

#1) What are the needs of Area 83 for digital resources including, but not limited to Website, Email and Cloud-based storage?

#2) How could these digital assets be used to improve our communication to the still suffering alcoholic, our membership, including those with accessibility needs, and to friends of AA?

#3) Identify possible service providers & relevant costs for the needs identified in item 1.

#4) Include your deliberations whether a third party should be hired to create a website for Area 83.

We added a 5th question in anticipation of an assessment that an upgrade in our digital resources might be required:

#5) What budget might we require/request should we feel a third-party ought to be involved

1st Findings & Decision

In the course of our investigations, we examined the other 92 Area and assessed each site for their success at addressing the three main important audiences we identified: 1) The alcoholic that still suffers 2) the member ship of AA and all those interested in it and 3) the needs of our Area 83 members in service.

We also looked at costs to create a new digital footprint, resources on who we could call upon to help us and finally and perhaps globally, whether or not we NEEDED to go down this road.

As a committee we quickly decided we ought to freshen our Area's digital footprint with a more user friendly, clean and intuitive site.

We looked at ALL 93 websites and identified positive and negative aspects of each. One member deserves special recognition for all of his work, it was invaluable in our assessment of our digital footprint.

We then began casting about for Area's that had undergone the type of transformation and reinvention we were looking for.

This quest led us to many avenues of information, one of which was with Kerri Karel of Area 46, NM. She gave us a ton of information which we were very grateful for. They used an outside developer. They have a Technology Chair.

Their Area (46) budgeted \$6,000 which included development costs, some custom development, and premium plug-ins for added functionality.

Kerri spent roughly 400 volunteer hours on doing this.

Their website would have cost significantly more without Kerri's volunteer time. She said "they paid for a Honda and got a Cadillac"

Their Technology Chair gave the estimate that without Kerri, it would have been in the \$15,000 range. These are \$US (1.3) = \$19,500 Can.

Another fantastic AA site we looked at was the Santa Clara County Intergroup site and this was done by a company called Sure Exposure.

<https://sureexposure.com/web-design-service/nonprofit-websites.html>

Sure Exposure has become a bit of a player in our field. Kerri believes that since Sure Exposure did that site, they have built out a “Package” for AA sites.

Kerri believes they are charging \$5,000 USD

Kerri also sent this: “Partial Share of Area 46 Website – “I was approached earlier this year by another area who asked if Area 46 would be willing to share part of our website structure with them for their new build. This could offset some of their costs. Ultimately, they chose to go another direction, but Area 46 was open to the idea. If you are interested, I can approach our Technology Committee about this”

Our next source of intelligence was Rio Dinu, Alternate Delegate for Area 79, BC/Yukon whom we talked to in July. Their area had recently done a complete re-do and we looked to her for advice. She related many of the successes and failures they had in their transition, for instance, they tried to migrate to WordPress with volunteers and that didn’t work very well at all, so in the end they hired someone. They paid a person not in AA. They were dead set against having advertising on their site and were able to arrange their site that way. Interestingly, for those that have been around Area for awhile they have Rodney S. ex-Area 83, currently acting at their Treasurer and he is getting back to us on their costs. Without getting too detailed, they now have a site they are quite happy with.

Findings up to this point.

So at this stage we had determined that we were going to recommend to the Area committee a revamp of our digital presence and had begun collecting some basic cost data that we could pass on to the committee that would implement should the Area decide to go forward with this.

But a new dimension had reared its unexpected but interesting head in our deliberations, one I haven’t so far mentioned. The emergence of Technology Committees & Chairs in most of the progressive Areas making changes these days. This is very exciting and deserves much research, which we undertook. As can be imagined, this would be a significant change to the way we handle our digital footprint in Area 83 along with potentially adding an Area Officer.

Issues of loading content into our website, assessing that content for its adherence to our Traditions (those AA/Al-Anon picnics), vetting new technologies as they come out

for our Area's use... things that are really outside the traditional job descriptions of Webmasters we have had. This area of Area operations has grown substantially since our entrance into the electronic world in 2004 and we feel simply having a Webmaster really is not going to cut it going forward.

Just to provide a teaser; who in our Area right now would be tasked with the organization and execution of a hybrid meeting at a physical Assembly?

It's certainly not in George McQ's wheelhouse, our current Webmaster. Even setting this hybrid up here fell to Amy last time and even though we tried to help today, it took up valuable time from her duties. It's simply not her job

Here is one Areas definition of the mandate and scope of a Technology Committees duties and a Technology Chairs duties

Technology Committee:

Mandate, Scope

- The mandate of the Technology Committee is to assist the Area, and its officers, with identifying, evaluating and recommending technologies to help Area 83 ensure that it is reaching the alcoholic who is still suffering
- Scope includes, but is not limited to, Website, emails, electronic filing, archival and storage systems, SOP's for virtual meetings, account and certificate management, communications tools, ensuring respect for the Traditions
- 2 year rotation, following the A83 Panel rotation

Technology Chair

Webmaster

District Webmasters

Content Design/Storage

GSR's & Archives

Traditions

Current DCM's

& ARCHIVES!!

Another teaser is: Began looking to add a hybrid component – who will do? Assemblies particularly hard, SID's etc

We started working down the road on - Technology & Webmaster Position Descriptions & Area Guidelines

- NAATW – National A.A. Technology Workshop

Every year in September there is a NAATW conference. This year is their first hybrid conference – it will be held September 9-11.

Conclusion and Questions

As stated at the beginning, it was envisaged by Amy our Chair that any potential change come to us through two stages, the investigation stage which this committee has had as its mandate and the implementation stage. We wanted to give whoever makes up the next stage, the implementation stage, the benefit of a running start with the written accumulation of all the knowledge we have been able to assemble, and it's a lot.

We have 90 or so days left in this term. It is our intention to continue in our work, to come up with a motion for our Dec. 3 ACM that includes direction for going forward. We will send out to the Area Committee a synopsis of our work prior to the meeting so DCM's will have a chance to share it with their groups and be knowledgeable for the motion.

In the room today are Kimberly, Bill, Jack and me and online is George our webmaster. If there are questions, let's have them and I will direct to a member of our committee who can answer.

Bill C's MASSIVE hunt for position descriptions and Ops

Technology Position and Office Descriptions

Northern Florida – [Area 14](#)

- Technology
 - Composition:
 - There are not more than seven voting members of this committee and non-voting volunteers as needed. These should consist of the Chair, and five (5) additional members. It is suggested that all members of the Committee have

demonstrated knowledge and experience in service and technology areas that are of benefit to the tasks at hand, or demonstrate a willingness to learn.

- The Chair will be appointed by the Area Chairperson, as a voting member of Area 14. The remaining members will be selected by the Committee Chairperson and approved by the Area 14 Chairperson. The Area 14 Chairperson will be an ex-officio member of the Committee.
- Scope:
 - The Committee will be a permanent, non-administrative committee. The Committee will act to ensure continuity with technology used by Area 14 and will consult with other Area Committee members in planning, selecting, obtaining, maintenance and use of technology.
- Hardware and Software:
 - Maintains records of technology equipment and software, including those assigned to Area Panel members, and oversees transfer of equipment at beginning of each panel. Provide an inventory of all equipment and software licenses to the Area 14 Finance Chair at the beginning of each panel.
 - Receives all requests for use of technology equipment for use at assembly and other Area 14 events. Provides AV and Virtual support as requested, and oversees AV support, providing equipment set-up and securing outside resources as deemed fiscally responsible.
- Virtual Needs:
 - The Area Chairperson will maintain “ownership” status of any Area 14 virtual accounts with Zoom or other providers. The Committee Chair, or their designee, will administer the accounts, assigning user levels, scheduling meetings, etc. A roster of members available to provide virtual hosting and other support for virtual/hybrid events and other necessary administrative functions will be maintained.
 - Evaluates Area 14 immediate and future needs for equipment, software licenses, for production or contractor outside help, including, securing and evaluating bids in order to make fiscally responsible purchases.
 - Considers future technology, equipment and software needs including integration of other Area functions within the committee, such as website and/or communications.

- Short and Long-Term Planning:
 - The Committee will be responsible for evaluating Area 14 immediate and future needs for equipment, software licenses, for production or contractor outside help. Including, securing and evaluating bids in order to make fiscally responsible purchases.

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[AREA 10](#) TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

INTRODUCTION:

The Area 10 Website Committee was voted as a Committee at the 2006 Summer Assembly to facilitate our Area 10 website. Over the years, additional technologies (computers, software, email lists, cloud storage services, etc.) have been acquired and developed to better support our committees and districts in sharing information. Implementing and maintaining these technologies were added to the duties of the Website Committee. In 2017, the Website Committee proposed to change the name of the Website Committee to Technology Committee to more accurately identify the role of the committee into the future.

SCOPE OF COMMITTEE:

The scope of the Technology Committee is to maintain the Area 10 Website according to the Website Guidelines, which includes maintaining domain, SSL certificates, all hosting services or platforms, administer Area 10 email and email distribution groups, manage content management/file sharing services and maintain hardware and software of computer systems purchased or licensed for Area 10 committees.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE STRUCTURE:

A Technology Committee Chair shall be selected by the Area 10 Chair to serve a two-year rotation. This

committee chair may elect to fill the following positions to help distribute the duties of the Technology

Committee. Technical experience is not required to participate and contribute to the Technology

Committee. All members should be encouraged to join - both technically and non-technically inclined.

However, for the positions listed below, the members should have internet access.

If a position is not filled by a Committee Member, the Technology Chair will fulfill the duties.

1. Alternate Technology Committee Chair
2. Webmaster
3. Secretary
4. Technical Assistants to help maintain hardware/software support

DUTIES OF THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:

1. Technology Committee Chair

(a) Maintain relationships with and be the primary contact for the website hosting service

- Maintenance of registration of the domain name

- Ensure that the domain name(s) are paid and protected appropriately

- Maintain SSL certificate(s)

- Monitor site backups

- Provide Website statistics for Assemblies

(b) Maintain Area 10 email accounts

(c) Manage Email Rosters for Area 10 Officers, Committee Chairs, and D.C.M. distribution

(d) Manage Content Management/File Sharing Service, currently using Box

- Manage users and monitor invited users

- Make sure correct license number is maintained

- After reports have been translated, provide shared link to distribution group

(e) Establish and maintain the budget for the Area 10 Technology Committee

(f) Answer e-mails addressed to the Area 10 Technology Chair promptly

- Additional accounts exist for various service logins; be sure to check regularly

(g) Make recommendations and purchases of Area 10 equipment

- Assist in setup of equipment

(h) Maintain an inventory of Area 10 owned technology devices

- Computers

- Peripherals (printers, projectors, etc.)

(i) Maintain a list of all software licenses for all computers owned by Area 10

(j) As equipment ages out, recover and dispose of equipment

Pass purchased/licensed software to current software

Wipe software and data from devices before passing on for disposal

(k) Hold quarterly committee meetings

(l) Submit reports/articles to the Hi Country News when reports are due

(m) Provide Assembly Report to Translation Committee when due

(n) Chair may elect to have a table at Assemblies

2. Webmaster

(a) Publish all information to the website after appropriate approvals have been obtained

(b) Forward all changes to Translation Committee for posting on Spanish site

(c) Maintain links and information on the website (delete all outdated information and pull off

non-working or stale links and information)

(d) Ensure website content is managed in accordance with the website guidelines

(e) Initiate changes to website guidelines when technologies or Area 10 requirements change

(f) Ensure the structure of the website evolves as member needs and usage changes

3. Secretary

(a) Maintain Committee Member list

(b) Take notes during Area 10 Technology Committee meetings

(c) Prepare minutes of meetings and provide to committee members, Archives Committee, and

post to Box

4. Technical Assistants

(a) Help support hardware and software as necessary for the Area 10 Officers and Committees

(b) Help post and update translated pages to the Spanish website as needed

AMENDMENT PROCEDURE:

Amendments to the Technology Committee Guidelines should be submitted in writing to the Secretary of

the Technology Committee. A two-thirds vote by the Area 10 Technology Committee is required to pass the proposed amendment.

San Diego Imperial Assembly Information Technology Committee Guidelines For Structure, Procedure and Content

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Preface

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Preface

Service to the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous is the primary purpose of General Service in the San Diego Imperial Area. In all our proceedings we shall observe the spirit

of the AA Twelve Traditions and the Six Warranties, mindful of the ideals expressed in “The AA Service Manual” and the “Twelve Concepts for World Service”. The Right of Participation and the Right of Appeal shall always be observed.

In the absence of specific indications in these guidelines or of direct Assembly action, the

latest edition of the SDIAA Structure and Guidelines may be relied upon.

Article I. Information Technology Committee (ITC)

A. Purpose

1. The gathering of the Information Technology Committee Officers, General Service Representatives and the Area Service Committee members, which deliberates upon and enacts resolutions concerning service matters brought before them. Its responsibilities include:

- a. Develop educated budget recommendations for the technology requirements of the area.
- b. Maintain and improve existing database applications.
- c. Maintain a current inventory of the location and condition of area owned computer equipment, software and computer related manuals and documentation.
- d. Electing and supporting the Information Technology Committee Officers.
- e. Provide information systems related support for all area owned computer hardware and software. May be called upon to provide suggestions for retaining the services of outside vendors.

B. Meetings

1. All voting members shall meet monthly.
2. A quorum shall be the number of voting members present.

C. Voting Procedure

1. All committee business shall be passed by a simple majority vote.

D. Funding

1. The sole financial support for the SDIAA Information Technology Committee shall be the SDIAA.
2. The SDIAA Information Technology Committee shall not promote nor carry out any fund raising activity of any description.

Article II. Information Technology Committee Officers

A. Officers List

1. Information Technology Committee Chairperson
2. Alternate Chairperson
3. Webmaster
4. Secretary

B. Term of office and determination

1. The term of office of the Committee Chairperson shall be two years, commencing on January 1 of odd-numbered years.
2. The term of other officer positions, except for Webmaster or other Approved Committee Members, will coincide with their term as GSR, unless they have special IT skills and would like to continue on the committee..
3. The position of Webmaster will be chosen from a pool of applicants received in response to announcements approved by the Area Committee.
4. The Webmaster's term will be 2 years and may be renewed for an additional 2 year term pending recommendation by the ITC and approval by the Area Committee.
5. The ITC will choose the ITC Officers from available GSRs. If no GSRs are available that have computer skills or an interest in the position, the Chairperson will poll the group about asking for other AA assistance from within the program.

C. Vacancies

1. In the event of a vacancy, subject to ultimate confirmation by the Assembly, the ITC shall appoint a replacement. Some positions may require that the Area Committee make announcements of the vacancy.

D. Duties of the Information Technology Committee Officers

1. Chairperson

- a. Presides over the committee meeting
- b. Reports on the website each month at the Area committee meeting.
- c. Is the primary contact for the Information Technology Committee at ITC@area8aa.org.
- d. Keeps in contact with Area 8 and GSO Public Information committees.
- e. Brings any communication regarding the webpage to the next ITC Committee.

2. Alternate Chairperson

a. Performs the same tasks as the Chairperson in the illness or absence of the ITC Chairperson

2. Secretary

a. Records the meeting minutes each month and sends to the Chairperson before the next meeting.

b. Handles all committee mailings

3. Webservant

a. Responsible for the technical maintenance and updating of the area8aa.org website.

b. Because of the technical nature of this position, all applicants should be able to demonstrate technical proficiency in handling website maintenance before taking on this responsibility.

c. Brings and communicates technical needs or issues to the ITC meeting.

d. Prepare a monthly report to the ITC Committee

e. Responsible for maintaining the Mail forwarders on the Area 8 website to maintain anonymity for Area Officers and Committee Members.

f. Responsible to train the next Webservant.

g. Responsible to maintain relations with existing Web Host services and ensure proper communication by making sure the Who is information and contact information is correct and current with the webservant's information.

h. Ensures that in September a check is written to cover the cost of hosting. Costs for hosting is automatically withdrawn out of Webmaster existing bankcard until a replacement plan can be put in place.

i. Update all documents to the Area Website for Area Committee Officers and Members.

j. Update the Area Event Calendar

k. Coordinate with the Policy Committee to approve content as well as flyers for events.

l. Post Event Flyers on Website

m. Respond to all email communication from the website and communicate responses with the ITC committee.

Article III. Website

A. Website Financial Support And Ownership

1. The SDIA website is to be supported solely by the SDIA Assembly.

2. SDIAA is the owner of the SDIAA website and Domain Name. The financial contact with the Web Hosting Site will be the SDIAA Treasurer or another position created by the Assembly. The administrative contact with the Web Hosting Site will be the Webmaster.

3. Free Web Hosting Sites are available on the Internet, but often require mandatory advertising space or direct links to commercial sites as consideration for their use that may imply either endorsement or affiliation. To avoid confusion, all Web Hosting services being considered by the SDIAA will be paid for and will not require advertising.

4. When signing an agreement with an Internet Hosting service, care shall be taken against inadvertent association and promotion. The Internet Web Hosting service, chosen by the ITC, shall be required to neither publicize nor promote its relationship with the SDIAA or Alcoholics Anonymous.

5. A Domain Name separate from the Internet Web Hosting service shall be used to remove the problem of associating the SDIAA with a commercial service.

B. Public Access To The Website

1. The SDIAA website shall be constructed in a way that it may be available for viewing by as many computer systems as possible. To this end, web pages should be viewable on any browser (graphical or text based) and not depend on any particular operating system. The SDIAA website shall be tested from as wide a range of systems and browsers as possible to assure that its information may be received by as many as possible.

2. The SDIAA, being culturally diverse, will provide access to the site's information in Spanish. In the future the may expand to whatever languages those viewing the site may be expected to speak within the San Diego Imperial area.

C. Web Content Suggestions And Submission Procedures

1. Content

a. The SDIAA Information Technology Committee, as trusted servants of the SDIA, will develop web content that contains information reports by the SDIA for public distribution through the Internet and Electronic Media.

b. Although the website committee is responsible for the daily maintenance of the website, which requires updating the changing information and implementing changes in the presentation of information posted on our website, the ITC shall consult with Area 8 Policy Committee or other appropriate committees in determining the accuracy and consistency of information presented on the site.

c. The website shall, in all its matters, always adhere to AA's principles of the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts for World Service.

d. The principle of anonymity, as it applies to other public media such as press, radio and television will be extended to the World Wide Web, Internet and Electronic Media. As such, full names and photographs of AA members should be avoided. Names should be shortened to first name and last initial. If the first name is sufficiently unique to be recognized by the general public, to first and last initial.

- e. All events posted on the website must be by AA, for AA and about AA and will be included in monthly reports to the Area committee. Any request for information posting that is determined to be questionable by the acting Web master will be submitted to the ITC and or Policy Committee prior to posting.
- f. It is recommended that an email address along with a mailing address for those unable to send questions or requests electronically be included on each web page.

2. Suggestions

- a. Area 8 Website will provide contact information allowing visitors to email suggestions to the IT Committee and or Webservant.
- b. The SDIAA ITC shall answer all correspondence regarding the SDIAA website
- c. The author of suggested changes or additions is requested to provide reasons and background references, i.e. specific changes, pages, location, etc. so they can be verified and discussed before changes are made on the website. Suggested Changes will be reviewed by the IT Committee.
- d. If a suggestion is not acted upon and a member wishes further discussion, they may submit it as a topic to the Area Chairperson.

3. Submissions

- a. Forms will be provided for users to submit an event to be published on the Calendar. (please refer to Article III, C, 3 regarding events). The form will be located on the Home Page of the Area Website.

Flyers for events can be uploaded using the same form. All Flyers are sent to the Policy Chair for review and Approval before posting on Website.

Events also can be emailed to the Area Webservant at

webservant@area8aa.org.

- b. Area Committee Members and DCM's can submit documents to be uploaded to their page by sending an email to webservant@area8aa.org or by utilizing the "Send a Message to the Webservant" form on the home page of the Area Website.

D. Endorsements And Copyrights

- 1. The website shall include a disclaimer stating that the AA General Service Office shall NOT endorse articles and contents posted by a member of the SDIAA.
- 2. To respect and protect AA copyrights, all quotes or excerpts from conference approved literature displayed on the website shall be attributed to AA World Services, Inc. or the AA Grapevine as directed by the General Service Manual.
- 3. Documents available on the AA.org Website will not be reproduced on the Area 8 website. This is to respect and protect AA copyrights. A link will be provided to the source document.

4. Copyright restrictions apply to material displayed on the SDIAA website. Permission will be obtained from the appropriate copyright holder prior to including copyright material on the SDIAA ITC. (Found this under content and suggestions. Not sure it is necessary, moved it here, just in case)

E. URL Registration And Ownership

1. The domain name shall be registered, owned and maintained by Area 8 – www.area8aa.org.
2. When a user enters <http://www.area8aa.org> into a browser, the user shall be brought to the Area 8 home page.
3. The SDIAA shall be names owner/registrant of Internet domains.
4. The committee member acting as Webmaster shall be named the administrative contact of the website. The technical contact shall be the website's Internet Service Provider.
5. As a result of this registration, the Webmaster shall have direct control over the technical access to the website.
6. The website shall be registered in the name of SDIAA with an ICANN accredited registrar, which controls domain registration on the Internet as:
<http://www.area8aa.org>.

F. External Links

1. In the spirit of non-affiliation with entities outside AA, the website shall limit external links to AA Central Offices within Area 8, the Alcoholics Anonymous World Services website and the AA Grapevine website.
2. Any External links suggested for addition to the Area website will be brought before the IT Committee and Policy Committee for approval.
3. The SDIAA will include links to <http://www.nosdco-aa.org/service/ncaic/index.shtml> (North San Diego H and I) and <http://www.sdhandi.org/> (San Diego H and I). While both of these sites are considered external links, they also are members of the Area 8 Committee.
4. The SDIAA will provide a disclaimer displayed with external links (until a disclaimer page can be installed on website). This disclaimer will allow users to understand that Area 8 does not endorse, support or control any information on external sites.

“San Diego and Imperial Area 8 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous provides users with external links both inside and outside the A.A. service structure. Please be aware that we

are not responsible for the linked site's content or security. Linking to another Website does not constitute an endorsement by San Diego and Imperial Area 8 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous.”

G. Email Accounts

3. Email forwarders will be used on the server for anonymity to all members of the

Area Committee to forward messages to their personal email accounts. This is to include Area officers, standing committee chairs and alternates as well as DCMs and Alternates.

4. Email forwarders will be updated using the list provided by the Area Registrar.

5. Email accounts posted on Area Website will be formatted as XXXX@area8aa.org and will be forwarded to the email account provided by this list.

Article IV. Ratification, Amendment And Suspension

This document, except as otherwise noted herein, may be amended by submitting written

proposed amendments to the SDIAA IT Committee or its Chairperson for review and recommendations.

AREA 6

The Website Committee is appointed and meets at the location of the Area Committee Meeting. The Website committee sometimes holds Ad Hoc meetings at other times, while working on projects that need more time. They elect their chair. This is an Open meeting, meaning any AA member may attend. Website Chair email: [See Contact Us Page](#).

The Technology Committee the purpose and intent of the technology committee is to assist the area, and its officers, with emerging technologies & helping usher our area into the 21st century. We are a developing committee and our goals shift as needed by the area. We are currently managing our area's virtual meetings and links for committees and officers, refreshing the technology to assist the Area Registrar, providing workshops to help inform members on how to understand and be familiar with the technology being used in AA, and transitioning our area to utilize cloud storage. Tech Chair email: [See Contact Us Page](#).

Area 4 – [Arkansas](#)

Information and Technologies Committee

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this Committee is to facilitate the exchange of information about Arkansas Area Assembly.

1.2 To facilitate communication among General Service Representatives (G.S.R.s), District Committee Members (D.C.M.s), Standing Committee Officers, and Area Officers.

1.3 To improve an understanding of the workings of Arkansas (Area 4) in order to encourage participation in service work.

1.4 To carry the message to the still suffering Alcoholic using new or existing technologies.

1.5 Provide encouragement, information, direction and support to Area 04 Districts and Groups in the use of new and existing technologies to better carry the message within the Twelve Traditions.

2. Structure

2.1 The Area Assembly Chairman, with the approval of the Area Assembly Co-Chairman, will appoint a Webmaster for the Information and Technologies Committee from the Alcoholics Anonymous members. This position will be non-rotating but must be reviewed and re-appointed on a yearly basis by the Area Assembly Chairman, with the approval of the Area Assembly Co-Chairman. The Webmaster will report to the Information and Technologies Committee and follow their direction following a 2/3 majority vote of the Committee members present.

2.2 The Area Assembly Chairman, with the approval of the Area Assembly Co-Chairman, will appoint an Area Information and Technologies Committee consisting of a minimum of five members whose term of office shall not exceed five years and will appoint new members to fill vacancies. All Committee members must be current Area Assembly voting members at the time of their appointment.

2.3 The Area Assembly Chairman, with the approval of the Area Assembly Co-Chairman, will appoint an Information and Technologies Committee Chairman; however, this person usually will be the senior member of the Information and Technologies Committee.

2.4 The Area Assembly Chairman, the Area Assembly Co-Chairman, the Chairman of the Information and Technologies Committee, and the Webmaster will have access to the Website for security purposes.

2.5 Anonymity will be adhered to on the Website at all levels.

3. Functions

3.1 This Committee shall meet a minimum of four times annually during the quarterly Area Assembly meetings.

3.2 This Committee's primary responsibility shall be coordinating in the most effective manner the flow of information and assistance pertaining to carrying the message of recovery to alcoholics from the Area Assembly, to the Districts, Groups, and individual A.A. members.

3.3 This Committee is budgeted monies at the January Area Assembly Meeting for the year, contingent upon the availability of funds. Disbursement of funds will be approved by a simple majority vote of the Committee in attendance and a copy of the minutes including the vote given to the Area Assembly Treasurer for payment.

3.4 The Committee will report at each regular quarterly meeting of the Area Assembly on the progress of projects and expenditures of monies.

4. Activities

4.1 To assist and answer questions from Districts or Groups inside Area 04 that are interested in creating websites or using technologies to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous.

4.2 Make available Tradition 11 workshops to Districts and Groups inside Area 04.

Area 19 – Chicago

Technology Committee

The purpose of this special committee is to create website policy and set technological goals for Area 19. The main role of the committee is to oversee management of the chicagoaa.org website and all the associated technologies needed to maintain it. The committee also investigates emerging technologies to help CASO and Area committees stay up to date in communicating with and serving AA members. In all its decisions and actions, the committee strives to protect members' anonymity at a digital level.

Membership on this committee is open to any interested AA member.

Area 11 - Connecticut

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Area 11 Connecticut General Service Committee, Inc. website is to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous by providing a resource on the Internet where information can be obtained about Alcoholics Anonymous in general and in relation to Area 11, Connecticut.

Area 11 Website Committee Guidelines

Revised and approved 01/2016

Area 11 Connecticut General Service Committee, Inc. Website Committee (the "Committee") maintains, operates and improves the ct-aa.org website (the "Website").

The purpose of the Website is to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous by facilitating Service participation, fostering communication, simplifying the process of locating meetings and events, promoting collaboration of Service Committees, and providing a platform to deliver current information, about Alcoholics Anonymous in general and in relation to Area 11, Connecticut.

() The Website's emphasis is on information furnished by the Area standing committees and officers, as outlined in the current Area 11 Service

Directory/Guidelines. We may also publish AA related information and events when requested by the web representative of a District, intergroup, Service Committee or Area 11 Event or District event, the district chairperson, the district registrar and/or Area 11 registered groups. North East Regional events may be included as well.

() In keeping with our 5th and 10th Traditions, the Website will only contain materials that discuss, explain, and relate to Alcoholics Anonymous.

() With respect to our 7th Tradition, the Area will be responsible for paying any fees associated with the Website within the Area Committee-approved budget.

() In keeping with our 11th and 12th Traditions, respecting anonymity at the public level, the Website will contain neither pictures, full names, nor telephone numbers of members of Alcoholics Anonymous. Personally identifiable e-mails on event flyers are not permitted. Every effort is made to provide an anonymous email address for Area 11 standing committees, officers, and related others.

() The Committee is responsible for the e-mail domain and administration of Area officers and committees, including ad hoc committees.

() As discussed in the AA Service Manual, all quotes from copyrighted literature will be credited to AA World Services, Inc. or The Grapevine, Inc., as appropriate. Wholesale reproduction of materials published by AA World Services, Inc, or Grapevine Inc. is discouraged, in favor of linking to the relevant source at the appropriate website.

() The Website may, at the Committee's discretion, link to:

O aa.org (AAWS) and aagrapevine.org (Grapevine)

O content pertaining to AA, or alcoholism

O payment gateway portals and hotel websites for on-line registration to events, and for on-line group and individual contributions, to other intergroups, and

O event websites that are maintained by valid groups, associations or entities existing within the AA service structure.

() The Website will be maintained by the Committee including all content and links, as trusted servants, entrusted with the right of decision. Any questions about the propriety of any content may be referred to the Area Service Committee for resolution.

() In keeping with the 1st Tradition, the Website shall not be a venue for controversy, and in all things the Committee will decide matters consistent with the ideal of unity.

Committee Positions:

() Chairperson

() Webmaster/Co-chair

() Recording Secretary

() Corresponding Secretary

() Events Chair

() Website Reviewer

() District Chairs(14) – District Chairs may also hold one of the positions listed above

Responsibilities of committee positions:

Chairperson:

() Schedules monthly Committee meetings and creates and distributes agendas for the meetings.

() Chairs monthly committee meetings and/or teleconferences.

() Attends Area 11 Service Committee meetings and reports on Committee's activities to Area 11.

() Keeps Committee aware of information from Area 11 Service Committee meetings.

() Creates and maintains a budget for the Committee.

() Works with other special service committee chairs and Area 11 officers to obtain and distribute service material and maintain communication between the Committee and other service committees and area officers.

() Arranges for space at Area 11 events to disseminate information about the website and obtain feedback from CT AA members.

() Attends district meetings as needed and maintains communication with district service officers to ensure that all districts are represented on the Committee.

() Works with the Webmaster to maintain email addresses for Area 11 officers and special service committee chairs and to administer ct-aa.org.

() Act in the stead of the Webmaster in Webmaster's absence.

() Ensures that the Committee performs its responsibilities according to Committee guidelines and to AA tradition.

() Maintains a backup of all tangible hard copy files of contact lists, user names and passwords for all account log-ins for the Website accounts.

Webmaster/Co-Chair:

() Maintains email addresses for Area 11 officers and special service committee chairs.

() Primary system administrator for ct-aa.org.

() Responsible for site design updates, site content (as listed below), and software updates as needed.

() Fills in for the Chairperson when necessary.

() Primary contact for professional IT Support, domain registration, hosting company, DR site hosting and any other third party. Maintains tangible hard copy files of contact lists, user name, and passwords for all account log-in for the Website accounts.

Recording Secretary:

() Takes minutes at website committee meetings and teleconferences.

() Distributes meeting minutes to the committee.

Corresponding Secretary:

() Answers emails that come through ct-aa.org, forwarding them to the appropriate service committees when necessary.

() Copies the Committee (or the Webmaster and the Chairperson) on his/her responses to incoming emails.

() This position requires experience in AA service, an understanding of AA service structure, and an ability to communicate with potential newcomers and families of alcoholics.

() Emails that come through ct-aa.org need to be answered promptly.

() Maintains a current list of Committee members and their contact information.

Events Chair:

() Updates information on ct-aa.org that comes to events@ct-aa.org.

() Communicates with individuals who send information about district and group AA events.

() Ensures that all events and fliers posted adhere to the Website Submission Guidelines.

() Responsible for site updates (as listed below).

Website Reviewer:

() Periodically reviews each section of the Website, checking for broken links, spelling and grammatical errors, and any information posted that may conflict with the Website Submission Guidelines.

District Chairs (14):

() Communicate information about the website and the website committee to districts at monthly district meetings.

- () Bring any district concerns and feedback to the Committee.
- () Encourage district members to submit events and district information to the District Pages.
- () Maintain district pages for their respective districts if desired (In the event of vacancies the Events Chair and Webmaster will maintain these pages).

Chairs – Other:

- () Any Area 11 Event Committee or other Area 11 Service Committee (or other valid groups, associations or entities existing within the AA service structure, at the discretion of the Committee subject to the 1st Tradition) may nominate a chair to the Committee, whose responsibility it will be to coordinate the placement and management of content pertaining to the nominating committee's pages on the Website.

All Committee members are responsible for attending monthly website committee meetings and/or teleconferences. If a District Chair is not present or excused in advance for two meetings in a row, the Chairperson will approach his/her district about getting a replacement. If a committee member responsible for one of the other positions listed above is not present or excused in advance for two meetings in a row, the Committee will elect someone else to the position.

Website Content Responsibilities (Primary responsibility rests with the position(s) listed, others may update the pages as needed.):

- () Home/AA information pages – Webmaster.
- () Answering Services & Meeting Lists – Webmaster (and Schedules Committee) and/or Chair –Other –as applicable.
- () News & Events – Events Chair.
- () District Pages – Events Chair and District Chairs.
- () Service Committees and Area 11 Service Information Pages, Including Area Calendars, Alkilines, and Delegate's Reports – Webmaster and/or Chair –Other – as applicable.

Registration / Online Payment Integration:

- () Requires at least 3 months advance representation on Committee Prior to Event.
- () Event committee should provide wire frame documents.
- () Text and graphic content is the responsibility of Event committee.
- () Event committee will need to establish and provide: venue coupon codes, PayPal (or current payment gateway provider) account mapping, export e-mail.
- () One week prior to Event, the Committee will provide a database of all registered individuals (csv or excel).

Third Party IT Support

- () Disaster Recovery of site
- () Back up of all log-ins and admin functions

- () Server patches and updates
- () Site maintenance and updates, bug fixes
- () Special projects as needed, as approved by Committee and Delegate.

The preceding guidelines were developed and approved by the Area 11 Web Site Committee to help ensure that our website adheres to the 12 Traditions of AA.

Downloads:

[Guidelines for Submissions, rev. 10/2021](#)

[Website Committee Guidelines](#)

[Change Document Redline](#)

13. NEW BUSINESS

a) Discuss AA's Comprehensive Media Plan Kimberley M., Panel 71 Delegate

The media plan is not new but is evolving and changing each year. Earlier this year, the Conference background for the Public Information Committee included the CMP as well as reports related to the contents of the plan. It concerned me that we did not have time during our PCAS sessions to dive into the CMP, nor did I have the knowledge to answer questions should they arise. Many other delegates felt the same way.

I asked our outgoing chair of the AAWS Board if we could invite people from GSO to tell us about the CMP and answer our questions in terms that we could understand.

The answer was an enthusiastic YES. He promptly introduced me to Morgan who wrote the CMP and serves as the project coordinator.

Amy L, our Area chair, Jo D, our Area CPC chair and Taylor J, alt DCM for District 66 and I have met several times to plan four exciting panels.

Once upon a time a problem drinker might hear a PSA about AA on TV, notice a bit in a newspaper, or look us up in the phone book. The list of media continues to grow so how do we ensure that we have a presence on as many media platforms as possible so that we can be found by those still suffering? How can we best use media to let problem drinkers and Professionals know that Alcoholics Anonymous can help?

The goal of these CMP Panel discussions is to provide us, and our members, a chance to both learn about and provide input into AA's media plan.

The CMP guides our staff and trustees on what to do and where we are going with respect to these 10 sections:

Website, public relations, Social Media, AAWS LinkedIn, GV Instagram, Meeting Guide App, Content Creation, TV and radio PSA's, Podcasts and Literature.

There will be four panel discussions. Here are the dates and topics of each

November 16th – Carrying the Message: An Introduction to the CMP

November 23rd – Is AA Advertising? Google grants and more

November 30th – AA on Social Media – LinkedIn, Instagram & YouTube

December 7th – Apps, Websites and Content Creation

Each night will begin at 7:00 PM EST and will be 90 minutes long.

Each night, we will have 2 to 3 panelists that are GSO staff or Trustees who are working regularly on one or more sections of our media plan. Morgan will also join these discussions.

Please encourage GSRs and other members to join.

- b) Motion:** to authorize the Delegate to make a one-time expenditure of \$2,714 [or a maximum of \$3,000] for French language interpretation during four information sessions to be hosted by Area 83 in November and December 2022 on the A.A.W.S. Comprehensive Media Plan Jill B., DCM District 06

DISCUSSION:

DCM D42 – Would it not be appropriate for there to be Spanish translation seeing as we have a Spanish District in our Area? [Another member reiterated this point.]

Immediate Past Delegate – So this is an Area 83 event and typically Area 83 doesn't provide translation for our Area only events. But we do have regional events for Eastern Canada such as CERAASA or the Eastern Canada Delegate Orientation. Typically the 10 Areas of Eastern Canada would all chip in to offer translation.

Alt Delegate – So it is an Area 83 event and it is unusual that we are offering translation. However, we have invited all the other Areas in Eastern Canada to join us and it would be discourteous of us to invite guests and not make the necessary accommodations.

Self Support Chair – I really just have a hard time with the cost. How many francophone attendees will there be? If the translation is \$3000 is costing

\$750/session.

DCM D54 – So some of the points that go to support this motion are that the panelists are all from the GSO or Trustees and everyone wants to hear directly from them. Not only are these sessions a way to learn more about the plan, but also to provide an opportunity to give feedback directly to GSO about it. The panelists are all GSO staff, appointed members of the Conference and Trustees. The general practice by GSO/AAWS/Conference itself is always to provide language interpretation. Quebec is a French speaking province. New Brunswick is officially bilingual. All 4 Quebec Areas have expressed interest in participating as has New Brunswick – an officially Bilingual province. Area 83 is demonstrating a model of leadership. Not only is Area 83 leading and organizing the information sessions, but is able to share by practicing inclusivity, accessibility and language equality.

Accessibilities Chair – I wonder if it could also be considered to have an ASL interpreter at this event as well which also probably wouldn't have a cost and would just need to be organized.

Corrections Chair – This sounds like a nice idea but because there's such a cost associated, it seems like were kind of promoting the Conference and media plan on behalf of GSO. It's not our comprehensive media plan it belongs to GSO. It's not really fair that we are not accommodating our Spanish speaking District. And why couldn't this have been an Eastern Canada Event so that all Areas could be involved and maybe help pay for it too. \$3000 might be a big hit for our Area.

DCM D42 - I've been attending Assemblies for a long time and we normally have a reticence to spend money on things that are worthwhile. Originally it was like getting a laptop for the registrar. But we have no such reticence in sending so called excess funds to GSO. We have a motion later on and the treasurer will present an additional \$10,000 go to GSO. I would like to see some of that money stay here for this, for things like this that we can put on service activities within Area 83.

DCM D62 – I originally had mixed feelings about this for using our Area 83 money and not benefiting members of our Area. But I look at the agenda and the other motions we have on the table. I thought, why doesn't GSO pay for this and why are we spending \$3000? We would not be sending the \$3000 to GSO so in a way they

are paying for this event. This makes me a little better about it.

Delegate – Maybe next year, if these sessions go well and are well attended, if people find them valuable, useful and informative, another entity might take them on – perhaps the National PI working group or something like that. All members should have the opportunity to get informed, ask questions and provide input. Members don't know what they don't know.

[There was a short explanation about how the timing of this motion came to be and why there would not be time to bring this to the Fall Assembly – organizing interpretation, getting the word out there, etc.]

Moved:	Jill B – DCM D06
Seconded:	Maria M – DCM D30
Discussion	Yes
All those in favour:	24
opposed:	2
abstentions:	3
Voice of the minority	None
Motion:	Passed

c) Discuss the 2013-2015 AA General Service Conference Inventory
..... Kimberley M., Panel 71 Delegate

At the June Area Committee Meeting, our Delegate asked for volunteers who would be willing to review the 2013-2015 General Service Conference Inventory and meet to discuss some observations and suggestions from the Inventory Compendium Report.

The volunteer committee consists of the following.

- Kimberley M, Area 83 Delegate
- James O'D, Area 83 Alternate Delegate
- Christine F, District Committee Member, District 18
- Jill B, District Committee Member, District 06

To date, the committee has met on three occasions: July 27th, August 10th and August 24th and September 7th.

Our Delegate Kimberley provided us with these questions?

1. What might be of use for our area from these results?
2. What have we incorporated/improved already? (We can pat ourselves on the back)
3. What might we consider working on? (Possible recommendation to ACM)
4. With the Conference in mind, what comments/observations for further improvement are noteworthy?

The Compendium is broken down into four (4) sections; Introduction; Summary of Themes; Summary of Workshop Reports; and Additional Recommendations/Suggestions. Over the 4 meetings we make it through to the end of Part C-Summary of Workshop Reports. Below are the summaries of our observations/suggestions noted to the end of the section titled "Conference Theme" on page 6;

Section One: Introduction

Nothing to report.

Section Two: Summary of Themes

There seemed to be two recurring themes that arose throughout the inventory process. Communication and Transparency and a lack of understanding of the Conference process at the Fellowship level.

Information: Pg 5 – "It was also noted that getting an informed conscience from the groups depends on providing the information to them in a timely manner that allows the Fellowship to better understand the issues and to respond."

Conference Agenda: Pg 6 – "Recognizing the need for deadlines, many felt that the timing and distribution of Conference agenda items and background information limited input from the Fellowship, noting that getting an informed conscience from the groups depends on providing the information to them in a timely manner, which allows the Fellowship as a whole to better understand the issues and to respond."

Engaging the Fellowship: Pg 6 – "historical gap between individual A.A. members and the Conference itself." "If we are not working locally to engage the full Fellowship," said one report, "the disconnect between the GSC and the average member will remain."

Let's look at the Communication and Transparency at the Area 83 level. What are we doing well?

We get a pat on the back for communicating with members via the DCM's, reports and such.

Is there room for improvement? Yes. There is a disconnect between what is sent/given and the interaction/engagement level with the individual home group members.

Suggestions;

- a) Preparing DCM and GSR's in their respective positions, with some form of a school along with a media repository of material to assist us in learning our service work. Topics such as computer skills, meeting protocols, report writing.
- b) Is there an opportunity to improve upon how the DCM's share the communications with newer forms of technology?
- c) Is there an opportunity to utilize the Glide App and a QR Code;
 - a. Delegate could send out a blast, "here's what was added this week/time duration
 - b. QR codes could be posted on home group announcement boards so that individual members could have access to the repository of information
 - c. Technology based tools are more relatable to our younger members
- d) Is it time for Area 83 to have an IT/Technology Committee? Possible roles could encompass updating/maintaining a Glide App, managing a shared repository with applicable permissions, Hybrid ACM's/Assemblies.
- e) Have the Area Chair send out an invite to DCM's, via email, for contributions to ACM Agenda. In turn, DCM's could regularly invite GSR's to contribute to their District Agendas.

Next let's look at the Conference Process at the Area 83 level. What are we doing well?

We get a pat on the for work over the past few years in implementing the PCAS sessions. For creating the dashboard on the website; having the conference material accessible to all Area 83's members; the recommendation from the PCAS Ad-Hoc committee to hold PCAS sessions on the Saturday of the Spring Assemblies and finally

have the Immediate Past Delegate keep the membership focus on discussing the upcoming year's Agenda items.

Is there room for improvement? Yes. As was noted on page 7 "The Conference process is often seen as complicated by the average A.A., which tends to limit participation." Also page 12 "the connection needs to be made between what happens at the Conference and how it helps the drunk on the corner."

Suggestions;

- f) Perhaps GSO make a media piece about the General Service Conference that we could play/distribute. Similar to the Simplified Big Book video which was well received and engaging, factual and accessible
- g) Reactivate the Area 83 audio recording about the GSC. Have it easily accessible on the Area 83 website.
- h) Have the Immediate Past Delegate give regular updates on the agenda items as they proceed through the conference process and report on what happens following the board weekend.
- i) Provide a list of relatable agendas items that we can talk about. Such as how the "God Word" pamphlet came about.
- j) Include the GSC Theme as a Service Information Day workshop; alternatively hold workshops for the membership to discuss the upcoming GSC Theme.

This material represents about 1/3 of the Committee's review of the Compendium. We submit this as "interim" report. The Committee hopes that at the December Area Committee Meeting we'll be able to present a full report; including some recommendations that we will offer to the Area to consider implementing.

DISCUSSION: DCM D22 – requested report be sent directly to them for their District meeting on the following day. Sent by secretary.

d) Discuss Area 83 submitting a bid for the 2035 International Convention.
.....Kimberley, M., Panel 71 Delegate

The Site Selection process for the 100th Anniversary International Convention in 2035 will take place during 2023. This is to allow for the widest range of cities available to select from for the dates of these events.

Traditionally the International Convention is held over the first weekend of July which would be July 5-8, 2035. These dates have been selected in the past to take advantage of favorable “holiday weekend” hotel rates, and to allow attendees extra days to vacation in the selected city. However, to allow bidding cities the flexibility to provide their best offer that would maximize hotel and facility rates, equal consideration will be given to any weekend in the months of June or July 2035.

If our area is interested in hosting the 2035 International Convention, I need to complete the 2035 Area Delegate Bid Questionnaire and return it to GSO before November 30, 2022. The role of the host area is to provide a local volunteer committee of approximately 4,000 A.A. members.

If yes...One of the requirements is to provide details of AA Conferences, Conventions and Round Ups that have take place in the last 5 years. DCMs – it would be very helpful if you could provide me with a list of Conferences and Round Ups that have taken place in your district over the last 5 years.

Include the location, date and number of attendees.

Should the Assembly also indicate that we should submit a bid, then I would need these details immediately following the Assembly to I can compile and submit all documents by November 30th.

I have the guidelines for site selection that explain the 2035 site selection process. If our area returns the bid form, our city’s convention bureau independently completes a bid questionnaire. The convention bureau will deal directly with the General Service Office regarding any questions on the site selection process or bid presentations.

Each presentation is given careful and serious consideration by the Convention Site Selection Committee, meeting in executive session. Evaluations are based on the following criteria, which are not necessarily in order of importance:

- Facilities
- Hotel package
- Local transportation
- Travel access
- General cost climate (average cost to attendee)
- City attractions
- City convention experience
- Walkability and gathering places
- Regional rotation of site
- Historical interest to the Fellowship
- Financial ramifications

•Other

Discussion:

Panel 61 Delegate – I was the registrar for the 2005 International when it was held in Toronto. I will tell you – the “volunteer thing” – don’t worry about it! When we met with a few members from GSO in 2004 and they mentioned 4000 volunteers we too were a little nervous. The registrar is responsible for gathering up all those people. We had easily 4000 volunteers. We had volunteers from Ontario, Quebec and some from around the world who wanted to volunteer. That was the first convention where we had volunteer website where people could sign up to volunteer on the website. And it went great!

Panel 65 Delegate – I too was on the 2005 committee as co-chair for the marathon meetings. We had three meeting rooms in English, French & Spanish. They went from early Friday to Sunday morning. It turned out well but was difficult to find volunteers for them.

PI Chair – Is there a cost involved in making a bid?

Delegate – No. Once the bid has been made and accepted, GSO will take care of all the dealings with the city.

Chair – Just to clarify, should this body here as the steering committee decide that you would like to put a bid in for Area 83 it would then go to the Assembly for approval.

MOTION: “Put a bid in for the convention to be held in Toronto for 2035 for final approval.”

[There was an original motion which was modified. The final motion is the one above.]

Moved:	Bill W – DCM D14
Seconded:	Tim F – Area Treatment Chair
Discussion	Yes
All those in favour:	27
opposed:	1
abstentions:	0
Voice of the minority:	None
Motion:	Passed

- e) Motion:** “In addition to the signatures of Dave L., Treasurer, and Amy L., Chair, we appoint Kimberley M., Delegate, (replacing JoAnn P., Secretary) as the third secondary signing authority for Area 83 for the balance of the 2021/2022 term.”
Dave L, Area Treasurer

Currently we have three signatures, 2 people have to sign on cheques. As JoAnn has moved out west we require a third signature just in case one of us gets hit with the proverbial bus! (Hahahaha!!!) We are suggesting adding Kimberly as the third because of the geographical proximity to where we all live.

Moved:	Dave L – Area Treasusrer
Seconded:	Bev H – Self Support
Discussion	None
All those in favour:	Unanimous
opposed:	0
abstentions:	0
Motion:	Passed

- f) Motion:** “That Area 83 make an additional contribution up to \$10,000 to the General Service Board. This contribution is in addition to the \$5,000 approved in the Proposed Spending Guidelines at the Spring 2022 Assembly and is subject to sufficient funds being available, as determined by the Area 83 Treasurer.”
Dave L, Area Treasurer

Area Treasurer – This contribution is in addition to the \$5000 already approved and the proposed spending guidelines. At the Spring 2022 Assembly and is subject to

sufficient funds being available as determined by the Area Treasurer. Area 83 is sitting in a very strong financial position. Our contributions are well ahead of last year's pace about 30% higher and we will significantly surpass the contribution levels that are included in the proposed spending guidelines. The GSO's reserve fund at the end of 2021 was settling in at about 8.5 months of operating expenses – their guidelines are 9-12 months. They are still running short based on the funds they had to transfer during the pandemic. This motion would have to go to the Assembly for approval. The disbursement amount would be determined in December.

Discussion:

PI Chair – Would the amount not be at the discretion of the treasurer as to the amount of money that would be contributed at the end of the year or would the Assembly dictate exactly how much?

Treasurer – It is at my discretion. We made a similar motion last year and it was approved by the Assembly to me the discretion up to \$20,000 towards the end of last year.

DCM D42 – I would like to propose an amendment to reduce the amount from \$10,000 to \$7000 in light of the possible \$3000 that we authorized for translation. [No seconder was found for the amendment.]

VOICE OF THE MINORITY:

DCM D42 – I feel we have a long history of passing money on instead of trying to use it within our Area for service purposes to share our message.

Chair – Is there anyone in the room who voted in for or of this motion who wish to reconsider? [None – motion stands as Passed.]

Moved:	Dave L – Area Treasurer
Seconded:	Tim F – Area TF
Discussion	Yes
All those in favour:	26
opposed:	1
abstentions:	0
Voice of the minority:	Yes
Motion:	Passed

14. SHARING - WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Area Archivist – GRA Archives Breakfast to be held on November 6th. This is the first in person event in 3 years so we are looking for your support. Anyone needing tickets they are \$35 and can see me.

DCM D42 – Our past DCM Ted celebrated 17 years and I celebrated 40 years!

Immediate Past Delegate – On October 12th our Eastern Canada Regional Trustee will be 40 years sober.

DCM D06 – It our Mississauga Fall Roundup and it will be held on October 1st.

ECRT – Our esteemed Immediate Past Delegate celebrates 22 years on September 29th.

[Unrecorded] – Our Chairperson celebrates 15 years on October 15th.

Reminder, we will be meeting next at the Area Assembly on the last weekend of October (October 28-30). It will be online and will include the great day of Service workshops on Saturday and the business meeting on Sunday. It will be an election assembly, and DCMs I hope you will encourage the GSRs in your district to attend the Assembly. Remind them that they have been elected to represent the opinions of their group. It is at the Assembly where that voice can be heard, and their vote contributes to the collective group conscience.

15. NEXT AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

I would recommend the next committee meeting be held here at Quinte West on **December 4, 2022**.

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

Moved:	Jenny C – Accessibilities Chair
Seconded:	Tim F – Treatment Chair
Discussion	None
All those in favour:	Unanimous
opposed:	0
abstentions:	0
Motion:	Passed.

16. CLOSING

It is now 4pm and I would like to thank everyone for their participation today and wish you safe return home.

- May I have a motion to end this meeting?

Moved:	Trevor F - DCM D62
Seconded:	Bev H - Self Support Chair
Discussion	None
All those in favour:	Unanimous
opposed:	0
abstentions:	0
Motion:	Passed.

The Meeting closed with the responsibility statement.

I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that I am responsible.

APPENDICES

Appendix A₁ Financial Documents—Financial Summary (September 2, 2022)

EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83
as at September 2, 2022

RESERVE ACCOUNT		Actual	Guideline	+/-
January 1, 2022 Opening Balance	20,000.00	20,000.00		0.00
Interest				0.00
Transfer to Operating Account				0.00
RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE		20,000.00		0.00
INCOME				
7th Tradition	1,569.55	3,200.00		(1,630.45)
Cost Recoveries	0.00	0.00		0.00
Flow Through to GSO	475.00	300.00		175.00
Grapevine Seasonals	0.00	1,500.00		(1,500.00)
Group, District & Individual Contributions	27,711.91	30,339.60		(2,627.69)
				0.00
TOTAL INCOME	29,756.46	35,339.60		(5,583.14)
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE	0.00			0.00
TOTAL INCOME & TRANSFERS		29,756.46	35,339.60	(5,583.14)
EXPENSES				
Accommodations	0.00	250.00		(250.00)
Meals	30.88	1,100.00		(1,069.12)
Travel	1,316.40	7,485.00		(6,168.60)
Long Distance	0.00	0.00		0.00
Postage	288.64	1,030.00		(741.36)
Printing	59.30	1,129.00		(1,069.70)
Literature	0.00	800.00		(800.00)
Stationery	0.00	100.00		(100.00)
Miscellaneous	101.30	1,175.00		(1,073.70)
Total Committee Expenses	1,796.52	13,069.00		(11,272.48)
Ad Hoc Committees	0.00	0.00		0.00
Area Contribution to GSO	5,100.00	5,000.00		100.00
Area Committee Meetings	516.46	1,300.00		(783.54)
General Service Conf. Assessment	10,445.60	10,445.60		0.00
Bank Service Charges	32.45	100.00		(67.55)
Paypal fees	2.64	25.00		(22.36)
Forums	2,183.78	2,300.00		(116.22)
Grapevine Seasonal	0.00	1,500.00		(1,500.00)
GSO Flow Through	475.00	300.00		175.00
Ontario Delegates' Committee (ODC)	1,093.69	1,100.00		(6.31)
CERAASA / ECDO	114.97	200.00		(85.03)
International Convention	0.00			0.00
Total Other Expenses	19,964.59	22,270.60		(2,306.01)
TOTAL EXPENSES		21,761.11	35,339.60	(13,578.49)
OPERATING ACCOUNT				
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2022	46,492.09			
Total Income & Transfers	29,756.46	35,339.60		(5,583.14)
Total Expenses	(21,761.11)	(35,339.60)		(13,578.49)
OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE		54,487.44	0.00	7,995.35

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AREA 83 EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL

Appendix A₂ Financial Documents–Detail of Expenses (September 2, 2022)

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

Details of Expenditures
as at September 2, 2022

Position	Accommodations	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Misc.	Total	Approved Spending Guideline	Balance +/-	YTD Usage
COMMITTEE EXPENSES													
Delegate	0.00	30.88	265.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	296.48	\$2,275.00	1978.52	13.03%
Alt. Delegate	0.00	0.00	140.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	140.00	\$710.00	570.00	19.72%
Immediate past Delegate	0.00	0.00	106.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	106.40	\$450.00	343.60	23.64%
Chairperson	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	101.30	161.30	\$880.00	718.70	18.33%
Secretary	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	\$900.00	840.00	6.67%
Treasurer	0.00	0.00	120.00	0.00	121.59	59.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.89	\$950.00	649.11	31.67%
Registrar	0.00	0.00	183.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	183.20	\$645.00	461.80	28.40%
Webmaster/ Web Site	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$995.00	995.00	0.00%
Archives	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$814.00	814.00	0.00%
Archivist	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$175.00	175.00	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	\$745.00	745.00	0.00%
Corrections Facilities	0.00	0.00	151.20	0.00	67.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	218.32	\$750.00	531.68	29.11%
Grapevine	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	99.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	99.93	\$995.00	895.07	10.04%
Public Information	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$275.00	275.00	0.00%
Self Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$275.00	275.00	0.00%
Treatment	0.00	0.00	85.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	85.60	\$550.00	464.40	15.56%
Accessibility	0.00	0.00	144.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	144.40	\$685.00	540.60	21.08%
Service Info Day Cmte	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
Spring Assembly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	0.00%
Fall Assembly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ 30.88	\$ 1,316.40	\$ -	\$ 288.64	\$ 59.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 101.30	\$ 1,796.52	\$ 13,069.00	\$ 11,272.48	13.75%
OTHER EXPENSES													
Adhoc Committees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	\$0.00	0.00	0.00%
Area Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	516.46	516.46	\$1,300.00	783.54	39.73%
Area GSO Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$5,000.00	-100.00	102.00%
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32.45	32.45	\$100.00	67.55	32.45%
Paypal Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.64	2.64	\$25.00	22.36	10.56%
Forums	825.42	161.12	1197.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,183.78	\$2,300.00	116.22	0.00%
Grapevine Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00%
GSC Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,445.60	10,445.60	\$10,445.60	0.00	100.00%
GSO Flow Through	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$300.00	-175.00	158.33%
Ont Delegates' Committee	548.94	217.55	327.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,093.69	1,093.69	\$1,100.00	6.31	0.00%
CERAASA / ECDO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	114.97	114.97	\$200.00	85.03	57.49%
International Convention	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	\$0.00	0.00	0.00%
TOTAL	\$ 1,374.36	\$ 378.67	\$ 1,524.44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,112.12	\$ 19,964.59	\$ 22,270.60	\$ 2,306.01	89.65%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,374.36	\$ 409.55	\$ 2,840.84	\$ -	\$ 288.64	\$ 59.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,213.42	\$ 21,761.11	\$ 35,339.60	\$ 13,578.49	61.58%

Income Summary :
9/2/2022

7th Tradition

1,569.55

Bank Interest

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GSO Flow through

475.00

Contributions

27,711.91

Cost Recoveries

-

Grapevine Seasonals

-

Total Income

\$ 29,756.46

YTD 2022

Sept 2021

Difference

Income To Date

29,756.46

22,110.93

7,645.53

Expenses To Date

21,761.11

8,827.95

12,933.16

Net Change To Operating Account

\$ 7,995.35

\$ 13,282.98

\$ 5,287.63

Contributions

\$27,711.91

\$19,739.93

\$7,971.98

Contributing Groups

93

75

18

Contributing Districts

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Contributing Individuals

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Appendix A₃ Financial Documents—Contributions by District (September 2, 2022)

GROUP & DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS as at September 2, 2022			
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District	0	Unspecified, Individual	\$250.00
District	2	Malton	\$182.96
District	6	Mississauga	\$2,450.00
District	10	Toronto South Central	\$2,298.00
District	12	Toronto South West	\$2,031.87
District	14	Toronto North Central	\$1,257.96
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	\$0.00
District	18	Toronto City East	\$2,947.09
District	22	Scarborough	\$270.00
District	26	Lakeshore West	\$1,284.00
District	28	Lakeshore East	\$1,336.40
District	30	Quinte West	\$975.00
District	34	Quinte East	\$850.00
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	\$975.00
District	42	St. Lawrence International	\$217.31
District	48	Seaway Valley North	\$500.00
District	50	Cornwall	\$200.00
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	\$340.00
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	\$375.00
District	62	Ottawa West	\$3,861.32
District	66	Golden Triangle	\$1,770.00
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	\$1,050.00
District	74	Pembroke	\$1,060.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	\$100.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	\$250.00
District	86	Kawartha	\$880.00

Total Contributions YTD: \$27,711.91

Total from Groups	\$21,053.01	93	Groups
Total from Districts	\$6,408.90	12	Districts
Total from Individuals	\$250.00	2	Individuals