

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

Area Committee Meeting Minutes

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Area Committee Meeting – December 3, 2022

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 _____ Lisa B – D12 - GSR

12 Concepts (Short Form) read by _____ John E – D28 – Alt GSR

Welcome to Quinte West! It is so good to see so many of you here today! This is our seventh, and last 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

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 Jo D
Correctional Facilities Chair Marty M
Treatment Tim F
Accessibilities Jenny B
Grapevine Chair Jane S
Self-Support Chair Bev H
Archives Chair 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 McQuade (online)

Area Archivist – David Topp

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 January this year.

Year	Date	Status	Type of Meeting	Where
2023	January 7	confirmed ¹	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2023	March 24-26	Confirmed ²	Area Assembly	To Be Determined
2023	June 3	Tentative	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2023	September 16	Tentative	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church

¹Voted and approved at December 3, 2022 Area Committee meeting, see agenda [item 16](#) in these minutes.

²Date voted on at Fall Assembly, but physical location has not be identified.

NOTE: We are looking for an ACM snack (coordinator) curator: Typically, in the past District 30 and 34 have been arranging the beautiful spread of snacks at the back of the room. I don't know quite when this came into play, but these two districts have been doing it largely because of proximity to the meeting. Now with today's modern conveniences of refrigeration, rapid transportation and the abundance of grocery stores, it is a good time to open this opportunity up to other DCMs or their alternates attending the ACMs. Is there anyone willing to take on this task, or perhaps a few districts who would want to split this responsibility over the course of the term....(there are a total of 7 meeting)? I am just going to throw that out now, and we will visit this later in the agenda.

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 allows 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 James.

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 – Area PI Chair
Seconded:	Trevor F – DCM – D62
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 November 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 (*This would include FLOOR MOTION*)

14c) Rob M added "Area 83 to reimburse our panel 73 Immediate Past Delegate to attend CERAASA 2023"Rob M., Immediate Past Delegate

Unless there is anything really time sensitive, we will table the new items to keep the agenda short so that we have enough time to carry out the elections.

So, the elections will be.

14d) Election of 2023/2024 Area Sub-Committee Chairpersons by Area Committee Robb W., Panel 61 Delegate

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

Moved:	Jeffary F – D86 DCM
Seconded:	Jill B – D06 DCM
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 September 10, 2022 ACM

Minutes of the September 10, 2022 ACM were distributed by email on October 12th 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?

Maria M DCM D30 – P.5 D30

Julie F – DCM D74 – P. 1. Barb C was not the DCM but a visitor. Visitor – Group member D74.

- **May I have a motion to accept the September 10, 2022 ACM minutes as amended?**

Moved:	Maria M – D30 DCM
Seconded:	Inge D - D34 DCM
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 Vince R and I'm an alcoholic. It is my honour and privilege to serve as Acting 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.

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.

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 McLaughlin Detox once again on Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Treatment is also taking meetings into St. Leonards House in Brampton Tuesdays at 7pm.

Ray R. is our new Self Support Chair.

We will be having an audit on our finances soon and will be making a contribution to Area and GSO.

That is all from District 2 for now. Yours in Love and Service, Vince R

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 36 registered groups, which includes 1 online group. All sub-committee positions are filled, and I want to thank each of them for all their hard work these past 2 years.

We've continued to see increasing support from our groups financially. Allowing the District to meet all its sub-committee commitments, and recently approved a disburse of \$4,400.00 to Area 83 Eastern Canada International and the General Service Office.

Also in November, we elected Bart B from the Credit Valley Group as our District Secretary/Treasurer. Congratulations Bart! The Registrar/Webmaster position remains unfilled. We trust that someone will raise their hand to stand for this position in December.

In closing, as I rotate out— this experience to have served as DCM for an amazing District and Area has offered my spiritual journey so much growth. I watched those members who served with me bring their enthusiasm and remain active during these past challenging 2 years. I'm blessed to have gotten to know you all. Godspeed on wherever it is that God needs you next.

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'm honored to currently be serving as DCM for District 10, Toronto South Central.

Overview of Groups and Participation: As a recap District 10 has 24 groups with a broad and diverse range of: ages and social demographics, some that are LGBTQ+, and two secular groups

All but 2 groups have resumed in person mtgs again, holding over 60 meetings a week, offering a fairly even split between in-person, hybrid, and online meetings.

We average 18-20 dedicated attendees at our monthly district meetings.

Our groups enthusiastically sign up for the 12-15 treatment service meetings per month. Our sub-committee chairs have been busier in their roles this fall,.

Our incoming DCM is Paddy A, of 12 Traditions, and our incoming Alternate DCM, is Bill C. of Mt. Royal. We are also pleased to have all our new term officers elected and 2 of the 7 committee positions. We will be continuing with committee chair elections in December and January as the table turns over.

Financially:

District 10 is in good financial shape, thanks to regular contributions from our groups. In November we had enough surplus to vote for early contributions to both area 83 and GSO.

People and Positions/ Service Commitments and Service Committees:

In Summary:

It has been such an honour and a pleasure being part of such an enthusiastic and engaged team in District 10 and Area 83 as DCM and ADCM.. I'm also grateful for the opportunity to have served with such a dedicated, hardworking and motivated group of people. I have learned so much and had so much fun along the way. It's been an incredible three years.

Thank you all 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 26 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 have been in contact with our previous location, but have not been able to make an arrangement with them yet.

Over the last year, we saw two groups close in District 12, The First 164 Group, and the U of T Group. We were sorry to see them go. But we have seen the addition of 3 new groups over the same period. In previous reports I have mentioned the Big Chunks of Truth Group and The Gladstone Group. The Gladstone Group has been in active attendance at the district table each month since forming. We have been in contact with the Big Chunks of Truth Group, encouraging them to join us each month.

And, since our last ACM in September, we have welcomed The Slippery Slope Group to District 12. They meet Thursdays at 7pm at St Clare's Catholic Church in Toronto and Saturdays at 6pm at Holy Rosary Church Parish Hall also in Toronto. Please drop in if you're in the neighborhood. The Slippery Slope Group attended our most recent District meeting.

Welcome to all our new groups. We're glad you're here.

On November 9 we held elections for District 12 officers. All positions are filled except for secretary. I am joined here today by our incoming Alternate DCM, Lisa B. Given I had started as DCM this spring, the table agreed to allow me to stand again and I am very pleased to say that I will serve a full term as DCM starting in January. Thank you to Mel C. for graciously agreeing to facilitate our election. Thank you to all outgoing and incoming officers for your service.

In January we will hold our elections for subcommittee chairs.

For service meetings, we currently have 3 commitments that are given to groups in District 12 on a rotating basis. The Saturday Noon meeting which has gone back to in person, Women's Renascent online on Sunday nights at 8:00pm, and St. Felix House Tuesdays at 7PM. We are actively looking for more service opportunities in the district.

Overall, District 12 is doing well and remains active and financially healthy and are meeting our commitments to Area and GSO.

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

Yours in love and Service, Norm

District 14 Toronto North Central

Report presented virtually but not submitted.

District 16 Distrito Hispano De Toronto

ABSENT – No Report

District 18 Toronto City East

Greetings, I am an alcoholic, a member of Steps to Serenity group in Toronto, have the privilege of being District 18's District Committee Member, and my name is Christy F.

We are well into our transition to the next term, 2023-2024. Our Officer elections are finished, and we are pleased to present our incoming cadre of trusted servants: John M. of the Danforth Group, is our incoming District Committee Member. Our ADCM has stepped down for personal reasons. That role will be filled in time. Our new Treasure, Allan L. from the Markham Village group, our Registrar, former ADCM, Greg R., our Secretary, Shannon S. from the Unionville group and Devan P. of the Stouffville Group as Webmaster.

We held an informal 'smooth transition' meeting for outgoing Officers to welcome in in-coming Officers and go over a checklist of 'to-dos' from our Procedures and Guidelines. The de-brief component was especially helpful since suggestions and past experiences were captured and shared with next term's trusted servants.

Our last meeting of the term will be December 13, 2022, where we elect in our Sub-committee Chairs and our ADCM vacancy.

Our home groups meet in all available modalities and continue to modify as group conscience's dictate. All are listed at: district18.org

Our Sub-committee remain active and busy, with Treatment committee taking on a third Service meeting, this one held at Michael Garron Mental Health section of the hospital. Our Corrections Sub-committee is very close to returning to Service Meetings at our local Parole Office. We continue to communicate with agencies and look forward to being of service where we are required.

I am a changed person for having served District 18 as their District Committee Member. I am forever grateful for the love, tolerance, and especially the patience of our members while I learned and fulfilled my responsibilities. I am unable to repay these kindnesses save for being ready whenever and wherever I am next required. I thank the members of District 18 and all members of Area 83 for giving my sobriety such depth and meaning over the last two years.

Yours, Christy F.

District 22 Scarborough

Currently, District 22 has 23 groups on its roster. Of these groups, one is a seasonal group started in the first summer of the pandemic; the Sunday Scarborough Group is listed as inactive; the Bellamy group is struggling but continues an online meeting; the Wanstead group has officially folded; one former service meeting, the Saturday Main Street is now an unofficial group, not yet registered as such; there is one on-line group that has listed itself in our district, Full Catastrophe Sobriety. The Rouge Valley Group, at the Rouge Valley Centenary Hospital, is now holding meetings again. This hospital is the only one in Scarborough with a mental health facility. There are a number of active service meetings, mostly daytime, in our district.

In terms of representation at the district table, there has been a fairly regular representation of 8 to 12 groups. There are GSRs, but few groups have alternates, a few have only a contact person. Several groups have not been at the district table in some time. Those who do attend are enthusiastic and actively participate in district meetings and affairs. I was pleased to see the representation of our district at the Fall Assembly.

In spring this year, Bert J (Silverbirch) was elected incoming DCM. We are pleased that Joe A (One Paragraph at a time) was elected as alternate DCM. Both are strong Three Legacy members of AA. The positions of secretary and treasurer for the coming term remain vacant. Thanks to Robb M (Immediate Past Delegate) for chairing the election. We will be having elections for sub-committee chairs at this November's meeting.

The district meets virtually on the second Sunday of each month at 1pm. Our meeting typically run 2.5 hours. While there have been discussion of meeting in-person/ hybrid, no consensus amongst the current GSRs exists to move forward on this. Agreement exists that in the event the meeting ought to be a hybrid format for reasons of accessibility and convenience; some express the view that business is conducted efficiently on-line, and at much less cost. Still, the low turnout and difficulty of filling and keeping service positions filled might suggest otherwise.

The district has approved a new set of operating procedures and guidelines. Some revisions have already been put forward, but the new document is much clearer. Thanks to the ad-hoc committee of past DCMs for their diligent work.

The district held its first in-person Service Day in two years. Many thanks to all those who pitched in, presented, and showed up. Thanks to Kimberly M., our Area 83 delegate for her talk. The potluck lunch, tradition skit performance, and evening social added colour to the event.

The past two years have been a challenge to keep on top of group meeting status, group representation, and sub- committee representation at the GTA district committee meetings. The district has managed to maintain a flow of information and connection between the groups, and between groups and the larger General Service structure. Our District22 Newsie is a two-page newsletter of district and general service announcements which has been helpful in this regard. Thanks to Darlene D (GSR 12 Steps) for taking this on.

The heartbeat of AA is the home group, and as Bert and I travel around the district we experience and feel that beat. It will only be by patient attention and constant nurturing of this that the 12th Step of recovery can blossom. Thanks to all those who filled a service position and represented their group this term.

Yours in service, George W - DCM- D22

District 26 Lakeshore West

Verbal report given but not submitted.

District 28 Lakeshore East

Good morning, everyone! I'm an alcoholic, member of the Motor City Group, and my name is Kathie. It's an honour to serve as District Committee Member for District 28 Lakeshore East.

We continue to have 20 registered groups in our District. Many groups are fully re-opened, some are hybrid, some are online only, and some have in-person meetings one night, and online discussions another night.

For updates, please visit Lakeshore Districts Intergroup: <https://www.aadurham.org>. The Intergroup office is open Thurs only for pre-arranged pickup of literature, pins, and medallions.

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

In September, we had our first hybrid District meeting. Group attendance went up by almost 20%. It's been exciting getting this started, and it looks like hybrid district meetings are here to stay. We held District elections and have filled most positions. Our incoming DCM is James S., he's done a terrific job as "Alternate Interim Everything", and our incoming Alt DCM is Steve B. Both are here today, and both actively carry the message of Recovery, Unity, and Service. Our District is in good hands.

In November, our CPC committee hosted Bring a Professional/Bring a Friend in Oshawa. James S. chaired, and there was an AA speaker, an Al-anon speaker, and a professional friend of AA from Renascent House. The Newcastle Fall Roundup (in Bowmanville) happened November 12. It was well attended with wonderful speakers and a delicious pot-luck lunch.

Save-the-Date for the Lakeshore Districts Alcathon – 24 hours of AA meetings from noon Dec 24th to noon Dec 25th. This is an important service for newcomers and the still suffering alcoholic. If you're in Oshawa for the holidays, please drop in to 200 Thornton Road N...we'd love to see you!

Finally, I want to thank Area 83 for its support. Thank you for this opportunity to serve. Thank you for reminding me to place principles before personalities and 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'm an alcoholic, a member of the Hope Group And my name is Maria. These last two years, I have had the honour and privilege to be the District Committee Member for District 30, Quinte West. I am here today with the Alternate District Committee Member Mike H.

As the end of the term nears, I am pleased to report that all financial responsibilities are being met and finances are good. As of this week 15 of the 17 groups have resumed their meetings, and this past Wednesday the Astra Group inside the institution of Warkworth opened the doors to volunteers to attend the group meeting. Work continues to be done by the committed members of the District, the Cooperation with the Professional Community chair Jody H., shares his enthusiasm and has had an impact in the District especially at CFB Trenton and as I reported last month Literature and Grapevine sales are steady, the website is current and up to date, the phoneline is still keeping volunteers busy (active) averaging a minimum of 10 calls per month. There are still several positions open for the new term, I have no doubt they will be filled quickly in the new year.

With the end of the term fast approaching, I'd like to say I am truly sorry to see it end now that I'm just getting comfortable. I have really enjoyed the experience and learned a lot; it was a challenging start in challenging times but with perseverance and quickly adapting a solution was always found. It has been an absolute honour to have served with such a great group of people, the "passing of the baton" is being transferred into very capable hands. I know Mike H. and Irene D. will work with the incoming table as they are committed and passionate about being of service. Thank you District 30 for allowing me to serve, wishing you all a safe and Happy Holidays.

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 is in sound financial shape with our district being able to contribute money to both area 83 and GSO. Most of the groups have re-opened for in person meetings. Two groups are running hybrid meetings. Three groups have closed permanently, and two groups are still unknown if they are re-opening. One group in our district is a virtual group.

We held our elections in September and three positions remained unfilled at that time. In October we were able to fill one of those positions and we are still trying to fill the last two before the end of the year.

I am now at the end of my term and it has been an honor to served District 34 over the last years. This has been a great learning experience and has enhanced my sobriety. I will continue my service journey at the group level in the near future as I trudge the road to Happy Destiny.

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 Cresswell-Jones.

The District is financially stable with groups continuing to contribute both to District and higher levels. Turnout at District meetings dropped below quorum over the fall, but was very good for our elections meeting in October and has met quorum since.

Most groups have returned to in-person meetings while a few continue with Zoom. The annual Founders' Day committee is restarting with the intention of resuming their service day in 2023 and is fully funded.

Treatment meetings continue on Zoom for now with participation from many groups and individuals in the District.

The District will resume printing paper meeting lists for the first time since 2020. There is especially high demand in detox centres.

Corrections: Internal inside Walls AA meetings are still alive and well in both Collins Bay (Medium/Minimum) and Joyceville (Minimum). AA meetings led by outside volunteers continue to be attended well on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Collins Bay with approx. ten attendees led by an AA volunteer. Weekend meetings have not been attended and volunteers are not going in until need is confirmed.

The District continues to use a hybrid format business meeting (with occasional technical glitches) and even held our elections by hybrid last month. All subcommittee chair positions are filled. Welcome to all the new table members including incoming DCM Rich K.

Yours in Gratitude and Service, Jonathan C.

District 42 St. Lawrence International

Report given virtually but not submitted.

District 48 Seaway Valley North

My name is Sharon C and I am grateful to be alcoholic. I am GSR for Kemptville Friday Step Meeting and DCM for District 48.

District 48 extends from just south of Ottawa, encompassing Russel and Greely, North Gower, Winchester, Kemptville and down to the St. Lawrence with Prescott and Morrisburg.

I am very pleased to tell you, that District 48 has a full table for 2023. Sara M has agreed to be DCM and will be joining us today. I am very confident that this new table means business, everyone is enthusiastic and committed. I shall be stepping into the role of CPP and PI.

We will be having an in person Round up on February 4th in South Mountain, we have a committee organising that and it will be an all day event with breakfast, lunch and dinner, speakers and an alanon table.

So, as I close off my two-year reluctant DCM role, it is with mixed feelings, I have enjoyed it immensely and have learnt so much. Anything and everything I do in AA is also so rewarding. I am glad that District 48 is blossoming, there by the grace of God, it really is quite a miracle. Thank you to this table and I am excited to take on my new roles and know Sara and the new table will continue to serve alcoholics in District 48.

Love in service, Sharon C

District 50 Cornwall

ABSENT – No report.

District 54 Ottawa Rideau

Good morning, I am an alcoholic and I am a member of the Search for Serenity Group in Orleans. I have the honour and privilege to serve as District Committee Member for District 54 Ottawa Rideau. My name is Kevin O.

District 54 held its last District meeting of 2022 this past Thursday. I am happy to announce that we had 2 members stand for positions that were open. Outgoing Treasurer Neil J. will continue his service journey as our new Intergroup Liaison Service Rep. And we welcome Josee G. as our new Treasurer starting in the New Year! Congratulations to both! Alternate DCM, Self Support Liaison, and Archives Liaison remain open currently.

District 54 is in good financial standing and have been able to support requests with upcoming holiday events. The Alkathon is on at the Bronson Center in person this year, Xmas Eve, and Xmas Day and again on New Years Eve into New Years Day. And the fun will continue with the Eastathon to be held on New Years Day from Noon into evening right after the Alkathon wraps up. This will be held at the Richelieu Center in the East end of Ottawa.

Service meetings at the Ottawa Withdrawal Management Centre, our local Corrections Facilities and PreTreatment Centres will hopefully be starting back up soon as restrictions are still in place due to COVID and required protocols. Our Service Committee reps have been busy preparing and are at the ready!

Going into the new year, we will be reaching out to groups in District 54 to better understand the challenges of some groups for coming to the table with GSR's and alternates and encouraging the importance of the GSR and Alternate roles for the groups and service opportunities for their members. This will also help us update our District roster, which is overdue for an update. Having Karen A. in as our Registrar in the New Year will go a long way to getting that caught up! We will also be looking into doing a District Inventory for the coming year.

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 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 has a few vacancies at the table for next term, but we have had a few members express interest and are hoping to fill the vacancies at our December District meeting. At our January District meeting, we will be holding a General Service Representative workshop presented by our Panel 71 Delegate Kimberley M, and will include presentations from our local Ottawa service committees.

Two groups in District 62 have decided to shut their doors, which brings our total number of groups to 50 and we're usually seeing about 18-20 groups at our District meetings. We're still patiently waiting for Service meetings at the Ottawa Withdrawal Management Centre, our local Corrections facilities and Pre-Treatment Centres to start back up in person. The Ottawa Alkathon is happening in person this year over

Christmas and New Year's. If you happen to be in Ottawa over the holidays, stop by - there will be plenty of food, fellowship and hourly meetings.

Financially, District 62 is stable - contributions are coming in and expenses are relatively low with the District continuing to meet on zoom. It's great to see everyone today, and a big thank you to all who will let their name stand later on today. With this as my last report for District 62, I would like to thank you all for everything I've learned over the past few years. It has been a fantastic experience and I'm so grateful to have met and served with all of you. Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season.

Yours in Love & Service, Trevor F - District Committee Member - District 62 , Ottawa West

District 66 Golden Triangle

I am an alcoholic, member of the Mississippi Group in Carleton Place, currently serving as DCM of D66 Golden Triangle, and my name is Theresa.

The District currently hosts 42 meetings per week, 30 in-person, 6 on-line and 6 in hybrid format.

We held our first hybrid District meeting Nov 30.

GSR attendance at District meetings continues to be disappointingly low. Stimulating interest in General Service remains challenging.

Four service positions at the District table remain vacant: Secretary, Treasurer, TAS Chair and Accessibility Committee Chair.

The District remains in good financial standing.

Meetings at the Brockville Secure Treatment Unit and Jail are set to go ahead. The District table is pleased to welcome Kim S. into her first service position as Corrections Co-Chair giving a much welcomed hand to chair Rod D. In an effort to maintain the availability of Grapevine copies for Correctional Facilities, the District Grapevine subscription will now be the responsibility of the Corrections Chair.

Webmaster Debbie S. is now presenting a monthly summary of activity on the D66 website. 6,290 visits were made to the website in the first 26 days of Oct. 2022.

The District 66 Roundup will be held Sat. April 9. The committee met for the first time Nov 30, a theme has been chosen, and all are eager to get plans underway to host this event live and in person this year!

Carrie C. is stepping into the role of DCM for D66 and she joins us here today. Carrie's dedication to serving AA in an active role is evident with her group, the District, and any member who has the pleasure to meet her.

Janet C. will be filling the role of Alt. DCM for D66 and joins us here today.

As I come to the end of my term as DCM for D66 I want to thank all the members of the Area Committee for helping me see how giving back in service to AA enriches my life journey. I've watched and learned from you who have gone before me. I especially want to thank the members of the Service Information Day committee. What a dynamic, supportive little team-I will treasure this experience and these friendships always.

Yours in gratitude, love and service,
Theresa L - DCM District 66 Golden Triangle

District 70 Renfrew Pontiac

My name is Lisa R and I am a member of the Douglas group. I have had the privilege of serving as DCM for four years now. I am an alcoholic.

My apologies that neither myself nor the incoming DCM was able to attend this meeting.

Our group held its elections at our November district meeting. We have a new DCM, John C. and a new Webmaster, Ian F. who is also handling Zoom. Registrar is continuing being held by Lynda R. Bridging the Gap, emails and Helpline by Jack B. Grapevine by Lisa R. The positions open are Secretary, Alternative DCM, Archive Chair, and PI/PCP.

The new committee will be discussing the St. Paddy's Day Round up at our next District meeting in December and also the possibility of moving the day of our District meetings and going either live, or hybrid.

Yours in Service, Lisa R

District 74 Pembroke

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.

Groups have reported stable or growing participation at in-person meetings, while virtual meetings have seen regular participation from members outside Ontario. Our District committee meetings are finally returning to an in-person format with hybrid option later this month.

The results of the elections held on November 15 remind us that recruitment is an ongoing effort: nominees were acclaimed to two positions, and the other positions remained vacant. This is not unusual in District 74. The same happened last year, and within a few months all vacant positions were filled. The incoming Alternate DCM, Sarah McG, will represent District 74 in January.

It has been an honour and privilege to serve Area 83.

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

District 78 Madawaska Valley

It's an honour and a privilege to be serving as DCM for District 78 Madawaska Valley. I'm an alcoholic and my name is Barbara.

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

Our annual Roundup, Festival of Colours, held October 1st, had numbers in attendance down from previous years but was still a great success with some wonderful speakers and a great dinner.

Our District is still meeting via Zoom and is doing well.

I have enjoyed being DCM over the last two years and thank my Service Sponsor for his guidance when needed.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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 the District Committee Member for District 82 Victoria/Haliburton and my name is Joe.

I'm sorry I can't attend today's meeting in person as I have reoccurring lower back injury. I have asked our Alternate Delegate and temporary Secretary, **and also a very nice Guy**, James to read my Report for me.

I want to start off by saying a big thank you to every one of you who helped this rookie DCM through his 2-year term with your patience and helpful ways. It made it a much less scary ride than my fears tried to make it into. Thank you to the Service Information Day Committee for all the events they put on over this term, helping me and others learn so much about our precious program.

I'd also like to thank our Delegate Kimberly M. and our Alternate Delegate James O'd, and all the Area Officers, for all their help and wisdom, it truly made an immense difference through my term as DCM.

After some initial good news re: the Central East Correctional Centre, there's been a bit of a setback unfortunately.

The meetings at the jail have been well attended, and the ladies have been well engaged in the meetings.

We were having three meetings per month, but because of the shortage of volunteers, we have had to reduce it to two meetings.

There is a need for orientation for the volunteers, but the jail has given us no further information of when the orientation may be setup for us to get it! We do have volunteers set up and ready to begin once we are advised of when the orientation sessions will begin

As for the Men's Meetings, we had meetings in the jail scheduled for November 1st and 15th. Unfortunately, both sessions were cancelled due to ongoing construction inside the jail. We are still waiting to hear from them, but as a result of the jail volunteer coordinator being moved to another job assignment, we really aren't sure when that will happen, same thing with the orientation.

Our PIC/CPC Committee are planning on placing an ad in the Kawartha Lakes Weekly newspaper during the holidays. This is something we do through the Christmas Season every year, trying to reach the still suffering alcoholic during a time of year that can be very trying for us alcoholics.

We held our District Elections 2 weeks ago and almost all positions were filled, so we're very happy about that, as we've seen a bit of a slow down on people coming to the district table since the Pandemic began.

We are very healthy in our finances and **will be** making contributions at next month's District Meeting with the new Gsr's in place to decide how best to distribute it.

Yours in Love and Service.

Joe C. , DCM 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. As we move out of this year, I must mention that this has been an unbelievably difficult time for change and loss in our District. Not only did we lose our DCM Bruce B. tragically but also lost a huge volume of solid long time AA members in our district. There is an incredibly large lesson to be learned about having gratitude in your attitude and that this god given program is a one day at a time gift. On December 17, there will be a Memorial meeting to acknowledge the loss of those members. Both in person and on Zoom. Our district is solid financially with the district table accepting a bequeathment of \$10,000 that was divided up amongst our intergroup offices, area, GSO and our district. We currently have both an in person and online presence for daily meetings. Upcoming events in our district is June 17th our one-day roundup, we also have returned this year to hosting our Children's Christmas party, also on the same day a shout out to the Area's treatment chair, Tim F. who will be celebrating 15 years at his home group Freedom, Also A Christmas dinner is being prepared at our intergroup for everyone and for the first time in my years a New Years Eve party in district 86. As I have been blessed to be the DCM for the next term, I will continue to report to this meeting on District 86 and work tirelessly to give the message of recovery in District 86. This is my report.

With Gratitude, Let us not be a glum lot

DCM District 86 - Jeffary F. - d86dcm@gmail.com

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.

My report will be brief. I was given the opportunity to speak about Tradition 11 at the District 66 Tradition Speaker series on November 24 – thanks to Colleen L. for organizing and allowing me to participate.

I also attended the Toronto intergroup Joint PI / CPC meeting on November 21 and the National PI and CPC working group monthly meeting on November 12.

Earlier this week I had the privilege to facilitate the 3rd session of workshops on the Comprehensive Media Plan – I learned a lot during this session and also from the first 2 sessions. Thanks to Kimberley and her committee for putting these together. I am awed by the dedication of the trusted servants from GSO who are participating and by the members from all over North America that have attended and

generated so many great questions. It is wonderful to see that Alcoholics Anonymous continues to change with the media landscape and find new ways to reach the suffering alcoholic, now mainly on their mobile devices.

I am looking forward to this afternoon to see how the Area Committee for Panel 73 will take shape. I have started to look at my new role as Treasurer for the next term and am ready to embrace the challenges and rewards of my next journey in service.

Yours in Gratitude and Service,
Jack R.
Panel 71 Chair, Public Information Committee
Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

There were no questions.

B. Cooperation with the Professional CommunityJo D.

My name is Jo D. I am an alcoholic. My Home Group is Search for Serenity in District 54, Ottawa Rideau. This is my final report to the Area Committee Meeting (ACM).

I sincerely want to thank you for allowing me to serve these past two years. I offer a warm and special thank you to the District CPC Chairs with whom I have collaborated these past two years. They are an outstanding group of individuals!

Following the Area Assembly in October, I reached out to all District CPC Chairs in Area 83 to organize a final quarterly meeting. That meeting is yet to be scheduled given the exceedingly low response rate. Instead, I will connect individually with a number of district chairs and I will attend the December multi-district PICPC committees in Ottawa and Toronto.

I have continued to help our Delegate, Kimberley, with managing the Area 83 information sessions on the Comprehensive Media Plan; I have attended the pre-conference agenda sharing committee meetings chaired by our immediate past delegate.

Planning for the second annual North American CPC and PI Conference is underway. As Area 83 CPC Chair having being doing for several years, I participate on that planning committee. That experience has helped with planning and organizing other Area activities. Perhaps the incoming CPC Chair will continue the tradition.

As I rotate out of the CPC Chair role, I really just want to say thank you. Thank you for giving me the chance to serve. It has been an honour. I tried to give my best. And I met some of the best of service members this fellowship has to offer.

I rotate out with overwhelming gratitude to Area 83.

Yours in service, Jo D.

There were no questions.

C. Correctional Facilities.....Marty 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.

Again, I reached out to our district Corrections chairs for a final update for the year and here's what's going on around area 83 Corrections.

District 42 St. Lawrence International: Nothing much has changed in district 42. We have the county Jail cover with one volunteer doing the women once a week and one volunteer doing the men once every two weeks. The men's volunteer is considering changing to weekly.

For the State Prisons we have one volunteer going into Ogdensburg once a month and no one going into the Gouverneur Prison. There was talk of some one from Jefferson County going into Gouverneur, but that never happened.

Districts 54 & 62 Ottawa: We have been able to bring a few meetings to the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre (OCDC) which is located in Ottawa (District 54 & 62).

OCDC has changed their volunteer screening process and it has been a very slow process. Myself and another female member have been cleared to go once a month on the women's side of the institution since June. Sometimes we cannot go in due to lack of staff and sometimes the meeting is cut short due to routines such as role call or other things but when we do get to sit down together the women express gratitude for our visits.

We have been able to bring in some literature which is well received as other than the monthly visit there is no other contact with AA. This is something we have been announcing regularly and our districts have been donating old GV magazines and other soft cover literature. OCDC does not allow hard cover books, so if we do get those we have been donating them to the Ottawa Withdrawal Management Centre (OWMC aka Detox)

OCDC just completed another orientation (which is part of the screening process) with some male members and they hope to have them set up soon to visit the male side and bring AA meetings to that side of the institution.

We have also received a few BTG requests from OCDC which is great to know that the staff at OCDC are trying to help the inside members step out of the institution and into AA when they re-enter into the community.

District 36 Kingston: Activities inside walls has slowed down due to partial medical lockdowns in District 36 Corrections. Here are the latest updates:

The CSC Volunteer program clearance is centralized at Federal level and those that have taken the new online course are able to be cleared for both institutions. New applications will be progressed this way as previously each institution had its own process. Lists and renewals for approvals are being reviewed for current status.

1. Inside Walls AA meetings have been progressing well through the month of November in both CBI (Medium/ Minimum) and JI (Minimum) but a recent medical lockdown is now impacting meetings and attendee numbers with the last Tuesday 13.00 hours medium down to 3 members due to medical constraints.
2. CBI Saturday morning meetings are on hold as unattended by several weeks in a row. A suggestion was made by a CBI staff member to hold meetings later in afternoon and this is in review by volunteers to see if possible.

3. Collins Bay Scott Pringle (CBI Min) has been approached for an update ETA's and only one person is cleared for ETA. There are several others in progress but the process to get inmates cleared is lengthy.
4. CBI Min Sunday night meeting still well attended led by AA volunteers. Numbers starting to be impacted by medical lockdowns.
5. Some clearances have lapsed and the list is currently in review. There are no meetings allowed at the assessment unit. Trisha and Ashley Kipper JJ run the Joyceville Minimum social programs.
6. Thursday Joyceville is currently being impacted by a medical lockdown and will not proceed December 1st and will be reviewed if for the following week.
7. Area 83 Corrections Chair will be updated following this meeting. District 36 was thanked for all for great service and updates.
8. AA area assembly was held in October and well attended by D36 members. The corrections portion was well managed attended and coordinated with a strong message. Well done all who participated.
9. Literature is available in good quantities and your chair will meet with any members that have needs for big book, 12&12 and chips etc. Some materials have been distributed.
10. New volunteer application and access forms are available. Please contact corrections chair Trevor O. and will forward as needed.

Groups Reps. Please announce at next meeting please. Corrections urgently needs your help please! Night Driving is becoming a challenge. We are down to one person. If you are able to announce at your meetings that we are looking for drivers to assist with ETAs this would be appreciated. Please contact Trevor O. corrections chair' If any of your members feel comfortable driving inmates to meetings, we could definitely use more volunteers for ETA's. (ESCORTED TEMPORARY ABSENCES)

Yours in Love and Service Trevor Oddell District Corrections Chair

District 34 Quinte East: I delivered several soft cover books to Les McDonald to take into Millhaven and approximately the same amount to Robert J. to take into Napanee Detention. Robert is a new volunteer that has done more service for the inmates in one month than I have seen in a number of years! He is going in every Thursday night and is constantly recruiting information, literature, bridging the gap requests...I can barely keep up with him. So grateful and he has had a huge kick start to his sluggish recovery after moving to our area. Service is the answer to so much for so many! I was just given the name of a new male volunteer and when he's ready to go in I'm sure he will appreciate Robert too.

My new female Sharyn B. and I went in for her first time to Napanee and she was surprisingly confident and the women accepted her right away. We tried to go back the last two weeks however they have had a Covid outbreak. Neil W. is taking over as the new chair for corrections in our district however he is in the sunny U.S. until May, so Les M. is filling in for him. The chips we ordered for Millhaven were vetoed by the guards so Les is looking for plastic ones. Robert is making up some paper bookmarks...the inmates love to be acknowledged for their months of sobriety. I received several Grapevines from Marty however they go fast so I'm always asking for more if your groups or members have them please try to get them to corrections. This is my last official report and I want to say with great sadness as well as relief as I have pressing needs in my own family just now for "my services "; how much I will miss seeing the new electee's come along with my old service brothers and sisters.

District 30 Quinte West: Great news! The first meeting at Warkworth Detention Centre. was Wednesday November 30 and will be every Wednesday moving forward.

District 22 Scarborough: Still no face-to-face meetings at Toronto East Detention Centre. They are stocked with Softcover Big Books Grapevines and pamphlets.

District 6 Mississauga: Things are the same at the Toronto South Detention Centre - Tuesday morning meetings continue with good turnout and literature is good - still no word or any news on the Wednesday night meeting - with all the changes at the south any movement if any probably won't happen until next year.

District 2 Malton: OCI is alive and well. Our Monday evening meeting has a new format, and we will be discussing the steps & traditions 1 thru 12. We are averaging 8 participants for our meetings. The group recently had elections and a new 2-person board was put into place. We are getting back to operating as a group on the outside with the group consensus establishing the direction of the group. There is a member that goes in once per week and does some one on ones.

Things are running smoothly, and we have only experienced one lockdown since we started on July 14th.

Keeping the message alive behind the walls

There were no questions.

D. Treatment Facilities Tim F.

Good Morning 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. I can't believe how fast this two year term has flown by. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve Area 83 in this capacity. I was able to learn a lot over the last two years and had the opportunity to pass this knowledge along to many who were looking for answers. Everyone at Area 83 and all the District Chairs made this a wonderful experience.

Not much has changed since the Fall Assembly. Bridging the Gap request are still steadily streaming in. Our last Sub-Committee Meeting was held November 27th at 7PM. We had a great discussion between all who attended. Many Districts are busy carrying the message into Withdrawal Management and Treatment Centers, either virtually or in person. There are still some centers that we have not got back into but the committee has done an amazing job of getting the meetings back up and running. They have accomplished so much over this two year term. One incoming District Chair was in attendance and was able to get many questions answered.

Thanks for sending me District minutes over the last two years. It allowed me to be better connected and showed where I could better serve. Thank you for your friendship and for being an important part of my sobriety. I'm looking forward to see who the incoming Treatment Chair will be and I am happy to offer any assistance I can to make the transition seamless. Please let your name stand if eligible today for the elections. I can't express how rewarding it has been to serve the Area as a Sub-Committee Chair.

Yours in Gratitude, Love and Service,
Tim F.

treatment@area83aa.org

Discussion:

George D – DCM D22 – Michael Garron hospital meeting is open but is limited to 2-3 members. Only occasionally clients come down. Is this common? Meeting being restricted to outside members? Seems discouraging as rarely people come to attend.

Tim F – Nothing is “common” these days. Every hospital is different and hospitals in general will be the last to open up to us. Stick with it!

Ann J – DCM D10 – We have had the same question at our table. Three different treatment facilities are only allowing 2-3 members. They want it client focussed and not overwhelm them.

Christie F – DCM D18 – We are bound to respect the facility and their wishes. We are only there to reach out the hand of AA to those who ask for us.

E. GrapevineJane S.

I am an alcoholic, member of the hand of aa group in district 74 and my name is jane s. It has been my Honour to serve as the area 83 grapevine chair for panel 71.

GRAPEVINE



A famous psychiatrist once said that, as a group, alcoholics are more concerned about how they appear to others than how they view themselves. This story from Texas seems to support that notion.

The newcomer drove up to his sponsor’s house one hot summer day in South Texas.

“Golly, I can’t stand it! It’s 104 degrees, my car doesn’t have air conditioning, I’m sweating and I’m dying for a cold frosty beer.”

“You know what you could do” said the sponsor. “You might try rolling down your windows - mind you, that’s only a suggestion.”

There was a moment of silence before the newcomer replied. “Are you crazy? If I did that, then everyone would know that I didn’t have air conditioning.”

Grapevine February 1989

It is with great love that I write this final report to as your Area Grapevine Chair. This experience has been a highlight of my time in AA service thus far. I believe that my participation here has helped me to grow in understanding and effectiveness, one of the many promises in the big book . I thank each and every one of you for your support and for my sobriety.

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It is the final month for the Carry the Message Project 2022. (aagrapevine.org/carry-the-message.) The Canadian response has been poor, only 87 subscriptions provided at last count. Our magazine can be a lifeline for so many still suffering alcoholics unable to get out for various reasons. Please consider your District, Group or yourself provide a paid subscription to someone in need.

Please call upon your district GV and LV reps to come to your meetings and service meetings to share the joy of the Grapevine Magazine. We are ready and willing to attend your events with displays and inventory. Please let us know where we can be of service.

The AA podcast has grown in popularity. There have been over 250,000 downloads so far. You can try it at aagrapevine.org/podcast or your favourite podcast platform. New episodes every Monday.

Instagram has been active now for over one year and has 8660 followers. LaVina has 1065 followers. Posts include inspiration, daily quotes, upcoming events, new books and humour on Friday's.

An AA Grapevine and AA La Vina APP are in progress to integrate everything in one place. We anticipate this to be available September 2023. This will be in addition to the magazine, not in place of. Currently there is a request for input from the fellowship on what you may like to see on the APP (sobriety calculator, pop ups, reminders, check lists, links to bookstore, links to the Meeting Guide APP, etc). You can access this and let your voice be heard at AAGrapevine.org.

Price increases will take effect on January 1, 2023, for books and other ancillary items. Shipping is FREE from November 1 to December 31, 2022. Now is the time to stock up on literature!

ANNOUNCEMENT from November 27, 2022 - AA Grapevine will be making two major changes over the next few weeks

**** We are switching to a new order fulfillment vendor better suited for our multi-platform subscription models**

**** Our online store will be integrated into our main website for easier access and improved functionality**

Because of these changes, we expect brief service disruptions, especially for those ordering products online. Please be patient, and if you encounter a problem, come back later to try again. For urgent needs, you can call Grapevine and LaVina customer service at 212-870-3417.

Finally, something that came up at the Grapevine Workshop at the Service Information Day was a question as to whether or not the AA Grapevine Magazine was "Conference Approved" Literature. I was grateful to have it pointed out by a former Delegate in attendance that, inside the front cover of the magazine at the bottom left corner it states:

Conference Advisory Action, 1986: "Since each issue of the Grapevine can not go through the Conference-approval process, the Conference recognizes the AA Grapevine as the journal of Alcoholics Anonymous."

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

The AA Grapevine Statement of Purpose - The AA Grapevine is the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous. Written, edited, illustrated, and read by AA members and others interested in the AA program of recovery from alcoholism, the Grapevine is a lifeline linking one alcoholic to another.

There were no questions.

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.

First, I want to thank those who attended the Area Assembly and in particular the Treasurer/Self-Support Workshop. I also want to thank the SID committee for a job well done. It was a great service information day and a great assembly weekend!!

Since the assembly, things have been relatively quiet.

The last Area 83 Self-Support meeting was held this past Thursday night. The discussion on Thursday night indicated the district chairs shared how beneficial the monthly meeting was. I would hope this meeting will continue with the incoming Area 83 Self-Support chair. It allowed the District Chairs to share with each other successes, challenges and ideas in each of their respective districts relevant to Self-Support.

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.

Lastly, thank you for the opportunity to serve Area 83 these last two years. It has enhanced my sobriety in ways I never would have imagined. Area 83 is alive and well with members committed to their service positions. The fellowship of Area 83 should be proud.

Yours in Love and Service,

Bev H

Self-Support Chair, Panel 71,

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International.

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There were no questions.

G. Archives.....Shane H.

Hello Friends, I'm an alcoholic and my name is Shane. I am grateful to serve as your Area 83 Archives Chair. As our term comes to a close, I feel gratitude for those who kept our area going strong throughout the pandemic, while other areas had resignations - ours stayed strong.

It never ceases to amaze me at the depth and skill our trusted servants have demonstrated throughout the pandemic, Thank you for your service.

There were 12 members including myself and presenters at our 16th Annual Archives workshop on Saturday November 19th. It was well prepared and lots of great fellowship was had. David T, Eddie G, Patricia A and I were presenters.

David Completed our final issue of "The 83" for this panel term it includes the rest of the articles submitted for our Covid theme,

I do apologize for not attending in person today something came up with my son. Good luck for whatever you let your name stand for and let god and the fellowship choose and remember we are all winners in here.

Yours in Love and Service, Shane H
Area 83 panel 71 Archives Chair.

There were no questions.

H. Accessibilities..... Jenny B.

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.

Wow, what a ride it has been learning and growing along side all you beautiful people. I'm sorry that I couldn't be there in person with you today, but I am grateful that technology and area 83 have made this meeting accessible to members like myself that were unable to attend the meeting face to face today.

With a strong Passionate Accessibilities Committee, we were able to accomplish a lot in the first term that Accessibilities was a stand along committee. I am tremendously proud and honoured to have been able to work with such a dedicated group of individuals. We were able to finalize.

Meetings to go – a how to guide for taking meetings into people's homes

A how to set up Closed Captioning on Zoom video

A Pamphlet on Accessibilities – what accessibilities is and how we can help – Just to name a few.

We also managed to secure an ASL interpreter for both Accessibilities workshops during the service information day in 2022.

Most of all we were able to bring to light some opportunities that we in aa and area 83 can help make meetings and service more accessible to our fellowship. When anyone any where reaches out for help!

The Monthly Accessibilities meeting was a gift for everyone that attended as it gave us all the opportunity to learn from each other and collect ideas to help make change happen.

To keep It short and sweet in the spirit of time I want to thank you all for allowing me to serve. When you think in your head there is no way I can do this, I promise you your higher power knows what they are doing. So, if you are not sure, I encourage you to let your name stand today for a position. The gift of being of service is like nothing I have experienced before.

Together we can achieve great things

Yours in love and service

Jenny B

There were no questions.

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 in early November to go over the survey results. The feedback was excellent, so thank you to all of the workshop chairs for doing a wonderful job and making us look good. There were quite a few comments about hoping to get back to in-person, and quite a few others hoping that there will be a hybrid option moving forward. We've put together a Google Drive containing all of the information we put together this term, and all of the information passed on to us from previous committees. This will be passed on to the new committee in the new year.

For all of the incoming District Committee Members - I would like to recommend to all you to seriously consider letting your name stand for the Service Information Day Committee at the January Area Committee Meeting. It really has been an amazing experience for me, and I had the pleasure of meeting so many great AA members along the way, as well as being a part of a fantastic team. Leading up to last January's Area Meeting, I wasn't sure about it, and it was a little scary at first, but there are always lots of people willing to help out and share their experience and guidance along the way, and the committee finds its way with great teamwork and a love of service. I'm so grateful for this service opportunity these last two years, it really has been a joy putting on the Service Information Days, and trying to figure out how best to replicate the in-person experience.

Yours in love and service,

Trevor F

Service Information Day Committee Chairperson
Area 83 - Eastern Ontario International

There were no questions.

J. WebmasterGeorge 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 675 visitors in November.

The highlight was Monday November 29th, when we had 42 unique visitors to the website.

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.

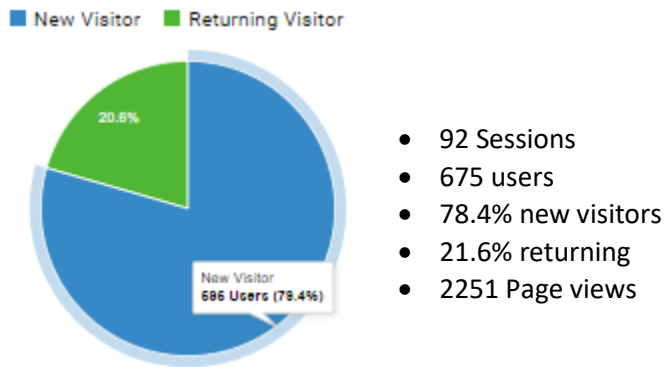
Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Yours in service,

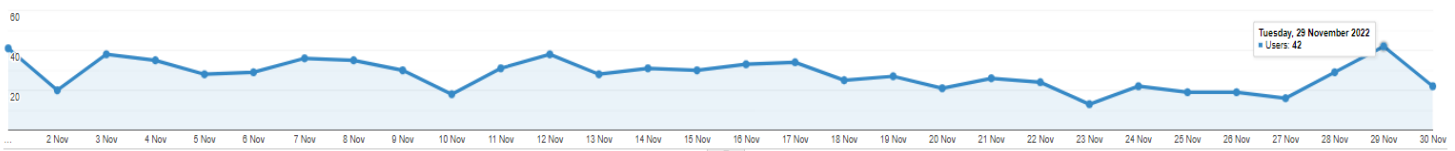
George M

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1. Google Analytics – November 2022



2. 42 Visitors on November 29th.



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
		2,251 % of Total: 100.00% (2,251)	1,752 % of Total: 100.00% (1,752)	00:01:04 Avg for View: 00:01:04 (0.00%)	924 % of Total: 100.00% (924)	58.33% Avg for View: 58.33% (0.00%)	41.05% Avg for View: 41.05% (0.00%)
1.	/	528 (23.46%)	399 (22.77%)	00:00:50	357 (38.64%)	35.57%	35.23%
2.	/resources	161 (7.15%)	104 (5.94%)	00:00:30	14 (1.52%)	14.29%	5.59%
3.	/events/calendar-of-events	137 (6.09%)	100 (5.71%)	00:00:42	37 (4.00%)	59.46%	30.66%
4.	/about-area-83/area-assembly	117 (5.20%)	106 (6.05%)	00:00:43	81 (8.77%)	83.95%	67.52%
5.	/events/area-meeting-schedule	110 (4.89%)	83 (4.74%)	00:00:22	11 (1.19%)	63.64%	25.45%
6.	/about-area-83/area-minutes	106 (4.71%)	86 (4.91%)	00:01:45	20 (2.16%)	65.00%	46.23%
7.	/how-it-works/is-aa-for-you/quick-self-assessment	70 (3.11%)	54 (3.08%)	00:01:18	54 (5.84%)	64.81%	65.71%
8.	/how-it-works/helpine	64 (2.84%)	48 (2.74%)	00:03:10	46 (4.98%)	69.57%	67.19%
9.	/how-it-works/district-websites-2	63 (2.80%)	49 (2.80%)	00:01:12	40 (4.33%)	75.00%	61.90%
10.	/about-area-83/area-83-districts-map	59 (2.62%)	54 (3.08%)	00:01:59	29 (3.14%)	86.21%	71.19%
11.	/events	54 (2.40%)	41 (2.34%)	00:00:51	5 (0.54%)	60.00%	22.22%
12.	/about-area-83/area-committee-meeting-2	45 (2.00%)	38 (2.17%)	00:01:36	7 (0.76%)	71.43%	37.78%
13.	/about-area-83	43 (1.91%)	31 (1.77%)	00:00:28	6 (0.65%)	50.00%	18.60%
14.	/about-area-83/area-contributions	43 (1.91%)	35 (2.00%)	00:02:48	14 (1.52%)	71.43%	46.51%
15.	/how-it-works/bridging-the-gap-2	40 (1.78%)	27 (1.54%)	00:01:00	21 (2.27%)	90.48%	60.00%
16.	/events/calendar-of-events/eventdetail/284/-/comprehensive-media-plan	38 (1.69%)	33 (1.88%)	00:02:46	9 (0.97%)	100.00%	68.42%
17.	/resources/secretary	35 (1.55%)	33 (1.88%)	00:01:41	21 (2.27%)	100.00%	82.86%
18.	/contactus/contacts	29 (1.29%)	24 (1.37%)	00:00:46	3 (0.32%)	100.00%	37.93%
19.	/contactus	28 (1.24%)	27 (1.54%)	00:02:18	13 (1.41%)	76.92%	57.14%
20.	/events/calendar-of-events/monthcalendar/2022/12/-	24 (1.07%)	17 (0.97%)	00:00:17	0 (0.00%)	0.00%	12.50%
21.	/resources/accessibility	24 (1.07%)	17 (0.97%)	00:02:48	4 (0.43%)	75.00%	50.00%
22.	/resources/chairperson	22 (0.98%)	19 (1.08%)	00:00:37	8 (0.87%)	50.00%	36.36%
23.	/resources/area-registrar	20 (0.89%)	17 (0.97%)	00:05:40	5 (0.54%)	40.00%	45.00%
24.	/information-on-aa	19 (0.84%)	15 (0.86%)	00:00:30	5 (0.54%)	80.00%	42.11%
25.	/resources/delegates-page	19 (0.84%)	17 (0.97%)	00:05:12	5 (0.54%)	80.00%	47.37%
26.	/events/calendar-of-events/monthcalendar/2022/11/-	16 (0.71%)	12 (0.68%)	00:00:15	6 (0.65%)	33.33%	31.25%
27.	/information-on-aa/did-you-know	15 (0.67%)	14 (0.80%)	00:00:37	5 (0.54%)	40.00%	33.33%
28.	/events/submit-events	14 (0.62%)	5 (0.29%)	00:00:47	1 (0.11%)	0.00%	21.43%
29.	/how-it-works	14 (0.62%)	13 (0.74%)	00:00:48	1 (0.11%)	100.00%	14.29%
30.	/events/calendar-of-events/eventdetail/291/-/a83-treatment-sub-committee	13 (0.58%)	12 (0.68%)	00:00:24	6 (0.65%)	83.33%	69.23%

There were no questions.

7. REGISTRAR'S REPORTBill 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 600 Group records (582 Regular Groups and 18 Virtual Groups) 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.

The pace of Group and District changes has picked-up considerably in the last few weeks as the Groups and Districts complete their elections. Please continue to send the changes to me so the database can be as current as possible for the Panel 73 Registrar and Secretary. In terms of other things going on, the 93 Area Registrars will have a meeting on 18 December 2022.

I would like to personally thank all the District Registrars, Secretaries and District Committee Members for your support over the past 2 years. As well, there is a whole team who helped with the Area Assembly registrations and need to be acknowledged for their Service. It has been an amazing growth opportunity for all of us.

In closing, I will make myself available to Districts and Groups to assist you with Registrar-related issues where I can.

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

Bill C

Panel 71 Registrar

Area 83 - Eastern Ontario International

registrar@area83aa.org

There were no questions.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT Dave L.

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

I am grateful that Area 83 Eastern Ontario International has navigated through the pandemic and continues to serve the still suffering alcoholic. My tasks as Treasurer were slower than normal. Most Groups pivoted to meeting on video conferencing applications. Many groups started e-Transfer for their home Group.

Contributions to Area 83 dropped off dramatically in 2020, showed some increase in 2021 and have strengthened significantly in 2022. Obviously, expenses also dramatically reduced with little in person Area activities. These combined factors allowed Area 83 to send Contributions to the General Service Office of \$40,000 over the last 2 years.

There have been 63 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 November 25, 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 November 25, 2022:

- 7th Tradition collected to date is \$2709.55, including \$795.00 at the Fall Assembly
- Flow Through Contributions to GSO were \$475.00
- Grapevine Seasonal Revenues were \$1,199.25
- Group, District and Individual Contributions \$43,848.95, which significantly exceeds the total year Guideline amount of \$30,339.60

Total Income for the period is \$48,232.75

Expenses for the period as at November 25, 2022:

- Committee expenses are \$3,002.72
- Area Contributions to GSO were \$15,100, including an in Memorium contribution of \$100 for Bruce B, DCM District 86
- Area Committee Meeting costs of \$951.55
- General Service Conference Assessment \$10,445.60 (\$8,000 US)
- Bank Service Charges \$56.20
- Paypal Fees \$25.08
- Regional Forums costs of \$2,183.78 for our Delegate and Alternate Delegate to attend
- Grapevine Seasonal expenses were \$941.93
- Flow Through Contributions to GSO were \$475.00
- Ontario Delegates' Committee \$1,093.69
- CERAASA / Eastern Canadian Delegates Orientation \$301.82

Total Expenses for the period are \$34,577.37

The opening bank balance at January 1, 2022 was \$46,492.09. Total income of \$48,232.75 less expenses of \$34,577.37 leaves a balance in the operating account of \$60,147.47. As of November 25, our expenses were \$13,655.38 less than income. Thank you to the 110 Groups, 14 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 \$2,367.00 for several committee members includes travel expenses to the June & September Area Committee Meeting
- The amount shown for the Delegate include \$296.48 for costs relating to presenting the General Service Conference recap.
- The amount shown for the Chairperson as Miscellaneous of \$208.00 relates ZOOM account costs for larger attendees for PCAS, Spring and Fall Assemblies. The budget for the ZOOM account is now with the Chairperson, rather than the Alternate Delegate.
- The amount shown for Treasurer, includes \$229.79, relating 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.

Since there is an additional or bonus ACM in 2022, I do not have a corresponding period to compare our financial position. A year end comparison will be reported at the ACM in January 2023 by our Panel 73 Treasurer, Jack R.

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

Please rest assured that Area 83 Eastern Ontario International is financially stable and ready to withstand any challenges as they appear.

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.

Today’s 7th Tradition contributions will be reported at January Area Committee Meeting

Training for your incoming Treasurer will occur in mid to late December.

As this will be the last time that I am reporting to you, the Area Committee, I would like to thank everyone who contributed, supported, and questioned. I have enjoyed serving Area 83 as your Panel 71 Treasurer and I wish the Panel 73 Area 83 Treasurer, Jack R. a smooth transition.

I am filled with gratitude and motivated by the commitment and dedication of our trusted servants in Area 83.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Area 83.

Yours in Love and Service,
Dave L – Area 83 Treasurer – Panel 71

Discussion:

Barbara DCM D78 – What time frame for \$40,000.

Dave L - \$25,000 in 2021 & \$15,000 in 2022.

Jill B – DCM D06 – Why is there a difference for GV seasonal items?

Dave L - Wasn't the exchange rate. It was an overestimation of cost. Possibly postage cost.

Jill B – P.3 Contributions – is it 24 or 14 Districts that have contributed?

Dave – Districts alone was 14 and 24 included groups.

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

This is a very busy time for the Area secretary as so much happens in just a few short months. Minutes have just gone out from our recent Assembly, prepping for the this ACM (printing, emailing, reports, etc.). It has been a pleasure to serve for my third and final time in this position. Twenty printed agendas have been made available to guests or those unable to access their digital copy. These are located to my right amongst the paper Conference reports available in English, Francais & Espagnol – I know our Delegate would appreciate it if she went home with a lighter vehicle. If you would like a digital agenda please give me your email and when I sit down a copy can be sent to you.

Thank you to those who have already sent me your reports and also to those who are doing it right now as I'm speaking. It is very much appreciated when reports come in early or very soon after so that no one has to be hunted down for their report. You just gave it so why not send it in?

New District Panel 73 slates are slowly coming in with approximately 4 Districts having sent them – and already one update. By now most Districts have had their elections for the new term so when you get back home please lovingly encourage the District member responsible for sending it in to do so as soon as possible.

Jill & I have been in contact since the Assembly to run over a few things that this position entails. We will now be diving in to a smooth transition for January 1st. With your help we will have the data ready to enter to complete the new Panel 73 Area 83 roster. My trunk was full when I got here and it will be empty when I leave. Again, this is the third time I've "emptied the trunk" of secretary gear – hopefully this third time is the charm.

I know that when we begin the new term Area 83 will be in very capable secretary hands. Feel free to reach out if I can be of any assistance.

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

This has absolutely been one of my favourite service positions so far. There are just so many things going on that I would like to share about but will limit my verbal report to the bare minimum.

DCM Sharing Sessions

Moving forward the sessions have been handed over to our incoming Area Registrar, Trevor F for 2023 and our incoming Area Secretary for 2024. They have both been part of this experimental journey of inter District sharing from the very beginning and will be prepared to chair the meetings, prepare and distribute the monthly agenda and review and distribution of minutes. These minutes are available from your DCM if you would like to know more about what discussions and presentations are taking place.

At our session coming up this week our incoming Panel 73 Alternate Delegate, Amy, will be discussing monthly GSR workshops that could be offered by the Area. This is a major movement forward in closing the gaps in communication that were identified in the Communications Audit Report. Looking forward to seeing how we can reach out to and support the top of our service structure.

Remote Communities

The Inter Area Remote Communities Work Group will be hosting an amazing RC Forum on Saturday December 17th. I am attaching the posters in English, Spanish, and French.

Panel 73 – Agenda Items

Our very own Joyce S – Eastern Canada Regional Trustee – compiled a very detailed summary of the Trustee Board Meeting that took place in October. It is the Trustees that continue to carry out the wishes of the fellowship throughout the year that were expressed through the group conscience of the whole fellowship via the Conference. The report was sent out to all Area committee members on November 12th. We are the chosen few who have regular access to our ECRT. The following are a few items I wanted to share with you to whet your whistle on some of the exciting agenda items that were discussed.

The Preamble:

The Grapevine Board thoughtfully reviewed each request below regarding the Preamble and took no action. The 72nd General Service Conference Committee on Grapevine and La Viña reviewed and discussed this issue thoroughly in April 2022 and took no action. The Grapevine Chair and the 72nd Conference Committee on Grapevine and La Viña met in October 2022 and reviewed these proposed agenda items. It was determined there was no new information which required further discussion.

Moratorium of 5 years before addressing this item again.

Plain Language Big Book PAIs: The trustee's' Literature Committee agreed to forward to the 2023 Conference Literature committee all new proposed agenda items related to the Plain Language Big Book as one grouped item. The committee also discussed requests from some members regarding access to the draft of the Plain Language Big Book. After legal consultation, the committee agreed to provide a monitored closed reading room for Conference members only during the 2023 General Service Conference, where Conference Literature Committee members will be given first viewing of draft chapters in a controlled environment.

Delegates will be given access to the document before voting.

PAI#23: The committee discussed a request to create literature (pamphlet, card, or other) addressing Registered Sex Offenders in AA, their privacy and the importance of anonymity to these members, and what acceptance means for these people and their recovery from alcoholism and took no action. The committee noted that the topic is addressed in existing service material regarding safety and anonymity in A.A.

PAI#95: The committee discussed a request regarding changes made by Advisory Action of the 72nd General Service Conference to the wording in the pamphlet —“Questions and Answers on Sponsorship” (P-15) and took no action. The committee noted that until other projects are completed a decision has been made to forgo new pamphlets or revisions at this time.

Progress report: The committee reviewed a progress report regarding development of a Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous that provided updates on the story selection process including the consideration of Fourth Edition existing stories. To date 1,000 submissions have been received. The committee appreciated the ongoing work and looks forward to a progress report at the January 2023 meeting.

Progress report on plain and simple language Big Book: The committee reviewed a report regarding the translation of the book Alcoholics Anonymous (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language that included the progress and challenges of the work being done by the writer and the subcommittee. The committee expressed their gratitude for the ongoing work and looks forward to a progress report at the January 2023 meeting.

PI

The 2022 AA Membership Survey is in the Delegate Data Collection project phase. All sampled groups survey submissions are due by the recently extended deadline of October 24, 2022. Submissions of video content created by young people on how they carry the message to other young people who may benefit from our life-giving solution has been requested, with a deadline for submissions of November 7, 2022.

Once the survey is completed, an evaluation will be provided seeking input of the survey process. Every A.A. Membership Survey has been a current snapshot of a limited number of the total A.A. group population, based on a moment in time.

I continue to work closely with our Delegate to prepare for the upcoming Conference in April and especially look forward to the PCAS sessions taking place in early 2023. It is an amazing way to hear how our fellowship feels on certain issues and also to share our Area’s vision for the future. Thank you for your faith in me and I look forward to serving Area 83 and Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole for the next two years.

There were no questions.

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. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as Panel 71 Delegate for Area 83 Eastern Ontario International.

Here is what I have been up to since our Fall Assembly

On November 8th and 22nd, I attended the PCAS planning meeting. Our next meeting is December 13th.

On November 12th, I attended the District 50 Conference in Cornwall.

On November 13th I met with James, Jill and Christy to further discuss the 2013-2015 Conference Inventory Results. Our next meeting is on December 4th.

On November 15th Panel 71, 72 and 73 Delegates were invited to a Delegates only meeting where the outgoing delegates could share tips and suggestions with the incoming delegates around the Conference experience. What to expect and how to prepare and so on. James and I both attended.

On November 16, 23 and 30th, I hosted the Comprehensive Media Plan sessions. We have one more this upcoming Wednesday at 7pm. The topic will be Apps, Websites and Content Creation. The 4 sessions on Demystifying the Comprehensive Media Plan have been very well received!! Over 350 people registered will receive the audio recordings in both French and English for all 4 sessions. The panelists were amazing and provided a wealth of information each night.

On Nov 23rd Julie and Morgan explained what google ads and google grants are and how they work. They addressed these wrt to our traditions as well as privacy verses anonymity. If you have members who have concerns or questions about these topics, encourage them to listen to the audio recording.

The feedback survey asked how valuable the information shared in the sessions were and the response has been overwhelmingly 5/5. Thank you to everyone who pitched in to make these sessions a huge success.

On November 17th and December 1st, the adhoc committee looking for a venue for the Spring Assembly met.

November 28th the Delegates and Alternates of Eastern Canada met as the steering committee for CERAASA. Following that meeting, we met with our Regional Trustee Joyce to answer any questions we had about the report she shared on the General Service Board weekend she had attended October 28th – 31st. Her report was sent to you on November 12th.

Anything to share from that report?

Any suggestions for the next term?

Report on submission for the International Convention

This week I will submit our bid for the 2035 International Convention. The deadline was moved to December 15th which is great because this weekend Area 90 has their assembly where the delegate will ask if they will support our bid.

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!!

This service assembly brings us together to exchange ideas and experiences with other members from the 10 areas in Eastern Canada. All members are welcome and can fully participate! The entire weekend is packed with panels, presentations, open mic sharing, speakers and fellowship.

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

There will be at least 3 items to discuss at the 90 minute CERAASA business meeting held on Saturday afternoon.

- Updated guidelines for CERAASA
- 2 items related to a Rotation Schedule for CERAASA

Items for new business must be submitted by any member in writing at least two weeks prior to the CERAASA.

Report on any update for the PCAS sessions unless Rob will do it

- Documents will be added to the glide app for easy access

Report on preliminary Conference Agenda emailed out in December?

Reminder that in members or groups would like to see something happen in the area, then discuss it at your district and as DCMs, you can email the chairperson to have it added to the agenda for discussion and vote here! This is your area – ideas, initiatives are encouraged from the groups – this is a place to discuss the recommendations that come from your districts! If something isn't happening and you are waiting for it to happen, it won't happen until you ask for it!!!

Upcoming events and activities

Wow, where did the term go??

Thanking lots of people

Welcome incoming panel of officers

Good luck to those who let their names stand at the election in the afternoon

Here is what I have been up to

James, Jill and Christy and I continue to meet and discuss the 2013-2015 GSC inventory results. This document includes some great suggestions and has sparked some dynamic discussions.

I also participated in the ad hoc committee looking into the Digital Needs of Area 83.

On November 8th, I look forward to attending the first planning meeting for the 2023 PCAS sessions.

The four sessions on the Comprehensive Media Plan are fast approaching. Please register to receive the meeting ID for these 90-minute sessions. Each begins at 7pm.

The first session takes place on November 16th and the topic will be "Carrying the Message: An Introduction to the CMP".

On November 23rd we will discuss "Is AA Advertising? Google grants and more".

The topic for November 30th is "AA on Social Media – LinkedIn, Instagram & YouTube".

And on December 7th the discussion will be about "Apps, Websites and Content Creation"

Each night will include 2 to 3 panelists that are staff from the GSO or Trustees who work closely with the CMP. These sessions will be very informative and provide members and trusted servants with a great foundational understanding of how AA is embracing various forms of media to carry our message to the still suffering alcoholic while keeping within our traditions. You will be invited to ask your questions and provide feedback for our panelists throughout the sessions. (Post link to flyer in chat) Thank you to Amy, Jo and Taylor for helping to organize these sessions and those who will be assisting on those evenings.

The final agenda for the 73rd General Service Conference should be available in early February. Groups and districts are then encouraged to begin discussing these items to allow our membership to be a part of the decision-making Conference process. You will have about a month to gather as much feedback as possible from members before the PCAS sharing sessions will begin. PCAS stands for Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing. The purpose of these sessions is to inform the Delegate of the feedback that has been gathered from members for as many items as possible. The PCAS schedule will come out in early January to allow you to put them on your calendar. Any member can attend.

Information for the PCAS sessions will of course be sent out by email, and posted on our area 83 Website. You can also access more information through a glideApp that we are testing, which you can access on any device. I will post the link for that in the chat.

The CERAASA steering committee meeting, comprised of the delegates and alternate delegates of the 10 areas in Eastern Canada and our regional trustee, continue to meet bi-monthly. Each area has contributed \$186.85 to cover the costs of interpretation in French and English. I was unable to attend the September meeting but look forward to the November meeting.

You are all invited to join enthusiastic AA members from all over Canada's Eastern Region and be part of CERAASA 2023. This Canadian Eastern Regional AA Service Assembly only takes place once every 2 years. The weekend is packed with panels, presentations, open mic sharing, speakers and fellowship. As a region we will exchange ideas and discuss pertinent aspects of Alcoholics Anonymous. It will be an experience you will not want to miss. This service assembly will be hosted by Area 86, and is taking place February 24-26 in St. Catharines. Book before December 26 to get the discounted room rate. Registration and Hotel details can be found on the ceraasa.org website. Those who register will receive an agenda for the weekend which will include items to be discussed and voted on during the business meeting portion of the weekend.

In 2024, Area 83 will be hosting the Eastern Canada Regional Forum in Ottawa, August 23 – 25 if you would like to put that on your calendar and save the date.

This afternoon we will discuss whether or not Area 83 should put in a bid for the 2025 International Convention which marks 100 years of Alcoholics Anonymous.

It has been an amazing experience serving Area 83 as your delegate through our first, and hopefully last, pandemic. Although it has been a challenging term, it has also been exciting and rewarding to navigate these uncharted waters together. We adapted and learned new ways to fulfill our commitments and we did our part to keep service alive and well in Area 83. Thank you to all who persevered!

It was wonderful to attend the virtual General Service Conference in 2021 but one of the highlights as delegate was to be AT the 2022

General Service Conference in person, face to face and able to hug fellow delegates and other Conference members.

Other highlights include getting to know many of you this term and I look forward to continued friendships. I'd like to encourage all who are eligible to consider letting your name for election this afternoon. Service truly does add a whole other dimension to sobriety for which I will be eternally grateful.

Thank you SO much for this opportunity to be of service.

With gratitude, love and service, Kimberley M

There were no questions.

12. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORTAmy L.

Good afternoon friends, I am an alcoholic and a member of the Liverpool Group in District 26; my name is Amy. It has been a pleasure and an honour to serve Area 83 as your chair this term.

I want to first thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous. It has given me so many opportunities for growth and gratitude. I feel as though we have been in the trenches together. We were all navigating something very new and completely foreign to us. We couldn't look to our predecessors to see how they handled a pandemic, but we did it, and Area 83 made it through. And you all did great. You worked outside your comfort zone, and many of us developed some long-distance friends in service thanks to the wonders of Online technology.

This term has been anything but conventional. I think this bottleneck in service has given us all a chance to ponder what is important. I look forward to the report and recommendations from the Ad Hoc committee for digital resources. I believe this to be one place that we can really grow. Developing an accessible, and relevant digital presence that can engage the new members, those new to service, and serve as the proverbial Atrium into the heart of Area 83.

Lastly, we are doing better to get our messages from the area through the districts to the GSRs. Are those communications making it to the group members? We have heard DCMs describe high turn over of GSRs at their table. Could Area 83 help in someway to light that service fire? Let GSRs know they have the most important responsibility in AA? There may be a roll that the area can play, and I think we should be asking and listening to our members further up the triangle as to what that might be.

For those of you who are contemplating letting your name stand. Just say yes, and see where your higher power wants you to be. I am absolutely grateful to be of service. Amy

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

Moved:	Jeffary F – D86 DCM
Seconded:	Jane S – GV Chair
Discussion	None
All those in favour:	Unanimous
opposed:	0
abstentions:	0
Motion:	Carried

13. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Report with Recommendations from Ad Hoc Committee for Area 83
Digital Resources Mel C., Panel 63 Delegate

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.

This is the final report of our committee.

Along with myself, Amy asked:

George M., our current Area Webmaster

Kimberly M. our P71 Delegate

Bill C. our P71 Area Registrar

Jack R. our P71 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 had been posited that many of our members are becoming more comfortable with online Alcoholics Anonymous activities and that our digital footprint could be improved. It was felt the static webpage such as the one we have now, which went live in 2008 and was updated in 2014 was not serving our audience optimally. Our committee was formed to assess our situation to see if that was 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 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 in 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?

Findings & Decisions

In the course of our investigations, we examined the other 92 Areas in North America 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 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 most importantly, whether or not we NEEDED to go down this road.

At this stage we had made good progress investigating what the other 92 Areas in N. America were doing. How their websites and indeed their whole method of addressing technology were organized as well as how they dealt with email, cloud storage and ability for our AA service workers to access digital tools. We went on to identify possible service providers, best practices, assessment of future needs & relevant costs and we got a good feel for what a revamp might entail.

As a committee we decided fairly quickly that we ought to freshen our Area's digital footprint with a more user friendly, clean and intuitive site. Also, as important, with an Area organizational structure that more realistically meets the needs and challenges of Area 83 moving forward.

A surprising upshot of our research was that we observed many Areas were now going with having a Technology Chair, the Webmaster but one component of an integrated digital approach, the Technology Chair overseeing, among other things, technology as it relates to our Traditions in this new digital age. As well as separate resources on organizing and coordinating virtual Area Committee Meetings, Assemblies and Service Information days.

RECOMMENDATIONS

After informed discussion, our committee concluded that Area 83 needed to revamp its digital footprint as well as our internal organizational structure.

We recommend a Chairperson strike the second ad hoc committee envisioned by our current Chair Amy and task that committee with designing and implementing a new digital strategy for Area 83.

In our deliberations, we collected much data from all the other 92 Areas as well as guidance from GSO; data from outsider service providers, web designers and people in the IT industry connected to AA, as well as some detailed data around projected costs and time frames. We also took the liberty of writing some draft operating procedures for consideration. Should an implementation committee be formed, I will be pleased to pass all this intelligence onto the new committee.

I know I speak for all of us as I say thank you for your confidence in us, it has been a pleasure to serve Area 83.

Thank you. Mel C.

Panel 63 Delegate, Area 83

14. NEW BUSINESS

a) Discussion: How did we do at our Election Assembly? Comments for 2024

Jack R – Electronic voting is available and hope we are considering moving towards this.

The general consensus from the floor was that the elections went very smoothly. Moving forward we should be looking for ways to make our elections more efficient once we move back to in-person or hybrid.

b) Appointment of Area Webmaster..... Amy L. Area 83 Chairperson

The Webmaster's term concludes on December 31, 2022, and I have not received any resumes. If you are on the fence, please see the Area's website for the documentation about the position, and please submit a resume. Link for forms: [Area 83 Alcoholics Anonymous - Chairperson \(area83aa.org\)](https://area83aa.org)

No resumes have been received.

c) "Area 83 to reimburse our panel 73 Immediate Past Delegate to attend CERAASA 2023" Rob M., Immediate Past Delegate

Delegates and Alternate Delegates of Ontario voted to participate in a virtual Eastern Canada Delegates Orientation in the even years – this is to replace the ODC moving forward. So our Operating Procedures currently state that the Immediate Past Delegate is to attend the ODC, but there is no longer an ODC taking place.

So this motion is for our Immediate Past Delegate, who will be Kimberley next term, to attend CERAASA in place of the ODC and for the hotel, registration, travel and meals to be reimbursed – to be approximately \$620.00.

Discussion: None

Moved:	Rob M., Immediate Past Delegate
Seconded:	Tim F – Treatment Chair
Discussion	None
All in favour:	28
Opposed:	0
Abstentions:	1
Voice of minority:	None
Motion:	Passed

******Sense of the room** was conducted about having elections online on Sunday instead of in person today.

Chair – Proposing to suspend the elections until Sunday December 4th to be online. A time of 8 am.

Yes – 31

No - 2

Elections will be postponed to tomorrow at 8am due to power outage at the in-person facility.

The Meeting on Saturday December 3 continued on with Agenda Items 15-18.

Subcommittee Elections were held on December 4

Area Committee Meeting Part 2 (elections) – December 4, 2022

d) Election of 2023/2024 Area Sub-Committee Chairpersons by Area

Committee Robb W., Panel 61 Delegate

1 FOR THE POSITION OF

PUBLIC INFORMATION

	CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5	THE HAT
1	Tim F.	18	17	16	16	17	HAT
2	Jane S.	15	16	17	17	16	
	Total Votes Cast	33	33	33	33	33	
	2/3 of Votes Cast	22	22	22	22	22	
	1/5 of Votes Cast		7	7	7	7	
	1/3 of Votes Cast			11	11	11	

Motion to go to a 5th ballot Public Information Chair:

Moved: Maria M., DCM District 30

Seconded: Jack R., PI Chair

All in favour: 27

Opposed: 6

Simple majority required

Motion: Passed-go to 5th ballot

2 FOR THE POSITION OF

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY CHAIR

	CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5	THE HAT
1	Jane S.	12	15	20	20	17	HAT
2	Kathie T.	12	11	6	X	X	
3	Theresa L.	9	7	7	13	16	
	Total Votes Cast	33	33	33	33	33	
	2/3 of Votes Cast	22	22	22	22	22	
	1/5 of Votes Cast		7	7	7	7	
	1/3 of Votes Cast			11	11	11	

Motion to go to a 5th ballot for CPC chair:

Moved: Marty M., Corrections Chair

Seconded: Jeffery F., DCM District 82

All in favour: 28

Opposed: 5

Simple majority required

Motion: Passed-go to 5th ballot

3 FOR THE POSITION OF

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES CHAIR

	CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5	THE HAT
1	Rob F.	17	18	18	19	20	HAT
2	Maria M.	14	13	13	13	13	
	Total Votes Cast	31	31	31	32	33	
	2/3 of Votes Cast	21	21	21	22	22	
	1/5 of Votes Cast		7	7	7	7	
	1/3 of Votes Cast			11	11	11	

Motion to go to 5th ballot for Correctional Facilities chair:

Moved: Trevor F., DCM District 62

Seconded: Rob M. Immed Past Delegate

All in favour: 23

Opposed: 9

Simple majority required

Motion: Passed-go to 5th ballot

FOR THE POSITION OF

TREATMENT FACILITIES CHAIR

	CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5	THE HAT
1	Christine F.	11	7				
2	Maria M.	21	25				
	Total Votes Cast	32	32				
	2/3 of Votes Cast	22	22				
	1/5 of Votes Cast		7				
	1/3 of Votes Cast						

Motion to go to 5th ballot for Correctional Facilities chair:

Moved: Moved:

Seconded: Seconded:

All in favour: All in favour:

Opposed: Opposed:

Simple majority required

Motion: Motion:

5 FOR THE POSITION OF		GRAPEVINE CHAIR					
	CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5	THE HAT
1	Christine F.						
Total Votes Cast							
2/3 of Votes Cast							
1/5 of Votes Cast							
1/3 of Votes Cast							

6 FOR THE POSITION OF		SELF SUPPORT CHAIR					
	CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5	THE HAT
1	Jenny B.	9	9	9	X	X	
2	Ann J.	3	4	X	X	X	
3	Kathie T.	10	9	12	16	16	HAT
4	Theresa L.	9	8	10	15	14	
Total Votes Cast		31	30	31	31	30	
2/3 of Votes Cast		21	20	21	21	20	
1/5 of Votes Cast			6	7	7	6	
1/3 of Votes Cast				11	11	10	

7 FOR THE POSITION OF		ARCHIVES CHAIR					
	CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5	THE HAT
1	Jenny B.	15	14	13	12	11	HAT
2	Norm B.	15	17	18	19	20	
Total Votes Cast		30	31	31	31	31	
2/3 of Votes Cast		20	21	21	21	21	
1/5 of Votes Cast			7	7	7	7	
1/3 of Votes Cast				11	11	11	

8 FOR THE POSITION OF		ACCESSIBILITY CHAIR					
	CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5	THE HAT
1	Shane H.	9					
2	Theresa L.	22					
	Total Votes Cast	31					
	2/3 of Votes Cast	21					
	1/5 of Votes Cast						
	1/3 of Votes Cast						

Motion to go to 5th ballot for Self-Support chair:

Moved:	Jack R., PI Chair
Seconded:	Tim F., Treatment Chair
All in favour:	25
Opposed:	6
Simple majority required	
Motion:	Passed-go to 5 th ballot

Motion to go to 5th ballot for Correctional Facilities chair:

Motion to go to 5 th ballot for Archives chair:	
Moved:	Rob F., DCM District 26
Seconded:	Maria M., DCM District 30
All in favour:	25
Opposed:	6
Simple majority required	
Motion:	Passed-go to 5 th ballot

Motion to go to 5th ballot for Correctional Facilities chair:

Moved:	Moved:
Seconded:	Seconded:
All in favour:	All in favour:
Opposed:	Opposed:
Simple majority required	
Motion:	Motion:

15. ROTATION OF AREA 83 CHAIRPERSON

Amy L handed over the gavel and District chip bag to our new Chair, Bill. C.

16. SHARING - WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

17. NEXT AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

I would recommend the next committee meeting be held here at Quinte West on **January 14, 2023**.

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

Moved:	Maria M – DCM D30
Seconded:	Jane S – GV
Discussion	Yes
All those in favour:	N/A
opposed:	N/A
abstentions:	N/A
Motion:	Tabled

Discussion:

Rob M – normally was the first Saturday in January

James O'D – I had the same concern and I had actually planned something over 6 months ago assuming it would be on the 7th.

Amy – Will check with facility to see if January 7th is available.

Christie – Friendly amendment to hybrid meeting.

TABLED TO TOMORROW – AMY WILL BE CHECKING WITH THE FACILITY TO SEE IF JANUARY 7TH IS AVAILABLE.

[On the following Tuesday the Chair was able to confirm that the facility was available for **January 7th** and the ACM would now take place on this date instead of the 14th.]

18. CLOSING

It is now 2:45pm 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:	Jeffary F - DCM D86
Seconded:	Jonathan C-K – DCM D36
Discussion	None
All those in favour:	Unanimous
opposed:	0
abstentions:	0
Motion:	Passed

Jenny – Accessibility Chair – Question for Dave. Special note on contributions?

Dave L – Put “ACM 7th”.

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 (November 25, 2022)

EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83
as at November 25, 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	2,709.55	3,200.00	(490.45)	
Cost Recoveries	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Flow Through to GSO	475.00	300.00	175.00	
Grapevine Seasonals	1,199.25	1,500.00	(300.75)	
Group, District & Individual Contributions	43,848.95	30,339.60	13,509.35	
			0.00	
TOTAL INCOME	48,232.75	35,339.60	12,893.15	
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE	0.00		0.00	
TOTAL INCOME & TRANSFERS		48,232.75	35,339.60	12,893.15

EXPENSES				
Accommodations	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	
Meals	30.88	1,100.00	(1,069.12)	
Travel	2,367.00	7,485.00	(5,118.00)	
Long Distance	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Postage	288.64	1,030.00	(741.36)	
Printing	108.20	1,129.00	(1,020.80)	
Literature	0.00	800.00	(800.00)	
Stationery	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	
Miscellaneous	208.00	1,175.00	(967.00)	
Total Committee Expenses	3,002.72	13,069.00	(10,066.28)	
Ad Hoc Committees	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Area Contribution to GSO	15,100.00	5,000.00	10,100.00	
Area Committee Meetings	951.55	1,300.00	(348.45)	
General Service Conf. Assessment	10,445.60	10,445.60	0.00	
Bank Service Charges	56.20	100.00	(43.80)	
Paypal fees	25.08	25.00	0.08	
Forums	2,183.78	2,300.00	(116.22)	
Grapevine Seasonal	941.93	1,500.00	(558.07)	
GSO Flow Through	475.00	300.00	175.00	
Ontario Delegates' Committee (ODC)	1,093.69	1,100.00	(6.31)	
CERAASA / ECDO	301.82	200.00	101.82	
International Convention	0.00		0.00	
Total Other Expenses	31,574.65	22,270.60	9,304.05	
TOTAL EXPENSES		34,577.37	35,339.60	(762.23)

OPERATING ACCOUNT				
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2022	46,492.09			
Total Income & Transfers	48,232.75	35,339.60	12,893.15	
Total Expenses	(34,577.37)	(35,339.60)	(762.23)	
OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE		60,147.47	0.00	13,655.38

Appendix A₂ Financial Documents–Detail of Expenses (November 25, 2022)

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International
Details of Expenditures
as at November 25, 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	431.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	462.35	\$2,275.00	1812.65	20.32%
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	212.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	212.80	\$450.00	237.20	47.29%
Chairperson	0.00	0.00	98.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	208.00	307.46	\$880.00	572.54	34.94%
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	159.47	0.00	0.00	108.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	389.26	\$950.00	560.74	40.87%
Registrar	0.00	0.00	367.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	367.20	\$845.00	277.80	56.83%
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%
Archivist	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%
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	\$175.00	175.00	0.00%
Corrections Facilities	0.00	0.00	297.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	364.92	\$745.00	745.00	0.00%
Grapevine	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	87.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	99.83	\$750.00	385.08	48.66%
Public Information	0.00	0.00	134.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	134.40	\$995.00	895.07	10.04%
Self Support	0.00	0.00	171.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	171.20	\$275.00	140.80	48.87%
Treatment	0.00	0.00	293.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	293.20	\$750.00	275.00	0.00%
Accessibility	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$685.00	378.80	31.13%
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	391.80	42.80%
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	0.00%
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ 30.88	\$ 2,367.00	\$ -	\$ 288.64	\$ 108.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 208.00	\$ 3,002.72	\$ 13,069.00	\$ 10,066.28	27.83%
OTHER EXPENSES													
Adhoc Committees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	951.55	\$0.00	0.00	0.00%
Area Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	951.55	15,100.00	\$1,300.00	348.45	73.20%
Area GSO Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56.20	\$5,000.00	-10,100.00	302.00%
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56.20	25.08	\$100.00	43.80	56.20%
Paypal Fees	-	-	1197.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.08	2,183.78	\$25.00	-0.08	100.32%
Forums	825.42	161.12	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	941.93	10,445.60	\$2,300.00	116.22	0.00%
Grapevine Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,445.60	10,445.60	\$1,500.00	558.07	62.80%
GSO Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	475.00	\$10,445.60	0.00	100.00%
GSO Flow Through	548.94	217.55	327.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	1,093.69	\$300.00	-175.00	158.33%
Ont Delegates' Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	301.82	301.82	\$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	0.00	0.00	\$200.00	-101.82	450.91%
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	0.00%
TOTAL	\$ 1,374.36	\$ 378.67	\$ 1,524.44	\$ -	\$ 288.64	\$ 108.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,722.18	\$ 31,574.65	\$ 22,270.60	\$ 9,304.05	141.78%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,374.36	\$ 409.55	\$ 3,891.44	\$ -	\$ 288.64	\$ 108.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,930.18	\$ 34,577.37	\$ 35,339.60	\$ 762.23	97.84%

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Bank Interest		
GSO Flow Through		
Contributions		
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Appendix A₃ Financial Documents—Contributions by District (November 25, 2022)

GROUP & DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS as at November 25, 2022

District	0	Unspecified, Individual	\$250.00
District	2	Malton	\$482.96
District	6	Mississauga	\$4,195.00
District	10	Toronto South Central	\$3,832.36
District	12	Toronto South West	\$3,347.85
District	14	Toronto North Central	\$2,073.96
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	\$0.00
District	18	Toronto City East	\$4,729.78
District	22	Scarborough	\$1,130.00
District	26	Lakeshore West	\$1,586.00
District	28	Lakeshore East	\$1,934.40
District	30	Quinte West	\$1,475.00
District	34	Quinte East	\$1,533.00
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	\$975.00
District	42	St. Lawrence International	\$280.79
District	48	Seaway Valley North	\$750.00
District	50	Cornwall	\$200.00
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	\$745.00
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	\$375.00
District	62	Ottawa West	\$4,677.85
District	66	Golden Triangle	\$2,220.00
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	\$1,325.00
District	74	Pembroke	\$1,160.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	\$100.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	\$550.00
District	86	Kawartha	\$3,920.00

Total Contributions YTD: \$43,848.95

Total from Groups	\$30,582.05	110	Groups
Total from Districts	\$13,016.90	14	Districts
Total from Individuals	\$250.00	2	Individuals