

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

Hybrid

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Area Committee Meeting – January 08, 2023

1. OPENING

Good morning Friends!! I'm an alcoholic a member of the West End Group in District 74 and my name is Bill. It's an honour to serve Area 83 as your Chairperson.

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

12 Traditions read by Steve B, ADCM District 62

12 Concepts (Short Form) read by Irene D, ADCM District 30

Welcome to our first Area Committee Meeting of our Panel 73 term. It's great to see everyone here today. I hope everyone received their welcome letters. While that letter came from me, your Area Chair, on behalf of all Area Officers, I would like to extend a special welcome and to let you know that we are all here for you. Please do not hesitate to let us know how we could be of assistance.

This is our first Area Committee meeting of the 2023-2024 term. This is your meeting and it is an opportunity for you to share what's happening in your Districts. The Area committee is where recommendations to the Assembly are discussed and formulated and where tasks assigned by the Assembly are carried out. It is where your questions are answered, and concerns addressed. Please feel free to voice any concerns or questions you may have. There may be someone here who has the same question and it helps to share. As we start this new term, I am reminded of our First Tradition - "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity". We are here to ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous remains unified and strong in Area 83 Eastern Ontario International. Our personal recovery, as well as the recovery of the still suffering Alcoholic, depends upon it.

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

Some reminders

This is a non-smoking meeting, including online attendees. If you feel the need to smoke or vape please turn off your camera or wait until the break. A break will be called sometime around 11:00 AM and again in the afternoon. Lunch is not shown as an agenda item, but we will break around noon.

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

Area 83 Officers

Panel 73 Delegate.....	James O'D.
Alternate Delegate	Amy L.
Secretary.....	Jill B.
Treasurer	Jack R.
Registrar	Trevor F.
Our Panel 71 Immediate Past Delegate	Kimberley M.
And I'm your Chairperson	Bill C.

Area Sub-Committee Chairpersons

Public Information Chair	Tim F.
Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair	Jane S.
Correctional Facilities Chair.....	Rob F.
Treatment.....	Maria M.
Accessibilities.....	Theresa L.
Grapevine Chair	Christine F.

Self-Support ChairKathie T.
Archives Chair..... Jenny B.

These are your Area Officers and Sub Committee Chairs for 2023-2024

Introduction of Previous Delegates and those in appointed positions:

Also, with us today we have: Panel 61 Delegate Robb W.; Panel 63 Delegate Mel C.; Eastern Canada Regional Trustee, Panel 65 Delegate Joyce S.; Panel 67 Delegate Kim S. and Panel 69 Delegate Rob M. And in **Appointed positions** we have Area Archivist David T. and outgoing Area Webmaster George McQ.

Housekeeping:

The Area committee meeting will be held three times this year and four times next year. Dates for 2023 are June 3rd and September 16th.

The Area Assembly and Service Information Day will be taking place in APRIL and will be conducted in a hybrid format on April 14, 15 & 16, 2023. The Saturday will be dedicated to the workshops and open meeting organized by our Service Information Day Committee, and Sunday will be the Business meeting for Area 83. We will have another Assembly in the Fall, October 26-29th. The format and venue for this is tentatively the Ambassador Hotel. I hope we will have a better idea of what is possible in the Spring and can address that at the Spring Assembly.

Our meeting schedule up to and including tentative dates in 2023 will be included in the minutes. These dates are reserved on the Area Calendar and will be booked in advance with the hotel and church. Some are listed as tentative as the date of the following Assembly or Area Committee Meeting is approved at the end of each meeting.

Year	Date	Status	Type of Meeting	Where
2023	January 7	Approved	Area Committee Meeting	Hybrid, Westminster United Church
2023	April 15-16	Confirmed ¹	Area Assembly	Hybrid, St. Lawrence Centre, Kingston
2023	June 3	Confirmed ¹	Area Committee Meeting	Hybrid, Westminster United Church
2023	September 16 ³	Tentative	Area Committee Meeting	Hybrid, Westminster United Church
2023	October 28-29	Tentative	Area Assembly	Hybrid ²

¹Voted and approved at January 7, 2023 Area Committee meeting, see agenda [item 15](#) in these minutes.

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

³Date adjusted to accommodate for the National AA Archives Workshop held in Sudbury Sept 7, 2023

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

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

- 1) The Webmaster: as per 3.20 of our OPs, "To be appointed (or re-appointed) for a (2) two-year term by the Area Committee". The Last appointment of the Webmaster was in: January 1, 2021 effective until December 31, 2022
- Lastly, under 3.03 of our OPs, it says "The Area Chair shall strike an ad hoc Committee every 4 years to review the location and expenses for the bi-annual Area 83 Assemblies beginning in the year 2020." Given the current situation with having just come out of the pandemic and the fact that we are searching for a venue that can accommodate us, this value for money exercise will be completed later in the term. I want to let you know that this ad hoc committee will be struck as soon as it is practical to do so.

Who votes?

All Area Officers, including the immediate past Delegate, but not the Area Chair. All Area subcommittee chairs. All District Committee Members of Districts in Area 83; in their absence, the Alternate District Committee Member may vote on behalf of their District. There is one vote per person. The Area Chair does not have a vote. However, the Area Chair is eligible to vote at bi-annual and interim elections of the Area Officers and the subcommittee chairs.

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. For those who are online with a vote I would ask that you raise your hand. We will do this by clicking the green YES button or red NO button. We will use these buttons to gauge the feeling of the voting members. We will also use this function to second a motion. IF YOU WISH TO SECOND A MOTION USE THE "YES" BUTTON.

VOTING:

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

DISCUSSION/RAISING HAND:

If you are joining the meeting online and would like to address the committee (as though you were approaching the mic) to share a new perspective or ask a question, please raise your virtual hand using the RAISE HAND FUNCTION located at the bottom left of the participant's window. Zoom will keep people in a queue in the order in which they raised their hand.

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

Voice of the Minority:

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

Calling the Question:

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

Who may address the committee meeting?

It has been the *practice* at the Area committee to use the same *principle* as we do at the Assemblies: only voting members of the Committee have a voice. This is important for two reasons:

- It keeps the focus on the fact that this Committee is in effect the steering committee of the Assembly – members are representing their District’s positions or 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 welcomed to participate and their opinions will be heard.

Floor Motions

If you are making a floor motion for the Area Committee to consider today, it would be much appreciated if you would write your motion out and give it to our Secretary Jill.

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

- **Motion for simple majority**

Moved:	Jeffary F., DCM D86	
Seconded:	James S., DCM D28	
Discussion	none	
All those in favour:	35	100%
opposed:	none	
abstentions:	none	
Motion:	Carried	

2. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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

OLD BUSINESS TO BE ADDED - None

NEW BUSINESS TO BE ADDED – None

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

Moved:	Bert J., DCM D22
Seconded:	Allen W., DCM D78
Discussion	none
All those in favour:	35 100%
opposed:	none
abstentions:	none
Motion:	Carried

3. ROLL CALL

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

	Totals
Officers and Sub-Committee Chairs (including Area Webmaster & Area Archivist)	16
Immediate Past Delegate	1
DCMs	21
Past Delegates	5
A/DCMs	13
Visitors	7
Total Votes	35
Total Delegation	62

4. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF December 3, 2022 ACM

Minutes of the December 3, 2022 ACM were distributed by email on January 4th to the Area Committee with the financial statements.

Are there any errors or omissions in the minutes? None

- **May I have a motion to accept the December 3, 2022 ACM minutes as distributed/amended?**

Moved:	James S., DCM D28
Seconded:	Carrie C., DCM D66
Discussion	Christine F, Grapevine Chair <i>Why did we originally defer?</i> Bill C, Chairperson <i>To allow members an opportunity to review as they were just issued.</i>
All those in favour:	30 100%
opposed:	none
abstentions:	none
Motion:	Carried

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 Jill, our Secretary.

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

Let's get started.

District 02 Malton

Hello Friends, I am serving as the DCM for District 02 Malton, I am an alcoholic and my name is Vince.

First I'd like to say that I am looking forward to working with such an experienced group at the District table this term. Robert E is our ADCM, Ray R is our Secretary/Registrar and Shane H is our Treasurer. All are wearing a couple of hats at the table but we are seeing a few new GSR's coming to the table and hope to fill the rest of the positions soon.

We are financially healthy and will be making a donation to Area and GSO.

There are a couple of upcoming events in our district:

Celebrating Recovery through the 12 Steps – Saturday, February 4th – 9am to 4pm. A combined AA, Al-Anon and Alateen effort. This is an in-person event.

1st ANNUAL DISTRICT 02 ACCESSIBILITIES INFO DAY MARCH 4, 2023, 1 pm-4 pm. This is an online event.

Flyers are available upon request.

Yours in love and service, Vince R

District 06 Mississauga

My name is Marrey P. I am an alcoholic and member of the Streetsville Group. I have the privilege of serving this term as the DCM for District 06, Mississauga. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month, and you're all invited to drop in.

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At the December District Meeting, Dave C became our new Registrar/Webmaster, so all our table officer positions are filled. Rob D (here in person today) is ADCM, and Bart B. is the Secretary/Treasurer. I am thrilled to be of service with such a strong and knowledgeable group of individuals!

Thank you to all the GSRs and our previous table officers, Dareena B – Secretary/Treasurer, Bart B. – Registrar/Webmaster and especially Jill B – DCM, for the outstanding service they provided last term. The Panel 73 Chairs and Alternate Chairs will be elected at the next District 06 Meeting on Jan. 18th.

District 06 is healthy. There are 36 registered groups, with one group, The Dogs, being exclusively virtual. We always have 3 months operating funds in our prudent reserve and contribute regularly to GSO and Area. Each month, a group volunteers to put on meetings at one of the treatment facilities we serve, and prison meetings are put on when there is no lockdown. Archives are doing oral histories. The CPC and PI Committee Chairs and Alternate Chairs of District 06 along with Area 86 District 19 have collaborated and are working on a number of exciting initiatives, including a new virtual meeting for the U of T Mississauga Campus (requested by Student Services), an information session to be provided to Peel Police Division 11, virtual Grapevine subscriptions supplied to 4 Oakville libraries (facilitated by Scott M., D06 GV Committee Chair) and a successful Al-Anon and AA washroom poster campaign.

Thank you to District 62, for organizing the GSR Workshop this coming Monday. The word has been put out and the flyer is on the aamississauga.org website.

Thank you for your kind attention! Happy New Year!

Marrey P.

District 10 Toronto South Central

I am Patricia A, an alcoholic and member of the Twelfth Tradition Group. I am happy to say that I am starting 2023 as District Committee Member for District 10, Toronto South Central. We have 24 groups in our district and meetings are attended by 18 - 22 people. We encourage diversity. Sadly, our only online group: Zoo Crew 22 left the area and moved to join the online only community. All but one of our groups have returned in person and almost all of them offer hybrid or online meetings as well.

We're happy to say we are financially sound and regularly receive contributions from our groups.

We filled Corrections Self Support and Treatment already. D10 needs Accessibility, Grapevine, Archives, and CPC/PI.

We are starting up our Info AA Day Planning Committee with the 8 GTA Districts and Intergroup this month.

The updated district operating procedures will hopefully be approved and be in use by February.

We want to do GSR training but do we do it as part of a larger initiative or on our own as a district? We have not decided.

In January we have 3 treatment centres and 12 commitments and in February we have 4 centres and 16 commitments.

I am planning to attend CERAASA in February, ORC in March

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to serve.

Patricia A.

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; however, we do have a motion on the table to explore going back to in person with a hybrid option. At our next district meeting we will be discussing this, as well as electing our subcommittee chairs.

In November we held elections for District 12 officers. At that time, all positions were filled except for Secretary. However, at our District Meeting in December, Lisa B. was elected Secretary. Lisa joins me today and serves as our Alt. DCM. David G. continues as our treasurer, and Steve S. is our new Registrar. A special thanks to Ed V. who has served as both Secretary and Registrar for District 12 for the last 4 years, and to John L. who served as Alternate DCM for the last half of last year. Thank you to all outgoing and incoming officers for your service.

I'd also like to mention that Scott O. joins us here today. Scott serves as alternate GSR for the Hill Group in District 12. I told you we have fun here.

On Dec 21, I enjoyed speaking at D12s Sunnyside Group. While there, I was pleased to meet with a member of one of our new groups in District 12, the Big Chunks of Truth Group. I look forward to seeing them on a Tuesday night soon and will make an effort to get to all D12 groups over the next year.

For service meetings, we currently have 3 commitments that are given to groups in District 12 on a rotating basis. The Saturday Noon meeting, Women's Renascent online on Sunday nights at 8:00pm, and St. Felix House Tuesdays at 7PM.

Robert C., our current Treatment subcommittee chair has been in contact with the University Health Network about getting meetings into St. Joe's Detox, the Ossington Detox, and Women's Own Withdrawal management centre. They really want to get meetings back in these facilities. They are requiring victors to be registered after taking a short course, have proof of vaccination, and police background checks. We will be discussing way of organizing our members to get this service done.

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 B.

District 14 Toronto North Central

Hello Everyone. I am an alcoholic and my name is Dianne. I am a member of A Place to Share Women's meeting in Aurora and am DCM for District 14. Our District got off to a prolonged start. However, it is picking up now. We have a hybrid meeting. The Committee Chairs are Accessibilities, Corrections, Secretary, Treasurer, Treatment, and Registrar. We also have an ADCM. At our last meeting, there were approximately 10 members online and about the same number of GSRs at the meeting. Our financial situation is excellent.

Yours in Love and Service, Dianne M., Dist. 14

District 16 Distrito Hispano De Toronto – no report

District 18 Toronto City East

G'day friends, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Danforth Group in District 18 Toronto City East and my name is John M. I have the honour of serving you as the District Committee Member for District 18.

As we start a new term I have a few objectives in the district, one is to continue with the hybrid meetings set up by the panel 71 committee after we sort out some technical issues, two is to fill the vacant committee positions and three is to, with the help of others increase participation of the groups within the district. This is going to take a modicum of patience, some ingenuity and lots of hard work. Currently there are roughly 24 groups in the district and attendance at district meetings runs around 30 to 35%. This is comparable to past Area Assembly attendance.

Upcoming events in the district will be an open house in February at the district table and the 18th Annual East Toronto Archives Breakfast on April 30, 2023.

That's all for now.

Yours in Service to AA, John M. DCM D-18

District 22 Scarborough

Good morning

I am an alcoholic, member of the Silverbirch Group in Toronto and DCM for district 22, my name is Bert Jean.

Our district is composed of 22 groups with around 14 active at the district table with some remaining close for the moment.

Our district is currently meeting exclusively online but we hope to become hybrid in the course of the year.

We will encourage the sub-committee's and officers to have a district related email so we keep carrying the message to the suffering alcoholic in our district.

The officer table should be complete at our District meeting on January 8th as only the registrar position is available and alternate for secretary and treasurer and someone is ready to stand as registrar.

The sub-committee's election will be held at the same meeting and a GSR Orientation as well will be performed.

We already have 4 sub-committee's fill such as Grapevine, Treatment and Accessibilities and Corrections.

Treatment has been active since the last 2 months of the term as we had 3 demands for putting a meeting in 2 treatment centers and Rouge Valley group asked for help to reopen their Thursday meeting being located in an hospital the district will help them to have some groups to chair meetings for them. We are trying to reopen the Scarborough General Hospital meeting more to come.

Yours in Love and Service, Bert J.

District 26 Lakeshore West

Allen M member of the Liverpool Group

Honor to service as DCM District26

District 26 has 21 groups in our district. We finished our new term elections October 2022. We have 4 positions that are vacant.

Alt DCM Carl O is here today.

Secretary Denise B

Treasurer Jess J Temporary

We are currently running our District meeting over Zoom and our first meeting is January 18th. We hope to move to a Hybrid meeting going forward and pushing the importance of in person meetings.

Our Finances are in good standing.

Many thanks to the outgoing members for their service and thanks to the new members who have stepped up in service for the 23/24 term.

DCM in service District26 Allen M

District 28 Lakeshore East

Hello everyone, Happy New Year I'm an alcoholic member of the Courage to Change group and currently have the honour to serve as the DCM for District 28. Tomorrow is our first district meeting of the term and of the New year. We currently operate as a hybrid meeting that has improved our attendance from the initial rollout. We continuously have GSR's and visitors both online and in person. Our district is doing well thanks in large to our outgoing committee. I am also pleased to have the alt DCM Steve B. In attendance with me here today. On December 24 from 12 noon to December 25 at noon we held our annual Alcathon which is organized in a joint effort by the Alt DCM of districts 26 and 28. This event is hosted by the Alano club and I was told there was approximately 1000 people attended these meetings over the 24 hour period. Our district currently has a few positions open to be filled. I hope in the near future these will be filled. I have heard there are a couple people interested in taking a position at tomorrows meeting.

Yours in Love and Service, James S.

District 30 Quinte West

Good morning, I am an alcoholic, a member of the Hope Group and my name is Mike. I have 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 Irene D.

All financial responsibilities are being met and finances are in good standing. District officer positions have been filled as well as some subcommittee positions. I am sure more positions will be filled early in the term. Volunteers have started attending Warkworth Institution and literature has been taken inside for members of the Astra group. Our District 30 phone line is busy and continues to make a difference to those that reach out for help and assistance. Our Webmaster continues to improve District 30 website which now offers a PDF version of our meeting list as well as a calendar for upcoming medallions and special events.

A special thanks to Maria M for keeping me involved and up-to-date as well as keeping me grounded while learning the role and responsibilities of the position of District Committee Member.

As we move into the new term, I look forward to working with so many individuals that are as passionate about service as I am, I'd like to thank District 30 for allowing me to be of service.

Yours in Love and Service, Mike H

District 34 Quinte East

Good morning members of Area 83, I am an Alcoholic, member of the Napanee Big Book Group of Alcoholics Anonymous and my name is Mike S. I am excited to be the new District Committee Member of District 34; Quinte East.

Our district has rebounded from Covid with approximately 31 groups. 1 of which is a Zoom Online meeting and 1 group holds 6 meetings per week. Our Treatment Sub Committee Chair also has a group who carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous into our local rehabilitation centre weekly.

Our District Table currently has 2 open Sub-committee positions vacant: CPC and Archives which we are eagerly looking to be filled. Our attendance rate at District meetings averages about 40% of groups being represented since moving back to face to face meetings in September 2022. We are financially sound with all of our financial obligations being met; including contributions to Area 83 and GSO.

Yours in Love and Service, Mike S

District 36 Kingston & the Islands

Good morning everyone, I am an alcoholic and my name is Rich K. I am a member of the Young Peoples Group in Kingston and I am honored and privileged to be serving as the DCM for District 36, Kingston and the Islands. I am pleased to report that we have all of our District positions filled. This year will be the first time we will have an Accessibilities Committee and we have an enthusiastic Chair and Alt chair for this committee in place.

Our district finances are stable and we have no outstanding debts.

It was announced at our November District meeting that the By the Book Group had to close due to lack of attendance. Currently we now have 25 Groups in the District. Our District meetings use a Hybrid format and generally have Quorum except for three times this past year.

Our treatment meetings continue using a Hybrid format and are going quite well. At this point there is no definite timeline on these meetings returning to the in person format.

The Corrections meetings continue in person and are well attended by volunteers and inmates.

As many of the Groups in our District are meeting in person now, we have decided it is time to print paper meeting lists again. We are hoping that at our January meeting all the groups will have their Group information updated so we can proceed with these highly sought after paper meeting lists.

Yours in Love and Service, Rich K

District 42 St. Lawrence International

Hi all,

My name is Natalie N and I am an alcoholic my home group is "Came To Believe" in Canton, NY. I am excited about my new service position of District Committee Member for District 42. Milner G. "passed the gavel" to me during our last meeting. I am happy to announce that our Registrar position was filled by Milner G. at our December meeting. We continue to hold our meetings on zoom with good attendance. Looking forward to learning and growing with Panel 73.

Yours in love and service, Natalie N. D42, DCM

District 48 Seaway Valley North

Hello All. My name is Sara, I'm an alcoholic. I've been serving as General Service Rep for Fourth Dimension group and now District 48's Committee Member. We at District 48 Seaway Valley North, had our first meeting of the term this week with a full roster of chair positions filled. Nine out of twelve were in attendance along with two alternates, one of which was elected during that meeting (Grapevine). We have nineteen active groups and nine of them were represented for this month.

We had a group, Fourth Dimension, host a successful New Year's Eve event which included a meeting, fellowship and food with several newcomers, some long timers and in-betweeners in attendance. We currently have an amazing Round Up Committee, led by Gerry St. L., working hard at bringing back our Annual District 48 Seaway

Valley North Round Up for the first time since the pandemic put a pause on it. It is being held in a new location but is the same first Saturday of February (February 4 this year). There will be AA and Al-Anon panels, fellowship, breakfast and lunch served. We will feature Past Delegate, Kimberley, our Keynote Speaker followed by a countdown and potluck dinner to round out a full day of fertile spiritual grounds. I have flyers for you to bring to meetings.

Thanks to all of you for giving this opportunity to connect and communicate.

Yours in Love and Service, Sara M.

District 50 Cornwall

Bonjour, my name is Huguette B. and I am an alcoholic. I have recently been elected as DCM and privileged to represent District 50 in the Cornwall area. The transition from the previous committee to the newly elected is going well. Our elections took place on December 6, 2022 for which a majority of positions have been filled with the exception of a few vacancies such as Treatment, Bridging the Gap, Archives and Grapevine. Our monthly meetings are held in person after a hiatus of a few months and are well attended.

We have 11 active groups in the Cornwall area with attendance between 10 to 20 members. There is no hybrid nor Zoom meetings currently existing in our District. During the pandemic, we had several groups end their journey and, once the world returned to normal, a couple of them have resurrected; 3 new registered groups have opened.

Our November 2022 Fall Conference was a success! The Conference Committee is already planning its 2023 event which will be held on November 3-4, 2023.

Financially, our District is doing well due to minimal expenses. Several groups have been unable to contribute as they are slowly getting back on their feet. The good news is that new GSRs have been elected to carry the message to their respective groups and have begun attending our District meeting.

Currently, we are undertaking a couple of projects which are related to our website and our telephone system which consists of using a cellphone.

I am very grateful to be connected to all of you and I am certain to learn and experience how I can better serve our members.

Yours in service and love, Huguette B.

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. Happy New Year!! District 54 held their 1st meeting of the new year on January 5th. I am excited to announce that the District Table Officer and Service Committee Rep positions are getting filled with service minded members stepping up to the opportunity. We held a brief election this past meeting and voted in a new Archives Liaison. Welcome Meghan S.! Our first meeting of the year was well attended, and we welcomed 2 new Alt GSR and 2 GSR's to the table. A good start to the year!

Remaining positions to fill are Alt DCM and Self Support Liaison! Pretty excited about that!

District 54 finished off the year in good financial standing. And the transition to our new treasurer has begun. Our spending guidelines will be presented at our next meeting on February 2nd, 2023. We have a full time Registrar in place for this term and we will be working to get our Roster up to date as quickly as possible. Having Karen A. in as our Registrar in the New Year will go a long way to getting that caught up!

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.

A big thank you to all the Ottawa area groups who have donated either books or funds for books for OCDC and treatment facilities. Literature is our only way to be the "Hand of AA" with OCDC and treatment centers. We can still make a difference as these facilities try to navigate continued COVID protocols and staffing challenges.

I recently stood for Vice Chair for the Eastern Ontario Fall Conference Committee for 2023 and was voted in! This represents an additional 2-year service journey and the importance of finding an Alt DCM in the early part of this year!

District 54 will 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 58 Ottawa Bytown

District 62 Ottawa West

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

District Table:

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 soon. We are still looking for a registrar as well as a few sub-committee liaisons. A warm welcome to Steve B. District 62's alternate District Committee Member, who is here today at his first area committee meeting.

Events:

At our January District meeting (Monday, January 9th), 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.

The Ottawa Alkathon happened in person this year over Christmas and New Year's. I was not in attendance myself but have heard great feedback from other members, and was told it was a very well attended, and quite successful.

Sub Committees:

We are looking forward to hearing from the sub-committees at our meeting to find out updates regarding their plans for the new year.

Finances:

Financially, District 62 is stable - contributions are coming in and expenses are relatively low with the District continuing to meet on zoom.

Yours in Love & Service, Jamie B - District Committee Member - District 62 , Ottawa West

District 66 Golden Triangle

Hi there, I am an alcoholic and my name is Carrie C., serving as DCM of District 66. I am a member of the 12&12 to Serenity Group. It is an honor and a privilege to stand here and present my first report at the area Committee Meeting. I am looking forward to this next leg in my service journey and for this opportunity to learn, grow and be of service.

District 66 is doing well financially and \$2,500 has been dispersed-\$1,500 to GSO and \$1,000 to Area. All financial commitments are met while maintaining a prudent reserve. I am hoping that with the monthly District Meeting now being held in-person using the hybrid format, will encourage GSR's and alt-GSR's to come out and Group representation will grow. A GSR Bootcamp would be of great benefit to our District as out of 27 Groups, only 9 had representation.

While we have two positions at the Table to be filled - Treasurer and Telephone Answering Service, it is my understanding that there are two members ready to stand. Thanks to our outgoing Treasurer Neil P. for willing to stay on until the position transfers over to the new Treasurer. Looking forward to the first District meeting of this term and working side-by-side with all the new faces at the Table. The Round-up Committee has everything right on track as per the guidelines and the only volunteer position that remains empty is Coffee Station, which I am sure will be covered by the time the Round-up day arrives on April 8, 2023 as where there

are alcoholics - there is coffee!! We go hand-in-hand. Looking forward to our first in-person Round-up since 2019.

Thrilled to announce that Janet C. and Ross Mc. hosted the first meeting at Newgate Treatment Center on January 1, 2023. They will be meeting once a month and Groups will be asked to volunteer and the Treatment Center is limiting it to 2 people who must have a negative antigen test within 48 hours of meeting. Corrections Chair, Rod D. has reported that an AA meeting will be starting at the Brockville Secure Treatment Unit beginning January 9, 2023. Rod has formed a committee with 5 volunteers and is working on building it as more volunteers are needed to fill the weekly commitments.

In closing my report, let me say that I am grateful to have this humbling opportunity to be of service and the give back what was so freely given to me.

In sincere gratitude, love and service, Carrie C., DCM District 66

District 70 Renfrew Pontiac – no report

My name is John and I am an alcoholic.

My dry date is September 9, 2010. I am honoured to represent District 70 as DCM for the current term.

It is with regret that I inform you of my inability to be present for the January 7th Area committee meeting. Here is a brief note on how our district has been doing. As with AA everywhere, we experienced troubled times during the pandemic, for many members ZOOM meetings were a savior. Since returning to live meetings, we have noted a slow return to regular meetings by many members. We are reaching out to many individuals with hope and encouragement to resume their new life practices with regular meeting attendance. Many of our groups have returned to near pre-pandemic numbers.

Our district meetings continued monthly using ZOOM format, this month, we will discuss and vote as to how to continue, ZOOM, hybrid or live meetings. The new District 70 committee members roster has a couple of opening yet to fill but I am confident this will happen soon.

Our financial donations to Area 83 and GSO have been handled as best we could given the lack of 7th tradition funds during the pandemic, our district accounts are fortunately maintaining prudent reserves.

We are very excited about hosting an AA Round-up again this year, first since 2019. A committee has formed, and all jobs have chairpersons. We have had a couple of meetings and plans are well under way. The date for our Round-up is March 18th 2023. Likely themed St-paddy's day Round-up.

I am very pleased to have been chosen to represent district 70 and have plans in place to visit all our groups as often as possible, offering all that is possible from the district to help in their efforts to support all alcoholics including those who still suffer. We will do our best to represent our district at the Area level in the upcoming months. Please forward me all correspondence usual to DCM in the future.

John C

District 74 Pembroke

I am an alcoholic, a member of the Language of the Heart Group and have the honour and privilege of serving as the Alternate District Committee Member for District 74 Pembroke and area. My name is Sarah M.

There are currently 9 groups in our district. District 74 currently has 3 vacancies at our district table - our DCM, Archives Chair, and Self Support Chair. We have been encouraging the GSRs of the District to bring back to their groups the need for more volunteers to join our district table.

Financially, District 74 is stable - contributions are rising with more groups meeting in person, and expenses are minimal with District 74.

We are happy to announce and welcome our new members. We have many young people in sobriety excited and participating in service at the district level. We are looking forward to the new term.

Last month we held our first in-person district meeting with an option for hybrid, it was our first meeting back together since the pandemic and it really was a beautiful experience.

It is great to see everyone today, I have a lot to learn and grateful for the support I have around me.
Yours in Love & Service, Sarah M

District 78 Madawaska Valley

My name is Allen and I am an Alcoholic. I have the pleasure to serve as DCM for District 78 on Panel 73. We have six meetings in our District which are all open as in-person meetings. We have been fortunate to have elected all positions at District. Finances for our District are presently 'weak'. Perhaps more importantly, we are not attracting new alcoholics in any meaningful way - even though the need is definitely there. I have met with my Service Sponsor, our Treasurer, our PI/CPC Chair and outgoing DCM. We will be developing an Outreach Programme by re-invigorating our PI/CPC work through increased communications with police, medical & relevant professionals across the District. This will be discussed further at our District meeting tomorrow. Myself and our PI Chair would welcome all advice you may have. I will also be proposing that I meet with each Group at their business meeting twice a year to discuss the District's role and to get their direction. Topics being proposed for the first meeting are: Budget creation, Comprehensive Media Plan, our District's Outreach plan and recommendations to drive awareness in our communities (which are a bit diverse). Again, I would be grateful for any and all advice you may have regarding how to better engage our Groups. I look forward to the next 2 years and to getting to know each of you better.

Allen W

District 82 Victoria Haliburton

Good morning, everyone. I'm a grateful recovering alcoholic, a member of the Minden Centennial Group and humbled and excited to be taking over from Joe C as District Committee Member for District 82. I am well aware of the excellent way Joe carried out his duties and hope I will have your forbearance as I learn my new responsibilities. I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our wonderful new slate Committee Members and Officers and at the District and Area levels. Also, a congratulatory note to our new Delegate James O'D.

Now to the Business of District 82.

As things slowly return to a pre-covid stance, one area that continues to resist a return to a pre-covid useful position is the situation at our Corrections facilities for both men and women. While our committee positions are fully staffed with experienced people, we continue to face understaffing within the provincial facilities leading to a halt in training for new committee members and thus an inability to restart the visits for in place meetings at the two facilities. This situation is further exacerbated by an unfilled volunteer visits coordinator.

Most of our District positions are now filled thanks to our very successful elections held at our last District meeting on December 18th. One of my first preoccupations will be to find a willing and capable person to assume to role of Alt DCM District 82. I hope it will be an easy task as is the ongoing search for those wanting to be of service.

The District continues to be on very firm financial ground in spite of the difficult 2 years of COVID.

One of the areas that continues to be very important but does not always garner enough attention is the Archives, an always useful tool to help prevent the repetition of mistakes and provide a vault for corporate memory. I am happy to report that that is not the case in District 82 through our ongoing committee members valiant efforts. We stand to have a full inventory of our available resources within the next quarter. Well done. As the holiday season approaches stress continuous to ramp up and our AA meetings become ever more important. To this end our PIC ran advertisements in all our local papers and a very reasonable cost. Money well spent I believe.

Our outgoing Webmaster provided a good report of where District 82 stands and it appears we are in good shape going forward. One question which may have appeared moot at the meeting but may be taking on greater interest now is whether to post meeting COVID restrictions on the web site. I am sure we will be revisiting this question at all levels or our area in the next several months.

Again with some trepidation and lots of eagerness I look forward to a busy and rewarding two years serving in Love and gratitude., Richard C DCM District 82.

District 86 Kawartha

I am an alcoholic, member of the Stonewall group and my name is Jeffary, your District Committee Member for District 86. This is my report for January 2023

On December 17th, Roger O.B hosted the Candlelight Memorial meeting at intergroup and on Zoom. Speaking with Roger, there has been over 40 members that we lost in the last two years. Many attended to reflect, celebrate and remember those members.

On Christmas Day, Intergroup hosted a Christmas Dinner. Thanks to the volunteers, donations and intergroup staff.

On New Year's Eve, once again, our Intergroup offices was the location for a sober dance.

We still have one position open at the district table of Self Support. Upon seeing the work involved at Area to put on a smoothly run Hybrid Business meeting, it might be advantageous to work with PI / CPC to organize a separate chairperson position for Webmaster & Technology chairperson to work with updating the website, AAWS app for events and meeting times and calendars and have the chairperson work to set up hybrid meeting cameras, microphones and monitor rooms during meetings.

We have two new groups in our district. Focus on Recovery on Zoom. Monday nights and First 100 Big Book study on Thursday nights at Activity Haven in Peterborough.

Our 2023 One Day Round Up is scheduled for June 17th at the Personal Touch Banquet Facilities.

With over 40 meetings in the district per week. District 86 is doing very well carrying the message of recovery.

Jeffary F., District Committee Member, District 86

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 Jill, our secretary. I would ask the committee members to stay unmuted, if you are online, after their reports to answer any questions, if any.

A. Public Information 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 73 Public Information Chair. I am looking forward to the chance to spend the next two years learning all there is to know about Public Information. I am also looking forward to the opportunity to meet and learn from the District Public Information Chairs and the incoming District Committee Members. Thanks to the outgoing committee for having the confidence to bestow this privilege on me.

I have set up a **Public Information Sub-Committee Meeting for January 29th at 7PM**. It's a great opportunity to meet early with the District Chairs and all are welcome to attend. It is on the Area 83 website under calendar of events. I will send out an invite to the District PI Chairs soon. I received a list of PI Chairs from the Area Secretary in the roster that was sent out. There was 7 and I'm sure many Districts have PI Chairs. If your PI Chair was not listed yet on the roster for any reason feel free to give me their contact information directly. Also make sure your District Registrar sends all these changes to the Area Secretary ASAP. Rotation always comes with a few delays but it is an essential learning and growth experience.

I would like the secretaries to send me your District Minutes. I enjoy reading them and it allows me to be better informed and better able to assist. Feel free to reach out to me if I can be of any assistance to you or your District. I am available if you have any questions and if I don't know the answer I will try my best to find one. This is how I learn and grow knowledge in my recovery journey. I am looking forward that in this position I will get to meet and get to know all here today and many more over the next two years. Thank you for your friendship and for being an important part of my sobriety. Please let your name stand if eligible today for the elections. Area 83 can use your service and I have found being of service at the Area level has added to my recovery and knowledge more than I could have hoped for.

Yours in Gratitude, Love and Service, Tim F.

B. Cooperation with the Professional Community Jane S.

I am an alcoholic, member of the Hand of AA Group in District 74 and my name is Jane S. It is my absolute honour to be a part of Area 83 in the role of the Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair for Panel 73.

To date, I have been able to review some material concerning the Cooperation with the Professional Community's policies and various recommendations to help carry the message to still-suffering alcoholics through professional groups and individuals that have contact with alcoholics.

I am looking forward to meeting all of the CPC district chairs over the next month.

We will hopefully be able to review the Cooperation with the Professional Committee Workbook together and determine a path forward to get started.

I have also received several bins of information from the previous CPC Chair and have been playing phone tag with Joe D. this past few weeks to pick her brain for information and direction.

I am sincerely grateful for this opportunity to serve Area 83 Eastern Ontario International.

Yours in Love and Service, Jane S.

C. Correctional Facilities Rob F.

Good morning. I am an alcoholic and I have the privilege of serving as your Corrections Chair for Area 83 international and my name is Rob F.

I am looking forward to serving our Area's Corrections community and I'll do my best to work with our district chairs in to support them in this post-pandemic environment.

So far, I met with our previous chair, Marty, in December to do the handoff of information, literature and the Corrections Display Board. I have done a quick review of the corrections handbook and will learn it more thoroughly in the coming weeks. Our Webmaster has set up on the Area 83 email system and I have received some very useful information from corrections contacts in Ontario and New York.

I have sent an introductory note to our District Corrections Chairs letting them know about my related service experience, and offering to be available to assist them in any way regarding corrections and bridging the gap.

In these times with many institutions not allowing outside visitors, every district can still be of service even if they don't have any facilities in their locale. Bridging the Gap and the Corrections Correspondence Program are ways in which we can assist.

The Corrections Correspondence Program available linking aa members who are in custody with aa members on the outside so that both can share their experience, strength and hope with each other. If you think this would be of interest to your districts, I can provide any information to help to facilitate this.

Bridging the Gap is a temporary contact program that assists people who are under community supervision to outside AA members so that they can be taken to local aa meetings during the first few days of release.

I would love to meet any of your group and district corrections chairs to learn about your local initiatives, successes and challenges and how I can best assist. Please feel free to get in touch if you would like me to participate in any of your service days or district meetings.

It's very exciting to be a part of our Area Service structure and I will be of service in the best way that I can.

Yours in Love & Service, Rob F.

D. Treatment Facilities.....Maria M.

Good morning, I am an alcoholic a member of the Hope Group in District 30 and have the privilege of serving Area 83 Eastern Ontario International as the Panel 73 Treatment Chair, my name is Maria. I am grateful for the opportunity to be serving Area 83, I will fulfill the duties to the best of my ability, I will make myself available to the Districts as a resource, liaison with the Districts' and Intergroups' Treatment Facilities Committees to provide assistance (such as Bridging the Gap), be available to attend a District that would like a workshop presentation. In a nutshell, be available whenever and however I can be of help, I am here to serve.

Welcome to all the incoming District Committee Members and Alternate District Committee Members, good luck to those who will be standing for the Service Information Day Committee this afternoon.

In the days following the last Area Committee meeting, I reviewed the Treatment Committee Workbook to familiarize myself, then I called Tim F. for some insight. I'm glad I did because I received an email with an invitation to attend a Renascent House team clinical meeting via zoom to talk about the Bridging the Gap program and how powerful and beneficial it can be for those leaving treatment. I was able to answer their questions and gave them my contact information as requested.

When the Contact list for Panel 73 is fully updated I will reach out to the Subcommittee Chairs to continue hosting quarterly meetings to discuss what is being done in the Area, sharing information and ideas is always helpful. District Committee Members please have me added to your distribution list to receive your minutes, the more information I receive will help me serve the Area in a better capacity. Please feel free to contact me any time, I can be reached through the Area 83 website at treatment@area83aa.org. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Yours in Gratitude and Service, Maria M.

E. Grapevine.....Christine F.

Grapevine Sub-Committee Report

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.

Greetings and Happy New Year,

I am an alcoholic, a member of Steps to Serenity in District 18, have the honour of serving as your Area Grapevine Chairperson, and my name is Christine.

I am excited and very nervous stepping into the Grapevine Representative role. I am reading and learning in order to orient myself for this position. I have read all of the reports in the minutes from all Area Committee and Assemblies, reviewed the Grapevine Representative welcome kit sent to me, read the minutes from the GTA Inter-District Committee from the last few months, and spent much time on the various digital programs and features of the Grapevine website. I have read the Area 83 Operating Procedures as well as the Grapevine Handbook.

“Whatever the form, it comes down to ‘one drunk carrying the message to another drunk,’ whether through personal contact or through the use of third parties and the media.”

The 12th Step work possible using Grapevine and La Vina media, contemporary and traditional, offers one more way to stay prepared and available for that moment that hand reaches out.

I have made a cursory contact list from the recent Panel 73 Area Roster. I am sending out a welcome letter to the incoming GV representatives this week. I will email each DCM to ask for your incoming Grapevine Representative’s contact information. Feel more than free to send it to me beforehand if you wish. I met with the GTA Inter-District Committee in December. I made note of some of their suggestions for this term, including running the ‘**Funshop**’ session again this year (it is a workshop to learn how to prepare submission for the Grapevine) and the many [Carry the Message](#) subscriptions bought for 3 correctional facilities in the GTA (5 magazines to each of the three) as well as 7 ePub subscriptions for Oakville Libraries.

The Grapevine’s digital presence and digital offerings are extensive. I have played with them all. [The Sobriety Counter](#) also generates a printable pdf card for a sponsee or home group member. I subscribed to [the Daily Grapevine quote](#). I watched the GV YouTube video, ‘[AA’s Twelfth Step Tools: Grapevine and La Vina](#)’ where a 5 minute video gives the history, purpose, and engaging information about the role Grapevine and La Vina play as 12th Step Tools.

The [YouTube](#) channel has 9.47K subscribers and the [Instagram](#) account (alcoholicsanonymous_gv) has 8.86K followers. All of the digital AA media disallows comments to protect anonymity.

The [Instagram](#) account has over 900 posts and new content is added almost daily. The ease with which to access these free resources has such potential to help our members. I am excited to see how to better promote and encourage use of them.

January’s magazine revolves around the theme of ‘**Spiritual Awakenings**’, February will focus on ‘Making Amends’ and coming up will be, Mid-sobriety challenges, Getting sober young, and Remote Communities.

[The AA Grapevine Variety Show Podcasts](#): Each week long-time AA members Don and Sam will interview a different member about their experience, strength and hope, in a casual “meeting after the meeting” manner. Special features will enhance each episode. The Fourth Edition, episode 1, of the weekly Podcast, titled, This Beautiful Truth’ was a Step Two, Spiritual Awakening’ share. This free digital media is well crafted, engaging, and is based on interview informal chats between hosts and invited AA members. It ends with a segment, ‘[@ wits end](#)’, which for this episode went something like this,

...at the 30 minute mark the speaker showed no signs of winding up; the room steadily emptied leaving one person seated. The speaker finally snapped out of it, looking around told the lone member, ‘at least one person was open and willing enough to listen to my message’, the loner said, ‘listen? NO, I am the other speaker’.

[Grapevine's Audio Project!](#)

AA Grapevine is collecting up to 7-minute-long stories from the Fellowship in the form of audio recordings. Share as you would in a meeting—or pick a topic of your own choosing, from making amends to working on a particular

Step. If your audio story is accepted by the AA Grapevine editorial staff, Grapevine will publish it in the form of a YouTube playlist or on another media platform.

Notes: Grapevine does not collect recordings from speakers at AA meetings. Audio stories should be roughly seven minutes in length. Further information on the aagrapevine.org website or email address webcoord@aagrapevine.org

If you want to share your experience, strength and hope with AA Grapevine, but are unsure of what to share, listen to audiotapes made by other AA members. You can find them at AA Grapevine's Audio Project channel.

I subscribed to the Grapevine Magazine, not only since it is appropriate, but to see the USD to CAD conversion and costs since the January 1, 2023 price increases.

My cursory conversion calculations are as follows:

Grapevine Magazine			
Product	Term (year)	Cost - USD	Cost – CAD
Digital ePub	1	19.99	34.09
	2	35.00	59.68
	3	47.99	81.80
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	2	65.00	92.52
	3	84.00	143.24
Individual Issues			
Digital		1.99	3.39
Books - \$2.49 USD price increase on the 'Top Ten' and others as reprinted – Full List HERE			
Language of the Heart		15.99	22.27
Prayer and Meditation		13.99	23.86
Fun in Sobriety		6.99	11.92
Ancillary items have price increases listed as well			

Chris C., Grapevine Publisher said that the mechanics for GV purchasing and subscribing changed this winter by:

- switching to a new order fulfillment vendor better suited for our multi-platform subscription models.
- Grapevine is now integrated into the main AA website for easier access and improved functionality.

And that members can 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 La Viña customer service at 212-870-3417.

I plan on listening to all of the **Comprehensive Media Plan** sessions with a 'Grapevine ear'. I was able to hear directly from the source about AA's use of Google Ads and the protections put into place on all digital media content to keep anonymity safe.

Some of the goals I have set myself this term include providing resources to each District's home group members via your DCM such as 'QR code posters' advertising the easy, free, and interactive digital media content published by Grapevine, such as subscribing to a free daily quote delivered to members' inbox/messages. On this note I have left a print-out in each DCMs folder for your Grapevine rep to have as an overview of the Grapevine content available for members. The workbook encourages me to link Grapevine activities with other Sub-Committees when suitable, such as the Carry the Message project between Grapevine and Corrections or the Audio Project and Archives.

General Service Conference: The AA Grapevine Board reviewed proposed agenda items and agreed to forward the following to the 2023 General Service Conference Committee on Grapevine and La Viña:

- Review A.A. Grapevine Workbook.
- Review progress report on Grapevine and La Viña Instagram accounts.
- Consider the list of suggested AA Grapevine book topics for 2024 or after.

There are a few publications expected to be released this Spring, including, **The Home Group**, and a **new Grapevine Workbook**.

I have set a tentative date and time for the first Quarterly Meeting for the Area 83 Grapevine Representatives on **Friday, February 3, 2023**. I selected this date since it is after the first month of District meetings where new Chairs may be elected and the day before **'Celebrating Recovery Through the 12 Steps'** event in Brampton and a neighbour Area and District. Invitations will come out as soon as I set this up. If you or your District have an event planned for Friday, February 3, please let me know.

I am available to bring the **Area 83 Grapevine Display** to where you need it; roundups, events, special celebrations, and more. I am available to come to your District meeting to share about the Grapevine. I am available to assist with ordering, purchases, or other publication issues. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any assistance I can provide.

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F. Self-Support..... Kathie T.

Good morning, everyone! I'm an alcoholic, member of the Maynooth Group, District 78 Madawaska Valley and my name is Kathie. It's my honour to serve as your Panel 73 Area 83 Self Support Chair.

The mission statement for Self Support is to "create an awareness within our membership of the need for Alcoholics Anonymous to be self-supporting, through contributions of both time and money."

About a week ago, I met with our past Self Support Chair Bev in a Belleville parking lot, where she handed off a big tote of SS literature and a shiny new display board that got little use last term (due to Covid). I've reviewed most of the material, and Bev has assured me of her assistance if needed.

I recently spoke with David T., the GTA Intergroup Self Support chair, and I plan to attend the bi-monthly meetings, provided they stay hybrid.

I will continue the monthly Self Support meetings on-line, and have already contacted current District Self Support Chairs to pin down a good meeting day and time. I hope these sessions will generate fresh ideas, different perspectives, and creative suggestions. I look forward to meeting all the District Self Support Chairs in person at the Spring Assembly.

Self Support isn't formally recognized at GSO as a standing committee, and there is no Self Support kit. I have a few Self Support packages, and will need to replenish the literature.

In the Self Support pamphlet "Where Money and Spirituality Mix", the principle of A.A. in action calls for "much time and a little money." This pamphlet is a great resource for Self Support, and I've included one in each DCM folder at the side of the room. DCMs, please bring these back to your new District Self Support Chairs.

The wonderful life I have today is a direct result of A.A., and I have much time, a little money, and lots of energy. I am available for Self Support presentations at district service days, district meetings, and any other Area 83 events. If I can help you in any way, please email selfsupport@area83aa.org.

Yours in love and service, Kathie T

G. Archives Jenny B.

I'm an alcoholic member of the smiths falls Saturday night group in district 66, I'm currently serving as your Panel 73 Archives Chair. My name is Jenny B.

The mission of the Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Office Archives is to document permanently the work of Alcoholics Anonymous, to make the history of the organization accessible to A.A. members and other researchers, and to provide a context for understanding A.A.'s progression, principles, and traditions.

I'm hoping that during this term we will be able to contribute to this mission while also educating and spreading awareness about the gift of archives. When I say educate, I enthusiastically include myself in the group that needs to be educated. I would like to hold a monthly meeting dates and info TBD.

I have been able to briefly touch base with Shane our outgoing Archives Chair and David Top our area Archivist. An email will be sent out today to the Archives chairs on the area roster, can DCM's please ensure that your district rosters are up to date with the area secretary. This will allow everyone that is involved in a subcommittee chair position the ability to receive emails that get sent out.

The 26th national AA Archives workshop will be taking place sept 7th – 10th 2023 in Sudbury Ontario. A link for the event will be added to the report for the minutes. I will also get this added to the area website for

those that are browsing it on a regular basis. Don't worry you will be hearing more about this event as the year moves on.

<https://www.naaaw.org/index.php/next-workshop/>

I can already tell that this term is going to be an amazing learning experience. I look forward to having the privilege to share as much about archives with you as I can.

If you question whether or not to stand for the service information day I would encourage you to stand. As with most service positions it will only enrich your sobriety.

Feel free to reach out any time, I am happy to be of service any way that I can. My email is Archives@area83aa.org

Yours in love and service, Jenny B

H. Accessibilities Theresa L.

Good morning everyone and Happy New Year.

I am an alcoholic, member of the Mississippi Group in Carleton Place and my name is Theresa.

I am excited to begin this new adventure in service to AA in the role of Accessibilities Chair for Area 83 Eastern Ontario International, Panel 73.

A big thank you to Jenny B., the outgoing Area 83 Accessibilities chair for hosting a meet and greet Accessibilities get together this past Thursday. This was a great opportunity for me, Area 83 Accessibilities chairs and interested members to introduce ourselves. I look forward to working and learning alongside them.

Monthly meetings will be held in a virtual format on the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm. Meeting details will be posted to the Area 83 website calendar. Please join us as we collectively share concerns and ideas and initiate effective actions.

Thank you to Shane H. District 2 Accessibility chair for inviting me to share at their **1st Annual Accessibilities Information Day on March 4, 2023.**

Alongside other like-minded members, my goal this term is to continue the work that has been initiated, research what needs may not be being met, and explore ways to ensure that the message of recovery is available to all alcoholics who reach out for it.

"Once a need becomes clearly apparent in an individual, a Group, or AA as a whole, it has long been found out that we cannot stand still and look the other way. The essence of all growth is a willingness to change for the better and then an unremitting willingness to shoulder whatever the responsibility." (Bill W. 'Language of the Heart')

Yours in love and service, Theresa L.

7. REGISTRAR'S REPORT Trevor F.

Hello Friends, I am an Alcoholic, a member of the Stittsville Second Chance Group in District 62 Ottawa West, and my name is Trevor F. It is an honour and privilege to serve you as your Panel 73 Registrar for Area 83.

Bill C, the Area's Panel 71 Registrar and I have met a few times in order to transition me into the position. Bill did a great job transferring both the physical and electronic materials and bringing me up to speed. There is a training video for Fellowship Connection that I watched a few times, and now feel quite comfortable updating group records. I was also able to attend the Quarterly Registrar's meeting on December 14th with GSO Staff, Group Services and AAWS Tech Services - it was quite informative for me. One of the big topics was that there was a lot of concern around how the new Fellowship Connection system has an end date for all new entries. This results in any records entered since the new system was implemented two years ago to have a default expiry of two years, which is the usual term length. The issue with this is that after a GSR's two-year term is up and there has not been a new GSR entered for their group, the group's status automatically becomes "unknown". We see many GSRs stay in the position for longer than two years, so we will have a lot of records to update. This results in us currently having 66 groups with an Unknown Status. Any group records that were imported from the old system that were not updated in the past two years are not affected by this. I will be contacting the Districts over the next little while in order to clean this up and ensure our records remain as up to date as possible.

The New Group form and Group Information Change form with my address and contact email have been provided to the Webmaster and uploaded on the Area website (www.area83aa.org). You will find them under Resources/Registrar. They are fillable PDF files that are easy to download. As well, a list of all groups with their Group ID's sorted by District has also been uploaded. Please note that with Fellowship Connection, an email is required to complete the registration process. Updates or new group forms should be sent to me by email (registrar@Area83aa.org). It makes it much easier to cut and paste information in order to avoid human error. It is important for your groups to update their information as soon as possible. While each District is autonomous, the general practice is to have your District's Secretary or Registrar collect the Change forms and submit them to me. I will enter the new information in the General Service Office's Fellowship Connection database. For new GSR's, once entered, the system automatically flags these people for GSO to send out GSR kits either electronic or physical if they choose to receive one. Physical Kits should arrive within a month.

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

Yours in Love and Service, Trevor F.

8. TREASURER'S REPORTJack R.

Hello friends, I am an alcoholic, a member of Step Stop Group in District 36 in Kingston, and my name is Jack R. It is both an honour and a privilege to serve as your Panel 73 Area 83 Treasurer.

When a Group, District or Individual sends in a contribution, they will receive, in return, a thank-you letter of receipt. Emailing these to you costs the Area nothing, whereas mailing them requires a stamp, envelope, paper and ink. Please encourage your District and Group Treasurers to include an email address with your contributions, and I can email your letter of receipt. Please make your cheques payable to "Eastern Ontario International Area 83". You can find contact information on the Area 83 website: area83aa.org at the top of the Home Page click "A.A. Contributions". Then click "I am an A.A. Member".

There were 67 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 December 31, 2022.

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

Income for the period as at December 31, 2022:

- 7th Tradition collected is \$3,084.55, including \$375.00 at the December Area Committee Meeting.
- Flow Through Contributions to GSO were \$575.00
- Grapevine Seasonal Revenues were \$1,199.25
- Group, District and Individual Contributions \$48,915.54, which significantly exceeded the total year Guideline amount of \$30,339.60

Total Income for the period is \$53,774.34

Expenses for the period as at December 31, 2022:

- Committee expenses are \$7,414.78
- 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 \$1,376.35
- General Service Conference Assessment \$10,445.60 (\$8,000 US)
- Bank Service Charges \$56.20
- Paypal Fees \$37.76
- 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 \$575.00
- Ontario Delegates' Committee \$1,093.69
- CERAASA / Eastern Canadian Delegates Orientation \$301.82

Total Expenses for the period are \$39,526.91

The opening bank balance at January 1, 2022 was \$46,492.09. Total income of \$53,774.34 less expenses of \$39,526.91 leaves a balance in the operating account of \$60,739.52.

Thank you to the 120 Groups, 14 Districts and 3 Individuals for your generous contributions to Area 83.

[Page 2](#) (Appendix A₂) 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 \$3,525.00 for committee members includes travel expenses to the June, September and December Area Committee Meetings.
- The travel amount shown for the Delegate includes \$296.48 for costs relating to presenting the General Service Conference recap.
- The amount shown for the Delegate as Miscellaneous of \$2,712.00 relates to Interpretation for the 4 Comprehensive Media Plan Sessions
- The amount shown for the Chairperson as Miscellaneous of \$235.00 relates ZOOM account costs for larger attendees for PCAS, Spring and Fall Assemblies. It also includes Insurance costs for the Area Committee Meetings venue.
- The amount shown for Treasurer, includes \$285.49, relating to postage, and printing

- The amount shown for the Webmaster of \$401.75 relates to the Area 83 Website hosting plan renewal for 2 years

To summarize, our financial position as at December 2022 compared to December 2021 is as follows: Income for 2022 is \$18,455.50 more than the same period in 2021. Expenses for 2022 are \$9,103.23 more than the same period in 2021. The net change to the Operating Account is an increase of \$14,247.43

[Page 3](#) (Appendix A₃) 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 enters 2023 in a strong financial position.

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 2023 Spring Assembly.

Training for your incoming Treasurer occurred on December 18. Thank you to Dave L., panel 71 Area 83 Treasurer for donating his time to orient me to this position and for his ongoing availability and support.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Area 83

Yours in Love and Service, Jack R.

9. SECRETARY'S REPORT Jill B.

Good afternoon friends, I'm an alcoholic, member of the Erin Mills group in Mississauga and my name is Jill.

I met virtually with James and Amy and both have shared with me their experiences as the Area Secretary, and have well equipped me with all the particulars I'll need to effectively serve the Area. I know both are more than willing to answer any questions I may have.

As we are just days into the new term, that is relatively few items that I can share. I have familiarized myself with the secretary duties as they are listed in the Area 83 Operating Procedures and the AA Service Manual. My role is to send communications to the District and Area Committee, maintain an up-to-date roster of District Officers and Sub-committee chairs, take the minutes of the Area Committee Meetings and Area Assemblies; and update the Area Operating Procedures as needed. If a District fills a service position during the term, there is District Change Form on the Area Website www.area83aa.org under the Resources Tab, click on Secretary. Please return this information to me at secretary@area83aa.org via email. This form should also be used if a district member's contact information has changed during their term. Hard copies of kits can take a bit of time to be sent from GSO so accessing the information from the Area website is a great way to ease into a new service position. Kits that are available for downloading are: Accessibilities, Archives, Cooperation with the Professional Community, Corrections, District Committee Member, Public Information and Treatment.

Each District Committee Member will have received the latest Area 83 Roster on January 4, 2023. I have also placed a roster just for your District in your mail folder. Please have a browse through to ensure all information is complete and accurate, as this will assist with my duties. The information contained in the

District roster gets uploaded into the Area Roster. This is a confidential document as last names and some addresses are listed, so this document is not to be shared widely.

On January 4, I also sent out an up-to-date copy of the Operating Procedures. Keeping this handy for reference is important. Over the mailboxes & near the snack area, I've post QR Codes which can be used to download a digital copy of the latest Area 83 Operating Procedures and today's ACM Agenda. The flow of communication from the Secretary will be directly to the DCM's and their Alternates, who in turn are encouraged to share the information with all groups, officers and committee chairs in your District. If a communication is not to be shared past the District, I will indicate this in the body of the email. If a District would like a hard copy (up to a maximum of 3) of the Area Minutes and Operating Procedures, please let me know well in advance so that these can be printed. However, in saying that, I do encourage that we move away from paper and use digital copies provided as much as possible.

I will do my best to get your minutes out to you in timely fashion. The Area Operating Procedures state that the minutes are to be sent out within 6 weeks of said meeting. My goal is to have them out to you quicker than that. To assist me in this effort, I need your help by sending me your reports from the Area Committee Meetings and Area Assemblies, in word format please, prior to the meeting or shortly thereafter. Please help me keep your anonymity, your sign off should be your first name and last initial. Also, if you include an email address in your report, please ensure that it is non-identifiable. Please and thank you.

It is an honour and I'm truly delighted to serve Area 83 as your Panel 73 Secretary. If there is anything that I can do to assist you or your District, please let me know. I would be happy to receive your District minutes. Please send them to secretary@area83aa.org.

Yours in love & service, Jill B

QUESTIONS FOLLOWING SECRETARY'S REPORT:

QUESTION: Jane S, CPC Chair – Do you want an anonymity report resubmitted if a report has already been sent; or can that be corrected by the Secretary this time?

ANSWER: Jill B, Area Secretary – Thanks for the question. I can take care of ensuring its anonymity protected this time round.

10. ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT.....Amy L.

Good Afternoon friends, I'm an alcoholic and member of the Liverpool Group in District 26, and my name is Amy. It is an honour to serve Area 83 as Alternate Delegate. I would like to extend a sincere welcome to all those who are here at their first Area Committee Meeting, and old friends, it is good to see you back.

While transitioning out of the Area Chair role, I spent December getting a taste of what some of the commitments are for the Alternate Delegate. Our operating procedures identify the Alternate Delegate to be Intergroup Liaison Officer for Area 83 (serving as that link between General Service and the various Intergroups in Area 83).

On November 29th and December 20th I attended the GTA Intergroup meeting.

On December 14th I attended the Ottawa Intergroup meeting. I plan to reach out to our Lakeshore Districts' Intergroup and will reach out to the Peterborough to see if they have monthly meetings or a way in which I might be able to share General Service announcements.

November 29th, I attended the Steering committee for CERAASA followed by the Report from our very own Eastern Canada Regional Trustee.

The Alternate Delegate also serves as the point of contact and responsible for all matters relating to Remote Communities initiatives across Area 83. Remote communities, according to GSO's definition is isolated communities by language, geography, or culture. I have attended already two monthly meetings for the Interarea Remote Communities working group. I received an eye-opening experience when I attended the Remote Communities forum on December 17th (online). We were given a little Experience, Strength and Hope from a member of the Anishinaabe community. It was beautiful explanation of how AA can meet people where they are, regardless of where they are. I am looking forward to working with the 11 or so representatives that attend that monthly meeting.

I am now a part of the committee that is rolling out the next Preconference Agenda Sharing sessions (PCAS) in preparation for the 73rd General Service Conference. In an effort to maximize participation, the committee has prepared this as an online 1-day event on April 1, 2023. It will look and feel a lot like the online Service Information Day event, in that it will run for most of the day in two concurrent workshops covering many of the Agenda items from all Conference Committees. A save the date flyer should be coming out soon.

I met with the Panel 71 DCM's and their Alternates in December and heard from them how the Area might be able to assist in connecting and engaging the incoming GSRs. The conclusion is that the districts would like help. That the Unity that would develop might serve to attract and retain our new cohort of GSRs. While this will be geared toward GSRs, I would welcome anyone to attend who has an interest in General Service. This relationship will be kicked off by District 62's Service event next Monday (January 9, 2023) at 7:30 pm which will include a GSR workshop presented by our Immediate Past Delegate, Kimberley. Jamie (DCM 62) will be sending out the meeting details to all DCMs. Please pass this on to your GSRs. We will be following up with a monthly 1-hour meeting to cover topics that would be beneficial to GSRs. The first of these recurring meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month- commencing January 18th.

I have registered and reserved my hotel accommodations for Canadian Eastern Region AA Service Assembly (CERAASA) for February 24-26 in St. Catharines. It will be a great weekend of service workshops and an opportunity to participate in the discussions around the upcoming General Service Conference. I hope to see you all there!

Lastly, one of my other responsibilities as alternate delegate is to look after the area's zoom account. If any of the subcommittee chairs would like to book their respective committee meetings on the area account- please let me know.

ASSEMBLY VENUE REPORT, a committee of 5 including Kimberley M., Maria M., Theresa L., Jonathan C.-J. and myself have been scouring the Belleville/Kingston landscape for a location to hold our Spring Assembly. Before I go any further, if anyone is holding out hope that we will be back at the Ambassador, I think it will be highly unlikely. Kimberly and I met Jonathan in Kingston to see some potential places in-person. We drove by the Ambassador, and it doesn't even look the same and is still mostly under construction, with a much smaller footprint.

We learned that there is a hockey tournament on the last weekend of March and the first weekend of April making hotel accommodations impossible to find from Belleville to Kingston during that time. By shifting our original Assembly date, I am happy to announce that we have found St. Lawrence College in Kingston to be a great venue to hold the Spring Assembly. We have put a hold on their event space for April 15-16th for the Spring Assembly weekend. Jonathan is reaching out to groups in the Kingston area who

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Lobby – Prior to Reno



could accommodate a group of 100 or so that is typical for the open speaker meeting on Friday night of the Assembly. Jonathan also connected with Tourism Kingston who sends out “RFPs” to the hotels in Kingston for events. While the results for the April 15-16th are just being collated- Yesterday we received a note from the Event specialist that said *“I am pleased to say that you will have excellent options, and one of them will allow for everyone to be under one roof.”*

It is all very promising, and the committee looks forward to providing more details as they are confirmed. I know we are all looking forward to having our Spring assembly in-person.

DCMS IT IS IMPARATIVE THAT YOU MONITOR YOUR EMAILS AND PASS ALONG TO GSRS IN YOUR DISTRICT ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE UPCOMING ASSEMBLY. AS SOON AS WE HAVE SECURED THE HOTEL ROOMS, BOOKING OF ROOMS WILL NEED TO BE DONE PROMPTLY, AS THERE WILL ONLY BE A SHORT WINDOW THAT HOTEL ROOMS WILL BE HELD FOR OUR EVENT. AFTER THAT, THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT A ROOM IN THE HOTEL WILL BE AVAILABLE. Please stay tuned.

Thank you for this opportunity to be of service.

QUESTIONS FOLLOWING ALTERNATE DELEGATE’S REPORT:

QUESTION: Christine F., Grapevine Chair – Just to confirm there will be an SID on the Saturday and the Assembly on Sunday?

ANSWER: Amy L., Alternate Delegate – For clarification, yes for this Assembly we will proceed as we normally have with the Service Information Day on the Saturday. And if you are thinking of the Pre-conference agenda sharing – before we can make any changes to that it has to be adopted by the Assembly. So that will be brought to the Assembly in the Spring. Plan on a regular Service Information Day with 3 concurrent sessions.

QUESTION: Jamie B., DCM D62 – Confirming that the Friday meeting we’ll be looking for a local group to host us? Are there any groups that have enough space to hold enough Assembly people?

ANSWER: Amy L., Alternate Delegate – I suspect that the Friday will not have the attendance we normally have. Amy asked Jack R, Area Treasurer to speak to this. Jack R., Area Treasurer – the Spire upstairs would have enough space, and is within walking distance of the centre. Rich K, DCM D36 – confirmed that he spoke to his home group will host the Friday night meeting.

QUESTION: Jamie B., DCM D62 – Will there be a banquet on the Saturday night?

ANSWER: Amy L., Alternate Delegate – There will be a banquet, but unlike the Ambassador where we could give them the numbers at 4pm on the Saturday, we must let the Centre know 2 weeks in advance on the numbers that will be attending the banquet. No menu has been picked out yet. We may have DCM’s sell banquet tickets in advance; similar to what other Areas do.

QUESTION: Jenny B., Archives Chair – Do you know when the CERAASA agenda will be posted on the website?

ANSWER: Amy L., Alternate Delegate – I do not, but James O’D our Delegate will be covering that in his report.

QUESTION: Kimberley M., Immediate Past Delegate – Any information on the lunch for the Saturday & Sunday and how that would work?

ANSWER: Amy L., Alternate Delegate – We have talked with the facility and there is an option for them to provide lunch but we would have to secure for it. So how possibly the committee envisions this is, we will have a take that you can buy for your lunch, for your dinner. There is also 2 small food courts that might be open for us. Although we don’t know for sure if it will be open on Sunday. More needs to be done on this and thinking ahead. We are not allowed to truck in food to the facility or pay a per head cost.

11. DELEGATE’S REPORTJames O’D.

Good afternoon, Friends. My name is James, and I am an alcoholic. My home group is the Recovery Family Group in District 10.

Day 7 as your Panel 73 Delegate for A83 Eastern Ontario International...so far so good!

From the service manual on page 32:

THE DELEGATE

Area delegates have been elected to participate as trusted servants and to provide important leadership in the Fellowship. Indeed, the areas look to their delegates to lead them on tackling current issues while helping the Fellowship to prepare for the future.

Considering the role that delegates play in the Conference, it should come as no surprise that much will be asked of them in time and effort. Delegates are charged with understanding the experiences, viewpoints and group conscience of their areas, while assuming responsibility for the U.S./Canada Conference as a whole. This is why the experience of being a delegate is like no other.

I am pleased to announce that I have been assigned to two Conference Committees: Literature and Archives. Both Conference Committee Chairs have reached out welcoming me to the committees and sharing documents to best prepare for the Conference week in April.

Archives

Two items have arrived: 1. The committee roster and 2. The PDF of the revised (June 2022) ENGLISH Archives Workbook for my and our local archive leaders' review.

French and Spanish translations are being finalized and will be distributed as soon as possible.

During the Conference, the committee will meet at a joint dinner meeting with the trustees' Archives Committee on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 from 5:30pm-7pm. The committee may meet again on Thursday, April 27, 2023.

Literature

During the Conference, the committee will meet three times. First, we will hold a joint meeting with the trustees' Literature Committee, so that both trustees and delegates have an opportunity to discuss the trustees' committee report and share on matters of committee interest. No action is taken at the joint meeting. The joint meeting is scheduled to last one hour.

Action is taken at meetings of the Conference committee on Monday morning and Tuesday morning. The Conference committee may make some recommendations to bring to the entire Conference later in the week. If approved, any such recommendations become Conference Advisory Actions.

At the Tuesday meeting of our Conference committee, we first review any recommendations to be made to the entire Conference. Next the committee will elect a 2023 committee chairperson and alternate chairperson from the first-year delegate members of the committee. It is important that this election be the last order of business on Tuesday morning.

To date we have the following items on the committee's agenda:

- Annual review of recovery literature matrix.
- Review draft pamphlet based on A.A.'s Three Legacies.
- Review draft pamphlet "The Twelve Steps Illustrated."
- Review progress report regarding update of the pamphlet "A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic."
- Review progress report regarding update of the pamphlet "A.A. for the Native North American."
- Review progress report regarding development of a Fourth Edition of the book *Alcohólicos Anónimos*.
- Review progress report regarding the translation of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language.
- Review progress report regarding development of a Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

- Discuss the existing version of the pamphlet “Twelve Traditions Illustrated.”
- Review progress report regarding Literature Committee workbook.
- Review progress report on update of the pamphlet “Do You Think You're Different?”
- Consider development of a Twelve Steps Checklist as a piece of service material.
- Discuss proposed agenda items related to changes to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve approved by 2021 General Service Conference.
- Discuss Proposed Agenda Items related to the Plain Language Big Book Translation.

Both Committees have sent a history and highlights of actions which will assist in following how things have come to be from their conception. I’m hoping it will give context to the current issues facing our fellowship today. Literature highlights begins in 1952 to the present and Archives from 1998 to the present.

Fellowship Connection

The Director of Operations at Member Services has granted me read only access to the Fellowship Connection. It is a web-based application that facilitates collaboration between G.S.O. and the Area. I will be able to view, search, filter and download report of the current information provided by GSO.

Upcoming Events

February 4th - Attending (as a member) the D48 Annual Roundup in South Mountain

February 24-26th – CERAASA – St. Catharines

March 17-19th – Ontario Regional Conference

April 1st – PCAS

April 14-16th – Area Assembly

April 23-30th – 73rd General Service Conference – Brooklyn, New York

Report Backs...

Now is the time to be discussing with the members in your District, neighboring Districts, Zones (geographical grouping of Districts in the Area – located on the last page [P.51] of the Area 83 Operating Procedures) when your members would like to have me come to present what happened at the GSC. While my schedule seems a little lean at the moment I know it will be filling up quite quickly.

Feel free to invite me out to any event where I can be useful. I am here to listen to the voice of our members.

In closing I would like to thank our Immediate Past Delegate Kimberley for her skillful (and time consuming) training over the last two years and for her continued support. I would also like to thank all those Area 83 Past Panel Delegates who have been where I am going. Thank you for your all you have done for Alcoholics Anonymous and for your continued example of saying YES to service.

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

Moved:	Jeffary F., DCM District 86		
Seconded:	Allen W., DCM District 78		
Discussion	none		
All those in favour:	34	100%	
opposed:	none		
abstentions:	none		
Motion:	Carried		

12. 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 2023, I was asked by Amy L., Area 83 Chairperson, to chair an ad hoc committee to examine the digital resources of Area 83.

Our committee met and made interim reports over the term and made a final report with recommendations at our Dec 3, 2022, Area Committee Meeting.

Our current Area Chairperson has asked that we make a follow-up report today building on our previous report to allow for clear direction going forward with respect to Area 83's digital organization.

As a recap for those not present last panel, we examined the other 92 Areas in North America and assessed each Area and site for their success at addressing the three main important audiences we identified: 1) The alcoholic that still suffers 2) our member ship of AA and those interested in AA and 3) the needs of our Area 83 committee members in service. We looked at costs to create a new digital footprint, resources on who we could call upon to help us and perhaps most importantly, whether or not we NEEDED to go down this road at all. We looked at how their websites were organized as well as how they dealt with email, cloud storage. The ability for AA service workers to access digital tools, update them and use a digital presence as a useful tool in their service journey. 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. We also felt our Area ought to migrate to a WordPress driven website.

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 technology committee approach. It was noted how important this resource may be in assessing how rapidly developing technology impacts AA's cherished Traditions. After informed discussion, we concluded that our Area 83 ought to have a Technology Chair who would presumably lead a Technology Committee.

It was originally envisaged by Amy our Chair that any potential change have two stages, the investigative stage, which this committee has had as its mandate and the implementation stage which was to be the second thrust of change.

From the above, in the spirit of clear direction, we suggest two actions be taken:

A That a member of the Area committee makes the following motion:

"That Area 83's webmaster be asked to migrate our current website to a Word Press platform"

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B That the Area Chair form an ad hoc committee tasked with bringing a motion to the June 5, 2023 Area Committee which will define the general terms of reference and potential path to election of an Area Technology Chair and related Committee.

This concludes this committees mandate and on behalf of Ryan D., George McQ, Jack R., Bill C., Kimberly M., and myself, I thank you for this opportunity to serve.

YiL&S, Mel C. Panel 63 Delegate.

Motion: “To task our Webmaster to convert our website to a WordPress format”

Moved:	Rob F., Area Corrections Chair
Seconded:	Tim F., Area PI Chair
Discussion	<p>Jamie B., DCM D62: What would be the cost to the Area to have this done?</p> <p>Mel C., Panel 67 Delegate: Insignificant cost to do this.</p> <p>Rob F., Corrections Chair: The reason I made the motion was because it makes the website a lot more customizable, easy to change, and the conversion is very simple, too, because a lot of district websites converted from their old formats to WordPress in order to be compatible with the meeting guide.</p> <p>James O’D., Area Delegate: Why do we need a motion, and why does the Webmaster not have the authority to make the transition?</p> <p>Bill C., Area Chairperson: Money is involved, and we felt it best to bring it forward to the Area Committee Meeting to have a formal approval and minute it.</p> <p>Mel C., Panel 67 Delegate: In its current Joomla format, transition between Webmasters is cumbersome.</p>
All those in favour:	34 100%
opposed:	none
abstentions:	none
Motion:	Carried

13. NEW BUSINESS

a) Share the Comprehensive Media Plan sessions and summary of survey results..... Kimberley M., Immediate Past Delegate

Good afternoon, I’m an alcoholic, a member of the Ajax Area Group in District 26 and my name is Kimberley. I have the privilege of service as Immediate Past Delegate for Area 83 Eastern Ontario.

Back in November, Area 83 hosted four 90-minute panel discussions to introduce us to and inform our members about the AAWS Comprehensive Media Plan. The panelists included GSO staff and Trustees who were able to eloquently share about the plan. Each night covered different aspects of the plan.

There were 405 people who registered. Approximately 90 members from Area 83 and the rest from all the other Areas. The first session there were 138 participants. 53 of them completed the feedback survey indicating that there were members from at least 27 Areas as well as Area 83 in that night. For session 2, 91 people joined, session 3 there were 97 people and for session 4, 74 people attended. Audio recordings in English and French were sent out on the Sunday following the session to also serve as a reminder of the upcoming session. Along with the audio recordings, the results from the feedback surveys were shared with panelists and will also be included in the minutes from today’s meeting.

In the feedback survey, we used a rating scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the least favorable. When asked “How valuable did you find the information shared during the session?”, the majority of respondents selected 5 for all sessions. When asked if sessions about the CMP were held in the future, would you be interested in attending, in each session, over 80% of attendants selected 5 with the rest choosing 4.

The two open response questions asked: “What did you find most valuable about this session?” and “What topics would you like to explore further with respect to the Comprehensive Media Plan?” Responses for to these questions from all 4 sessions will be included in the minutes.

The purpose of these sessions was to introduce members of Area 83 to the complexities of the Comprehensive Media Plan in a language that we can understand. The audio recordings would be a great jump start for any new PI or CPC chairs at your districts if you haven’t already shared it with them! Because full names were mentioned, the recordings will not be posted on the website. You can access them on your phone with this QR code or email me and I will be happy to email you the links.

This QR code will also give you easy access on your phone to the agendas for the next Area Assembly and Area Committee Meeting. It will also give you access to the Pre Conference Agenda Sharing agenda and documents once they become available.

Yours in love and service, Kimberley



Questions Following report on Comprehensive Media Plan Report

Questions/Comments:	None
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b) Appointment of Signing AuthoritiesJack R., Area Treasurer

Motion: In addition to the signatures of Jack R and Jill B, Area Secretary, we appoint Rich K, incoming DCM District 36, as the third secondary signing authority for Area 83 for the 2023 / 2024 term.

Moved:	Jack R., Area Treasurer
Seconded:	Jane S, CPC Chair
Discussion	No discussion
All those in favour:	31
opposed:	0
abstentions:	1
Motion:	Carried

c) Appointment of Auditors, 2021-2022 Finances.....Jack R., Area Treasurer

Motion: That we appoint Jonathan C-J, outgoing DCM District 36 and Rich K, incoming DCM District 36, as auditors to assist the Area 83 Treasurer in auditing Area 83’s books for the years 2021/2022.

Moved:	Jack R., Area Treasurer
Seconded:	James S., DCM D28
Discussion	No discussion
All those in favour:	31
opposed:	0
abstentions:	1
Motion:	Carried

d) Appointment of Area Webmaster, effective January 1,
2023 for years Bill C, Area Chairperson

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

This is not to be put to a vote, but I am asking the ACM for disapproval.

The Chair, then said: "I recommend that we appoint Robb W, effective January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2024."

Robb W spoke to his appointment	Whether this appointment is approved or disapproved, I just want to make it clear that as a past delegate I don't feel that my voice is required at the Area. My role as a Past Delegate is to be a resource. If you want to talk to me, talk to me, but I don't feel that I have any place now, having a voice and vote at the area as Webmaster, with the exception of matters as they affect the area website. In those cases, then I would speak to whatever items might come up and would vote on those items. I feel like as a webmaster, that would be my responsibility. This is really just a verbal contract. I'm not going to get up to the mic on anything other than as a relates to the website.
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Does anyone disapprove. - None

- Approval: Robb W, Panel 61 Delegate, residing and participating in District 82 has been appointed the Webmaster

On behalf of Area 83, we collectively thank George M for his years of service as our Area's Webmaster.

e) Election of Service Information Day Committee..... Bill C., Area Chairperson

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International Election Results –
Term 2023-2024 for the position: Service Information
Day Committee.

CANDIDATE	District	Elected
Marrey P	06	X
Norm B	12	
Dianne McK	14	
James S	28	
Mike H	30	X
Mike S	34	
Rich K	36	
Sara M	48	
Jamie B	62	X
Carrie C	66	X
Allen W	78	X
Jeffary F	86	X

Motion to destroy the ballots (paper and electronic footprint)

Moved:	Maria M., Area Treatment Chairs
Seconded:	James S., DCM D28
Discussion	No discussion
All those in favour:	35 100%
opposed:	0
abstentions:	0
Motion:	Carried

Pre-conference Agenda Sharing Reminder: Bill C., Area Chairperson

At the request of Rob M., Panel 69 Delegate member of the Pre-conference Agenda Sharing Committee we are reminding you that the proposed changes to the Pre-conference Agenda Sharing Session is going to be voted on at the Area Assembly on April 15th.

You will find the information and details related to the Pre-conference agenda, sharing reports and the recommendations in the January 2022 Area Committee meeting minutes, Spring 2022 Assembly minutes and the June 2022 Area Committee Meeting minutes.

DCM's, please take this information back to your GSR's as this represents a major change to how we do our Assemblies.

14. SHARING - WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Joyce S., Panel 65 Delegate: Jack our Area Treasurer celebrates 30 years on January 16th

Mel C., Panel 63 Delegate: I would like to make one comment about CERAASA. For those who don't know, we were the only region in all of North America that didn't have a service assembly every year. That was, you know, the eastern or western region and northwest region, and they called themselves the Nerds, northeast region. And anyway, we didn't have one. Back in 2013, the 4 Quebec areas, they were pushing to have one and they said, we're going to have one whether you guys join us or not. And so we all kind of did it, in 2013 and then in 2014 the next one Area 83 took it on and we did a great job doing it. So this year's event in St. Catharines is really worthwhile going out to. There is the event and rooms to be had and I was going to say that I have a room, and I so if you're able to go in February, I would recommend you go. It doesn't cost hardly anything. I have a suite, and I'm happy to open that up to anybody wants to come and just have a place to go...so if you're able to I would recommend you go. Thanks.

Eddie G., Guest: Alcoholic beaches group. Eddie just said, Hi! Well, as a member of the Beaches group, and in this district I have a voice, but no vote. So with respect, I think the area committee meeting should look at. We've had in the last 2 years, you know, subcommittee chairs could have monthly virtual meetings with their district. You know whatever treatment, corrections, and all that. But the DCMs and the alternates had it going on for the last 2 years, but no nobody was responsible for it, because there was no procedures for it. Who is going to look after it. So the Alternate Delegate looked after it, but and then now we have people, 2 people, I think Trevor and Jill that are going to be looking after the next few years. So I think this should be discussed at the area committee meeting so everybody could participate and decide, who's going to look after this and how it's going to be run. So that's my 2 cents. Thanks.

Bert J, DCM D22: Our Delegate, James O'D celebrated 15 years on December 26th

Rob F., Corrections Chair: Our Immediate Past Delegate Kimberly celebrates 21 years on January 22nd.

Allen M., DCM D26: Our Alternate DCM Carl O. celebrates 28 years.

15. NEXT AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

I would recommend the next committee meeting be held on **June 3, 2023** as a hybrid meeting at Quinte West. Would someone be willing to make a motion to that effect?

- *Motion: to hold the next ACM on June 3, 2023*

Moved:	Trevor F., Area Registrar
Seconded:	Mike H., DCM District 30
Discussion	none
All those in favour:	35 100%
opposed:	None
abstentions:	None
Motion:	Carried

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

16. CLOSING

It is now 3:40 PM and I would like to thank everyone for their participation today and wish you good health and safety until we meet again.

- May I have a motion to end this meeting?

Moved:	Jack R., Area Treasurer
Seconded:	Rob F., Area Corrections Chair
Discussion	none
All those in favour:	35 100%
opposed:	none
abstentions:	none
Motion:	Carried

The Meeting closed with A Declaration of Unity.

**This we owe to AA's future;
to place our common welfare first;
to keep our Fellowship united.
For on AA unity depend our lives, and the lives
of those to come.**

APPENDICES

Appendix A₁ Financial Documents—Financial Summary (December 31, 2022)

EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83
as at December 31, 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	3,084.55	3,200.00	(115.45)
Cost Recoveries	0.00	0.00	0.00
Flow Through to GSO	575.00	300.00	275.00
Grapevine Seasonals	1,199.25	1,500.00	(300.75)
Group, District & Individual Contributions	48,915.54	30,339.60	18,575.94
			0.00
TOTAL INCOME	53,774.34	35,339.60	18,434.74
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE	0.00		0.00
TOTAL INCOME & TRANSFERS		35,339.60	18,434.74

EXPENSES			
Accommodations	0.00	250.00	(250.00)
Meals	50.88	1,100.00	(1,049.12)
Travel	3,525.00	7,485.00	(3,960.00)
Long Distance	37.60	0.00	37.60
Postage	288.64	1,030.00	(741.36)
Printing	163.90	1,129.00	(965.10)
Literature	0.00	800.00	(800.00)
Stationery	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
Miscellaneous	3,348.76	1,175.00	2,173.76
Total Committee Expenses	7,414.78	13,069.00	(5,654.22)
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	1,376.35	1,300.00	76.35
General Service Conf. Assessment	10,445.60	10,445.60	0.00
Bank Service Charges	56.20	100.00	(43.80)
Paypal fees	37.76	25.00	12.76
Forums	2,183.78	2,300.00	(116.22)
Grapevine Seasonal	941.93	1,500.00	(558.07)
GSO Flow Through	575.00	300.00	275.00
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	32,112.13	22,270.60	9,841.53
TOTAL EXPENSES		35,339.60	4,187.31

OPERATING ACCOUNT			
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2022	46,492.09		
Total Income & Transfers	53,774.34	35,339.60	18,434.74
Total Expenses	(39,526.91)	(35,339.60)	4,187.31
OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE		0.00	14,247.43

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Appendix A₂ Financial Documents–Detail of Expenses (December 31, 2021)

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International
Details of Expenditures
as at December 31, 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	497.87	37.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2712.00	3278.35	\$2,275.00	-1003.35	144.10%
Alt. Delegate	0.00	20.00	413.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	433.60	\$710.00	276.40	61.07%
Immediate past Delegate	0.00	0.00	319.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	319.20	\$450.00	130.80	70.93%
Chairperson	0.00	0.00	334.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	235.00	569.66	\$880.00	310.34	64.73%
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	216.87	0.00	121.59	183.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	502.16	\$950.00	447.84	52.86%
Registrar	0.00	0.00	551.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	551.20	\$645.00	93.80	85.46%
Webmaster/ Web Site	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	401.76	401.76	\$995.00	593.24	40.38%
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%
Archivist	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$175.00	175.00	0.00%
Cooperation with the P.C.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$745.00	745.00	0.00%
Corrections Facilities	0.00	0.00	447.40	0.00	87.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	534.52	\$750.00	215.48	71.27%
Grapevine	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	99.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	99.93	\$995.00	895.07	10.04%
Public Information	0.00	0.00	134.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	134.40	\$275.00	140.60	48.87%
Self Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$275.00	275.00	0.00%
Treatment	0.00	0.00	256.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	256.80	\$550.00	293.20	46.69%
Accessibility	0.00	0.00	293.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	293.20	\$685.00	391.80	42.80%
Service Info Day Cmte	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	0.00%
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	\$ -	\$ 50.88	\$ 3,525.00	\$ 37.60	\$ 288.64	\$ 183.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,348.76	\$ 7,414.78	\$ 13,069.00	\$ 5,654.22	56.74%
OTHER EXPENSES													
Adhoc Committees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	0.00%
Area Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1376.35	1,376.35	\$1,300.00	-76.35	105.87%
Area GSO Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,100.00	\$5,000.00	-10,100.00	302.00%
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56.20	56.20	\$100.00	43.80	56.20%
Paypal Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37.76	37.76	\$25.00	-12.76	151.04%
Forums	825.42	161.12	1197.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,183.78	\$2,300.00	116.22	94.94%
Grapevine Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	941.93	941.93	\$1,500.00	558.07	62.80%
GSC Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,445.60	10,445.60	\$10,445.60	0.00	100.00%
GSO Flow Through	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	575.00	575.00	\$300.00	-275.00	191.67%
Ont Delegates' Committee	548.94	217.55	327.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,093.69	\$1,100.00	6.31	0.00%
CERAAASA / ECDO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	301.82	301.82	\$200.00	-101.82	150.91%
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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,159.66	\$ 32,112.13	\$ 22,270.60	\$ 9,841.53	144.19%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,374.36	\$ 429.55	\$ 5,049.44	\$ 37.60	\$ 288.64	\$ 183.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,508.42	\$ 39,526.91	\$ 35,339.60	\$ 4,187.31	111.85%

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	YTD 2022	Dec 2021	Difference
Income To Date	53,774.34	35,318.84	18,455.50
Expenses To Date	39,526.91	30,423.68	9,103.23
Net Change To Operating Account	\$ 14,247.43	\$ 4,895.16	\$ 9,352.27
Contributions	\$48,915.54	\$31,081.34	\$17,834.20
Contributing Groups	120	96	24
Contributing Districts	14	12	2
Contributing Individuals	3	2	1

Income Summary :	
12/31/2022	3,084.55
7th Tradition	-
Bank Interest	575.00
GSO Flow through	48,915.54
Contributions	1,199.25
Cost Recoveries	53,774.34
Grapevine Seasonals	-
Total Income	\$ 53,774.34

Appendix A₃ Financial Documents—Contributions by District (December 31, 2021)

GROUP & DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS as at December 31, 2022

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District	0	Unspecified, Individual	\$351.00
District	2	Malton	\$909.96
District	6	Mississauga	\$4,295.00
District	10	Toronto South Central	\$3,999.36
District	12	Toronto South West	\$3,547.85
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	\$2,000.40
District	30	Quinte West	\$1,475.00
District	34	Quinte East	\$2,233.00
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	\$975.00
District	42	St. Lawrence International	\$745.39
District	48	Seaway Valley North	\$1,250.00
District	50	Cornwall	\$800.00
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	\$765.00
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	\$475.00
District	62	Ottawa West	\$5,108.84
District	66	Golden Triangle	\$2,980.00
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	\$1,325.00
District	74	Pembroke	\$1,440.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	\$150.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	\$550.00
District	86	Kawartha	\$4,020.00

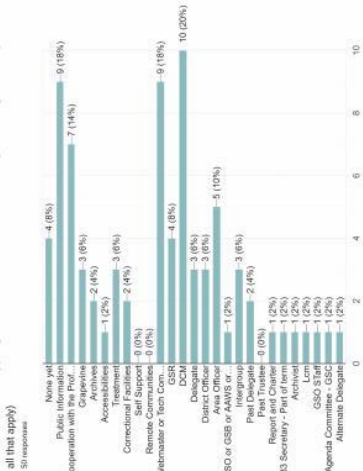
Total Contributions YTD: \$48,915.54

Total from Groups	\$35,197.64	120	Groups
Total from Districts	\$13,366.90	14	Districts
Total from Individuals	\$351.00	3	Individuals

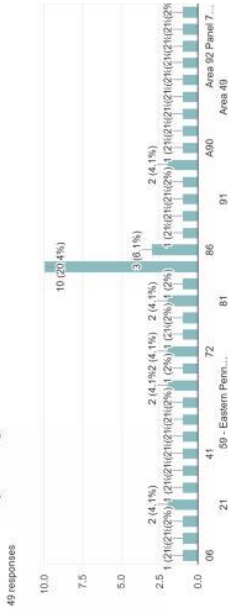
Appendix A4 CMP Feedback Survey Results.....

CMP Feedback Survey Results November 16th, 2022
Carrying the Message: An Introduction to the CMP

On which committee(s) do you serve? Or in which General Service position do you serve? (Select all that apply)



To which Area do you belong?



How valuable did you find the information shared during this/these session(s)?

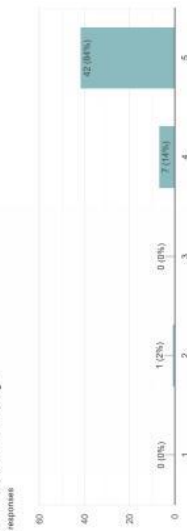


What did you find most valuable from the session?

- Question and answer about Google Grants
- I enjoyed all of the information and plan to pass it on at my next District meeting
- What platforms are available and information about the CMP
- Answered questions from my group and district
- a general overview of the CMP is very helpful
- The survey conversation
- Good process: panelists then question and answer
- The CMP's existence
- It exists.
- Knowing how hard people are working in the best interest of AA is comforting. Seeing so many people attend also means people care.
- the transparency, professionalism, integrity
- Presentation and Q&A!
- Enjoyed the questions
- Trying to understand what the CMP entails
- How the CMP came to be; the technical - digital platform information that undergirds the decisions made by AAWs.
- Just the broad stroke of familiarizing with it all
- all of it and the Q & A
- Finding out there's a CMP document
- what it actually consisted of
- The details shared about founding CMP history and direction for 2023
- Happy to see we're doing this work
- How active AA is on social media
- Having staff and appointed committee members, Patrick and Morgan on to answer questions and provide history
- It's great to hear from GSO Staff and Appointed Committee Members
- Questions and answers!
- The CMP research and Q&A
- I loved hearing how the Membership Survey will be used. Also responding to the comments on Google, so important to get the correct information out and I appreciate how it is being done.
- The presentation by GSO Staff Patrick C. and ACM Morgan B. on their roles in service to PI.
- The presentations and Q&O with the CMP team members Morgan and Patrick left me with a strong level of confidence that AA is developing a comprehensive and cohesive media plan. It

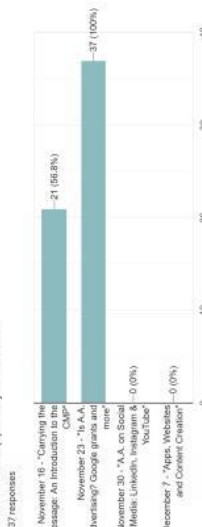
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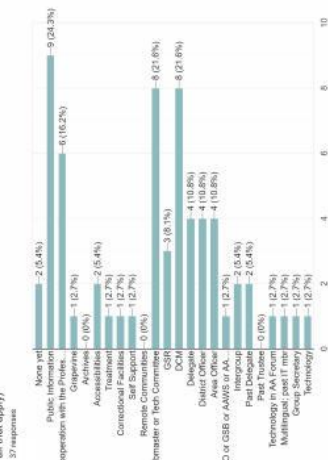


CMP Feedback Survey Results November 23rd, 2022 Is AA Advertising? Google Grants and More

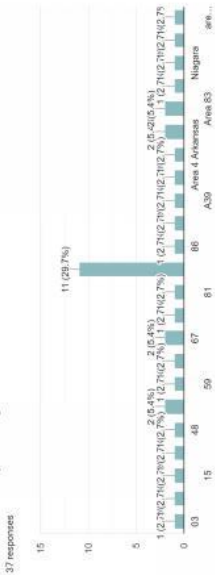
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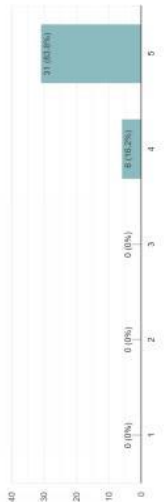
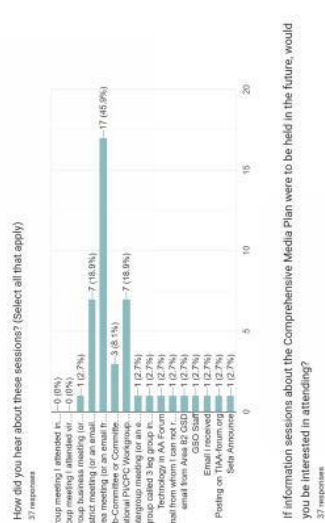
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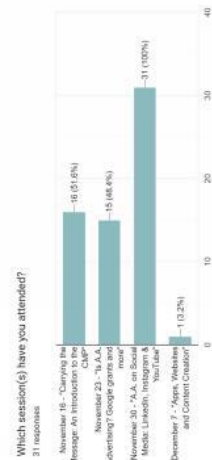
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- I thought the part covering Meeting Guide in last years conference background wasn't clear - I hope they would share how they have update that plan to better focus on why MG is in the CMP



CMP Feedback Survey Results November 30th, 2022
AA on Social Media: LinkedIn, Instagram & YouTube



- Transparency, helping others to gain knowledge, Q&A session
- Both panelists excellent to explain complex ideas
- Info about Google ad grants.
- The question and answer portion
- Young Persons Video Project
- knowledgeable presenters
- The information on what GSO is doing to get our message out there on media channels
- Learning about tech issues and the 'landscape' GSO must navigate to optimize AA's presence online.
- Learning about how Google Grants work and fit into the AA world of Traditions
- Carrying The Message in todays world
- insights on the details of Google Grants. keyword use, most "popular" search topics.
- Staying on topic and the thorough discussion
- The clarification of use with the Google grant and future prospects on how to improve our AA website, along with the analytics. Nice plug for groups and area to create GSC agenda to be more pro active.
- Meaning we should all we can with our own projects and history on this subject.
- Learning more of the behind the scenes things

What topics would you like to explore further with respect to the Comprehensive Media Plan?

- The issue of accepting grants from non-AA organizations the different platforms and how to improve each of them here is a question. Every district and intergroup has its own website, own virtual meeting approach, own everything which leads to reinventing the wheel over and over. wouldn't it make sense to consolidate or provide uniform proven models to all AA entities, which they can choose to use or not in the spirit of autonomy?
- most in person AA meetings are remarkably similar, yet AA in the virtual world is extremely diverse, and is probably confusing to the average person looking for information and help
- Local & national PSAs
- Thinking outside the box, non-traditional methods of expanding our search engine optimization
- Can local entities use Facebook or Nextdoor?
- what GSO is already doing/maintaining on a regular basis and communicating all their efforts to the fellowship so the facts can lessen the fears of those uninformed - also some of the factual information of what has been happening since we started the CMP
- I am involved in service but I have heard nothing about this plan from my delegates, area assemblies, district. I would like to see the communication up and down the triangle improved. Like can I get the Quarterly Report to my inbox? I have trouble even finding it on the aa.org website sometimes. TY
- Website design and optimization
- More basic info about Google Grants and Key Words - much of the information tonight went over my head.
- Specific steps to take for obtaining Google ad grant.
- How to integrate into local and area plans - how to use these tools at the local level
- Search Engine Optimization
- Can areas participate more? Is there anything Area or District (even Group) websites do to help or align more closely with goals of AAWS?
- Educating Area P.I. Chairs and the Fellowship in understanding
- Meeting Guide app: cleaning up algorithms to updates. Where are the feeds coming from. What improvements have been suggested (hopefully a selection for zoom or Skype Migs). I also appreciate the news feed being more active in the app. Also since I am leaving Accessibility I wonder about communication with the deaf community using tech and the blind.

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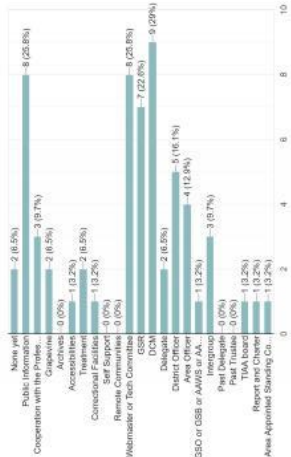
- Enjoyed screen share of tube page.
- Info on YouTube Channel, Instagram, Grapevine
- Depth of knowledge and information about what is going on with AA's online presence.
- YouTube and Instagram info
- Understanding how GSO uses digital means to carry the message
- Listening to the GSO persons and Trustees and all the questions our members have
- Decent overview of the CMP which, unfortunately, still has huge gaps. See below
- Instagram
- more resources
- Sharing on the various areas of media in use today
- The information provided
- YouTube for GSO - they have ASL video interpretations of our Literature. I had no idea that existed
- better understanding on how social media works in AA
- Info on the upcoming Grapevine app, reasoning behind the decision to not use a hybrid format for Forums.
- overview of AA as a whole
- Explanations about the particularities of different platforms (You Tube, IG, LinkedIn). It helped me to see the reasoning behind the choice of the GY to have an IG account, but why AAWS does not yet have one.
- Cost of hybrid forums & hybrid Bd wkds
- Insights on upcoming (Grapevine .La Vnia) app, desire for more "mobile-friendly" content
- Quoting Bill W. Specifically to help them understand. Bill would want us to use any method possible to carry the message to the still-suffering alcoholic. There is a way to keep traditions and reach those who need and want to find us.
- shared communication on many different media questions - very informative
- Q&A from staff members
- Understanding how GSO works with technology for the benefit of AA
- the links and clear direction to finding and using resources, loved the speaker engagement.
- More formal and longer presentations by speakers, like we received 11.16.22

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- I would like a peek at these sites via screenshare
- Guidelines on website integration
- I have no topics to explore, but wish to express appreciation to GSO for these sessions
- Since I am in Corrections and Treatment for now: how to help the Inside members. I do go to the ICM (international corrections meeting) most Sundays and learn a lot.
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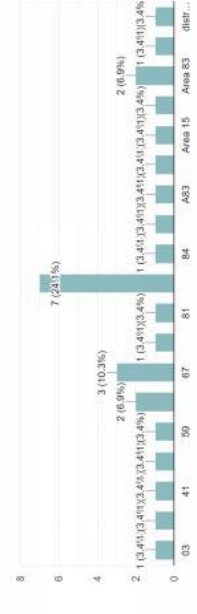
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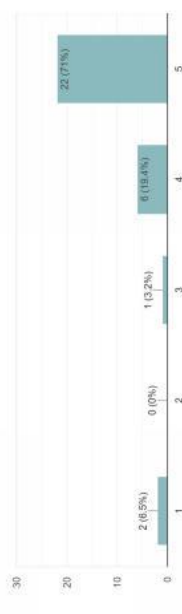
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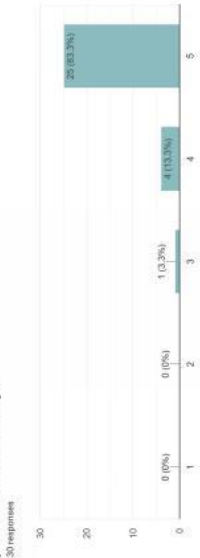
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- private groups for alcoholics and addicts
- Analog versus Digital stats and uses.
- A glide app with a one stop shopping list of all the materials that PI/CPC could have readily available.
- hybrid meetings
- Have you considered developing a 'writing guide', ie, suggestions for consistent ways to write specific common expressions, even as simple as AA vs A.A.
- How are online groups going to participate in AA structure?
- How the comprehensiveness has been examined
- PSA penetration both local & national
- IMHO, visibility of CMP and use of social media could be made greater to Areas & Districts (via email?)
- Many of my associates in service have little awareness of these initiatives.
- So few people attend perhaps more frequent meetings with repeats of hot topics.
- I learned so much tonight - I don't have a topic bc I am listening and learning at this time
- website
- Look at the archives to see if lesson are available to apply to today's online media use. Currently I see there is too much dependability on dangerous online and digital uses.
- Anonymity on the Internet

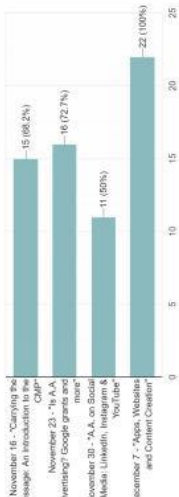
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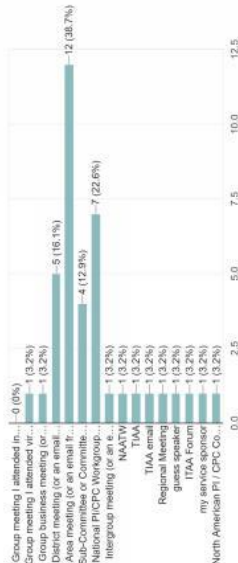
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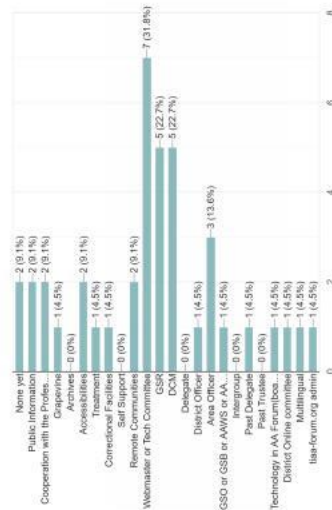


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What did you find most valuable about this/these session(s)?

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- How AA can reach out to carry the message and

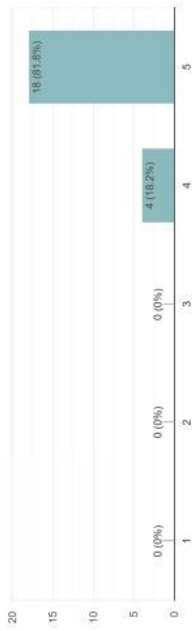
- Explanation of what being done.
- Clarity
- How to make good use of technology to carry the AA's message
- the depth of the knowledge shared
- Hearing from the subject matter experts - they've been absolutely outstanding!
- cleared up what we can and cant do
- Learning about the procedures
- getting a deeper understanding of CMP
- Mtg Guide structure/content
- Over topics of where the app or communication can grow. And also the ALS tab to be useful when redesigning our website.
- The questions that were asked and transparency that is shown with these type of events.
- social media sessions
- Discussions about how to improve our communication across the fellowship using technologies of today.
- Hearing about the considerations given to the Traditions.
- I appreciate the sessions being separated into bite size chunks with 4 different topics. the various individuals asked to share on the different topics were most appropriate. I appreciate the preparation of sending the speakers questions before hand to help focus the sessions, yet still allowing the attendees to submit questions. Overall, this was a great experience! Please share my gratitude with all involved in making this happen. :)
- In general, how GSO/GSB is gingerly moving forward with technology in the 21st Century.
- Understanding how AA uses technology to carry the message while respecting the traditions.

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- I've attended the Comprehensive Media Plan sessions hosted by Area 83. I've asked this question, but thus far have not gotten an adequate answer.
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- I like the idea of suggested Guidelines around local websites
- Web and social medias
- Anything! Thank you so much for bringing this together!!
- accessibility
- A little more explanations such as about NetSuite to remind members what they are. I would like to see an orientation about the app, see what it offers etc. before answering what I would like to see on it.
- Learning how to educate to our groups as simply as possible
- How to contribute to updates
- just continue to follow the progress!
- I'm not sure that there is one topic in particular. A continuing of updates/changes/expansion based on how the Media Plan continues in development of new ideas and implementation.
- Google Grants; Social Media; Creative Development Specifications; Is the CMP being as effective as possible in carrying the message?. What role does diversity and inclusion play in the CMP?. Does the CMP include discussions on unconscious bias and understanding differences?
- Getting yearly updates about AAIT

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