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Hybrid Area Assembly Minutes

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HYBRID AREA ASSEMBLY – APRIL 16, 2023

OPENING

Meeting opened at 9:00 am.

Good morning everyone. I'm an alcoholic, a member of the West End Group in District 74, and my name is Bill. I have the honor and privilege of serving Area 83 as your Chairperson.

Let's start this meeting with a Moment's Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

May we have that moment now,

12 Traditions	Pam S, District 66
12 Concepts – Short Form	Matt C, GSR – Mississippi Group, District 66

Welcome everybody to the 2023 Spring Assembly. Did everyone enjoy the Service Information Day yesterday? Let's give a hand to the Service Information Day Committee for the great line up of workshops, and to all the presenters- you did very well. Thank you.

Did you hear the speaker meeting last night? Trish what a powerful message. You really touched our hearts. Thank you.

I would ask that you please address the committee by stating your name, position, and district before presenting your point. This is immensely helpful for anyone relying on Closed Captioning.

Introduction

This is our first Assembly of four in this Panel 73. During the remainder of this term, we will be working together to provide continued strength and direction to A.A. in Area 83. Our common goal during this term is to keep Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 83 vibrant and strong. Working together with open lines of communication is the key for continued Unity in our Area.

The A.A. Service Manual refers to the Assembly meeting as the heart of each area "where the democratic voice of our Fellowship expresses itself." Just as most District tables meet monthly to oversee the affairs of A.A. in the District, and home Groups usually have regular business meetings, to handle matters that require a group conscience decision, the Assembly is the business meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 83.

Area 83 stretches from Oakville in the West to Ottawa in the East, down to upper New York State and up to Algonquin Park and the Ottawa Valley. At last count, we have 601 Active Groups, 24 registered virtual groups and 8 correctional groups.

Some of us have been here before as an elected trusted servant or as a visitor. For some, it is your first Assembly and from personal experience it can seem overwhelming! How many of you are here today attending your first Assembly? Could you raise your hand please? That's great!! Welcome.

Being in service is a great way to give back to A.A. You will not be expected to learn or understand everything the first time or even second time. It takes time but it will make sense. Many of us didn't understand what was going on at meetings at first, but in time, we started to understand. Service is much the same way. So please keep coming back – welcome and enjoy the rest of the Assembly.

Over these two years, we will make decisions on a variety of topics. The Area Assembly, like the General Service Conference, strives for substantial unanimity through ample discussion. Before a vote is held, plenty of time should be taken for full discussion and questions. It is my hope that you will return to your Groups and Districts with the feeling

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that you have done your part in keeping Alcoholics Anonymous strong and vibrant in your area and that you have had a strong voice in Area 83. With a spirit of love and cooperation, we will be able to get things accomplished and have some fun while we're doing it.

At the end of today, I hope that each of us will leave this Assembly with a renewed belief that A.A. is alive and well in our Area and that our message of hope is clear and available to the still-suffering alcoholic.

I would like to remind all those present who will be giving a report today, to give whatever highlights are important. Written reports, when submitted to our Secretary Jill, will be transcribed in full in the minutes, for all in Area 83 to read.

At this time, I would like to introduce to you our Area Officers, Sub-Committee Chairs, Immediate and Past Delegates, appointed individuals and other visitors.

Area 83 Officers

First, Our Panel 73 DelegateJames O'D.
The Alternate DelegateAmy L.
SecretaryJill B.
TreasurerJack R.
RegistrarTrevor F.
Our Panel 71 Immediate Past DelegateKimberley M.
and I am your Chair

Area Sub-Committee Chairpersons

Public Information ChairTim F.
Cooperation with the Professional Community ChairJane S.
Correctional Facilities ChairRob F.
TreatmentMaria M.
AccessibilitiesTheresa.
Grapevine Chair.....Christine F.
Self-Support ChairKathie T.
Archives ChairJenny B.
Service Information ChairCarrie C.

These are your elected Area Officers and Sub-Committee Chairs for the 2023 and 2024 term.

I would like to now introduce Past Delegates, people with appointed Area Service Position and visitors from outside Area 83.

Today we have with us as Past Delegates:

With us today we have Panel 53 Delegate, Roy R.; Panel 59, Sandy S; Panel 61 Delegate, Robb W.; Panel 63 Delegate, Mel C.; Panel 65 Delegate, Joyce S.; Panel 67 Delegate, Kim S; Panel 69 Rob M; Panel 71, Kimberley M

And in **Appointed Positions** we have

Area Archivist, David T; Area Webmaster, Robb W

Also, we have with us as **visitor(s)** from outside of Area 83:

Trish L, Trustee at Large for Canada and Joyce S serving as the Eastern Canada Regional Trustee

Housekeeping:

Accessibility

Area 83 wants to make sure that everyone is able to participate equally. In addition to closed-captioning for the online participants, our ZoomOps team will be taking those online members who are voting and need assistance with the Polls into breakout rooms to collect your votes. For anyone attending the in-person meeting, please let me know if you need an accommodation and we will do everything to assist.

Smoking/Eating area

St Lawrence College is a strict non-smoking campus. Therefore, smoking will have to be done on the sidewalks off SLC grounds. We will be having regular breaks for refreshments, which are set-up outside of the meeting room and lunch. Lunch for those who pre-ordered will be available outside of the meeting room. There are several options for lunch in the food court area just outside of the meeting room.

Frequency of meetings

I think it's worthwhile to review the schedule of meetings for this term, for both this Assembly and the Area Committee:

The Assembly meets twice a year – Usually the last full weekend in March and October, later under Agenda Item 15 we will decide on a date for the Fall 2023 Assembly. The Area committee, which is comprised of the Area Officers, Sub-Committee Chairs, and District Committee Members, will meet three times this year. We have already met in January. Our next Area Committee Meeting will be on June 3, 2023. Please note that anyone can attend Area Committee Meetings as observers. The meeting details including Agenda are available on the Area 83 website at least 6 weeks prior to the next meeting.

The schedule of tentative dates for the remaining meetings of this term will be included in the minutes.

Year	Date	Status	Type of Meeting	Where
2023	June 3	Confirmed	Hybrid Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2023	September 16	Tentative	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2023	October 27-29 ¹	Tentative	Area Assembly	Kingston Area-Venue

¹Voted and approved at the April 16th Assembly, see agenda [14](#) in these minutes.

NOTE: I am pleased to tell you that we will continue with the hybrid format for the next Area Committee meeting in Quinte West on June 3rd, 2023. Please mark this on your calendar.

SEVENTH TRADITION

The 7th tradition will be collected today by digital means as well as by “passing the basket”. Over the course of the Assembly our Treasurer will be posting in the Chat window the available methods of making a digital contribution to Area 83.

I know it seems that the coffee and drinks provided this weekend are free, but St Lawrence College charges us a flat rate of about \$10.00 - \$12.00 per person for the weekend. We had a 7th Collection at the banquet last night and we will have another one today. Please keep these costs in mind when you are making your 7th contribution.

WHO VOTES?

Only members of the Assembly may vote.

These are:

- All Area Officers, including the Immediate Past Delegate, but not the Chair.

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- All Area Sub-Committee Chairs and the Webmaster.
- All District Committee Members of Districts in Area 83; in their absence, the Alternate District Committee Member may vote.
- All General Service Representatives of Groups in Area 83, in their absence, the Group's Alternate General Service Representative. In their absence, a member of the registered Group may vote. This includes the General Service Representatives of recognized Correctional Facilities groups.
- There is one vote per person.

VOTING:

As you know our Assembly today is being conducted as a hybrid meeting. We have members with an eligible vote who are attending via the online meeting.

DISCUSSION/RAISING HAND:

If you would like to address the committee to make a motion, second a motion, share a new perspective or ask a question, please approach the microphone, or raise your virtual hand using the RAISE HAND FUNCTION if you are participating online and have a voice and vote.

When you have been recognized by the chair, please identify yourself by Name, Service Position and District. Please come with your thoughts formulated and refrain from extraneous comments.

In the interest of time and to give all those with a voice an equal opportunity to speak to a motion, I would ask that you only come to the microphone once on the motion being discussed. After everyone has had a chance to share, we can do round 2 if necessary.

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 ASSEMBLY?

- Only voting members of the Assembly have a voice. This is important for two reasons:
 - It keeps the focus on the fact that the Assembly is the business meeting of the Area – Assembly members are carrying and presenting their Groups' wishes, rather than their own.
 - And it maximizes the time available for those members to voice their Groups' opinions and needs.
- All who are attending may say their piece during sharing time. I would ask for your cooperation on this. If you don't have a vote, as I just described, please keep your input for sharing time, which is scheduled as Item 13 on the Agenda. At that time everyone is welcome to participate, and their opinions will be heard.

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- On the topic of sharing time, please, if you can, stay until the end of the Assembly. I realize it may feel like a long day, but the Assembly truly isn't over until it's over. We have asked our guests and visitors to have their say during sharing time, and as hosts, it's polite to stay and hear their views. It's also quite possible that something important will be said.
- To allow me to facilitate discussions, when you are ready to speak and you have been recognized, please identify yourself by Name, Position, Group and District number.

If you are making a floor motion for the Assembly to consider today, it would be much appreciated if you would write your motion out and give it to our secretary, Jill, before addressing the Assembly.

HOW DO WE VOTE?

Alcoholics Anonymous has traditionally made decisions by 'substantial unanimity'. In practice, this has translated to 2/3 majority which is 2/3 of the votes cast each time. As we cannot control who is in the room at the time of each vote, it is impractical to use the roll call as the basis for the 2/3 calculation.

I believe that the first part of the agenda today can be handled under simple majority— 1 vote more than 50%. *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. We will do this by a show of hands for the in-person participants or by clicking the green Yes button or red No button for the online participants. We will use these buttons to gauge the feeling of the voting members. Going forward, to vote on a motion there will always be three options: For, Against and Abstain. I will be sure to give enough time for all voting members to cast your vote. Please, only vote if you have a vote.

If someone needs assistance, we will make arrangements to ensure that your voice is heard, and vote is cast. This may take a little time, but it is important that everyone can participate equally in this meeting.

May I have a motion to operate on simple majority?

- Motion for simple majority

Moved:	Steve B, GSR District 28	
Seconded:	Jeffary F, DCM District 86	
Discussion	None	
All those in favour:	193	
All those opposed:	2	
Any abstentions:	1	
Motion:	Carried	

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

None

NEW BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

None

• *Motion to accept the agenda as presented*

Moved:	Allan W, DCM District 78
Seconded:	Pat K, GSR Pine Hills, District 22
Discussion	None
All those in favour:	192
All those opposed:	4
Any abstentions:	0
Motion:	Carried

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF FALL ASSEMBLY, SUNDAY October 30, 2022

A link to the minutes has been available on the Agenda since it was originally circulated so that you would have ample time to review them. Therefore, it should be okay at this time to consider any ERRORS OR OMISSIONS in the minutes of October 30, 2022 as distributed?

• *Motion to accept minutes as circulated*

Moved:	Mark M, GSR District 36
Seconded:	Richard C, DCM District 82
Discussion	None
All those in favour:	191
All those opposed:	0
Any abstentions:	5
Motion:	Carried

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORTS

The District committee members' verbal reports are limited to 2 minutes. Our trusty old timer will be set to 2 minutes. You should complete your report in this allotted time. Written reports, which are also requested, may be as long as needed, and will be included, in their entirety in the minutes of this Assembly if a copy is given to Jill, our secretary.

Order of reports has been randomized and is reflected in the Agenda. I will announce who is up and who is on deck. If you are "on deck", feel free to come to the front of the room or, if you are participating online, raise your hand. Please clearly state your name, your position and your District before presenting your report, thank you.

Again, I would request that all please respect the time allotted to them.

District 02 Malton

Good morning, I am an Alcoholic, member of the Reaching Out Group, and have the honor & privilege to serve as the District Committee Member for District 02 and my name is Bob.

Vince R our DCM had to step down earlier this year and we wish him well in his future endeavours.

The district is financially secure, and all our financial obligations are being met.

Our commitments to our service meetings in Treatment are being fulfilled thanks to the extraordinary efforts of our Treatment chair Candis W.

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Shane H has taken the Accessibility position new levels with the introduction of a semi-annual Accessibility virtual info panel on zoom. With International participation we are looking forward to the April 22, 2023, session taking place 1 to 3 pm Eastern Standard Time. Kudos to Shane and his committee bringing information to the forefront.

In Corrections we have been taking the meeting behind the walls with the reopening of the Men's Action Group operating in Ontario Correctional Institute. There is a regular meeting on Monday evenings facilitated by 2 volunteers. We were allowed to start up again in July 2022 and attendance at the meeting has been well attended. We have placed some literature in the 3 probation and parole offices in our district.

Like other districts we have people in multiple positions. Our attendance at our monthly District meeting is attracting an average of 5 groups approx. 33% being represented at the table We do have chair positions available and would very much like to see some new people participating.

An in-person visit was made to all the groups that have reopened and an invitation to participate in the District meetings was extended. Hopefully the seed was planted and will soon bare some fruit.

District 02 is alive and well and ready to grow.

Yours in Gratitude & Service, Bob E.

District 06 Mississauga

Good Morning,

I am an alcoholic, member of the Streetsville Group in Mississauga, and am privileged to serve as the District 6 District Committee Member, and my name is Marrey P.

District 6 stretches roughly from Highway 401 in the north to Lake Ontario in the south, and from Six Mile Creek in Oakville in the west to Royal York Road, Etobicoke to the east.

There are 36 groups in the district, 1 being inactive. We have had quorum at all our district meetings this Panel 73 term and our meetings are held virtually.

The district is financially stable with groups generously contributing and in turn, disbursements have been made to Area 83.

More and more meetings are in-person but there are still many hybrid and virtual meetings. One of our groups, Markland Wood, is having trouble finding a location for in-person meetings and as a result, may discontinue as a group.

Covid has been a challenge and coming out of the strict measures phase, some groups struggle as not all members want the same platform. This has caused a fracture in the unity of group members; this is a result of the virtual faction and the in-person faction meeting on the same night but being totally separate, not hybrid.

Our 4 table officer positions of DCM, ADCM, Secretary/Treasurer and Registrar/Webmaster have been filled as well as the chairperson positions of Public Information, Self-Support and Accessibility. The Archives Chairperson was going to fulfill her role virtually from out of the district, Haliburton (something new for us), but resigned after a few months. We have no Corrections Chairperson, but a trusted A.A. servant, Dan H, has ensured that meeting commitments at the Toronto South Detention Center are being met. Likewise, the Treatment Chairperson role is being covered by the previous chair, Rebecca V, who has moved to Orillia. She is fielding treatment emails, Bridging the Gap (GAP) requests, and coordinating volunteers at the 2 shelters we service. District 6 is blessed to have 2 such dedicated individuals that are committed to reaching the still suffering alcoholic!

The Grapevine and Cooperation with the Professional Community chairperson and Intergroup Liaison positions remain vacant. We trust in the Higher Power and with the process that all the district positions will soon be filled.

Dorothy A, the Public Information Committee (PI) Chairperson has recently been in contact with the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) and they want A.A. to provide posters in subway stations, stairways and bus shelters throughout the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). Her committee has also been busy working with the Area 86, District 19 CPC/PI Committee

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on several initiatives; they have put Grapevine e-pubs in Oakville libraries and attempted to put on virtual meetings for the University of Toronto, Mississauga Campus students (not so successfully during this school year but their hearts were in it, and they are providing posters to make students aware of A.A.).

Much time at our district meetings in the last 2 months has been spent on a General Service Rep (GSR) Workshop given by the ADCM, Rob D, on covering Agenda Items for the Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing Session (PCAS), and on discussion of the recommendations of the PCAS Ad-Hoc Committee (to be voted on as part of the business agenda today).

A motion was passed, allowing the district treasurer to make e-transfer payment of up to \$500, with the approval of either the DCM or ADCM. We truly are becoming a part of the digital age.

District 6 is part of the 8 districts in the GTA that are hosting the **GTA Information A.A. Day on Saturday May 27th** from 9pm to 3pm, at Bloordale United Church, 4258 Boor St. W. in Etobicoke/Toronto. It's a potluck lunch and tickets are **\$10**. You're all invited, and it is hoped that some of you can make it!

Please visit us at aamississauga.org and send us your electronic event flyers for posting.

Great to be here this weekend for the first ever hybrid Assembly and to see all of you in person!

Yours in love and service, Marrey

District 10 Toronto South Central

I am Patricia A, DCM for District 10 Toronto South Central and here is my written Report for the Spring Assembly 2023.

I usually attend several meetings per month so I can keep in touch with the groups in our district, District 10, both online and in person. There are just a few that are Hybrid and the ones I have been to work okay.

The meetings I attend are of the book "Our Great Responsibility", The monthly meeting of AA in the UK.

The Quarterly Joint Sharing Meeting where districts share along with GTA Intergroup. The DCM and ADCM Sharing Meeting for DCMs and ADCMs in the area. I also did the Info AA Day Meeting. Gratitude Meeting and Gratitude will be November 4 and the theme is A New Foundation.

I Attended CERAASA – Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly – 3 days. I did a report on Regional Forums and CERAASA for the DCM/ADCM meeting the evening before CERAASA.

Archives has published their book "80 Years of Happy Destiny – The Story of Alcoholics Anonymous in Ontario – January 13 1943 – 2023". We brought the book with us to the ORC, and the Assembly.

We did not have very many GSRs sign up for PCAS on April 1 but we had a good long talk at the district table and Bill, ADCM and I think we know how to get people more interested. Bill will be giving a GSR Orientation Meeting to provide Training for the GSRs.

Our secretary Steve is preparing a template to organize the information the GSRs provide to us.

It's D10's job to host the May 2 Joint Sharing Meeting with Intergroup and we'll see how that goes! We must provide a secretary and our own D10 Secretary Steve C will do that for us.

At the Assembly I did a presentation on Tradition 3 on Service Information Day. I made that presentation into a movie – specifically an MP4, and it is on Vimeo – If you want the link I can provide it. When I presented it at the SIDS I did so with a slide show run by a tech and I was at the podium with a mic speaking my report while the slides ran by.

There is a little disruption with the treatment meetings and visits.

Finally, I intend to generally hand in written reports to the secretary for myself and talk less overall so we have more time at the district to discuss things and I can hear the GSRs because we seem to be running out of time in our business meetings for the district.

Yours In Love and Service, 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 which are still being held virtually.

Since the Fall Assembly, we have had the pleasure of welcoming a new group District 12: **The Waterfront Neighborhood Centre Group** meeting on Fridays and Sundays. They're just a short walk from the Billy Bishop Toronto Island Airport. If there are any travellers to Toronto looking for a meeting after a long flight, you now have a place close by.

We welcome them in addition to the Slippery Slope Group, The Big Chunks of Truth Group, and The Gladstone Group all joining last year. And as of our last District Meeting held earlier this week, we welcome back the Old School AA Group who re-opened last fall after closing due to the pandemic.

In November of last year, we held elections for District 12 officers. All positions are currently filled. Lisa B. joins me here today as Alt. DCM and currently serves as our District Secretary, David G. continues as our treasurer, and Steve S. is our new Registrar.

In January we held elections for subcommittee Chairs. Following the elections 4 positions were left open, however we have been able to fill 3 of those over the last few months. Thanks to all who let their names stand. We are still looking for a Self-Support subcommittee chair.

We currently have 2 service commitments given to groups in District 12 on a rotating basis. The Saturday Noon meeting, and Women's Saint Felix House. We were recently informed that Women's Renascent is no longer doing online meetings, so we did lose that as our third service option.

As such, we are actively looking for new service opportunities in the District. Over the last while, we have 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.

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 serve.

Yours in love and Service, Norm B.

District 14 Toronto North Central

Good day to everyone, I Am an alcoholic, my name is Tony F., member of the Black River Group, located in Sutton, On. It is an honour and a privilege to be serving as the Acting District Committee Member at District 14 Toronto North Central. Our district has been struggling in respect to filling our committee chairs. Our DCM resigned early this year, and is now vacant along with Archives', CPC, Public Information, Grapevine, Self -Support.

At present we have 28 groups and at best 19 take part at distinct meetings, closed or inactive groups add to 8.

At present we have a ad hoc committee, reviewing the guidelines for our district and have a due date for September this year.

We did accomplish to regain all the police stations in our district and one parole office to supply a counter display which will hold Ten Alcoholic Anonymous Pamphlets.

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We are also happy that we can again now supply the Federal Corrections facilities in Kingston with 48 Big Books to be given out at the area correctional meeting. These books were donated by Getting A Grip group In Newmarket and matched by district 14. God willing we will try to do the same for the fall assembly.

We are also working on strengthening our district. trying to get back Service Meetings in local hospitals, schools, treatment centres and senior centers.

We are also attending all groups in our district to spread the word on the importance in taking part in service.

Yours in Loving and Service, Tony F.

District 16 Distrito Hispano De Toronto

Good morning friends, my name is Gregorio, I am an alcoholic and a member of Grupo Amistad, honoured and privileged to be serving as the DCM for Distrito Hispano de Toronto.

This year has started in a very positive way for the district, since 5 groups have resumed in-person meetings and one continues to meet virtually. The groups started slow, with the minimum attendance but this is changing as now there are people from some Latin American countries that are looking for a group in Spanish and some have become members of our community.

The district has managed to gather some of the members from the groups and reinstated the intergroup for District 16, although most of the attendees are contacts, the groups are still looking for their GSR to fill out the positions needed. The interoffice has conducted 3 meetings and I should mention that in one of these meetings, we had the pleasure to have our Delegate James O. to give us the support we need to feed the motivation needed to keep our gratitude alive.

District 16 has started to conduct monthly meetings and while we are visiting the groups, we are looking to get members to fill the positions and services needed.

The website has been reactivated as:

<https://www.alcoholicos-anonimos-hispano-ontario.org/>

We are on our way to have a fantastic year after the pandemic, we are motivated to keep providing the hand of AA to those alcoholics that are suffering.

Yours in love and service, Gregorio A.

District 18 Toronto City East

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

Since we last met, I have attended some meetings and it seems that since the lockdown we have lost some members. Four of the groups I have contacted have only a few members and feel their participation at the district would be difficult. I have suggested that they at least provide contact numbers to keep information flowing. We however continue with the hybrid meetings and of the active 18 groups we have about 50% attendance.

We welcomed Michele M. from Third Tradition Group who was acclaimed as the Alt/DCM and we have 7 sub-committee positions filled. I'm pleased with the progress we have made in the district so far.

Upcoming events in the district will be the 18th Annual East Toronto Archives Breakfast on April 30, 2023 and Information AA day on May 27th. I have tickets for both events with me here.

That's all for now.

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

District 22 Scarborough

Hi everyone, my name is Bert J, grateful member of Silverbirch group and current DCM for District 22.

District 22 limited to the East by the city of Pickering border, at the south by Lake Ontario, going North to Steeles avenue and having a divergent line from West being Woodbine and Kennedy following Eglinton and O'Connor

We have 24 groups including one online group and one seasonal group.

At the district table most of the positions are filled. We are lacking a registrar, but the past DCM George W. is currently filling the position. Like many other districts, the sub-committees' positions are hardly filled, and all the alternate positions are available except the treatment committee which is doing an amazing job with putting 2 meetings a week: one at a shelter located at 705 Progress and at one residence C.O.T.A.

Archives and Self-Support are the two committees that are not covered at the present moment.

The treatment committee asked for a map of the district identifying the group's location and as I was working on the project for some time I investigated further and came to create an interactive, multi layered digital map which you will find on the district Glide App that I created with the help of some friends and that we would improve as the term progress.

On this app you can find the current edition of the Newsie 22 which is our way to announce the anniversary and medallion and events in the district as well as the map. I am inserting the QR code in the report to access it.



In conclusion the district is alive and going well and to announce some events:

Toronto East Detention is reopening and formation are held.

District 22 and 18 are putting an Archive Breakfast on April 18th.

District 22 is also participating in INFO AA DAY with a GSO speaker invited.

Anniversary group is celebrating Jody M's 30-year medallion on Apr 26, 7 pm start.

Silverbirch group will celebrate 65 years of service on June 9th. The doors will open at 5:30 with a roast beef dinner, tickets will soon be available at the cost of 25\$ per person and there will be door prizes. We will have our Big book Study at 7 pm as usual and at 8 pm. We will have a play on Anonymity followed by a 3 speaker meeting. All are welcome.

Yours In Love and Service, Bert J

District 26 Lakeshore West

Allen M member of the Liverpool Group

It's an Honor to service as DCM District26

District 26 has 21 groups in our district. We have 4 positions that are vacant, but some individuals have stepped up to fill a couple as temporary support.

We are now running our District meeting as Hybrid since January. Our in-person meetings are well attended, and our Groups represented: 15/21 groups attending or 71%. This is up from last years average of 53%.

We had a bit of a slow start on our Finances starting out the new term. As of March, we are in good standing as we have had good support from a number of our District groups.

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This year Zone 2 District 26, 28, 30, 82, 86 is privileged to host the General Service Conference Report Back afternoon. We have secured our Delegate James for May 13th to join us at the Alamo Club in Oshawa 12:30 – 3:30. Agenda will be 5 speakers speaking on Service themes and our Report back from James. Included in the event will be an Ice Cream Social. All welcome and we have some flyers floating around so please take back to your groups.

I am so grateful to have this opportunity to serve.

Yours in love and Service, Allen

District 28 Lakeshore East

Good Morning everyone I'm an alcoholic member of the Courage to Change group and currently have the honour to serve as DCM for District 28. AA is alive and well in District 28. I'm happy to note that our Alt. DCM is here as well as the CPC/PIC chair the conference Chairman and our treasurer are all in attendance either live or on zoom. Over this weekend I've also seen and spoken to many of the GSR's from District 28 and a bunch of guests who came to check out the assembly. Our District meetings are well attended and have been running very smooth. Over the next few months we have several events coming up

May 13 we are involved with the Zone 2 Service information day at the Alamo club in Oshawa

June 3- 1st annual Jack Clark Memorial Golf Tournament at Newcastle Golf Course

June 10- There will be a newcomers roundup where all the panel speakers will be made up of members of AA with less than one year of sobriety this will be held at the Zion church in Oshawa

July 8 – Annual Beaner Smith Golf tournament held at Ashbrook Golf Course in Port Hope

Aug 11-13 – The lakeshore district conference entitled Carry the Message which will be held at the Laviv Hall in Oshawa.

Its so nice to see the AA activities returning to our lives.

Yours In Love and Service, James S.

District 30 Quinte West

Good morning, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Hope Group and have the privilege to serve as District Committee Member for District 30, Quinte West and my name is Mike.

District 30 consists of 13 active groups with 21 meetings every week. The District borders from Port Hope in the west to Trenton in the east and north to Campbellford and Frankford.

All financial obligations are being met and we are in good shape, thanks to the strong contributions from our groups.

All executive officer positions have been filled, as well as some subcommittee positions. While there are still positions open at our table, I have faith they will be filled soon. Until then our Alternate District Committee Member has been taking in as many subcommittee meetings as possible to fill the void.

The District Phone Line continues to have dedicated volunteers answering calls at any hour to help carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. District 30 is participating in a Zone 2 Service Information Day on Saturday May 13. Flyers are available out in the main area. It will prove to be a great day, and all are welcome.

District 30 Quinte West is alive and well and continues to carry the message to those that reach out.

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 Shea. I am excited to be the new District Committee Member of District 34; Quinte East. What a beautiful Spring day to be Sober and of Service.

Our district has approximately 35 groups. 2 of which are Virtual Online meetings. 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 20 - 25% 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.

Both DCM and ADCM continue to support each group in our District offering face to face support for business meetings. We have started to update our District Operating Procedures to better align with Area 83 and GSO. With the aid of the Online support meetings being offered by Area; we will be utilising all current and future opportunities to better align our Procedures to support carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

Yours in Love and Service, Mike S.

District 36 Kingston & the Islands

Good morning everyone, 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 an alcoholic and my name is Rich.

Our district finances are stable and we have no outstanding debts and maintain a prudent reserve. We have recently made a contribution to Areas and GSO. Groups are also donating to District and higher levels.

We continue to hold District meetings using a Hybrid format. Our meetings are seeing about 65- 70 % attendance as well as having a couple of guests.

Attendance at some groups have been quite low which has resulted in one of our groups to become inactive. The Tuesday Night Tune Up meeting, which has been active six years has now officially become a group. They currently have 4-5 active members, and we look forward to their future involvement at the District table

The treatment meetings continue to go well. The Detox meeting will continue on Zoom for the foreseeable future. The Harbor Light Treatment meeting has now resumed in person meetings. They are allowing 3-4 members to come into the facility and put on the weekly meeting.

The Corrections meetings continue in person and are well attended by volunteers and inmates. Weekly meetings are being held in the Pittsburgh Minimum, Collins Bay Minimum and Collins Bay Medium Institutions. These meetings are seeing anywhere from 6-16 inmates attend. Our Chair is currently working on getting some Medallions for these meetings as there are many inmates with long term sobriety.

Last month we were able to distribute the long sought after paper meeting lists! Most groups now have these lists as well as the treatment facilities, Harbor Light and Detox. The inpatient unit, Burr 4 at the Kingston General Hospital also has current meeting lists.

On Saturday June 10, we will be hosting our Eighth Founders Day "ROCKETING INTO THE FOURTH DIMENSION". I will share the flyer with all the information at our DCM sharing session, and have it put on the events calendar on the Area website.

Yours in Love and Service, Rich K

District 42 St. Lawrence International

Warm greetings to everyone, I'm Natalie I'm an alcoholic. I am the DCM for District 42, my home group is the "Came to Believe" group which currently has 12 active members with all service positions filled. We have three literature meetings per week that all meet in person in Canton, NY.

District 42 is healthy and alive with activity! Our monthly meeting is the 4th Wednesday of the month via zoom with good attendance. We have seen some new faces at the District table, new to the GSR position. All officer positions and subcommittee chair positions are occupied by informed trusted servants. We have all settled into our new positions nicely and things are running smooth. We will be losing our secretary as of May 1st due to work relocation. Myself and Brent C. the Alternate DCM have attended and enjoyed all the Area 83 DCM sharing sessions and GSR sharing sessions, they have been extremely helpful!

An ad hoc committee for our Delegate's Report Event has met and the chair for that committee is Dean W. It will be our first event and it will be hybrid on June 17. We are looking forward to meeting the other two Districts in our zone District 48 & District 50. We are super excited to meet our Delegate in person! Looking ahead, a Day of Sharing this fall is in the discussion phase. We are having a great time working together!

In Gratitude & Service, Natalie N

District 48 Seaway Valley North

Hello Fellows

My name is Sara, I'm an alcoholic. I currently serve as General Service Representative for Fourth Dimension group and District Committee Member for District 48, Seaway Valley North.

On February 4, 2023, led by Gerry St. L, our Round Up Committee hosted an action packed Round Up. Hundreds of members and visitors from across Area 83 were in attendance including Key Note Speaker Immediate Past Delegate, Kimberley, Delegate James O'D. and several Newcomers.

Our District operates monthly meetings using a hybrid format which is a work in progress. We currently have a full roster of chair positions filled as well as an Alternate Treasurer and Alternate Grapevine Representative. We have 19 active groups who collectively run 16 live meetings, 3 strictly online meetings and 1 hybrid. We usually have about 9 represented at District meetings. Of the 7 groups that reported over the last quarter, all of them have been maintaining prudent reserves and honouring the ability to contribute to other parts of AA such as here at Area. They all have a nucleus of home group members who are accumulating sobriety and lovingly carrying the AA message. These groups all have at least 1 member who serves beyond group level. Some of these groups are long-standing and some are newly formed or rearranged. They contain a mixture of open, closed, discussion and speaker formats. Besides the written reports, I received feedback on a more casual basis that indicates almost 50% of our District Committee has been finding the amount of electronic mail coming from myself and Area difficult to keep up with due to volume of reading material it contains. Nevertheless, our District meetings have become lively yet remain harmonious and I'm fortunate to be a part of our shared solution.

Yours in Love and Service, Sara M.

District 50 Cornwall

Bonjour, my name is Huguette B and I am an alcoholic, member of the St. Andrews 12&12 group. I have the privilege to be serving as DCM for Area 50 in Cornwall. I am enjoying my role and have a great group to work with.

We have 17 groups in the Cornwall area, including one Zoom meeting, with attendance between 10 to 20 members for each. Our District table is well attended, including several visitors interested in what's happening in AA Cornwall. I am very happy to report that we recently acquired a Telephone Chair and filled the CPC/PI position. Our Alt-DCM has graciously stepped in to assist in attending meetings organized by Area sub-committees. Also, members of our own sub-

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committees, ie. treasurer and secretary continue to play an important role in keeping our District well organized financially and informed. Work is underway to make a few improvements to our website. Our Web chair is working with our Webmaster to add generic email addresses and add local events to our website.

We do have a couple of upcoming events being organized such as our 1st roundup taking place on July 15, 2023 and then our Fall conference scheduled for November 3 and 4, 2023. Also, we acquired the services of Callture to help us manage incoming/outgoing calls from our helpline instead of using a cellphone. Our Telephone Chair was able to fill all the time slots with volunteers and she continues to search for members who would be interested in committing to Twelve Step work as a result of these calls. We are on a roll!! Future plans include organizing an information day, revising our Ops manual and visiting our groups' business meetings to bring more exposure to the role of District in our AA community. I am very grateful to be part of such a dynamic team!

Yours in gratitude and love, Huguette

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.

This is my first ever Area83 assembly, in person and it has not disappointed! Happy to be here!

It has been a busy few months as we welcomed a number of new GSR's and Alt GSR's to the table and everyone settles in to their new Service Committee and Table Officer roles. The new treasurer has been setup on the district account and provided District 54 with our spending guidelines for the coming year. The district is in good financial standing.

Our Registrar has been particularly busy working to get the District Roster updated with new and returning members in their service positions. There are currently 22 active Groups in District 54. This includes 3 online Groups and 6 Groups that meet both in-person and online. Of the 22 registered groups there are 15 that have elected GSR's! (8 of which also have an Alternate GSR). 5 Groups have provided a mail contact and we are awaiting information from only 2 more groups!

Of note there were 4 group anniversaries for the month of March, Spirit Group – 3 years, Secular Sobriety Group – 7 years, East End Group – 45 years, and my home group, Search for Serenity celebrated 30 years! Two of the founding members spoke at the celebration and shared their experiences getting the group up and running. It was amazing to hear the stories back when they first started!

The Corrections Committee are active providing meetings to the Ottawa Carleton Detention Center (OCDC) with men's and women's meetings taking place twice a month now. The Corrections Committee has been able to bring in some of the literature donations received from many groups in the Ottawa area. The Ottawa Withdrawal Management Center (OWMC) (aka Detox) are now holding meetings twice a week.

The Ottawa Service Day is set for June 10th, and we will begin meeting with District 62 to pull together the agenda which includes Area 83 Delegates post conference report. You will see the flyer soon James!

Remaining positions to fill at the District table are Alt DCM and Self Support Liaison.

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

Yours in Gratitude and Service, Kevin O.

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 full committee of table officers, with the registrar position recently filled by Dick G. We are currently looking for liaisons for our Archives and PI/CPC Ottawa sub-committees, as well as a grapevine representative, but hope to have these filled soon.

Events:

At our January district meeting, we hosted a general service workshop, for the first time we opened our virtual doors to ALL members of Area 83. Our immediate past delegate Kimberley M. did a fantastic presentation on the role of a GSR. We also had brief presentations from all sub-committees. The idea was to generate some enthusiasm around general service. It was very well attended and peaked at roughly 90 members. I thank everyone who joined and participated.

Alongside district 54 we are in the beginning stages of planning our Ottawa Service Day to have our Delegate James O'D. give his report back on this year's General Service Conference. We are very excited about this and look forward to ironing out the details.

Finances:

Financially, District 62 is stable - contributions are coming in and expenses are relatively low as

District continues to meet on zoom. Contributions continue to be made to the Area and the General Service Office.

District Discussions

It has been amazing to see how engaged the district has been the past few months. We had numerous lengthy discussions revolving the vote happening today around Service and Information Day and Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing. We are also in the midst of a discussion revolving around sending our other district table officers to 1 assembly within the term. This would be a great opportunity for the treasurer, registrar and secretary to experience things at the area level again, and engage them further into service.

It is amazing to be back to an in-person assembly and it's been wonderful seeing old faces, and meeting new ones!

Yours in Love & Service, Jamie B

District 66 Golden Triangle

Hi there, my friends, I am an alcoholic, and my name is Carrie C. I am a member of the 12&12 to Serenity Group, and I have the honor and privilege of serving as District Committee Member for District 66, Golden Triangle.

Our District is a Hybrid meeting. It has its challenges and there is much room for improvement. It does keep our District accessible, creating equal opportunity for anyone wanting to attend. Our District meeting is fully accessible. We meet the last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm and always welcome visitors.

We have filled all our admin and committee chair service positions in our District. There are 26 registered groups in our District. There are 4 Hybrid, one on-line only and one group that holds 4 meetings a week, 2 on-line only and 22 in person only, yet that group holds a hybrid business meeting to maintain group unity. Group Representation is concerning at our monthly District meetings, and we are doing our best to spark enthusiasm for service. We have 4 groups with no representation and moving forward we are reaching out and at the very least, would like to have a contact for those groups. It was exciting at our last District meeting as we had 4 visitors that had come out with their General Service Representatives.

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Our District is doing well financially, and all our commitments are met. A few changes to the Table since our last report at the Area Committee Meeting. Neil P. has rotated out as treasurer, and Debbie S., who was acting Registrar, is now our Treasurer. Paul F., who was our Literature chair last term, is now our Registrar.

Our District 66 "Is my Triangle Balanced" round-up was held on April 8. It was the first in-person round-up since April of 2019. The round-up theme was to try to foster enthusiasm for service. There was a Literature, Archives, PI/CPC and Al-Anon Literature booth set up. Jane S. (Area 83 CPC Chair) also took time to share her experience with PI/CPC and I know that a few people put their name on the list to volunteer. We had a full house! There were about 250 people in attendance. It was a great day all around and I would like to Thank Debbie S. (Round-up Chair), Sarah D. (Co-chair) for gathering up a committee of volunteers that all went above and beyond. Janet. C. (alt-DCM) took care of the Kitchen, meaning she made sure no one went home hungry. Thanks to Al-Anon who comes every year to do a panel and hearing how the non-alcoholic suffers also is an eye opener. Always well received. Much gratitude and love to all who took the time to come out and speak, Jean H., Sandy K, Clint M. Many thanks to Mel C. and Amy L.(alt-Delegate) who shared their experience with their own service journey. It was a huge success and, in our sobriety, countdown, we had 2,834 years and 9 months. We top the day off with the oldest member giving the two youngest members each a big book. Standing tradition at our District 66 Round-up! See you all next year!

Our Treatment Facilities Chair continues to put on a service meeting once a month at Newgate 180 in Merrickville. It is held once a month and is not open to the public. Only two members are allowed in, and we do not have permission to have it listed on our website as a service meeting as covid protocols remain in place.

Our Corrections Facilities Chair Rod D. and his Co-Chair Kim. S. continue to hold service meetings every Monday night at the St. Lawrence Secure Treatment Unit. There are currently 7 volunteers that have been cleared to go in for these meetings. "Institutional Security Training" is provided and there are 14 members who are waiting to be cleared. Grapevine subscription donations are distributed, and they are looking for retired editions to take in.

Our PI/CPC Chair has been out of the country (returning in April). Janet C. (alt-DCM) has taken on that hat until our chair returns. She has taken on the role with enthusiasm and would like to form a sub-committee to get back on track. PI/CPC has been invited into a retirement home, and Janet will be following up on that with the guidance of Caroly G., one of our members who was very active in PI/CPC, who was the lady who just so happened to answer the phone from the help-line one day and that is where this communication led to opportunity with this retirement home. We never know where the hand of AA will be needed, if we have our hand out, someone will grab onto it!

The Autonomy Group in Brockville has a new home as of June 4th, they will be meeting at the Wall Street United Church, 10 Wall Street. Meeting time and format remain the same.

Our Webmaster Colleen L. continues to work hard to keep the website current. There had been some bumps in the road that were out of her control, and she worked very hard to find the solution.

In Gratitude, love and service, Carrie C.

District 70 Renfrew Pontiac

Thank You to Alt-DCM Lisa for presenting this report.

Hello everyone, my name is John and I am an alcoholic and DCM for The Renfrew-Pontiac District 70.

Our district is composed of 17 groups of which 16 are active and 1 to become active again in May, all are live meetings except 1 which is zoom only at this time. Most groups report attendance having reached pre-covid levels, we try to reach out to newcomers who have found AA thru Zoom meetings, encouraging them to join us live.

On March 18th, our district presented a spring round-up, first since covid began which was very successful with 300 people attending.

A Tri-District event is in the planning stage for June, participating districts 70,74 and 78 where district 78 is the host this year.

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Our district committee is complete except Archives chairperson, we expect to have this position filled soon. Our current finances are good and In May we expect to contribute again to Area and GSO with any monies above our prudent reserves.

It is truly a pleasure to participate with District affairs and work closely with other alcoholics.

Yours in service, John C

District 74 Pembroke

Good morning, everyone! I'm an alcoholic, member of the Language of the Heart Group, and my name is Sarah. It's a pleasure to serve as Alternate District Committee Member for District 74 Pembroke, currently acting DCM.

We currently have 9 groups in our district in the Ottawa Valley, which consists of Pembroke, Petawawa and Deep River. Some groups are hybrid, while others are in-person only and some online only. We have a lot of young people in early sobriety, passionate about service and our district is thriving. For more information on our meetings please visit pembrokeaa.org.

We currently have 13 positions at our district table, sadly four remain vacant; DCM, Archives, Self-Support and Alternate Webmaster. In the spirit of rotation these positions remain vacant and we hope someone will step in soon.

Save the date! We are holding our annual Spring Conference Saturday, May 13th at the Knights of Columbus, located at 170 Ellis Ave, Pembroke. Doors open at 9am for registration, opening speaker at 10am. Our theme this year is Easy Does It, But Do it!

I do have dinner tickets with me today, which are \$40 for a catered meal. You can also purchase tickets online if you email district74aa@gmail.com. If you do purchase dinner tickets online please include your name and homegroup for your badge, which you can pick up at the registration table. There is no cost for admission, so come out and enjoy the day with us. We will have panels on the steps and many great out of town speakers.

Financially, District 74 is stable - contributions are coming in and expenses are relatively low.

I am beyond grateful to all of you here, this weekend has enhanced my sobriety immensely. It is wonderful to be surrounded by so many supportive members who are passionate and enthusiastic about service. My cup is full.

Yours in Love & Service, Sarah

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 seven meetings in our District which are all open as in-person meetings. District Meetings are regularly attended by 86% of Groups.

I have met with each Group and will continue to do this on a semi-regular cycle. Topics discussed were: Financial Reporting, District Budget (new for us), Operating Regulations (new), the Comprehensive Media Plan, our District's Outreach Plan (new) and the need to drive awareness in our communities.

As previously reported, Finances for our District are 'weak' - but improving. We have moved our bank account so it is readily accessible, introduced a formalized Financial Statement and have established a budget. We identified two major areas for cost reductions (using Area Zoom Account and VOIP for 800 service) - resulting in an overall decrease of approx. 25% (\$560). Thanks to Area for the use of their Zoom Account!

Revenues are increasing. It has been mentioned that when groups see District taking action to support the Groups they are more inclined to contribute.

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As many of you know, we are developing an Outreach Programme by re-invigorating our PI/CPC work through increased 1:1 communication with police, medical & relevant professionals across the District.

- Established a Cte. - people were 'asking' to join (new for us!)
- engaging younger members
- non-GSRs - engaging the District

Special thanks to Jane S. for spending valuable time with our District to help this along.

New Operating Regulations. Thanks to the other Districts & Area for sharing their Regulations - it allowed us to move quickly. We have developed, what is for us, a new and very comprehensive set of Operating Regulations for District 78. These were adopted at our April District Meeting.

It's been a busy few months yet I look forward to continuing this journey and getting to know each of you better.

District 82 Victoria Haliburton

Good morning, everyone. I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Minden Centennial Group and serving hopefully humbly as the DCM for District 82 Victoria/Haliburton. My name is Richard.

The last time I attended an Area 83 Assembly was, I believe, in October 1993 at the Ambassador Hotel in Kingston. It's been quite a journey since then. I am thrilled that we are once again meeting in person and thanks to modern technology and the pandemic, virtually for those who are unable to attend in person.

District 82's finances are in good shape and all of our groups are back functioning normally. However, our District meetings continue to take place via zoom – a situation we will be re-examining in the next several months. The District held elections in December and save for an alternate DCM, a Bridging the Gap Chair and a Self-Support Chair, we are fully functioning. Our one ongoing frustration is the lack of access to either the Men's or Women's Correctional Facilities – a situation brought about by COVID, short staffing and visit coordinator positions which sit empty.

I would like to end by wishing James O'D, our new Area 83 Delegate, a rewarding and successful Spring Conference. I know all of our thoughts and group consciences will be with him. Good Luck.

Yours in Love and Service Richard C

District 86 Kawartha

I am an alcoholic; a grateful member of the Stonewall Group in Peterborough and my name is Jeffary F and currently servicing as District 86 DCM.

The Zone 2 Service Information Day is scheduled on Saturday, May 13th at the Alano Club in Oshawa with Districts 26, 28, 30, 82 & 86 and available on Zoom. We are planning a jam-packed agenda with an "Ice Cream Social" during the afternoon.

On June 17th, District 86 will be having our one day round up at the Personal Touch Banquet Hall in Peterborough. This year's theme is "Recovery in Action". Posters are available and tickets are expected to go on sale in May.

District 86 had our very first "hybrid" District Table Meeting this month. As there were technical issues it is a truly learning process to grow from and it was well attended both in our intergroup hall and on Zoom.

Our district table does average 75% attendance of groups since the start of the year. Our table has sadly received a resignation from our PI/CPC chair as life changes are happening. But I wish Brendan Z the best on his new journey. So now our district table has one vacancy to fill as all other service positions are filled.

Financially, our commitments are being met at the district and currently have 20 groups listed in our district with multiple formats of attending, such as in person, hybrid and strictly digital format.

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The Liftlock group will be celebrating their 75th anniversary on April 25 at Intergroup. We have come a long way since the doors of that group opened in 1948.

Our archives committee is currently working on oral interviews of long time members and a piece on the district during our time of lockdown is being written.

Please visit our website, it is updated regularly with loads of information at peterboroughaa.org

With Gratitude, Jeffary F.

Thank you to all District Committee Members for your reports. If you didn't already give your report to Jill, please send it to her later today, so she can include it in the minutes.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Committee member's reports are not time-limited. Rather, we rely on the member's humility and compassion to keep their reports as brief as possible while still giving the Assembly a description of their activities in our Area. As with the Districts, written reports are to be submitted to the secretary. I would ask each committee member to remain unmuted after their report to answer questions from the floor.

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 have greatly enjoyed this position in the first few months. I have found that this is a great learning opportunity and there is so much information to learn. Recently we had the Pre Conference Agenda Sharing sessions. I chaired the Public Information session and found a lot of interest in the discussion. I feel James will be well equipped with the views of Area 83 when he heads to the General Service Conference later this week.

I want to thank everyone that attended the Public Information Workshop yesterday. I was impressed by the turnout and humbled by all the positive feedback I received after the Workshop. It was a great learning experience putting the material together and the growth and confidence I gained from presenting is immeasurable. Special thanks to Joe A, Toronto Intergroup PI/CPC Chair for coming and Co-Presenting. He did a wonderful job and is very knowledgeable in getting the message out there.

Our last Public Information Sub-Committee Meeting was combined with CPC and held on April 2nd at 7PM with 10 people in attendance. It's a great opportunity to meet with the District Chairs to share initiatives and all are welcome to attend. What a great bunch of chairs, they are eager to spread the message and are willing to learn. They have a number of great projects in the works and have been involved in setting up displays at national events. The next Sub-Committee meeting will be held May 28th at 7PM and it is on the Area 83 website under calendar of events. I will resend the invite to the District PI Chairs during the week prior to our scheduled meeting. I received a list of PI Chairs from the Area Secretary in the roster that was sent out. If your District has recently added a PI Chair then make sure you get their information to the Area Secretary. Also send the information directly to me so I can get them on my distribution list faster.

I have been invited and have been attending the Toronto Intergroup PI/CPC Committee monthly meetings. I do a report on Public Information but mostly I just sit back and absorb all the wisdom that is shared about different events they are presenting at. I have also been attending the North American PI/CPC working group monthly meetings. This group has been running these meetings for the last three years and the topics and information they share on is eye opening to how much more we need to do. These meetings are on the second Saturday of every month at noon eastern time. I have a distribution list of 18 and I have been forwarding the invite to this list. If you are interested but not a Public Information Chair and would like to get involved send me your email and I will send you an invite. It takes many to share AA's message to the still suffering alcoholic properly.

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I would like the secretaries to continue sending 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. It has been great getting to meet you all this weekend. For me Zoom was a great tool but I am so grateful to be back in person. Thank you for your friendship and for being an important part of my sobriety.

Yours in Gratitude, Love and Service, Tim F.

B. Cooperation with the Professional CommunityJane S.

I am an alcoholic, member of the Hand of AA Group in District 74 and my name is Jane. 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.

It has been an interesting few months so far learning about the CPC area role as well as what others are doing in North America to carry the message of AA to professionals.

The Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing Session on Cooperation with the Professional Community had 27 participants this year. We are grateful for all of you for providing feedback for our Delegate to take to the General Service Conference on our behalf.

The Toronto Intergroup CPC Committee attended the American Counsellors Association annual conference held in Toronto this past March. A spectacular booth was provided by the General Service Office. Volunteers had many opportunities to speak directly to professionals and glean from them what they would like to know about AA and what type of literature and/or other information might be helpful to them. One of the comments I heard was that the professionals wanted pamphlets or literature that they could pass on to clients rather than something for themselves to have to read. Below is a photo of the display!



The Toronto Intergroup CPC Committee (and District 6 took the lead on this I believe) is also reaching out to the City of Toronto to place posters with QR codes in the transit stations city wide. These posters will direct individuals, professionals, and others interested into local AA meetings, pamphlets, websites, etc. District 6 has made these posters available on their website and they are easily customizable to your needs.

District 74, Pembroke is signed up to have a booth at a Community Expo event in May. This is a gathering of professional service groups and businesses from the area. The district 74 CPC Committee is preparing to meet local professionals and others who may be interested in AA and how we may help their clients.

I attended the District 66 Roundup on Saturday, April 8, 2023 and did a 15 minute presentation on the Cooperation with the Professional Community position. I thank District 66 for this invitation and allowing me to "get my feet wet" doing this type of service. District 66 has a strong CPC/PI team and they are moving forward on a radio PSA project as well as a poster project. Go Team!

One of the exciting projects discussed at the North American CPC/PI working group meeting was providing flyers and/or post cards containing information for professionals with QR codes linking directly to short audio or video clips, PSA's, the professionals newsletter, meeting guide app, and other information that is quick and easy for them to use. CANVA.com was used to make the flyers and google QR code maker was used to create the QR codes. A sample of one of these is attached. They look very professional.



The Area 83 PI chair, Tim F., and I decided to combine our district chair committee meetings and mailing lists going forward. Since there is considerable overlap with our committees we felt this would save everyone time and effort and

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avoid duplication. All district PI/CPC chairs, committee members and anyone interested in this work are welcome to attend our zoom meetings and be included in our mailing lists. Meeting dates and times will be posted to the area83aa.org website as well as an email will be sent out.

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

We will hopefully be able to review the Cooperation with the Professional Committee Workbook together and determine a path or project you wish to get started for your districts. I am here to assist in any way that I can.

There is a lot of valuable information on the Area 83 website under the CPC tab along with the GSO website also to help you get started.

I would love to be invited to your district meetings or district CPC committee meetings to talk about the Cooperation with the Professional Community opportunities. Please email me at cpc@area83aa.org.

I am sincerely grateful for this opportunity to serve Area 83 and Alcoholics Anonymous.

Yours in Love and Service, Jane S

C. Correctional Facilities..... Rob F.

Good morning, everyone. I'm honoured and privileged to serve as your Area 83 Corrections Chair and my name is Rob F.

I want to begin by expressing my gratitude for the passion, dedication, and enthusiasm our District Chairs have shown in serving their districts and assisting me throughout my term. Yesterday District 14 donated 48 Big Books for use by our Corrections Chairs.

We have been holding virtual monthly meetings and the participation has been amazing. We share updates and news from the General Service Office, Area 83 and our Districts. I'm really enjoying them and feel like we are a cohesive team moving towards a common goal...to carry the message to the inside of our institutions.

Regardless of whether a district has any facilities, there are ways for every district to be of service. One option is to volunteer in person at a local facility or become an "outside" contact for the Bridging the Gap program. This program connects individuals under community supervision with outside AA members, helping them attend local AA meetings during their first few days of release.

Currently, our Area has 22 facilities, as restrictions ease, more of them are welcoming outside volunteers to host and attend meetings. A recurring theme is the need for additional volunteers to help with these meetings. Each facility has its own volunteer approval process, so please encourage your members to contact their corrections chairs for help to get started.

Elaine A, the Corrections Chair at the General Service Office, is organizing a joint virtual session with Corrections Canada and Area Corrections Chairs from across the country. Topics will include implementing a more formal Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS) program like the one in the United States, the potential use of tablets in institutions, and virtual meetings. Please note that if tablets are approved, it's expected to take at least 3-5 years before they're allowed in facilities.

Being part of our Area Service structure is incredibly exciting, and I am committed to serving to the best of my ability. Thank you.

Yours in Love & Service, Rob F

QUESTIONS FOLLOWING CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES REPORT:

QUESTION: Is it true we can't bring Grapevine into the correctional facilities anymore?

ANSWER: It was true in the past that when Grapevines went into the facilities, the staples needed to be removed. It would be on facility-by-facility basis. For example, there are some facilities that will allow metal sobriety chips to be brought in, but there are some

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that will not allow that. If there's a particular facility that you are interested in, please see me after the meeting and I'll do my best to find out the information for you.

QUESTION: Have you heard anything from the facility in Ottawa. Is the facility opening and if so, when?

ANSWER: Deferred to someone in the Ottawa area. **Kevin O, DCM District 54** – OCDC is now holding 2 men's meetings per week and 2 women's meetings per week. Currently the Corrections Committee is looking for more volunteers. There is an extensive process to go through to get the approval. Ottawa Withdrawal Centre meeting is starting up twice per week. To submit applications, send names to cft@ottawaaa.org they can provide you with more details.

QUESTION: Curious about the Penpal program, was that going to be 3-5 years down the road?

ANSWER: That's more of an immediate thing. Once more information is obtained after the conference, I'll ensure to spread the information around to all the district chairs and be bettered prepared to start the service.

QUESTION: How much sobriety do you need to go into the facility?

ANSWER: It is suggested as a guideline to have around 2 years of sobriety. You will require a CPIC.

QUESTION: How long is the CPIC good for?

ANSWER: I don't know how long they last but would suggest that if it was don't quite a while ago, then inquire if you need to re-apply.

D. Treatment Facilities Maria M.

Good morning, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Live and Let Live Group in Colborne my name is Maria. I have the honour and privilege of serving Area 83 Eastern Ontario International as your Panel 73 Treatment chair. I'm grateful to be here at an in-person Assembly to experience connections with people that I have met and to contact people I've met from online meetings. I am enjoying the opportunity as Treatment chair and intend to fulfill the duties to the best of my abilities. In January I arranged a Sub-committee meeting to meet the Treatment and Bridging the Gap (BTG) chairs of the Districts, it was an informal meeting, I will be scheduling meetings more frequently to eliminate scheduling conflicts, this will be helpful to further advance initiatives to carry the message to facilities/institutions in Area 83. I would like to thank those Sub-committee chairs that attended the meeting, and also to the District Secretaries that send me their monthly District minutes, I enjoy reading them, it has helped to keep me informed of what is going on in the Area and where I may be of service. I would like to thank the presenters and everyone who attended the Treatment workshop yesterday, I look forward to seeing the feedback, I would like to also thank the Service Information Committee and all the volunteers for their efforts this weekend to make the Assembly run as smoothly as it did.

I have received and passed on to Treatment/BTG chairs approximately 30 Bridging the Gap requests since January, such a vital role in introducing newly discharged members to local meetings in their District. There have been various requests made about treatment facilities in the area, from members of A.A., family members looking for help of a loved one and, Law enforcement. Districts report of facilities (treatment, shelters, ½ way houses, hospitals, and detox) reopening the doors to A.A. for meetings, some are limited to frequency and/or number of members allowed in each time to put on a meeting. Unfortunately, some hospitals have closed the door to meetings. Committees continue to work together and have a target list of facilities to be approached.

April 1st, I hosted a pre-conference sharing session with Theresa L. Area 83 Accessibilities Chair, the members in attendance engaged in great discussion. I'd like to thank the Service Information Committee and the volunteers for each session for their efforts to make the event a success.

Please continue to send me your District Minutes and if you haven't, add me to your distribution list. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at treatment@area83aa.org I am available to assist in anyway.

Yours in Gratitude and Service

Maria M.

QUESTIONS FOLLOWING TREATMENT FACILITIES REPORT:

QUESTION: How long does it take for an application to be reviewed before we get back?

ANSWER: As soon as received by email, I confirm right away and look to where they are being discharged to and let that District know.

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QUESTION: Can the Bridging the Gap forms be brought back to our groups to be filled out and then returned to you?

ANSWER: Yes, if you have a treatment chair in your district, and if not they can return the form to Maria.

QUESTION: Do you need to have any special qualifications to be a volunteer for Bridging the Gap?

ANSWER: No, just a willingness.

E. GrapevineChristine F.

Good morning,

I am an alcoholic, a member of Steps to Serenity in District 18: Toronto City East, I have the honour of serving Area 83 as your Panel 73 Grapevine Sub-committee Chair, and my name is Christine F.

Thank you to the Service Information Day Committee for an amazing event yesterday.

Thank you to each District for sending me your minutes – I read them all. Thank you for keeping me abreast of your activities and service work.

Thank you to the Grapevine District Chairs and members who do Grapevine work at your respective service activities. I am your Chair and it is for you and your members that I am here to serve. Ask, Discuss, Share, or Chat with me about Grapevine and your wishes and needs from Grapevine – and I will follow up to the best of my ability.

The Chairs from the Area Districts and I meet on the first Friday of each month, from 7-8 pm, virtually. We discuss GV news and share about GV in your Districts. Thank you to those who attend and please do not be shy – come on out and join us if Grapevine is of interest or if you are filling in for a vacancy. Here is the link to our monthly meetings: **Meeting ID: 885 0500 8702 Passcode: 116773**

I publish a brief monthly newsletter that you are all welcome to receive if you do not already. This is available on the [Area 83 website](#), under the [Resources tab](#), select [Grapevine](#). *It is to that **Resources** tab that you can access the page for each of the Area Sub-committees, not just Grapevine.*

Grapevine, like many service positions, has vacancies at the District level. Grapevine has five (6?) vacancies as of the Assembly. If you are a District Committee Member please help me by keeping me up-to-date on changes to your roster and to help by sharing the GV material I included in each DCMs folder. If your District has a GV chair I ask that you give them the information I put into your folder if your GV chair did not attend this weekend.

All of the material we have shared thus far in those monthly meetings is loaded onto the Area website under the Resources tab and select, [Grapevine](#).

I am trying out a new idea – using QR codes to interest those comfortable with social media and smart technology to engage immediately with GV content and content that is specific, such as the Daily Quote, or the Sobriety Counter and card maker, or the weekly podcasts, or the YouTube channel, or the Instagram page. The poster, “Grapevine Beyond Paper” is available in your folders, on the GV Display table, or from me. Please check it out. I would love your feedback.

I would also like to thank the team who put on the Pre-conference Agenda Sharing Sessions – Grapevine shared a session with Corrections, Rob F., and we both had, as a result of the Equitable Distribution of Workloads additional items from Public Information and Treatment. During our portion we discussed two Grapevine Advisory Items, the book titles we would like to see printed by GV as well as review the progress made on the GV Instagram account.

The Instagram account ([alcoholicsanonymous_gv](#)) has over 10 000 followers and over 1000 posts, making at least one post per day. Each day you can read daily quotes, see gorgeous photos (anonymity protected), and events. Speaking of which, Trish L., our Trustee at Large for Canada, posted a photograph of our GV booth to Instagram yesterday. Already we have hundreds of likes. Thank you Trish for sharing our love of Grapevine with the Grapevine virtual family.

During the first few months of this term I have an unusual learning curve. I was exposed to a vast amount of material that was not a printed Grapevine Magazine. I was one of the many who believed Grapevine to predominately be a printed paper magazine. I now realize the extent of platforms, devices, formats, and forms Grapevine is available to us.

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Instagram, [Podcasts](#), [Youtube videos](#), and other forms of digital content is being created daily by the staff GV for us. This is a direct response to the need for Grapevine to be where alcoholics are – and for so very many, that is on-line and virtual. Statistics: North Americans spend 3 h on-line and 1 minute reading paper documents (periodicals) each day. The on-line folk look at their devices every 5.5 minutes. Within the first few months of launching on those platforms thousands joined, watched, followed, and interacted with the content. And please know that the content is created by alcoholics for alcoholics – the staff themselves are also alcoholic.

Grapevine is self-supporting. In light of the 4% per year decrease in paper printed items and a 21% increase in digital content items Self-Support is increasingly important. Much of the digital content is free. Yet, it cost money to create. Our subscriptions and purchases are what pay the bills and enable the message be shared digitally to those seeking us.

We can subscribe in many ways and to many formats of content, and for many reasons – one of which is a vital 12th Step tool, [Carry the Message Project](#). I suggest that each of us consider asking the members of which ever Service level grouping you are part of to look for ways that Grapevine can be used to carry the message – Grapevine partners up well with so much of what we do as our Fifth Tradition work – Corrections and Carry the Message is one, so are digital content links for the Professional or the ‘Sober-curious’.

To celebrate the publication of the recently revised and updated book **The Home Group, Heartbeat of AA, 30th Anniversary Edition**, the May issue of Grapevine Magazine features beautiful stories by members about why they love their home groups.

In other news; the soon to be launched Grapevine Application is coming September 2023. We Grapevine folk across the 99 Areas were invited to take it for a test spin this Spring, I have indicated our desire to be included in this test run. Stay tuned!

You are asked to share your experience, strength, and hope by sharing on upcoming topics for issues - Submit Your Story for Upcoming Issues: 1. Remote Communities Stories — stories due June 15, 2023 2. Sober Holidays! — stories due June 15, 2023

You are encouraged to submit your experience, strength, and hope to Grapevine as stories- but not just them, you can enter photo contests, write captions for cartoons, record a member for inclusion to the YouTube channel, share jokes, and events to the calendar.

Submissions can be done here: [Share with Us](#)

I am here to serve the alcoholics of Area 83 as your Grapevine Sub-committee Chair. I welcome the opportunity to do so – contact me by email, phone, or stop me in the hall. I am thrilled to be part of the Area team and to be serving you. Thank you for allowing me to do so,

Christine F.

QUESTIONS FOLLOWING GRAPEVINE REPORT:

QUESTION: What is the Grapevine planning to do to be available for the deaf alcoholic? Nothing from Grapevine is available to the deaf alcoholic. Is there anything that you have heard about that possibility? Closed Captioning is not useful to most deaf people.

ANSWER: Christy will follow up on more accessible versions of our literature options. Podcasts and all these other events you need to sighted, but there is closed captioning if you happen to be deaf. And that is the limit, it can get better. There ASL interpretation of all our recovery material, but not for Grapevine. That’s a great question, and something I’m very passionate about. ASL is a language not a translation.

QUESTION: Are the handles for YouTube, Podcasts & Instagram, all just Grapevine?

ANSWER: No, they are not. It’s [alcoholicsanonymous_gv](#) for Instagram; for Podcasts it’s [aagrapevine](#). Links are on all the literature. There is a QR Code at the bottom to get main Grapevine site. Podcast is available on all your normal streaming platforms.

QUESTION: Can Grapevine receive monetary contributions via subscriptions for using social media.

ANSWER: That would not fit our traditions. You can refer to the slide which gives you ways to contribute to Grapevine.

QUESTION: Speaking of Corrections, are hard copies of the magazines still available?

ANSWER: Yes, the Carry the Message is taking the subscription into someone who is incarcerated, or otherwise homebound or institutions we can’t reach.

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QUESTION: Where do we submit stories?

ANSWER: Your DCM received an editorial submissions guideline in their folders. You can also Grapevine's website, under "get involved".

QUESTION: Where can I get Grapevines for my meeting specifically? Do I go through my Intergroup or from the website?

ANSWER: All of those. Your District may do bulk orders. In some cases, Intergroup may carry it. Or from the website just from group only.

F. Self-Support Kathie T.

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

Thank you to the Service Information Day committee for yesterday's exciting and informative event. It's fantastic being back together in person, and it's great to see so many people here virtually. Thank you to anyone who attended the Treasurer/Self Support workshop yesterday. It's been wonderful meeting some District Self Support Chairs in person this weekend.

Self Support's goal is to "create awareness, within our Fellowship, of the need for Alcoholics Anonymous to be fully self-supporting, through contributions of both time and money."

I co-chaired the Finance session for the Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing, with our Area Treasurer Jack, on April 1. We had four items to cover, the discussion was interesting, and hopefully helpful to our Delegate, James.

Area 83 Self Support virtual meetings, initiated during Covid, have continued, and happen the third Tuesday of each month. We currently have 11 District Self Support Chairs on the Roster, with a few Alternate DCMs attending in lieu of. These sessions are interactive, and include general information, discussion, and District activity sharing. We've already generated some creative ideas we hope to implement this term.

The pamphlet "Where Money and Spirituality Mix" is a great resource for Self Support. It has been added to our Area 83 website under "Resources", Self Support, as a downloadable document. "The A.A. Fact Sheet", which outlines how Seventh Tradition contributions carry the message beyond your Home Group, is also there. Thank you, Robb W., for getting it done!

I replenished our literature, and had 70 Self Support packages at the shiny, new Self Support Display in the lobby. I'm happy to report, they're all gone!! I'll have more at the Fall Assembly.

I'm not able to report complete Member Statistics and Service Costs with accuracy due to financial distortions caused by the pandemic. I hope to have more complete information after the General Service Conference. Here are the rough figures from Kevin P., GSB Treasurer:

Individual Member Challenge	Group Challenge
\$11.00 CAD	\$210.00 CAD

Please bring these figures back to your groups so that everyone knows what is needed for the General Service Office to be "fully self supporting" financially. Also, as more members step up to fill service positions at district, please send any new Self Support Chair contact information to Jill, our Area Secretary (please cc me, so you can be included on our distribution list.)

I've been invited to do a Self Support presentation at the Tri Districts Service Day June 10, and am looking forward to hearing our Delegate's report. I'm available for presentations at District service days, District meetings, and any other Area 83 events. If I can help you in any way, please contact selfsupport@area83aa.org.

Yours in love and service, Kathie T

QUESTIONS FOLLOWING SELF-SUPPORT REPORT:

QUESTION: The individual / group challenges, are these annual or bi-annual?

ANSWER: This is annual, and we've had these kinds of challenges in our area before.

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QUESTION: How does self-support help smaller groups?

ANSWER: Each group and district are autonomous, and it can be brought to the district to let them know that the group is struggling.

QUESTION: What happened to the birthday envelopes?

ANSWER: The birthday contribution envelopes are still a part of the self-support package put out in the lobby. As the address on the envelopes is old, GSO has advised us to continue to use those envelopes. Birthday plan is that you contribute any number of dollars for whatever numbers of years you are sober as a sign of gratitude.

G. Archives.....Jenny B.

Good afternoon friends, my name is Jenny. I'm a member of the Smiths Falls Saturday night group in district 66 and I'm an alcoholic.

We made history this weekend. First assembly post pandemic/ first hybrid assembly and first assembly at a different venue in 25 years.

It is so nice to be here seeing all the familiar faces this weekend. What's even better is seeing all the new faces that are here for the first time. I hope you all had a great weekend and were bit by the service bug. Please stick around and come back. We need you.

I have to share this quickly. Traveling back to the hotel yesterday we had an experience.

You know that you have been spending way too much time on zoom and talking about zoom when you see a taxi that reads hybrid taxi on the bumper and you don't understand how that's possible.

In March I was asked to share at the Renfrew round up, it was so nice to see so many people at the Renfrew armoires. They did an amazing job.

Earlier this year we were passed the pre conference agenda sharing information and prepped for the event that took place on April 1st.

I've been attending the Monthly GTA intergroup archives committee meeting. There is always a lot of work happening in the GTA I'm grateful to be invited.

Area events calendar has the East Toronto Archives Breakfast Info on it.

Don't forget the national AA archives workshop is taking place in Sudbury area 84 sept 7-10th.

The Area 83 archives workshop will be taking place June 10th at 234 Eglinton Avenue in Toronto. This will be a hybrid event.

Finally, for those of you that are missing the 83 newsletter. It has been sent to Robb to be posted to the area website.

I want to thank David, your archivist and all the district archives chairs for continuing to teach me about archives.

Please continue to work on your group histories. And send them to myself or David at archives or archivist @area83aa.org

Archivist report

Assisting groups in completing their group histories.

Assisting in compiling the 80 History of AA in Ontario.

Proofreading and publishing of 80 History.

Obtain information on behalf of groups and members from GSO Archives.

Advising and Assisting ALANON IN Ontario in digitizing their Archives and keeping paper documents.

Participating on Area 84 Committee for the NAAAW workshop

Assisting GTA Archives Committee in the day to day operations of the GTA Archives Committee.

Let's record history together.

Jenny B, Panel 73 Archives Chair

H. Accessibilities Theresa L.

Good morning everyone!

I am an alcoholic, member of the Mississippi group in Carleton Place, honored to be serving as Accessibilities Chair in Area 83 Panel 73.

Thank you to the Service Information Committee and all attendees for your contribution to making this weekend of learning and Fellowship a memorable experience.

I co-chaired with Maria M. the Accessibilities and Treatment Pre Conference Agenda Session April 1. The Agenda topics I was assigned were:

- 1) Consider Request to do an Accessibility Inventory of AA Throughout its Service and Structure.
- 2) Review Progress Report on GSO Guidelines for Remote Communities.

The process of reviewing and compiling the background information was yet another invaluable learning experience in my service journey.

The Area 83 Accessibility Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month.

Together we're learning; we do this by sharing past experience, acquired information and shiny new ideas. We refer to AA Literature including the Accessibility Kit and the Accessibility Workbook; we attend workshops, and most importantly we strive to learn from those who are, or have experienced, barriers to participating fully in the service and structure of AA.

This group of members includes the District 83 Accessibility chairs and anyone interested in how AA can maintain and improve the ability of any member who wants to participate in the entire structure of AA.

District Accessibility chairs report to the Committee what's going on with their groups in their District.

Several Districts have now formed Accessibility committees. Others have created flyers to explain the role of Accessibility committees and how assistance can be resourced. District chairs are visiting Groups in their Districts to share about Accessibilities and assist with Accessibility Inventory Checklists. Others are hosting Service Information presentations. Accessibility displays can be seen at AA events thanks to the District chairs.

At the request of Area 83, the Accessibility Committee will be compiling information on implementing Interpretation at AA meetings and events. This will be presented for discussion at the Area 83 Committee Meeting June 3, 2023.

From "The Language of the Heart" Bill W's Grapevine Writings

Let us accord the respect and love that is due to every human being as he tries to make his way to the light. Let us always try to be inclusive rather than exclusive; let us remember that each alcoholic among us is a member of AA, so long as he or she declares.

Thank you for the honor and privilege to serve Area 83 Alcoholics Anonymous

Yours in love and service, Theresa L.

I. Service Information Day Committee Carrie C.

Hi there, my friends, I am an alcoholic, member of the 12&12 to Serenity Group, District Committee Member for District 66, and I have the privilege of serving as our Panel 73 Service Information Committee Chair, and my Name is Carrie C.

Love and gratitude to all committee members, Marrey P. (D06), Jamie B.(D62), Jeffary F.(D86), Mike H.(D30) and Allen W.(D78), who worked so hard to put this Service Information Day together with so much enthusiasm. I could not ask for a better team. Great job all around, much love and gratitude to every one of them.

We first met in person at the Area Committee meeting in early January after I was told that I should stand for this committee as it would be so much fun. We gathered in a sort of hallway talking about pulling names from a hat for a chair and a secretary. Then we had our first meeting over zoom with Trevor F. and Bill C. We were to pull names from a hat and Trevor was to walk us through the process. When D66 was the first chip pulled out of the hat I was stunned as I was thinking "do they realize what they have just done?". Then D06 was pulled, and that was our beginning.

We all hit the ground running, as everyone was so enthusiastic, it was contagious. We met on zoom a total of 8 times and thanks to Trevor F. we had all kinds of information on the previous committees, so we did not have to re-invent the wheel with a lot of it. We picked a wildcard theme "New Beginnings" which seemed so fitting being this was the first in-person Assembly since October 2019. Also, this Assembly came with many changes. We also had a big ask, needing presentations in advance! Being a hybrid was the challenge. A challenge that was met! Bill C. (Area Chairperson) was such a big help in explaining in detail what was expected and what to expect. We put together a great Service Information Day, that was hybrid and at new venue. When we walked in there the Saturday morning, it was the committees first time ever seeing the St. Lawrence College. Despite getting off to a late start, we managed to get back on track after lunch. The unfortunate part was we had to cut into some of the workshop's presenters' time allotment and they had to cut their presentations short and in some there was no time for Q&A. All workshop presenters took it with grace and did the best they could to accommodate us. We did have technical issues and having tech on hand was great. Jamie B. did spend some time running back and forth to fix the issues or we had Daniel from the college to help. All in all, it turned out to be a success, even with the bumps along the way. Bill C. was always nearby to help us out and what was the best experience was the comradery that we had. Looking out for each other all throughout the day. People came and attended workshops, always had positive feedback, with some suggestions on how to improve, we as a committee learned so much and know that we have many things that we can improve on for our next Service Information Day in October.

We worked so well together! We brought out the best in each other, and we supported each other.

This is not an extremely detailed report. The committee needs to have a meeting to share each other's notes on the day so I can provide an informed report. We will read the surveys that were completed so we will have more insight and with enthusiasm, we can improve on our Service Information Day experience!

Looking forward to our next Service Information Day and hope everyone had as much fun as we did! In overwhelming gratitude, love and service, Carrie C.

J. Webmaster Robb W.

Hi friends. I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Minden Centennial Group in District 82 and my name is Robb. I'm honored to serve Area 83 as your Webmaster.

Some of you may know about the Advisory Action from the General Service Conference in 1973 that... "Past delegates not hold office as G.S.R.s or district committee members, but find other ways to become involved in area service." As the Area 83 Webmaster has a voice and vote at the Assembly and Area Committee Meeting, I wanted to put on the record that you have my commitment not to use my voice and vote at any Area Meetings unless the item is directly related to the Web Site.

The website seems to be running pretty smoothly, thanks to the previous webmasters, I'm sure! We are currently having some difficulties with sending emails from our email server. Depending on the domain that the email is headed to,

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Hotmail, Gmail etc. emails will be bounced back as undelivered due to the IP address being blacklisted. I've spoken with our hosting service and the issue will be resolved in the near future.

Month	Unique Visitors 2023	Unique Visitors 2022	% Increase/ Decrease
January	2614	2423	108%
February	3065	2138	143%
March	3588	2605	138%

The good news is that our site is getting much more traffic year over year. Last year at this time we had about 7,000 unique visitors. This year, we've had over 9,000.

Right now, we are looking at redesigning the whole site. This is not a small endeavor and will take the better part of the rest of this year and very possibly, into next year. Part of that initiative will be switching hosting services to a new provider. The provider we're looking at is a Canadian

company that provides multiple Canadian servers that are powered by sustainable energy. This company will provide a much more robust service that is scalable as the Area requires.

I appreciate all those that registered through the website for this weekend. It was our first attempt at doing this and we certainly have some "lessons learned" to facilitate a smoother registration in the Fall.

That's it from me, for now. Thank you for allowing me to continue to serve Area 83 in this capacity.

Yours in Service, Robb W.

TREASURER'S REPORT Jack R.

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

Since the January Area Committee Meeting, I have been involved in the Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing session for Finance and partnered again with Kathie T. for the Treasurer/Self Support Workshop yesterday.

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

There have been 21 group and district contributions via e-Transfer so far in 2023. 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.

Please continue to remind groups who would like to contribute using PayPal to include their six-digit Group Service Number with any contributions using PayPal so that the group may get credit for their contribution. The place to enter the group number is the screen after entering credit card information. PayPal charges a fee of 2.9% plus 30 cents per transaction. There have been 2 contributions so far this year using PayPal.

Let's discuss the Financial Statements for the period ending March 31, 2023.

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 of March 31, 2023:

- 7th Tradition collected at the January Area Committee Meeting \$400.00
- Group, District and Individual Contributions \$17,778.22
- Banquet ticket sales of \$6,617.70; a few more have come in since then

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Total Income for the period is \$24,795.92

Expenses for the period as of March 31, 2023:

- Accommodations includes \$5967.20 payment to the Holiday Inn for rooms and parking for 18 committee members and our banquet speaker for 1 or 2 nights. I included \$1008.36 for hotel accommodations for the 3 committee members who attended the CERAASA meeting when in fact I should have instead added it to the CERAASA field under other expenses.
- The meals cost of \$334.34 from CERAASA will also be moved there.
- Travel costs of \$1255.40 for committee members to travel to the Area Committee Meeting in January and CERAASA in February.
- General Service Conference Assessment \$12,456.95 (\$9,000 US)
- Bank Service Charges \$67.75
- PayPal fees of \$49.76
- Area Committee meeting expenses of \$702.66 which includes snacks and rental and insurance.
- Under Spring Assembly, the miscellaneous cost of \$3905.25 is a deposit for the St. Lawrence College venue paid in March. This is only a fraction of the total cost which will be paid after the Assembly.
- It has been brought to my attention this weekend that the miscellaneous costs should not be a significant percentage of the total expenses and should be categorized to prevent confusion. The problem this time is that the old templates lumped all the accommodation and Assembly venue costs (at the Ambassador) into one column whereas now the accommodation and Assembly venues are separate. For the next assembly I will add a column for Assembly / ACM venue.

Total Expenses for the period are \$26,034.22.

The opening bank balance at January 1, 2023 was \$60,739.52. Total income of \$24,795.92 less expenses of \$26,034.22 leaves a balance in the operating account of \$59,501.22. As of March 31, 2023, our expenses were \$1,238.30 more than our income. Thank you to the 54 Groups, 8 Districts and 1 Individual 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:

- The amounts shown for accommodation and meals for the Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Immediate Past Delegate are for CERAASA expenses. The amounts shown for travel include the Area Committee meeting expenses.
- The General Service Conference (GSC) Assessment. At the Spring Assembly in 2007, a motion passed stating that “provided it doesn’t affect our prudent reserve, Area 83 will pay to GSO the full annual expense for our Delegate to attend the General Service Conference”. The full assessment for our Delegate to attend the 2023 In Person GSC was \$9,000.00 USD, or \$12,456.95 CDN, which has been paid in full.

To summarize, our financial position as of March 31, 2023 compared to March 2022 is as follows: Income for 2023 is \$17,535.55 more than the same period in 2022. Expenses to date for 2023 are \$14,128.66 more than the same period in 2022. The net change to the Operating Account is a decrease of \$1,238.30.

The increase of contributions in 2023 versus 2022 is \$10,682.85.

Page 3 [Appendix A3](#) shows contributions by District. These amounts include contributions from Districts, as well as Groups.

We will be collecting a 7th Tradition throughout the Assembly weekend. Please e-transfer your contribution and reference Assembly in the memo field.

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The email address is treasurer@area83aa.org.

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

There is a motion under New Business to approve the Proposed Spending Guidelines for 2023.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Area 83.

Yours in Love and Service, Jack R.

QUESTIONS FOLLOWING TREASURER'S REPORT:

QUESTION: What's the term of the GIC and what was the interest paid? Do you ladder the reserve payment to the GIC or do you just buy one?

ANSWER: The interest has not been paid yet, as the GIC matures September. We anticipate that the interest will be in the range of +/- \$300.00 when it matures. I believe we just buy 1 GIC as previously done.

QUESTION: Individual contribution on page 3, it appears that extra banquet tickets were purchased and was turned into a contribution for D22?

ANSWER: Yes

SECRETARY'S REPORT Jill B.

Good morning friends, I'm an alcoholic, member of the Erin Mills group in District 06 - Mississauga and my name is Jill.

It is really an honour and a privilege to be serving Area 83 as your Panel 73 Secretary. I've been reaching out to our past Secretaries, James and Amy, as well as JoAnn on a few occasions when I needed guidance in this new position.

I feel that I know most of you now, albeit mostly by email. However, it's been a pleasure to be able to meet some of you in person this weekend. How wonderful it's been to be back in person in Kingston.

One of the Secretary's responsibilities is to send communications as directed by the Area Operating Procedures to all Area Officers, Area Subcommittee Chairs, Appointed Positions, District Committee Members, Alternate District Committee Members and Past Delegates. There has been important and periodically time sensitive information forwarded to you, the members of Area 83. In turn, the District Committee Members forward this information to the Groups via the General Service Representative and the GSR shares the information with Group members. This is the communication chain, and I appreciate that along the chain, you are spending your valuable time when you are reading these emails. And, hopefully sharing widely when indicated.

Trevor and I led our Secretary & Registrar workshop yesterday that was well attended. We had a good cross section of attendees and appreciated the District Secretaries & Registrars that attended and became a part of the conversation. If there's anything that Trevor or I can do to help you in your roles, we'd be happy to be of assistance and help in your service journeys.

We discussed the importance of keeping service position details up to date and the importance of advising the Secretary of any changes to your District Roster. I then in turn, update our Area Registrar so that information collected can be recorded in the Fellowship Connection. Just a reminder, the Area Roster is a document used for 12th step work only and it is a confidential document.

If your District has position specific email addresses, I will still require personal email addresses as well. Your personal email is the searchable field in Fellowship Connection, and with the spirit of rotation you will only have a position specific email for finite period of time.

To members that submit reports to the Secretary for the minutes, please assist me with keeping your anonymity intact. Please remove last names and indicate last initial only. For those who have not already sent in your reports for this weekend's Assembly, please do as soon as possible as it really helps my efforts in turning around the minutes in a timely manner.

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Thank you to the Districts who have been sending your District minutes. I do read them. A helpful hint, if you could send the minutes to area@area83aa.org, that way the minutes are distributed to all Area Officers & Subcommittee Chairs.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve Area 83.

Yours in love & service, Jill B

QUESTIONS FOLLOWING SECRETARY'S REPORT:

QUESTION: You want the district business minutes sent in to the Area?

ANSWER: Yes please, it allows Area 83 to hear what's been going on in District 42.

Roll Call and REGISTRAR'S REPORT Trevor F.

Good afternoon, friends. I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Stittsville Second Chance Group in District 62 and my name is Trevor F. I have the honour and privilege to serve as your Panel 73 Registrar for Area 83, Eastern Ontario International. As Registrar, I have the responsibility of maintaining and updating Area 83's 601 Active Group records and serving as the liaison with the General Service Office for matters concerning Group registration and Group records.

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

One of the features of the Database is that it has an expiry date for any new entries, which defaults to two years, the normal term length. This helps make sure our records are up to date, but unfortunately, once the expiry date arrives, it removes the person from the service position in our records, which, in the case of GSRs, automatically changes the group status to "unknown". We currently have 38 groups with unknown status in Area 83, which is down from 66 in January. I will be contacting DCMs and District Registrars regularly to try and get that number much lower.

The number of Virtual groups has grown considerably in the last few years. Area 83 currently has 24 Virtual Groups. We also have 9 Correctional groups in addition to the 568 Regular groups. When I reach out to the Districts to find contacts for the Unknown groups, I will also be sending lists of registered groups in each District and will be asking for confirmation that they are still active. There are many groups that have not come back since the pandemic, and I would like to have our records be as accurate as possible. Any groups not currently meeting can be changed to Inactive status and can be reactivated if they choose to begin meeting again. Some groups have also chosen to continue using a virtual format, and I would like the group listings in the database to reflect that as well.

Pre-registration for the Assembly was something new for this Assembly, and there are a few things to work out, but I think it will be great moving forward.

Thanks to all who came out to the Secretary/Registrar workshop yesterday, and thanks to the Service Information Day team for putting together a great day. Special thanks to District 36 Secretary Amanda for organizing volunteers for registration and greeting, and for Karen A and Rob D for online registration - a great job done by all.

New Group and Group Change Forms are posted on the Area 83 website, under Resources, Registrar. New GSR's are encouraged to get the electronic GSR kits – these are available immediately – digital content is the trend for GSO, but physical kits can be ordered.

In closing, I will make myself available to Districts and Groups to assist you with Registrar-related issues where I can. Thank you for continuing to send District minutes to me – they help keep me informed and thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Yours in Love and Service, Trevor F

See Roll Call: [Appendix B.](#)

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QUESTIONS FOLLOWING REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

QUESTION: There are some discrepancies in the number of groups in our records.

ANSWER: Sometimes there are unknown groups that cause the discrepancy.

QUESTION: I'm a District Officer, and I'm also here to represent my group's vote. Is that recorded properly?

ANSWER: When registered as a District Officer, we indicate you as a visitor for your group. However, if there is no GSR here from you group, you are listed as the GSR and counted as 1 towards the delegation.

QUESTION: Show no District Officers, and there are 2 here this weekend?

ANSWER: Are they voting? (NO). Are they registered? (YES). We will check that.

QUESTION: Are the numbers in person an online divided out?

ANSWER: The number represent those that pre-registered and registered in person. Whether that's in person or online.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT Amy L.

Good afternoon friend, I am an alcoholic and a member of the Liverpool Group in Pickering. I have the pleasure and honour to serve Area 83 as the Alternate Delegate, and my name is Amy.

Oh it is so good to see you all in person, we have waited a long time for this. Thanks for being here. As James is gearing up to go the General Service Conference, he has been keeping me up to date on items pertinent to the Conference and GSO. I was grateful to attend the Canadian Eastern Regional A.A. Service Assembly (CERAASA) in February. I was asked to present the History of CERAASA. I enjoyed digging through the digital archives to piece it all together. The event was really informative, and so great to meet the other Delegates and their Alternates from Eastern Canada Region. I was so proud of Area 83. There were a number of us there, and several were chairing or facilitating workshops and we had many past Delegates, including our very own Joyce S. as Eastern Canada Regional Trustee.

I attend the PCAS sessions on April 1. Thank you to all who prepared the material, zoom teched, and acted as secretaries. We could not have done it without you. I was glad to be sitting in on the discussions. There is so much to learn above and beyond the poll questions. Since there were two streams James and I split the workshops and updated each other with our notes the following week.

As alternate Delegate I am to liaise with the Intergroups in Area 83. I attend the monthly meetings for the Ottawa and Toronto intergroups. It is good to learn how these entities are helping to carry the message of recovery. I look forward to understanding how General Service and the Intergroups collaborate.

Another responsibility of the Alternate Delegate is to act as the Remote Communities Liaison. Remote communities are defined as communities that are isolated by Culture, Geography or Physical barriers. We are meeting monthly and there are approximately 14-20 of us attending on a regular basis. All of the participating Areas have what we know traditionally as remote communities. The Melting pot of culture and language that we are, I am wondering if Area 83 has communities and people who might have special language skills who might be able to help reach those who are wanting our program but are finding it difficult to connect.

I have been participating on an Ad Hoc Committee to roll out our Digital Resources for Area 83. Our Chair, Bill has tapped Robb, our Webmaster, Norm District 12, Sarah District 48, and it was chaired by Kimberley our Immediate Past Delegate. An update report will be prepared at the Area committee meeting in June.

Kimberley, our Immediate Past Delegate and I are offering monthly GSR sharing Sessions. We are meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month and we bring in guests who present on topics that are of interest to GSRs. If you are a GSR or Alternate GSR or if you are DCM, please encourage GSRs to attend. These sessions are also to develop some great unity among our trusted servants at the group level.

Speaking of unity building, I attend the monthly Canadian Eastern AA Service Assembly (CERAASA) Steering committee meetings.

I will be speaking on remote communities at District 02 Virtual accessibilities meeting.

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Thank you to the districts for sharing your minutes with us. It is important part of the completing that circle of communication.

If there is anyway that I can be helpful to your groups or districts, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Yours in love and service, Amy L (alt.delegate@area83aa.org)

QUESTIONS FOLLOWING ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT:

QUESTION: With regards to the GSR Sharing Sessions. Are the slide decks available?

ANSWER: Yes they are, we've been utilizing the GlideApp to make the information available. There's a tab for the GSR Sharing Sessions.

DELEGATE'S REPORT James O'D.

In this term we met on January 10th, January 31st and March 7th.

We have met a whopping 27 times to fulfill the mandate of the ad hoc committee to organize the recent PCAS event that was held on April 1st but also to investigate and report back to our members about how we might move forward more effectively. Members communicated that some may not feel they have ample participation in the decisions being made through the conference process.

Our committee has worked very hard on your behalf and have prepared well thought out recommendations for your review today. We look forward to hearing the discussion of our members on how we choose to move forward.

D48 ANNUAL ROUNDUP

On February 4th I had the joy of visiting the D48 Seaway Valley North Annual Roundup in South Mountain near Ottawa. The day was filled with panels, potluck all day meal (food was endless!) and AA and Al-Anon speakers. There were hundreds in attendance and it seemed they kept on comin'! If that wasn't awesome enough, I ran into Rob and Kimberley, Kimberley being the guest speaker.

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

On January 20th I was invited to participate at a workshop organized by Joe C (Beyond Belief – D10 – Toronto). The topic surrounded how the UK GSO has updated their 2020 survey to capture how members have transitioned to online meetings and asks new questions about what we AAs believe.

ARCHIVES CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

- JANUARY 22ND – meet and greet – introduction to committee procedure and scope
- April 11th

CERAASA (Bi-Monthly Meeting)

- January 23rd
- March 27th
- May 22nd (future)

DELEGATES MEETING

- February 11th
- March 6th

CERAASA (Event)

- February 24-26th
- Holiday Inn & Suites St. Catharines

20th January 2023
10pm (UK) / 5pm (NY)
"Our next function is to grow in understanding and effectiveness." 84:2

How A.A. changes - How we stay the same.
"OUR SURVEY SAYS..."

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

What have we learned from 50 years of AA membership surveys.

Why we collect this data and what does it tell us and the world about life in AA.

Presented by
Joe C.
<https://rebellondogpublishing.com/rebellious-radio>

WILL INCLUDE
GSO research on the USA/Canada triennial survey
also
The 2020 Great Britain survey captures member transition to online meetings and asks new questions about what we AAs believe.

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CERAASA is the Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly. It is an event held every two years and sponsored by the 10 regions of the Eastern Canada Territory.

This event was my first experience as your official representative outside of our Area. It provided an excellent opportunity to present some of the proposed agenda items on my main conference committee which is Literature. We had an amazing weekend of conference related workshops and inter area sharing. Its other function is to foster unity within the Eastern Canada region which includes 10 Areas including the 10 delegates and 10 alternate delegates.

MEETING WITH TRUSTEES

- March 16TH
- March 30th
- April 13th

The Trustees of the General Service Board have created a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page to inform and support our conference delegates about the resignation of Linda Chezem and events around the January Board Weekend. I respectfully request you read this document carefully before forwarding questions or concerns.



D16 Planning Committee

One of the highlights of my month was my invitation to participate in the D16 planning committee on March 18th . This was a well-attended strategy meeting of our Spanish speaking district to discuss ways to rebuild and reinfuse the passion for service. The members shared their concerns and deep commitment to the revitalization of their District after the past couple of years. We discussed various ways to reach out to past active members and methods to inspire newer members into service. We look forward to hearing about ways Area 83 can assist in making our Spanish speaking members feel more a part of and different ways we can communicate more effectively through our general service structure.

I would like to say a special thank you (without singling out anyone by name) for your commitment to and love for Alcoholics Anonymous. I know that several very dedicated members have kept the lines of communication open. We see you – and we thank you.

Area 85 – Assembly Discussion

On March 18th I was invited by the immediate past delegate of Area 85 to participate in a discussion on how our Area rolls out assemblies. We had discussions on our Service Information Day, our experience with virtual/in-person/hybrid, how we choose the workshop themes, shared our operating SID guidelines and many other aspects that they had questions about.

It is amazing to learn how other Areas do things and I can say that while we have a lot to learn as an Area from others across the structure, we also do a lot of things very well. What a wonderful opportunity to pay it forward.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE

- March 22nd
- April 3rd

COMPENDIUM DISCUSSION

- March 26th

PCAS SESSIONS

Thank you to everyone who came out to the PCAS sessions on April 1st. I am inspired by the passion of our members and came away from this long day of sharing with a firmer grasp on the feelings our members who attended. To those who were unable to attend and share your thoughts on the different agenda items please feel free to email me so I can include this in our Area's group conscience.

GROUP INVENTORY – SPIRITUAL KINDERGADEN

- April 1st

73RD GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

I am headed to New York to represent you, Area 83, at the 73rd General Service Conference from APRIL 22-30TH. The past few months has been a blessed blend of sharing with members via every communication tool known on the planet. The PCAS sessions are an essential tool in the collection of information to form our Area group conscience.

I would like to thank those past delegates who have reached out to me to share their encouragement and support. It has been a comfort. Some have even shared their luggage!

AREA 83 GLIDE APP



I have included a QR code in my report to this valuable communication tool that was created and continues to be updated by our Immediate Past Delegate, Kimberley M.

Looking ahead....

May 13th – Zone 2 report back (in person)

May 27th – GTA Info AA Day report back (in person)

June 3rd – Area Committee Meeting

June 10th – Ottawa report back (virtual)

June 10th – Tri District SID (in person)

June 17th – Zone 4 report back

Bill C, A83 Chairperson: We've now reached Item 11, Old Business. At this point, I would like to recommend going to 2/3 majority.

• Motion to go to 2/3 majority

Moved:	Bev H, GSR District 34
Seconded:	Marrey P, DCM District 06
Discussion	None
All those in favour:	190
All those opposed:	6
Any abstentions:	0
Motion:	Carried

OLD BUSINESS

A. Report with recommendations from the Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing (PCAS) ad hoc committeeRob M., Panel 69 Delegate

The following Agenda Item was voted on and approved at the June 4, 2022, ACM. In accordance with our Operating Procedures, Section 2.01, Motions sent to the Assembly from the Area Committee for vote at the Assembly are automatically treated as motions on the floor of the Assembly and do not need to be moved or seconded.

Hi everyone. I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Maynooth Group in District 78, I was your Panel 69 Delegate, and my name is Rob M.

In 2020 Area 83 began facilitating online Pre-Conference agenda sharing sessions. These sessions were designed to provide our Delegate with the viewpoints and experiences of Area 83 on agenda items for the General Service Conference. They also provide members throughout Area 83 an opportunity to participate in AA as a whole and have their say in how our fellowship moves forward.

The first year of its rollout, the viewpoints gathered were considerably more than previous efforts. In 2020, a committee developed scripts and templates to ensure smooth presentations to the membership and help presenters achieve a good understanding of their specific agenda items. These scripts and templates have been updated since then as we've tried to improve on the original model.

In its second year, Area 83 members were more receptive to the online format and overall attendance increased almost 80%. In 2022 and 2023 attendance remained consistent. However, this still only represents a small fraction of the total membership in Area 83.

On May 02, 2021, presenters for the PCAS sessions met to review the results of the PCAS survey and shared both successes and areas for improvement. The consensus was that the sharing sessions were great opportunities for discussion, but the overall engagement and awareness of the Conference process could be improved.

On May 6, 2021, our Area Chairperson at the time, Amy L, asked me to chair an *ad hoc* Committee for Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing. Our committee Secretary is Bill C, Area 83 Chairperson. Also serving on this committee were Jonathan CJ, DCM District 36 last term, Jo D Area 83 CPC Chair last term, James O, our current Delegate, JoAnn P Area 83 Secretary last term, Joyce S Area 83 Panel 65 Delegate, and Kathie T, our current Self Support Chair.

The function of this *ad hoc* committee was to consider:

1. Solutions to the deficiencies identified in the meeting on May 2
2. A communication and engagement strategy that would encourage members to follow the Conference process and participate in the dialogue on matters under consideration at the General Service Conference.
3. A recurring model of this organizing committee, alleviating the need to strike *ad hoc* committees on an annual basis.
4. Roll out of the Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing session in advance of the 72nd General Service Conference.

The *ad hoc* committee began last term and gave reports and recommendations to the Area Committee and Assembly. The recommendations were accepted at the June 4th, 2022 ACM. Because the Fall 2022 Assembly was an election Assembly, it was agreed to defer discussion and voting to this Assembly.

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Our committee has met twenty-seven times via Zoom. With a broad range of service experience, many hours of discussion and research, much thought and consideration has been put into performing these tasks.

Item 1 Solutions to Identified Deficiencies - The committee reviewed and discussed the minutes of the 2021 debrief meeting. It was apparent that some Session Chairs required further direction and assistance to create background summaries. Documentation for Session Chairs was updated to offer assistance from the PCAS Chairperson, the Delegate, District Committee Members, and District Chairs. These individuals may help with proofreading, and ensuring poll questions are reasoned, concise and coherent. It was noted that, although participation increased in its second year, there is still much room for improvement.

There was discussion at the debrief meeting about offering PCAS sessions live on Saturday of Spring Assembly weekend, and the need to form this *ad hoc* committee.

After much thought, consideration, and research of other Areas' Pre-Conference procedures, this *ad hoc* committee concludes the best way to reach the broadest audience, provide maximum feedback to our Delegate, and engage the fellowship in the General Service Conference process is to hold PCAS sessions live on Saturday of the Spring Assembly weekend.

Service Information Day workshops can be offered virtually by the end February. This would allow those new to their service position an opportunity to receive important information earlier in the term.

Item 2 Communication and Engagement Strategy - Our *ad hoc* committee proposes an ongoing PCAS committee with a pool of people familiar with the process, to build a tradition of input from Area 83, and improve awareness and participation. A permanent PCAS Committee can be established at the beginning of every panel, chaired by the Immediate Past Delegate, and composed of Area Officers and District Committee Members. DCMs would be elected using the same format as the Service Information Day Committee at the January Area Committee meeting and serve for the two-year term.

The PCAS Chairperson will provide progress reports including updates from the General Service Board, and ongoing General Service Conference items at the Area Committee Meetings and Assemblies.

The PCAS Chairperson may present workshops at our Service Information Days, and at District meetings on request. The PCAS Chair can also submit articles for the Delegate's newsletter.

We would like a permanent PCAS tab added to the Area 83 website, with a repository for all previous PCAS information. We realize the vital role District Committee Members and General Service Representatives play to help the fellowship understand the PCAS process.

To that end we have developed a PCAS Public Service Announcement. The PSA will be narrated by our Delegate, sent to District Committee Members, and posted on the Area 83 website. It was requested that DCMs share this brief announcement at their District meetings and make it available to GSRs to be shared with their group members.

Item 3 Recurring Model - We have composed PCAS guidelines, similar to the Service Information Day guidelines, that can be added to our Area Operating Procedures. The proposed guidelines were recently sent to DCMs with a request to share them with GSRs.

These guidelines outline the purpose of the Pre-Conference Assembly, describe the committee composition, suggestions for committee meetings, and the timeline and schedule lay out what needs to be done when. A timeline flowchart gives a visual of the planning process. We have developed position descriptions, and a suggested agenda that can be passed on to the next committee.

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Much time and consideration, along with several drafts, went into composing this suggested agenda. We originally considered 50-minute sessions, with 3 sessions per block, similar to the Service Information Day agenda. We realized this would mean members could only attend 1/3 of the sessions, and that 50 minutes may not be enough time to thoroughly discuss agenda items. Our committee suggests 4 blocks with 2 Sessions per block be adopted. The time allocated per block would be 1hr 20min, with a 10min break between sessions. An “Ask it Basket” would be held before the banquet.

Our final item was to roll out the Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing sessions in advance of the 72nd General Service Conference. Since this *ad hoc* committee was still active we planned and presented PCAS 73 this year on April 1st. This was our first attempt at a one-day event, mirroring a possible in person event, rather than nine evening sessions. Feedback to this format was positive. Overall, the day was well received, participation was slightly higher than last year, but still a small turn out, considering the number of members in our Area. In summary, this *ad hoc* committee recommends the following:

1. That Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing Sessions be offered on Saturday of the Area 83 Spring Assembly weekend.
2. That Service Information Day Workshops be offered virtually in January or February.
3. That the Immediate Past Delegate automatically becomes Chairperson of the PCAS committee.
4. That the Chairperson of the PCAS committee provide progress reports including updates from the General Service Board, and ongoing General Service Conference items at all Area Committee meetings and Area Assemblies.
5. That Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing guidelines be added to “Area 83-Committee Operating Procedures” “Section 9: Appendices”.
6. That a PCAS tab including a repository for all previous PCAS information be added to the Area 83 website.

Bill, Jonathan, Jo, James, JoAnn, Joyce, Kathie, and I thank you for the opportunity to be of service to Area 83.

[See Appendix D for the Area 83 Pre-Conference Guidelines Final](#)

Bill C, Area 83 Chairperson: What we are going to do is rather than take this as a whole item to vote on at once, the intention is that we vote on these items one by one. What I’d like to do first is to have a consideration as to the motion overall.

The following acronyms have been used throughout the discussions:
PCAS – Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing
SID – Service Information Day

ACM Motion A) i	<p>The Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing Sessions be offered on Saturday of the Area 83 Spring Assembly weekend.</p> <p><i>Moved by Jane S, previous Area 83 Grapevine Chair</i></p> <p><i>Seconded by Bev H, previous Area 83 Self-Support Chair</i></p> <p><i>References:</i></p> <p><i>Refer to the minutes from the January 8, 2022 Area Committee Meeting under Item 12; March 28, 2022 Assembly under Item 11; and June 4, 2022 Area Committee Meeting under item 12.</i></p>
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Friendly Amendment	<p>Amy L, Area 83 Alternate Delegate: Makes a friendly amendment to the motion</p> <p>“To have the in person PCAS session run as a trial period for 3 years. To be evaluated after the 2026 PCAS session, and from there we will decide how to move forward.”</p>	
<i>Original Motioner (June 4/22 ACM):</i>	<i>Jane S., Area 83 CPC Chair: Agrees to the amendment.</i>	
<i>Original Seconder: (June 4/22 ACM):</i>	<i>Bev H, GSR District 34: Agrees to the amendment.</i>	
Discussion	<p>De R, GSR District 02: If this is to go ahead, would that mean that the SID will be replaced by the PCAS but only for that Assembly? For the Fall Assembly, would the SID come back in and then the following Spring the PCAS would come back in. Or would PCAS be for all Saturdays of the Assembly?</p> <p>Rob Mc, PCAS Committee: The proposal would be for PCAS in the Spring only. The Fall would be the Service Information Day.</p> <p>Richard C, DCM District 82: Could someone explain the reason for moving this closer to the Assembly. This year I found it really helpful that GSR's had access to the information a couple of months previous to this. My concern is that condensing it we lose some valuable time with our GSR's.</p> <p>Rob Mc, PCAS Committee: Typically, the Delegate receives the General Service Background information on February 15 and from there it takes a few days for the committee chairs to compose the background summaries that are shared with the fellowship. So, we are looking at around February 21st / 22nd that we had the background summaries available to Area 83. And then the Spring Assembly is generally the last weekend in March. I'm not sure if we are going to be looking at going back to that. So, it is a short window because the background information isn't available until February 15th, we can't do it any sooner than that.</p> <p>Marwyn, GSR District 14: I do like the idea of this. But when I look at the SID on Saturday agenda, I'm wondering how long will it take and where it fits? The motion is to have a spot for it on the Saturday, right?</p> <p>Rob Mc, PCAS Committee: The PCAS would be the full day on the Saturday. The Service Information Day wouldn't be on the Saturday, it would be offered online on another day.</p> <p>Jean H, GSR District 54: Thank you to the ad hoc Committee and my group had a wonderful discussion about this and the other 5 recommendations. My group voted on this and felt that to have the Service Information Day in person was an invaluable fellowship opportunity for GSR's, District Committee Members and for members of Area 83 at large. That a virtual Service Information Day was not the same.</p> <p>Paul F, GSR District 28: Question about the information that's coming out in February to the Group. Do we get it as well as the GSR's so that we have time before Assembly to digest and have questions up front.</p> <p>Rob Mc, PCAS Committee: The background summaries are sent out the District Committee Members, with the request to share with GSR's in their District. If you are a GSR and did not receive the information this year, talk to your District Committee Member because you should have.</p> <p>Joe A, GSR District 22: PCAS seemed improved from that weekly random one done the year before, so this was nice on the Saturday. But it's very informal. It just a discussion, but I don't think it's going to be helpful. But the trial period makes it more palatable. I don't think members will drive to Kingston to talk</p>	

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about something informal whereas the Service Information Day seems to be very practical.

Barbara T, GSR District 86: Would the PCAS then be only face to face with no online component? So, the service workshops would be online and the PCAS would no longer be available online.

Rob Mc, PCAS Committee: Yes, that is the proposal for it to be face to face. It would up the Assembly moving forward whether this is going to be hybrid or not. If it's a hybrid weekend, then the face-to-face PCAS could also be hybrid. Our committee didn't make any decisions around hybrid as we felt it wasn't in purview to do that. It's going to up the Area Chair and Assembly moving forward if we are going to offer hybrid or not.

Steve B, GSR & ADCM District 62: We had a discussion at our District meeting about this and it was a closed discussion so I won't go into that. As a GSR, I did attend that April 1st online and also the self-support chair. On that agenda was the changes to the 12 & 12 including the change brought up by the Delegate. What I found is that I did the research beforehand and had a discussion beforehand. But what I found on April 1st, was that people who attended didn't know this was on the agenda. People brought their own opinion, which was fine to bring to the Delegate. But as GSR's we were also to bring the views of our group. Having it on the Saturday, here in person, I would like to think that a lot of us would meet with our groups before we come here and have a bit of our group conscience.

Chris, GSR District 12: Being my first session here and a new GSR, keeping in mind our primary purpose, I got so much out of yesterday's Service Information Day and wondered what we can do from a group level and found it invaluable.

Karen, GSR District 62: My group went into a lot of discussion about this proposal and the main point of concern was how was this helping the still suffering alcoholic. A number of members of my group have attended many Assemblies and they are really good at bringing along the new people. The new people go to the Service Information Days, and they learn about it and go back and volunteer for service. My group did come to a group conscience where they are in support of maintaining the current structure. That is to have the Service Information Day, in person, on each Saturday of Assembly.

Eileen S, GSR District 26: The planning committee has spent some hours and hours working on this and they are our trusted servants who have made some suggestions based on informed decisions. The purpose of the PCAS is to provide the Delegate with different opinions of all Area 83 GSR's. I also served as Secretary for one of the meetings on April 1st, and what I did was I took extensive notes, and I wrote out all those notes and provided them to the committee. The purpose of the PCAS is to help the Delegate make informed decisions based on our informed decisions. And I think all the work the PCAS Committee has done has been exceptional. So, I'm for the motion.

Christy F, A83 Grapevine Chair: I'm very much in favour of this, but I feel very torn. So, I want to thank everyone for giving me new perspectives to consider. But prior to hearing what those were, I liked the idea that we would spend a day on the Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing. I feel the momentum and fellowship component. There's an aspect where service beyond the home group were fractured. That there's a whole bunch of home group stuff and there is a big disconnect. What is this General Service Conference where they are doing the business of AA, our business. I think this will help bridge that

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huge gap that exists. People will start feeling a little more involved in that decision making process which I think is an important thing within the fellowship and building the fellowship amongst ourselves. And for that reason, I very much support it and because the Service Information Day will be a month and a half earlier, our GSR's are getting the information they vitally need. They don't have to wait until the Spring, they get it in February albeit in a different format, but earlier.

Rob Mc, PCAS Committee: The last person online who asked this question, "how does this help the still suffering alcoholic". For me general service is about facilitating the 12th step efforts. It helps to ensure that we are effectively carrying the message of recovery and our General Service Conference makes important decisions that shape the future of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. So, the more informed our Delegates are attending the General Service Conference, the better. We talk about the upside-down triangle in AA, where the groups are on top making the decisions. The groups can't make the decisions if they aren't aware of the process of what's coming up. I don't want to sound like I'm trying to talk you into it; this was an ad hoc committee of experienced AA members that spent a lot of time discussing it and these are the recommendations. Now it's up to you to decide.

Michael D, District 62: Thank you to the committee for your work and what was presented. My group is in favour. What's not to like about this motion? Members will be more involved in the decision-making process and informing our Delegate to go to New York to express our wishes. Where better to inform than to have a discussion amongst members in person on where AA is going based on the General Service Conference. And without eliminating anything, people wanted to attend workshops will be able to do it online at the end of February and then again in the Fall. This will just add to the quality of our experience, and we are very much in favour.

Bart B, GSR District 06: I highly support the PCAS motion simply because I think it's important that we reinforce the democratic process so we can send our Delegate to New York fully informed on what's living in our community. And I think that's extremely important. Yesterday was a great day, and I don't want to knock what happened yesterday, it's extremely useful. But I think it's maybe even more important that we fully inform the Delegate, and we need that platform to make that happen.

Adam, GSR District 10: Will the workshops that go strictly to online, will they be able to be recorded and available for us to use or utilize if we can't make it on that Saturday?

Rob Mc, PCAS Committee: That may be something for the Service Information Day committee to consider. Currently we don't record the workshops. The Sub-committee chairs make their presentations available online but the workshops themselves aren't recorded.

Wilf Q, GSR District 82: Will the Fall still have a Service Information Day?

Rob Mc, PCAS Committee: Yes, that's correct.

Jack R, A83 Treasurer: Will there be a SID Committee and a PCAS committee, because the SID Committee would be running the Fall Saturday and the PCAS Committee would be running the Spring Saturday. Would this SID committee be running the Service Information Day in January/February. How does that work?

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Rob Mc, PCAS Committee: Yes, that's correct. The proposal is for 2 separate committees. There would still be the typical Service Information Day Committee that we are used to. And then a Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing Committee. The proposal of the make up of the Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing Committee is Area Officers and District Committee Members. So, they would already be here, so no added expense.

Chris M, GSR District 54: I find it is excellent the way it went this year because I'm new to being a GSR. What really helped me in learning about the GSR was doing the GSR workshop and having the PCAS on April 1st. That was an excellent experience, and the Spring Assembly. I learned all kinds of information virtually, as I can't attend in person. I'd recommend having the PCAS on April 1st or first Saturday of April and having the service day in April and then the Assembly on Sunday. Recommend keeping with this strategy.

Mark H, GSR District 22: Clarification question. Is the PCAS going to be hybrid on the Saturday? There are accessibility issues for people wanting to attend that can't make it to Assembly.

Rob Mc, PCAS Committee: The ad hoc Committee has not made a recommendation around hybrid. We don't feel that was a part of our purview. That would be up to the Area Assembly moving forward if we continue to offer hybrid Assembly weekends. I understand the concern, and it's a valid point about accessibility. That is a decision the Area Assembly is going to have to make moving forward. And it's not a part of our ad hoc Committee.

Gib, GSR District 48: I didn't understand what was going on in the beginning on how this was working. The more I hear the more I agree with PCAS because it's going to help the groups give more information to the Delegate and will help things grow. I think it needs to work this way. I'm not a computer guy but I think we need that hybrid the following spring.

Sue G, GSR District 10: Speaking as trusted servant, I'm familiar and have been a former GSR here before. I missed the PCAS this time but if it was imbedded into the structure as the proposal says, I would say this is a wise proposal from past delegates. This makes a lot of sense. And what this does is really assists our Delegate with a great deal of input by just coming here on the Saturday. I think there's a lot of questions still, but I really like the amendment of the 3-year trial. So as a trusted servant, we are supporting this proposal.

Bert J, DCM District 22: I'm in favour of this motion. It will make more interaction between the GSR and the Fellowship. That's what this is going to bring to have the PCAS in person.

Rob J, GSR District 34: Just to pick up on a couple of comments made earlier. Item # 2 states Spring Service Information Day workshops be offered virtually by the end of February, however it's silent on the question of what happens at the Fall Assembly? Is that normally a service information day as well?

Rob Mc, PCAS Committee: The Fall Assembly would stay as the typical service information day. The Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing would be offered on the Saturday of the Area Spring Assembly. The proposal is for the Spring Assembly.

James S, DCM District 28: I'm curious as to what the attendance difference was between the last Assembly for the Service Information Day and this Assembly for the Service Information Day. Also, the PCAS online attendance.

Rob Mc, PCAS Committee: I don't have numbers for Service Information Day. I'm not sure if they typically keep numbers. I asked about last term, for all four Service Information Days, and there were no numbers kept for that. I can tell

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you that when it comes to Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing numbers, in 2020 there were 152 participants; in 2021 there were 271 participants; in 2022 there were 241 participants. And this year was 267. It's hard to say how many of those were unique participants because many members attended more than 1 session.

Randy B, GSR D28: Thank you to the committee who put a lot of work and time into this. I've also attended all the PCAS all 4 years and have seen the numbers increase slowly. My group does not feel that by bringing the PCAS into the assembly weekend that your numbers are going to increase. In fact, they may decrease to what you are getting now for your Spring Assembly. And it's a large financial obligation that you are putting onto the groups, districts and to the area to put this on. I believe and my group believes, as it stands right now, they like it that way. Maybe we can improve upon the information highway so that more people get involved with the PCAS online.

Matt C, GSR District 66: This is my first assembly, so I don't have a pre-conceived opinion about how this is supposed to be. I know change is always a contentious thing, but I also know that change happens that is necessary and is fluid, can be reverted or adjusted as required. I do like the idea of testing this out for a period of time. I will share though that the foundation of our program and the fellowship is the sharing of information. That's how it starts, the sharing of knowledge, the sharing of help between individuals. And that's what we are doing here. To me the Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing is an opportunity to better inform with our experience and our concerns to the Delegate, to take to New York to the Conference. How we do that is up to us, but if we continue to have Service Information Day in October and online in the wintertime, giving us enough time to socialize, then the Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing seems like a win/win. It's up to us GSR's & DCM's to further socialize all these elements. If we are making changes like this, it falls on our shoulders to utilize these things. Any venue to discuss all these things seems sensible and it seems like it's arming the Delegate to do the job we are asking them to do.

Paul, GSR District 66: My groups concern with this, as well as mine, is that you are saying there is not enough people online and huge participation here to the new GSR's. So, you're going to take that small number to these people here and bring people that haven't learned the material yet, to come and give the Delegate feedback. Seems like we are going more in reverse. Seems more important for more people to come here and learn.

De R, GSR District 02: Call the question.

Bill C, Chairperson: *Calling the Question: A motion to bring debate to a halt while the members decide whether to proceed directly to a vote or go on with the debate. Must be made in order (recognized by the chair and have the floor and prior to any debate). Requires a seconder. Not debatable. Requires a two-thirds vote.*

Seconded:	Rick, GSR District 30
All those in favour:	124
All those opposed:	18
Any abstentions:	3
Motion:	Carried

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Vote on Amended Motion:	The Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing Sessions to be offered on Saturday of the Area 83 Spring Assembly weekend. To have the PCAS session run as a trial period for 3 years. To be evaluated after the 2026 PCAS session, and from there we will decide how to move forward.	
All those in favour:	111	
All those opposed:	35	
Any abstentions:	4	
Minority opinion	<p>Peter B, GSR District 28: If we wait until the Assembly to find out the information we are voting on, how do we talk to the member?</p> <p>Bill C, A83 Chairperson: Information is sent out in February.</p> <p>Dan H, GSR District 06: I was brought to this Assembly when I was brand new by my sponsor. Whenever we do something in AA I always think about the newcomer, and how this affects the newcomer. I know if I had come and there was the PCAS, it would probably lose me. I’ve carried on that torch and I bring new guys, I have 3 of them with me this weekend. But I’ve already lost them by lunch today. It’s a lot of great information and they enjoyed yesterday. We need to pass this on, we need new blood to carry this forward. And I think having a service information day is exactly what the new person needs. I’m not going to take away the importance of PCAS, what we have here works and the new people we need to carry this forward to.</p> <p>Jennifer, GSR District 74: I was really torn on this vote. This is my first assembly and a new GSR, and I did also attend the PCAS – all of it was amazing. And everyone’s efforts, I want to applaud all of you. So much has gone into it. I just know if enough background information has been done with possibility of breaking up the PCAS to different days. Would it garner more participation online or from the groups, with regards to possibly keeping the workshops at the Assembly.</p> <p>Mike H, DCM District 30: The information come out mid-February and gives us 6 weeks may be more for groups to have that information and come to a group conscience to give to our Delegate. That possibly only gives 1 business meeting for a group to go over all of that information. I don’t know exactly how long we had that information leading up to April 1st probably the same amount of time. And the session I took in, there were 20-30 people in on that session. As DCM I printed out the sessions that we were assigned to and had copies printed out for all the GSRs at our table, and not a lot of them disappeared. That is why I voted against it.</p> <p>Barbara T, GSR District 86: I’m a member of an online group. The idea that we are not going to have access to the PCAS is just something that I couldn’t get behind. I’m concerned that the Assembly has not decided whether to include online groups moving forward. If we could at least have the PCAS online, that will give us some direct contact with the Delegate to share the information from our group. So, these workshops I think are readily available.</p> <p>Marwyn, AGSR District 14: I’m sort of at the same spot as commented last time. But now I’ve thought of a few different ways of handling some of these questions. I’ve been to many Assemblies, and this year I feel I got a lot of information about Pre-Conference material ahead of this Assembly and I don’t recall getting that many emails in the past about this level of sharing. So, I am still opposed to PCAS taking over the Saturday of the Spring Assembly, with the idea too that going forward I’ll be paying more attention to my emails about</p>	

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the other stuff going on. To me it seems this is the first year I got so many emails about PCAS than I have in the past, so this feels like a very large leap to change our Assembly format. When perhaps there are other ways of getting the PCAS information talked about at the groups is another way to go.

Rick, GSR District 30: I'm opposed to this motion just because when I came to this assembly in the 90's when I left the service information day, my belly was full of fire for service. That's where people get the desire to work in service. If they don't get that fire first, they're not going to come to the preconference sharing time, and I believe we should work on the pre-conference sharing time. But I don't think it should take away from what we already have, because if it's not broken don't fix.

Pierre, GSR District 30: I voted my group's conscious, and I feel that I've done my job and if I don't stand up here and share then I'm not doing it. I've been around long enough to be concerned with the Delegate not getting enough of our information before the conference, and I know that's very important. My vote was going back & forth. There was something that set me off to go against this because of the change of this Spring Assembly and that's the first assembly of the GSR's new service journey. And to me it's more important to have those workshops to get the new person focused on their job and stay in the right direction. There is so many information tools out there right now, that the information is going to come to the fellowship and then go to the Delegate and then to the Conference. Feels like we are cheating the GSR to pull this change.

Paul, GSR District 66: Like the last guy that was saying. I just have to say something from my group because we voted on it, discussed it, and the group conscience was to vote no. The biggest factor is that this information day is the biggest thing that's brought any of us to be here, probably, even all you guys up there, where adding information day lit the fire for you. I know for me about 10 years ago I came to my first one, and I wasn't a keener in AA at the time, but I came because I was just asked by my group to be an alternate GSR. And it lit the fire for me, and I look forward to it. And when Covid happened I didn't even attend the Assembly online, really, because I just didn't feel the same match through the zoom as a lot of members do. You know, but the thing is when it comes to the in-person stuff here in Zoom. It's like you have a couple of months before this starts with all the information getting out to everybody. It all goes out in February. Then the end of February, people have their district meetings, and it takes might be a month before the group has their business meeting. To do, not even get a group conscience by then, this isn't a voting thing that's going to be on information Day.

It's more of a survey thing, and it's about the amount of people that show up. I don't know how gaining 5 hours of everyone in the room by taking away all the information day things is going to make it the thing that solves the problem. I almost would have rather seen a hybrid where we had one of the 3 things to choose from during the Saturday was to participate in this PCAS and the other 2 where we could bring a newcomer to see a workshop. So, I think there was a lot more discussion to be had, and I was kind of disappointed when we got called the question by someone sitting in their living room, you know, instead of here. I came out to Kingston and wanted to at least get the debate on the floor. So, I wish we could keep debating it. But that's all I'm going to say, thanks.

Rob F, A83 Corrections Chair: I'd like to make a motion to reconsider the original motion.

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	Bill C, Chairperson: <i>So a motion to reconsider the vote made by a member who voted with the successful side, but seconded by anyone. We need a simple majority to pass, and if successful, we resume debate on the original motion.</i>	
Motion to Reconsider:		
Seconded:	Natalie N, DCM District 42	
All those in favour:	52	
All those opposed:	73	
Any abstentions:	8	
Motion:	Defeated	

Bill C, A83 Chairperson: This has been what AA is about today and there has been a very healthy debate. The motion has passed. We are into a period of accepting the recommendations from the *ad hoc* Committee. There will be implementation required for that. There are operating procedure suggestions that will need to be brought forward and incorporated within our operating proceedings for Area 83. There's still a fair bit of work to do, to say the least. I thank everybody for this healthy discussion. This is very good, and this is what we're supposed to do. We have a period of 3 years with the friendly amendment to see if this thing's going to work.

We do have our spending guidelines, the auditors report, and a vote on the destruction of the financial records. I'm going to, as has been suggested, we bunch Roman numbers ii, iii, iv, v and vi together.

- ii. That the Spring Service Information Day Workshops be offered virtually by the end of February.
- iii. That the Immediate Past Delegate automatically becomes Chairperson of the PCAS committee.
- iv. That the Chairperson of the PCAS committee provide progress reports including updates from the General Service Board, and ongoing General Service Conference items at all Area Committee meetings and Area Assemblies.
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Friendly Amendment:	Steven, ADCM & GSR District 62: That the PCAS adopt the same format as the Assembly as item vii. Bill C, A83 Chairperson: The PCAS will adopt the same format as the Assembly. <i>No action taken.</i>	
Motion:	That we adopt items ii through vi.	
Moved:	Allan W, DCM District 78	
Seconded:	Steven M, GSR District 54	
Discussion:	Unknown Member: For clarification, are we lumping all of them together for the sake of time? We only have 45 minutes, and in my understanding of AA, we take whatever time is needed to make a decision. And we were going to look at these one by one. Bill C, A83 Chairperson: So, let me get a sense of the room here. That's a tool that I have. How many people would move to have these considered all together, as suggested in the motion that we have on the floor right now. So, the sense of the room is that we keep this together. We move forward with the motion as presented, and seconded. We're available for debate.	
Friendly Amendment:	Jane S, A83 CPC Chair: I would like to propose an amendment that we take out number 5. Adding it to the operating procedures and table until after the 3-year period has been run out.	

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Seconded:	Bev H, GSR District 34
Original Motioner: (June 4/22 ACM)	Tim F, A83 PI Chair – Agrees to the amendment
Original Seconder: (June 4/22 ACM)	Maria M, A83 Treatment Chair – Agrees to the amendment
Discussion:	<p>Debbie M, GSR District 66: I would like to amend number ii and join it with number i and keep the workshops going. Why can't you have both? Why can't we have the best of both worlds, you know. I was one of the first ones that said, Yeah, let's do this. Let's try it for 3 years. But then I listened to the minority, and it's like that makes more sense because I knew something was eating at me, someone saying, I'm not sure, because I don't really understand. And I have been coming here for over 20 years so like 25 years. Actually, I wasn't here at the very beginning, but I was here pretty close to it, and I would I stayed with group service. And now I'm getting back in my group. Kind of got me back into the service again, and I love it. I love it being here, the energy it's just more important than the little things. It's the commodity that we have in here, you know. We're all here for the same purpose. And we all can be ourselves and have our own opinions. I'm just want to. But anyway, if we could move that to, you know, if there's any way to do that, okay, thank you.</p>
Motion to Table	<p>Kimberley M, A83 Immediate Past Delegate Panel 71: I would like to table this motion to discuss it at a later time. It's not time sensitive. We do not have time to discuss this now, but can discuss it at a later time.</p> <p>Bill C, A83 Chairperson: So tabling of motion means that we are going to postpone discussion to a later time. It requires a seconder. It is not debatable and requires a simple majority.</p>
Seconded Motion to Table:	Sarah M, DCM District 74
All those in favour:	Unanimous
All those opposed:	0
Any abstentions:	0
Motion to Table:	Carried

NEW BUSINESS

B. Auditors Report..... Rich K., DCM District 36

Auditors Report for the Term 2021-2022

Our Operating Procedures require that the current Area 83 Treasurer and two appointed auditors approved by the Area Committee shall audit the previous term's financial documents. The committee performed this obligation for the years 2021 and 2022 on Saturday, January 28, 2023. The committee was impressed with the organization and several layers of redundancy maintained by the previous Treasurer Dave L. All documents were easy to access and the process was intuitive and went smoothly and quickly.

The object of the review was to satisfy ourselves and to be accountable to Area 83 members that the revenue and expenses were properly recorded and balanced. Also, that there were no major discrepancies in the practices that were in place.

Specifically, the Audit Committee reviewed the financial documents covering the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022 in order to evaluate:

- 1) Completeness and accuracy of the recorded transactions.

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2) Completeness and accuracy of the reporting.

3) That all recommendations from previous audit Review Committees were implemented.

Each committee member reviewed for each of 2021 and 2022, an entire month's transactions to reflect various types of situations such as: a month with an assembly, a month with an Area Committee meeting and the last month at random. During this process; large transactions like General Service Office Assessments, Ontario Delegates Committee Meeting expenses, and Grapevine seasonals were reviewed. As much of the last term was conducted during the pandemic, there were unique aspects to the income and expenses to reflect the virtual nature of much of our proceedings both at the group and area level. Bank reconciliations were reviewed, with income transactions traced back to bank deposits and to group and district contribution files.

Each committee member reviewed an entire month's transactions from each year, covering 7 of the 24 months in the term. Expenses in random months were reviewed and traced back to the cheque register. The expenses for both years, for the following Trusted Servants were reviewed for accuracy, reasonability and completeness: Archives, Treatment, Accessibilities, Grapevine, Self-Support, Corrections, Treasurer, Secretary, Chair, Alternate Delegate, Delegate and Immediate Past Delegate.

This sample covered the widest array of expenses. To the best of the Audit Committee's ability, all records which were reviewed were found to be in order, with no discrepancies noted. Of note, 2 discrepancies were detailed and reconciled at the time they occurred including a bank error which actually gave us reassurance that everything was double checked. The following are the recommendations of this Audit Committee:

- 1) When dealing with cash transactions a detailed explanation of the source of funds should be reflected in the records.
- 2) Whenever possible, receipts should be attached to all expense reports. This recommendation has been made by several previous Audit Committees.
- 3) It continues to be the recommendation that when literature is purchased that Area 83 support our General Service Office rather than local Intergroup Offices.
- 4) Before contributions are forwarded to our General Service Office, a motion should be made, discussed and voted on at Area Assemblies, if the Treasurer deems the Area has sufficient funds to pass on.

Yours in Love and Service, Jack R.- Area 83 Treasurer, Rich K. Panel 73 DCM District 36 and Jonathan C-J. Panel 71 DCM District 36.

• *Motion to accept the Auditor's Report as presented*

Moved:	Jeffary F, DCM District 86
Seconded:	Adam T, GSR District 10
Discussion:	Rob, GSR District (not provided): I just have a question. It seems to me that a lot of people would assume that an auditor would need an external auditor, and in this case it's an audit committee, and perhaps that should be reflected in the motion. Bill C, A83 Chairperson: Traditionally this is the way we have done it. Point is noted. Thank you.
All those in favour:	122
All those opposed:	0
Any abstentions:	4
Motion:	Carried

C. 2023 Financial GuidelinesJack R., Area 83 Treasurer

The purpose of the proposed spending guidelines is to give members of Area 83 a general idea of what the expenses for the year might be and the income required to carry out the services provided by Area 83. As with any projection, some amounts will turn out to be higher or lower than the proposed spending guideline.

Typically, the proposed spending guideline has been forecasted using the average expense for the past four years. This process has been complicated by 3 years of pandemic disruptions to most of our in-person meetings at every level. The expenses and guidelines have been out of step with the rapidly changing situation during this time. I have had to look back at the last 4 pre-pandemic years of 2016-2019 bearing in mind the significant cost increases of every item especially travel and meals and rental costs at our new assembly venue. Step one in this process is to use these average figures as a starting point. Next, I adjust some of the category amounts that I am sure of (General Service Conference (GSC) Assessment, CERAASA expenses). The difficult part is estimating costs that may vary from one term to the next, with no recent benchmark to use as a guide.

On Page one [Appendix C1](#) under Income:

- Beside Contributions from Groups and Districts is an amount that is NOT based on the four-year average. The amount here is the Contributions from Groups and Districts that would be required to cover the proposed expenses to effectively carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic throughout Area 83.
- Grapevine Seasonals this year will be paid in Canadian dollars for Pocket Planners and Calendars. There is an Income figure here offset by an Expense item for the same amount.
- Banquet ticket sales are a new category as they have been coming directly in to the bank account instead of being sold at the Assembly as has happened in the past.
- 7th Tradition include the 3 Area Committee Meetings and the 2 Assemblies.
- **Under Expenses:**
- Committee expenses are grouped together by category – a detailed breakdown is on page 2.
- Miscellaneous Expenses include significantly increased costs for the Area Assembly venue and accommodations for the Area Committee and the SID committee at the Holiday Inn. Note that the meal costs are much higher than previous but are offset by the banquet fees now listed as income. Zoom costs have been moved to the chairperson.
- Expenses under Delegate reflect travelling to the 5 zones in Area 83 to present the GSC Report. Also, the cost to mail the 72nd General Service Conference annual reports to Districts and Area 83 pins to other Area Delegates.
- **Under Other Expenses:**
- The General Service Conference (GSC) Assessment is an actual amount. As voted on by the Area Assembly in the spring of 2007 that we become fully self-supporting in sending our Delegate to the GSC. I remitted, on behalf of Area 83, the total amount of \$9,000.00 US which at the time came to \$12,456.95 CDN.
- CERAASA expenses are final as the event took place in St. Catharines, ON February 24 – 26, 2023. Expenses were for the Delegate, Alternate Delegate, and Immediate Past Delegate to attend.

On Page two [Appendix C2](#) under Accommodation, Meals and Travel:

- For the various positions, it is difficult to predict accurately. Area 83 covers a large area and Area Committee Members and Committee Chairs reside in all outlying outposts. Some actual amounts will be higher and or lower than the guideline. Districts may absorb some of these costs by financially supporting Area Officers and or Committee Chairs they invite to Service Days, etc.

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- The Spring Assembly and potentially the Fall Assembly, have expenses for rental of the large venue, the upper concourse, the AV equipment and setup, the stage, signage and a fee for a coordinator to work with the Area Chair to ensure a seamless event day.
- Accommodation costs also include parking for the committee that was not an issue at our previous venue. My understanding is that we may get a credit back for that expense which was already paid.
- The original meal cost for the Spring assembly was \$7000 for the banquet which was originally forecast for 200 attendees so I do expect a lower cost for the total of 150 last night.

Total Other Expenses:

- Area Contribution to the General Service Board has been estimated at \$5,000.00, subject to sufficient contributions to Area 83. In 2022, Area 83 contributed \$15,000.00 due to cost savings from virtual assemblies. Some years Area 83 has not made a contribution to GSO and that may be the case this year.

QUESTIONS FOLLOWING 2023 FINANCIAL GUIDELINES REPORT:

QUESTION: You said that the banquet ticket was an income, but then you just said that you're going to have to spend out, because the number was lower. So is the price that we were paying for that banquet ticket an upcharge from the cost of what the food would have been. If it's income, shouldn't it even out, no matter what we paid for the food ourselves out of pocket. I want to understand the banquet ticket sales.

ANSWER: It's reported as income and as an expense.

- *Motion to accept the Spending Guidelines as presented*

Moved:	James S, DCM District 28
Seconded:	Les M, Alt GSR District 34
Discussion	None
All those in favour:	120
All those opposed:	1
Any abstentions:	2
Motion:	Carried

**D. Destruction of 2019-2020 Financial Records Jack R., Area 83
Treasurer**

The following Agenda Item was voted on and approved at the June 4, 2022, ACM. In accordance with our Operating Procedures, Motions sent to the Assembly from the Area Committee for vote at the Assembly are automatically treated as motions on the floor of the Assembly and do not need to be moved or seconded.

We keep the financial records (hard copies) for the previous term. It may be useful to look back on these. However, we have electronic copies of all of the records so that we have access to prior years information. This motion is to get rid of the Tote-box full of the receipts from the 2019-2020 term. We typically destroy the paper copies after 2 terms.

Moved:	Steve B, GSR District 28
Seconded:	Tony, GSR District 36
Discussion	Rob B, GSR District 66: What is the method of destruction you are going to use? Jack R, A83 Treasurer: They are shredded. Chris M, GSR District 54: According to the Canada Revenue Agency, the Federal Government for Income Tax, all financial records and all the GST returns, income tax returns for all businesses, you must keep the records for

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	<p>8 years. As for businesses and for individuals, it's 7 years. So, I just want to recommend keeping those records for at least for 7 years, because you never know when we will have an actual audit.</p> <p>Steven M, GSR District 34: You talk about destroying hard copies, keeping soft copies. What happens if something happens to the soft copies? You did say that you had to go back to the previous 4 years prior to Covid to come up with the Proposed Spending Guidelines for the coming term. So, I'm just sort of questioning that there's a good business practice to retain hard copies for the 7 years or 6 years that I've now done the past with my businesses. Thank you.</p> <p>Jack R, A83 Treasurer: These are paper receipts, copies of the checks that were deposited. Everything is categorized in excel, spreadsheets of the income and expenses. It's not very feasible to have the treasurer hang on to 6 or 7 totes of old paper records. We have everything categorized in the financial spreadsheets from year over year. I don't think there's any need to keep restaurant copy receipts from a Delegate for 6 or 7 years. That's what's been done for the past 20 years.</p> <p>Rick, GSR District 30: Calls the question.</p> <p>Bill C, A83 Chairperson: <i>Calling the Question: A motion to bring debate to a halt while the members decide whether to proceed directly to a vote or go on with the debate. Must be made in order (recognized by the chair and have the floor and prior to any debate). Requires a seconder. Not debatable. Requires a two-thirds vote.</i></p>	
Seconded:	Linda R, GSR District 26	
All those in favour:	129	
All those opposed:	2	
Any abstentions:	0	
Motion:	Carried	
Move to Motion:	To destroy the 2019-2020 Financial Records	
All those in favour:	129	
All those opposed:	2	
Any abstentions:	0	
Minority Opinion:	No	
Motion:	Carried	

E. Recommendation by the ACM: Support the Alternate Delegate to attend one of the two Intergroup/Central Office/AAWS/AAGV (ICOAA) annual conferences in the panel term.

Bill C, A83 Chairperson: I'm going to table recommendation agenda Item 12 E, which is a recommendation by the area Committee meeting to support the Alternate Delegate to attend one of the two Intergroup/Central Office/AAWS/AAGV (ICOAA) annual conferences. It's not time sensitive and I'm going to move then, that we go to sharing time.

SHARING - WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

This is when all attendees can address the Assembly. Please feel free to approach the microphone or raise your hand if you are participating online.

Marrey P, DCM District 06: I just wanted to invite everybody to the Info AA Day on May 27th. Also check out our website aamississauga.org, and if you'd like any of your flyers put on our website, just send us an electronic copy. It's been a wonderful Assembly, thank you.

Heather, District 54: Just a reminder, the Vanier Roundup, is on that famous June 10th day. Again, it's at the location in Vanier Richelieu Community Center. Been wonderful to be here. I have learned so much about democracy and the beautiful structure of Alcoholics Anonymous of which I knew very little 2 days ago.

Sarah M, DCM District 74: I just want to remind everyone that I have dinner tickets for May 13th roundup.

James S, DCM District 28: First, I want to say it's great to be back here in person, but I have concerns that we table more motions than we actually dealt with today. I don't know that's a good habit to be getting into. There should be enough time left to deal with the business that we could actually deal with the business, not be tabling the majority of the motions on the floor. Thank you.

George B, District 14: Yeah, I just would like the executive of Area 83 to consider continuing the hybrid model. I think we need to be more accommodating. I think it worked very well this particular time. We had over today 60 people participating. I think it's working very well, so I would appreciate it for our consideration to have the opportunity to participate. Some of us that can't attend because of their health reasons/issues, problems that we may be having but still be able to participate. So, I would ask to Executive to consider having the October also in a hybrid fashion. Thank you.

Jamie B, DCM District 62: Just thank you, everybody for participating this weekend. It's been great to be back in person, and our alternate for District 62 Steve B, who's over here, will be celebrating 4 years of sobriety and on April 28th at the Morning Glory Group. So, if anybody's out there, feel free to check it out.

Mel C, Past Delegate: I would just like to invite everyone to my good friend John's medallion on May 18th, at the Hill group in Toronto. He drove Bill around in a borrowed Cadillac in 1965 and he is celebrating 60 years. Thank you.

Chris M, GSR District 54: Thank you so much, everyone. I had an excellent learning experience. I really enjoyed the hybrid meeting. It worked really well, and I'm looking forward going towards hybrid meetings because this allows everyone to participate and just thank God for Zoom, because if it wasn't for Zoom I would not ever attended this meeting, and excellent work everyone and have a happy 24. Thank you everyone.

Paul, GSR District 06: Perhaps this is an unpopular opinion, but I work in the corporate world, and I think sometimes it needs to be mentioned. Sometimes we can create more work for ourselves by making changes for the sake of making changes and justifying our positions. So, I think hopefully, people have put thought into the fact that there is a point where you don't have to create more things to do or create more changes to be made. Things can be kept the same. And I also like what the other person said about the fact that we couldn't get through all the agenda items today. And so that's just that I wanted to mention.

Craig M, GSR District 36: I'd like to invite everybody back here to Kingston on June 10th for our Founder's Day celebration. We are bringing it back with a bang by having a dance after the day session and our dinner and speaker, and it is a very good event, and hopefully we'll see some people visiting from out of town. Thank you.

Warren C, GSR District 26: I just wanted to say I was supposed to have been there in person, unfortunately, because of personal circumstances, I couldn't make it. But this has been singularly the most positive online experience I've ever attended. I was there all day yesterday and again today and thank you very much. Kudos to the organizers.

Michael N, GSR District 22: I'm just reminded of a quote which I can barely remember. I think it goes something like democracy is probably one of the least efficient ways to govern. But it's pretty much the best that we have compared to all the other ones. So, I just needed to share that. Thank you.

NEXT ASSEMBLY AND SERVICE INFORMATION DAY

We will strive to hold our assembly on the last Weekend of October as is the custom. I am going to suggest that the Fall Assembly be held on or October 27-29, 2023 using the same venue as this meeting.

Would someone like to make a motion to accept these dates for our Fall Assembly?

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

Moved:	Carrie C, DCM District 66
Seconded:	Justin R, GSR District 26
Discussion	<p>James S, DCM District 28: Will it be with the same hotel & same St. Lawrence College venue?</p> <p>Bill C, A83 Chairperson: Yes, it would be with the Holiday Inn, and this facility here. Rich, DCM District 34 has indicated that the Young People's group in Kingston would be open to having the Friday night open speaker meeting.</p> <p>Jamie B, DCM District 62: Can we get the same room rate? Are we going to be on a time limit again like we were today?</p> <p>Bill C, A83 Chairperson: These will be part of the negotiations.</p> <p>Rob F, A83 Corrections: Do we know yet if we're going to have a virtual assembly, or will we be voting on that?</p> <p>Bill C, A83 Chairperson: My suggestion is that we will put together a discussion and vote on hybrid for the area committee meeting, to come forward to the Assembly as to whether it will be hybrid. So, by default, we're going to have the Fall Assembly hybrid.</p> <p>Terry, (Position & Group not identified): I'm not sure if this is appropriate. I just wanted to mention about checkout today. I noticed for parking some people are being charged, and some people aren't. So, if you are just call in and mention who you are, because I would have been charged an extra \$100 and to some people that means an awful lot of money.</p> <p>Bill C, A83 Chairperson: If you were charged, call them. There's some hiccups with the parking part of it is one that I'll be discussing on Monday with the Holiday Inn as well. We need a new process because we sold 95 tickets for the lunch. They put out more than sufficient food for 95. There were some of us, myself included, that didn't get lunch and we paid for a ticket. So, we need to work on some of these processes, and we will do that. And your feedback such as this is very important.</p> <p>Marwyn, AGSR District 14: I just heard a quick mention that we don't know how much we're paying for St. Lawrence yet, but we're going to. But this discussion is about accepting the date and place.</p> <p>Bill C, A83 Chairperson: We do know. So, the contract change is not going to change in any way significantly. This is what we've talked about, they're more interested in making sure that we can get in, in terms of a date. We need to book this like Monday, if we're going to do this.</p> <p>Joe A, GSR District 22: I just had a question and not to mess up any agendas. But would it ever be helpful to put a limit on the reports that would smooth the Sunday activity? Because a lot of it's always great work from everyone. All the PI/CPC everyone, but I mean we learned a lot of the information along the year, and whatever makes sense to put a time limit there for a new business and old business to get addressed later on in the day.</p>

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All those in favour:	105
All those opposed:	1
Any abstentions:	1
Minority Opinion:	No
Motion:	Carried

CLOSING

I would like to thank everyone for staying and a very special thanks to Trish L, our Trustee at Large for Canada, and all those who are here to help make this weekend amazing. It takes a lot of resources to offer such a great weekend and I want to thank all those who participated in your capacity as trusted servants, and special thank you to those who have generously volunteered, you really helped to make this run smoothly.

AS A REMINDER - Our next Area Committee Meeting will be held in person at the Westminster Church in Quinte West on June 3rd at 10:00 a.m. The Agenda will be sent out on the 3rd week of April.

It is now 5:10 pm, may I have a motion to close the meeting?

- **Motion to close the meeting**

Moved:	Natalie N, DCM District 42	
Seconded:	Carmen, GSR District 34	
Discussion	None	
All those in favour:	Unanimous	
All those opposed:	0	
Any abstentions:	0	
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 (posted March 31, 2023)

EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83
as of March 31, 2023

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RESERVE ACCOUNT	Actual
January 1, 2023 Opening Balance	20,000.00
Interest	
Transfer to Operating Account	
RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE	20,000.00

INCOME	
7th Tradition	400.00
Banquet ticket sales	6,617.70
Cost Recoveries	0.00
Flow Through to GSO	0.00
Grapevine Seasonals	0.00
Group, District & Individual Contributions	17,778.22
TOTAL INCOME	24,795.92
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE	0.00
TOTAL INCOME & TRANSFERS	24,795.92

EXPENSES	
Accommodations	6,975.56
Meals	334.34
Travel	1,255.40
Long Distance	0.00
Postage	0.00
Printing	51.65
Literature	0.00
Stationery	194.90
Miscellaneous	3,945.25
Total Committee Expenses	12,757.10
Ad Hoc Committees	0.00
Area Contribution to GSO	0.00
Area Committee Meetings	702.66
General Service Conf. Assessment	12,456.95
Bank Service Charges	67.75
Paypal fees	49.76
Forums	0.00
Grapevine Seasonal	0.00
GSO Flow Through	0.00
Ontario Delegates' Committee (ODC)	0.00
CERAASA / ECDO	0.00
International Convention	0.00
Total Other Expenses	13,277.12
TOTAL EXPENSES	26,034.22

OPERATING ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2023	60,739.52
Total Income & Transfers	24,795.92
Total Expenses	(26,034.22)
OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE	59,501.22

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Appendix A2. Financial Documents-Detail of Expenses (posted March 31, 2023)

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Area 83 Eastern Ontario International
Details of Expenditures
as of March 31, 2023

Position	Accommodations	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Misc.	Total
COMMITTEE EXPENSES										
Delegate	336.12	96.29	94.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	526.81
Alt. Delegate	336.12	98.00	225.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	659.72
Immediate past Delegate	336.12	140.05	194.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	710.97
Chairperson	0.00	0.00	211.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	211.00
Secretary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	187.11	0.00	187.11
Treasurer	0.00	0.00	134.40	0.00	0.00	51.65	0.00	7.79	0.00	193.84
Registrar	0.00	0.00	214.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	214.40
Webmaster/ Web Site	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Archives	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Archivist	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cooperation with the P.C.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Corrections Facilities	0.00	0.00	56.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	56.80
Grapevine	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Public Information	0.00	0.00	85.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	85.60
Self Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Treatment	0.00	0.00	38.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	38.40
Accessibility	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Service Info Day Cmte	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Spring Assembly	5967.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3905.25	9872.45
Fall Assembly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,975.56	\$ 334.34	\$ 1,255.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51.65	\$ -	\$ 194.90	\$ 3,945.25	\$ 12,757.10
OTHER EXPENSES										
Adhoc Committees	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	702.66	702.66
Area GSO Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	67.75	67.75
Paypal Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	49.76	49.76
Forums	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
Grapevine Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GSC Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,456.95	12,456.95
GSO Flow Through	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ont Delegates' Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
CERAAASA / ECDO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
International Convention	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,277.12	\$ 13,277.12
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 6,975.56	\$ 334.34	\$ 1,255.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51.65	\$ -	\$ 194.90	\$ 17,222.37	\$ 26,034.22

Income Summary :	
2023-03-17	
7th Tradition	400.00
Bank Interest	-
GSO Flow through	-
Banquet ticket sales	6,617.70
Contributions	17,778.22
Cost Recoveries	-
Grapevine Seasonals	-
Total Income	\$ 24,795.92

	YTD 2023	Mar 2022	Difference
Income To Date	24,795.92	7,260.37	17,535.55
Expenses To Date	26,034.22	11,905.56	14,128.66
Net Change To Operating Account - \$	1,238.30 - \$	4,645.19 - \$	3,406.89
Contributions	\$17,778.22	7,095.37	\$10,682.85
Contributing Groups	54	29	25
Contributing Districts	8	5	3
Contributing Individuals	1	1	0

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Appendix A3. Financial Documents-Group and District Contributions (posted March 31, 2023)

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**GROUP & DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS
as at March 31, 2023**

District	0	Unspecified, Individual	\$39.99
District	2	Malton	\$350.00
District	6	Mississauga	\$2,440.00
District	10	Toronto South Central	\$307.00
District	12	Toronto South West	\$271.76
District	14	Toronto North Central	\$654.74
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	\$0.00
District	18	Toronto City East	\$410.00
District	22	Scarborough	\$120.00
District	26	Lakeshore West	\$1,250.00
District	28	Lakeshore East	\$1,976.55
District	30	Quinte West	\$1,550.00
District	34	Quinte East	\$1,700.00
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	\$350.00
District	42	St. Lawrence International	\$45.95
District	48	Seaway Valley North	\$900.00
District	50	Cornwall	\$0.00
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	\$0.00
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	\$0.00
District	62	Ottawa West	\$2,092.23
District	66	Golden Triangle	\$2,250.00
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	\$50.00
District	74	Pembroke	\$550.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	\$0.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	\$0.00
District	86	Kawartha	\$470.00

Total Contributions YTD: \$17,778.22

Total from Groups	\$11,350.18	54	Groups
Total from Districts	\$6,388.05	8	Districts
Total from Individuals	\$39.99	1	Individuals

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Appendix B. Roll Call for Area 83 Spring Assembly April 16, 2023

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District	DCM	Alt-DCM	District Officers-Other	Comm Chairs	GSR	Alt-GSR	Visitors	Total Groups Attending	Total Delegation	Total Votes	Total Groups in District	% Groups Attending
02	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	3	5	4	25	12%
06	1	1	0	1	15	2	4	15	23	16	37	41%
10	1	1	1	1	11	1	3	11	17	12	26	42%
12	1	1	0	1	11	1	0	11	16	12	29	38%
14	1	0	2	0	10	0	0	10	11	11	34	29%
16-SP	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	2	10	10%
18	1	0	0	0	4	1	0	4	8	5	27	15%
22	1	1	1	1	10	1	1	10	15	11	23	43%
26	1	1	0	0	9	2	2	9	15	10	23	39%
28	1	1	0	1	12	1	8	12	26	13	23	52%
30	1	1	0	0	8	1	5	8	16	9	15	53%
34	1	1	1	1	14	1	3	15	21	16	40	38%
36	1	0	1	3	17	2	22	17	46	18	25	68%
42	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	3	3	21	10%
48	1	1	2	2	9	0	1	9	14	10	17	53%
50	1	1	0	0	3	1	1	3	6	4	13	23%
54	1	0	0	1	7	1	1	7	11	8	21	33%
58	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	2	16	13%
62	1	1	0	0	11	1	4	11	19	12	53	21%
66	1	0	0	1	11	0	9	11	21	12	26	42%
70	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	3	4	3	19	16%
74	1	0	0	0	5	0	1	5	7	6	9	56%
78	1	1	0	2	4	0	0	4	5	5	7	57%
82	1	0	0	2	6	0	6	6	13	7	19	32%
86	1	1	0	2	9	3	2	9	17	10	21	43%
DUnknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0%
CF					2	0	0	2	2	2	8	25%
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ALL	23	15	8	21	199	19	74	200	346	223	601	33%
Area Committee									18	15		
Past Delegates									7			
Out of Area Visitors									1			
Total	23	15	8	21	199	19	74	200	371	238	601	

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Appendix C1. Area 83 : Proposed Spending Guidelines (PSG) Summary for 2023.

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Eastern Ontario International Area 83
2023 Proposed Spending Guidelines Summary
Prepared April 2023

Income	2023 PSG	2022 Actual	2022 PSG	2021 Actual	2021 PSG	2020 Actual	2019 Actual
7th Tradition	9,000.00	3,084.55	3,200.00	3,067.00	4,600.00	2,517.70	8,587.55
Bank Interest	300.00	-	-	-	-	300.66	-
Cost Recoveries	1,200.00	-	-	-	570.00	56.00	1,420.00
Grapevine Seasonals	3,000.00	1,199.25	1,500.00	1,130.50	1,850.00	1,805.00	3,837.50
Banquet ticket sales	14,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contributions From Groups And Districts	77,029.06	48,915.54	30,339.60	31,067.34	27,639.69	27,867.35	58,328.42
GSO Flow Through	400.00	575.00	300.00	60.00	1,700.00	1,635.00	400.00
Total Income	104,929.06	53,774.34	35,339.60	35,318.84	36,359.69	34,181.71	72,573.47
Expenses	2023 PSG	2022 Actual	2022 PSG	2021 Actual	2021 PSG	2020 Actual	2019 Actual
Accommodation	15,061.87	-	250.00	-	3,880.00	-	9,855.65
Meals	23,188.88	50.88	1,100.00	-	6,986.75	5.00	17,933.13
Travel	16,800.00	3,525.00	7,485.00	-	8,025.00	1,500.00	13,181.30
Postage	600.00	288.64	1,030.00	417.79	580.00	198.25	220.62
Printing	3,079.00	163.90	1,129.00	126.65	1,149.00	414.00	3,111.95
Literature	2,950.00	-	800.00	-	701.54	927.89	2,670.47
Stationery	650.00	-	100.00	20.33	100.00	365.41	525.69
Miscellaneous	17,709.86	3,348.76	1,175.00	282.54	2,750.00	6,677.56	4,546.05
Total Committee Expenses	80,039.61	7,377.18	13,069.00	847.31	24,172.29	10,088.11	52,044.86
Adhoc Committees	300.00	-	-	-	-	-	125.00
Area Committee	1,500.00	1,376.35	1,300.00	-	500.00	477.19	1,301.73
GSO Contribution	5,000.00	15,100.00	5,000.00	25,100.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
Bank Charges	200.00	56.20	100.00	64.95	100.00	73.65	63.43
PayPal Fees	75.00	37.76	25.00	11.31	15.00	12.12	17.78
Forums	-	2,183.78	2,300.00	-	-	-	-
GSC Assessment	12,456.95	10,445.60	10,445.60	2,897.40	2,897.40	8,821.80	11,170.14
GSO Flow Through	300.00	575.00	300.00	60.00	1,700.00	1,635.00	400.00
Ontario Delegates Conference	-	1,093.69	1,100.00	-	-	5,663.02	1,600.00
Grapevine Seasonals	3,000.00	941.93	1,500.00	1,140.89	1,850.00	1,454.09	3,637.63
CERAASA / ECDO	2,057.50	301.82	200.00	301.82	125.00	-	3,143.53
International Convention	-	-	-	-	-	(150.00)	400.00
Total Other Expenses	24,889.45	32,112.13	22,270.60	29,576.37	12,187.40	22,986.87	21,859.24
Total Expenses	104,929.06	39,489.31	35,339.60	30,423.68	36,359.69	33,074.98	73,904.10
Net Change To Operating Account	-	14,285.03	-	4,895.16	-	1,106.73	(1,330.63)

Appendix C2. Area 83 : Proposed Spending Guidelines for 2023.

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2023 Proposed Spending Guidelines - Detail

Prepared - April 2023

Position	Hotel	Meals	Travel	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Miscellaneous	Total
Delegate	800.00	450.00	1,500.00	-	-	-	-	100.00	2,850.00
Alt Delegate	200.00	300.00	1,200.00	50.00	-	100.00	-	50.00	1,900.00
Immediate Past Delegate	-	300.00	1,000.00	-	50.00	-	-	50.00	1,400.00
Chairperson	-	250.00	1,000.00	50.00	100.00	-	50.00	400.00	1,850.00
Secretary	-	250.00	800.00	-	1,500.00	-	50.00	50.00	2,650.00
Treasurer	-	250.00	400.00	300.00	450.00	-	100.00	50.00	1,550.00
Registrar	-	250.00	800.00	-	300.00	-	50.00	200.00	1,600.00
Area Web Site/Webmaster	500.00	250.00	1,400.00	-	-	-	-	375.00	2,525.00
Accessibilities	200.00	250.00	800.00	-	50.00	150.00	50.00	50.00	1,550.00
Archives	200.00	250.00	800.00	-	129.00	100.00	-	200.00	1,679.00
Archivist	-	250.00	400.00	-	-	-	-	50.00	700.00
Co-operation With The P.C.	200.00	250.00	1,000.00	-	50.00	300.00	50.00	50.00	1,900.00
Corrections Facilities	200.00	250.00	800.00	100.00	50.00	300.00	50.00	50.00	1,800.00
Grapevine	200.00	250.00	800.00	100.00	50.00	300.00	50.00	50.00	1,800.00
Public Information	200.00	250.00	800.00	-	50.00	300.00	50.00	50.00	1,700.00
Self Support	200.00	250.00	1,000.00	-	50.00	300.00	50.00	50.00	1,900.00
Treatment	200.00	250.00	800.00	-	50.00	300.00	50.00	50.00	1,700.00
Service Info Day Committee	2,600.00	1,200.00	1,500.00	-	200.00	800.00	50.00	2,300.00	8,650.00
Spring Assembly	4,661.87	8,538.88	-	-	-	-	-	6,934.86	20,135.61
Fall Assembly	4,700.00	8,900.00	-	-	-	-	-	6,600.00	20,200.00
TOTAL COMMITTEE EXP.	\$ 15,061.87	\$ 23,188.88	\$ 16,800.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 3,079.00	\$ 2,950.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 17,709.86	\$ 80,039.61
Adhoc Committees	-	-	-	-	300.00	-	-	-	300.00
Area Committee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500.00	1,500.00
Area GSO Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000.00	5,000.00
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200.00	200.00
PayPal Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75.00	75.00
Forums	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grapevine Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,000.00	3,000.00
GSC Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,456.95	12,456.95
GSO Flow Through	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300.00	300.00
Ont Delegates' Committee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CERAASA / ECDO	1,008.36	334.34	514.80	-	-	-	-	200.00	2,057.50
International Convention	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 1,008.36	\$ 334.34	\$ 514.80	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,731.95	\$ 24,889.45
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 16,070.23	\$ 23,523.22	\$ 17,314.80	\$ 600.00	\$ 3,379.00	\$ 2,950.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 40,441.81	\$ 104,929.06

Appendix D. The Pre-Conference Assembly Guidelines.

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AREA 83 – EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL **THE PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY GUIDELINES**

PURPOSE OF THE PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

In 2007, Area 83 began holding a Pre-Conference Assembly in the spring. The purpose of this Assembly is to discuss the agenda items for the upcoming General Service Conference. This informs our Delegate of the Area 83 A.A. groups' conscience, thoughts and experience on the various agenda items. The area's voice assists our Delegate in sharing the views of A.A. members from Area 83 when they attend the General Service Conference.

Area 83 holds assemblies twice a year, in March and October. The Saturday of the Spring Assembly weekend is designated as Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing sessions.

The Delegate is scheduled for the Plenary Session from 9:00 am to 9:50 am.

THE PRE-CONFERENCE AGENDA SHARING (PCAS) COMMITTEE

The PCAS Committee will be chaired by the Immediate Past Delegate. It will be composed of the Alternate Delegate and (2) Area Officers invited by the Committee Chair (one of whom will be the Secretary of the Committee) and (3) District Committee Members who will be elected in the same format as the Service Information Day Committee at the January Area Committee meeting. District Committee Members who are elected to the Service Information Day Committee are not eligible to let their name stand. This committee will serve for the two-year term.

The PCAS Committee Chair will consult with the current Delegate to obtain the background information required.

The PCAS Committee Chair will provide progress reports to the Area Committee and the Area Assembly.

SUGGESTED MEETINGS

The committee will meet with sufficient frequency to allow the proper execution of their defined duties within the time frame allotted.

The PCAS Committee Chair shall confirm with the appointed Session Chairs their availability prior to publication of the agenda.

An initial agenda for the PCAS will be sent to the Area Chair for distribution 6 weeks prior to the Spring Assembly.

One hour and 20-minute blocks, per session, (80-minute session plus 10-minute rotation time) are optimal.

TIME LINE AND SCHEDULE

By mid-February the PCAS Committee Chair assigns the agenda items to the appropriate Session Chairs. Full background information is forwarded only to the Session Chairs who will then produce the summaries. Upon request members may receive full background information by contacting the Delegate directly.

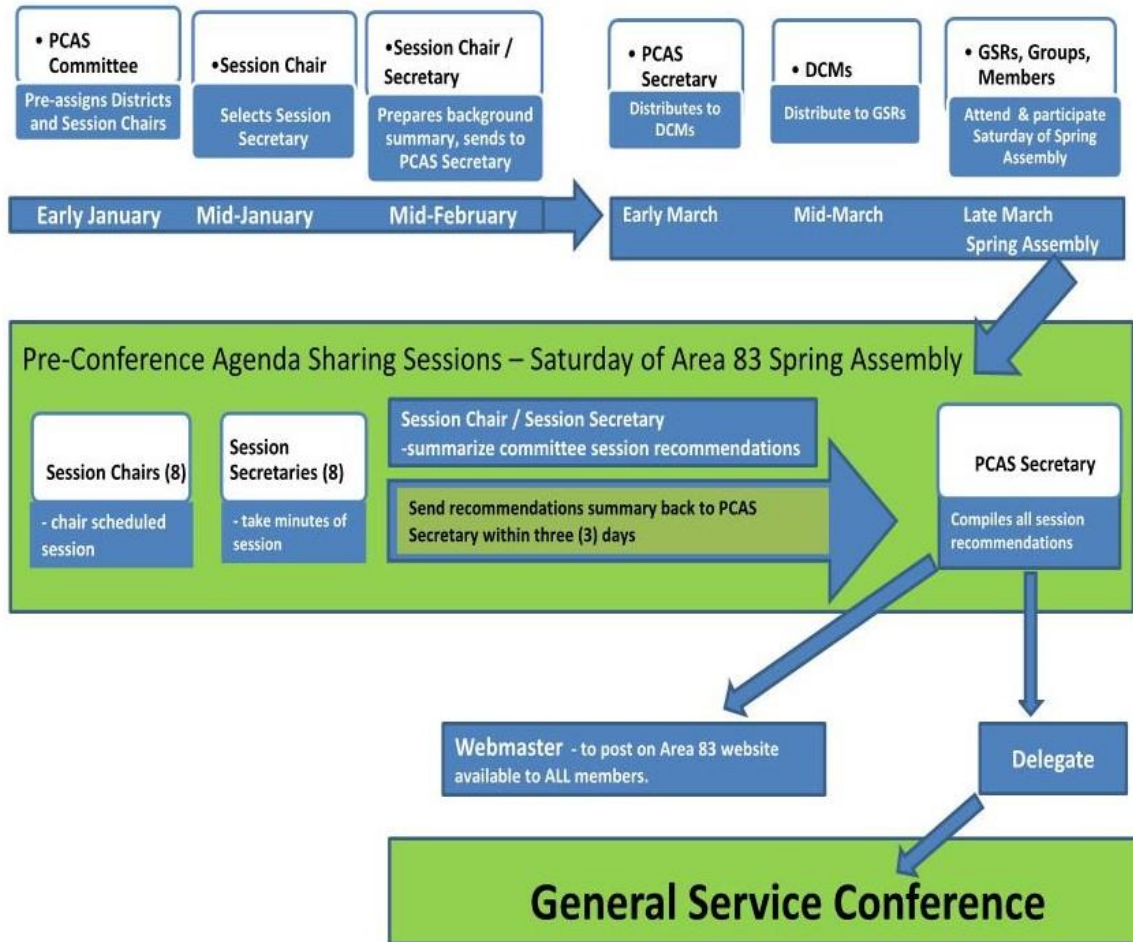
The Delegate highlights items that are likely to be discussed by the full conference body. These items will be addressed during the PCAS sessions. A template for drafting background summaries will be supplied to the Session Chair who will then forward the completed summaries to the PCAS Secretary.

The PCAS Committee pre-assigns districts to agenda sharing sessions. The PCAS Secretary then sends the preassigned completed summaries to each District Committee Member. The District Committee Member then forwards the material to each group within their district. All background summaries will be available online. Each group is encouraged to discuss these agenda items so that when they attend the PCAS weekend they are prepared to share their informed voice.

At the PCAS each committee holds a session where all assigned to that committee meet and discuss agenda items. Each committee will have a Session Chairperson and Secretary who will take notes during the committee session. The goal is to reach a general consensus of recommendations on each agenda item along with thoughts on why the recommendation was made. Anyone may attend the various committee meetings, however members are encouraged to attend the session to which their district was assigned. They should also be prepared to discuss and vote on the agenda items for that session. The vote will be a sense of the room and will be a show of hands.

Within 3 days following the assembly, the Session Secretary submits their committee's recommendations and thoughts on each specific agenda item to the Session Chair. The Session Chair reviews and forwards them to the PCAS Secretary, who will compile all session documents and distribute them to the Delegate and to the Webmaster who will post them on the Area 83 website by the Friday following the assembly weekend.

Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing (PCAS) Timeline



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PRE-CONFERENCE AGENDA SHARING SPRING ASSEMBLY**

Friday		SUBJECT	CHAIR
8:00 pm	Ballroom	Open Speaker Meeting	SID CHAIR
Saturday			
8:45 - 9:00 am	Ballroom	Opening	PCAS CHAIR (IPD)
9:00 - 9:50 am		Delegate's Plenary	AREA DELEGATE
10:00 - 11:20 am	Session 1 Ballroom	Literature Part #1	AREA REGISTRAR
	Session 2 Ontario East	Finance	AREA TREASURER, SELF SUPPORT
11:30 - 12:50 pm	Session 3 Ballroom	Literature Part #2	AREA SECRETARY
	Session 4 Ontario East	Treatment Accessibilities	TREATMENT CHAIR ACCESSIBILITIES CHAIR
12:45 pm – 1:40 pm L U N C H			
1:40 - 3:00 pm	Session 5 Ballroom	Corrections Grapevine	CORRECTIONS CHAIR GRAPEVINE CHAIR
	Session 6 Ontario East	Cooperation with the Professional Community	CPC CHAIR
3:10 - 4:30 pm	Session 7 Ballroom	Public Information	PI CHAIR
	Session 8 Ontario East	Archives / Agenda / Trustees / International Conventions / Regional Forums / Policy & Admissions – Report & Charter	ARCHIVES CHAIR AND PAST DELEGATE
4:40 – 5:30	Ontario East	Ask It Basket	PCAS CHAIR
6:30 pm	Ballroom	BANQUET DINNER Followed by Open Speaker Meeting	DELEGATE