

**OTTAWA AREA INTERGROUP OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
**General Meeting Minutes for April 12, 2006**

The meeting opened at 7:02 pm with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. The Twelve Traditions were read by Ian P.

**Welcome:** The Chair welcomed all members in attendance.

**Voting Members:** 36

**Non-voting Members:** 8

**Board Members:** Michael C., John S., Chris M., John W., Maureen C., Paul B., Doris M.

**Agenda and Minutes:**

On motion by Frank K., seconded by Fred G., the agenda was accepted as tabled. On motion by George M., seconded by Peter G., the General Meeting Minutes for March 8, 2006 were approved.

**Reports:**

**Chair:** Michael C.

- The Chair is allowed discretionary spending of up to \$100. Accordingly, Michael bought flowers on behalf of Intergroup members for the funeral of Diane Burns' mother. Diane is our part-time (non-member) office assistant.
- Michael spoke to the Chairman of District 58 (Bytown) about non-payment of rent for a room that Intergroup books and pays for at the Bronson Centre on that District's behalf for its monthly meeting. The Ottawa West district has the same arrangement and has been reimbursing Intergroup \$50/month for this. The Chair of the Bytown District will try to make a contribution.
- Michael attended the Spring Assembly of the districts in Area 83 held in Kingston on the last weekend in March. He attended several workshops. Irene, who is the coordinator of CPC committees (Cooperation with the Professional Community) at the General Service Office in New York was the speaker at the Saturday evening dinner meeting. Michael didn't have to use all the funds allocated for this event since he was able to share expenses with the GSR (General Service Representative) from his home group. The districts of Area 83 voted to contribute \$1,000 to New York general service office. Also, Area 83 will increase its annual contribution to \$2,500 to help defray expenses for our delegate to attend meetings in New York. New York pays the balance of the expenses which are around \$4,000.

**Vice-Chair:** John S.

- John attended the meetings of the Springathon committee and is pleased to report that all seems to be progressing well.

**Treasurer:** Chris M.

- Chris presented income and expense statements for February and March. He pointed out that these statements are on a cash basis, rather than accrual, that is, one time expenses are shown in their entirety in the month they are paid, rather than being averaged across all months. Large one time expenses can distort the income/expense balance. For example, the auditor's fee is shown in full rather than being averaged over all months. While it may look that we have

more expenses than income, the details reveal that the one time expense will be balanced out by income in the following months. In March, donations were down, but we still had income since literature sales were up and meeting list sales were up. That being said, donations are still needed.

- There are times when groups bring cheques into the office and deposit them in the small safe. Usually, the office's daily volunteer does the depositing, but if you do it yourself, once you've placed the deposit in the slot of the small safe, please turn the handle to rotate the drum so the cheque drops into the interior chamber.

**Literature Coordinator:** George S. (regrets his absence)

**Newsletter:** John W.

- Most impressed with the number of people who passed the reader's attention test cleverly hidden in plain view on the front page.
- Information about the Springathon is in this issue. The May issue, which will be distributed just before the Springathon, will contain an insert showing the program.
- Some newsletter subscriptions are coming in. If a group wants to subscribe starting in May, \$14 would be the amount that would cover 20 issues/month until the end of the year.
- Reminder: need articles. Needn't be long story-of-my-life articles. Short vignettes, and general observations about your experience with drinking and recovery would be very welcome.

**TAS:** Maureen C.

- Reviewed changes to the monthly commitment sheet. Currently, there are 11 openings in April; 5 in May.
- Needs people to be on the 12th step list, which is being updated. Especially women available for the daytime hours. A reminder: do not go on 12th step calls alone.
- Also people needed for the after-hour's list. See last month's minutes for a description of the tasks.

**Webmaster:** Paul B.

- See the "What's New" link on the webpage. This lists upcoming events and will be updated monthly.
- Content for the PI (Public Information) Committee and the Corrections and Treatment Facilities Committee has been updated.
- There are now 10 group pages; Uptown is the latest. To see the current group pages, visit the Group Index on the website.
- Paul asked groups whose meetings would be affected by the Easter weekend to let him know so he can list changes and cancellations on the site.

**Secretary:** Doris M.

- Asked people to check that their names and addresses showed correctly on the sign in sheet and to indicate, if they've not already done so, whether they want to receive minutes by post or by email.

**Archives Committee:** George M.

- Note *Reflections with Souper Jazz* is happening next week. George passed the envelope for reps to put in receipts for tickets they've sold or to take more tickets to sell.
- George reminded the Reps that this event is a major source of funding for the Archive committee's work.

**Fall Conference:**

- Michael C. attended their organizing meeting. All is progressing well.

**Springathon:** Lorna M.

- See the new flyer. It lists the speakers. Early registration saves money. An early registrant will pay \$10 for registration + lunch and \$5 for the dance. Paying at the door: \$12 registration + lunch, \$7 for the dance. Reminder about food donations.

**Old Business:**

- Proposed amendment-The proposed amendment to by-law 30:04, which had been presented at the last meeting for the groups' consideration, was read to the floor:

"Audited or account reviewed financial statements will be presented to members of Intergroup within six (6) months of the fiscal year-end of Intergroup."

Voting: 30 for, 1 against. Carried. The opposing group said that in their discussions they concluded that they preferred to remain with the requirement for auditing the statements. Accepted that the motion was carried.

- Question: John R. asked if three-month's notice to the groups' representatives at Intergroup was required to amend a by-law. Michael C. replied that the requirement had been amended in previous years to one-month's notice.

**New Business:**

- Requirement for a McNabb coordinator. The current coordinator is resigning, effective following the Sunday, April 16 meeting. Duties of the McNabb coordinator are: make sure that coffee supplies are on hand (cups, sugar, coffee, etc.), literature is on hand, monies received in the 7th tradition are brought to the office; minimum two years sobriety.

others -- John R. (Alt/Lunch Bunch) is willing to take one Sunday a month, are there others who will take the other Sundays? He will look after Sunday, April 23.

Groups please consult their members.

**McNabb Meetings:**

August: Alta Vista Open Door  
 September Barrhaven  
 October By the Book.

**Coffee and Set-up** Thanks to Fabio for the coffee and set up this month.  
Next month: Fabio and Frank K.

**Clean Up** tonight: Daniel.

**Adjournment:**

On motion by Bill P., seconded by Doug B, the meeting adjourned at 8:00. p.m. closing with the Responsibility Pledge and Lord's Prayer.

**Next Intergroup Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bronson Centre**