

OTTAWA AREA INTERGROUP OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
General Meeting Minutes for June 14, 2006

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.
Steve C. read the Twelve Traditions.

Welcome: Members introduced themselves and the Chair welcomed them.

Voting Members: 34

Non-voting Members: 5

Board Members: Michael C., John S., Chris M., George S., 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 amended. The amendments to the agenda were: 1) the second item "review and acceptance of March/06 minutes" was amended to read as "review and acceptance of May/06 minutes". 2) After the item "Archives" report, the item "District 58" was added.

On motion by John R., seconded by Greg K., the Intergroup Meeting Minutes for May 10, 2006, were accepted as amended. The amendment corrected the list for McNabb meetings. The list showed December following October. The list was amended to include November and to show that Step by Step is to host the McNabb meetings in November (not December).

Reports:

Chair: Michael C.

- Michael attended Gratitude Day, June 10, 2006. There were about 50 to 60 attendees. Michael set up an Intergroup table to talk to people about volunteering for Intergroup services, such as telephone answering. Sandy S. gave the Delegate's report on behalf of Barb K. Our Delegate represents us in New York.
- Due to a conflict with his job schedule, Michael was unable to attend the end-of-May meeting of the organizing committee of the Fall Conference.
- Rick C., the previous Intergroup chair, is writing the minutes for the December 2005 meeting of Intergroup's executive committee. Once those minutes have been added to the minute book for 2005, the year can be closed.
- Members of the executive have agreed to write up procedures for their individual positions. These procedures are to be an aid to people taking over the positions.

Vice-Chair: John S.

- John has been in touch with the auditor who has our records. Delays to be expected in producing the 2005 report as there was with the 2004 report.
- New York (General Service Office) says we owe them about \$4,000, from three different invoices. These have been paid. The error is with New York. John is trying to sort this out.

Treasurer: Chris M.

- Receipts were greater than disbursements in May.
- We have a good inventory of literature at present.

- We received \$1,400 from the Alkathon.
- We also received \$350 for web-site hosting for Kingston and Pembroke.
- Group/Individual contributions were \$1,574.

Question: why are we presenting the financial statements on a cash basis rather than accrual? Do the by-laws require that we not use cash basis? Answer: The cash basis is the treasurer's preference. It shows what was actually spent in the month. The by-laws do not forbid cash basis.

Literature Coordinator: George S.

- Did an inventory on May 27. He place a literature and medallion order based on that inventory.
- George also proof-read the draft version of the new meeting list, which should be ready for distribution soon.
- When George does monthly inventory, he also does an estimate of its Canadian dollar value. Fluctuation in the value of the Canadian dollar affects the conversion number used to estimate the value of stock on hand.
- George is going to check with intergroups in Hamilton and Toronto to see if they are having the same kinds of problems that we're having with New York (General Service Office), that is, the mix-up in with our cheques, claims that we've not paid invoices, and problems in shipping orders.

Newsletter: John W.

- The June edition of the newsletter is now available. Please note, there is a readership attention test on the front page of this issue, too.
- Still looking for an apprentice to learn newsletter layout from Danny M. This is a great opportunity for someone to develop their skills and provide service to Ottawa AA.
- John noted that he is quite proud of the graphics in this issue.

TAS: Maureen C.

- Noted that there is a change to the June telephone answering schedule: Hull-Liberty will serve from 7-10 p.m. on Saturday, June 24.
- There are still six openings for June.
- In July, there are 12. This is an improvement as generally there are 14 openings in the approachig month.
- Some people have been calling during after-hours, that is, after 10 p.m. and requesting to speak to particular individuals. We do not pass out phone numbers.
- There is still a need for volunteers on the after-hours list. (Michael C. noted that after-hour volunteers will have two nights per month. He encouraged members to volunteer. This is front-line, 12th-step work with wet drunks.)

Webmaster: Paul B.

- Paul will be reviewing the latest draft of the print meeting list and updating the on-line list so they match.
- Reminder to groups to submit home pages. There are ten so far.
- Also, let him know of upcoming events so he can post them on the website.

Secretary: Doris M.

- Apologized that the e-mail minutes were sent late.
- Please check the spelling of your information as typed on the sign-in sheet. She had trouble deciphering some handwriting.

Archives Committee: George M.

George announced three upcoming events sponsored by the Archive's Committee:

Canada Day Open meeting To be held at 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm on Saturday, July 1, 2006. Open air at 140 Bronson Avenue; corner of Bronson and Slater. Open fellowship - AA, Al-Anon and families and friends. Open discussion and open topic meetings. (see newsletter)

Archives Summer Picnic and Barbeque To be held at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, August 16, 2006, in the north Courtyard of Bronson Centre; enter through the parking lot entrance! Rep's are invited from Intergroup, the five Ottawa Districts, Pembroke District and the two Al-Anon districts. At 6:30 p.m, the regular Archives monthly meeting will be held.

4th Annual Longtimers Luncheon To be held 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, Sunday, November 18, 2006. Tickets, \$20.00, will go on sale in September.

Fall Conference: No report.

Springathon: Lorna M., chair Springathon 2006

"The committee worked hard at making Springathon 2006 a success and so it is with great pleasure to tell you that Intergroup will be receiving a cheque in the near future. We are still waiting for a few cheques to go through the bank before we can close out the account. Once that has been done, a cheque in the amount of approximately \$3,534 will be made out to Intergroup. This amount also includes the \$1,500 minus \$200 that was given to us by Intergroup. We were asked by the Bronson Centre to give a \$200 deposit to secure next year's event.

We, the committee, will be having our wrap-up meeting June 19th and after that, hopefully and it all goes well, we will be closing the bank account and then at next month's meeting, a cheque will be presented to the chairperson of Intergroup.

At that time, if it's alright, I would like to thank each person on the 2006 Springathon committee and have it printed in the newsletter and, as well, introduce next year's chairperson, Mickey R.

Yours in service,
Lorna M. "

District 58 Representative: Joyce L.

Joyce thanked Intergroup on behalf of District 58 for Intergroup's support that allowed the District to have a meeting place for its monthly District meetings at the Bronson Centre. From now on, District 58 will pay its own rent, but since they will be using the space in the Archives room, their payment will stay in AA by going to the Archives committee.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

McNabb Meetings:

Hand-in-Hand volunteered to take the December 2006 meeting. Consequently, the list of McNabb meeting hosts is:

June:	Lunch Bunch
July:	First Avenue to Recovery
August:	Alta Vista Open Door
September	Barrhaven
October	Friday Night By the Book.
November	Step by Step
December	Hand-in-Hand

Coffee and Set-up next month: Frank K. Thanks from all to Fabio for his set-up this month.

Clean Up tonight: all.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. closing with the Responsibility Pledge and Lord's Prayer.

Next Intergroup Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 12, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bronson Centre