

OTTAWA AREA INTERGROUP OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
General Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, September 13, 2006

The meeting opened with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. The Twelve Traditions were read by Jim T.

Welcome: The Chair welcomed all members in attendance.

Voting Members: 33

Non-voting Members: 7

Board Members: Michael C., John S., George S., John W., Maureen C., Paul B., Doris Mc. absent: Chris Mc.,

Agenda and Minutes:

On motion by Steve., seconded by Peter, the agenda was accepted as tabled.

On motion by Jim T., seconded by Des, the General Meeting Minutes for August 9, 2006 were approved.

Reports:

Special Report: Jean F., DCM District 62 (Ottawa West)

- New event to announce--
Service Information and Pizza Evening: Monday, October 16, 2006, 6pm MacHall
 - Jean F. will give a presentation on AA's service structure
 - the Area 83 representative for CPC (Co-operation with the Professional Community) will speak about CPC work
 - Dr. Bob's last talk: a tape of this talk will be played
 - the alternate DCM will give a talk describing the duties of General Service Representatives
 - short play: Ebenezer Scrooge

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Chair: Michael C.

- Michael was unable to attend the most recent meeting of the Fall conference organizing committee
- The nominating committee for next year's Intergroup executive are: Jean L., Shirley A., and Brian L.
- Note: to be on the executive committee for Intergroup, you must have two years of sobriety and be a member of a group that is registered with Intergroup, that is, a member of a group listed on the Ottawa AA meeting list.
- Concerning the nominations: in November, nominees will give a short description of why they are qualified to carry out the functions of the executive position for which they have been nominated. If a nominee cannot do it at the November meeting, then there will be an opportunity to do so at the December meeting before the voting. The elections will be held at the December meeting.
- Dan McD., the Ottawa AA Archivist, has volunteered to coordinate several tasks related to the upkeep of the intergroup office (for example, recopying the blackboard, which is quite messy; washing the windows inside and out; having Alex G., a carver, create the AA logo to be affixed to the office door so that members will know they have arrived at the AA office when they reach room 108); repainting the blackboard ledge; reorganizing the filing cabinet with the

- back issues of the newsletter; scrubbing and waxing the floor and washing all furniture.) Dan will begin this task in mid-September with the help of volunteers.
- John W., the newsletter editor, will donate a filing cabinet to the office.

Vice-Chair: John S.

- The auditor who will carry out our financial review for fiscal year 2005 said he would begin the task in October. John hopes to have a progress report for the November meeting.

Treasurer: Chris M. (in Chris' absence, John S. presented the treasurer's report)

- Total receipts are on budget, and expenses were less than expected this past month. The decrease in expenses was due to savings in literature purchases and salaries. Our employee was away for several days. The on-going expenses for the employee are the employer's contributions to EI and CPP.

Literature Coordinator: George S.

- On August 26, George carried out his monthly inventory and based on those results he placed an order on September 6. This order arrived today (Wednesday, September 13.) The quick turn-around was probably due to George using his own credit card to expedite the order.
- The monthly inventory reveals the value of goods in inventory. The treasurer intends to add the value goods in inventory as a note to the monthly financial report.

Newsletter: John W.

- In case people are wondering, the printer selects the ink colours used to print our newsletter each month. If people feel that a particular colour works best, let John know.
- Please note the graphics in this issue. If we want, we can submit photos.
- We have a printing of 1500 each month; about 1200 are distributed. If people are attending meetings, conferences or round-ups outside our area, please pick up a bunch of newsletters to take along with you.
- Concerning the obituary on page 2 of the current newsletter: full names are used since this newsletter is not mass media; it is for our members only; the decedent's family agreed that the obituary be published in our newsletter; a long-time member, Charlie S., encouraged the announcement.

Question: Are surnames and pictures removed before the newsletter is put up on our website? Answer: Yes.

- If members object to publishing such obituary notices in the newsletter, please send a letter to the editor, John Warren. He can be reached via the link on the website and by regular mail at the AA office. The address of the office is on the meeting list.

TAS: Maureen C.

- Pleased to report that she is feeling more comfortable producing schedules on her computer.
- Encourages individuals and groups to keep their shift commitments. If shifts are not covered, calls are handled by a telephone answering call service. The more

calls received by this service in excess of a certain number of minutes each month, the greater are the charges to Intergroup.

- There are several openings in the 7 to 10 time slot. If two people take on the commitment, then no one is leaving alone in the dark after 10 pm.
- Still need people for the after-hours list. Requirement is two years of sobriety.
- Maureen is becoming faster in returning her calls.

Suggestion: (Marc P., Third Tradition Group) Perhaps Maureen could put an ad in the newsletter asking for volunteers and outlining the requirements of the job.

Webmaster: Paul B.

- Fall Conference schedule is on the website.
- The newsletter will be put up on the website.
- The meeting list will soon be available for downloading to hand-held devices (e.g., PDAs, cell phones). Paul hopes to have this innovation completed in the next couple of weeks. People will be able to download meeting info: day, time, location.

Secretary: Doris M.

No report.

Fall Conference: Dale D.

- So far, 260 are registered for the banquet; please talk it up at your group.
- It would be appreciated if groups could contribute to coffee expenses. Coffee provided by the hotel is expensive; this makes up in part for the fact that we don't spend money on booze at the hotel.

Suggestion: Jim T -- the Fall Conference report in August's Intergroup minutes seems to be saying that the hotel has a deadline of August 31 for banquet meal orders. In Jim's experience as a previous conference chair, the hotel will take orders for banquet meals up to 48 hours before the event. Also in his experience, it is prudent to order 20 fewer meals than the number of meals people have registered for.

Colleen -- the conference people are prepared to take banquet reservations up to Wednesday before the conference. People can register for the conference itself at the door.

Alkathon: (John S.)

- The Alkathon committee is seeking reps from Al-Anon, the Districts and two reps from Intergroup.
- The organizing meeting will be Sunday, Sept. 24 at 1:30.
- We have booked Mac Hall here at the Bronson Centre for the times required.

Archives Committee: (George M.)

- A second intergroup rep to the Archives committee is required. Requirement: two years of sobriety.
- Long-timer's luncheon will be held November 18 at the Bronson Centre. Tickets are \$20 -- see the flyers -- George has tickets for sale. There is an envelope circulating during the meeting from which reps can take packets of 5 tickets and note on the envelope which tickets they took (tickets are numbered); the tickets can be sold at your group.

- The long-timer's luncheon is also advertised in the newsletter; Archives will also accept donations.
- Archives will have a booth at the Fall conference.
- **Special event:** Jim T. handed to George a copy of the original minutes of the Tuesday-Friday group. October 30, 1945, was the first meeting of the Tuesday-Friday Group.

Old Business:

- The motion concerning obituaries on the website that was recorded in the August minutes was read to the floor:

"Motion to be decided (moved by Jim T; seconded by Albert):

" That obituary information about an AA member can be posted on our website giving the first name, last initial and home group of the member and only with the permission of the family."

In the discussion of this motion, it was noted that "obituary information" meant the information about funeral arrangements such as found in newspaper obituary announcements."

Vote: 19 for; 8 against.

Motion carried.

- Requirement for a second Intergroup representative on the Archives committee: any volunteers? None yet.

New Business:

none.

McNabb Meetings:

October	Friday Night By the Book.
November	Step by Step
December	Hand-in-Hand
January 2007	Freedom Group
February 2007	Early Birds
March 2007	Intergroup executive
April 2007	Oasis

Coffee and Set-up next month: Dan

Clean Up tonight: all.

Adjournment:

On motion by Peter G., seconded by Mike G., the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. closing with the Responsibility Pledge and Lord's Prayer.

**Next Intergroup Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.
at the Bronson Centre**