

**OTTAWA AREA INTERGROUP OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
**General Meeting Minutes for**

The meeting opened with a moment of silence, the Serenity Prayer and the Twelve Traditions, read by Frank K.

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

**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 Jim T., seconded by Frank K., the agenda was accepted as tabled.

On motion by George M., seconded by Steve H., the General Meeting Minutes for September 13, 2006, were approved.

**Reports:**

**Alkathon:**

- Michel D.: Michel is organizing the meetings for the Alkathon. Any group wishing to put on a meeting at the Alkathon, please contact Michel by November 15. No group can pre-book a time for their meeting, as the organizers will set the schedule by drawing names. To contact Michel, phone 613-233-8346 or email migada@rogers.com. This information is also shown in the October issue of our newsletter, *Primary Purpose*.
- John S.: John is chairing the Alkathon this year. As noted in Michel's report, there is information about the Alkathon in the newsletter. The Alkathon needs people to volunteer for various tasks during the Alkathon and to donate food. The names and numbers of people organizing the event are listed in the newsletter. These are the people volunteers can call to book themselves on the schedule. Any group making a financial donation, please make the cheque payable to "2006-2007 Alkathon". It may be sent to the AA office. The organizing committee will meet on Sunday, October 15 at 1:30 in room 206 at the Bronson Centre.

**Chair:** Michael C.

- Congratulations to the Fall Conference's organizers. There has been positive response all round. We can expect a report from the committee in the next month..
- Jean L. (613-829-3954), Shirley A. (613-226-3657), and Brian L. (613-828-1550), have agreed to be on the nominating committee for the Intergroup executive elections. Anyone wishing to stand for a position on Intergroup's executive (vice-chair, TAS coordinator, newsletter editor, literature coordinator, webmaster, or secretary), please contact one of these three people. This information is also in the newsletter.
- Apologies to anyone who has sent Michael e-mail and not had a prompt response. His computer crashed and has only recently been fixed.

- Michael received an e-mail from a insurance broker who is offering to arrange insurance for AA groups. Michael will post the e-mail on the bulletin board in the Intergroup office for reference.

**Vice-Chair:** John S.

- One of the vice-chair's tasks is to see that our annual financial review is carried out. The deadline for the review is six month's after the year's end, i.e., we were to receive the completed financial review in June 2006 for the 2005 fiscal year. However, a fact we must accept is that we are not a lucrative client for any accountant or auditor. Consequently, our small account is often dealt with last. Last year, our accountant gave us a credit due to being late with our report. John will continue to contact the auditor to make sure the review is underway.

**Treasurer:** Chris M.

- Tabled his report showing September's results. The year-to-date results are on track.
- Question: There's a monthly expense for "insurance". What's that for? Answer: This is director's liability insurance.

**Literature Coordinator:** George S.

- George handed out envelopes containing statements of unpaid balances to reps whose groups were in arrears.
- George did his monthly inventory on September 23 and placed his order on October 4th. The order was delivered on October 5. George was not notified of its arrival. Consequently, when he came across the boxes, he found that one was missing. We are short 20 Big Books.
- We are offering two new items: a medallion in French (black on silver) and a lapel pin, that says "Attitude of Gratitude".

**Newsletter:** John W.

- Our normal print run is 1500 copies, with leftovers being stored in the Intergroup office. Members have been encouraged to take the newsletter to groups that don't receive them through their own representative or to out-of-town AA events. However, that doesn't take up the slack. John has reduced the number being printed to 1200 this time. This does not result in much cost savings, since the major cost is for set-up, but there is less waste.
- Looking for stories recounting memories of past Alkathons. These will be featured in the December issue.
- Question: Newsletter revenue for last month is shown as only \$11. Is that usual? Answer: The box where reps deposit cash to pay for the Newsletter before the monthly Intergroup meeting is outside the meeting room. Last month, we were meeting in the Rideau room and the hallway outside was busy with people attending other functions in the Bronson Centre. Someone helped themselves to the contents of the box. We'll try not to make the same mistake again. Note that overall revenue for the newsletter is higher than what is shown as monthly cash revenue, since many groups send cheques for yearly subscriptions.

**TAS:** Maureen C.

- Happy to report that there is only one error to fix on the monthly schedule distributed before the meeting.
- Pointed out the front page article in the newsletter about telephone volunteering written by Danny M. Also pointed out the items asking for women 12-step volunteers with cars and for after-hour volunteers.

Question:

If a person is an after-hour volunteer, how are they connected to someone that calls after 10 p.m.?

Answer:

The professional answering service that we use when volunteers are not present in the office to take calls, takes the name and phone number of the caller. The answering service then turns to the list of after-hours volunteers to locate the name of the person scheduled for that time slot. If that person is not available, the answering service continues down the list. Once a volunteer is located, the answering service gives the volunteer the name and phone number of the caller so the volunteer can return the call. At no time is the volunteer's number given to the caller.

Question:

When we return the call, won't they see our personal number if they have call display?

Answer:

There's a way of doing blocking it. The information is in the phone book.

(\* Additional information from the secretary. Note the following information is taken from the current phone book and does not form part of the meeting minutes: "*Before you dial a telephone number, press \*67 on your Touch-tone telephone or dial 1167 on your rotary dial set. The person you are calling will then see a message like private number. There is no charge for this service.*")

**Webmaster:** Paul B.

- Site has been updated with meeting changes.
- A link has been added so that in clicking on the name of an executive position, a person can access the job description for that position as set out in the Intergroup by-laws.
- Information about long-timers' luncheon has also been added to the "What's new" list on the front page of the website.

**Secretary:** Doris M.

If you find that I've not recorded your updated information on the sign-in sheet this month, that's probably because I either wasn't certain of your group's name or couldn't read your writing. See me after the meeting to straighten things out.

**Archives Committee:** George M.

- See attached report.
- Also note that there is a concert on Thursday, October 12 in the Bronson Centre for the benefit of the Bronson Centre. Archives will receive 50% of the proceeds from this concert.
- The October issue of the newsletter contains an article by Dan McD. on the history of the Archives committee.

**Old Business:**

- We need a second volunteer representative from Intergroup to sit on the Archives committee. Barb T. volunteered.

**New Business:** None this month.

**McNabb Meetings:**

November Step by Step  
December Hand-in-Hand  
January 2007 Freedom Group  
February 2007 Early Birds  
March 2007 Intergroup executive  
April 2007 Oasis  
May 2007 Saturday Morning Westboro  
June 2007 West End Group

**Coffee and Set-up** next month: ...

**Clean Up** tonight: all.

**Adjournment:**

On motion by Greg K., seconded by Bill P., the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. closing with the Responsibility Pledge and Lord's Prayer.

**Next Intergroup meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bronson Centre**