

**OTTAWA AREA INTERGROUP OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
**General Meeting Minutes for November 8, 2006**

The meeting opened with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer and the reading of the twelve traditions.

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

**Voting Members:** 38

**Non-voting Members:** 12

**Board Members:** Michael C., John S., Chris M., George S., Maureen C., Doris M.

**Absent:** Webmaster: Paul B., Newsletter editor: John W.

**Agenda and Minutes:**

On motion by Steve H., seconded by Patrick B., the agenda was accepted as tabled.

On motion by Jo R., seconded by Greg K., the General Meeting Minutes for October 11, 2006 were approved.

**Reports:**

**Chair:** Michael C— If anyone who has e-mailed him through the website, he apologizes for not replying but there's a problem and he is not receiving e-mail through the Ottawa AA website.

**Vice-Chair:** John S.— Has been in touch with the auditor to see how things are progressing regarding the financial review of fiscal year 2005. The auditor gave him a list of documents that he needs to proceed. John is assembling the documents.

**Treasurer:** Chris M.

- Our year-to-date amount for receipts is \$50,237. Our year-to-date amount for expenses is \$51,680. The amount of receipts will increase when monies are received from the Fall Conference.
- The year-to-date amounts are within the norm.

**Literature Coordinator:** George S.

- An inventory was taken on October 21. Based on the inventory, an order was placed with New York. The order has arrived and is complete. Plans to place another order tomorrow (Thursday, November 9, 2006).
- We received a letter from New York telling us that updated meeting directories are not available and that they may not be available until sometime in 2007.
- Pointed out the envelopes on the table that holds the documents being distributed for this meeting. The envelopes contain invoices and are for groups that owe money to Intergroup. Please check to see if there's an envelope for your group.

**Question:** What is the outstanding amount of money owing to Intergroup?

**Answer:** The amount is \$1,874 (shown in note #3 on the financial statement distributed by the treasurer.)

**Question:** Is it a good policy to let groups have stock on credit?

Answer: We've been letting groups acquire items on credit for the last ten years at least. Does the member wish to make a motion to change that practice? Answer: No.

A discussion followed about how to handle bad debts. Note: Before being written off, bad debt amounts will be brought to the Intergroup meeting for representatives to vote on them.

**Newsletter:** John W. (Danny M. reported on John's behalf)

- If a group has several anniversaries in one month, it'd be appreciated if the group would submit them all together.
- Only birthdays occurring prior to publishing will be printed. Later ones will be held over to the following issue.

**TAS:** Maureen C.

- Needs women to volunteer for the 12th step list, especially women with cars. Requirement is two-years of sobriety.
- We still need more people for the after-hours list.
- Maureen pointed out corrections to the TAS schedule for November.
- The schedule for staffing the telephone during the Alkathon will be posted in the AA office. Please sign up. (two-hour time slots)

**Webmaster:** Paul B. (absent)

**Secretary:** Doris M.

- Nothing to report.

**Archives Committee:** Dan McD.

- Dan handed out envelopes containing tickets for the longtimers luncheon to be held November 18 at the Bronson Centre. Reps can either put cash in the envelopes for the tickets or take the tickets to sell at their groups.
- People can also pay at the door.
- Dan distributed extra flyers advertising the luncheon.

**Fall Conference:** See the report published in November's edition of the newsletter. Over 150 volunteers worked on the conference. The amount left after paying the bills is \$5,000. (Cheque was presented to the Intergroup treasurer, Chris Mc.) This includes the repayment of \$2,500 advanced by Intergroup to the Fall Conference committee. In addition, we will receive a GST rebate of \$1,388.

- Mike G. proposed, Patrick B. seconded, a motion to thank the Fall Conference committee. Motion passed unanimously.

**Alkathon:** John S.:

- the organizing committee is now holding weeking meetings (Sundays, 1:30 p.m. Room 109, Bronson Centre)
- please let John know if your group is willing to hold a meeting at the Alkathon
- volunteers are still needed for a variety of tasks at the Alkathon
- contact information is in the newsletter.

**Old Business:**

Nominations for Intergroup Executive 2007. The nominating committee (Brian L., Shirley A., and Jean L.) reported that they have assembled a full slate of candidates.

1. John S., currently vice-chair, will automatically chair the executive for 2007.
2. **Vice Chair:** (The vice chair of the 2007 Intergroup executive will automatically become the chairperson of the 2008 Intergroup executive.) John W., currently the newsletter editor, was nominated for vice chair. John has accepted the nomination.
3. **Secretary:** Doris McM., the current secretary, was nominated to continue as secretary. Doris is a member of Discovering the Big Book group and has 18 years of sobriety. Doris accepted the nomination.
4. **Treasurer:** Mike B. was nominated as treasurer. Mike B., a member of Sunday Night Discussion group, has 4 1/2 years sobriety and is experienced with our current accounting software. Mike has accepted the nomination.  
Steve C. was nominated as treasurer. Steve declined the nomination.
5. **Newsletter:** Danny M. was nominated as newsletter editor. Danny M. has been the newsletter editor in the past and is currently the layout person for the newsletter. He has been doing the layout for about 18 months. Danny accepted the nomination.
6. **Literature:** George S., the current Literature coordinator, accepted the nomination to continue for another year. George's dry date is January 18, 1985. In his service career, George has been Literature coordinator, Treasurer and telephone answering service coordinator. George is willing to take on a third year as literature coordinator and he accepted the nomination.
7. **Webmaster** Paul B., the current webmaster, has accepted the nomination to continue for another year as webmaster.

8. **Telephone Answering Service (TAS)**

- Maureen C., the current TAS coordinator, is willing to continue for another year as TAS coordinator. Maureen is a member of Freedom group, has been Springathon coordinator and literature coordinator. Her sobriety date is July 9, 1984. Maureen accepted the nomination.
- Patrick B., a member of the Early Birds group, was also nominated for the TAS coordinator position. Patrick's dry date is July 5, 1991. He has been an Intergroup rep and the GSR of his group. Patrick accepted the nomination.

9. **Springathon coordinator:**

- Maurice R. was nominated for the Springathon. Maurice is well known for his work promoting young people's groups. Maurice has accepted the nomination.
- Barb T. was nominated for the Springathon. Barb's service career has included being treasurer of her home group, treasurer of Intergroup, and chairperson of the Alkathon (several times). Her dry date is July 1, 1972. Barb accepted the nomination.
- Fabio was nominated for the Springathon. Fabio has been intergroup rep of his home group. His dry date is January 5, 2005. Fabio accepted the nomination. (Since Fabio will not have two years as of the time of voting to fill the position, Michael C. will check to see what the rules are concerning the two-year sobriety requirement. Does this mean two years as of the date of being voted into the position or two years at the time of starting to work on the tasks of the position? Fabio will have two years by the time he needs to start organizing for the event.)

10. **Vice-chair Fall Conference:** (The vice chair for the 2007 Fall conference will automatically become the chairperson of the 2008 Fall conference.) Doug L. was nominated for the position. Doug has been a member of previous fall conference committees. He also has business experience, occupying leadership positions. Doug accepted the nomination.

**New Business:**

none

**McNabb Meetings:**

December 2006	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: Fabio

**Clean Up** tonight: all.

**Adjournment:**

On motion by Jim T., seconded by Mike G., the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. closing with the Responsibility Pledge and Lord's Prayer.

**Next Intergroup Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bronson Centre**