

**OTTAWA AREA INTERGROUP OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
General Meeting Minutes for December 13, 2006**

The meeting opened 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: 41

Non-voting Members: 15

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

Agenda and Minutes:

On motion by Patrick B., seconded by Earl M., the agenda was accepted as tabled. On motion by Fred G., seconded by Peter G., the General Meeting Minutes for November 8, 2006 were approved.

Reports:

Chair: Michael C.

- The executive committee examined the bylaws to determine if a member who does not have two year sobriety at the time of being elected, but who will have two years of sobriety at the time of assuming office, is allowed to stand for election. The relevant by-laws are as follows:

“4.4 All Officers and Directors of Intergroup must have at least two years of sobriety and be members of an individual group of Alcoholics Anonymous, which is registered with Intergroup.

6.01 The persons elected will assume office effective the first day following the regular January Intergroup meeting.”

Consequently, it was determined that these by-laws intend that a person must have two years of sobriety at the time of becoming an officer, meaning when they assume office. A person assumes office on the first day following the regular January Intergroup meeting. Accordingly, the executive committee determined that a member who does not have two year sobriety at the time of being elected, but who will have two years of sobriety at the time of assuming office, is allowed to stand for election.

The representatives in attendance were asked if they agreed with this interpretation. Most representatives agreed with two representatives dissenting. It was decided to let Fabio's name stand for election as the Springathon vice-chair.

- Michael thanked the nominating committee for their good work in assembling candidates for the positions under election.

Vice-Chair: John S.

- The auditor has all the documents he requires to conduct the financial review and he has started his review.

Treasurer: Chris M.

- Pointed out the notes at the bottom of the financial statement distributed at the meeting.
- Revenues have been good this year. Consequently finances are in good shape: contributions have been up and Intergroup sponsored events have returned money.
- Chris has moved \$6,000 to the reserve fund.
- Chris will not be returning as treasurer. He thanked people for this past year.

Literature Coordinator: George S.

- The fourth Saturday of the month is literature inventory day. He placed an order with New York for about \$1,500 worth of items.
- George pointed out the box on the table at the entrance to the room that contains envelopes with group's names on them. The envelopes contain outstanding invoices. Please look to see if there's one for your group.
- Receivables are about \$1,400.
- New meeting lists are now available.

Newsletter: John W.

- Found the response to the newsletter over the past year to be interesting.
- One change this year is the charge of 10¢ per copy. If a group takes 20 copies per month (\$2.00), the annual subscription rate would be \$24.00. To help finance production of the newsletter, groups are encouraged to turn in a cheque for the year in January. At each Intergroup meeting, groups that have paid their annual subscription can pick up their copies without having to drop \$2 in the box.
- John thanked Danny M. for his production work over the past year and thanked the Intergroup reps for the opportunity to serve over the past year. John will not be returning as editor.

TAS: Maureen C.

- There is a requirement for volunteers to take part in a women's nomads meeting.
- Also a requirement for women with cars to volunteer for the 12th step list.
- Note that the grid for Alkathon phone duty has been prepared. The shifts are for two hours each. The grid will be posted in the AA office for people to sign up.
- (Michael C. explained that a 'nomads' group does not have a published meeting place but instead meets in private homes. To determine where the meeting takes place a person phones the office and is put in touch with the TAS coordinator. The meeting is for people who feel their public profile makes their need for anonymity greater than most members.)

Webmaster: Paul B.

- Paul asked reps to let him know of changes that might affect the scheduling of their meetings over the holidays. He noted that most community centres are closed on statutory holidays such as Christmas Day.
- If people want to know what meetings will be available during the holidays, check the website for announcements.

Secretary: Doris M.

- Apologized for not having the sign-in sheet on hand for this evening.
- Noted that there will not be a sign-in sheet at the first meeting in January either. Instead there will be an info sheet for a group's Intergroup rep to fill in. The info given on that sheet (individual's name, address, group's name) will be the basis for the sign-in sheet and new mailing list for 2007. The old list will not carry forward but will be replaced by the new one.

Alkathon: Barb T.

- Barb thanked people for their financial donations to help set up the Alkathon.
- She noted that the new issue of the newsletter has the names of contact people for those who want to volunteer and has the meeting schedule for the 24-hour period. Also cooking tips for people preparing turkeys.
- There is a need for turkey donations at New Year's as well.
- More desserts required, too.

Archives Committee: Dan McD.

- The 4th annual Archives Longtimers' Luncheon was held on November 18, 2006. Income was \$2,600 with expenses being \$1,300.
- The archives exhibits are increasing due to contributions from individual members.
- The archivist is completing his second two-year term. The committee requires a new archivist with four years of sobriety and an interest in maintaining and expanding the collection. Anyone interested please attend the monthly meeting at 6:30, Room 206 Bronson Centre on the third Tuesday of the month.
- Next event: Wednesday, April 19, 2007: Movie Night at the Archives — "*My Name is Bill W.*" with James Garner as Dr. Bob and James Woods as Bill W.
- Dan presented the Archives committee's budget for 2007. Since revenue events have produced good returns in the past, the budget estimates a surplus of approximately \$1,911. Consequently, the Archives committee expects that it will not need to approach Intergroup or the Districts for funding in 2007.

Old Business: Election of Intergroup Executive Committee for 2007

- Vice Chair: nominated — John W; Harry B. John W. declined his nomination. Harry B. was acclaimed as Intergroup Vice Chair.
- Secretary: nominated — Doris McM. Since there were no other candidates, Doris was acclaimed as secretary.
- Treasurer: nominated — Mike B. Since there were no other candidates, Mike was acclaimed as treasurer.
- Newsletter editor: nominated — Danny M. Since there were no other candidates, Danny was acclaimed as newsletter editor.
- Literature coordinator: nominated — George S. Since there were no other candidates, George S. was acclaimed as literature coordinator.
- Webmaster: nominated — Paul B. Since there were no other candidates, Paul was acclaimed as webmaster.
- Telephone Answering Service coordinator (TAS): nominated — Maureen C., Patrick B. Maureen C. was re-elected as TAS coordinator on the fourth ballot.
- Fall Conference Vice Chair: nominated — Doug L. Since there were no other candidates, Doug L. was acclaimed as Vice Chair of the Fall Conference 2007.
- Springathon Chairperson: The position of chairperson is usually automatically filled by the previous year's vice chair. However, Mickey R. is unable to take

over duties as chairperson for 2007. Maurice R. was nominated. Since there were no other candidates, Maurice R. was acclaimed as Springathon Chairperson 2007.

- Springathon Vice Chairperson: Nominated — Barb T., Fabio, Sean M. After two rounds of voting, Sean M. was elected as Springathon Vice Chair 2007.

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: Frank K., Barb T.

Clean Up tonight: all.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. closing with the Responsibility Pledge and Lord's Prayer.

Next Intergroup Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bronson Centre