

OTTAWA AREA INTERGROUP OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
General Meeting Minutes for January 10, 2007

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

Welcome: The Chair welcomed all members in attendance.

Voting Members: 35

Non-voting Members: 13

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

Agenda and Minutes:

On motion by Patrick B., seconded by Frank K., the agenda was accepted as amended. On motion by Peter G., seconded by Des, the General Meeting Minutes for December 2006 were approved.

Reports:

Chair: Michael C.

- Michael presented those Intergroup by-laws that described the aims and responsibilities of Intergroup and the duties of Intergroup's officers.
- He thanked the Intergroup reps and the members of the executive for their support and participation throughout 2006.
- He then turned the chair over to John S. the current Vice-Chair, who assumes the responsibilities of Intergroup Chair for 2007.

Vice-Chair: John S.

- Noted that he had nothing to report from the auditor. Our goal was to have had the 2005 financial review completed by end of June 2006.
- John introduced Harry B., who is assuming the position of Vice-Chair for 2007.
- Harry said that he will be spending his time learning his duties and will work with John S. concerning the financial review.

Treasurer: Chris M.

- Chris presented the statement of receipts and disbursements for the month ended December 31, 2006. The statement is compiled on a cash basis.
- Chris also presented a general picture from a financial perspective of how Intergroup works to carry the message. The sources of our receipts for 2006 (totalling \$63,778) were:

Literature sales	38%
Group and individual donations	32%
Alkathon, Springathon, Fall Conference	9%
Medallion sales	7%
Meeting list sales	7%
McNabb	4%
Newsletter sales	2%
Miscellaneous, e.g., website, GST	1%

The expenditures for 2006 were \$60,394, breaking out into the following percentages:

Maintain a physical presence via a central office	40%
Sell AA literature	25%
Newsletter, meeting lists, medallions, archives	18%

Telephone answering	14%
Offer Sunday meetings at McNabb	2%
Miscellaneous, e.g., website, bad debts	1%

- Chris noted that his experience as Intergroup treasurer has left him feeling grateful and honoured to be a member of AA.
- Chris presented Mike B., his replacement as treasurer on the Intergroup executive for 2007. Mike said hello and noted that he had some receipts to distribute. He'll hand them out at the end of the meeting.

Literature Coordinator: George S.

- The year-end inventory for 2006 was taken on January 1, 2007. The results will be given to the auditor. Based on the inventory, an order was placed with New York.
- There are some changes to the literature inventory and invoice program. Some literature items have been relegated to the special price list because there have been no sales. The items have been deleted from the price list. New labels for the shelves have been printed and they will be affixed to the shelves as time permits. There will also be some reorganizing in the stock room.
- Brian L., Wednesday's daytime volunteer broke his hip trying to get out to a meeting on New Year's Eve. (He's doing well in the hospital.) Brian will be replaced during his convalescence either by George or by another volunteer.
- George had been read the Bylaws and noted two items that will require changing at another time: 1) in one place the bylaws say that the literature coordinator is elected; in another, they note that there's no need to elect the literature coordinator. 2) The literature coordinator is no longer required to maintain a tape lending library (the tapes are in the Archives room).
- George also noted that when monies are received at the Intergroup office, whether from a donation or for a sale of literature, etc., a receipt will be issued.
- George is continuing as literature coordinator.

Newsletter:

- John W., the newsletter editor for 2006, was not present. In his place, the newly elected editor, Danny M., reported.
- One change to the newsletter that will be made in 2007 is for the newsletter text to be printed in black ink. The masthead will have colour, as well as other elements from time to time, but the text of the articles is easier to read when it is printed with black ink. This means our print runs will be done in black ink with one colour, adding approximately \$24 per month to our production costs.
- To submit information, including birthday announcements, please write it down and either give it to Dan or email it to him. He can be reached via the webpage at ottawaaa.org/executive/Danny M.

TAS: Maureen C.

- Maureen is currently training some new volunteers for the telephone answering service.
- Noted some names are the same or similar on the volunteers' schedule, causing some people to wonder which "Mike" is slated to work. Check with Maureen if you'd like.
- Maureen is working on filling week-end time slots.
- Volunteers still needed for the after-hours list as well as women with cars for the 12th step list.
- Maureen is continuing as TAS coordinator.

Webmaster: Paul B.

- We have a new web service provider: Primus. We needed better technical support than we had. The new provider has 24-hour, local, technical support and a much better spam blocker. It's also cheaper. (This news was greeted with approval.)
- Paul is continuing as webmaster.

Secretary: Doris M.

- Noted that the mailing lists (e-mail and Canada Post) that were used in 2006 will be replaced for February's mailing by the list of 2007 Intergroup reps. She noted that registration sheets for groups' reps had been distributed at the start of the meeting. The new mailing lists will be based on the names on these sheets. Please print clearly. The mailing of the January minutes will be based on the existing list.
- Doris is continuing as secretary.

Archives Committee:

Dan McD. (the Archivist) reported in place of George M.

- Archives' elections will be held at 6:30 pm on February 19, 2007, room 206. Sobriety requirements for officers are 4 years.
- The 4th Annual Archives Spring Event will be held on Thursday, April 19. The event will be either: the movie, *My Name is Bill W.*, starring James Woods and James Garner, or a play written and directed by Michael S. A casting call has been set for Saturday, January 20. Michael may be reached at 613-862-7591.
- The decision on which form the event will take will be made at the Archives meeting on January 16.
- Archives now has a collection of 51 CD's for sale at \$10 each. As well, there are licence plate covers (\$3 each). The Archives room (room 206) will be open both before and after the monthly Intergroup meetings. Please drop by to make a visit or a purchase.
- Refer to the January newsletter for information on a 4-day AA Tour of New York City from March 15 – 18, 2007. Events include the Broadway play, *Bill W. and Dr. Bob*, a visit to the AA General Service Office and Archives, a tour of Stepping Stones at Bedford Hills and the St. Patrick's Day Parade on 5th Avenue. Info from Dan McD. at 613-231-2147 or Gord H. at 613-224-9049.
- In the article in the newsletter, there's a reference to "Novotel". Please ignore it. Leo House is available.

Alkathon:

John S. submitted Barb T.'s report on her behalf:

- Barb's apologies at not being able to attend this evening's meeting.
- Re: Alkathon 2006-2007 — There will be a surplus of funds from the Alkathon after we subtract the prudent reserve for next year as well as amounts for other costs that are still not paid.
- Any decision concerning the distribution of the surplus funds will be decided at the final wrap-up meeting, which is not yet scheduled.
- As many of you are aware, there was a shortage of food due to a large number of homeless people who were taking food and stockpiling it for later. Although we do not begrudge them attending and sharing our food, that was the main reason that the food ran out early.
- Food donations were requested for New Years and a change in the method of serving food to avoid this problem was introduced. This method allowed the food

to be shared by all present. In addition, the food donations brought in, after our requests were made, exceeded all our expectations. A special thank you to Danny M., our kitchen coordinator, for the changes made at New Year's.

- All in all the Alkathon was successful and we will, as a committee, pass on our recommendations at the February Intergroup meeting.

Springathon: Maurice R.

- Hopes to have the first meeting in February.
- Introduced the treasurer of this year's Springathon, Ian P.
- To donate to Springathon's organizing efforts, make the cheques out to "Springathon 2007".
- Maurice requested seed money to organize Springathon 2007. On a motion by Fabio, seconded by Frank K., \$1,500 seed money was approved for this year's Springathon.

Old Business:

none

New Business:

none

McNabb Meetings:

Since our current list of scheduled groups extends to June 2007, John S. did not ask for volunteers for later months. The current list is:

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.

Adjournment: the meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm with the Responsibility Pledge and Lord's Prayer.

Next Intergroup Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bronson Centre