

**Minutes of the Ottawa AA Intergroup Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 14, 2009**  
**at the Bronson Centre**

**1. Opening prayer and welcome**

The Chair sent his regrets and the Vice Chair chaired the meeting; it started with the Serenity Prayer.

**2. Approval of the minutes of the September 12th IG meeting**

Move to approve by Lorenzo F., second by Sue D.; passed

**3. Business arising from the minutes of the last meeting**

None.

**4. Elections for 2010, Introduction of Nominating Committee**

Michael C. and David T. (two members of the Nominating Committee) were present. Michael stated that all positions, with the exception Chair which will be occupied by the current Vice Chair, are open. Mark W. and Ozzie L. indicated that they will run for their current positions. Position descriptions are available on the AA Website under the Intergroup Bylaws. For further information Michael can be contacted at 613-224-7075 or mcrowe610@msn.com. All members are invited to find suitable candidates—elections take place at December's meeting. Candidates must have two years sobriety.

**5. Conference Committees' reports:**

**Fall Conference:** Grant not present, no report.

**Alkathon:** This was presented by Sue B. the Chair of the 2009-10 Alkathon. Vital information concerning this event was made available to the participants via a Green Handout titled *Alkathon 2009-2010*; Representatives were asked to distribute the Green Handout within their groups. The AA Web page will provide further updates.

**6. Reports**

**Treasurer's report**

Pat B. elaborated on the Income Statement for the Nine Months Ending September 30, 2009; no concerns were raised. The Financial Review conducted by outside auditors is now complete and its findings are available; no significant issues were identified. Intergroup purchased an \$8,000 GIC with BMO. Penalty-free monthly

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withdrawals of up to \$1000 can be made prior to its maturity. This will provide enhanced flexibility.

### **Newsletter Editor's Report**

Ozzie L. stated that the next two issues will provide information concerning the Alkathon; these two issues will encourage the membership's participation.

Efforts are underway to have the newsletter (NL) distributed via email and those interested can contact the NL using the AA Website address. This also marked Ozzie's 31st AA Anniversary for which he received the group's applause.

### **Website Update**

It was noted that information concerning the Alkathon is now posted as well as the schedule for the McNabb Sunday morning meeting; groups have yet to volunteer for November and December 2009.

### **TAS Report**

Richard W. Emailed the following and the Chair read it at the meeting:

"During the month of September there were 84 slots on the TAS schedule. Of these, 9 were open and only 37 of the 75 volunteers signed in. The logs however show that calls were answered during 41 of the shifts. That gives a coverage of only 55% — the second worst month of 2009. In the hope of improving our coverage I have begun reviewing the stats of previous months to determine which commitments are being poorly maintained so that I can make those slots available to members who may be better able to commit themselves on a regular basis. Currently available slots can be viewed at <http://www.ottawaaa.org/intergroup/telephone/slots.html> The current schedule has 12 open slots. I would like to ask your help in promoting the TAS to your groups and reminding the volunteers to sign in when they arrive for shifts. It is the only way I have to verify that someone was present during shifts with no incoming calls."

### **Literature Report**

John G. tabled a fourteen page document listing all publications available through Intergroup. The document identified recommended levels at which the various publications ought to be reordered.

The Treasurer pointed out that the levels identified may result in higher inventory costs than experienced in the past i.e., \$10,000 vs. \$5,000. Others noted that this

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may restrict subsequent Literature Coordinators and their ability to manger this function.

The recommended levels contained in the tabled document were voted on and approved; 19 for, 5 against.

The tradition of allowing dissenting Representatives to comment was respected. A subsequent vote did not affect the results.

**7. Other Business**

Members were reminded of the need for Groups to host the November and December 2009 McNabb Sunday morning meeting.

**8. Adjournment and Responsibility Declaration**

Meeting ended at 2015 hours.

**9. Next Intergroup Meeting**

Wednesday, November 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bronson Centre

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Shaun D, Intergroup Chair

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Ian P, Secretary

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**Annex "A"**

**Participants**

**Executive**

Brian M-C.	Chair (absent)
Shaun D.	Vice-Chair
Ian P.	Secretary
Pat B.	Treasurer
Rich W.	TAS (absent)
John G.	Literature Coordinator
Mark W.	Webmaster
Ozzie L.	Newsletter

<b>Intergroup Rep</b>	<b>Group's name</b>	<b>Voting</b>
Alan F.	Big Book Study Group	Yes
Barry D.	Orleans Stepping Ahead	Yes
Bevan B.	Search for Serenity	Yes
Chuck M.	Venture Group	Yes
Debra W.	Manotick Group	Yes
Derrick H.	Oasis	Yes
Des Mc.	Joy of Living (Aylmer)	Yes
Ed L.	Mon-Fri Lunch Bunch	Yes
Ernie N.	Tuesday-Friday Group	Yes
Frances M.	Vanier Early Birds	Yes
Garry A.	Alta Vista Open Door	Yes
Jeff U.	West-End	Yes
John P.	Step by Step	Yes
Kathy M.	Sat. Morn Joe & Charlie	Yes
Kevin A.	Freedom	Yes
Lorenzo F.	Lunch With Bill	Yes
Louie Van B.	Vanier Happy Nooners	Yes
Luc St-J.	Willing to Change	Yes
Melanie C.	By The Book	Yes
Michael F.	Trinity Group	Yes
Pearce H.	Barrhaven Tues Night	Yes
Peter H.	Awakening	Yes
Rob W.		Yes
Scott E.	Sunday Night Westboro	Yes
Suzanne D.	Orleans Hub	Yes
Teena B.	First Avenue to Recovery	Yes

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Terry D.	Westboro Saturday 11:00	Yes
Tim J.	Sat. Morning Big Book	Yes
David T.	Back to Basics	No
Harrison B.	Sunday Night Westboro	No
Jason B.	Barrhaven Tuesday Night	No
Michael C.	Step by Step	No
Pierre M.	District 62 IG Liaison	No
Sue B.	Alkathon 2009-10 Chair	No