

## Central Ontario Intergroup

<p><b>OA Central Ontario Intergroup (#09110)</b>, a member of OA Region 6, meets at 10 a.m. on the second Saturday of every month at the <b>Paulist Ministry Centre</b> 830 Bathurst St. (just north of Bloor), Toronto, ON M5R 3G1</p> <p><b>OA PHONE LINE : 1-866-221-5061</b> <b>TORONTO LOCAL: 416-588-6134</b> <b>Intergroup Information:</b> <a href="mailto:info@oaontario.org">info@oaontario.org</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.oaontario.org">www.oaontario.org</a></p> <p><b>Intergroup Service Board</b> <b>Chair:</b> Eva <a href="mailto:chair@oaontario.org">chair@oaontario.org</a></p> <p><b>Vice-Chair:</b> Paige <a href="mailto:vicechair@oaontario.org">vicechair@oaontario.org</a></p> <p><b>Past Chair:</b> Ben <a href="mailto:pastchair@oaontario.org">pastchair@oaontario.org</a></p> <p><b>Recording Secretary:</b> Vacant <a href="mailto:secretary@oaontario.org">secretary@oaontario.org</a></p> <p><b>Treasurer:</b> Irene <a href="mailto:treasurer@oaontario.org">treasurer@oaontario.org</a></p> <p><b>Office Manager:</b> Vacant <a href="mailto:officemanager@oaontario.org">officemanager@oaontario.org</a></p> <p><b>World Service Business Conference Delegate:</b> : Eva <a href="mailto:wsbcdelegate@oaontario.org">wsbcdelegate@oaontario.org</a></p> <p><b>Region 6 Delegate:</b> Lynda <a href="mailto:region6rep@oaontario.org">region6rep@oaontario.org</a></p>	<p><b>COMMITTEE CHAIRS</b> <b>Finance:</b> Glenn <a href="mailto:finance@oaontario.org">finance@oaontario.org</a></p> <p><b>Contact Database:</b> Lynda <a href="mailto:contactdb@oaontario.org">contactdb@oaontario.org</a></p> <p><b>Technology:</b> Ben <a href="mailto:technology@oaontario.org">technology@oaontario.org</a></p> <p><b>Literature:</b> Liisa <a href="mailto:literature@oaontario.org">literature@oaontario.org</a></p> <p><b>Public Information:</b> Chuck <a href="mailto:pi@oaontario.org">pi@oaontario.org</a></p> <p><b>Outreach:</b> Margaret <a href="mailto:outreach@oaontario.org">outreach@oaontario.org</a></p> <p><b>Telephone/Email:</b> Linda <a href="mailto:helpline@oaontario.org">helpline@oaontario.org</a></p> <p><b>Website:</b> Kate/Chuck <a href="mailto:webservice@oaontario.org">webservice@oaontario.org</a></p> <p><b>The Abbie Newsletter:</b> Tracey <a href="mailto:abbie@oaontario.org">abbie@oaontario.org</a></p> <p><b>Calendar &amp; Special Events:</b> Kate <a href="mailto:specialevents@oaontario.org">specialevents@oaontario.org</a></p> <p><b>Convention Committee:</b> Donna <a href="mailto:conventionchair@oaontario.org">conventionchair@oaontario.org</a></p> <p><b>Retreat Chair:</b> Margaret G. <a href="mailto:coiretreat@oaontario.org">coiretreat@oaontario.org</a></p> <p><b>Meetings:</b> Lynda <a href="mailto:meetings@oaontario.org">meetings@oaontario.org</a></p> <p><b>Relocation:</b> Glenn</p>
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**Minutes of Saturday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - 10am to noon**

1. **Welcome and Serenity Prayer.**
2. **Twelve Steps** read in unison.
3. **Twelve Traditions** and long form of **Tradition One** are read.
4. **Preamble to Twelve concepts** and long form of **Concept One** are read.
5. **Roll call:** First name given, group attended/represented and voting/non-voting status.
6. **Reading and approval of Minutes: Moved by Glenn: Seconded Paige** Moves the reading of the minutes and accept them as presented. Passed
7. **REPORTS**

**Office Manager: (Vacant) ([officemanager@oaontario.org](mailto:officemanager@oaontario.org))**

The final electronic mailing was sent out for the month of January by Marie

**Treasurer's Report (Irene) [treasurer@oaontario.org](mailto:treasurer@oaontario.org)**

**Group Contribution Report**

Meeting #	City	Meeting Day	Meeting Time	Amount
50493	Burlington	Saturday	10:30 AM	275.00
51786	Scarborough	Monday	7:15 PM	200.00
48826	Kitchener	Monday	8:00 PM	150.00
33911	North York	Thursday	8:00 PM	57.35
53014	Barrie	Tuesday	7:00 PM	400.00
40822	Eglinton,Toronto	Friday	10:00 AM	100.00

**Income Statement**

Opening Balance			
Total Donations		1,182.35	
	Literature Sales	1,406.88	
	7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition	40.00	
Total Income			2,629.23
Expenses	Literature Cost of Sales (AA)	792.10	
	Rent	400.00	
	Outreach (New Group)	150.00	
	WSO Donation-year to date		
	Region 6 Donation-year to date	1,732.80	
	Bell Canada	202.82	
	Bell Internet		
	Bell Local		
	Convention Expenses		
	Region 6 Delegate Travel Exp.		
	Obesity Summit		
Total Expenses			3,277.32
Net Income			(648.49)

Summary:		
Cash on hand		11,267.11
T-Bill		878.65
Prudent Reserve		(5,500.00)
Cash available		6,675.46
Literature- Cost of Sales:		
Last Month literature available for sale		18,644.39
OA literature order		0.00
AA literature order		792.10
Raffle prize		0.00
Literature sales		-1,406.88
Total Literature available for sale		18,029.61

**Region 6 Delegate (Lynda) [region6rep@oaontario.org](mailto:region6rep@oaontario.org)**

The Region 6 Spring Assembly date is April 16, 2016. Once we are advised the hotel registration is available Chuck and I will register. The previous convention committee is still reviewing the job descriptions for the convention and once completed I will receive them to review and make any required revisions. There has been no other activity for December.

**World Service Delegate (Eva) [wsbcdelegate@oaontario.org](mailto:wsbcdelegate@oaontario.org)**

Eva indicated that the documents required for the upcoming World Service Business conference are uploaded. The deadline for delegate registration is February 22, 2016. Also, and more importantly they require a response from the various Intergroups to the new motions which will be presented at the conference to be held from May 2 to May 7, 2016. The deadline to provide a response from the Intergroups is March 3, 2016. Eva will present the motion summary form at the February 13, 2016 intergroup meeting. The theme for this year's conference is: Responsibility – To carry the Message

**Committee Reports**

**Contact Data Base Report (Lynda) [contactdb@oaontario.org](mailto:contactdb@oaontario.org)**

There were 3 changes this month:

- 1) Cancelled Meeting – 1
- 2) Cancel Meeting for January 2016 only – 1
- 3) Telephone contact change - 1

Marie was advised of the cancelled meeting so that she could update her distribution list for the last mailing now that the Office Manager position is vacant.

We now have 60 meetings. The 2<sup>nd</sup> item (Collingwood OA) is a meeting that is only cancelled for the month of January so it is not removed from the WSO listing only from COI list for the month.

**Telephone / Email (Linda) [helpline@oaontario.org](mailto:helpline@oaontario.org)**

There were 9 messages and 6 emails for the month of December. I am looking for 1 more volunteer, there are no abstinent requirements for this service.

**Bylaws (Ben)**

Nothing to report this month.

**Website (Kate/Chuck) [webservice@oaontario.org](mailto:webservice@oaontario.org)**

We are running quite well, with Kate and Violet working really hard getting updates done. If there are suggestions, please let us know.

For December, we have 1,273 number of unique visitors, compared with 1,031 for November.

The web site is being updated and there are opportunities to use the website, currently Chuck has posted an electronic pop up reminder to sign up for EBlast from COI.

**Public Information (Chuck) [pi@oaontario.org](mailto:pi@oaontario.org)**

I made a last minute application for funding out of WSO's Professional Outreach fund, covering the expense of the medical convention booth and \$500 in literature. Approval should come next week. I also emailed asking the organizers of the convention if there are speaking opportunities, etc.

**Outreach (Margaret) [outreach@oaontario.org](mailto:outreach@oaontario.org)**

There was some concern over the service being provided as we have had complaints of emails not being answered. Eva will try to contact Margaret to discuss status of her service.

**Abbie (Tracey) [abbie@oaontario.org](mailto:abbie@oaontario.org)**

- The issues was submitted on time for publication on the website and for emailing January 1, 2016.
- Updated Service positions
- Added a new link to a podcast from WSO website
- 2 submissions from COI members in the January Abbie; we will have a 660 word submission from Toronto member for February
- Conference call scheduled for January 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss web, Abbie and possible new formats; developing a survey for COI members on newsletter
- Continue to announce at meetings I attend to send in submission for articles, abstinence celebrations (Medallions or other years); meeting opening, closures etc. by the 25<sup>th</sup>.
- I am mentioning the email (including spelling it out) at every meeting.

**Finance (Glenn) [finance@oaontario.org](mailto:finance@oaontario.org)**

There are two possible outstanding amounts to both Scarborough Missions, for last year's retreat, and our World Service Delegate for her related expense. These amounts total approximately \$4,700. Dovile is communicating with both Chuck and Eva in both a verification, and resolution, effort. Irene and Glen will work together to produce a donations statement for 2015. A reminder for committee chairs to prepare their annual budget for 2016 and forward to Glenn.

Glenn contacted the manager for the meeting location and was advised that there are no immediate plans to build on this site. At some point the Relocation Committee will meet to discuss our options.

All doors will be re-keyed and a Security Guard will be on duty for access. There have been substantial improvements to the building. They expect that only the Security Guard will let us in once the locks have been changed and we should not have a problem with entry times. Glenn will discuss with the manager with respect to our requirements to enter the building.

The rent will not increase however they have requested that we put insurance in place. Glenn will work with Michael with respect to acquiring insurance.

**Literature Committee (Liisa) [literature@oaontario.org](mailto:literature@oaontario.org)**

I have not placed an order for the Taste of Lifeline yet as I have not had any additional requests for this book. However, I will be placing an order in January for that book as well as some more newcomer packages and some more New Group Starter Kits.

I have had a request for a New Group Starter Kit for a new meeting on Wednesday's at St. Simon's in Toronto. The meeting has been put on the meeting list so I am assuming I can mail them out a New Group Kit but wanted to confirm with the Group.

Finally, I have had one question about possibly using the slow moving pamphlets for a PI event – do I need to make a motion to give away the slow moving pamphlets?

I will look at the total inventory in QuickBooks vs. the treasurer's report during the meeting tomorrow.

A request from the Peterborough meeting was received for \$25 in OA Literature as they are taking part in local health fair. Liisa requested that this be put through the PI budget. It was suggested that she discuss this with Chuck and proceed accordingly.

Liisa moved that she can mail out slow moving pamphlets for PI and Outreach events when and if a good opportunity presents itself with a limit of not more than \$50 per event. Seconded Paige. Passed

**Calendar and Special Events (Kate) [specialevents@oaontario.org](mailto:specialevents@oaontario.org)**

Glenn moves that we empower Kate to present the report on behalf of the Calendar & Special Events Committee. Seconded Paige Passed

Our December e. blast had a 43% open rate which is about our norm. Our list is approximately 475 individuals and Chuck has kindly done a pop-up ad in our website to invite visitors to sign up (much like world service does).

On Monday I am conference calling with Tracey of the Abbie plus Andrea who is helping me with EBlast. We will explore options for integrating these communication vehicles.

We still need a chair for special events. I have 30 days and none of us has the requisite six months.

**OA Retreat (Margaret G.) ( [coiretreat@oaontario.org](mailto:coiretreat@oaontario.org) )**

Nothing to report.

**OA Convention (Donna) [conventionchair@oaontario.org](mailto:conventionchair@oaontario.org)**

A notice has been placed in the Abbie and on the website for January , that the convention for 2016 has been switched from spring to the fall and the date and place with details to follow, and notice will be send out as well for the next mailing. The budget has been submitted to Finance.

**Region 6 Convention Planning - 2017 (Chuck)**

We are in a good place, with a logo approved (blue and white) and Lynda is working on creating job descriptions for each role. Once done, people can select what role best fits them.

**Relocation Committee (Glenn)**

We are good at this location for a year and expect to meeting in the future for a preliminary planning meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business discussed.

**New Business:**

- 1) **OFFICE MANAGER POSITION** - The Office Manager’s position has not been filled at this time. Lynda Moves: We investigate our options for distribution of the documents that the Office Manager currently sends out monthly. Discussion with Chuck/Lynda/Kate/Marie will take place and a report prepared with the results for the February COI meeting. Seconded Paige PassedThe minutes for February will be posted on the web site.
- 2) **Outreach Position** – Ben has sent an email to Margaret asking her if she is still doing this service. Ben is willing to step up and do this service.
- 3) **Recording Secretary Position** – It was proposed to reduce the abstinence requirements from 6 months to 4 months for this position and check with individual who may be willing to take on the service to see if this would be an option. This request will be discussed with the member and reported back to Intergroup in February.

**MEETING STATISTICS**

There were 13 attendees at the Intergroup meeting for January. Below is a list of the attendees based on the area codes for the meetings in the first table.

416	905	705	519	613
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In the table below is a listing of the total number of meetings (60) based on area codes.

416	905	705	519	613
23	19	11	6	1

The statistical information above is provided for information.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon with the Serenity Prayer.