

**WESTERN ONTARIO GENERAL SERVICE – AREA 86**

**Area Committee Meeting - Saturday August 10, 2024**

Hosted by: District 12

Location: Armenian Hall & Community Centre  
156 Martindale Road  
St. Catharines, Ont

Start Time: 10:00 A.M.

Accommodations: TBD

**AGENDA**

1. Open Area Committee Meeting – Serenity Prayer
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. 12 Concepts: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Roll Call Joanne L
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Approval of the January 13, 2024 ACM Minutes
7. Approval of May 25, 2024 ACM Minutes
8. Correspondence
9. Treasurer’s Report Jim A
10. Self Support – 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collection
11. Subcommittee Chair Reports
12. Delegate’s Report Dan D
13. Alternate Delegate’s Report Tammy S
14. Secretary/Registrar’s Report Joanne L
15. Area Committee member questions/concerns
16. District Activities/Announcements
17. **Old Business**
18. **New Business**

## **ITEM A**

**Motion submitted by Dave D, Area 86 Panel 74 Technology Subcommittee Chair as follows:**

**That we change the job description for the Technology Chair to be as follows:**

# Guidelines for Subcommittee Chairperson Descriptions

Technology subcommittee.

The Technology Committee fosters the use of technology within Area 86, and its Districts and groups, with the goal of supporting the AA primary purpose to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

The Committee is chaired by the Technology Chair. The Chair may call on specialized knowledge of Area 86 AA members, and AA members with an interest in technology to form the committee and execute its responsibilities.

Technical experience is not required to Chair or participate on the Technology Committee. A more important consideration is a thorough understanding of the principles of Alcoholics Anonymous as outlined in our Steps, Traditions, and Concepts and being able to apply them in a practical manner towards technology.”

Those responsibilities include:

1. Attend all Area 86 Area Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings making written reports detailing activities. Prepare and chair workshops at Area 86 Assemblies when requested by the Area Chairperson.
2. Encourage the development and growth of the subcommittee network throughout the Area. Keep in contact with the Area 86 District Sub-Committee Chairpersons.
3. Outgoing Subcommittee Chairperson to pass on material and detailed information pertaining to the position to incoming Subcommittee Chairperson for a smooth transition. Outgoing Subcommittee Chairperson will also list changes or recommendations pertaining to his/her job description to the Area Committee in their final report to the Area Committee at the Fall Meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year.
4. Send Newsletter to Editorial Board for review prior to publishing.

5. Complete, date and sign expense vouchers for mileage, meals, accommodations, postage, long distance calls, stationery, photocopying, etc. in accordance with the Area 86 Western Ontario Structure & Operating
6. Obtain input from attendees at the Spring Area Assembly workshop or Virtual Meetings on such Conference Agenda Items that are designated at that Workshop by the Area Chairperson and to report back the results for use by the Delegate at the Conference
7. Maintain and Develop (or coordinate the development of) the Area 86 website with functional updates as well as content provided by the area officers and sub-committee chairs.

Suggested content:

- - Calendar of events within the Area.
  - - Area Officers contact information.
  - - Articles on items of current interest or under consideration within the area.
  - - Articles on service work initiatives.
  - - Special events
  - - Traditions
  - - 12 step actions
  - - Personal stories
  - - letters
8. Oversee the management of the Area 86 email addresses.
  9. Makes recommendations to Area 86 about acquiring, implementing, maintaining, and changing Area 86's use of technology. Including such topics as:
    - Virtual & Hybrid meetings: Platform suggestions, troubleshooting and best practices.
    - Virtual 7th tradition basket.
    - Online voting.
    - Cloud storage of all materials such as minutes, reports, workshops, archival information, shared experience.
    - Use technology to help make information available.
  10. Provide Area 86 Officers and subcommittee chairs with technological assistance in carrying out their duties and service commitments.
  11. Where practical and on request of Area 86 districts, makes recommendations for and/or provides technology training and workshops.
  12. In the execution of the Technology Chair duties, special care will be given to help maintain anonymity, safety and security while participating in online venues.

## **ITEM B**

### **Election of Treatment Subcommittee Chair**

Jeff S

19. Announcements from the Chair

20. Motion to Adjourn

Close the meeting with the responsibility statement followed by the Lord's Prayer

**This we owe to A.A.'s future: to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives and the lives of those to come.**

**NOTES** – there will be a morning break and a lunch break. These breaks will be determined at appropriate times determined relative to the progress of the meeting

**Friday night there is an open speaker meeting** of the St Catharines Group starting at 8:00 p.m. located at St. Alfred's Church, 272 Vine St. St. Catharines, Ontario.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS – 2024 – 2025**

### **Eastern Canada Regional Forum**

August 23 – 25, 2024  
Delta Hotel Prince Edward  
101 Lyon St. N., Ottawa ON K1R 5T9

### **2024 Fall Assembly**

November 1 – 3, 2024  
Oakville Conference Centre/  
Holiday Inn & Suites, Oakville Bronte

### **CERAASA**

February 21 – 23, 2025  
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

### **Area Committee Meeting**

January 25, 2025  
Hosted by District 11  
Details TBA

### **2025 Spring Assembly**

March 28 - 30, 2025  
Oakville Conference Centre /  
Holiday Inn & Suites, Oakville Bronte

### **Area Committee Meeting**

May 24, 2025  
Hosted by District 7  
Details TBA