

January 2021 Greater Vancouver Intergroup Monthly A.A. Newsletter

Pass It On . . .

Central Office News:

Hello Greater Vancouver Intergroup Members:

January of 2020 feels like it was just yesterday in one way and in another it feels like it was a whole life time ago. The Central Office Special Workers: Linda, Lori and I (Colleen) want to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy, safe and serene 2021.

We also want to express our gratitude for all of you who have supported Central Office through these very unique times. For some it was through financial contributions, others by holding a service positions such as answering phones and others just by the kind cards and phone calls. You all should be proud to have been able to maintain the many services. At all times through this very crucial time our eight subcommittees performed their responsibilities. Almost everyone stepped up and was flexible and inventive in finding ways to still reach the suffering alcoholic and ways to do a Twelve Step call in a pandemic safe way. Greater Vancouver's unity in its fellowship was amazing.

Central Office the building does not hold the same enchanting spirit is usually does. Without you all being able to freely access it as you once did—but there is still a sense of the service that the members are accomplishing remotely.

Central Office remains open by appointment only. You may call or email staff to arrange one. We are contact tracing you must give your full name and contact information. Masks are mandatory for staff and visitors.

Many things have changed, the largest being the phone room is now online. This is not permanent. It is just for

Central Office Hours:

- Mon.- Fri.: 8:00AM to 6:30PM **By appointment only**
- Sat.- Sun.: 9:30AM to 1:00PM **By appointment only**
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- Phone Lines: 24/7

Office will be closed on statutory holidays.

the safety of our staff, guests and members. The bookstore now has the option of in person or online shopping. Contributions can now be received via dropping it off, mail, or electronically. We are still listing meetings online but have not published a *Meeting Directory* since the Fall of 2019! Now meetings are listed as social distancing, online and temporarily closed. A motion was passed at Intergroup to showing your group conscience to list the online meetings. Only online meetings who state they are within our zones will be listed with Greater Vancouver Intergroup. "A central or intergroup office is an A.A. service office that involves partnership among groups in a community" reprinted from A.A.® Guidelines: Central or Intergroup Offices, p.1, with permission of A.A., World Service, Inc.. We serve specific zones and they are our primary concern. We can report that in 2020 Greater Vancouver Central Office stayed out of its prudent reserve. Our finance committee was constantly alert and working hard towards maintaining our primary purpose and services

Newsletters in 2020 became victim to our reduced staffing and office hours. Our goal for 2021 is to return to having monthly newsletters go out to keep you all informed. However, we are not yet ready to return to mailing out via physical post. Too many mailing addresses are for halls that are still closed and postage is a costly. The section of the newsletter that lists group changes will not be published, there are just too many and too often. Next month will be more in-depth.

This is just a smidgen of what is going on at your Central Office. We are still here just in flux, as willing to hear from you as ever. It is a pleasure and an honour to serve.

Intergroup Meeting:

- Orientation for new Reps at 7:00PM .
- Intergroup meeting at 7:30PM.
Meeting ID: 604 434 3933 PW: GVIS
- Next meeting: Tuesday, Feb 16, 2021. Elections

All members are welcome!

Intergroup Page: Unity, Service, & Recovery

Operating Committee Elections 2021:

Tuesday, February 16th, 2020 @ 7:30pm.

Meeting ID: 604 434 3933 Password: GVIS

The February meeting is also the annual meeting of the Intergroup. The chairperson will give a final report with recommendations for future consideration and conduct all business. An election of the Intergroup officers will occur. Following the election of Intergroup officers, six members of the Operating Committee will be elected.”

“Except for election of Intergroup Officers, any active member of A.A., who meets the eligibility requirements, may volunteer to serve or may nominate any other eligible member for election to the Operating Committee. A nomination does not require a “second”. Nominees must agree to accept nomination. Once nominations have been closed, a brief service history of each nominee will be given. Ballots will then be distributed to voting members, provided there are more nominees than positions to be filled. Candidates receiving the most votes will be declared elected. When the result is not clear due to a tie, a second vote will be taken between the tied candidates. In the event of a second tie, a name will be drawn from “the hat”.”

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In 2020 the Intergroup Committee passed a motion to, To extend the term of those current Operating Committee members who wish for an additional year to the end of 2021 to assist in continuity due to COVID. Therefore there will be three Operating committee positions up for election.

For more info contact the Operating Committee chairperson at: GVISChair@vancouveraa.ca, Raman T.

Sub-Committees:

The purpose of every outreach subcommittee is to assist the Intergroup Committee in carrying out the primary purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous as expressed in Tradition 5. Each outreach subcommittee is therefore assigned a particular area of responsibility.

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Accessibility: *meet 1st Thursday of the month, 6:45pm, Meeting ID: 987 6106 0478, PW: GVIS.* Service opportunities: this committee is in need of a chairperson.

Sub-Committees: continued

Contact: accessibilities@vancouveraa.ca if interested.

Co-operation with Professional Community: *meet 1st Thursday of the month, 6:45pm, Meeting ID: 987 6106 0478, PW: GVIS.* Service Opportunities: We need a Vice Chair, and Secretary for the Committee. We welcome anyone with a desire and passion to work in CPC with or without experience. Contact, Elton, at cpc@vancouveraa.ca.

Corrections: *meet 1st Friday of the month, 7pm, Meeting ID: 933 0639 1691, PW: 121212.* Contributions can be made to the Corrections Literature fund via interac at: correctionsroundup@vancouveraa.ca. The roundup was cancelled for 2020 hope to have it in 2021. There are many service opportunities available with this committee. Go to: <https://www.vancouveraa.ca/for-aa-members/volunteer/corrections/> to put your name forward. Contact Cathy L. corrections@vancouveraa.ca for more info.

Detox: *Meet 2nd Sunday of the month, 1:00 pm, Meeting ID: 861 133 3250, PW: GOD.* Service opportunities: Always looking for members please contact Serena at detox@vancouveraa.ca if you are interested in helping.

Hospitals: This committee is presently in need of a chairperson. Please contact hospitals@vancouveraa.ca.

Public Information: *Meet 4th Wednesday of the month, 7pm, Meeting ID: 997 1983 8692, PW: 1935.* Service opportunities: recording secretary, Vice-Chairperson, & speaking engagements. Contact Joel at: public.info@vancouveraa.ca.

Telephone: *meet 2nd Tuesday of the month. Meeting ID: 950 4042 2897, PW: Gratitude.* Workshops 3rd Saturday of the month. Meeting ID: 604 434 3933, PW GVIS. Service opportunities: recording secretary, Vice-Chairperson, group phone shift positions are open, remote phone shifts. Contact Sean B. for info at telephones@vancouveraa.ca.

Treatment: *meet 2nd Sunday of the month, 1:00pm, Meeting ID: 861 133 3250, PW: GOD.* Service Opportunities for groups and individuals. Contact Andre S. for more info at: treatment@vancouveraa.ca

Need more information about service positions?
Call 604-434-3933, or email: staff@vancouveraa.ca or
come contact the chairperson of the committee via
Central Office.

Tel: (604) 434-3933 Email: staff@vancouveraa.ca Web: vancouveraa.ca



Intergroup Service Workshop

What is it like to do a service position at Intergroup?

How does my Group do service work or is it just individuals?

Are there still opportunities during the pandemic?

What is it like to be an Intergroup Rep or Alternate?

What is it like to be a Subcommittee Chairperson?

What is it like to be the Recording Secretary for Intergroup?

What is it like to be on Operating Committee?

What is Operating Committee?

Who? What? Why? Get your questions answered by experienced people doing positions.

Your opportunity is becoming available shortly... just raise your hand. Come find a service sponsor.

Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021 2-4pm

Meeting ID: 604 434 3933

Password: GVIS



**Greater Vancouver Intergroup Society's
Annual Meeting Operating Committee Elections**

Golden opportunity to serve the fellowship that you love and are grateful that saved your life.

When:

**Tuesday, February 16th, 2021 at
7:30pm**

Where:

Meeting ID: 604 434 3933, PW: GVIS

Who:

**All A.A. groups within Greater
Vancouver are encouraged to send an
intergroup representative.**

Email:

GVISChair@vancouveraa.ca

For more information

Open Positions:

- **3 Operating
Committee Members**

Eligibility:

- **Served as a
Intergroup rep or
outreach committee
chair.**
- **Suggested 2 years
sobriety**
- **Served one full term
as on the Intergroup
committee**

Commitment:

- **One year minimum.**
- **Three meetings a
month minimum.**

Book Sale! 3 for the cost of 1.
\$17.05 can tx included

Maximum 5 per group. Only until February 13, 2021 or
while quantities last



To order online go to our bookstore at: [Book Store - Greater Vancouver Intergroup Society AA \(vancouveraa.ca\)](http://Book Store - Greater Vancouver Intergroup Society AA (vancouveraa.ca))

To pick up at Greater Vancouver Central Office call 604-604-757-7827 during business hours for an appointment.