

APRIL 2021 Greater Vancouver Intergroup Monthly A.A. Newsletter

Pass It On . . .

A GOLDEN SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:

Intergroup is an important service structure in our area. Without it, AA wouldn't be as effective in getting the message out to alcoholics who still suffer in our area. Intergroup is essential to our continued sobriety and unity - connecting the groups in our area, making sure phones are answered, the website is kept up to date, and AA literature is widely available.

A position has opened up on Operating Committee. Gord S. resigned his position in March.

The election for a member on the 2021-2022 Operating Committee is taking place at the Intergroup meeting of **Tuesday, April 20th, 2021** at 7.30pm, at our online Intergroup Monthly meeting.

To be eligible, AA members need the following:

- Two years of continuous sobriety;
- Having served for one year as Intergroup representative, and/or
- Having served for one year on one of the Intergroup's sub-committees (Phones, Detox, Public Information etc).

As you know, the Operating Committee consists of ten people who meet once a month with the purpose of overseeing the operation of Intergroup and to ensure it is furthering AA's primary purpose. The commitment to the Operating Committee is for one year, requiring roughly two hours of meetings or work per week.

We hope you can pass along this message to those who could serve our area, while benefitting from the service of course! We hope to see as many strong candidates as possible on April 20th. A reminder that all AA members

are welcome to attend Intergroup meetings - they can visit the Intergroup website vancouveraa.ca for meeting details.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

Central Office currently has an employment opportunity for a part-time Special Worker (Office Worker).

Paid employees at Central office are responsible to assist in the efficient day-to-day operation of the Intergroup office and report directly to the Intergroup office manager.

The position requires availability on weekdays and weekends. The candidate must be an active member of A.A.® and have a thorough knowledge of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.

Qualifications required:

- Strong understanding of computer literacy, including working skills of MS Word, Excel, SharePoint, and Outlook.
- Basic knowledge and working skills with WordPress or a similar website platform.
- Able to stay current on technological developments or trends in clerical support.
- Ability to use online platforms for meetings and communication.
- Adhere to the Greater Vancouver Intergroup Operating Procedures and Guidelines, at all time.
- Excellent written and interpersonal communication skills dealing with the public.

To apply send you resume and hourly wage request to manager@vancouveraa.ca

Central Office Hours:

- Mon.- Fri.: 8:00AM to 6:30PM **By appointment only**
- Sat.- Sun.: 9:30AM to 1:00PM **By appointment only**
- 3457 Kingsway, Vancouver, BC, V5R 5L5
- Phone Lines: 24/7

Office will be closed on statutory holidays.

Intergroup Meeting:

- Orientation for new Reps at 7:00PM .
- Intergroup meeting at 7:30PM.
Meeting ID: 604 434 3933 PW: GVIS
- **Next meeting: Tuesday, April 20th, 201 @ 7:30pm**

All members are welcome!

Intergroup Page: Unity, Service, & Recovery

SUBCOMMITTEES:

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: Chairperson, Jamie S., of Port Moody Sunday Group. The committee meets on the *1st Thursday of every month, 6:45pm, Meeting ID: 987 6106 0478, PW: GVIS.* If you want to join her—just show up at the meeting or email her at: accessibilities@vancouveraa.ca.

Co-operation with Professional Community: Chairperson Elton D. The committee meets on the *4th Thursday of every month, 7:00 pm, Meeting ID: 978 8477 1407, PW: GVIS.* We need a Vice Chair, and Secretary for the Committee. We welcome anyone with a desire and passion to work in Cooperation with the Professional Communities with or without experience. Contact Elton at: cpc@vancouveraa.ca

Corrections: Chairperson is Viki E. This committee meets *1st Friday of the month, 7pm, Meeting ID: 933 0639 1691, PW: 121212.* It is not necessary to attend the prison meetings to volunteer as a committee member. To sign up – you can fill out the contact form at: www.vancouveraa.ca/for-aa-members/volunteer/corrections/. You may contact Viki at corrections@vancouveraa.ca.

Detox: Serena J., is the Chairperson. Minimum requirement is 3 months sober and an ability to throw down a message of hope. To sign up – you can fill out the contact form at: <https://www.vancouveraa.ca/for-aa-members/volunteer/detox-service/> or contact Serena at detox@vancouveraa.ca or attend the committee's monthly meeting, *2nd Sunday of every month, at 1:00 pm, Meeting ID: 861 133 3250, PW: GOD.*

Hospitals: This committee is still without a Chairperson

and Diamond., the Operating Committee liaison is maintaining it. If you want to be of service, this committee needs you! Contact Diamond at hospitals@vancouveraa.ca

Public Information: Chairperson is Joel T. The monthly meeting is on the *4th Wednesday of every month, at 7pm, Meeting ID: 997 1983 8692, and PW: 1935.* The following service opportunities are available: Vice Chair position is vacant (intent is to fill Public Information Chair role beginning October 2021) and respond to inquiries from the public submitted to Central Office - direct service work talking with potential newcomers! For more information contact Joel at: public.info@vancouveraa.ca.

Telephone: Sean B., is the current Chairperson. This committee meets on the *2nd Tuesday of the month. Meeting ID: 950 4042 2897, PW: Gratitude as well as hold a workshop on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Meeting ID: 604 434 3933, PW GVIS.* Present Service opportunities include the need for individual members for the 10pm - 2am phone shifts. Contact Telephone Chair, Sean B. via email: telephones@vancouveraa.ca. Sign-up for phone shifts online: <https://www.vancouveraa.ca/about-us/volunteer/telephone-service/>. This committee is mostly made of group representatives but there are positions for individuals to assist. If you are a group telephone rep please join Sean and the committee monthly.

Treatment: The committee is seeking: Treatment Subcommittee Chair, Literature Delivery person, Communications Liaison, Information organization person and Panel Chairs & Speakers. Please contact the committee at treatment@vancouveraa.ca. They meet with Detox each month. *2nd Sunday of every month, at 1:00 pm, Meeting ID: 861 133 3250, PW: GOD.*

Presently we have two subcommittees that require chairpersons, hospitals and treatment. It is imperative we make sure the hand of A.A. is always there whenever anyone reaches out. We need willing members to make that happen.



INTERGROUP TOWN HALL FORUM

“A Central or Intergroup office is an A.A. service that involves partnership among groups in a community - just as A.A. groups themselves are partnerships of individuals” (Reprinted from, A.A.

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With this in mind, and after requests from members, and the group conscience of the Operating Committee

- Greater Vancouver Central Office is inviting:

All A.A.® members to a sharing session.

Topic: Groups: Meeting In Person, Staying Virtual, or Hybrid? How and if the new regulations affect us? Do we need to consider **others** or is this an **autonomous** decision? What about AA as a **whole**?

We will have Public Information, Cooperation with the Professional Community and Trish L, Trustee at Large (Canada) to the General Service Board of A.A.® provide some thoughts for consideration.

Purpose is to assist each other to come to informed group consciences - by fact sharing, experience sharing and using principles that will keep us autonomous and unified or just within loving understanding of each other each

When: Monday, April 5, 2021 @ 6:30 PM

Where: Meeting ID: 604 434 3933 Password: GVIS

