

**Delegate Report
Northeast Ontario Area 84 Assembly
September 28, 2019**

I am an alcoholic, Northeast Ontario Area 84 Delegate, Panel 68. My name is Colleen H. Welcome to the Area 84 Assembly for 2019. Welcome to the 2020 incoming members. I am excited to be here today. It has been a busy year with much time spent on preparing for the 69th General Service Conference. I responded to several phone calls and emails; some for information and others requesting feedback on a range of subjects.

Ontario Delegates Committee Meeting

It was a privilege to represent Area 84 with the Alternate Delegate Paul G at the Ontario Delegates Committee meeting in Thunder Bay in March 2018.

Eastern Canada Regional Forum

The Alternate Delegate Paul G and I attended the Eastern Canada Regional Forum in Victoriaville, Quebec on July 20 – 22, 2018.

69th General Service Conference

The week long Conference was held in Manhattan, New York from May 19–25. Final reports are available. It is rich with a wealth of valuable and useful information that took place from the beginning of the General Service Conference to the very end. I encourage you to have a look at the table of Contents for an area of interest to you.

Conference Report Presentations

Thank you to the District Committee Members for the invitation and opportunity to present the 69th General Service Conference report to your District. The presentations were well received. District 1 Nipissing/North Bay is scheduled at the end of October.

2019 Canadian Eastern Regional A.A. Service Assembly (CERAASA)

The alternate delegate Paul G and I attended the Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly in Laval Quebec from February 22-24. We joined the 9 Delegates and Alternate Delegates at an orientation session to familiarize us with the procedures and activities of General Service Conference. I accepted a loving invitation to give a presentation on Cooperation with the Professional Community Conference Agenda Items and presented our Area 84 Highlights.

As a part of the Financial Report at the 2019 CERAASA, it was identified that there was a deficit of \$ 917.40. Primarily, the deficit was incurred as a result of the host committee reducing the registration fee from \$40 to \$30.

The seed money (start-up funds/advance) of \$2500 to be forwarded to the 2021 CERAASA (as per guidelines) was also consumed in the reduction in registration fees. There were 352 registrations at the 2019 CERAASA. Both the deficit and the seed money would have been preserved had the registration fee remained at \$40. The total is divided into the 10 areas for a total of \$341.74 for each area. ($\$250 + 91.74 = \341.74). Therefore, if 'Area 84' wishes to remain an active member of CERAASA, we need to advance \$341.74. It is my recommendation that we submit the \$341.74.

Seed money of \$250. payable by cheque to CERASSA 2021. Mail to Dale S, 704-80 Ontario St., Milton ON L9T 4A8

Deficit of \$91.74 is payable by cheque to Area 90, Region 90 Nord-Ouest du Quebec, C.P 361Succ. Bureau chef, Saint-Jerome, Canada, Qc J7Z 5V2

2021 Canadian Eastern Regional A.A. Service Assembly (CERAASA) will be held February 26-28 in Area 86 Western Ontario.

2020 International Convention

A.A.'s 85th Anniversary in Detroit, Michigan from July 2 – 5, 2020 is fast approaching. Current information on registration and housing is available on aa.org.

The International Convention Coordinator Julio E has sent out an invitation for **non-A.A. friends to be panel speakers** at the International Convention. The committee is looking for speakers who would be very comfortable sharing their own professional experience in working with Alcoholics Anonymous as well as professionals who could be considered as possible future Class A Trustees. See me today for information and requirements if you have someone you want to submit.

Eastern Canada Regional Hospitality Suite

At the Convention, there will be an Eastern Canada Regional Hospitality Suite.

Tim M, Area 82 immediate Past Delegate for Nova Scotia was selected as the Eastern Canada Region Hospitality Suite Coordinator. Tim is asking each Area for a contribution of \$400.00. This will purchase 5000 regional pins (500 per area) and any miscellaneous expenses. I would like to recommend that Area 84 make a contribution of \$400 towards the Eastern Canada Hospitality Suite expenses. Any surplus monies will be sent to GSO as a contribution from Eastern Canada.

As well, he will be sending out a call for volunteers to man the Hospitality Suite for 2-hour shifts.

2020 Regional Forum

The 2020 Eastern Canada Regional Forum is scheduled November 13-15 at the Ottawa Marriott Hotel in Ottawa, Ontario. There is a new Regional Forum video in the works in hope that it will attract more members to our Forums.

G.S.O. Systems Update

As of August 5th, the operating system at G.S.O. has been changed over and the NetSuite system is up and running. The old FNV (fellowship new vision) will continue to run until we are confident everything has turned over and we do not lose information. They are still working out the bugs.

Meeting Guide App

The meeting guide app account has been transferred to AAWS Apple and google play store account. The enhanced app will soon be available in both stores.

71st General Service Conference: Theme, Presentation & Workshop Topics for 2021

The Agenda Conference Committee is requesting the fellowships input for a theme, presentation and workshop topics for 2021. This gives A.A. members the opportunity to participate and become more informed about A.A. These revolve around basic principles of A.A. and can spark thought-provoking discussion at Area and district meetings as well. Regions, areas and districts may incorporate discussion of these topics into workshops, meetings and pre-Conference assemblies.

The due date for submissions is December 15, 2019. Following this meeting, I will be sending DCMs an email with the information to take to your district meeting for input. Please bring the completed form to the November Area Committee Meeting or email it to me. Forms for recording the information will be included. A list of past Conference themes will be enclosed for reference as well. This item will be on the Area Committee Meeting Agenda in November. I will submit our area's final results before December 15th.

52nd Northeast Ontario Area 84 Convention

I am looking forward to our annual Northeast Area 84 Convention in Sault Ste Marie on October 18th – 20th. I encourage you to take advantage of the online registration. Early registration supports the convention committee to have funds available early in the planning stages.

Area 84 Election Assembly

THE PRINCIPLE OF ROTATION page (S24 of the A.A. Service Manual) “Traditionally, rotation ensures that service positions, like nearly everything else in A.A., are passed around for all to share. Many positions have alternates who can step into the service position if needed. (Unfortunately our area lacks in service members) To step out of an A.A. office we love can be hard. If we have been doing a good job, if we honestly don't see anyone else around willing, qualified, or with the time to do it, and if our friends agree, it's especially tough. But it can be a real step forward in growth - a step into the humility that is, for some people, the spiritual essence of anonymity.

Among other things, anonymity in the Fellowship means that we forgo personal prestige for any A.A. work we do to help alcoholics. And, in the spirit of Tradition Twelve, it ever reminds us “to place principles before personalities.”

Rotation helps to bring us spiritual rewards far more enduring than any fame. With no A.A. “status” at stake, we needn't compete for titles or praise - we have complete freedom to serve as we are needed.”

During elections, please consider standing for a position as area officer or committee chair. We need you to keep this area alive to help the suffering alcoholic find their way. It has been my experience that the journey is worth every minute.

Personal note: When I have felt discouraged or overwhelmed in this position, I am reminded of this quote, “Somewhere along our journey in sobriety we realize that we are part of a great whole; that no personal sacrifice is too great for preservation of the Fellowship.” (Tradition One).

Thank you for being part of my spiritual journey. It is a privilege and joy to serve Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 84.

With gratitude and in loving service,
Colleen H

Northeast Area 84 Delegate, Panel 68

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Professional Community Conference Committee