

WESTERN ONTARIO GENERAL SERVICE – AREA 86  
PRE-CONFERENCE SPRING ASSEMBLY – MARCH 8, 9, 10, 2024  
OAKVILLE CONFERENCE CENTRE/BRONTE HOLIDAY INN  
2525/2515 WYCROFT ROAD, BRONTE, ON  
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**FRIDAY MARCH 8, 2024**

**8:00 – 9:00 p.m.**                    **Open Speaker meeting**                    Halton Room, Holiday Inn  
(Hosted by the Sub Committee Chairs)

**9:15 p.m.**                            **Ice Cream Social** (\$10.00 each) Halton Room, Holiday Inn

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024**

**8 :00 a.m.**                            **Registration**                                    Foyer - OCC

**8:30 – 8:45 a.m.**                    **First Time Attendee Overview**    Main Ballroom, OCC

**8:45 – 9:00 a.m.**                    **Welcome and Serenity Prayer**    Main Ballroom, OCC

**9:05 – 10:20 a.m.**                    **Workshops**

G.S.R. School	Main Ballroom, OCC	Dale S and Sandi W
D.C.M. School	Halton Room, Holiday Inn	Dan D
Alt. D.C.M. school	Bronte Room, Holiday Inn	Tammy S
Concepts 1 – 3	Prefunction Room A, OCC	Percy G
Area Sub-Committee chairs	Prefunction Room C, OCC	

**10:35 – 11:50 a.m. Workshops**

Secretaries/Treasurers	Main Ballroom, OCC	Jim A and Joanne L
Public Information	Pre-function Room A, OCC	Janice F and David N (D2)
Treatment	Halton Room East, Holiday Inn	Joel S and Karen F (D3)
Intergroup/Literature	Bronte Room, Holiday Inn	Tammy S and Joel T (D6)
Remote Comm./Access	Pre-function Room C, OCC	Karen F and Jaye A (D7)
Corrections	Halton Room West, Holiday Inn	Stephen H and Ann A (D8)
Archives ( <b>For Past Delegates and Invited Guests only</b> )	Location TBA	

**11:50 – 1:00 p.m.**    **Lunch** (Majestic Suite - Lower Level, Holiday Inn)

**1:00 p.m.    Open Assembly**

1. 12 Concepts
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Fall 2023 Assembly Minutes
4. 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition – Self Support

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| 5. Secretary/Registrar's Report | Joanne L |
| 6. Alternate Delegate's Report  | Tammy S  |
| 7. Delegate's Report            | Dan D    |

2:15 – 2:30 Break

2:30 – 3:30 Sub Committee Chair Reports (written/electronic copies to secretary)

3:30 – 4:00 Presentation: The ABC's of Conference Action Items Jeff S.

4:00 – 4:15 Break

**4:15 – 5:15 Workshops**

CPC	Bronte Room, Holiday Inn	Sarah R and Wayne M (D9)
Grapevine	Halton Room West, Holiday Inn	Jeff C and Dan M (D10)
Bridging the Gap	Prefunction Room C, OCC	Josh E and Doug P (D11)
Technology	Prefunction Room A, OCC	Dave D and Candy L (D12)
Archives	Halton Room East, Holiday Inn	Marlene S and Nick T (D13)
Traditions 1 – 3	Ballroom BC, OCC	Jan L and Fredy M

5:15 – 6:00 p.m. Break

**6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Banquet – Ballroom A, OCC**

7:30 – 7:45 p.m. Break

**7:45 – 9:00 p.m. Open Meeting: Chair: Dan D; Speaker: Jeff S  
Ballroom A, OCC**

**9:15 p.m. Ask It Basket Chair – Dan D, Panel - Past Delegates  
Ballroom A, OCC**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024**

**7:00 – 8:00 a.m. AA Open Meeting, Halton Room, Holiday Inn (District 9 to host)**

**8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Registration**

**8:30 – 8:45 a.m. First Time Attendee Orientation**

**9:00 a.m. Reconvene the Assembly (Ballroom, OCC)**

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1. 12 Concepts
2. Roll Call of the Assembly Secretary, Joanne L
3. Correspondence
4. 2023 Year End Financial Statement Treasurer, Jim A
5. 2024 Budget & Forecast Treasurer, Jim A
6. 2024 Financial Statement (Year to Date) Treasurer, Jim A
7. 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition – Self Support

- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m.            **BREAK**
- 10:15 – 11:20 a.m.        **District Committee Member Reports** (written reports to secretary)
- 11:20 – 11:50                **General Sharing Session**
- 11:50 – 1:00 p.m.         **LUNCH (Majestic Suite, Lower Level, Holiday Inn)**
- 1:00 p.m. – End

**Old Business**

1. Financial Review Ad Hoc Committee Report Dale S

**New Business**

1. **Motion: To approve the expenses for the 2024 Fall Assembly Speaker**

**Background:** The SOP's state that "The Area 86 Delegate will be responsible to select a speaker to attend the Area Assembly. Prior approval from the Area Assembly for expenses, within the budgeted amount, must be obtained."

2. **Motion by the Technology Sub Committee Chair: That the Guidelines/Job Description for the Technology Sub Committee Chairperson be returned to the Area Committee where responsibility for formulating the guidelines for all other Sub Committee Chairs subsists.**

**Background:** Historically the responsibility to draft the job descriptions and responsibilities for each of the Sub-Committee Chairs has been with the Area Committee. In 2023, a motion was brought to the Assembly to change the title of Newsletter/Website Sub Committee chair to Technology Sub-Committee chair. The specifics of the actual job description and responsibilities for the newly titled position were not dealt with at the Assembly. Because the issue was taken up by the Assembly, the historical authority of the Area Committee to change

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the job descriptions and responsibilities ceded from the Area Committee to the Assembly. This motion is brought to return authority to the Committee from the Assembly.

3. **Recommended: Motion to approve the Area 86 \$135.60 as the expense for the upcoming Eastern Canadian Delegate Orientation in March, 2024.**
4. **Motion: That Area 86 participate in and contribute 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the cost for Professional Translators at the bi-monthly CERASSA/ASTECCA Steering Committee meetings, not to exceed \$250.00 per year.**

**Background:** Bi-monthly (6 per year) CERASSA/ASTECCA steering committee meetings are held. Total cost estimate for adding interpretation to the virtual platform this year are estimated to be \$1,695.00. Area 86 contribution for the interpretation service to the end of 2024 is estimated to be \$169.50.

5. **Motion: that Area 86 contribute its proportionate share, being 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the total cost and not to exceed \$750.00, for Professional Translators at the 2025 CERASSA/ASTECCA conference to be held in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia in 2025.**

**Background:** The CERASSA/ASTECCA steering committee has asked that the 10 areas equally share in the cost of translation at the next CERASSA/ASTECCA meeting in 2025. The steering committee has asked for early commitment from the 10 Areas to pay their proportionate shares for budgeting purposes. Approval of the payment by the Assembly will enable Area 86 to assure the CERASSA/ASTECCA steering committee that it will pay its proportionate share when the time comes in early 2025.

6. **Motion by the Bracebridge Group: That Area form an ad hoc committee to investigate the feasibility and process necessary to have the pre-conference spring assembly changed to a post conference assembly and to provide an interim report to an area committee meeting no later than the area committee meeting in January 2025, and to provide a final report at the assembly immediately following the interim report.**

## **Announcements from the Chair**

### **Motion to Close the Assembly**

Close the Assembly with the Declaration of Unity followed by the Lord's Prayer for those who wish.

“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.”

Yours in love and service,

Jay R.

Chairperson, Panel 74

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**Upcoming Area 86 Meetings**

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| <b>Area Committee Meeting:</b> | <b>May 25, 2024 Hosted by District 21</b> (Details to follow)  |
| <b>Area Committee Meeting</b>  | <b>August – Hosted by District 12</b> (Details to follow)  |
| <b>Fall Assembly</b>           | <b>November 1, 2 and 3, 2024</b><br><b>Oakville Conference Centre and Holiday Inn Bronte</b><br>NOTE: Motions must be received in writing on or before<br>September 2, 2024) |
| <b>Area Committee Meeting</b>  | <b>January, 2025 hosted by District 11</b> (Tentatively, details<br>TBA)   |
| <b>Spring Assembly</b>         | <b>March 28, 29 and 30, 2025</b><br><b>Oakville Conference Centre and Holiday Inn Bronte</b><br>(NOTE: Motions must be received in writing on or before<br>January 27, 2025) |