

AA Edinburgh and Midlothian Intergroup

Minutes of Meeting on 29 January 2026

Date & Venue: 29 January 2026 at St Catherine's Convent

Preamble & Traditions: Jane read The Preamble and Steve read Traditions 1 to 12.

Statement on Offensive Behaviour and Inclusive Language: : Read by George "This group wants all members, whether new or long-standing, to be kept safe while participating in meetings and other AA activities. This group does not tolerate bullying, harassment, discriminatory behaviour or any other form of abuse or exploitation and wishes to foster an inclusive fellowship. Bad language often offends but it's absence never does."

Present	In Person	Zoom
	George (Chair)	Tom (GSR Willowbrae)
	Steve (Treasurer)	Susan (Telephone LO)
	Dave (Secretary)	Sharon (GSR St Catherines)
	Graeme (EComm)	Brian (GSR Palmerston)
	Moira (Prisons LO)	Fin (Observer COTGS Wednesday)
	Jane (GSR Portobello)	Tom (GSR Willowbrae)
	Gordon (Scotia Prisons LO))	Lorna (GSR Edinburgh Primary Purpose)
	Christine (Observer)	Grace (GSR Gayfield)
		Ryan (GSR COTGS)
		Jason (GSR Seaside Serenity)
		Cheryl (COTGS)

Apologies: Chloe (GSR Lipstick with the Winners), Loral (GSR Gayfield), Steven (Archivist), Chris (COTGS Tuesday), Davie (Sacred Heart Thursday)

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Accepted without amendment

Actions From Previous Meeting

1. George and Dave to progress development and publication of role descriptions.
Ongoing: (Dave has produced descriptions for Chair, Treasurer and Secretary roles. Remaining descriptions to be finalised, then published on web site.)
2. George to discuss filling the Prisons Liaison role with Josh.
Complete: (see appointment of new PLO below)
3. Brian to continue current convention organisation work, keep IG advised of progress and present proposal at next meeting.
Ongoing: (see agenda item below)
4. Steve to forward financial reports for circulation going forward.
Complete
5. George, Steve and Moira to discuss view on national financial communication with a view to delivering an appropriate message to GSO via region.
Complete: (Steve had drafted a message to be fed back to Region for discussion with George and Moira however Region has now sent an email to GRO expressing the same views).
6. Identify volunteers to facilitate and report on the Conference Questions meetings.
Complete: (see agenda item below).

Matters Arising

1. Edinburgh Convention

Brian addressed the meeting on behalf of the working committee. A convention proposal had been prepared and had been circulated to IG prior to the meeting. The theme of the convention is 'What Sobriety Means to You', and the programme had now been finalised. Norton Park convention centre had been booked at a cost of £737 (including appropriate staffing) for ten hours (11:00 to 21:00). The venue has a maximum capacity of 120. If required, the venue can supply daytime catering (i.e. lunch) for £300. The meeting agreed that, for simplicity, we opt in for the catering.

The meeting discussed pricing and attendance, with a number of options being considered. It was agreed that we aim for attendance of 80 at £10 per head as the target with 50 as a viable minimum. Steve advised that a contingency of £558 had been set aside which could be used to cover up-front costs and underwrite the event. The meeting discussed the possibility of a reduced rate for LEAP attendees however it was agreed that a flat rate would be appropriate.

Means of taking payment was discussed and the possibility of replicating the Perth Convention's QR code system along with PayPal options were considered. It was agreed that Steve and Graeme collaborate to find a suitable means of handling ticket sales. **Action point 1: Steve and Graeme to devise ticket sales mechanism.**

The meeting also discussed publicity and George stressed that with less than three months before the event all IG members market the event to their groups and wider Region and National contacts. Graeme has access to fliers from previous events and the meeting agreed that he and Brian collaborate to produce suitable publicity material for circulation. **Action point 2: Brian and Graeme to produce flier / publicity material.**

The meeting also discussed the format of sessions and shares. After some lengthy discussion it was agreed that both morning and afternoon sessions would be open, that shares would be by top-table fellows only and that AI-Anon would arrange a second room to hold their session(s) as

required.

George proposed that, due to the proximity of the event, organising duties and decisions be delegated to IG members as trusted servants and this was agreed by the meeting. George also thanked the convention committee again for the work they had put into the event.

2. Intergroup Conscience Feedback to Region on 2026 Conference Questions

IG workshops are being held on 5th and 12th February to gather views and opinions on the 2026 conference questions. George asked for volunteers to facilitate these workshops, clarifying that the role would be chairing the meetings and consolidating results to feed back to Region. Cheryl said that she may be able to facilitate the workshops and George agreed that he would circulate a message to IG members about the workshops and that, in the absence of firm volunteers, he would be prepared to facilitate. George also clarified that where written responses were received from groups and individuals, these would not be forwarded verbatim to Region but substantial unanimity would be sought to represent an agreed Intergroup position.

Action point 3: George to circulate message regarding Conference Question workshops.

3. Update on Region Assembly and Options For Intergroup Representation at Region Level

George reiterated the current vacancy of Region Rep and that he had attended the recent Scotia Region meeting. He had previously circulated a summary of the meeting and briefly highlighted the main points, being:

- A lack of take up of service roles across region (at both IG and region level)
- The setting up of a working group, of which George is a member, to discover why this is and what can be done about it,
- Following the successful EURYPAA convention last year, the proposed setting up of a Scottish Young Persons' Convention. The meeting was supportive, but clarification was sought over how this would integrate into the over AA structure
- Potential changes to the service structure in Scotland to help overcome the service issues above were briefly discussed but no concrete action emerged.

Group Reports and Service Reports

No written or verbal group reports had been submitted or presented on this occasion.

Treasurer's Report

Steve had submitted the Year-to-Date Financial Report which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Steve noted that the budget was again balanced and that bank charges were now being levied. The insurance premium has been paid which covers all groups registered within Edinburgh and Midlothian. Steve has also produced a spreadsheet which can be used by groups to keep track of their Tradition 7 monies and is available on request from him.

Steve also advised the meeting that his tenure as Treasurer would be ending in November of this year and asked fellows to consider whether they would be prepared to take on this role when he leaves post.

AOCB

1. Appointment of Prison Liaison Officer

Josh is now rotating out of the PLO role and George thanked him for the service he had performed in that role. Moira was proposed by Gordon to take over as PLO and she gave a resume of her experience in AA. Steve seconded her proposal and she was unanimously elected into the role. The meeting wished her good luck in her new position.

2. Appointment of Telephone Liaison Officer

Susan has volunteered for the role of Telephone Liaison Officer. She gave a resume of her experience in AA and she was unanimously elected into the role by the meeting. She is currently undertaking training from the TLO in Glasgow. The meeting wished her good luck in her new position. **Action point 4: Dave to liaise with Graeme to transfer Prisons email address to Moira and set up a new AAmail TLO address for Susan.**

3. Representation at Boroughmuir School Presentation on 11 February

Dave advised the meeting that he had received an email from the Deputy Head at Boroughmuir High School regarding a presentation on 11 February. Dave had confirmed with Dougie (former PILO) that this had been arranged in the hope that a new PILO would be in post by then. No PILO is currently in post and there were no volunteers to give the presentation. Dave agreed to get back to Dougie who had offered to deliver the presentation if no volunteer could be found. Ryan expressed an interest in taking on such a role in future and the possibility of him accompanying Dougie on the 11th was discussed. Ryan undertook to check his availability and advise Dave accordingly. **Action point 5: Dave to liaise with Dougie and Ryan to facilitate delivery of presentation.**

4. Appointment to FROC Service

Dave had been contacted by Loral, GSR at Gayfield, who had expressed an interest in undertaking a role in the FROSC service. As the TLO is responsible for recruiting and co-ordinating FROSC service, the meeting agreed that Loral and Susan discuss how to take this forward. **Action point 6: Dave to facilitate contact between Susan and Loral.**

There was no other business.

The meeting closed with The Serenity Prayer.

Date of Next Meeting: 26th March 2026

Summary of Action Points

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