

Delegates Report

February executive Meeting

Good evening, it has been a busy month for me as I prepared for CERAASA and have attended a few orientation meetings/committee meetings. I will start my report with a quick report back on what happened at CERAASA 2025.

- There were approximately 150+ people in attendance with all 10 Areas Represented
- Luca represented Area 85 well as he gave a great presentation on “Living the principles, Accepting our Differences”
- All other Alternate Delegates gave presentations as well (Except for Areas 88, 86, 89 and 81 due to the business meeting going an hour over schedule)
- I ate Ice Cream with all the toppings
- Notes from Eastern Canada Trustee report:
 - o Reminder to promote GSO Podcast (Our Primary Purpose)
 - o Grapevine App downloads
 - 5,571 La vina
 - 14,142 Grapevine
 - \$22,776.93 app income after 3 years
 - o Total Grapevine subscriptions
 - 59,189 Grapevine (Up 8.5% from 2023)
 - 7,492 La Vina (Up 17% from 2023)
 - o 17,000 Downloads for Grapevine from Online Bookstore
- From Trustee at Large Canada
 - o Online Groups
 - 2021 – 595 groups (300 GSR’s)
 - 2022 – 883 groups (587 GSR’s)
 - 2023 – 1168 groups (752 GSR’s)
- Notes from Business meeting
 - o Approximately 100 voting members
 - o Quebec City (Area 89) was accepted as the site for CERAASA 2027

- The next day they had to take back their bid as there was a scheduling conflict with the proposed Hotel site
 - Drummondville (Area 88) was then selected (By unanimous vote) as the site for CERAASA 2027
- New Business Items
- Everything presented orally at CERAASA will be submitted in advance to allow translation by a translator. Translation priority given to summary of the delegate workshops
 - Passed with 1 opposed
 - Each Area is responsible for printing and disseminating flyers for CERAASA
 - Passed unanimously
 - Include in the CERAASA Guidelines: Information on the CERAASA Website should be available in English, French and Spanish
 - Tabled (Lack of information on cost to update website)
 - The CERAASA Steering Committee recommends to the body that the CERAASA Guidelines to be updated to say that all translation services at CERAASA Assemblies be professional in nature.
 - Passed unanimously with one failed amendment and much vigorous discussion
 - The cost of professional interpretation services at CERAASA assemblies be covered by the registration fee.
 - Motion Failed
 - This would mean that costs would ultimately be covered by Area (If Assembly is in the red)
 - The CERAASA Guidelines to be updated to indicate that both the Eastern Canada Regional Trustee and Trustee at Large Canada should be invited and reimbursed to attend each CERAASA.
 - Motion was tabled to the 2027 CERAASA due to time constraints
- I also facilitated two workshops on the two committees I am assigned to (Corrections and IC/RF) as well as I gave a two-minute report on Area 85

Thank you so much for this opportunity to represent Area 85 at CERAASA and I hope I represented the area well.

After talking to another Delegate at the service Assembly, me and Luca thought it would be a good idea to hold a workshop prior to the Area assembly to go through all the Agenda Items being brought forward at the GSC and narrow down the items of interest to the area at the workshop to be held the night before the Area Assembly. I will make a notice of this for the agenda.

Once again, thank you so much for allowing me to be of service, I greatly benefited from attending CERAASA and look forward to the months to follow.

In love and service,

Joel C.