

Ohio Area Assembly Meeting
May 18, 2013

Delegate, Rex M.-

Trustee Invite to 2 Day Fall Assembly. While going to NCRDM in Milwaukee it was talked about inviting a Trustee to Ohio 2 Day Fall Assembly. Your Delegate sent request to World Service Office. Good news, WSO sent approval of Trustee from Atlanta, Ga. to attend our Assembly. Ginny C., Sandy F., and I were on the trip.

Letter to Read to Assembly: I received a letter from Connecticut to share with our Area thanking us for letters sent from Ohio.

Travel to Virginia Beach started at 4:00AM, April 13, 2013 - heading to Akron / Canton airport to board flight to Charlotte, NC, then to Norfolk, Virginia. Shuttle took us to Virginia Beach. Walking to shuttle, I saw Jo Etta and Patrick - Just great seeing them. Weather was great.

Saturday we were pretty much on our own. Getting unpacked and settled in. Dinner with other Delegates and WSO officers. Tired!! Lot of talk with other Delegates as they arrived

Sunday, April 14, 2013

Registration started at 8 AM. We picked up our notebooks and signed in.

Orientation Meeting next - Introduced the Leadership Team.

Then we attended Task / Thought Forces. I was on the Literature Committee. Looking forward to working on Literature.

Sharing Area Highlights: Introduce yourself and share a minute of Highlights from your Area. Started with writing highlights of 300 words, then reducing to about 100 words. When speaking, it was to take one minute.

Opening Dinner: Sunday Conference opened. Then we had a speaker that works at WSO. I have known Mary Lou for quite a few years. She has been very helpful when I have had questions and requested help.

Monday, April 15, 2013

7:00 AM Panel Pictures taken.

General Session: Delegates and others have assigned seats. We have a seating motion, Roll call, and Orientation.

Voting Procedures were presented - Electronic used or simple raise of hands.

Policy Discussion - Anonymity

Conference Goals:

1. The Spiritual Tone of the Conference will prevail by the demonstration of mutual respect and acceptable conduct as its members presumes goodwill.
2. Conference members will understand the purpose of the conference and relationship within the structure.
 - a. Make decisions of AI-Anon.
 - b. Equal, in agreement as much as possible - Info back to Areas.
3. Knowing our higher power is present in the expression of our group conscience. Conference members will be able to support and communicate Conference decisions.

Dual members: Members of AI-Anon also members of AA. AA and AI-Anon differs

- Primary purpose
- Tradition 5
- Focus

Conflict of Interest:

- Adherence Tradition 4

Retention of newcomers and experienced AI-Anon members:

- Develop Newcomer packet.
- Page 38 - Service Manual.

Tuesday: April 16, 2013

Announcements, Voting Procedures, and Agenda Highlights.

Policy Discussion-Public Relations

1. Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to amend the text on pages 107-109 AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, "Digest of AI-Anon/Alateen Policies," 'Public Relations' becomes 'Public Outreach'. These and other changes will be in new Service Manual. The section on Anonymity writing to be changed.

2. Full Pay vs. Equalized Expense. This is payment for WSC. Concern is some Area's may not be able to afford WSC in future. WSO pays out \$252 per group.

3. Literature changes: 2012 Summary - amended By-Laws to be added to 2013 Summary.
"How Al-Anon Works" to be offered e-book in three languages for \$11.99.
Digital only "How Al-Anon Works" (no cd) for \$24.99

4. Alateen online Group Records - password protected, can run report, read only. Delegate can open and change.

Wednesday: April 17, 2013

Alateen Love Gifts: Wrist bands with KOMIAC on them and Lanyards that Rose gave to me to take to World Service Conference - All gone within one day, plus other love gifts from Ohio.

Concern: Literature sales have dropped off; Forum sales down; Donations have slowed; Increased prices on some literature.

PSA-1 - received a copy of TV PSA Titled "Portraits III". We can view the PSA and see what it is like. It is available from Customer Service at WSO.

Anonymity: Changed writings in Service Manual. Many motions made and voted on.

New Book to be released at International - the Legacies workbook, "Reaching for Personal Freedom -Living the Legacies" on track to be ready at International. Another book, "Intimacy" still in works – need more writings from males.

Thursday: April 18, 2013

Friday: April 19, 2013

Breakfast @ 7 am - Board meeting.

Packed bags to depart. Shuttle at 12:30 Norfolk Airport.

Flight ended up delayed and then cancelled, due to weather in Charlotte. Had to find motel for night.

Saturday, April 20, 2013

Shuttle to Norfolk Airport. Check with US Airways for standby and able to get two. I got into Akron / Canton a day late.

A letter from Connecticut was read. The Al-Anon groups there thanked us for supporting them during Hurricane Sandy.

There have been policy changes on pages I 07 & 109 of the Service Manual. They will be posted on the Members' website.

Rex M -Delegate -Panel 52- Ohio