

AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING  
March 05, 2011

CHAIRMAN: Barbara W Dear AWSC members

Thank you for your participation (physically, or in spirit!) at our meeting on Saturday. Below (and attached) are the bullet points from our meeting. Please share this information with the Group Representatives in your District, so our Ohio Al-Anon membership is informed.

*We opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Steve A. read the Traditions and Rose R read the Concepts and Warranties. We conduct knowledge based decision making here in Ohio. There is no more motion madness. An informed group conscience through the KBDM is done before motions are formed which allows for dialogue keeping personalities out!*

*Districts represented- 30 members were present representing districts:*

For those of you who were present, thank you for your attendance. I really appreciate your help in preparing a box of "message in a bottle" love gifts to send to the World Service Conference (WSC). Who knows where your message will be picked up - in an Area in Canada, an Area in the Northwest region, who knows? Someone, somewhere will receive the message you carried in your note in the prescription bottle.♦♦

We accomplished a lot on Saturday and your willingness to stay on topic assisted us all in that endeavor. This is just a brief recap. The minutes will follow in a matter of weeks (since there is a proposed By-Law change). All Group Representatives will receive a packet of information regarding the required changes (Ohio law) in Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service certification.

SECRETARY'S REPORT- Merri G

Barbara asked for a motion to approve the minutes without corrections. Steve F voted to approve the minutes and Phil H seconded it. I want to thank everyone who sent me their reports early.

TREASURER REPORT- Robin R

Balance as of 12-31-10	\$35031.22
Income after 12-31-10 was	\$2097.15
Expense after 12-31-10 was	\$-3513.25
Balance as of 03-01-11 is	\$33615.12

ALTERNATE DELEGATE/NEWS LETTER: Janice R

Well for me, I'm sure glad to see winter coming to an end and that spring is in sight. February was the snowiest February ever in the Toledo area, and then came the ice storm. The rain this weekend is a big improvement.

For various reasons the winter edition of Al-A-Notes was a little late, but you should have received your copy. Since I am having foot surgery in April, I would like to get the next issue done before the surgery. Since this is an election year and a new panel will be voted on, I have asked the Officers and Coordinators to give a brief description of their service position and how it has helped them in their service journey. Sandy gave us all notebooks to write down what we do. This is to be passed on to the next person, who will be serving in that position. If you haven't started to do that, now would be a good time to start since it is the beginning of a new year. The deadline is March 21st or sooner if possible.

District Reps please let me know what is going on in and around your districts. It is helpful to let other areas of the state know what is working in your part of the state. I have a new email address which I sent to everyone but in case you didn't get it for some reason it is: janicer6328@yahoo.com. In the description area put Al-A-Notes. Use a size 10 font.

Just a reminder, The Al-A-Notes goes to all AWSC members and all group representatives. If you want your own personal subscriptions just let me know. Quite a few personal subscriptions expired with this edition. If yours was one of them and you want to renew yours see me sometime before the day is over.

I have a letter ready to go out to all the New Group Representatives that attended the 2-Day Fall Assembly last October with information that will be of help to them, and little reminders of what to bring with them.

On March 18th, 19th and 20th, I will be attending the North Central Regional Delegates Meeting at the Columbia Club in Indianapolis IN with our Delegate Sandy F. and Past Delegate/Chairman Barbara W. I am really looking forward to spending time with these ladies and see how much I can learn about what goes on at the World Service Conference in Virginia Beach, VA.

For your reading pleasure: On the Al-Anon website there is a blog on the Concepts of Service written by Ric B. Executive Director of the World Service Office. If you haven't read this, I urge you to do so. It is very helpful in understanding the Concepts and how we can apply them to groups and district but also to our personal lives. This is NOT conference approved literature. Do not make copies and pass them out at your meeting unless you get permission to do so from the World Service Office, but you can print it off for your personal use. For me, it is easier to read after I print something out rather than sitting and reading off the computer screen. The site is [www.al-anon.org.lmembers/TheConcepts](http://www.al-anon.org.lmembers/TheConcepts).

DELEGATE'S REPORT- Sandra F-Panel 49-Ohio

One of the responsibilities of the Area Delegate is to keep the AWSC contact list up to date with WSO. Would you check your information on contact sheet on our Area World Service Members list? Attached to the list are sheets of paper on which corrections can be made. Early next week I will send the additions and corrections to WSO.

WSO uses our list for addresses so they can send a copy of Area Highlights and other information during the year to all AWSC members.

Please make sure your information is correct.

Speaking of Area Highlights how surprised I was to see an article I had written for Al-A-Notes included in the Winter 2010 issue. Watch for the next issue. Maybe there will be an article by someone from Ohio.

Have you checked out the podcasts on the members' website? Member's sharings on these podcasts were taken from responses to the "Unlimited Abundant Resources Skills Inventory" Janice told everyone about in 2009. If members are interested in participating in future WSO projects like

Thought Forces or podcasts, they are encouraged to complete the Skills Inventory available on the members' website. Click on Survey. Have you heard of any groups being selected for the Family Health project? One DR e-mailed me that a group in their district had been selected. Are there other groups you know about?

WSO has an opening. The position of Associate Director of Member Services -Group Services, Spanish has been posted on the members' website. The successful candidate for this position must be proficient in oral and written communications skills in English and Spanish, have five years active Al-Anon membership, have experience in the Al-Anon Service Structure, and be willing to relocate to Virginia Beach, VA. An application can be found on the members' website.

The new Service Manual is available. Have you looked at the new edition? It now is not only a spiral edition but it also has tabs for quick reference. Groups At Work has been revised also the Digest of Al-anon/Alateen policies has revised sections and a new section relating to Alateen policies. Anything that is new to the Service Manual has a bold line beside it in the margin.

Let's look at one of the additions. Look on page 95, the section about Payment of Speakers. It says, "In keeping with the Eighth Tradition, Al-Anon speakers are reimbursed for expenses only. *"BUT what if we really want to say thank you? Also, I have been told a piece of Conference Approved Literature or a handmade gift related to recovery can also be given as a way of saying thank you.*

## COORDINATOR AND STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND CONVENTIONS

### ALATEEN - Yvonne R

We are starting to look at Colleges for when Ohio hosts KOM IAC 2012. We are having a walk through on May 15th at Baldwin Wallace in Cleveland. Where we had KOMIAC in Ohio last time. We will be discussing this further at the spring rally in April. The Spring Rally will be in Columbus on Saturday, April 16th. It begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends about 4:00 p.m.; anyone can attend who would be interested in being involved in Alateen service.

The sponsor workshop is March 19th In Columbus. We start about 9:30 Am. and end about 3:30 p.m., that is where any Al-Anon member wanted to be involved with Alateen service can attend along with our present sponsors. It helps to get to know who are Ohio Alateen Sponsors are if you would like information on that please see Barbara and she will give you my email address.

I know we are still working on getting everyone their AMIS certification notice. Rex might be able to clarify when we need to be compliant. know there has been some confusion when the forms are to be in. KOMIAC 2011 will be in Michigan this year

ARCHIVES- Sharon B

There is a new project in place for the next three years. We will work to obtain all start dates of meetings in our state. The Archive coordinator will partner with the group records to update this information.

### FORUM - Shirley M

The Executive Committee recently made a decision to change the Forum magazine's tagline from "A Meeting in My Pocket" to "Sharing Recovery, Unity, and Service, effective with the April issue.

### GROUP RECORDS- Judy A

Please keep me up to date with any group changes within your districts. These changes could include an address change to a meeting place, new contact person, new GR, new email addresses and new meeting times. I just received an Email from Valerie at WSO. It is important that I become a part of E-Community which I have tried to do in the past without success. I am going to call WSO on 3-9-11 to ask for help to become involved.

### LITERATURE - Ginny C-

WSO has available two power point displays that are literature quizzes. These may be nice for workshops. A preview will be shown at the Assembly in May. See me if you want a copy via Email. A yahoo group has been formed for the Fellowship Communications Action Committee. Please look in your mail or junk mail for an invitation if you are on this committee. A wide literature selection and meeting topics are available with the click of a 2Voices, One Journey"

### PUBLIC OUTREACH - Vicki M-absent- report given by Sandy F

Public Outreach is one of the ongoing activities for all AFG members. Keeping that in mind, I have available for you today a few copies of Attraction and Cooperation for you to take to you home group and share with the group. Maybe it will spark a discussion on what else the group can do for Public Outreach.

The other hand out is S-21 *Seventh Tradition*. Contributions are used for Public Outreach at all levels.

The Addiction Studies Institute is August 17-19, 2011. It is an educational event for professionals who work with persons with addiction concerns. ASG of Ohio will once again have an informational booth at this event.

I am asking for approval to ask Assembly to approve the allocation of funds in the amount of \$1200 for the addiction Studies Institute which is a Public Outreach opportunity.

### BUDGET - Steve F

The budget committee met at Sandra F. Delegates home at 6:00pm last evening. Members of the committee are Steve F, Chair, Sandra F, Delegate. Barbara W. Chairman of area, Robin R-Treasurer of area, and Kathryn M, Cleveland District Representative.

We added the budget balance to excess funds per motion. amount \$2297.07. We computed the amount available for 2011 budget operation, \$11618.63. We added to Assembly funds where it is necessary to maintain balances. Action Committee \$500, OAC Fund \$100, Total \$600. Subtract \$600 from total income \$11618.63 gives us \$11018.63 available for 2011 budget. We distributed this amount between the budget items for 2011. I will present this proposed budget to assembly in May. I will also be asking for approval to bring the equipment fund back to \$2000 to compensate for the purchase of the LCD projector. One budget adjustment of \$23.63 was moved to the budget committee from the Treasurer.

### BY-LAWS & HANDBOOK -Barbara M- absent

REVIEW AND AUDIT- Donna K-absent

OHIO WEBSITE-MIKE absent

Attached is my preliminary report that I usually submit to the AWSC for review before the Spring Assembly. It's always bittersweet for me to see our Web traffic continue to increase; it's nice to see the popularity of the site, but it also shows more and more people are in need of help. If you have any questions about the report, please don't hesitate to email me.

I have not received any further reports of spam issues from our trusted servants; I assume all is going well. Please let me know if it's still a problem. I will not be able to attend AWSC this weekend but I will be at the May 14 Spring Assembly.

Nothing to report from the Thought Force since Fall:

Question: Has it been three years since I took on this position? Wow. I'm still thinking about offering OAA another term of service if no one else has stepped up, but I have some things in the works in my personal life/business life that might interfere. Still thinking about it. I have also been keeping an eye out for prospective replacements that I feel comfortable nominating/recommending. And of course, I will continue to keep our Web emeritus (Dennis) in the loop. :-)

Over 24,000 unique visitors (unique IP addresses) visited the OAA in 2010.

During this past January and February we are seeing substantial increases in unique visitors to the OAA web site compared to the same months last year; an increase of over 25%.

45% of unique visitors are coming to us from the WSO Web site. The rest are coming from Google and Bing, AA, About.com, Ohio Al-Anon area web sites, and various other sources. For a complete list, go to: <http://69.90.236.54:8585/awstats/awstats.pl?config=ohioal-anon.org>

Web: Mike K. (webmaster@ohioal-anon.org)

COMPLAINCE LIASON AND AAPP- Rex M

A reminder to all groups to do annual Updates of Al-Anon registration Group Record change forms. Send forms as directed. Please note that state forms need to be renewed too. Also, remember that all Alateen forms must go through the AAPP which is my position. Once they are sent to me I will forward them to the WSO or file them. I have been getting e-mails from WSO concerning address changes and AMIAS/ Al-Anon Registration/Group Records forms with mistakes. I continue receiving AMIAS forms for processing.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN- Phil H.

A sign in sheet is going around.

## 2-DAY FALL ASSEMBLY AND CONVENTIONS

2-DAY FALL ASSEMBLY- 2010 Districts of Cincinnati-Theresa M

Amy, Blanche, Margaret, Diane, and I would like to thank the Ohio Area Assembly for the opportunity to serve our fellowship. The hotel considered that we met our contract obligations even though we were short on "room nights"(47 instead of 55). 79 banquet tickets were sold and 77 were served. Our speaker was Carol P former District 16 Representative. The total attendance was 77 members. There were 57 voting GRs on Saturday and 49 on Sunday. As best as we can determine, the even cost OAA \$828.91 plus whatever is reimbursed to the Officers and Coordinators who attended the meeting and banquet. Complete financial information is being turned over to the Audit & Review Committee and the Treasurer. We have prepared folders for Archives, the 2-day Fall Liaison and 2011 Fall host committee. We had an excess in the money collected for the banquet in the amount of \$154.62 and we also refunded one \$30 ticket to Cheryl B who could not attend due to a car accident.

2-DAY FALL AND CONVENTION/CONFERENCE LIASON- Karen M

The 2011 Two day Fall Assembly meeting will be held October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Embassy Suites Columbus North at the intersection of Cleveland Avenue and I-270, in Columbus, Ohio.

Room rate is \$99 for one to six persons per room. Breakfast is included the price of the room.

Banquet and break choices have been received by the committee and is considering the choices. Final choices will be announced at the Spring Assembly and fliers will be available that day also.

The event planner we had been working with moved to North Carolina so the committee is now working with a new planner.

OHIO AREA AL-ANON/ALATEEN CONVENTION 2011- Ed W.

The Ohio Area Convention is the first weekend in June (June 3rd, 4th and 5th at the Holiday Inn in Dayton-Fairborn), across from Wright State just off of I-675. The address is 2800 Presidential Dr in Fairborn, OH 45324. When registering use promo code; Ohio Al-Anon. Rooms are \$99.00 plus tax with up to four people in a room. The cutoff date for registering is May 13th 2011. Please contact Ed W at [ewoods5@woh.rr.com](mailto:ewoods5@woh.rr.com). His phone number is 937-371-0282. The Theme is "60 Years of Winners!"

Group code is ALA when you make the reservation if these links don't work. Al-Anon

<http://www.holidayinn.com/botels/us/en/fairbornltnbnpd/hoteldetail?destination=2800+PRESIDENTIAL+DR+FAIRBORN+omo+United+States&hotelCode=FBNPD&groupCode=ALA&execute=basic>

## DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, May 7 2011 from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm at the Shaker Heights Library in Shaker Heights Ohio, the Cleveland meetings of districts is having their Spring Workshop. Admission is free and no registration is required. Coffee, water and snacks will be provided. Lunch on your own. Please call Barbara C with any questions at 216-382-7375.

Dear District Representative,

Please consider announcing the information contained in this letter at your next district meeting.

In 2008, the Universal Understanding of Recovery Theme Work Group (UUR Theme Group) began to discuss how best to get the message of the

need for family recovery to the professional community. As the group began its discussions, they realized there is no known clear definition of family recovery, making it difficult to convey a need for such a thing. From February of 2009 to November of 2010, three surveys were conducted to create a definition of family recovery that was acceptable to the fellowship.

The UUR theme group feels like it has fairly accurately defined family recovery based on the previous survey participants' feedback. We would like you to rate your level of acceptance of this definition. The survey can be found on the Members' Web site on the orange side bar under the tab, "Surveys for Members." The survey will be open from Monday, March 7th, until Saturday, April 30th, 2011, midnight PST. Your feedback on the survey is greatly anticipated.

If you have any questions regarding this survey, please feel free to contact the WSO Information Analyst, Nicolette Stephens, at 757.563.1600 or e-mail her at Nicolette@al-anon.org.

Thanks for all the service work you do in Al-Anon Family Groups. Yours in service, UUR Theme Group Background for the UUR Theme Group Development of a Family Recovery Definition:

In 2004, the Board of Trustees of Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. developed a strategic plan in order to help increase the visibility and accessibility of Al-Anon Family Groups. One of the plan's themes is "Universal Understanding of Recovery." For more information about the plan, please see "Publications"; "World Service Conference Summaries" on the Members' Web site. Inside the 2010 Summary please select the "2009 Annual Report" from the side bar and search for "Strategic Plan" in the search bar.

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In February of 2009, the UUR theme group posted a survey entitled "Help Us Define Family Recovery" on the Al-Anon Family Groups Members' Web site. The goal of the survey was to collect data from members regarding their experience with family recovery that could potentially aide in developing a definition of family recovery. Members were also given the opportunity to provide contact information (an e-mail address) so they could participate in future surveys regarding this topic, as well as other Al-Anon surveys. A total of 664 Al-Anon members participated in the survey. In September of 2010, a second survey was posted to test five definitions of family recovery that the UUR theme group developed based on the data collection in February 2009. It was offered via e-mail to the 664 members that participated in the initial data collection. They were asked to rank the 5 definitions in order of preference, rate each definition on a scale of 1(I cannot stand this definition) to 5 (I think this definition is the best definition of family recovery). Then members were asked to pick apart each definition, listing what parts of the definition they liked and which parts they would change. If members listed words they would change, we asked them to give suggestions for changes. A total of 246 members participated in this survey yielding a 37% response rate.

In November of 2010, a third survey was posted using the same methods as before for refinement This survey opportunity was offered via e-mail to the 246 members that participated in round two of the data collection. A total of 182 members participated in this survey yielding a 74% response rate.

The analysis of the third survey revealed two clearly favored definitions. These definitions were very close in ranking; almost identical in fact. However, these definitions displayed that there were two very different perspectives of family recovery held by the fellowship. One definition focused on individual recovery benefiting the family as a whole while the other definition focused on the goal of working together as a family to achieve recovery. Another idea also surfaced more clearly as the members had become fairly familiar with the definitions being tested; they wanted the definition to state what they were recovering from.

As the UUR theme group looked at the results of the survey, they opted to combine these two ideas into one definition and to add the reason for "the recovery." We look forward to receiving your input in this survey. The survey can be found on the Members' Web site on the orange side bar under the tab "Surveys for Members." The survey will be open until April 30th, 2011.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Sandra F., our Ohio Delegate will request approval of funds up to \$1200 from our Reserve to participate in the Addictions Studies Institute Convention in Columbus in late August. The Budget Committee can approve up to \$300 for special coordinator projects, so assembly approval is needed for the additional expenditure. Sandy will provide detailed information on how the money will be used, but briefly, funds are needed for pamphlets, Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2011, meals and transportation expenses for the Al-Anon member volunteers manning the booth, the rental of the booth space, and an Al-Anon logo table cloth (that can be used for years to come). The table cloth would help Ohio Al-Anon reflect proudly as the nonprofit organization it is.

\*\*The AWSC approved our participation in an inventory. This is for AWSC only (at this time). Please fill out the form and mail to me, or submit it at assembly. My home address is 2350 Royal Manor Place; Fairfield, OH 45014. You can also complete this online (and it is sent to my email).\*\*

[http://ohioal-anon.org/fonns/committee\\_inventory\\_form.htm](http://ohioal-anon.org/fonns/committee_inventory_form.htm)

#### SPECIAL REQUEST

Please keep Sandy in your prayers as she serves at the 51st World Service Conference. You may send her a note/card of encouragement to:

Sandra F. (hold for WSC)  
Wyndham VA Beach O-F  
5700 Atlantic Avenue  
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Please mail these to arrive between April 9-16. Use her home address as the return address:

3223 Cranston Dr.  
Dublin, OH 43017-1920

#### KNOWLEDGE BASED DECISION MAKING FORMS

*Topic:* Establish a permanent Special Standing Committee for Registration-KBDM

## **BACKGROUN INFORMATION – WHAT WE KNOW**

### Historical perspective

A Special Standing Committee for Registration was created at the Fall Assembly in October, 2009. Its purpose, as stated at that time was "to take responsibility for registration at assemblies from the Secretary to a Standing Committee responsible to the Secretary and Group Records".

The registration report is turned over to the Area Secretary. Fees collected are turned over to the Area Treasurer. A copy of all new GR's is furnished to the Area Group Records Coordinator and the original is turned over to the Secretary.

Currently, the Committee prepares the name badges for the attendees. New attendee badges are done by hand, and then prepared on computer for future Assemblies. The Committee also prepares the sign-in sheets for the two AWSC meetings as well as prepares the names for the drawing at the 2-Day Fall Assembly.

This has been a pilot program to allow the Area Secretary to be in attendance when the Assembly is called to order so the minutes can be taken, and to allow the Area Group Records Coordinator to attend the new GR orientation meeting, without the necessity of being present at the registration table.

**Existing motions that pertain to this topic:** Motion 2009-2, which established the Committee.

### **What do we know about our membership's needs, wants and preferences?**

The membership seems to have been very pleased with the ease of registration since the Committee has been formed. The Committee is able to set up early and be in position when the attendees begin arriving.

### **What do we know about our capacity (resources)?**

Currently, two people serve on the Committee, which is sufficient. However, the Committee has also discussed having one person attend the new GR orientation meeting to register those people separately. This seems to create the biggest bottleneck at the registration table. Creating this Committee will add a budget requirement for the Committee members to have lodging and meal expenses paid on Friday night, so the Committee can be set up by 9:30 AM on Saturday morning, presuming the start time is 10:00 AM for the new GR orientation meeting.

### **What are the implications of our choices? (pros and cons)**

Pro - Establishing the committee avoids double headed management -responsibility is fixed with the committee.

Pro - Establishing the committee streamlines the registration process. The committee prepares, in advance, the name badges for returning attendees.

Con - Establishing the committee creates a budgetary requirement for funding lodging and meals for two additional persons at the 2-Day Fall Assembly

### **What we wish we knew, but don't:**

Is there a simpler way to handle the registration?

*Questions and Clarification* -no timing or microphone limitations

*Need for motion!* If so, use motion form provided by Chair

Yes-the current Handbook must be amended to add this Committee Presented by: Phil H, Registration Committee

## **TASK FORCE**

### Adult Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) Task Force-KBDM

**Charge:** Recommendation of specific changes in the minimum safety and behavioral requirements for eligibility of certification as an Adult Member Involved in Alateen Service. Inclusion of recommended procedural changes is requested (i.e. if changes result in an incurred expense, how will this expense be paid and by whom?).

**Background information** -What we know (including historical perspective)

According to our most recent approved By-Laws, Ohio AI-Anon currently has established Minimum Safety and Behavioral Requirements. This includes an AI-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) form which is completed by the member interested in service in Ohio Area 44. Then they will follow the process outlined on page 7 of the By-Laws (Item 3a -c). At this time, approval is based on the member being approved by their District Representative and Alateen Process Person. This is submitted to WSO and a number is generated.

In the United States 48 out of 50 of the states are now requiring background checks and have it as part of the AMAIS process to be an Alateen Sponsor. Ohio at this time does not.

Legal counsel was obtained and it has been determined that Ohio AI-Anon is not in compliance with State Law regarding the protection of minors.

Legal counsel has strongly recommended that we add a background check to our process.

**Existing motions that pertain to this topic** - (from Handbook and By-Laws)

There are no existing motions in reference to this topic. We do have Alateen Safety Guidelines as part of the AMAIS application but no pending motions prior to this.

### **What do we know about our membership's needs, wants and preferences?**

We know that this is of great concern and importance to our Groups in Ohio. This was determined through the Group Services meetings at the past two assemblies and during the Group Services report provided at the Ohio Spring 2010 Assembly. There is a need to protect the safety and wellbeing of our Alateen members, who are a part of AI-Anon. There is a need to ensure that the reputation of Alateen sponsors is that of being safe in the State of Ohio.

**What do we know about our capacity (resources -including financial and volunteer):** Administratively this may cause an administrative burden on the APP (Alateen Process Person) Cost of a background check per person can cost between \$22 - \$30.

If we defer this cost to each member who is going through the process, that cost is eliminated. If we absorb the cost as AFG of Ohio, this could be in the neighborhood of \$7000 or more dollars in the first year and then reduce each year.

We will need to determine how many AI-Anon members will submit to the checks. As we will need to include pending and current Alateen Sponsors and AMAIS members to the process in order to be compliant.

We may also have current Alateen Sponsors who leave this service or AI-Anon as a result.

### **What are the implications of our choices? (pro and con)**

Pros:

Safety and wellbeing of our Alateen members. Legal compliance in the State of Ohio

Cons:

Leaving our trusted servants (DRs, APP, etc.) open to legal action by a parent or child. AFG of Ohio could be held liable for not being in Compliance

with the State Law of Ohio.

**What we wish we knew, but don't:** Reaction of current Alateen Sponsors

If the cost of \$20-30 of a background cost will impact that decision If Districts could handle the cost of the background checks

**Recommended motion(s):**

Motion# 1: Add a step to current AMIAS process -which is the addition of a background check

Motion #2: Require all current Alateen Sponsors in the State of Ohio to participate in a background check.

Subsequent Motions based on these first two being passed could include:

Motion #3 a: Require all AMIAS applicants to pay their own background check fees

Motion #3 b: Require all AMAIS applicants District to pay for their background check

Motion #3 c: Set aside Moneys in the Ohio Assembly General Fund to pay for the cost of background checks for the AMAIS applicants Task Force members:

Yvonne R. -Ohio Alateen Coordinator -Phil H.-Kathy P. Allen D. Sharon B. -Ohio Archives Coordinator (Group Services Action Committee)

*MOTIONS:*

The First motion would bring our certification to compliance with Ohio law:

Add to the current By-Laws, Section B, Minimum Safety Requirements: All Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service will provide a set of fingerprinting impressions for the purpose of securing criminal records check.

**Note:** We cannot take words away from the Minimum Safety and Behavioral Requirements that are currently printed because these are the minimum required by Al-Anon Family Groups, Inc. We can add requirements, and after checking with legal counsel, we find that our requirements are no longer in compliance with Ohio law. Our goal is to establish and demonstrate our intent to add background checks to our requirements by our next assembly meeting. Now that we are aware of our inadequate requirements for certification, Alateen cannot continue without Ohio Area Assembly's compliance with Ohio law. The procedural aspects will be established and proposed for approval at a later time. It is vital that this information reach every member in Ohio via the Group Reps., District Reps., Alateen sponsors, officers and coordinators of assembly.

**Motion 2011-1-** Add to the current by-laws, section B. Minimum safety requirements:

*"All Al-Anon members involved in Alateen Service will provide a set of fingerprinting impressions for the purpose of securing criminal records check"*

**Motion 2011-2-** On page 13, under the heading "Special Standing Committees", add the following:

7. Registration Committee

On page 14, under "6-Web Master), add the following:

7. Registration Committee • Consists of two people to take responsibility for registration at assemblies. The Committee will prepare an accurate report of all in attendance and forward it to the Area Secretary after the close of the Assembly. The Committee will collect all Registration Fees and turn them over to the Area Treasurer, once the Registration Table has closed. The Committee will prepare the eligible names for the drawing to be held at the 2-day Fall Assembly as discussed under "Ohio Area Convention/International Convention", item #2 on page 16 of the Handbook.

**Motion 2011-3-** The Committee members will have lodging and meal expenses paid on Friday night of both assemblies.

March 19th, 2011-Alateen Sponsor workshop at the Ascension Lutheran Church, 1479 Morse Rd., Columbus, OH. At about 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

April 16th, 2011- Alateen Spring Rally at the Life of Ascension Lutheran Church, 1479 Morse Rd Columbus, OH, 9:30-3:30.

May 14, 2011-Spring Assembly -12:30 p.m. 2040 W. Henderson Rd., Columbus, Ohio (North Congregational Church of Christ). Action Committees meet at 11:00 a.m.

June 3-5- Ohio Area Convention (OAC)

July 29-31-KOMIAC. Michigan

August 27, 2011 Fall AWSC -12:30 p.m. 2040 W. Henderson Rd Columbus, Ohio (North Congregational Church of Christ).

October 8-9, -2-day Fall Assembly - 12:30 p.m. Election

\*\*Elections will be held at our 2-day Fall Assembly in Columbus. Please consider standing for a service position as an officer or a coordinator. The Special Committee chairpersons will be appointed by the next Assembly Chair. I will provide copies of the Profile sheet for members to complete and submit to the Area Chair prior to the Fall assembly. If you are considering standing for a position, ask questions of the current person serving and check the requirements in our Ohio Handbook.\*\*

Our 2-Day Fall Assembly is October 9 & 10 2010 in Cincinnati Barbara asked for a motion to adjourn our meeting. It was unanimous to adjourn.

We closed with the Serenity Prayer followed by the Al-Anon Declaration:

Let it begin with me, when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, let the hand of Al-Anon/Alateen always be there and it begin with me.

Respectfully submitted, Merri G. Your Ohio Secretary

Dear Members,

"Note: please include the following as part of the AWSC meeting minutes"-3-5-2011

DISTRICT CONCERNS

Note: There was 29 in attendance Ill the AWSC meeting.-Districts Represented: 2,4,5,6,7,10,14,15,24,25,26,31,33,38,39,48,SI

District 31 reported they use an ~~regop~~ Phil reported that Miami Valley AIS Intergroup holds meetings for Districts 23, 24, 27, 47, 57 and "T". In Toledo, Rosie reported that the 3 districts hold their own meetings and that the Intergroup had not been heavily involved. District 39 holds a district meeting every other month. In District 15, Theresa said there are currently 28 groups, but only 3 GRS. She tries to get as much information out as she can by email.

DR26, Cheryl asked if there could possibly be a separate DR Meeting once a year, perhaps in conjunction with one of the Assemblies, to exchange ideas. That meeting would be a separate one from the AWSC.

Alt DR 2, Kathryn said Theodora, the DR was inquiring whether or not there was a requirement for the Group Treasurers to be bonded. Currently, there are no requirements for that.

The Akron area partnered with the Founder's Day's 15th Anniversary and sold AI-Anon pens.

Barbara C. tries to make sure her groups are aware of any changes. Sandy F reports that Sue K., a past delegate is now in hospice.

Note-The Ohio Area Convention will have regular dancing, line dancing by instructor Ed (our convention chair), Yoga class, and workshops. There will also be a classical guitarist not to mention a pool and a workout room. The next planning meeting will be March 24th.

Sandy F mentioned that on page 49- 51 of the Service Manual, group business, group problems and group solutions are addressed. Note: The meeting adjourned at 4:30