

Two Day Fall Assembly Minutes Oct 19-20,2013

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The meeting was called to order at 12:30 with Louise T reading the Traditions, Robin F reading the Concepts & Laurie M reading the Warranties.

CHAIRMAN – Sandra F Welcomed everybody & reviewed our goals and etiquette. Sandy introduced each District. Then our 21 new Group Representatives were introduced.

We had two special guests, Char G, Trustee At Large and Jayme C, Delegate from South Cal. Theresa M made a motion to have our guests seated and Mickie G seconded the motion. Guests were seated.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT- Karen McK . Rose R made a motion to accept the minutes from Spring Assembly May 18, 2013. Minutes were accepted.

TREASURER REPORT-

Balance as of 12-31-12	\$33,698.45
Income after 12-31-09 was	\$14,709.31
Expense after 12-31-09 was	\$-12,439.92
Balance as of 10-15-13	\$35,967.84

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – Ginny C

During the summer I took a week and a half off of work to go to the International AI-Anon Convention in Vancouver and a cruise to Alaska with over 400 AI-Anons. The Day of Connecting helped me think about Anonymity issues with newsletters online and about conflict resolution. While this was a personal trip I spent as much time as I could networking with AI-Anons from all over the World. In addition, I had the privilege of speaking at a workshop on Steps One to Three. An added bonus was being able to hear my sister speak about sponsorship at an AA meeting. Overall, it was a trip of a lifetime.

If you use social media, publish a newsletter online or just interested, please go to the member's website and click on the Service Manual. The section on Anonymity has been substantially changed. I would like to read an excerpt.

As a participant in the e-communities for Newsletter Editors, I have been following and adding to the conversations regarding Newsletter Publication Software and Publishing in Multiple Languages. I have considered getting Microsoft Publisher which many people use. If anyone has an opinion regarding either topic let me know.

In addition, I have begun to reach out more to groups which are in regions of the state that do not have a DR. My goal is to do more of this. One suggestion also is for group representatives who are here today from a district without a DR to meet today or tomorrow and elect a DR.

In August I edited, printed and folded 564 AI-A-Notes which were sent out around the end of the month. The next AI-A-Notes deadline is November 3, 2013. The topic will be "How do you resolve conflict using the principles of the program?" Next week an email will be sent out as well as a reminder. District representatives please let us know what is going on in your district as well as pass on any simple service ideas.

DELEGATE'S REPORT-

The year seems to have went well. We have been busy with so many things. Budget meetings just to mention one.

We have a visitor to our 2 Day Fall Assembly from California.

Jayne C. is California South Delegate Panel 52. I met her at WSC 2012. We kept in touch and planned to be here at same time of our Assembly. She is originally from Youngstown area. Visiting with family for week.

I wrote some things for the Literature Committee. Looking forward for any new writings and electronic books.

I just recently sent Scoresheet for Southwest Regional Trustee. This requires reading Resumes for those standing for Trustee. There were four running. A bid was submitted to "Meet the Board" by Sandy F. to be in Columbus, Ohio. Summary's for AWSC members are available for those that didn't get them at AWSC. Have for 2013 and few for 2012. Can buy extra's for \$5. I suggest you give much thought for your next Chairman. I served this position before and do not plan to do it again. You have many capable persons available to serve.

TRUSTEES REPORT – Char G.

Char gave us her experience strength & hope with service work. She shared how she became a Trustee and the duties that go with it.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN- Eleanor T

Total in attendance was 98, total voting on Sat was 75 and the total voting on Sun was 60

THOUGHT/TASK FORCE, WORK GROUPS

Thought Force for not referring new members to group who do not follow AI-Anon Principles- Susan W. No report

Task Force Exploring Possible changes to Ohio Area Convention – Buff N

We are continuing to collect information to reach a final presentation for the Spring 2014 Assembly. If anyone would like to submit their thoughts about the previous Conventions, both positive and negative we would welcome them. Our main focus has been the possible causes of the declining attendance and how/what can be done to reverse this trend. Our response from members has been less than ideal and so we urge any of you that have suggestions to make improvement/changes that would attract more interest in supporting/attending an Ohio Convention to share them. Please share with the groups in your District. Give them my email (buffy1118@gmail.com) and in the subject line please use Ohio Convention or something similar. Any help for the Task Force to present and accurate picture on how we can make the Ohio Convention an event that we think, "I've got to attend the Convention!!" would be appreciated.

Task Force for Taking AI-Anon workshops to remote locations in Ohio – Carol R. No report

Thought For, Task Force Work Group Presentations

Task Force on Electronic vs USPS distribution of communications for Ohio Area- Phil H

Task Force Recommending Changes to Budgeted items in the Handbook – Budget Committee

Task Force for Recommendation for Reserve Fund – Budget Committee

These were all Power Point Presentations .

COORDINATOR AND STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND CONVENTIONS

ALATEEN- Rose R

K.O.M.I.A.C. was attend by 91 Ohio Alateens and Sponsors on July 26th, 27th and 28th of 2013. I don't have the final figures of total attendees – I'm still waiting on IN to report that to us. Transportation costs were \$6200. With the \$2000 from Assembly (THANK YOU!!!!!!) we collected \$2730 from the Alateen groups and used the remainder from our transportation fund. Next year, we anticipate about the same costs, maybe a little higher due to gas prices, as we will be traveling to KY. Our new State Representative is Liam N. and I have his information if anyone would like to have an Alateen lead at one of your anniversaries or Al-Anon functions. He is more than willing to come and speak. He sings and plays the piano quite amazingly too! Phillip C. is our alternate State Rep and he is very excited about speaking also.

I've had about 7 inquiries regarding Alateen from WSO since Spring Assembly. Most are questions about how to start an Alateen meeting from non-members that don't understand the process. I return the calls and explain how to go about starting meetings and where they can call to maybe have Alateen's speak at their facility. Most are AA members seeing the need for meetings. The need is out there but we need more Al-Anon members who are willing to commit to service to our younger people. In saying that, the topic that kept popping up @ K.O.M.I.A.C. meetings that I attended was how we, as Al-Anon members, welcome the Alateens to our meetings. We don't have Ohio Alateens that are having issues but, the issues are there all the same. Some teens stated that they were actually asked to leave the meetings! I think as "seasoned" members we have a responsibility to welcome these young, future Al-Anon members with open arms and to remember that Alateen is a part of our Al-Anon family! They are the participants we have that are willing to move into Alateen Sponsorship. Some stated that they feel unwelcome in our meetings. Although they know part of the problem is their insecurities with moving into a different area of recovery, I feel we need to help make their transition a bit smoother. How to do that has been a topic in one of our Action Committees but, I'm not sure we arrived at any solid solutions. Just try and remember, when you see younger people at your meetings, they may not talk the way we do or dress the way we feel is appropriate but they are recovering from the effects of alcoholism just as we are and are moving in a positive "Service" direction. They need our help, experience, hope and support!

One of our most recent new Alateen groups is the Brunswick New Day Alateen group in Brunswick, OH. Shelly D., who is formally from another State and was an Alateen Sponsor there, certified here under our guidelines and is sponsoring this meeting with some other AMIAS members. Let's wish them the best! In the Dayton area, Mark is still active in the Fairmont HS group Alateen meeting. It is in it's 4th year! The 2nd HS meeting started this Fall in Beaver Creek. They have two public meetings, a new meeting beginning today @ 10 AM in Oakwood and The Greene meeting. The Greene meeting is struggling because teens from Fairmont HS supported it in the summer but the members are thinning out now that school has begun. Mark is looking for a space to host a fundraising dinner sometime in February to send Alateens to K.O.M.I.A.C in 2014. I have Mark's number if anyone is interested in helping out or making a donation.

The Fall Rally was attended by about 30 Alateens and 15 Sponsors. The Toledo Alateens sponsored it and everyone had a great time. Themes were forgiveness, hope and loving ourselves. One of the activities was making a road to forgiveness and I brought some of the road pieces for you all to look at whenever you get a chance. It's at the back of the room. It never ceases to amaze me the recovery and love these young people have for their suffering parents, siblings and each other. Check it out and think about service in a new view! Alateen Sponsorship!

Speaking of service through Alateen Sponsorship.....dates for the Sponsor Workshop and Rally's have been set and the churches are reserved. Hopefully there won't be any changes. The Sponsor Work shop is a great opportunity to come meet some of the Alateen Sponsors and get a feel for how you can help your recovery! I guarantee you will not regret it. I never have. I'm not saying it's not work, but it's well worth the effort! Ask any of us, we'll share our experience with you!

Sponsor Work shop will be held on March 1st, 2014 @ North Congregational United Church of Christ 2040 W.Henderson Rd., Columbus, OH 43220 - 10 AM – 3 PM

Spring Rally will be held on April 5th, 2014 @ North Congregational United Church of Christ, 2040 W. Henderson Rd., Columbus, OH 43220 - 10 AM – 4 PM

Fall Rally will be held on October 25th, 2014 @ John Knox Presbyterian Church, 25200 Lorain Rd., North Olmstead, OH 44070 - 10 AM – 4 PM

2014 AMIAS forms are available and need filled out and mailed to Janice by 12/31/13. I have copies and I'm sure Janice will have some too.

Mary Lou from WSO sent info out on the e-communities regarding an Alateen Task and Thought Force event. I have made some copies of the criteria if any Sponsors here are interested. Group Representatives please have any Sponsors in your area call me if they have an interest in checking this out and I'll be happy to email them all the information. I have 4 copies available if anyone would like one.

Thank you for having the trust in me to continue to serve you at Assembly as your Alateen Coordinator. It is truly a challenging and special job but, I wouldn't trade the experience for anything in the world. Some of my goals for my last year are making the Certification process a little less cumbersome and trying to get some guidelines down for Alateen Sponsorship. Any questions and/or ideas are welcome.

ARCHIVES- Caroline S

I've been collecting old forums for our Archives and changing some of the bins to more water tight and organized storage over the last few months with the new bins recently purchased. Some old time members from areas in Ohio have donated old forums to this project of mine. I already had a member contact me via email this September, wanting to have a copy of a story she read in an older Forum, but no-longer owned. It was a blessing to be of service to one of our members in Ohio and be able to locate and send her the story that spoke to her. I've also had the mission to help a Parma group look for a start date for their anniversary to see if there was any earlier notation than what our Group Records indicated. I went through all the info from 85-89 and while I did not find a different date for this Parma Group I did run across documentation of our Lois W and her passing in 1988 and the obituary from the Cleveland Plain Dealer including more personal info about her last days with Al-Anon members when she was so ill, including her last words scrawled on paper when someone tried to thank her personally for all the work she and Bill did to make the Big Book and Al-Anon happen. Her repeated scrawled phrase (while unable to speak due to being intubated and very ill) was: "Not from me, but from God". These are just a few of the remarkable items we have in our archives.

We are also asked to be part of the AWSO 60th Anniversary Project which was begun 2011 in Virginia beech. The Archive coordinators are asked to join in the celebration by identifying the registration date of every Al-Anon and Alateen group in our fold. This I learned about in the e-community for Archives Coordinators and our mission (should we choose to support this) is to identify if any of our Area Groups are missing a Registered date and then work to fill in the data as able. This project closes at the start of 2014.

I have received our Ohio Group Records list from Phil H. that identifies all our Ohio Area groups and have compiled a PDF File of groups with start dates. We have about 65 groups that are missing a start date. I'd appreciate if Group Reps would look and see if they are included on this list and check with Phil H to sort out if this can be corrected for Group Records to be updated and to support our AWSO 60th anniversary project.

FORUM- Sharon B

Please continue to support the Forum with annual subscriptions. Remember that it makes a great gift for a sponsor, sponsee or yourself. Today I am giving a free subscription to the person here with the shortest time- newest to Al-Anon.

GROUP RECORDS- Phil H

The new GR-1 Group Change Form is available on the members' website, as are the Instructions on filling it out. It can be filled out on your computer and then emailed now. I do have paper copies of the GR-1 and the instructions on the back table.

The updated printouts of the groups by Meeting city, District and WSO group number are in the red, white and blue notebooks on the back table as well.

The updated Area World Service Committee rosters are also on the back table. This is the list of all Area Officers, Area Coordinators, Area Chairman and District Representatives. Please remember to guard the anonymity of these people. If there are any errors, please let Sandy or me know.

I have the printouts, by districts, of groups that are in a "No Mail" status. District Representatives - please check with me to see if I have a printout for your district. We really need to find out if these groups are still meeting - and ask them to elect a new CMA; or if they are not meeting, to please let me know so we can put the group on inactive status and not send prospective members to a meeting that doesn't exist anymore.

Robin has motions from the Budget Committee that, in some cases, deal with the number of people attending the assemblies. I went back to March of last year and prepared a table to show you what the number of groups has been since that time, and how many groups have been added or dropped.

The numbers may not necessarily “add up” because the WSO has been listing “meetings” rather than “groups” since last year and I may have not gotten those totally separated. The numbers for October of this year are as accurate as can be made and are current through last night.

Of the active groups, 274 of them have GR’s listed, that’s 62%. However, how many of those GR’s are truly “active”?

Also, only 160 groups sent in their annual report for last year. That’s about 1 out of 3. This is what the Annual Group Update looks like. All of the pre-printed information is what the WSO has. It’s a simple matter to check it over, and if needed, make the corrections. It’s even easier if there are no corrections to be made – just check the box. Mail the completed form back to the WSO. This is the single, most important piece of mail your group will receive during the year. GR’s – please be sure your group fills out the form and returns it. DR’s – please check the groups in your district to be sure they’ve filled out the form and returned it.

As of last night, 76 groups have returned their Annual Group Update letters for this year already.

I want to remind the DR’s, again, that you can now access your district group records directly online, and this includes Alateen groups in your district as well. If any DR is still having trouble getting online, please see me after the meeting. I’ll be available all this weekend for any of the DR’s that are having problems accessing their district information online. With the wi-fi here at the hotel, we can go online right from my laptop and review the groups in your district.

There were some questions about the ‘Member’s Web Site’. Here’s what it looks like – and here’s how to find it.

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			10	9
445	456	16	128	
			7	5
450	494	10	134	
			8	5
452	503	6	110	
			4	3
449	501	8	114	
			6	3
445	499	9	120	
			5	3
443	497	9	125	

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LITERATURE- Shirley M

The Parents and Grandparents pamphlet that is being printed is in need of sharings. Of particular need is how do parents and grandparents of young problem drinkers apply each of the Twelve Steps. Members can submit sharings online, by postal mail, or by email. So far only one sharing has been submitted.

Group Inventory: “ Use of Conference Approved Literature” (S-62) is an often over-looked tool to help group members access their use of CAL. I have several copies on the Literature table. It is available under free downloads on the Members Website.

The first audio book “How Al-Anon Works for Family and Friends of Alcoholics” was available September 13. It will be sold as a downloadable MP3 file. It is 16 hours and 19 minutes long. This book will be available through Audible.com, Amazon.com, and the Apple iTunes Store. These vendors have the technology that can provide copyright protection for our literature. So far 121 copies have been purchased.

On September 25 I participated in the Literature Coordinators Conference call with 32 other coordinators. This was chaired by Tom Coffey, WSO Associate Director of Communications – Literature.

The new workbook “Reaching for Personal Freedom” that was released at the July International Convention in Vancouver has sold 20,000 copies. The “Intimacy in Relationships” book that is being compiled has 900 sharings so far. Many more are needed. There is no deadline at this time. Have you considered giving CAL as holiday gifts? There were several other topics covered during the conference call which was very informative.

PUBLIC OUTREACH- Marissa D

Being the Ohio Area Public Outreach Coordinator has mostly involved forwarding contact requests to the Al-Anon Information Services office closest to the requester. I have had approximately 5 requests for contact so far. Three were from individuals, one from a professional, and one from the Family Matters Coordinator from the Cleveland Courts.

I was able to participate in a WSO conference call with area public outreach coordinators. These are held three times per year, and are an open forum for coordinators to share the public outreach activities happening within their area. Coordinators from as far away as Alaska, California and even some Canadian Provinces participated in that call. What an amazing experience to hear how AI-Anon is being supported all over the country and beyond!

I also received a few requests for support for local outreach programs/events. As I was still quite new in this position, I did not actively participate in the decision-making process, but chose instead to observe. Per my observations, I have a few suggestions for the groups and districts making requests for outreach support, and for the assembly. These suggestions stem from my personal desire to not rely on a sole person for a decision when we operate as a group, and from our prior assemblies discussion of our desire area outreach activities.

- 1.) When making a request as a group or district for outreach support, if you have a specific request, please have alternatives in mind in case the answer to your request is no.
- 2.) Does the assembly want to consider a statewide public outreach activity to direct our attention to? If so, does the assembly want to form a committee to discuss and suggest such an activity?
- 3.) It is anticipated that we will be receiving many more requests from groups or districts for outreach support in the future. Does the assembly want to create & provide guidelines for what types of requests will be considered? If so, does the assembly want to form a committee to determine the guidelines and to determine the response to such requests?

I thank you for the experience of being in this position. I can already see personal growth from being the area outreach coordinator, and I will continue to focus on keeping it simple and passing it on. I also want to suggest that with everything I personally have going on, you remind me if I have not responded to a request.

BUDGET- Robin R

All income and expenses are pretty much as expected this year.

BY-LAWS & HANDBOOK – Barbara W. No report

REVIEW AND AUDIT- Louise W.

1. The Audit and Review Committee has audited and reviewed the OAA financial records from January through mid-August 2013 and has found no irregularities or causes for concern. Many thanks to both Theresa and Robin for their diligence in keeping everything in order and working so well together to ensure a seamless temporary transition.

2. A review of the 2012 Fall Assembly records reveals all expenses and payments were documented and balanced. Books are closed.

3. Remaining funds of \$1829.50 were returned to OAA from the 2012 OAC, closing out the books for this event.

OHIO WEBSITE- Mike K

The Ohio Area Assembly Web site is www.ohioal-anon.org The area meeting index is the most visited page on our site, second to the welcome page. The following are the most clicked on in the index: 1. Cleveland 2. Remote Areas 3. Toledo 4. Akron 5. Columbus The total volume of traffic on our site is down from last year. Possible explanations for the decline:

-People may be bookmarking meeting lists in each area instead of going through the OAA site.

-With exception to announcements, calendar, and documents pages, very little has changed on our site for several years. The over-all design is getting dated and is over 6 years old.

-A dramatic increase in traffic from Safari users this year suggests a substantial number of visitors are coming to us now via their iPhone/iPad devices, as indicated in the browser traffic report (right). We currently do not have a mobile version of our site available. Some ideas to attract more visitors:

-Automatically redirect mobile users to pages that are more friendly to handheld device screens.

-Improve the layout of the documents page for easier access to forms, minutes, policies and guidelines.

-Change the appearance of the site to more closely align with the WSO design theme.

-Create a UX (User Experience) Design Committee of GR's to gather feedback and propose changes to meet the needs of the information service areas and groups, and ensure compliance with AI-Anon Web policies. I am now active in the AI-Anon E-communities service. It's a great resource for all AI-Anon Web masters to participate in and

discuss challenges and solutions pertaining to web site design, maintenance, and development. Send me an email if you'd like more information. For a full comprehensive Web statistics report, send your request to webmaster@ohioal-anon.org At your service, Michael K. webmaster@ohioal-anon.org

COMPLAINCE LIASON AND AAPP- Janice R

There still seems to be some confusion regarding the 2013 Alateen Annual Update Sheet and the AMIAS forms required by Ohio Area Assembly. The World Service Office sends to all groups the Annual Update Sheet. Sponsors or CMA's are to check the form for any changes. Then the form is sent to me, whether or not there are any changes and I inform WSO of any changes or updates. My name and address is in the bottom left corner of the form and was put there by WSO. The AMIAS forms (Form One and Form Two) are required by Ohio Area Assembly to be filled out and signed and sent to me. This is done annually. This is not something new. This has been a requirement for quite a few years now.

And now as far as WSO is concerned a new year has begun. That means a NEW set of AMIAS papers need to be filled out completely by the Alateen Sponsors and signed by their Group Reps and District. Reps. All the instructions are on the forms and I have them with me for anyone here to take with you or District Reps can take them back to the sponsors in their districts.

It was really nice to be able to recertify everyone online and not have to mail all the paperwork back to WSO. In time more changes will be able to be made online also.

Currently there are 64 Sponsors or AMIASs that are certified and 34 that are not. There are 29 active Alateen groups in Ohio. I sent paperwork to WSO to inactivate 5 groups that they showed active but are no longer meeting. I'm still trying working on a few groups to find out if they are active or not. WSO still shows them active.

The GR-3 form has changed. It no longer has all those little boxes that we used to have fill in for any changes or anything new. The new form is much easier to read and use. I have some with me if you need any. Just remember, that even though you fill out the form it must still be returned to me. WSO will not accept anything unless it comes from me first.

ACTION COMMITTEES

Public Outreach – Jillian D

Committee consisted of approx. 12 GR's and DR's, along with Area Public Outreach Coordinator, Marissa Dickson Topic was, Should Ohio Area fund statewide Public Outreach Plan? After discussion it was clear that some districts held fund raisers that gave some of the profit to public outreach, other districts had no way to raise funds because of poor economics. All members were very interested and willing to improve public outreach and agreed funds from Ohio Area Committee are needed.

We determined there were four areas in communities where outreach was important, Direct to Public, First Responders, Health, and Institutions. The vote was 9 to 3 for First Responders, which would include Police Stations, Police Officers, Sheriff Stations, Deputies, EMS.

Members of District 45 told us that Cleveland Area Meeting of Districts recently printed 3000 business cards, bright yellow with black print with local Cleveland office phone and website. Cost of cards was \$98, paid by Cleveland Central Office, and free to all their districts.

Police and Deputies like to use the cards because they can easily carry them in their pockets. When they respond to a call that involves alcohol abuse they have the cards on hand for people suffering from the effects of the drinking. EMS and Firemen can also make use of these cards. It is recommended in our literature that members introduce themselves to Cheif, Sheriff, person in charge, and ask for their permission before leaving any literature. If necessary a simple explanation of what Al-Anon is might be needed.

Also recommended in the literature is to attempt having the same member maintain supplying literature to a contact on a regular basis to develop a relationship. Districts or groups need to keep a record of contacts, dates, and which member involved. This is a valuable tool to prevent confusion of many members contacting same outside agency, adding to the credibility of Al-Anon. This record will help when passing on work to future members.

The committee came up with many ideas for outreach for little or no cost when funds aren't available locally. Literature can be displayed at Police and Sheriff Depts. where freinds or family members are called as a result of charges caused by drinking. Al-Anon 2013 Catalog (S-15) you will find free literature, S-65ES, S37ES, S-67, S-68, S-69, S-70, M-76 along with some for only 3 cents.

Marissa will look into requesting funds to have business cards printed for Districts in the Ohio Area who do not have cards to distribute to first responders. The committee wants help from O

Ohio Area to fund this idea statewide. Districts will report to Marissa from their records of literature distribution. Districts and Groups are also asked to submit information to Ala-Notes about what is being accomplished and any results of public outreach to first responders.

Work will be needed from Members who attended this Action Committee meeting to talk to groups and members to get volunteers to accomplish this Public Outreach effort.

Fellowship

Goal is to redo the GR Flyers for the next Fall assembly and make it more user friendly by updating the information that is out dated and or doesn't serve our new GR's like when we have Assemblies twice a year, contact information regarding who to get information out to the groups. We are also trying to come up with ways of making the flyer either a tri-fold or 2-3 pages. We are going to check other AFG websites to find out what they use in their GR brochure and communicate through email and I'm going to take the information that is given and make up a "mock" brochure in Publisher and email that to the committee. The group discussed the issues with the communication breakdown and trying to offer solutions on how we can resolve these issues. We have four "Service Arms": Local, Intergroup, District & State.

Group Services

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1. How do we educate members to support Al-Anon Family Groups at all levels?
 - a. Schedule business meetings regularly (e.g. once a mos.) as part of the meeting to inform members.
 - b. Use warranties, traditions and concepts as meeting topics.
 - c. Emphasize how service is integral to recovery in our own program of recovery.
 - d. Integrate CAL discussing Traditions & Concepts to meetings esp. our literature: "Reaching for Personal Freedom" (our newest CAL) and "When I got Busy I Got Better"
 - e. Invite a possible Alternate GR (Understudy) to an assembly meeting with you as GR to learn about service at the state level.
 - f. Share at meetings how we have grown spiritually through service (i.e. our connectedness).
 - g. Ensure appeal letters are read at group meetings. They explain what the funds support and how connected we all are to keep this fellowship available for the future.
2. What are the pros and cons of making the AAPP an officer of AFG of Ohio?

Pros:

 - a. Possible better legal protection for AMAIS and corporate status.
 - b. More background info would be on file due to résumé process involved.
 - c. Possible that more thought would be involved to pick the best person for the job.

Con:

 - a. Could be less thought in choosing this person as a last min. choice to fill an officer position than if appointed (our current method).
 - b. Could become a popularity contest.
3. Does the position of AAPP/Compliance Liaison need to be separated? Yes - there is too much work for one person as AAPP position is a full time position and Compliance Liaison is too important to our corporate existence (Non-profit and INC. status is handled by this person).
4. Is there a need to implement a process for AMAIS members who no longer meet area minimum safety and behavioral requirements to be removed from the certification list for Ohio Area? After much discussion there was recognition that we already have an annual process by default that ought to remove those who do not renew or can't comply with the requirements of the process to renew. However issues that render AMAIS ineligible during the year bear consideration. We lean to recommend further discussion continue about this proposed process for a possible Thought force in the future.

5. Is there a need for Liability insurance for AFG of Ohio? Yes. Other areas have the AAPP as officer and have liability insurance to cover officers. We recommend a Task force be formed for this Q. Chair for this Task force was accepted by Judy A.

Membership Outreach

Discussed commercialism in meeting events such as raffles. Also discussed redistricting Cincinnati consists of Districts 14,15,16 . Some have 20 meetings in one district. There is only 1 Group Rep for 3 out of 20 meetings. More DR's are needed in order to break up the districts. Ideas given on how to show enthusiasm to members to encourage them to attend business meetings, become GR's and attend District meetings. Talk up Service Sponsors.

ADDICTION STUDIES INSTITUTE – Sandy F

The Addiction Studies Institute was held July 31 to August 2, 2013 at the Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio. This three day event was for practicing professionals and pre-service professionals in the addiction fields of practice. There was an emphasis this year on family recovery. Each day began at 8am and concluded at 5pm.

At this year's event Chrystal P and I talked to many professionals. (over 300) Many who had visited our booth in the past and returned to get new schedules for their location. Not only did we talk to professionals from Ohio, but we also were able to give local contact information to professionals from Michigan, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Indiana, Illinois, California, Arizona and Tennessee. The pamphlet *Getting In Touch With Al-Anon/Alateen* (S-23) has this information.

Literature distributed included the *Packet for Professionals* (K-30), *Fact Sheets for Professionals* (S-37), *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2014*, and the PO Bookmarks (M-76). Also available was the series of pamphlet Al-Anon is for ...as well as other Public Outreach materials.

While chatting with a professional we would ask if they referred clients to Al-Anon meetings. When they said yes we gave them a referral pad (M-77). We also inquired if there was a bulletin board in the waiting room where one of our Posters could be displayed. If the professional had a bulletin board we gave them the Al-Anon Poster (M-79). We distributed a total of 450 copies of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2013. Professionals who refer clients to Al-Anon meetings were given a few additional copies for their clients.

Meeting schedules for the metropolitan locations and free standing Districts in Ohio were the highest requested information at this event. Only a few copies were left at the end of the event, Al-Anon Information Service locations (Intergroups) and Districts will be asked again next year to provide meeting schedules for this event.

The other frequent request was for meetings both A-Anon and Alateen in what we refer to as remote locations. A question I have for all in attendance today. Does your group ever talk about going to a small town near your location to start a meeting or starting an Alateen meeting in your location?

This year our booth was located on the main floor at the end of the exhibitor's space. The time professionals had to visit booths was more restricted. We talked to professionals before the day began, at lunch time, and during breaks. In past years institute attendees were able to visit while sessions were going on. This year was not allowed. Crystal and I had a lot of wait time and were able to visit the other booths. We had fun and did giggle some too. Next year the Addiction Studies Institute will be held August 6-8, 2014 at the Convention Center.

2013 Ohio State AA Service convention with Al-Anon participation – Sandy F

The Ohio State AA Service convention was held in Worthington, Ohio at the Double Tree Inn. 260 people attended this event. Theme for the weekend was "*Service...where the Miracle Grows*".

Al-Anon had five scheduled meetings during the weekend. A four part workshop using the book *Many voices, One Journey* (B-31) was held during four of the meetings. Each workshop, highlighted part of the book and included a discussion which focused on recovery. The workshops topics were Change, Control, Denial and Growth through Service. The fifth meeting was a speaker meeting with Sandra F as the speaker. The host committee met once per month beginning in October 2012 and had weekly meetings the last month before the event.

Literature was sold in in the Al-Anon room. The Al-Anon committee arranged with the literature for sale with Central Ohio AFG's literature distribution center. *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2013* were distributed. 200 copies were ordered in February; however, only 50 were used at the event. A display of Public Outreach materials was featured in the Archives room where meeting schedules left from the Addiction Studies Institute were handed out.

The Host Committee requested we have an Archives display. This request came only two weeks before the event and arrangements with the Ohio area archives Coordinator for a display were not attempted. Barbara W, Jim H and Sandy F chaired the meetings. Two of the sessions had 40 plus attendees and two of the sessions had very light attendance. The speaker meetings had over 120 attend. The Host Committee Chairman commented that this was the largest number she had ever seen for the Al-Anon Speaker Meeting at this event. It was a fun filled busy weekend. Hospitality room was amazing, and the fellowship was outstanding. Next year the Ohio State AA Service convention with Al-Anon Participation will be hosted by AA's area 55 which is the northwest sections of Ohio, Steve F will be the Al-Anon Representative on the Host Committee.

Report on the 2013 International Convention – Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada Cheryl Beil – Alt. DR District #9

July 4, 2013 ... just another holiday? Not really ... at least for almost 5,000 members of the "Worldwide" fellowship of Al-Anon/Alateen Family Groups traveling to Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, for the 5th AFG International Convention. Men, women, and children of all races, colors, native languages and cultures came together from 31 countries simply because (under Tradition 3) "they live or have lived with the problem of alcoholism in a relative or friend." Upon check-in at Registration, we received a **blue lanyard** with our nametag showing our hometown or country. Amazing how this little blue ribbon would mean so much in the days ahead. The Convention kicked off July 4th with the **Day of Connecting** for those arriving early. It included members of the Board of Trustees, Executive Committee, and WSO staff presenting service-related workshops, as well as telling their personal stories.

The venue at the Rogers Arena was excellent, very spacious, and offered a beautiful view of the bay. Several events were planned, and the workshops offered many diverse topics. (I have my **Convention program** here if anyone would like to see it for meeting topic ideas.) Two different meeting tracks were available to accommodate everyone's schedule – starting at either 9:00 or 9:30 each day. Each session lasted about 1-1/2 hrs. Workshop speakers included members with a wide range of time and recovery in program, very diverse life experiences, and residency from around the world. All sessions were taped, and CD's are available. (I brought the **CD order form** if anyone would like the contact number.)

From our own Ohio area, Ginny C. (our Alt. Delegate) spoke on "**Discovering a New Way – Steps One, Two and Three**"; Sharon B. (our Forum Coordinator) spoke on "**Am I Trustworthy; Can I Trust Myself?**"; Sandy F. (our Assembly Chair) spoke on "**Sexual Intimacy in the Alcoholic Relationship**"; and I was invited to speak on "**When Anyone, Anywhere Reaches Out for Help.**" It was a certain growth opportunity for each of us. While taking a break for lunch or supper, it was common to see the familiar blue lanyards and to receive an invitation to join "seeming" strangers at their table. As you already know, names are not important. What matters is our common bond. There were many wonderful opportunities to expand the personal circle of friendship and recovery.

The **Friday night dance** offered a chance to cut it loose and mingle with other recovering members who wanted to add a little bit of fun to their convention experience. Whether dancing or not, there was always good conversation that included experience, strength, and hope ... and a bit of laughter as well.

Saturday offered even more group sessions with new topics of discussion. A **Pioneer Luncheon** was held mid-day focusing on the lives and selfless efforts of our founders Lois W., Anne B. and other early pioneers of our Al-Anon program. One of the luncheon speakers had actually worked with Lois starting in our former New York WSO office, and shared many memories. They also had a countdown for the number of years in Al-Anon. Two of our veteran members had 40+ years in program. At each convention, the faces may change somewhat, but our program remains the same, and the legacy of those who have gone before us lives on.

The **Language of Love Parade** opened the Saturday evening session which celebrates the 40 languages in which the Al-Anon message is available. Convention-goers were encouraged to participate by wearing a costume or apparel that represented their state, country or culture. Needless to say, much of the attire is very creative ... even bordering on the hilarious ... from the pink flamingo headpieces of the Floridians, to the complete San Francisco Bay bridge entourage, to full oriental dress with all its vibrant colors, plus a variety of other cultural or national styles. As the flags followed in procession, the international nature of our beautiful program became impressively apparent. For many of us, it instills a real sense of awareness, wonder, and grateful appreciation for this worldwide program of 12-Step recovery "we are so privileged to enjoy." The **Big Meeting** following the parade included a panel of

international speakers from ??, Germany, New Zealand, and Italy. Despite the accents, the stories of recovery were familiar and helpful. We do understand; the unity was felt. Sunday morning offered 2 speakers sharing a spiritual message. This is always so moving, since it is our Higher Power that causes the transformation within each of us, and it is fitting to pause and remember and give due credit for so great a gift. As the 2013 convention wrapped up with a large international circle of fellowship saying the closing prayer simultaneously in many native languages, hundreds and hundreds of Al-Anon members shared final hugs and handshakes ... expressed gratitude one more time to former strangers who had now become friends ... exchanged addresses, phone #s and emails to keep in touch and continue growing in recovery ... and in their own way experienced a deep awareness that this year's International Convention had somehow propelled them forward to a new level of personal recovery to a new place within the "worldwide fellowship of Al-Anon as a whole." As we live each day of life, and to the extent that we avail ourselves of every God-given opportunity, we are changed. We will never return to yesterday ... for we have been touched and transformed, hopefully for the better ... and, after all, isn't that why we walked through the doors of Al-Anon in the first place? Personally, I did not want to make this trip by myself, but I was not aware of anyone going from the Youngstown area. Using my Al-Anon recovery and the slogan "How Important Is It," I decided to take the risk ... to take the leap of faith ... and travel alone. Besides, I have been in program long enough to know that the Al-Anon Family Group members truly are my new loving support system ... so why would I be afraid to travel into that welcoming circle of recovery? About 5 years ago, I obtained a passport, but the trip was cancelled. I had not yet used it but did have a desire to travel outside the comfy borders of my homeland. Sounds a lot like the challenge we each receive as we begin the personal journey of recovery in Al-Anon, doesn't it? It's all about change and growth and trying new, unfamiliar things to conquer some of the fear that inhibits us from fully experiencing life in all its wonder ... to begin to LIVE!!

Coincidentally, another opportunity (not affiliated with the AFG International Convention) was being coordinated by 2 long-time Al-Anons for "a couple of their friends." But word began to spread and the invitation was extended to others. After the death 2-1/2 years ago of my still active alcoholic husband, I dared to make a bucket list for myself ... you know, that "wish list" that seems like just that ... a bunch of WISHES ... unrealizable dreams ... something that could ONLY happen for other people ... but never for me. Finances are always a big issue while living with the active disease of alcoholism. But once again, I used my recovery and asked myself "How Important Is It?" I desperately wanted to seize this opportunity as well, yet didn't want to experience this dream all by myself. But there it was ... the chance of a lifetime ... so I decided to join them. I had told the company that I would be willing to accept a roommate to help with the cost. As HP would have it, a woman from North Carolina wanted to register late for this side trip. Turned out she was a long-time Al-Anon (a widow herself) who also wanted to attend the convention but didn't have a room booked. Coincidence? Never. What strong program flowed between us as we shared the next 10 days. Who would have guessed? All because I said "yes" to a dream and found just enough courage to step out in faith and trust my HP. While stopping in Juneau for the day, the program reached out to me in a special way. I noticed a woman holding a stick sign with a blue triangle and white circle. I did a double take, realizing that it was our Al-Anon logo ... our program reaching out to me while practicing our principle of anonymity. I approached her and learned that the local Juneau Al-Anon members were doing loving service as outreach to those of us visiting. The Al-Anon Declaration about which I had just spoken at the Convention had come full circle to me ... "Let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be there." The understanding, love and peace of the program were waiting for us. Once again, the concept of the worldwide fellowship was driven deeper into my being. Where else in the world can you go and be greeted simply because of your affiliation with a group ... and in such an anonymous way? My new North Carolina Al-Anon friend and I had our picture taken with her and dragged in a few more Al-Anons standing nearby, even though I didn't know them ... simply because they were wearing the famous blue lanyards. Service doesn't have to be difficult ... it just needs to be DONE. These ladies proved to me again that wherever I go, I am not alone. Someone is waiting to welcome me into the circle of love, understanding and fellowship of the Al-Anon Family Groups.

In December of 2012, my bucket list sat glaring at me as only a series of unlikely dreams. As I stand before you today, 3 items have been checked off this summer alone. Another one will be checked off in November, and another one in December. What is the lesson in all of this? I now know that dreams can and do come true to the extent that we believe and then take the necessary steps to "change the things we can." The "impossible" that existed in my small thinking has become the possible ... a reality. I returned home to Hubbard, Ohio with a sense of deep, humble gratitude ... and, in some strange way, feeling the wind at my back. Early in Al-Anon, I found a small card lying on the ground with a quote from Henry David Thoreau that read: "You have built castles in the air; your work need not be lost. That is where they should be. Now you must put foundations under them." All these years, I kept this card

in my ODAT book, while continuing to live somewhat in the land of daydreams with its self-imposed limitations. After 28 years in program, I guess HP & I are finally building more foundations for my future. For some of you, perhaps this has simply been a very lengthy report. For others, perhaps you have heard something that may challenge you to examine your own self-imposed limitations and inspire you to consider making a few more changes in your own thinking and life choices. Ultimately, I hope this summary has peaked your interest in a future convention. If so, the **6th Al-Anon International Convention is set for 2018 in Baltimore, MD**. Does that seem like just a dream ... like some good fortune for everyone else? It did for me too ... once upon a time. It was proposed that if we set aside \$1.00 a day, we will have more than enough to attend the next convention 5 years from now. It is one of the best gifts you can give yourself to experience our “worldwide fellowship” firsthand. Remember, the longest journey begins with a single step. This simple savings plan could mean the realization of your own dream to be a part of Al-Anon’s next international ... one day at a time. I hope to be in Baltimore in 5 years ... hope to see many of you there as well!!

2-Day Fall Assembly and OAC Liason – Donna K

Thank you to the Al-anon members who have stepped up to plan and facilitate our 2-Day Fall Assemblies and Ohio Area Conventions.

Keep up the good work. You may call me if you have questions or concerns.

Ohio Recovery Rally – Sandy F

The Ohio Recovery Rally was held September 5th on the West State House lawn in Downtown Columbus. This event is held annually during National Recovery Month, which is September. Attendees at this event were there celebrating their personal recovery.

AFG of Ohio was invited to participate. The information table had a fee of \$20. Information distributed for this event was similar to information available for Addiction Studies Institute. We only talked to a few professional who were given the Fact Sheet for Professionals. Since the emphasis was on personal recovery, the pamphlet “*Are You Affected by Someone Else’s Drinking*” and “*Did You Grow Up With A Problem Drinker*” were the most popular. Susan W and Sandy F talked to over 200 people from around Ohio, distributing over 100 copies of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2013 and other literature, meeting schedules were given out for the metropolitan location in Ohio when asked. Those requesting meeting information for remote locations were referred to AFG of Ohio’s website. Ohio has been asked to participate in this event again in 2014.

Old Business – None

New Business

Motions:

2013- 5 General Procedures on page 3 of 28 change from:

Voting: Group Representatives have the only vote at Assembly. A registration fee of **\$3.00** per day is collected from each Group Representative at Assembly. (Fee paid by your group.) A voting member votes for only one group. (5/99 Motion #3)

Change to read:

Voting: Group Representatives have the only vote at Assembly. A registration fee of **\$5.00** per day is collected from each Group Representative at Assembly. (Fee paid by your group.) A voting member votes for only one group.

MOTION CARRIED

2013 -6 Number 5 on page 4 of 28 --- Treasurer change from:

5-Treasurer- Handles all Assembly funds, paying expenses approved by the **By-Laws and the Budget Committee**. Presents a brief written report of the status of accounts at all meetings and a complete written detailed accounting of all transactions quarterly. Sends an Appeal Letter to all groups twice a year. Is a member of and works closely with the Budget Committee, to bring recommendations to the Assembly on the use of excess funds. Job description for **Treasurer** follows on page 12.

MOTION CARRIED

Change to read:

5-Treasurer- Handles all Assembly funds, paying expenses approved by the **By-Laws, The Handbook of General and Committee Working Procedures for the Ohio Area Assembly and the Budget Committee.** Presents a brief written report of the status of accounts at all meetings and a complete written detailed accounting of all transactions quarterly. Sends an Appeal Letter to all groups twice a year. Is a member of and works closely with the Budget Committee to bring recommendations to the Assembly on the use of excess funds. Job description for **Treasurer** follows on page 12.

MOTION CARRIED

2013 – 7 Numbers 4, 7, and 8 On page 16 of 28 Budget Committee under Expenses & Other Motions change from:

- 4 Recommendation adopted to establish **\$2,500.00 Coordinators fund** to use when coordinators expenses exceed budget amount (with Assembly approval). (10/97)
- 7 The unused or non-used portions of approved monies from the Coordinators projects be returned to the General Coordinators Fund. (5/00 – motion #4)
- 8 Budget committee is to have the authority to approve a maximum expense of \$300.00 out of the coordinators fund for special projects by coordinators. (10/00 – motion #10)

Change To read:

- 4 *To establish a **Projects Fund** for use when Coordinators and/or Action Committees have a project to implement in the Area. Expenses incurred by Thought Force, Task Force and Work Groups shall also come from this Fund. Fund to be increased at the discretion of the Budget Committee to a maximum of \$2500.*

The Budget Committee is to have the authority to approve a maximum expense of \$300 out of the Project Fund for special projects by Area Coordinators, Action Committees, Thought Force, Task Force and Work Groups. Projects exceeding \$300 shall require Assembly Approval.

Monies approved but not spent on special projects by Area Coordinators or Action Committees are to be returned the Project Fund.

MOTION CARRIED

2013 – 8 Number 10 on page 16 of 28 Budget Committee under Expenses & Other Motions change from:

10. To set aside \$1,500.00 from excess funds to establish a fund to be used by our past Delegates to help offset their expense to attend the annual Regional Delegates meeting, with an annual cap of **\$200.00** each. This to be reviewed annually by the Budget committee. (10/03 – motion #7)

Change to read:

10. To set aside \$1,500.00 for the Active Past Delegate Fund to establish a fund to be used by our Past Delegates to help offset their expense to attend the annual Regional Delegates Meeting, with an annual cap of **\$300.00** each. This to be reviewed annually by the Budget Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

2013- 9 Number 8 on page 17 of 28 Reimbursed Expenses change from:

8. For all advances, final accounting is required. (10/93 – motion #2)

Change to read:

8. **For all advances, a written request must be submitted before an advance is granted.** For all advances, final accounting is required.

MOTION CARRIED

2013- 10 On page 17 of 28 #9 Reimbursed Expenses change from:

- 9. Expense is considered substantiated only if enough information is submitted with the voucher (including actual invoices or receipts) to identify the specific nature of each expense and its purpose to the Assembly. (10/93 – motion #3) Exception: For payment on lost receipts for material or services for the AFG Ohio Inc. A written statement with validation by another Ohio Area Assembly member may be presented to the **Chairman or** the Budget Committee. (5/02 – motion #2)

Change to read:

- 9. Expense is considered substantiated only if enough information is submitted with the voucher (including actual invoices or receipts) to identify the specific nature of each expense and its purpose to the Assembly. (10/93 – motion #3) Exception: For payment on lost receipts for material or services for the AFG Ohio Inc. A written statement with validation by another Ohio Area Assembly member may be presented to **the Treasurer and** the Budget Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

2013 - 11 Number 16 on page 18 of 28 Per Diem Table from:

16 To upgrade the May, 1996 per diem amounts for travel expenses for officers, coordinators and committee chairmen to be retroactive to Jan. 2000. (10/00 – motion #2) Table follows:

	Meals	Banquet	½ Room	Travel (gas)	Total
1-day mtg: lunch & dinner	\$30.00			30.00	\$60.00
Annual 2 day mtg: lunch, brkft, lunch	\$30.00	25.00	60.00	30.00	\$145.00
1-day w/Fri mtg: add dinner & brkft	\$60.00		60.00	30.00	\$150.00
Annual 2 day w/Fri: add dinner & brkft	\$60.00	25.00	120.00	30.00	\$235.00
<i>Dinner=\$30, Lunch=\$20, Brkft=\$10 – All are Maximum amounts allowed.</i>					

Change to read:

16 To upgrade the October 2000 per diem amounts for travel expenses for Officers, Coordinators, Standing Committee Chairmen. Table follows:

	Meals	Banquet	½ Room	Travel (gas)	Total
1-day mtg: lunch & dinner	\$30.00			\$50.00	\$80.00
Annual 2 day mtg: lunch, brkft, lunch	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$60.00	\$50.00	\$175.00
1-day w/Fri mtg: add dinner & brkft	\$60.00		\$60.00	\$50.00	\$170.00
Annual 2 day w/Fri: add dinner & brkft	\$60.00	\$35.00	\$120.00	\$50.00	\$265.00

MOTION CARRIED

2013- 12 Number 11 On page 17 Of 28 Reimbursed Expenses change from:

- 10. Recommendation adopted to establish **\$2,000.00 District Representative fund (plus 5% increase annually in budget based on income of previous year)** to subsidize cost of District Representatives to

attend AWSC meetings. Maximum reimbursement of \$35 per DR per AWSC meeting. (5/01 Motion 4) Put a cap of \$2000.00 on DR fund (5/03 Motion #4)

Change to read :

11. To establish a District Representative Fund to subsidize cost of District Representatives to attend AWSC meetings. Maximum reimbursement of \$50 per DR per AWSC meeting. Funding at discretion of Budget Committee with a cap of \$1000.00.

MOTION CARRIED

2013 -13 Number 14 On page 18 Of 28 Reimbursed Expenses change from:

14. That the alternate delegate's expense is paid to the regional delegates' meeting, preferably during the first year of the three-year term. (5/98 – motion #1) Currently, the Alternate Delegate is sent to one North Central Regional Delegate's meeting. If funds are available, Ohio Area Assembly will provide \$200.00 annually to the Alternate Delegate to attend the remaining two years of their three-year term. (passed 05/05 – Motion 10-C)

Change to read:

14. That the Alternate Delegate's expense is paid to the Regional Delegates' meeting, preferably during the first year of the three-year term. (5/98 – motion #1) Currently, the Alternate Delegate is sent to one North Central Regional Delegate's Meeting. If funds are available, Ohio Area Assembly will provide \$300.00 annually to the Alternate Delegate to attend the remaining two years of their three-year term.

MOTION CARRIED

2013 – 14 Number 1 on page 18 of 28 Change the #1 under Reimbursed Expenses listed below Per Diem Table

1. To put a cap of \$2,000.00 on the District Representatives Area World service Committee meeting. (5/03 – motion #4)

Change to read:

1. To put a cap of \$2,000.00 on the District Representatives Area World Service Committee meeting. (5/03 – motion #4)

MOTION CARRIED

2013- 15 Renumber sections/paragraphs as necessary per approved changes to the Handbook of General and Committee Working Procedures for the Ohio Area Assembly Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

2013-16

To develop an Ample Reserve of \$20K to be invested in CDs in the amounts of \$5K, \$5K and \$10K maturing at varied intervals at the discretion of the Budget Committee. Ample Reserve amount to be reviewed annually by the budget committee.

MOTION CARRIED

2013-17

Take \$5K from a maturing CD and transfer that amount to Excess Funds to be used to fund projects and other expenses beginning in January, 2014.

MOTION CARRIED

2013-18

Move to seat guests, Char G-F , WSO Volunteer, and Jayme C, California South Delegate Panel 52, at the Fall 2013 Fall Assembly.

2013 - 19

To move The Seekers AFG located in Mt. Vernon, Ohio from District G to District 26. **MOTION CARRIED**

2013-20

Move to rename District I to District 37. **MOTION CARRIED**

2-DAY FALL ASSEMBLY AND CONVENTIONS

2-DAY FALL ASSEMBLY- October 18-19, 2014, will be at Columbus Airport Marriott. Hosted by Districts of Columbus

OHIO AREA CONVENTION –Hosted by the Districts of Toledo. Janice R & Nancy O are chairing.

Drawing for active Assembly members to attend an Ohio Convention were won by Chris M and Jane E

DATES TO REMEMBER

AWSC – March 29, 2014 – 2040 W. Henderson Road, Columbus, 43220

Spring Assembly – May 17, 2014 – 2040 W. Henderson Road, Columbus, 43220

AWSC – August 16, 2014 – 2040 W, Henderson Road, Columbus, 43220

Two Day Fall Assembly – October 18-19, 2014 – Columbus Airport Marriott. Details announced at Spring Assembly

Rose K asked for a motion to adjourn our meeting. Terry N seconded it. All in attendance voted to adjourn.

We closed with the Al-Anon Declaration: **Let it begin with me, when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, let the hands of Al-Anon/Alateen always be there and let it begin with me.**

Respectfully submitted

Karen McK