

AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT – SPRING 2018 (Approved)

The Area World Service Committee meeting was held on Saturday, March 24, 2018, at the North Congregational United Church of Christ, 2040 Henderson Road, Columbus 43220. Chairman Karen P called the meeting to order at 12:40 PM with the Serenity Prayer. Julie C. read the Twelve Traditions; Sara M., read the Twelve Concepts of Service; and Anne F, read the General Warranties of The Conference.

MINUTES: The minutes of the 2017 Fall AWSC meeting were previously electronically distributed to all the Committee members. Lindsay B., DR for District 10, moved and Cheryl B., DR for District 9, seconded to accept the minutes as distributed. The motion passed.

TREASURER’S REPORTS: Judy A, Treasurer, presented the report,

There are two treasurer’s reports, all of 2017 and January 1, 2018 through today March 24, the first quarter report. Our reserve is \$20,000, our expenses are \$19,376.97. So that’s a year’s worth of savings, equaling the suggested ample reserve. No questions were asked.

2017:	Beginning balance as of 1 January 2017 –	\$38,047.75
	Income 1 January – 31 December 2017 –	+22,002.39
	Expenses 1 January – 31 December 2017 –	<u>-19,376.97</u>
	Ending balance as of 31 December 2017 –	\$40,673.17

This green sheet is this year (first quarter of 2018). The Plea letter went out late last year. We have \$5,391.94 in income right now as some plea letter checks arrived in January. Our expenses this year so far are \$1,094.44. This leaves a balance of \$44,970.67. The check book currently has \$24,970.67.

2018:	Beginning balance as of 1 January 2018 –	\$40,673.17
	Income 1 January – 24 March 2018 –	+5,391.94
	Expenses 1 January – 24 March 2018 –	<u>- 1,094.44</u>
	Ending balance as of 24 March 2018 –	\$44,970.67

There was question from District 5 who has a couple of groups that donated but it was not on the sheet. The answer is that March 2018 donations have not been entered in. Checks are deposited twice a month. The treasurer doesn’t keep the checks more than one month.

The paper copies of the full reports are attached to the end of these minutes.

Phil H., Archives moved and Carmen, Group Records, seconded to accept the report as presented. The motion passed.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE & NEWSLETTER EDITOR REPORT: Sandy F, Acting Alternate Delegate, presented the report –

What an honor it is to serve Ohio Area as the Alternate Delegate as we begin Panel 58. Some of you may be wondering why we refer it to Panel 58. The reason is, each time we have a rotation of service all Officers, Coordinators, and Standing Committee Chairmen introduce themselves by position and panel number . This number is assigned to the current Delegate. The panel number is assigned the first year of a Delegate’s term. The number also reflects the number of that year’s World Service Conference. So, until December 31, 2020 all of Ohio Area’s trusted servants will be referred to as Panel 58.

Since I was appointed to this position, I have been busy. The first thing I did was to email each person on the AWSC list to check for accuracy of their email address. This included our Past Delegates. Why did I do this, email is the preferred means of communications now. I have confirmed all but three of the

current AWSC members. Letters were sent USPS to these three, but no response has yet been received.

Next came the Winter edition of Al-A-Notes. The topic was **what is new with your position?** The Alternate Delegate picks the topic. I decided to make this a newsletter and announce what was going on with each position. Now this is where it is progress not perfection. The address of the Treasurer somehow got goofed up between my original and all the proofreaders. The Treasurer address for AFG of Ohio is PO Box 524, NOT 52. The town and zip code were correct. I do apologize for this error.

As you know, Al-A-Notes is now being emailed to the CMA's for each group. This change came last fall at Assembly with Motion Number 2017 - 10/4. However, the exchange newsletters and personal subscriptions will be mailed USPS. This I did this past week with a note to exchanges asking if they still want to exchange and asked to change the address to my home. Personal subscriptions were also sent USPS mailed to subscribers. These copies had the address corrected for Ohio Area's Treasurer. Total number of exchange newsletters is 23 and personal subscriptions are 14.

Last weekend I had the opportunity to attend the US North Central Regional Delegates' meeting in Duluth, Minnesota. I traveled with Theresa, our Delegate for Panel 58, and Ginny, Panel 55. We had the best time. During the meeting I got ideas for discussion for the Membership Outreach Action Committee to peruse. Now that was just a little tease, my complete report about this event will be saved for Spring Assembly. I will tell you the day was a test for me about powerlessness. Theresa, Ginny and I left Duluth at 10am Sunday morning. I walked in my door at home at 3am Monday morning. You just must love the joys of traveling and unexpected flight delays.

DELEGATE'S REPORT: Theresa M., Delegate, presented the report –

First, I would like to say is **thank you** for trusting me with this position. I will do my best to be a "bridge of understanding" (p. 147, P24-7) between our Groups and world Al-Anon. As I prepare for my first WSC, I am reminded of the spiritual nature of the work done by those who have gone before me. I have had phone conversations with a Trustee, my WSC mentor and many with my service sponsor(s). I have sent in a sharing for Area Highlights. I have been assigned to the Literature Committee, and we will be meeting Monday afternoon before the conference starts as well as having many phone and web meetings during the year. **"Just for Tonight" article from the August 2016 issue of The Forum.** During the Literature Committee's September 2017 meeting, the Literature Committee unanimously carried a motion to recommend to the 2018 WSC conceptual approval to create a bookmark based on an August 2016 Forum article titled "Just for Tonight," using more generic wording for a Higher Power than the article.

Al-Anon has moved into the electronic age, and many of the things I will be reporting this time on can be found in greater detail on the **members website**, al-anon.org/members, which no longer requires a password to sign in.

World Service Conference April 16-20, 2018, West Harrison, NY: Regional Trustee, Trustee at Large Candidates, and Board Officers will be presented for traditional approval. They will be elected following approval at the Meeting of the Board of Trustees on Saturday after the WSC.

TEAM events will resume in 2019 – none this year because of the International Convention. But, there will be a "Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect" Saturday, Oct 20, 2018 at the Houston Marriot South at Hobby Airport. Fliers and info to come at the WSC.

As well as many member at large positions in the service structure, there are various **paid employment opportunities** that become available at the WSO. <http://al-anon.org/employment-at-al-anon/> These various opportunities change overtime during the year.

Interested candidates can email their resume and cover letter to the Employee Resources Manager Bill Piersol at bill@al-anon.org. Bill can be reached by the email listed or by telephone at 757-563-1600 regarding any questions regarding the position. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Finances:

The General Fund recorded a loss for 2017 compared with a gain during 2016. Money has been transferred from the Reserve Fund to the General Fund. Contributions were down slightly last year though literature sales were up. (Forums sale were up but are revenue neutral) We ended the year with a relatively small deficit.

Member contributions have allowed the WSO the ability to hire and retain Staff, to create our newly designed website, which includes the new meeting search, and to create a newly designed Members link on the website that allows group to register or make changes to their information online.

I have been sent the WSO record of 2017 contributions from Ohio and can let DR's know the specifics from their District's Groups. I have the information on my computer here and can email anyone who is interested in learning about their District or Group.

An easily searchable **2018-2021 Service Manual** is now available on line. It contains the many revisions that were voted upon at the 2017 WSC. (20 pages in the appendices to 2017 WSC summary.)

Policy Committee

The Policy Committee this year will begin discussing revisions to the "Digest of Al-Anon and Alateen Policies" starting with sections "Membership and Group Meetings/Conventions" (p 85) and "Alateen Policy" (p 93)

There will be discussion about Electronic/Virtual Meetings and the WSO Staff drafted revised Alateen Preamble presented to the Policy Committee.

The Open Policy Committee meeting at the 2018 WSC will be addressing meditation meetings and Policy Committee Interim Action procedures. The latter refers back to (among others) p 205 "Policy Committee" authority to consider submitted issues and projects and reconsider decisions when any part of the fellowship dissents. Decisions made in an emergency are binding for a particular incident, but must be approved by the Board of Trustees and WSC to become binding.

More will be revealed and reported on this and other matters by your Delegate at Spring OAA!

USNCRDM

I want to thank the OAA for their continued support of Delegate, Alternate Delegate (for one year) and Past Delegate expenses to attend the US North Central Regional Delegates Meeting every spring. This is so helpful for getting the new Panel orientated to the atmosphere at the World Service Conference. It includes a great deal of sharing the experience love and hope as well as a review of the business etiquette and a report from our Regional Trustee (who is in her last year as Chairman of the Board).

Respectfully submitted, Theresa M

REGISTRATION: Lee R, Registration Committee Chair, reported that a total of 23 people registered for the meeting: 5 DR's, 12 Officers and Coordinators (including 4 DRS), 3 Liaisons, 1 Alternate GR and 2 visitors. District Representatives: Please remind New GR's to come early to register and attend the New GR meeting. There is also a \$5.00 fee to offset the cost of Assembly.

OLD BUSINESS

FINAL REPORT ON 2017 TEAM EVENT: Ginny C., Past Delegate and TEAM Chairperson, presented the report-

The theme of the 2017 Ohio TEAM event was Spirituality Of Action in Recovery (SOAR). It was held on July 7, 2017 at the Double Tree Hotel in Fairlawn, Ohio the day the Ohio Area Convention began. The convention began that evening. Fifty people attended from across Ohio plus a handful of people from Ontario, Canada who had an interest in planning a TEAM event. WSO sent Tom C., Associate Director of Literature, Joan, Trustee, and Mary G., Interim Executive Director of WSO.

The day began with 15-minute sharings by each of the three representatives from WSO. Three workshops were presented by both Ohio and WSO: a SPIRITUALITY workshop, an ACTION workshop, and a RECOVERY workshop. WSO representatives made two presentations, one on Abundance and another on the Trustee Search. There was also a skit on the difference between AFG and AFG, Inc.

Evaluations were returned from 32 of the 50 attendees. The following questions were asked, and the majority answer is given:

1. Have you been to a TEAM event before? **NO**
2. Would you like Ohio to host another TEAM event? **YES**
3. Would you be interested in helping with a TEAM event? **YES**
4. Did this event inspire you to get more active in service? **YES**

5. Do you want to be more active in the Ohio Assembly? **YES** **

6. Was the timing of the event good? **YES**

7. Would you prefer a stand-alone event as opposed to being before a scheduled OAA meeting or event? **NO**

**There was not a statistically significant majority answering yes.

In summary, the TEAM event was a success. Those that attended enjoyed the day and especially meeting and getting to know the WSO representatives. Ohio would be wise to have another one soon. However, more advertisement or encouragement to attend is needed to increase the numbers attending. Many people I spoke to about it ahead of time were reluctant to come because they did not understand what it was. Overall, it was a great success and fun was had by all.

FINAL REPORT ON 2017 OAC: Jo S. suggested report not time sensitive save for Spring Assembly.

NEW BUSINESS

KBDM-AMIAS CLAIRIFYING THE RENEWAL TIME: Phil H., Handbook Committee, presented for Buff N., Handbook Committee Chair, who was absent-

Topic: Clarifying the renewal time for AI-Anon Members Involved In Alateen Service (AMIAS)

Background information – What we know

Historical perspective – Prior to 2015, the World Service Office (WSO) required AMIAS renewals to be mailed through the U. S. Postal Service to WSO. In 2015, the process was changed so that the Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) submits the renewal forms electronically.

With that change, the renewal time frame was changed by WSO from “in the fall, before December 31st”, for the following calendar year. WSO now requires that the Forms be signed and dated in the calendar year for the renewal certification.

Existing motions that pertain to this topic: None.

What do we know about our membership's needs, wants and preferences? Members want clear instructions for this process.

What do we know about our capacity (resources)?

There will be no requirement for additional resources. Our current Forms are sufficient.

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

Pros: Our AMIAS process will conform to current WSO policies.

Cons: Our AMIAS certifications will be unnecessarily delayed.

What we wish we knew, but don't: N/A

Questions and Clarification – no timing or microphone limitations

Need for motion? Yes, one motion will be required. Presented by: Phil H., Handbook Committee

MOTION

Moved by: Handbook Committee

Seconded by:

Move to amend the Handbook of General and Committee Working Procedures for AI-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc., as follows:

In the AMIAS Application packet, following page 33 of 45 and the Index, on Page A-6 of the packet, last item, which reads,

“Does an AMIAS need to renew each year?

Yes. Each year in the fall, any time before December 31st, FORM ONE and FORM TWO are completed and sent to the Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP). This is an Area and WSO requirement. This gives an idea of who shall be active in Alateen service for the coming year. Another background check is not required until the end of the fifth year of service.”

Will be amended by deleting and inserting the following words:

Yes. ~~Each year in the fall, any time before December 31st,~~ FORM ONE and FORM TWO are completed **signed, dated** and sent to the Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) annually **between January 1 – March 31 for renewal.** This is an Area and WSO requirement. This gives an idea of who shall be active in Alateen service for the ~~coming~~ **current** year. Another background check is not required until the end of the fifth year of service.”

So that the amended section reads, as follows,

“Yes. FORM ONE and FORM TWO are completed, signed, dated and sent to the Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) annually between January 1 – March 31 for renewal. This is an Area and WSO requirement. This gives an idea of who shall be active in Alateen service for the current year. Another background check is not required until the end of the fifth year of service.”

KBDM-FURTHER CLARIFYING GROUP RECORD COORDINATOR’S DUTIES: Phil H., Handbook Committee, presented for Buff N., Handbook Committee Chair-

Topic: Further clarifying the Group Record Coordinator’s duties

Background information – What we know

Historical perspective at the 2017 Fall Assembly, a motion was passed delegating responsibility to the Group Records Coordinator to submit the Area World Service Committee Update Form to the World Service Office. Since 1995 World Service Conference returned all Assembly minutes to Area and no longer requested they be sent to Secretary at World Service Office. However, removing these duties from the Delegate’s responsibilities was inadvertently overlooked.

*Existing motions that pertain to this topic: Motion 2017-10 / 03 that was passed at the Fall Assembly. “Up until 1995, the Area holdings were retained at the World Service Office. After a discussion, the Conference approved the following motion: **Return Area Holding / Source: 1995***

World Service Conference Motion 17:”

What do we know about our membership's needs, wants and preferences? :Members want the Handbook to be clear and concise.

What do we know about our capacity (resources)? No outside resources are required.

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

Pros: Removing the responsibility on the Delegate’s Responsibilities eliminates confusion

Cons: Leaving the Handbook as is creates a conflict in duties.

What we wish we knew, but don't: Nothing

Questions and Clarification – no timing or microphone limitations

Need for motion? Yes, motion follows

Presented by: Handbook Committee

MOTION

Move to amend the Handbook of General and Committee Working Procedures for Al-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc. on Page 8 of 45, as follows:

Under Responsibilities, delete the following

- 2) Sends to the Conference Secretary at World Service Office the names and addresses of the members of the Area World Service Committee and Reports of all Assemblies.

Re-number the remaining items 3) – 9) to 2) – 8

KBDM-ELIMINATE THE POSITION OF COMPLIANCE LIAISON: Phil H., Handbook Committee, presented for Buff N., Handbook Committee Chair-

Topic: Eliminate the position of Compliance Liaison

Background information – What we know Historical

perspective –

The position of Compliance Liaison was originally established to ensure that certain legal requirements for AFG of Ohio, Inc., were met. However, a lack of clear definition of the “what was required” resulted in AFG of Ohio paying penalties for failing to file reports with the state of Ohio, as well as jeopardizing our non-profit status with the IRS. These requirements were further clarified at the 2016 Fall Assembly when the Compliance Liaison duties were essentially rewritten.

This has not, however, relieved AFG of Ohio, Inc., from the responsibility of filing the required forms. In reviewing the Ohio Revised Code regarding Not for Profit Corporations, the ultimate responsibility lies with the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation. For AFG of Ohio, this is the Area Chairman, not the Compliance Liaison.

Essentially, this becomes double-headed management as the Compliance Liaison is receiving these reports, then passing them along to the Area Chairman. They should go directly to the Area Chairman.

Existing motions that pertain to this topic: None

What do we know about our membership's needs, wants and preferences? Our members expect our elected officers to effectively manage the affairs of the corporation.

What do we know about our capacity (resources)? This eliminates double-headed management. The Area Chairman will know, for a fact, that the reports have been filed as the receipts for those filings will go directly to the Area Chairman.

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

Pros: We “keep it simple” and “avoid double-headed management”.

Cons: None.

What we wish we knew, but don't: Would we wind up in the same position in years to come if we don't get the copies of the reports to the responsible officers?

Questions and Clarification – no timing or microphone limitations

Need for motion? Yes – six motions are required.

Presented by: Handbook Committee

MOTION # 1

On page 14 of 45 in the Handbook of General and Committee Working Procedures For Al-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc., # 5 Compliance Liaison –

Delete items 3 and 4, which read,

3. Prepares the change of Statutory Agent of Nonprofit Corporation to be filed with the Secretary of State's Office. The form shall name the Committee chairman as the Statutory Agent and shall be completed within 90 days of taking office. The form shall be mailed to the Treasurer, who will prepare the remittance and mail the form.
4. Prepares the Statement of Continued Existence of Nonprofit Corporation to be filed with the Secretary of State's office in a timely manner-currently every five years. The form shall be mailed to the Treasurer, who will prepare the remittance and mail the form.

And insert them, in their entirety, on page 10 of 45, under Area Chairman Responsibilities and number them 8) and 9). – and on page 14 of 45, under Compliance Liaison, renumber 5 to 3.

MOTION # 2

On page 14 of 45 in the Handbook of General and Committee Working Procedures For Al-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc.,

Delete 5 - Compliance Liaison and items 1, 2 and 3 in their entirety; Renumber 6-

Web Master to 5 - Web Master; and

Renumber 7 – Registration Committee to 6 – Registration Committee

MOTION # 3

On page 13 of 45 in the Handbook of General and Committee Working Procedures For Al-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc., Special Standing Committees –

Delete 5. Compliance Liaison (10/01 – motion #7 & 5/03 – motion #3) , in its entirety and renumber 6 and 7 to 5 and 6.

BY-LAWS **MOTIONS**

MOTION # 4

On page 5 of 10 in the By-Laws For Al-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc. Article

V Committees, B Special Standing Committees

Delete 5. Compliance Liaison (10/01 – motion #7 & 5/03 – motion #3), and renumber 6 and 7 to 5 and 6.

MOTION # 5

On page 7 of 10 in the By-Laws For Al-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc.

In "Instructions for implementing the Minimum Safety and Behavioral Requirements prior to 12/31/04. Districts Representatives should:"

Change "6 –Compliance Liaison" to "Area Alateen Process Person", so the amended section reads, "Area Alateen Process Person will keep a copy for records and send original to WSO for authorization.

MOTION # 6

On page 7 of 10 in the By-Laws For Al-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc.

In Part A. Ohio Area 44 Processes for Implementation of Alateen Requirements.

Section- " Responsibilities of the Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP),"

Delete 1 in its entirety "The Ohio Area 44 Compliance Person will serve as the Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP).", and renumber the remaining items, from 2 – 8 to 1 – 7.

AI-A-Notes Exchanges and Subscriptions: Sandy F., acting Alternate Delegate, presented the report- AI-A-Notes issues can be up \$1.50 per issue times three issues so \$4.50 a year. There are 25 exchanges with other Areas and 14 personal subscriptions. The past issue was condensed so it was only 4 pages, but it could be up to 7 pages. I mailed 27 of the most recent issue as exchanges including the ones to WSO.

Do we as an Area want to tell the other Areas we will continue sending the AI-A-Notes but send it electronically? Do you want to continue sending the paper ones so we continue getting the other paper newsletters from other Areas? Have you enjoyed seeing those newsletters from other Areas?

Personal subscriptions are \$3.50 for one year and \$6.75 for two years. Personal subscriptions will cost around \$5.00 a year. It will cost up to 50% more to send them out now.

The discussion that ensued went as follows:

- Use some of the reserve fund to pay for the difference because some people don't have a lot of money.
- It was pointed out that the ample reserve is not supposed to be used in that way.
- Could be \$6.00 per year depending on number of pages.
- Should we increase price of the subscriptions? Should we supplement the cost in some other way through our budget such as postage?
- Exchange addresses may not be correct. The current addresses may not be the current newsletter editors.
- Other newsletters have found that many newsletters can be sent via e-mail.
- Task Force may be needed as this may not be a long process.
- If it is too thick, extra postage may be needed. Cost of subscriptions may need to go up.
- Current subscriptions will be in effect and it will take time to catch up. So in a sense, we will be subsidizing.
- AI-A-Notes is posted on the website.

Karen P. Area Chair will ask for a Task Force to be established at the Spring Assembly.

2017 Fall Assembly Final Report: Sandy F., 2 Day Fall Assembly/ OAC Advisor submitted the report but will present at the Spring Assembly.

2018 AI-Anon International Convention and Day of Connecting: Theresa M., Delegate, submitted the report but will present at the Spring Assembly.

2018 Ohio AA Convention with AI-Anon Participation: Ann F., Districts of Toledo liaison, presented the report-

The Convention will be held in the Toledo area in Perrysburg, Ohio. The dates are July 27-29, 2018 right after the International Convention. The theme is A Design for Living. We have outlined the workshops and panels we will have. We will be hosting an AI-Anon hospitality room all three days. It is 25 dollars for registration. If you want to spend the night at the Holiday Inn French Quarter is \$110 a night.

The following schedule and topics were developed for AI-Anon participation in the Convention:

Saturday

- 10:30 am - Alcoholism, the Family Disease – Open Discussion
- 1:30 pm - AI-Anon Lead
- 4:00 pm – AI-Anon is for Young People - Mini Leads and Discussion

Sunday

9:00 am – Al-Anon is for Men - panel

Speakers for each of these sessions were discussed. Ann has since contacted Kerry W. regarding being our Saturday lead. Our Plan B is Diane P.

Hospitality Room

Discussion of the hospitality room resulted in the decision to have the room Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Marty offered to take charge of organizing the room, with help from Steve.

Public Outreach

Vicky W will oversee the Public Outreach at the Al-Anon table.

CAL for Sale

Al-Anon can sell CAL on the convention floor. We hope to find someone to handle the literature sales.

Archives

Archives can also be displayed at the Al-Anon table on the Convention floor.

2018 - Two Day Fall Assembly: Julie C., 2018 Fall 2 Day/OAC liaison for Cleveland presented the report-

The AFG of OHIO Fall Assembly will be held at the Hilton Double Tree in Independence OH on October 13-14, 2018.

I had the pleasure of meeting our contact at the Hotel in January and was given a tour of the facility and we also went over our contract at that time. The hotel is very nice. There is plenty of space for us. A Hospitality room/suite is included. There are a couple of fire places in the lobbies, nice views of the City, indoor pool and hot tub. Nearby there are lots of restaurants.

Our room rate will be 109.00 per night (rooms have 2 queens or 1 king) and there will be a 2-person breakfast voucher per room. (Additional breakfast discounts available). Rates will be in effect 2 days prior and 2 days after the event.

Saturday evening banquet; I have a tasting set up in early April for myself and 2 other members to determine if we'll have a banquet or buffet style dinner. The additional tasters have some dietary restrictions and that will be helpful in keeping variety in our menu and making everyone (haha) happy. I'd like to encourage everyone to extend an invitation to their various Al-Anon groups to attend the Saturday banquet and speaker afterwards. It's a great opportunity for other members to see and hear about service work as well as enjoy the fellowship of members from out of town.

I have secured committee members for the hospitality room and Theresa M. Panel 58 delegate will be the speaker after the banquet Saturday evening.

A banquet registration flyer will be coming out soon.

2019- OHIO AREA CONVENTION: The report was submitted but will be presented at the Spring Assembly.

2019- TWO DAY FALL ASSEMBLY: No report was submitted.

COORDINATOR REPORTS

ALATEEN: Sara M., Alateen Coordinator, presented the report-

Early this week I accepted an appointment to the position of Alateen Coordinator to fill the empty position. With years of Alateen, I have been Chairperson for both KOMIAC and Alateen Rally. I also have been the Sponsor to teens who were KOMIAC Chair, Co-Chair and many teens who have helped run Alateen Rallies.

In the absence of an Alateen Coordinator our Chairperson / AAPP helped to get the 2018 events scheduled to assure notice to the Sponsors and Teens. All events are located on the ohioal-anon.org site. The transition from our past Coordinator to current should take place the day of the Sponsor workshop on April 7, 2018.

Thank you for the privilege to be of Service to AFG of Ohio.

The Alateen event schedule for 2018 includes:

Alateen Sponsor workshop – April 7 from 10 am to 3:30 pm

Location - North Congregational United Church of Christ
2040 Henderson Rd., Columbus, OH 43220
Anyone who has at least 2 years of Al-Anon and interested in helping with Alateen is welcome to attend this sponsor workshop.

Alateen Spring Rally – April 28 from 10 am to 3:30 pm
Location – Ascension Lutheran Church
1479 Morse Rd., Columbus, OH 43229

Founders Day Participation by Alateen June 9, 2019
Location - Akron University Campus

KOMIAC 2018 – Kentucky - July 27, 28 & 29, 2018
Location still to be determined by Kentucky KOMIAC Board

Fall Alateen Rally – October 27, 2018
Location to be announced in the Cleveland Area

ARCHIVES: Phil H., Archives Coordinator, presented the report-

After an arduous, and sometimes treacherous, 5.8-mile journey, the archives were transferred from Judy C to me in January. With such a difficult mission, we considered a fine steak dinner at Texas Roadhouse to regain our strength. However, common sense took over and we enjoyed a lunch at Fazoli's!

All kidding aside, the archives have been moved. One thing I've seen (and saw at Judy C's) is the fact that the archives have been stored in several different size containers. I came across some Forum binders, that fit the older issues, and that's good. But, they wouldn't have fit in the containers. I've picked up some of the same style I used for Miami Valley AIS – those will work much better.

I'm starting a cataloging process so there'll be a written inventory of what we have as well. That will make finding an item a lot easier, but it's going to take some time. I'll keep you posted on the progress.

FORUM: Kelly M. was absent. Theresa M., Delegate, presented the report-

The Forum is requesting sharing's at any time on:

- Alateen and Group Sponsors
- Legacy (especially Tradition and Concept sharing's)
- Newcomers.

In addition to the requests that appear in each edition

GROUP RECORDS: Carmen I., presented the report-

In mid-January of 2018, the Ohio Group Records Coordinator made a transition from Robin R. as Ohio Group Records Coordinator to Carmen Irvin. A transition meeting was held with Robin R. Karen P. and me in attendance. Robin and Karen worked with me for a few hours teaching me how to how to add new groups to the data base, how to update information and how to run reports among other things. I must say I was relieved when Robin R. agreed to be the Alternate Group Records Coordinator and a mentor to me. The transition has been relatively smooth and I am now eager to face my position eagerly. Currently, in the State of Ohio there are:

483 Active Meetings
97 Beginners Meetings
425 Al-Anon Family Groups
106 Inactive Groups
3 in No Mail Status
4 in Bounced Mail Status
47 AFGs are marked for deletion

LITERATURE: Jo S., Literature Coordinator, presented the report-

Understanding & Hope for Parents & Grandparents (P-94):

This new pamphlet is being translated into French and Spanish as I write this. We hope to introduce it a April's World Service Conference and have it available to the fellowship in May. Order forms will be posted to the Literature Distribution Centers on AFG Connects prior to that.

Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships—A collection of Al-Anon personal stories:

This highly anticipated new book is expected to be introduced in Baltimore at the 2018 Al-Anon International Convention in July. Priority order forms will be posted to the Literature Distribution Centers on AFG Connects prior to that.

2019 CAL Catalog (S-15) and CAL Order Form (S-16): In order to include our newest Literature in them, these free service tools will be available beginning this summer.

NEW DAILY READER (working title): Please continue to encourage members to submit sharing's for this project, especially on the Steps, Traditions and Concepts of Service.

“CAL Corner”: Each month, the “CAL Corner” feature in The Forum includes members’ sharing’s on how a particular piece of our literature has enhanced their recovery.

- February articles feature Discovering Choices (B30).
- March feature about Lois Remembers (B-7), in celebration of her birthday.
- April’s articles cover Paths to Recovery (B-24) and the Paths to Recovery Workbook (P-93).

Writing about CAL for Area Newsletters: Please share what your Area is doing to spread the word about CAL or publish reviews of various CAL books and pamphlets in your Area newsletter.

Sharing’s needed for “CAL Corner”: We always need more sharing’s about how CAL has helped members with their recovery. Please urge members to write in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of One Day at a Time in Al-Anon (B6). We also need articles about Discovering Choices (B-30) and ...In All Our Affairs (B-15).

Respectfully Submitted by Jo S.

PUBLIC OUTREACH - Kay C., Coordinator, presented the report-

The annual Addiction Studies Institute is a very important part of AFG Public Outreach for Area 44. Held in conjunction with The Ohio State University/Wexner Medical Center, the 2018 Addiction Studies Institute will be held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center July 25th to 27th.

Our Area 44 AFG is responsible to provide information and referral to the mental health professionals who attend this event. We supply CAL literature as well as meeting rosters to these attendees to enable doctors and counselors to connect their patients with Al-Anon and Alateen. To facilitate this outreach effort, I am requesting that District Reps and Group Reps provide and bring the following quantities of meeting lists to the Spring Assembly in Columbus:

Districts of Akron - 200; Districts of Cincinnati - 200; Districts of Cleveland - 200; Districts of Columbus - 500; Districts of Dayton (Miami Valley) - 200; Districts of Toledo - 200; Districts of Youngstown - 200; Free Standing Districts - 100. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance with this AFG public outreach endeavor!

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET: Judy A., Treasurer, presented the report-

Last night the Budget Committee met. Due to technical difficulties, we were unable to produce a complete Budget for today. We expect to resolve these problems soon and be able to have it ready for presentation at the Spring Assembly. One of the things that came to our attention is that we have \$300 in our Reserves that allows us to pay for our District Representatives who come here but may have no support from their local groups. If you are not being reimbursed to come here, we could pay you up to \$50 (gas and lunch).

AAPP: Karen P., AAPP, presented the report-

WSO opened the electronic recertification data base to Al-Anon in Alateen Processing Person’s (AAPP) on March 20, 2018. Ohio Al-Anon members in Alateen Service (AMIAS) have 1/3 of the rectification completed for 2018.

Please encourage the AMIAS members in your Districts to complete both form 1 & form 2 from the AMIAS packet which can be found on the ohioal-anon.org website under the Alateen tab proceeding to the Sponsor page. These forms are to be signed by the GR of the member's home group and the DR for the District. In the case that there is no DR for the district the regional Alateen Coordinator or our Area Alateen Coordinator may sign in place of a DR. Please be sure that when signing you are aware the member is attending regular meetings and to the best of your knowledge working a good Al-Anon program.

Ohio currently has:

23 active Alateen Meetings

68 active AMIAS

Recertification forms are **due before June 1, 2018**. Any **members which miss the deadline will no longer be AMIAS certified** and will need to go through the certification process all over again.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE: Buff was unable to be here today. She does not have a report as she has been unable to get the materials yet from Sandy.

REVIEW COMMITTEE: Robin, the new Review Committee Chairperson, was unable to be here. Robin stated that the past review committee will agree to continue and they will get together soon to review 2017.

Two-Day Fall OAC Liaison: Sandy F. offered to present at Spring Assembly. Not time sensitive.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE: Mike W, Committee Chair, presented his report. The report is attached to the minutes.

DISCUSSION:

Karen P. stated she and Theresa M. would like to find out what the DRs, Coordinators, and Liaisons want the Assembly to focus on.

Theresa M. stated she has been getting a lot of information regarding Action Committees and how other Areas have moved away from them to specific Thought or Task Forces or workshops or skits. We could do that or make the Action Committees more actionable. One problem is that people are not always assigned to the same Action Committee so there is a lack of continuity. Also Chairman and the Delegate made up discussion topics so the topics differed. Please email Theresa or Karen any ideas,

A question was raised about who was supposed to be in the Action Committees. Theresa M. referred to the Ohio Handbook p. 27 Action Committee Plan. The Four Action Committees are Group Services, Fellowship Communications, Membership Outreach, and Public Outreach. She read who was on the four action committees. In the past, questions were passed out each time as suggested topics. What would make it more efficient? As Membership Outreach chair, they had specific projects they were working on.

Sandy F. reviewed the history of Action Committees: In the third year of Panel 40 WSO was reorganized into those four sections. All Areas were asked to adopt the Action Committee Plan. Ohio adopted it and in, Panel 43 started Action Committees and actually did things, Panel 46 Group Services started AMIAS screening process. Since then talked about topics provided by Chair or Delegate, except Public Outreach and Membership Outreach which had specific projects. She stated it is probably time to dissolve them but need a Thought Force to think about possibilities.

Other comments:

- Lacking in Assembly is fun, excitement and enjoyment. Other Areas are attracting more GRs to their Assemblies. What are they doing that is attracting people? What can we do to attract GRs to our Assemblies?
- Virtually all other non-profit organizations have a slate of officers. Why do we have to have paper ballots for each position if there is only one candidate? Takes a long time to do it presently.
- How effectively are we operating? Why do the GR's stay or why don't they stay? Why do they stay away?
- We could do an inventory. How do we do inventories at all levels of service?
- Group issues-always a need to discuss them. What was the problem? What was your problem? What was the effect? Possible solution? How do you handle something like a behavioral problem? Could learn from other people. People would rather discuss something like that.

- There is a lot of reluctance to be in any service position. We could have a survey that is easily accessible on the website. What prevents you from coming? Could get it out to more people.
- Attraction not promotion. If we are doing a good job attracting, people will come. Don't have to do all business. Discussion on some of the things we all experience (in our groups).
- Last fall a lot of people who wanted to serve but were unable to serve because they didn't have the requirements. Why do you have to be certain things before being able to take a certain position?
- Want to hear what the GRs have to say. Hear what is going on at the group level. It should be a bottom up program. Having an open forum to share experience, strength and hope.
- Power of attraction, people who were enthusiastic about service was contagious. A Thought Force could come up with some ideas. Promotion doesn't work
- Two-Day Fall Schedule in the Handbook lists workshops. Maybe for Fall Assembly we could plan on a workshop. Stopped doing workshops when we started Action Committees. In the past, we used to have DR meeting to discuss with the Chairman and the Delegate problems they are having.
- Plant a seed for the Coordinators. On Page 6 of Handbook under Coordinators job description is the requirement to present one workshop yearly. Just have to fit it in the schedule. Already in the Handbook.

Sandy F. passed out the address information for letters and love gifts for the Delegate at WSC.

Scheduled Meetings:

Alateen Sponsor Workshop – April 7, 2018 – North Congregational UCC
 Alateen Spring Rally – April 28, 2018 – Ascension Lutheran Church
 Spring Assembly – May 19, 2018 - North Congregational UCC
 Day of Connecting 2018 – July 5, 2018 - Baltimore, MD
 International AI-Anon Convention – July – 6 – 8, 2018 – Baltimore, MD
 KOMIAC – July 27 - 29, 2018 – Kentucky
 Ohio AA Convention w/ AI-Anon participation – July 27 – 29, 2018-Toledo
 Fall AWSC – August 11, 2018 - North Congregational UCC
 Fall Assembly – October 13 & 14, 2018 - Independence Doubletree Hilton Double Tree
 Alateen Fall Rally – October 27, 2018 Location Cleveland Area – TBA

Karen P. requested if there was any further business to consider. None suggested, Sandy F. shared that a motion to adjourn needed to be made. Motion to adjourn by Carmen I. Seconded by Julie C. The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 PM with the AI-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny C
 Secretary

AWSC SPRING WEB REPORT – Mar 24, 2018

Over 55% of our visitors are using a mobile handheld device to view ohioal-anon.org (see figure 1). Up from 52% October 2017. Little change in weekly activity trends (see figure 2).

While the volume of total visitors is steady from this time last year, the volume of returning visitors has declined from 27% down to 16.9%. (see figure 3).

The bounce rate (that is the number of visitors who look at just one page and then leave) continues to increase. The most visited page on our site where the bounces occur continues to be the “Meetings in Ohio” page, followed by the WSO meeting search tool page. This is not a bad thing, as it simply means our readers are finding the information they are looking for on the meeting search tool, and not needing to go anywhere else.

Views of our documents page and calendar page have declined slightly. It’s unknown why this is, as these pages are easily accessible, and are showing up fine in Google search results when searching the phrase “Ohio Al-anon Documents”.

NOTE: We had one visitor report an issue with navigation early in the development of the new site. That issue was fixed. Since then, there appears to be no problems navigating the web site.

Figure 3.

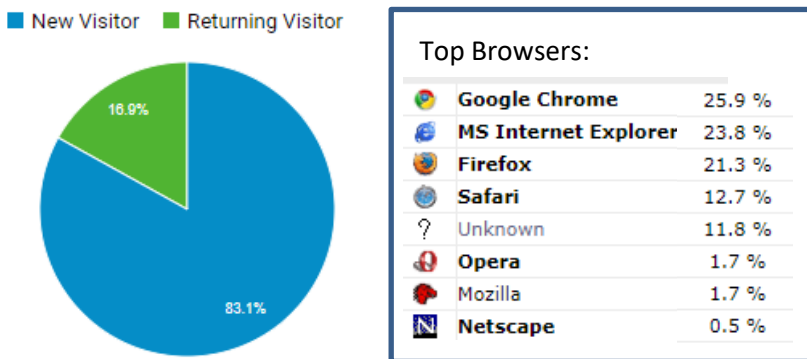


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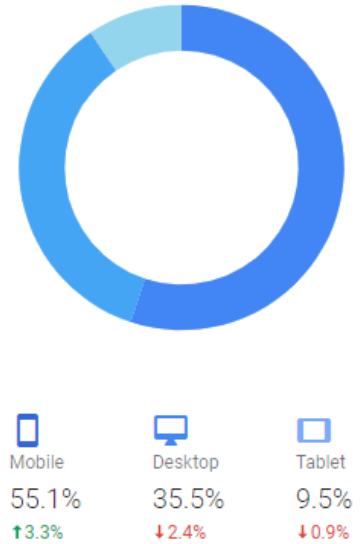
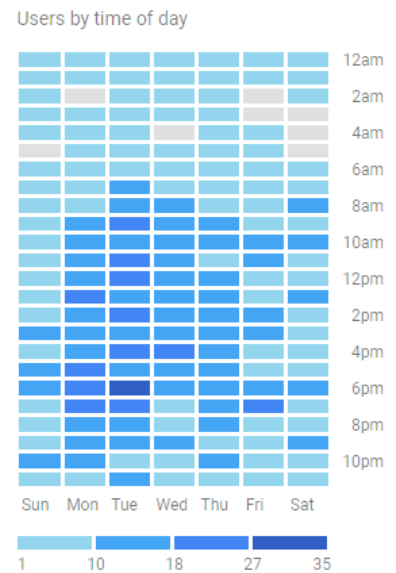


Figure 2.



In other news this quarter, the Web committee received authorization to proceed with our recommendation to move the Web site and email services away from Corecomm, and move to BlueHost. The move reduces the cost of hosting by almost 50% over 3 years. The deal required an upfront payment of \$178.20 for the 3-year period, which puts us \$28.20 over budget for 2018. However, there will be no hosting charges until March 2021. The only additional charges for the upcoming 3-year period will be domain registrations which will come due in 2019, as well as possible upgrades to Web site editing software.