

2018 SPRING ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES

The Spring Assembly meeting was held on Saturday, May 19, 2018, at the North Congregational United Church Of Christ, 2040 W Henderson Road, Columbus 43220. Chairman Karen P. opened the meeting at 12:51 PM with the Serenity Prayer. Allison G., Women’s Choice AFG , read the Twelve Traditions; and Dennis K., Delegate Panel 22, read the Twelve Concepts of Service and Phil H., Archives, read the Warranties. Karen P. welcomed everyone and explained the voting procedures. Karen P. and Theresa M., Delegate, performed a rap which covered the meeting etiquette.

Karen introduced the current Officers, Coordinators, Standing Committee chairs, the AIS Liaisons and Past Delegates. Introductions by Districts were made and the following districts were represented: 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, , 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 38, 39, 45, 48, 51, 56 and 57.

Delegate Theresa M recognized and welcomed the 14 new Group Representatives.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Fall 2017 Assembly meeting were distributed via the AFG of Ohio website. Cherryl C., Tri-County AFG, moved and Lindsay B., Old West End AFG, seconded to approve the minutes as distributed. The motion passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT 2017 & 2018: Judy A., Treasurer, presented the report- I have filed the yearly report with the IRS on March 30, 2018. It is known as an Electronic Notice (e-postcard) which keeps our non-profit and our 501(c) (3) status current. Also on April 23, 2018 I filed the Annual report with Ohio State Attorney General’s Office which is required yearly. There is a \$50.00 fee that accompanies this report. Both of the filings were due May 15, 2018.

For the Assembly’s information our checking account was suspended between March and April when we added Theresa M. and deleted Ginny C. from our checking account. According to our By-laws the Area Treasurer and Area Delegate are the only persons authorized to withdraw funds. We made these panel 58 changes in Columbus during the AWSC meeting March 24, 2018. When I received a letter from the Columbiana Huntington Branch Manager at the end of April I learned why our account had been suspended. I met with the manager and she had me sign a new form for business accounts. This policy was started by the bank at the beginning of the year and is signed by a controlling party. (This new policy by the bank needed to be completed along with the signature cards). Once the form was signed she released the funds. As a result of this event 2 checks were returned to the payees and three are still outstanding. This matter will be reconciled and the bank has assured me that all return-check fees will be refunded to us.

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

2018 –	Beginning balance as of 1 January 2018 –	\$40,673.17
	Income 1 January – 01 May 2018 –	+8338.21
	Expenses 1 January – 01 May 2018 –	<u>- 2,959.90</u>
	Ending Balance as of 01 May 2018 –	\$46,051.48

The reports were accepted.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE AND AL-A-NOTES EDITOR REPORT: Sandy F., Acting Alternate Delegate and Al-A-Notes Editor, presented the report-

It is a pleasure to service as your Alternate Delegate. It has been a busy five months.

I thought it would be a good idea to check to see what an Alternate Delegate is to do. The description can be found on Page 148 in the Service Manual, page 4 of the Ohio By-Laws, and Page 9 of the Ohio Handbook. After reading these descriptions I had a good idea as to what my duties were as the Alternate Delegate.

It is with sadness I report the passing of our Panel 28 Delegate, Rita "Suzie" C. She, along with Ric B, led Ohio Area through the incorporation process in the early 1990's. Suzie was a source of information to several of us as we journeyed through our time as Delegate or Area Chairman. We will miss her. Theresa has informed WSO of her passing.

My first endeavor was to check all the email addresses on the AWSC list. So far, I still have not heard back from one District Representative and one Coordinator. Letters were sent USPS to these members. One came back as incorrect address and no response was received from the other.

Ohio Al-A-Notes was next. One of the duties of the Alternate Delegate is to be the Editor of the Newsletter, **Al-A-Notes**. The Winter 2018 topic was: *What is new in regard to your service position. Is there something that is time sensitive to tell members?* The new process of delivering the newsletter, as well as other items of communications, was to be sent via e-mail by our Secretary, Ginny C, to all CMA's.

Part of the duties of the Newsletter Editor is to maintain the list of Newsletter Exchanges and the personal Subscriptions. These copies were sent via USPS along with it a change of address for Ohio. Two exchanges were returned as address unknown /not deliverable. I have contacted those Areas through their contact information on al-anon.org and have current contact information for them now.

The AFG Connects group I am a member of is Newsletter Editors. I posted a discussion on this group and have received four responses. Two areas would like be added to our exchange list via email. One Area said they no longer have a newsletter.

A few newsletter request letters were sent to Theresa when she was at the World Service Conference. These were to inquire if other Area's would like to exchanging newsletters with us.

In March, Theresa, Ginny, and I went to the US North Central Regional Delegates Meeting. It was in Duluth, Minnesota. That's right, Duluth Minnesota. For me it was a weekend filled with trains, planes, and automobiles. We all flew to Minneapolis, rented a car, and then drove on to Duluth. We wondered about the weather, after all it was Duluth, in the winter. People who live in Duluth can look out their windows and see Lake Superior and Canada. We got lucky though; there was a break in the winter weather, so driving was not an issue. It was a pretty scenic drive north, east, west, and north again.

At the conference we learned about such thing as: how to introduce ourselves, rules for the meeting, and what to expect at the World Service Conference. What to wear was even mentioned. It is to be business dress and when appropriate business casual. I thought, 'Looks like I need to get a new dress'.

I paid close attention to the report given by our North Central Regional Trustee, Debbie G. She told about some of the items for this year's conference. Theresa will tell you all about these topics in her report.

Saturday afternoon, we had a breakout sessions to give everyone an idea about what they would be like at the World Service Conference.

It was a whirlwind of a weekend. It was good to see friends from other Areas and to meet the new members of the North Central Region. This year there are 5 new delegates which means there are five new Alternate Delegates, also. I did have the opportunity to connect with the Alternate Delegates from eight of the other areas.

Theresa, Ginny and I shared a room. We talked, giggled, and carried on just like we were at a recovery weekend. On one of the breaks, we walked around a walking track. It was good to get outside and stretch our legs a little. This weekend was the first time I had ever seen Lake Superior. We could look out our window and there it was. We learned it was the time of year when the ice was beginning to break up. There were huge cracks and when the wind blew, it pushed and stacked the ice into the bay. What an amazing sight to see. Next year, this event will be held in Wisconsin.

As stated in the Service Manual and the Ohio Handbook, one of my duties is to help the Delegate work with groups and give them assistance as requested. Groups have contacted me asked how to open a group checking account. A suggested procedure was written a few years ago. I shared this process with the requesting groups.

Look in your Service Manual, page 57, Group Bank Accounts. This section has been added to the Service Manual, and it reflects what is included in what was written a few years ago here in Ohio. It is not recommended that an individual open an account for the group using their personal social security number nor to use their personal account to keep group funds in. If your group would like a copy of the opening a checking account procedures, email me. My contact information is listed on the AWSC list.

Another item I assisted members with is how to add AFG, Inc. to their will in the form of a Bequest. Also, a lawyer who represents a member called the Central Ohio AIS and asked for these instructions. While the Service Manual page 104 does mention Bequests, the procedure for a bequest is not listed. I contacted Niketa B at WSO for this procedure. Here is what I found out. Any amount can be given to Al-Anon Family Groups Headquarters, Inc. No matter how large or small. Members are to write or email the WSO with their intent to have a bequest in their will. This is to establish membership. WSO will send the Federal ID number to be placed in their will. I will add the full response to the next issue of Al-A-Notes.

Another change as explained on Page 103 of the Service Manual is about accepting a contribution from family members who are not AFG members but loved one who passed was. Please refer to this section for those instructions.

In the Loop, How many of you have seen the group newsletter? If you have not seen it, ask your CMA where it is. This is a communications tool used by WSO to keep groups informed about what is going on. Your CMA does need to have an email address or at least an email buddy to receive this newsletter.

My next Al-Anon adventure is going to Baltimore for the Day of Sharing and the International convention. I look forward to seeing friends from around Ohio and other Areas as well as meeting new friends. Hope I will see you there for Celebrating One Day At A aTime.

As you can tell by this report, Al-Anon-There is no standing still!

Are there any questions?

DELEGATES REPORT: Theresa M., Delegate, presented the report-
“Panel 58- We Participate!”

First, I would like to thank the members for giving me this opportunity to be your “trusted servant” to the World Service Conference. The 58th World Service Conference lived up to its Theme “Al-Anon – There is no standing still!”

This report will mostly cover the general experience of my being a first time Delegate. Between now and Fall Assembly, I will prepare more detailed reports on many of the other sessions and discussions that occurred. I am going to condense 5 days of meetings into what I feel is most important to share at this time. I have given some information to our coordinators to include in their reports. You may always email me (delegate@ohioal-anon.org or theresabm44@gmail.com) with questions not answered or asked at this assembly. The 58th WSC Summary will be available later in the year on the website along with all 57 of the preceding ones.

I will start with my overall impressions, including a brief summary of the structure and purpose of the WSC.

Then, onto the reports – including budget, task force on diversity, virtual meetings, our visit to Stepping Stones, the IAC/DOC (International Al-Anon Convention/ Day of Connecting) this July, and “Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect.” These will just be brief summaries. We were given answers to questions that we had asked on both the 2017 final annual summary as well as the audit and budget reports, which I will share as needed as you may have similar questions.

As we were to have submitted a nominee for US North Central Regional Trustee, I will discuss that process and be repeating it throughout my term as it will come up again in my third year as Delegate. I share the responsibility for not actively mention or looking for potential candidates these past few years.

I will break up the report with short quizzes and award prizes for the first correct answer at the mike – no shouting out of answers!

58th World Service Conference Theme “Al- Anon – There is no standing still!”

This was chosen from among suggestions given by attendees at the 57th WSC. It echoes the consensus of the members of the 1966 Conference members when they agreed that “if Al-Anon is to continue to exist, it must continue to grow. There is no standing still without retrogression. Al-Anon must to continue to grow if it is going to fulfill its primary purpose of reaching millions who need Al-Anon’s help but who are not yet aware of the existence of our fellowship.”

We value the past but must also embrace the realities of emerging technologies to be able to visualize a better future where anyone anywhere can find the hope and help that our fellowship has to offer.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE 58TH WSC

The whole conference was one of sharing support, unconditional love, trust and mutual respect while seeking to gain understanding of the current and possible future of Al-Anon worldwide services. There was lots of laughter and some downright fun including the rap to get the points of etiquette across and music in presentations both by BOT (Board of Trustees) and by WSO (World Service Office) staff - including line dancing of a sort when presenting the Road Trip information. Vali, our new Executive Director/Sustaining Trustee was incredible in her ability to present both her professional and personal (Al-Anon member) qualifications in her introductory speech. These were *more* than apparent as she chaired the BOT Mega sessions using DeBono’s hat method-with enthusiasm, maximum efficiency and respect for all the participants. Of course, I can’t share what was discussed because it is still in the early stages and remains confidential.

I chose not to attend any of the 6 am or 8:30 pm Al-Anon meetings – I needed as much sleep/rest as I could get. Each day of the whole conference was a “Practicing Our Spiritual Principles” meeting for me. I think I was so full of the spiritual aspect of the meetings, that I really had no desire to keep eating all the chocolate that was available in hospitality. I ended up losing 5 pounds for the week.

My room was on the 6th floor about as far away from the elevators as one could get. The hotel was rather limited in the number of bathrooms outside the conference room. I got a lot of walking during breaks (9,000+ steps each day according to Fitbit). I could have used an easier way to get coffee in the afternoon. I would hustle up to my room and do the coffee that was available there, as I did not want to pay for the snacks that were available from the hotel outside the meeting room. I chose to spend \$50 for breakfast in the room Monday morning, which was fantastic and helped to prepare me for the first day. (\$24 of the \$36 stipend we received for snacks and the \$2/day housekeeping helped pay for that; and I did leave the \$2/day for the housekeeping.) All other meals I ate with the group, trying to sit with new people each day. I especially enjoyed my final lunch with one of the Trustees and a couple other 58'ers while waiting for our shuttles on Saturday.

The Saturday Open Board Meeting was well attended by many Delegates. So nice to see AGAIN that they are just us – Al-Anon members who aren't perfect! They were as worn out as we Delegates from the long days. And, just like the Delegates, 1/3 of them are rotating out of service and attending their last BOT meeting. The WSC affirmed the Nominating Committees recommendation and the new Trustees will be starting as soon as they are informed. After more good byes and hugs, I went for an hour walk outside (first time able to do so without pouring rain) along the hotels nature trail where I used the alone time to decompress.

I arrived home to a clean house (love that man) and slept 12 hours the first night home, 11 ½ the second and 10+ through the rest of the week.

STUCTURE OF THE MEETING

There were 92 voting members in attendance – 67 Delegates (including some Alternates), 18 Trustees (9 regional, and 9 at large), 7 Members of the Executive Committee. Non-voting members with voice included international members -Ann from Denmark, Gabriela from Mexico with her translator Viri, and ECRPM chairperson Jeff Keeny and Director of Finance and Operations Niketa Bailey. There were many salaried WSO Staff (both Al-Anon members and non-members) who sometimes gave reports and also helped out with the running of the Conference.

Scattered throughout the 5 days were batches of 3-minute sharings of their service journey from outgoing Trustees and from outgoing Panel 56 Delegates incorporating the conference theme. Outgoing Trustees also gave short talks related to their service journey - describing different aspects of the Trustee experience.

Panel 58 Delegates met for orientation with the Conference Leadership Team on Monday before the opening session. We participated in a conference call with them earlier in the year. Seeing them in action as they guided us through describing the purpose of the WSC, the responsibilities of the different arms of our service structure, and the various ways we want to carry the message

back to our Assemblies and members was incredible affirming of our abilities to participate in this process with success.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS/TASK FORCES/DISCUSSIONS

One of the things about the Conference that impressed me was the time management. All items (except questions, shares and discussion times at the mic – and they were also time limited) were scripted and the presenters stuck to the script. I have included in the PPT a slide, which shows the timing of the Delegates Task Force presentation on Celebrating Our Differences and Our Common Purposes.

Timing Assumptions and Flow (60-minute total time):
Ten minutes: PowerPoint (background, introduction)
Fifteen minutes: Presentation of skit
Five minutes: Introduction of handout
Ten minutes: Individual inventory using handout
Twenty minutes: Open mic sharing

The handout “Facing Our Biases” which includes a personal inventory and a list of our spiritual principles with questions to help address what we find out from taking the inventory is something that I wish to share and will be included at the end of the report.

Full reporting on all the discussions from the Policy Committee Open Meeting on Meditation, the Area Reserve Fund Task Force Presentation, and the 5 Delegate chose Conference Agenda Items will be brought up at Fall Assembly.

FINANCES

Ohio, Area 44, let’s get excited about finances! Let’s keep spiritual principles in mind and remember that throughout the year, our Board of Trustees and WSO staff does an excellent job making the most of our financial resources by diligently planning and making adjustments as necessary.

Information provided in the 2018 Budget handout (pdf included at the end of this report). This includes audited actuals from 2017.

Our revenue comes from four sources:

- 1) Literature Sales
- 2) Contributions by our members, groups, and service arms
- 3) Forum magazine subscription revenue
- 4) Investment Income /Transfer from the Reserve Fund

In 2017, total Literature sales exceeded budget expectations resulting in a gross profit of \$2,770,868, which was a very positive and exciting result. With the release of our new book about Intimacy, we anticipate increased literature sales revenue in 2018.

Total contributions in 2017 were almost \$1,974,000, and although this represented a decrease of 6% from 2016 totals, it was still the second highest contribution amount in Al-Anon’s history, which is very encouraging. Tradition Seven is definitely gratitude in action!

In 2017, our total revenue was \$5,212,031 and our 2018 budget estimated amount is about \$300,000 higher.

2017 **Total Expenses** exceeded revenue for a **Net Decrease or loss** for a little over \$66,000. The 2018 budget plan shows a small surplus of \$2,772.

Wonderful projects funded in 2017 included a redesigned website with fantastic meeting search capabilities. Our budget for 2018 includes 3 PSA campaigns and the International AI-Anon General Service Meeting.

Our Reserve Fund is funded at about 10 months with the goal of being funded for one year in accordance to Warranty One.

What did our contributions get us?

- New redesigned website launched in 2017
- Increased social media presence to attract new members
- Global protection of our trademarks/copyrights
- New pamphlet and literature being introduced in 2018
- Digital version of *Service Manual*
- International meetings to fulfill AI-Anon's primary purpose
- 2018 International Convention planning
- Fully staffed World Service Office

What did Ohio Area contributions look like in 2017?

Ohio Area total contributions were lower in 2017 when compared to 2016 totals. 59.9% of our groups contributed to the WSO this year with an average contribution of \$103.01. (Indiana was the lowest per group contributor but 62.3% of the groups contributed. 84% of Hawaii's groups contributed!) Keeping in mind that the estimated WSO expenses per group was calculated to be \$283.49 per group, this might be something you want to share in a group business meeting using spiritual principles. Remember the 2017 handouts you were so excited about regarding Spiritual Principles in Group Money Matters?

Please continue reading the Quarterly Appeal letters at two consecutive meetings and send contributions to the WSO to fund all the wonderful projects and services they provide to support our members, groups and public outreach.

Eighth Triennial Report on Real Property Ownership

A savings of approximately \$446,000 this year has been realized by owning property vs. leasing it in Virginia.

The Board of Trustees concerns itself with ownership of real property to the extent that it insures that the ownership of real property is financially feasible and that the spirit and intent of the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts is maintained.

The Board affirmed that with the management of the property being the business of the Executive Committee for Real Property Management, and as demonstration of mutual respect, the property management continues to be kept separate from the primary spiritual aim of AI-Anon Family Groups.

The Executive Director is able to focus entirely on assisting the groups in the primary spiritual aim of Al-Anon -- helping families and friends of alcoholics. The need for staff to be concerned with the frequent search for office space and to deal with the day-in and day-out maintenance of commercial property has been eliminated.

Policy Workgroup on Electronic/Virtual Meetings (EVM) presentation

The internet and other electronic telecommunications media are tools for carrying and sharing the Al-Anon program of hope and recovery around the world. These electronic meetings occur globally as well as locally without geographic restrictions. Consequently, electronic meetings do not have a Group Representative and are not a part of any structure. They do, however, have a meeting contact.

When electronic meetings form, they register with the World Service Office (WSO) in order to use the Al-Anon name. Upon registration, they receive support from and have their voices heard and represented through the WSO. Registered meetings may request a license from the WSO to use in text format the Steps, Traditions, Concepts of Service, Suggested Welcome, Suggested Closing and excerpts from Conference Approved Literature (CAL).

In 2001, the WSO started registering online meetings, and in 2007, phone and other electronic meetings. Electronic meetings offered Al-Anon members a means of connecting and sharing the Al-Anon program regardless of location.

By 2018 there were over 25,000 groups in 133 countries and 107 electronic (digital, social media and phone) meetings.

- Face-to-face meetings have a service structure path of member-to-group-to-District-to-Area; and via the Delegate to WSC
- Electronic/virtual meetings have a service structure of member-to-meeting-to-WSO; and via WSO Staff to WSC

Do the electronic/virtual meetings consider this adequate? We don't know!

- Face-to-face meetings have fixed geographic boundaries.
- Members of electronic/virtual meetings have no geographic boundaries. They can be anywhere in the world. Email may be the only means of contact.

Many members shared at the mic their experience or their Area members' experience with both registered and unregistered (FB) meetings and how valuable they were. Some of the comments included: appreciating being able to access a meeting anytime day or night; helps those in places with very few meetings or inability to go to different meetings because of geography (Alaska, HI)

STEPPING STONES VISIT

In 1941, Bill and Lois bought a home. They first called it "Bi-Lo's Break." It was later called "Stepping Stones." *Lois Remembers (B-7), p. 137*

For many members, a highlight of the Conference was our visit to Stepping Stones – about an hour and a half bus ride. The weather cooperated long enough to not rain (though it was still a bit windy and chilly). It was through Lois's looking to the future that insured that this part of our and AA's history has been preserved as an independent non-profit so as not to violate Tradition 6. The website www.steppingstones.org has more information on visiting or volunteering.

Volunteers greeted us with cookies in the shape of shoes on a picnic table where the annual picnic is held. We toured the grounds on our own with access to Wit's End and the house done in limited groups to avoid overcrowding. We all had a chance to sit at Bill's desk in Wit's End and the kitchen table in the house. I was impressed that Lois was more of a hoarder of books and keeper of knick-knacks than I am.

REGIONAL COMMITTEE ON TRUSTEES

Each year at the WSC 3 Regional Committee on Trustees (RCTs) are formed. If there is a vacancy in another Region and the Board of Trustees has decided to fill the position through the RCT Plan, there could be additional RCTs.

This year it was our turn to form a RCT as Debbie Grace, our current US North Central Regional Trusted (who has also been our Chairperson of the Board of Trustees (BOT)), is in her last year. Our group of USNC Regional Delegates met in one corner of the conference room and chose our Panel 56 Iowa as Chair and Panel 58 Michigan as Alternate Chair. We were assigned (drawn by lot during the Conference) the out of Region Delegates the Delegates from: Northwest Region - Panel 56 N Dakota, Canada East Region- panel 57 Newfoundland/Labrador, and South Central Region - Panel 57 Arkansas. The assigned Alternate out of Region Delegates are both from the North West Region - Panel 56 Montana and Panel 57 Wyoming.

We in Ohio would have had an opportunity to submit a candidate to WSO. As far as I can tell, we have no process for deciding on a candidate! Before this Assembly meeting, I had no knowledge of anyone who was interested *and* available to stand for this position. I see as one of my duties this panel to actively encourage members to look at the application/resume forms and be ready to submit to the 2020 Spring OAA their desire to be selected as Ohio's candidate for Regional Trustee. See me for more information.

Deadlines for Regional Committees on Trustees		
Deadline Date	Event	Comment
August 15	Résumés due WSO	mail, e-mail or fax
September – 1 st week	Résumés and Scoring sheets sent to all RCT Members	e-mail
September 30	Deadline for scoring sheets to RCT Chair*	mail or e-mail
October 10	Final scoring tally due WSO	e-mail or fax
November – 1 st week	RCT notified of final 2 candidates	e-mail or Phone
November 15	RCT Chair notifies all RCT members of final two candidates	e-mail
December 15	Objections filed by RCT members	Mail or e-mail
January	Board elects nominee	
April	Conference –Traditional approval	
	Annual Meeting –BOT elects Trustees	

ROAD TRIP! YOU AND YOUR BOARD CONNECT

This year it will be in Houston, Texas October 20, 2018 at the Hobby Airport Marriot. Information is on the al-anon.org site and has been sent in “In the Loop” emails to your CMA (current mailing address).

In looking ahead for 2019, we received the invitation and request form designed by our WSO Graphic Designer at the World Service Conference.

Road Trip is a unique opportunity to meet all the current Board and Executive Committee members in one place, at one time.

This event is an opportunity for your Trustees and Executive Committee members to share their personal recovery and their current service roles in an intimate setting with you.

The invitation includes everything we need to know and everything we could possibly want to know about how to host Road Trip 2019 in your Area.

Please remember, the Board will provide an agenda and content.

- Personal Sharings
- Examples of Area and International Visits
- Descriptions of Board Committees
- Tour of WSO Websites
- Roundtable Discussion Topics

Let our Chairman know if there is interest in submitting a request!

DAY OF CONNECTING JULY 5, 2018

As of the last day of the Conference, there were still 550 more openings to register for the Day of Connecting prior to the International Convention.

\$40 if received by May 31, 2018

\$45 from June 1 through the event

CELEBRATING ONE DAY AT A TIME – Al-Anon’s International Convention 2018

Prior to 1985, all conventions were A.A. conventions with Al-Anon participation.

The A.A. International Convention and Al-Anon International Convention were held side by side in Montreal (1985) and Seattle (1990). From 1995 forward (2000, 2005, 2010, and 2015), A.A.s International Conventions are referred to as having Al-Anon participation. Al-Anon's International Conventions (1998, 2008, 2013, and 2018) have always had A.A. participation.

There is still time to register.

- \$165.00 U.S. until May 31, 2018; and \$195.00 U.S. June 1 through the event.
- There will be an app – potentially available mid-May.
- AA meetings will be at the Sheraton Harbor Hotel.
- To be in the parade you must be costumed and have registered for it – “limited” to 500 participants.
- There were 1295 out 2000 possible registrations for the Pioneer Luncheon as of the last day of the WSC. The deadline to reserve a ticket to attend the Pioneer Luncheon is May 31.

Final Summary of Experience

“The spirit of ‘transparency’ and respect for what everyone brings are attitudes we wanted to instill in the World Service Conference.”

Many Voices, One Journey, p. 374

This one slide from the WSC theme presentation sums up what it was all about for me.

- Transparency in the scheduling, the information on finances and the process of decision-making
- The respect and encouragement we Delegates received for our comments, shares and questions.

There was so much more that I wished I could bring to you, but it will have to wait until Fall Assembly or as sharing in our AI-A-Notes.

I only hope that I can help further instill these attitudes in our work here in AFG of Ohio, Inc.

Thank you for attending the
Assembly

May 2018 Ohio Spring

Your participation is valued
Your presence is applauded
Your service is appreciated

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

57 Voting Members registered

56 Remain (one left as of 2:30)

16 Non-voting guests

1 Alateen

ELECTION: Due to several positions having been left unfilled, an election to fill those positions took place. Each candidate read her application and a vote was taken.

For Alateen Coordinator- Sara M. was elected.

For Forum Coordinator- Allison G. was elected.

Karen P. pointed out that our Bylaws prevent an officer from succeeding themselves in a position. A motion was made by Eunice B., Lisbon Monday Night AFG, to allow a one- time exception to Article IV.C.4. in the By-Laws for AI-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc. Lindsay B., DR 10, seconded the motion. 53 were present. 53 voted for, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention. The motion passed.

Judy A. shared her experiences and qualifications for the position of Treasurer. Judy A. was elected.

COORDINATOR REPORTS:

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

First, I would like to thank Karen for nominating me to be the Alateen coordinator. It is an honor and something that has been in my bucket list although I didn't think my higher power would provide an opportunity so early in my life. I have been a member of the program for 18 years, starting Alateen at age 10. As an Alateen member I was able to serve as group rep, state rep,

and co-chair of KOMIAC. As a teen I attended 7 KOMIACs. As an Alateen sponsor I have had the opportunity to attend 6 KOMIACs with teens. I have served as a sponsor for the chair of the board and the co-chair on two different KOMIAC boards in Ohio.

There are many things happening within the Alateen community.
Past:

On April 7th we had a sponsor workshop for newly interested sponsors and active sponsors. We also had a few district representatives attend Looking to gain information about the AMIAS process and their role in that . We discussed AMIAS paperwork, travel forms, and ways to avoid sponsor burnout.

April 28th, we had the spring rally in Columbus. Youngstown area Alateen's led the rally. During the rally the sponsors discussed KOMIAC planning and issues within groups.

Upcoming:

Founders Day is the next big event with Alateen participation. Founders Day is going to be held **June 8-10 2018** on Akron University's campus. The Alateen's will have a panel and skit in the afternoon on Saturday June 9th. Everyone has to be registered to attend any Founders day events.

AI-Anon International Convention- **July 6-8 2018** in Baltimore Maryland will have Alateen participation.

The Fall Rally is being held **October 27, 2018** at Clague Rd. Cabin in Westlake, Ohio.

KOMIAC is being held at the University of Louisville in Kentucky **July 27-29 2018**. This is a multi-state event with participants from Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana attending. The cost for the event is \$120 plus transportation. Alateens all over Ohio have been fundraising for the event. You may have seen baskets designated to this in some of your meetings or been offered bookmarks or keychains in exchange for donations for the trip. I recently was able to attend Toledo area's spaghetti dinner fundraiser, which was lovely.

I would like to request the \$2000 from the AFG budget, which is designated to be used for KOMIAC busses when it is available in the reserves. This helps to alleviate some of the cost to our members and creates a safe way for many teens around the state to attend.

The request was approved by consensus.

ARCHIVES: Phil H., Archives Coordinator, presented the report- The Archives were transferred from Judy C to me shortly after the first of the year. The minutes have been "pre -sorted" – that is, in order and into folders. They will have to be read to ensure that the correct reports are attached to the correct set of minutes.

The Treasurer & Convention records have been pre-sorted as well. They, too, will have to be gone through to make sure the correct documents are in the correct year.

The audio tapes and books have been sorted. They are now in four smaller containers that will be easier to handle. WSO materials haven't been tackled yet.

Ultimately, once the sorting is all done, everything will be catalogued and indexed so it can be researched. Currently, that has not been done. It's going to be an exciting 3-year project!

October 2018 marks the 30th anniversary of our cofounder, Lois W.'s death. Although only available in English, the December/January 1988-89 Memorial issue of the *Inside Al-Anon* newsletter was provided to the Area Archives Coordinators on their AFG Connects community."

FORUM: Allison G., Forum Coordinator, presented the report-

There will be a revised G-32 Guideline for Forum Coordinators.

Beginning in January, *The Forum* is now in full color. Please know that the magazine has always been a revenue-neutral project, which means that subscriptions cover the cost of producing it. There is no profit margin. That remains so, even in full color. Further, there are no plans to increase subscription prices.

There is an e-magazine version of *The Forum*. You can now find direct links for ordering it on the Al-Anon Online Store at al-anon.org/onlinestore under the "Electronic Literature" category.

Send your favorite Forum Sharings to WSO for THE FORUM BOOK (working title) project, Members have sent in over 740 titles and publication dates of *Forum* articles that they consider the best of recent years. There are only six for 2017 and none for this year.

It is so great to see interest in *The Forum*. There will be ads in upcoming issues of the magazine to this effect, but please consider sending sharings on these at any time:

- Alateen and Group Sponsors
- Legacy (especially Tradition and Concept sharings)
- Newcomers.

Readers can either submit them at wso@al-anon.org or to *The Forum*, 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617.

GROUP RECORDS: Carmen , Group Records Coordinator presented the report.

Currently, in the state of Ohio there are:

479 Active Meetings

93 Beginner's Meetings

410 Al-Anon Family Groups

119 Inactive Groups

2 Bounced Mail Status

Mount Carmel AFG (Cincinnati) – District 15

Monday Night AFG (Sandusky) – District 12

1 No Mail Status

Zollinger Road AFG (Upper Arlington) – District 31

0 Groups Marked for Deletion

0 Reported not meeting

LITERATURE: Jo S. was unable to attend but Sandy F., Past Delegate, presented the report.

- **Coordinator Conference Calls:** We had hoped to have a conference call for Literature Coordinators by now, but with the World Service Conference, the upcoming International Convention and the preparations for the new pamphlet and book, it hasn't happened yet. We still hope to have one soon, as well as one in September or October.
- ***Understanding & Hope for Parents & Grandparents (P-94):*** This new pamphlet is now available in English, French and Spanish. We hope by now you have all received your complimentary copy, so you can start letting members in your Area know about it.
- ***Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships—A collection of Al-Anon personal stories (B-33):*** This new 144-page book is at the printers! It will be introduced in English at the 2018 Al-Anon International Convention in July for \$11.00 US each. (French and Spanish translations are expected to be ready on February 2019.)
- **Fiftieth Anniversary Edition of *One Day at a Time in Al-Anon (B6-50):*** In celebration of this classic book's 50 years, a souvenir edition with a special Anniversary cover, ribbon and commemorative bookplate will be available at the International Convention in July in English, French and Spanish for \$15.00 US each. The text of the book remains the same. Any books remaining after the Convention will be sold while supplies last.
- **2019 CAL Catalog (S-15) and CAL Order Form (S-16):** We are currently working on these items, with hopes of having them available this summer.
- **Literature News from the 2018 World Service Conference:** Last month, the WSC gave conceptual approval for a new "Just for Tonight" bookmark to be based on a past article from *The Forum* magazine. The Committee will begin working on it soon. No date has been set yet for publication, but we'll let you know when it is ready.
- **NEW DAILY READER (working title):** This book is intended to include inspiring thoughts on a wide variety of Al-Anon topics from the perspectives of a wide variety of Al-Anon members. Please continue to encourage members to submit sharings 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' sharings on how a particular piece of our literature has enhanced their recovery. In celebration of Al-Anon's anniversary, the May articles feature *Many Voices, One Journey (B-31)* and *The Al-Anon Family Groups—Classic Edition (B-5)*. June's article is about the new pamphlet, *Understanding & Hope for Parents & Grandparents (P-94)*. July's article is about *Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships (B-33)*.
- **Sharings needed for "CAL Corner":** We always need more sharings about how CAL has helped members with their recovery. Please urge members to send sharings about *One Day at a Time in Al-Anon (B-6)* before the end of this month. Sharings about *...In All Our Affairs (B-15)* are due

before the end of June, and sharings about *Discovering Choices* (B-30) are due before the end of August. We'd also love to hear members' thoughts about *Hope & Understanding for Parents & Grandparents* (P-94) and *Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships* (B-33). Please see the writing guideline for "CAL Corner" in the Guidelines & Procedures folder under the "Library" folders in the Literature Coordinator community.

PUBLIC OUTREACH: Kay J., Public Outreach 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!

TASK FORCE PRESENTATIONS:

KBDM-Renewal time for Al-Anon Members Involved In Alateen Service (AMIAS)- Phil H., presented the report.

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 Handbook Committee

Motion 2018/05-01

Move to amend the Handbook of General and Committee Working Procedures For Al-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) **between January 1 – March 31 of the year the renewal is due.** 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) from January 1 – March 31 of the year the renewal is due. 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.”

The Handbook Committee moved and Laura B., Willoughby AFG, seconded. Karen announced that the vote would be a simple majority. The vote was 55 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. The motion passed.

KBDM-Further clarifying the Group Record Coordinator's duties- Phil H. , member of the Handbook Committee presented the report.

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:

Questions and Clarification –

Need for motion? Yes, motion follows Presented by: Handbook Committee

Motion 2018/05-02

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)

The motion was seconded by Laura B., Willoughby AFG. The vote was 55 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. The motion passed.

KBDM-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 2018/05-03

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.

The motion was seconded by Laura B., Willoughby AFG . The vote was 55 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. The motion passed.

Motion 2018/05-04

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

The motion was seconded by Laura B., Willoughby AFG. The vote was 55 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. The motion passed.

Motion 2018/05-05

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.

The motion was seconded by Mickie G., DR 25. The vote was 55 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. The motion passed.

By-Laws Motions

Motion 2018/ 05-06

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.

The motion was seconded by Lindsay B., Old West End AFG. The vote was 55 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. The motion passed.

Motion 2018/ 05-07

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.

The motion was seconded by Jeannette W., Monday Night Serenity Seekers AFG. The vote was 55 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. The motion passed.

Motion 2018/ 05-08

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.

The motion was seconded by Mickie G., DR 25. The vote was 55 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. The motion passed.

NEW THOUGHT AND TASK FORCES- Karen P. proposed the following Thought and Task Forces based on discussions at the Spring AWSC.

Task Force on AI-A-Notes Exchanges- No one volunteered to be chair
Task Force on Questions for the DR to ask potential AMIAS- Sara M., Alateen Coordinator, was volunteered as chair with her knowledge.
Thought Force on Action Committees –
To discuss whether or not we want to do Action Committees, Workshops or some other ideas.
Laura B., District 45, Willoughby 4th Step Saturday AFG, volunteered to be chair

Anyone interested in being chair of the AI-A-Notes Task Force see Karen P. Anyone interested in being on the Thought Force on Action Committees or the Task Force on DR Questions for AMIAS should contact Laura B. or Sara M.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUDGET: Robin R., Budget Committee Chairperson, presented the report-
Good afternoon everyone,
Thanks to Karen, Judy, Teresa, and Robin, we have a budget!

To arrive at the budget amount:
We take the previous years income. \$16,160.00
Then we subtract the expenses. - 15,458.15
To find out if we have any money left over. _____
Or if we are short.
At the end of 2017 we had \$ 701.85 See pg 1

Thank you everyone we had a surplus this year!!!

The committee used that money plus \$ 65.50 from our income to replenish the Assembly Funds that were used and needed to be reimbursed. See pg 3

Pg 2 - contains the current budget amounts for each line item
Some drastic changes were made to :
AI-A-Notes - because they will be available on-line instead of by snail mail.
Bulk Mail was reduced because we will only be mailing the plea letters and we currently have a bulk rate permit that is still in effect in Cleveland. Secretary does not have to pay the fines for being out of compliance with several reports that are supposed to be filed annually to the State of Ohio.

The worksheets are attached to the end of the minutes.

Cheryl C., Tri-County AFG, moved to accept the 2018 Budget. Mickie G., DR 25, seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

HANDBOOK: Buff N. , did not present a report.

AAPP: Karen P., presented the report-

WSO opened the electronic recertification data base to AAPP's on March 20, 2018. Ohio AI-Anon members in Alateen Service (AMIAS) have 2/3 of the rectification completed for 2018.

To help AMIAS to complete the recertification process in a timely fashion I mailed letters out on May 5th to the remaining current AMIAS along with the form 1 & 2 and an envelope addressed to my PO Box. 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.

Ohio currently has:

23 active Alateen Meetings

64 active AMIAS

19 of these remaining to complete 2018 Recertification by June 1st

REVIEW 2017: Robin R., presented the report prepared by Kathleen S., Chairman of Review Committee-

We have concluded the remainder of December, 2017 receipts on Tues. April 2, 2018. No discrepancies were found!

This concludes my term for the review audit. We completed 2016 and 2017. The remainder of the receipts will be given to Archives,

Thanks much for the opportunity to work with all of you.

TWO DAY FALL/OHIO AREA CONVENTION LIAISON: Sandy F., presented the report-

This is a reminder to AIS locations about upcoming events they will host for the next three years.

Fall Assembly Hosts:

2018 Fall Assembly Host committee is Districts of Cleveland. They are well underway and plans are coming along nicely. Host committee; please send a copy of the contract with the Double Tree to me.

2019 Fall Assembly will be hosted by Districts of Cincinnati. A report about location and date needs to be presented at the 2018 Fall Assembly by the host committee.

2020 Fall Assembly will be hosted by Districts of Columbus. They need to start looking for a space now but reporting will not occur until the fall of 2019. This is the Election Assembly for Panel 61.

Ohio Area Convention

As per the Handbook page 22, there will not be OACs in years an International AI-Anon Convention is held. It is my hope that all of you are planning to go to Baltimore for the

international convention, **Celebrating One Day At A Time**. Registration is still open and housing is available.

OAC 2019 is to be hosted by Districts of Columbus. Plans for a date and location need to be announced at the 2018 Fall Assembly.

OAC 2020 is to be hosted by Districts of Dayton (AKA Miami Valley). It is not too early to start looking for a location and select a date.

A reminder to all Host committees of Ohio Area Convention and Fall Assembly, a copy of your final report is to be given to the next host committee, the Archives Coordinator, the Review committee which includes the financial report, and me. I recommend keeping a copy for yourselves, too.

To all the host committees, when you are looking at properties, I am willing to accompany you, the host committee, on the visits. Also, I would like to see all the bids received before the tour of possible sites. That way together we can narrow the selection down to the top three.

My contact information can be found on the AWSC Contact Sheet.

The rotation of OAC and Fall Assembly location hosts is listed in the Handbook which can be found on the Ohio AI-Anon website.

WEBSITE: Mike K. presented the report. It is attached at the end of these minutes.

ELECTION FOR ALTERNATE DELEGATE: Karen P. called for the election of an Alternate Delegate.

After discussion period, Lynn W., Bellevue Friday AFG, motioned to defer till Fall Assembly, Cheryl C., Tri-County AFG seconded the motion. 34 voting members remained present. A vote was taken, 9 in favor and 20 against. The motion was turned down.

Karen then called for the election- Buff N was the only candidate or position will remain open until further election. Buff N. did not get the substantial unanimity of the votes cast. The position of Alternate Delegate will remain vacant until a possible future election by Assembly.

ACTION COMMITTEE REPORTS: Due to time constraints, the reports were not presented. They are attached to these minutes for reference.

CONVENTIONS AND ASSEMBLY REPORTS:

FINAL TEAM EVENT REPORT: Ginny C., Past Delegate, will present the report at the Fall Assembly.

2017 Fall Assembly Final Report: Sandy F., Past Delegate, will present the report at the Fall Assembly.

2017 Ohio Area Convention – Wrap up report: To be presented at the Fall Assembly 2018.

2018 AA State Convention with AI-Anon Participation: Ann presented the report-

The **Al-Anon program schedule** times were adjusted slightly. The speakers have all confirmed expect one.

Friday, July 27

2:00 pm - Registration opens

Saturday, July 28

9:00 am - Al-Anon Open Discussion
Alcoholism the Family
Disease Vicky W. -Toledo and Lori N. -
Toledo

3:00 pm - Al-Anon Mini Leads and
Discussion Al-Anon's
Future
Megan N-Toledo and Carrie N-Toledo

4:00 pm - Al-Anon Lead
Diane P. -Toledo

Sunday, July 29

9:00 am - Al-Anon Panel
Men's Panel Jerry B,
Brett M and Sean W

It was again reviewed that everyone who plans to attend the convention must register and pay the \$25 registration fee. The only exception is our main lead, Diane P. Individuals only working in the hospitality room, and not attending any of the events do not need to register and pay.

Theresa asked if there were gifts planned for speakers. As far as we know, this is not in any budget and therefore not planned.

Hospitality Room

Steve stated he had coffee pots and some paper goods that have been donated. As the date get closer he will ask for food donations.

POC

Vicky reported that extra literature was ordered and books will be available for sale. It was discussed whether it would be best to sell literature in the Hospitality Room or on the convention floor.

2018 Two Day Fall Assembly: Julie C., Cleveland Districts 2 day fall / OAC Liaison, presented the report-

The AFG of OHIO Fall Assembly will be held at the Hilton DoubleTree 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. Lots of nearby 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's discounts available). Rates will be in effect 2 days prior and 2 days after the event. There were fliers available with our registration information.

Saturday evening banquet; We had a tasting in early April and decided to have a banquet rather than a buffet. Hopefully the menu choices we selected will be to most everyone's liking. We've included both a gluten free and vegetarian option. We all thought the food they let us sample was very good. There is a registration flier available today with the details. Also, I'd again 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/Area 58 Delegate will be the speaker after the banquet Saturday evening.

REGIONAL TRUSTEE ELECTION:

Sandy F., Delegate Panel 49, sought approval from the Ohio Area to be a candidate for Regional Trustee. She presented her credentials. With 28 present, 21 voted for, 6 opposed, and 1 abstention. Her candidacy was passed.

CLOSE: There being no further business, Mary Ellen, Hubbard Friday Night AFG, moved and Jeannette W., Monday Night Serenity Seekers AFG, seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM, with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny C.

Area Secretary

ACTION COMMITTEES

Membership Outreach

- 1) Handing out the Action Committee project from last fall: “Get on the Bus!”—so everyone should have one who attends the Assembly.
- 2) Continuing Project: “Getting Into Service” Bookmark
 - a. Update to be in compliance with new Service Manual
- 3) We propose a Thought/Task Force be formed to come up with ideas on how to encourage members in small communities to connect with the Area and possible service opportunities in their location.

Group Services

- Benefit of having access to District and Area meetings via web or phone
- Having improved structure for training (education for GR and DRs to clarify roles/expectation of positions and provide support—consider having them available within District, Area and online.
- Improved support from members in service—Overlap position to allow for newly elected members to “shadow” outgoing members
- Getting people interested:
 - Chair a meeting on Service
 - Talk about your position
 - ‘fun-day’ events
 - Make them accessible
 - All children to attend/offer baby sitting
 - Make meetings during “non-work” hours
 - Online/phone access
- Other considerations
 - Language barriers
 - Possibly having “Spanish speaking District”
 - Invest in translation equipment
- Off topic
 - Discussed the benefits of phone meetings in general
 - Al-Anon.org has a list of meetings