

Area World Service Committee Meeting Report – Fall 2019

The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer. The Fall Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting was held on Saturday, August 24, 2019 at the North Congregational United Church of Christ, 2040 West Henderson Road, Columbus, OH 43220. Chairperson Ginny C. called the meeting to order at 12:35 PM. Due to last minute time constraints with the meeting room, the Chairman suggested we skip the reading of the Traditions, Concepts and Warranties.

ASSEMBLY RULES: Chairman Ginny welcomed everyone and explained meeting etiquette and the voting procedure.

INTRODUCTIONS: All present introduced themselves naming their service positions and home groups.

MINUTES: The minutes of the 2019 Spring AWSC were previously electronically distributed to all the Committee Members. Sandra F., Past Delegate (PD) made a motion to accept the minutes as distributed with Cheryl B, District Representative (DR) 9 seconding the motion. The secretary's report will be accepted as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Judy A. Treasurer, presented the reports

Beginning Balance 12/31/2018	42,863.88
Income	17,700.13
Expenses	-6,226.13
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Book Balance 8/16/2019	54,337.63
Assembly Reserves held in Huntington Bank	
19 month CD (matures 8/11/2020)	10,000.00
19 month CD (matures 8/11/2020)	5,000.00
19 month CD (matures 8/11/2020)	5,000.00
Checking Account – Huntington Bank 8/16/2020	34,337.63
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TOTAL CASH ON HAND	54,337.63

A motion was made by Allison G, Forum Coordinator, to accept the treasurer's report as amended with the corrected dates. Phil H., Archives, seconded the motion. The motion was passed to accept the report as amended.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE REPORT AND AI-A-ANOTES EDITOR REPORT:

Report presented by Jo S., Alternate Delegate

I have a very short report.

The Summer/Fall Ala-a-Notes were put on line this past week, August 21st. Seven electronic copies were sent as part of the newsletter exchange with other areas. Thirty-two copies were mailed to other AFG's (that wanted a hard copy rather than electronic) as well as those who have purchased a subscription. I believe my subscription list is current; if you were supposed to get a copy and did not, please e-mail me and I will get one sent to you. The next AI-A- Notes will be distributed in early December.

I would really love to see something turned in from every district and to have a report from all coordinators. I have been reviewing some of the other newsletters and have been gathering some ideas! I would love to hear yours! Deadline for contributions is November 15, 2019.

DELEGATE'S REPORT:

Report presented by Theresa M., Delegate

Welcome to all Panel 58 Area World Service Committee (AWSC) members – especially to our newest District Representatives (DR's).

The notes from the July Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting (which includes the Chairman of the Board Letter, Financial Committee and Policy Committee Updates as well as the Conference Leadership Team Update) have been posted on the Al-Anon.org site. I trust that you will read and study those and address any questions about them to me. I will either answer as best I can or send on to the appropriate member at the World Service Office. You can always find the latest as well as archived COB letters at <https://al-anon.org/for-members/board-of-trustees/>

The items I wish to highlight from these latest postings are:

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD LETTER:

The 2020 World Service Conference theme has been chosen from the 40 suggested Conference themes

Dreaming Big with 20|20 Vision
Rêver grand avec une vision 20|20
Soñar en grande con visión 20|20

Ginny will be leading a discussion after the break on what our dreams for Ohio AFG are. One of the questions that our Trustee sponsors want answer to is - **How will you, your groups, and your Area utilize the 2020 Conference theme?**

The Trustee résumé form has been reformatted into a web form which will be posted on August 16, 2019. That information and information about all World Service Office (WSO) volunteer positions can be found at <https://al-anon.org/for-members/board-of-trustees/wso-volunteers/>

I am looking forward to the presentation in April 2020 of the new hybrid process of selecting Regional Trustees and will be reporting on it at the May 2020 Ohio Assembly. Whoever is our new Delegate in 2021 will have the opportunity to be involved in the hybrid process.

More will be revealed as the Board continues the KBDM process of discussing what will replace TEAM Events as they are ending this year.

FINANCE UPDATES THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019:

Sales of Conference Approved Literature are meeting or exceeding expectations.

Contributions are trending below both budgeted and historical levels. There was a bequest in May which helped put our budget on track. Without the bequest, the budget for the remainder of the year would have been below budgeted amounts.

POLICY COMMITTEE:

The Committee voted to form a Thought Force to further consider if the policy on Al-Anon members who are also members of A.A. participating in Al-Anon service applies to prior members of A.A., and how or if former members of A.A. might be defined and by whom.

As always, the Policy Committee welcomes all questions and suggestions from any AI-Anon and Alateen member, group, or Area regarding issues that might need further clarification or interpretation in light of our Legacies. But for purposes of efficiency, requests that members use the links of service for discussion and then let the Delegate send the question or suggestion to the proper Volunteer as needed.

Some 2020 Dates to remember:

- **July 2–5, 2020** Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) International Convention with AI-Anon participation being held in Detroit, Michigan. Registration opens September 9, 2019. aa.org/pages/en_US/international-convention-2020
- **June 19, 2020 @ 3:00 pm - June 21, 2020 @ 11:30 am**
Ohio Area Convention 2020 – A Vision for Recovery

The **2019 World Service Conference Summary** is now available for download, reading on the site or purchase. <https://al-anon.org/for-members/world-service-conference-wsc/> On **page 62**, the discussion about the skit that was performed at our Spring Assembly is there along with questions for discussion. I hope that you are having district and groups discussions about how your groups are welcoming potential members who are coming in for some for some reason other than a loved one's alcoholism.

As you have read about in "IN THE LOOP" or from postings on your individual AFGConnects, the terminology "Open/Closed" is not consistent with our spiritual principles of confidentiality and anonymity, "Family and Friends only" and "Families, Friends, and Observers welcome" will replace "Closed" and "Open," respectively, to identify meeting attendees on the AFG Electronic Meeting Registration/Update Form and on published meeting lists.

It is my personal hope that more meetings are designating themselves as "the new Open" Meetings so that groups can participate in this important Public Outreach responsibility and be comfortable when professionals, students and people hurting from loved ones affected by other addictions come looking for help and hope.

And last but not least, the other question that our Trustee want we Delegates to pose is **How are your groups/Areas dealing with a cashless society?**

Time permitting, we can have a discussion now, but please ask your groups, AIS's (Area Information Services) and Districts what they have done or are considering doing in the future. This information is being shared on AFGConnects, but there is always a need for more experience, strength, and hope!

How are your groups/Areas dealing with a cashless society?

- Purchase tickets through PayPal, Event Brite, etc. People may be reluctant to give their personal information over the internet.
- Ongoing discussions about "the square" for the telephone.
- There is an increased cost per use.
- The square cannot be used on a land line
- Missing sales because people do not carry cash.
- Are groups allowed to have Facebook pages for AI-Anon groups? (No guidelines thus far.)
 - Give donations directly via Facebook
- Look at credit card companies who can offer a decreased rate.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

Report submitted by Lee R., Registration Committee Chair

Total Attendance: 30
Total District Representatives 11

Total Guests 4
Report Submitted by Lee R.

BIG QUESTION FOR AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE:

“What dream would you like to accomplish in our Area?”

How will you, your groups, and your Area utilize the 2020 Conference theme?

Serendipitously – our 2020 Ohio Area Convention theme was picked as “2020- A Vision for Recovery”

At our Fall AWSC Meeting: our Chairperson did a “walk-about” with questions about what would your dream be for.... with members moving between the different posters writing there suggestions.

Here is a summary of questions and suggestions:

Public Outreach Dreams:

- Professionals – especially medical students, nurses and counselors become aware and refer to AFG
- AA's become more educated and aware and attend and refer family and friends to AFG
- Residential and Outreach Facilities understand and refer to our AFG program
- PSA's on every media outlet – radio and TV (English and Spanish to start with)
- Electronic billboards and PSA's???
- To sum up – every family affected by alcoholism can receive our message of help and hope

Increase Participation at Assembly:

- Pay for GR's to attend Assembly – including (shared) hotel rooms and meal costs
- More interactive elements (breakouts, workshops, open discussions) at both spring and fall assemblies
- Reports available and sent to members BEFORE assembly so that coordinators and others just offer highlights or times for questions.
- Bring back having a dance or other fun activity in the evening of the 2day fall.
- Traveling service workshops so that members can understand better what their responsibilities are
- Area service workshop once a panel before elections - make it fun!
- Regular attending members bring a friend or two (get in the car!)

To Strengthen AI-Anon Groups:

- Adopt a group that isn't active within the district – meeting exchanges
- Groups without a DR can ask another districts DR to keep them informed.
- All groups would do a yearly inventory (G8-a and G-8b or simplified versions)
- Traveling or Area Service Workshops
- All Districts and AIS would have Service Workshops on regular basis
- Groups would study Traditions and Concepts
- Groups would practice KBDM at regular business meetings and Groups Consciences

To Strengthen Alateen Groups

- All Districts have and support having at least one Alateen Group
- All Districts have Alateen sponsor workshops and get more members AMIAS certified
- All Alateen groups would send a Group Rep to Assemblies

- Remind and recruit AA members who also attend AI-Anon that they can be eligible to be AMIAS
- Is it time to have an Alateen filling a specific designated “voice of the teens” spot at AWSC- elected or appointed from among the Alateen groups – other than just KOMIAC years?
- The Area’s KOMIAC teen attendees (co-chairs during the year Ohio hosts) give their report on KOMIAC to Assembly/AWSC
- Contact schools to investigate having Alateen meeting at school

Financial Dreams for Area

- Enough funding to donate on a regular basis to WSO
- Use apps for financial purchases – hotel rental, equipment purchases, group and member donations
- More funding for AFG participation in AA Convention – so that members willing to help out at hospitality but not able or willing to attend do not have to pay registration (scholarships for AFG’ers?)
- Ability to help fund PO efforts in smaller and less well off financially districts
- More funding for PO throughout the Area
- Workshop for better understanding for what our donations provide both to WSO and how donations to Ohio could provide more services to our Area members – help in coming to AWSC and Assemblies; state workshops as well as our OAC; a third assembly just for Delegate Report (would be interactive with discussions and workshops – not just blah blah blah reporting),
- Multiple one-day workshops: spiritual principles, writing workshop, job fair....
- Host IAC?

Other Dreams for Ohio Area

- Every District has a DR – who attends AWSC or sends an alternate
- Every Group has a GR – who attends Assemblies or sends an alternate
- More members contribute to CAL writing requests
- More meetings with child care
- Members have greater understanding of our Legacies – especially our purpose and unity
- Every library (public, school, university) has AI-Anon literature
- Every professionals office has AFG CAL/material (AFA’s, poster, pamphlets, local meeting information, local contacts)
- More cooperation and participation between Ohio AA area and AFG Ohio

THOUGHT AND TASK FORCE PRESENTATIONS:

Task Force: Improving the Service Profile Form(s)

Presented by Theresa M., Delegate

Charge: To develop a new profile sheet and any necessary changes to position requirements. A KBDM would need to be presented at the 2019 Fall AWSC and 2019 Fall Assembly. To recommend changes to the Handbook.

Background/Framing

We are now in an electronic age and many service positions are now best carried out by members who have some experience with Information Technology – being computer and internet savvy. Examples include possessing some skills such as:

- The ability to set up/participate in Web conferences or Conference calls

- Using software, create spreadsheets, word documents; pdf's, power point presentations, etc. have increased in importance along with simply willingness to serve and a willingness to learn. Given the recent happening with loss of funds occurring in a part of the AREA, perhaps it is time to change our profile for state positions including more questions about background and specific skills.

Our profile sheet was developed in the past when we mostly just asked for service experience, knowing that experience, strength and hope (ESH) would be shared from the old to the new during the transition. We have some minimum requirements for officer positions and for the AAPP, but not much else.

Other areas have "service interest documents" which more clearly define both the positions requirements and have spots to check off abilities in different aspects of the job.

We also do not currently do any background checks on positions that handle our funds, through many happened to also be AI-Anon members involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) which has required passing an FBI background check related to children's safety and felony convictions.

Motions related to this topic

Unknown – none in previous three panels

KBDM#1. What do we know about our member's or prospective member's wants, needs, and preferences that are relevant to this discussion?

Our members wish for our trusted servants to be willing, trustworthy and capable of serving.

KBDM#2. What do we know about the capacity and strategic position of the organization relative to this issue?

We have the talent of members to be able to devise a simple but effective process that would better help our members decided on how to fill positions.

KBDM#3. What do we know about the current realities and evolving dynamics that are relevant to this discussion?

There has been an incident where a formerly trusted servant abused their position to use AI-Anon funds. All positions that have the access to an AFGConnects communication are not using that service or have yet to have an email buddy that they use to access electronic communications from either WSO or Area.

KBDM#4. What are the ethical implications of our choices (pro and cons)? This includes consideration of how the Legacies apply. Identify both pros and cons.

- Pro: As our common welfare should come first, we have a duty to provide an easily understood process and accountability for our members.
- Con: Some otherwise qualified members may be hesitant to step up for consideration because of a lack of up-to-date skills even though they are willing to learn.

KBDM#5. What do we wish we knew, but don't?

Will more members step up for service?

Would adding the need to be AMIAS certified to stand for an officer or other position help verified being a trusted servant in a position that might have access to Assembly funds.

Do we have the funding to do more extensive background checks as needed?

Area 44 (Ohio) AI-Anon Service Profile

Proposed Area 44 (Ohio) AI-Anon Service Profile is attached to the back of these minutes,

Questions and Comments:

- Area Chairman has the forms and they should be kept by the Chairman.
- Why AMIAS certified vs. background check?
 - Helpful to have AMIAS to help with teens
 - Teens feel they are not getting enough participation from the officers

Are we ready to bring this to Fall Assembly?

Motion passed to bring motion forward to Fall Assembly.

Task Force: Developing a Procedure for Selecting a Regional Trustee

Presented by Theresa M., Delegate

Background:

Ohio currently does not have a process for selecting a candidate for Regional Trustee.

An Ohio member interested in standing for the US North Central Regional Trustee submits an application online directly to the WSO only after approval from their Area and notification by the Delegate to the WSO. The current Resume Form along with the Duties and Qualifications is available on the member's portion of the WSO website. <https://al-anon.org/for-members/board-of-trustees/wso-volunteers/board-of-trustees/>

The form states “**A Regional Trustee (RT) must live within the Region of their election. The résumé form is submitted through the applicant's Area selection procedure.**”

While other Areas have formalized a process, Ohio does not have one named or described in either its By-Laws or Handbook. In the recent past, when a member was interested, they presented their qualifications to the Assembly before the application deadline for permission to submit their resume to the WSO.

Different Areas have developed different process. In some, a committee of various AWSC members first reviews and then presents to AWSC and/or Assembly the candidates that meet the WSO requirements and their approval. Some Areas have created a timeline within their structure for how prospective candidates make their desire to apply known. Others just ask to have candidates announce their desires to run and present their qualifications before the submission deadline for a vote by the Area Assembly to select and give approval for a single candidate to submit an application.

A Thought Force KBDM on the topic was presented at the Spring 2019 Assembly. A Task Force was assigned after the presentation.

KBDM QUESTION #1: What do we know about our member's or prospective member's wants, needs, and preferences that are relevant to this discussion?

Many members wish to better understand the structure of AI-Anon and their roles and responsibilities in it.

KBDM QUESTION #2: What do we know about the capacity and strategic position of the organization relative to this issue?

We have many members who may meet the qualifications and recent past delegates who are aware of the need and can support applicants.

KBDM QUESTION #3: What do we know about the current realities and evolving dynamics that are relevant to this discussion?

Participation is down at all service levels, and the Area as a whole has not been active in educating and recruiting our members for service

KBDM QUESTION #4: What are the ethical implications of our choices (pro and cons)? This includes consideration of how the Legacies apply. Identify both pros and cons.

Pro:

- Having a written process in place that can be referred to may make it possible to bring eligible candidates out of the woodwork.
- Members would be able to approach eligible candidates in a timely manner.
- Have a process in place demonstrates that the Area is showing Unity, Responsibility and Mutual Trust

Con: securing a place in our Handbook requires active Handbook Committee.

KBDM QUESTION #5: What do we wish we knew, but don't?

Will having a written process really increase member's knowledge of the need to be involved in selecting a Regional Trustee candidate?

Suggestion of Committee: to add to the appropriate spot in the Handbook

Process for Selecting a Candidate for Regional Trustee

Every three years, the Ohio Area has the opportunity to select a candidate for Regional Trustee. Interested members will present the World Service Office (WSO) current application (available on the WSO website or from the Delegate) at the Assembly which is prior to the WSO deadline for submission, currently the Spring Assembly of that year's deadline. It is the responsibility of current and past AWSC members to contact suitable candidates to stand for this position.

A motion was suggested to send the proposal to Fall Assembly. The motion passed.

Task Force: Alateen Policy Changes

Presented by Sara M. for Sharon B., AAPP

A Task Force was formed at the Spring 2019 Assembly to review changes for the AMIAS Application Packet. At this time we have 3 people on this Task Force: I, Sara M. (Alateen Coordinator OH.) and Mickie G.

Please send any interest to me at sharonbserenity@yahoo.com

I have not been able to make time available for the Thought Force/Task Force for Alateen Policy Changes. I will work with Sara M. and the committee prior to the 2 Day Fall Assembly. The only other person on the committee is Mickie G. It would be helpful to have one or two more people on the committee.

Task Force: Replacing the Action Committee

Presented by Ann F., Task Force Chair, Literature Chair

FRAMING

Action Committees haven't worked as proposed and we want to try something different.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: What we know:

At the 2018 Fall Assembly and 2019 Spring Assembly the Fellowship Communications Action Committee has discussed the topic "Should we keep the Action Committees as stated in the current Handbook?"

The conclusion was the Action Committee Plan should be stopped. A short KBDM was presented. The Action Committees were developed "to provide a time and place where Group Representatives and other members can work together to find ways to strengthen Al-Anon and Alateen. The Action Committees are to be viewed as vehicles for increasing attendance at Assemblies and increasing participation by all groups and members in the Ohio Area. We learn from each other how to carry our message of hope." (Ohio Area Handbook page 27.)

Historical perspective: Action Committees were initiated in 2003, with the idea of copying the structure at WSO and to better serve the area members and coordinate Public Outreach. In the Spring of 2005, after a three-year trial, they were voted to be on a permanent basis.

Unfortunately, due to constant turnover of Group Representatives and poor attendance, little consistency could be maintained in the Action Committees from one Assembly to another. Members found it boring and not productive. Both Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 Thought Forces agreed unanimously to eliminate Action Committee meetings. Members have not been consistently assigned to the same Action Committee. New GR's many times have not had a DR that oriented them to the workings of the Assembly and many times do not have a service sponsor. With our broken links of service, in the Spring GR's have arrived unprepared or have not arrived in time to attend or are still registering and late to the orientation meeting.

Furthermore, the Action Committees no longer reflect the WSO structure, as WSO has undergone some significant organizational changes recently.

The initial problem that the Action Committees were designed to address continues to exist. There is low attendance at Assemblies compared to the number of registered groups in the Area. We still need to increase participation by all groups and members in the Ohio Area.

Existing Motions that pertain to this topic:

October 2001- Motion#9 Institute new HN Action teams according to WSO structure for a 3 year trial period to be implemented by 2002-2 day Fall election

May 2005- Motion #10D1 To implement our Action Committees on a permanent basis, as our 3 yr. trial period ends this year.

What do we know about our member's or prospective member's wants, needs, and preferences that are relevant to this discussion?

Comments made were "meetings were boring and worthless and we want something that works" Both Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 Thought Forces agree unanimously to eliminate Actions Committee meetings.

Members have not been consistently assigned to the same Action Committee.

New GR's many times have not had a DR that oriented them to the workings of the Assembly and many times do not have a service sponsor.

With our broken links of service, GR's have arrived unprepared or have not arrived in time to attend or are still registering and late to the orientation meeting.

What do we know about the capacity and strategic position of the organization relative to this issue?

We have creative and willing members who wish to use their talents to serve the area in meaningful ways.

We believe our members will be more motivated when they can choose their areas of interest and participation.

What do we know about the current realities and evolving dynamics that are relevant to this discussion?

There is a strong sentiment regarding the desire to eliminate these committees.

The idea of freeing up time for workshops or skits seems popular among those who have expressed an opinion.

With the availability of phone meetings and email, thought or task forces could do most of their work outside of assembly time, or time could be freed up during assembly for face to face meetings.

What are the ethical implications of our choices (pro and cons)? This includes consideration of how the Legacies apply. Identify both pros and cons.

Cons of eliminating Action Committees: Action Committees were developed for a specific purpose.

They were approved by the Assembly and added to the Handbook, to be in place permanently. Keeping them is required by the Handbook, unless the Assembly approves removing them.
Pros of eliminating Action Committees: We feel that by eliminating them, time will be freed up for other, more interesting and productive activities.
This could include time for workshops, skits, or thought and task force meetings.
Time would also be available for DR discussions/meetings.

We believe that offering other options, it will increase interest and participation, which was the purpose of the original Action Committees.

What do we wish we knew, but don't?

Will our attendance and participation increase with a change to something other than Action Committees?

We currently don't know specifically if there will be a direct replacement the Action Committees, or how our OAA will evolve in the future.

Questions and clarification- no timing at the mic

Need for a motion?

Yes. Motion to dissolve Action Committees and remove all references to them in the Handbook.

A move was made to have motions be presented at the Fall Assembly. Motion passed.

Task Force: AI-A-Notes Newsletter Exchanges and Subscriptions

Jo S., Alternate Delegate reported that there wasn't anything to report at this time.

Thought Force: AWSC Improvement

Presented by Theresa M., Delegate

Charge: To discuss and generate ideas to improve our AWSC format, encourage greater participation in the AWSC, to provide support to our trusted servants and strengthen the links of service.

The Thought Force has met by phone conferencing twice and will continue work to have a full presentation for the 2019 Fall Assembly. Another interested member would be appreciated.

Public outreach: Develop an Area wide public outreach poster, develop a business card, and bands for AI-Anon Faces Alcoholism.

- No report available.

Task Force: Isolated Groups: Encourage connection and participation

- No report available.

COORDINATOR REPORTS

Alateen

Presented by Sara M., Alateen Coordinator

Recent events: KOMIAC in Adrian Michigan

Travel: Twenty-nine people from Akron and Cleveland (24 of which were teens) traveled via bus. Five people from Toledo and five from Dayton also traveled via bus. Three people traveled by car while three people traveled via a Kentucky bus.

Approximately 220 people attended (will have exact numbers after final meeting. Estimated cost from two years ago was \$35,000; this year's cost with dorms and food was \$24,000.

Next year's KOMIAC will be in Ohio.

Outreach

- Founder's Day
- Speakers at Anniversaries
- Cleveland Area Picnic
- Catch Court, Franklin County (human trafficking specialized court) Family Day
- Literature

Upcoming:

- Rally: October 26, 2019, Claque Cabin, Westlake, OH
- Sponsor's Workshop: November in Columbus
- KOMIAC planning meeting and college visits: TBA

Bank Account:

The bank account was effectively switched to Sara M., Coordinator, Gary J., Transportation and Sharon B., AAPP. The current balance is \$4255 minus \$2000 owed to Cleveland Alateen buses for KOMIAC which they paid from their account, minus \$1500 which is temporarily placed in account until KOMIAC, Inc account is opened for Ohio KOMIAC. The total in the account (after pay outs) is \$755.17.

Current approval through insurance claim – Ginny will follow up.

Archives

Presented by Phil H., Archives Coordinator

Another huge step has been accomplished – the financial records. Corporate requirements are to retain ALL financial documents (deposit slips, vouchers, bank statements, spreadsheets, etc.) for a period of seven years. After seven years, ONLY the "books" need to be retained. Those can be account ledgers or computer spreadsheets, provided they have the complete financial information for the accounting year.

My shredder almost went on strike, but it survived. Now, it's on the "miscellaneous" items. Those will take longer but I'm still hoping to have the entire process completed by the end of this panel.

Presented by Phil H., Archives

Forum

Presented by Allison G., Forum Coordinator,

- stated she did not have anything time sensitive to report.

Group Records

Presented by Shelly C., Group Records Coordinator

As of August 20, 2019, according to the Ohio Database there are:

593 meetings listed

- 468 active meetings
 - 91 beginners meetings
 - 377 AFG meetings
 - 119 inactive meetings

In Area 44 (Ohio Database) there are:

3 meetings in No Mail Status

- Berea Thursday AFG District 1
- Pleasant Ridge AFG District 15
- Fairport Harbor AFG District 45

No meetings in Bounced Email Status

1 meeting report Not Meeting

- Me Too Women's Adult Children AFG District 38

No meetings marked for deletion

In addition there are:

- 80 meetings that have no current email address
- 175 meetings without a GR

Literature

Presented by Ann F. Literature Coordinator,

Ann stated that there was nothing time sensitive to report. It was mentioned that the printed Service Manuals (P24/27) were not available at this present time. The English version will not be available until the French and Spanish Versions are available.

Public Outreach

Presented by Theresa M., Delegate

Kay H. had to step down and Theresa M., stepped in temporarily. This makes an open service position. You do not have to be a DR or a GR to take the position, you just have to be an active Al-Anon member. Read the Handbook and Guidelines for more information.

Every September is National Recovery Month.

Getting the new Public Service Announcements (PSA's) to radio and TV stations the grass-roots is an effort that WSO needs from our Members doing Public Outreach. A plan of action may look something like this:

1. Search on the internet for a list of radio and TV stations in your immediate area (this could be done at the district level).
2. Determine who is going to contact each of those stations.
3. Start with calling the station to identify the employee responsible for choosing which PSAs to play
4. Visit the station and ask to speak with the person identified as responsible for PSAs
5. Take a device where you can play the PSAs for them, share with them our mission, and ask them to play our PSAs
6. If they agree, find out which email address we should send the broadcast quality versions
7. Visit the PSA page on al-anon.org <https://al-anon.org/for-members/public-outreach/outreach-to-the-publicmedia/psa-requests/> and complete the PSA request form: Station Name, Contact name, Radio or TV, Language, Email Address along with the Member's contact info.
8. The WSO will send an email to the station with the link to download the broadcast quality version.

If you have trouble downloading the English and Spanish version of the two new PSA's (Champion and Challenger) contact the Delegate (delegate@ohioal-anon.org) or Ohio Public Outreach Coordinator (publicoutreach@ohioal-anon.org) this information will always work during September and in the spring during the April Alcohol Awareness Month.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP)

Presented by Sara M., Alateen Coordinator for Sharon B.

Here is the status of the Area Alateen Process in Ohio as of August 17, 2019:

- 25 Active Alateen Groups in Ohio.
- 75 AMIAS – Certified through June 2020.
 - I have 7 applications which I am awaiting background checks for in order to process.
- A list of each has been sent to the Ohio Alateen Coordinator for reference.
- A reminder that the PO BOX for submitting applications is PO BOX 984 Twinsburg, OH 44087

Budget Committee

Presented by Donna K., Budget Committee Chair

There is nothing new to report that I am aware of. I know that in April the secretary and Group Records Coordinator were looking to replace their computers. I bowed out of the discussion because I am not informed on computers. Hopefully Mike, Ginny, Carmen, and Shelly have found the right computer for their needs.

Handbook Committee

Presented by Phil H. reported for Buff N., Handbook Committee Chair, that there was nothing to report.

Ohio Area Convention and Two Day Fall Liaison

Presented by Sandy F., OAC Two Day Fall Liaison

Sandy reported that there was nothing timely to present.

Website

Presented by Mike K, Web Master

- Numbers to the website keep going up.
- The website could use a volunteer to help with things.
- Report is attached to the end of the minutes

CONVENTION AND ASSEMBLY REPORTS

2019 Convention Report – Columbus

Presented by Lorie M., 2019 OAC [Chair](#)

In to me, I see (Intimacy)

Take aways from Convention:

- Suggest not doing any or much literature sales
- Suggest complete programming to be planned and published well in advance, including leads and activities
- Would advise future conventions to consider pricing differentiation (partial days, scholarship requests)
- Advise future conventions to build a strong committee, create a strategic marketing plan, encourage groups to donate, and ask for donation of raffle baskets
- The single gathering room where all activities centered worked well

Recommendations:

- Volunteer scheduling is a big help – strongly encourage diverse participation
- Great leads

Comment [o1]: Is she called the chair?

- Add family participation
- Try to reach a broader area of interest and participation with diverse programming options
- Diverse presenters
- Promote with flyers, monthly updates and diverse committee participation
- Find different ways to meet to involve others
- Have cash procedures in place (written instructions, dual counting, daily deposits)
- Have third party accountability – different than the treasurer

Fiscals:

- Income:
 - Seed Money (\$2000)
 - Group Donations (\$761)
 - Registration (\$6710)
 - Ways and Means (\$345)
 - Raffle Baskets (\$646)
 - Hospitality Jar (\$84)
 - TOTAL (10546)
- Expenses
 - Seed Money (\$2000)
 - Hotel (\$2854)
 - Registration (\$309.85)
 - Committee (\$265.32)
 - Programming (\$124)
 - Hospitality (\$264.40)
 - TOTAL (\$5819.36)
- Misc.
 - TOTAL (\$586.25)
- Payouts to Date:
 - Seed Money (\$2000)
 - Convention Expense (\$3810.36)
 - Group Donations to COAFG (\$761)
 - 2020 OAC (\$500)
 - COAFG (1/3 after audit)
 - Ohio (1/3 after audit)
 - World Service (1/3 after audit)
 - TOTAL (\$10546)

Discussion ensued concerning the 1/3rd of the money going to Central Ohio when it should be going to OAC; then they divided the money. Disposition of Convention profits is to be referred to the AWSC which will make recommendations to the Assembly based on the needs at the time.

Motion was made to defer decision on what to do with excess funds of OAC to the end of the year was made by Judy A, Treasurer with Donna K., Budget seconding the motion. Motion was approved.

2019 AA State Convention with AI-Anon Participation

Presented by Cheryl C., 2019 AA State Convention with AI-Anon Participation Chair

302 Total Attendees
 159 were pre-registered
 95 walk-ins
 22 of these were AFG
 48 scholarships

AA particularly liked AFG suggestions to the planning committee that the ice cream social be done during the day, that speaker gifts be baskets of goodies in the room, that we share the hospitality room (food and duties) and that we do the countdown as a duet (years of both AA and AFG members recognized).

The Spiritual Principles of Al-Anon were on display as were our Slogans during all the discussions, as were the Anonymity Card (S-9) and the (S-24) Table Card

A skit on “**Welcoming Newcomers to Al-Anon**” which was attended by several Al-Anon and AA people (25-30), Saturday AM. A **lead by Carol P.** was well attended (35-40) by both Al-Anon and AA participants Saturday after lunch.

“**Keeping Al-Anon A Safe Place to Be**” was a session done with the idea of being compatible with the AA conference theme of “A Permanent Haven for All Alcoholics.” 15-20 participants Saturday after lead **A Family Panel** was held Sunday morning with 10-15 in attendance

Literature sales extended from Friday-Sunday of the convention weekend. And were in a shared room with AA

Total sales- included 12 books. We also gave away the pamphlets on Detachment and Questions, book marks, and serenity prayer cards were donated by a member.

2019 Fall Assembly – Cincinnati

Report presented by Mike B., Committee Chairman for the 2 day Fall Assembly

See flyer attached to end of the minutes and online.

Questions were answered as asked about accommodations.

2020 Ohio Area Convention – Dayton

Presented by Lori W., 2020 OAC Chair - Dayton

2020 Ohio Area Convention Status Report

Fall AWSC August 24, 2019

Theme is: 2020 A Vision for Recovery

Dates will be: June 19-21, 2020

Location: Hope Hotel in Fairborn Ohio

Possible times: June 19 3pm to June 21 noon

Chairperson- Lori W.

Project summary: This convention is running smoothly & very productively. All committees are being run effectively.

Old Business

2019 Seattle Road Trip

- 2019 Road Trip in Seattle information is on the website and has been in IN THE LOOP. Is the same date as our Fall Assembly – October 19
- We are submitting a request to host for the 2020 Road Trip which will be on Oct 31, 2020 – Halloween.

New Business

Information Technology Position

- Things to think about:
 - Management
 - How many peripheral do we own and where are they?
 - We need to know what we have.
 - Licenses:
 - Who do they belong to?
 - Recommendations:
 - Who should recommend hard drives and software and are they qualified?
 - Online services – Which will take care of those concerns?
 - Anonymity
 - Web Content security
 - Online forms
 - Can we get help if these things break down?
 - IT Committee
 - Phil H.
 - Mike K.
- Motion was made by Maria C, District 45 to send to Fall Assembly and initiate a IT Committee for a 3 year trial, motion seconded by Mike T. GCIS Liaison.
- Motion passed to be sent to Fall Assembly.

Al-Anon liaison to AA Convention

- Three year position
- Mainly a contact person (one person)
- The position is so we can learn more about each other's programs and know who to contact.
- AA has 4 Areas – one Al-Anon for all four districts
 - NE - Area 54
 - NW - Area 55
 - SW - Area 56
 - Central and SE - Area 53

Reflections on the 2019 AA convention for AWSC

I love working with members of either program who are dedicated to their program and doing service work to both better their lives and the lives of those around them.

While at times it felt like herding cats to get things done (both on their side and our side of the program responsibilities), it was truly a spiritual experience to see that things did get done – and done pretty darn well.

We owe AA a debt of gratitude, because our program came about because some drunks found a way of life that we wanted also.

I encourage all Districts, Intergroups – and even maybe individual groups at times – to make sure that there are connections – an appointed/elected contact between Al-Anon and AA at all these levels so that we can learn more about each other's programs and participate more fully in each other's events and celebrations.

I hope by the end of my Panel, that we can make sure that the 4 Ohio AA Areas (53,54,55,56) know who to contact at our Ohio Area 44. At the moment it is the Delegates job to know to round up members to host our part in the AA Conventions, but that knowledge has not been transmitted to them and was not recognized by me last year. Area 56 was so pleased that there were Al-Anon's who wanted to be a part

and the other Ohio AA Areas were also amazed by that as they had not gotten the same kind of willing and excited participation in the past. R

Respectfully submitted: Theresa M., Delegate

A motion was made to defer discussion until Fall Assembly by Mary C. Copley, motion was seconded by Julie C. Motion passed to be discussed at Two Day Fall Assembly.

District Celebrations and Concerns

- What really are the Concepts and Warranties? Out in Akron newsletter presented by Districts 25 and 51.
- District 5, Fred Smith – 4 new groups to be starting the 1st of September.
 - 2 Adult Children Groups (Cleveland, Ohio area)
 - Beginning in October on Sunday afternoons for 6-8 weeks there will be a book study on Transforming Our Losses
- Marilyn from Berea Friday. Looking for how bookkeeping is done in different areas. Are you posting your financials every month online or do you keep those private? Do you do an annual report of some kind?
- Central Ohio – Where are the baby sitting meetings. Consider adding babysitting groups
- Central Ohio needs Spanish meeting
 - Two groups have asked us to help them get started.
- Southwest Ohio –
 - SW Ohio, District 10.

Motion to Adjourn: A motion was made by Allison G to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Phil H., Archives

Closing: The meeting was closed at 4:30P with the AI-Anon Declaration

Upcoming Events:

Two Day Fall Assembly, October 19-20, Cincinnati, OH, Clarion Hotel, 3855 Hauck Road, Cincinnati, OH 45241.

Fall Alateen Rally, TBA

Fall Alateen Sponsor's Workshop, November 9, 2019, 10am – 3:30pm, 2040 West Henderson Rd., Columbus, OH 43220