

Area World Service Committee Meeting Report – Spring 2019

The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer. The Spring Area World Service Committee meeting was held on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at the North Congregational United Church of Christ, 2040 Henderson Road, Columbus, OH 43220. Chairperson Ginny C. called the meeting to order at 12:35 PM. The 12 Traditions were read by Irena H. and the 12 Concepts of Service were read by Ann F. The General Warranties were read by Johanna S. and Ginny C. read the Declaration of Unity, goals and purpose of the AWSC

INTRODUCTIONS: All present introduced themselves along with their districts and service position.

MINUTES: 2018 Spring AWSC Minutes were revised to reflect the changes made. Treasurer's report was re-worded to clarify its meaning. The following was added to the minutes: the "paper copies of this report will be added to the end of these minutes." KBDM changed to further clarify the GRC duties. 2017 Fall Assembly and International Convention reports removed because they were submitted but not presented at the AWSC. Changed wording to read 2019 OAC report submitted but will be presented at the Spring AWSC. Omitted from the budget report that there is a reserve of \$300.00 to assist those who come to the AWSC but is not supported by their local groups. The reimbursement is a total of \$50.00 for gas and lunch. A motion made by Theresa M., Delegate to accept the minutes as corrected, motion seconded by Lee R.

Question: Can we put "revised" on the minutes when they are updated so we can tell the difference between the reports? A discussion ensued and it was decided to place "approved" minutes indicating the final minutes.

A motion was made by Sandy F. to accept the 2018 Fall AWSC minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Allison G. The minutes were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report given by Judy A. There are two Treasurer Report: the End of the Year Report is on the white paper and the Year to Date is printed on the green paper.

2018 End of Year Report (January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018)

Beginning Balance: as of January 1, 2018	\$40,673.17
Total Income:	22,108.40
Total Expenses:	19,917.69

Money in Bank	\$42,863.88
Assembly Reserve held at Fifth Third Bank	
19 month CD (Matures 5/8/19)	\$10,000.00
19 month CD (Matures 5/8/19)	5,000.00
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Checking Report – Huntington Bank	22,863.88

Total Cash on Hand	\$42,863.88

Question was posed as to what our purchases were? It was stated that we had paid money for a new printer, external hard drive, transition expenses, etc. A motion was made by Sandy F. (Past Delegate) to accept the End of the Year report as presented; Mickie G. (DR 25) seconded the motion. The report was accepted as presented,

The Year to Date report is on the green sheets of paper and is attached to the end of this report. Plea letters will be going out to groups in April; will need CMA's from Group Coordinator.

Year to Date Report (Jan. 1, 2018 – March 23, 2018)

Beginning Balance	\$42,863.88
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Income	2,878.93
Expenses	755.83
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Total to Date	\$44,966.98

Assembly Reserves held in Fifth Third Bank	
19 month CD (Matures 5/8/19)	\$10,000.00
19 month CD (Matures 5/8/19)	5,000.00
19 month CD (Matures 5/8/19)	5,000.00
Checking Account Balance	22,863.88

	\$42,863.88

A motion was made by Jo S. (Alt. Delegate) to accept the report as treasurer's presented; Mickie G (DR25) seconded the motion. The report was accepted as presented.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE REPORT: Last weekend on the 15th through 17th of March, I, the alternate delegate, was able to attend the North Central Regional Delegate's Conference. The Conference gave an opportunity to find out how the WSO works

A couple of things that were presented were the tools on the WSO website to donate online through contribution online. Contributions can be given monthly through PayPal or another card easily. This is not yet in the Ohio Area. Perhaps a Thought Force can be considered to set something like this up in the Ohio Area.

Where is our future? WSO is already in the future. Paper vs electronic? WSO has already gone electronic. For anything you want from WSO you have to have a computer and print it out yourself. This will affect our Trusted Servants who will have to have the capabilities to do that. The WSO will not be printing paper reports (other than WSO summaries) out any longer.

Al-A-Notes is looking for District news to share with each other. Deadline has been extended to 3/31 for Districts to submit news. I want Al-Anon Notes to be more than what is happening in WSO but what is happening in the districts as well. A test email was sent out to the DR's asking them to gather information about their districts. (No report obtained.)"

DELEGATE'S REPORT: The report was presented by Theresa M.
2019 SPRING AWSC DELEGATE'S REPORT

Trustee calls: As Delegate, I receive periodic calls from my assigned Trustee to answer any questions about the information in the COB (Chairman of the Board) letter. At the end of those letters, there are the Board of Trustees asks several questions. The Trustee calls are also a time where the Delegate can ask area specific questions and seek guidance for personal growth.

A question from the previous call (for which I have received no information from our fellowship after presenting at Fall OAA) had to do with asking if there is a need or a desire to develop Safety Guidelines – whether for groups, districts, AIS, or the Area. "Let's Talk About Safety in Al-Anon Meetings!" is now posted on the al-anon.org website under the Group Resources page of the Members menu <https://al-anon.org/for-members/group-resources/>

Also, WSO was and is still very interested in how have we used the Membership Survey in our Public Outreach Projects and what sort of feedback have we gotten from sharing information from the Membership Survey. Please let our PO (Public Outreach) Coordinator and me know what your experience has been so that it can be shared among our members

Questions that I was asked this time are:

- What information from the Quarterly Finance Update do I share with the Area?
- In what ways does our Area use the Conference Theme?

So, I need to know what more you would like to hear on finances. I would like to hear some ideas on how we can use 2019 WSC (World Service Conference) Chosen **Theme “Action is Attraction – There is No Growth in the Comfort Zone”** to increase membership participation in service. Please email or call or put ideas in the ask-it basket.

Thoughts on the theme: I can relate this to discovering choices and to how to reach informed decisions on the possible need to make changes – whether thinking about my own attitudes and behaviors or thinking about changes in the workings of our Assembly. A need for change only comes about after realizing discomfort in how things are now. It takes an open mind and trust in the process to determine the magnitude of the need (how important is it, is it a “want” more than a need) and to define possible solutions in a transparent and collaborative manner.

With that in mind, I am sharing a Thought Force that I worked on with several other Officers this Winter/Spring. AWSC will discuss what to do with this Thought Force for Developing a Process for Submitting a Candidate for Regional Trustee in New Business.

The latest Chairman of the Board Letter, Policy and Financial Updates (January 2019, not posted till February!) are on the WSO website <https://al-anon.org/for-members/board-of-trustees/chairperson-letter-archives/> (Many times it is easier for me to find what I want using the Site Map that is at the bottom of every page.)

I trust that all AWSC members regularly check out the al-anon.org website for updates to these as well as checking your AFGConnects for ongoing discussions and sharing of experience strength and hope in your various service positions. If you have not been able to access your AFGConnects, see Shelly - our Groups Records Coordinator - to make sure she has your correct information, which is sent to WSO in order for you to “Connect.”

WSC love gifts: If groups/members wish to send a card or package to me to share with WSC attendees, please plan to have mail arrive after April 10 and to include (Hold for WSC 4/13–4/17, 2019) in the address. Put my name and address (available in our roster and on my business card) - in the return address section of the envelope or box in the event that mail delivery is delayed.

Theresa M, Ohio (Hold for WSC 4/13–4/17, 2019)
 Sheraton Virginia Beach Oceanfront
 3501 Atlantic Avenue
 Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451

Each January the Board of Trustees meets with Regional Trustee and Trustee at Large candidates. The Nominating Committee aids the Trustees in discharging their prime obligation to see that all vacancies within the Board of Trustees or its Executive Committees are filled with those of the greatest possible competence, stability and industry. The list of nominees to be presented to the World Service Conference for traditional approval is Regional Trustees, Trustees at Large, and Board Officers. Jean Link has been selected as the USNC Regional Trustee for WSC approval. Contact me if you have any concerns about her selection.

World Service Office (WSO) Volunteers: Many opportunities exist for members to serve the fellowship as a whole by volunteering with the World Service Office. To provide greater visibility to the opportunities for service, a new WSO Volunteer page has been created at Members > Board of Trustees > World Service Office (WSO) Volunteers, on al-anon.org. Members interested in serving can read about requirements and download résumés directly from the website. A reminder: Trustees are Volunteers; they are Al-Anon members; they are us.

The simplified link to all the Duties and Qualifications for Board of Trustees, Executive Committees, and Executive Committee for Real Property Management, and At-Large Committee can be found at <https://al-anon.org/for-members/board-of-trustees/wso-volunteers/>

The Washington Area will serve as the host for the 2019 Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect at the Hilton Doubletree Hotel at Seattle SEATAC on Saturday, October 19.

6 TEAM events are scheduled for 2019

Bylaws: The Board of Trustees, in their legal capacity, approved updates to the Bylaws of Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. and Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters (Canada) Inc. As a courtesy, WSC members will receive an electronic copy of the revised Bylaws. Copies will also be made available in the 2019 World Service Conference Summary. These were reviewed by legal counsel to make sure consistent with latest Non-Profit Corporation regulations.

EMWG (Electronic Meetings Work Group): A special community has been created on AFGConnects for the CMA of each electronic meeting to be able to post, questions, ideas, etc. similar to how other trusted servant positions are afforded. It was just recently launched. It is only open to the CMA of each of the 180 registered meetings. Members are encouraged to bring issues up to the CMA to post and share experiences.

2018 Literature Sales and Contributions: The Board and the Staff of our WSO thank us for our continued generosity and support through the purchase of Conference Approved Literature (CAL) and contributions. Unaudited gross literature sales were \$375,492 (10%) above the 2018 Budget and a record -breaking year for literature sales. Unaudited contributions were \$46,542 (2.3%) below budget. Overall, 2018 was still a healthy year for contributions.

Policy Committee: Policy statements are interpretations of our basic guides, the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service. They help clarify how a Tradition or Concept might apply to a new or confusing situation that arises in Al-Anon or Alateen. Changes and additions to the Policy Digest are made only as new circumstances and our growth require, since anticipating and including every specific situation would be impossible. As always, the Policy Committee welcomes all questions and suggestions from any Al-Anon or Alateen member, group, or Area regarding issues that might need further clarification or interpretation in light of our Legacies.

The Policy Committee is continuing to work its way through the Policy Section of our P24/27 Handbook and will be presenting recommendations for approval by the WSC

This is a short report in the hopes that we can have more discussion time at AWSC.

REGISTRATION REPORT: Report presented by Lee R. There were a total of 26 members present of those were 3 guests and 7 District Representatives.

ARCHIVES: Archives report was given by Phil H. No time sensitive items to report; work continues on sorting and collating.

HANDBOOK AND BY-LAW REPORTS: Report given by Phil H for Buff N. who was not present. Handbook changes were not posted until March 2019 due to waiting for Fall Assembly minutes. The By-law changes were posted within 1 week of the end of the 2018 Fall Assembly. Handbook changes were not posted until March 2019 due to waiting for Fall Assembly minutes to be published. Be sure to refresh your web page if they do have the October 2019 date at the top of the documents.

THOUGHT FORCE: DEVELOP A FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR OHIO AREA. The report was given by Phil H. During Fall Assembly, the Group Services Action Committee discussed this topic. Their summary was: we heard from the Budget Committee Chair, Treasurer, and Review Committee Chair currently serving the Area and all three felt the current system was working well. Having separate entities was useful for checks and balances as opposed to on Finance Committee under one umbrella. It was also pointed out that adding a Finance Committee would increase costs to pay for gas, meals & lodging at the

AWSC and Assembly meeting for these individuals. The Thought Force recommended then, and recommends now, that a Finance Committee is not needed.

QUESTIONS FOR AWSC: (Monkey Survey) 21 out of 35 people participated (60%)

1. Do meetings start on time and do they have an agenda?
 - a. Yes: 86%
2. Are members encouraged to participate in discussions?
 - a. Yes: 90%
3. Do members keep their remarks purposeful and stay within time restraints so that all members can be heard?
 - a. Yes: 43%
4. Do we stick to our primary purpose?
 - a. YES: 76%
5. Do we listen to most minority and majority opinions?
 - a. Yes: 86%
6. Are DR/GR's able to air any concerns or problems during a meeting?
 - a. Yes: 71%
7. Are we a committee open/honest about our strengths and weaknesses or do we fail to address issues openly?
 - a. Yes: 38% to being open and honest
8. Does the AWSC have adequate meeting times
 - a. Yes: 38%
9. Overall is the Area Assembly meeting open and compassionate?
 - a. Yes: 57%
10. Overall are the AWSC meetings productive?
 - a. Yes: 62%

How can we make the AWSC fun and interesting?

- The point of this meeting is that it is a business meeting – first things first
- Maybe picnic options for AWSC and social opportunities as we group.

How can we make meeting efficient and relevant?

- Stay on track for efficiency – simple social connections in course of meeting
- Reports to secretary prior to Assembly/AWSC to allow more time for discussion

Have we encouraged active participation but avoided dominance?

- Need to listen to learn from experience.
- Low attendance – letter to DR's recognizing the importance – more voices for AWSC
- Mentoring of new GR's/DR's
- Invitations – journey with another person
- Education on importance of service positions

How can we foster leadership amongst our fellowship that ensures service positions aren't left unfilled?

- Reach out to DR's not here. Maybe Jo can add that to AI-A-notes
- Service sponsors
- One on one phone contact to absent DR – outreach
- Mail invite to DR for RSVP
- Service is fun
- Reports in advance to review with ready questions. Respect /patience – need kindness towards each other.
- Remind members that carrying the message is urgent.

At this point do we have any thoughts of creating a Thought Force or Task Force? A thought force comes up with a lot of ideas but no solutions, then after the Thought Force you would have a Task Force. (Page 71 of our Service Manual). By show of hands it was decided to move ahead with the Thought Force of improving/changing AWSC. See Ginny C. if you would like to be on the Thought/ Task Force.

Reminder: Thought Force is the "thinkers"; they don't come up with the solutions. The Task Force is the "doers:" they implement thoughts into action.

THOUGHT AND TASK FORCE PRESENTATIONS:

TASK FORCE: THE FUTURE OF AL-A-NOTES NEWSLETTER EXCHANGES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS: (The report was presented by Jo.S.) Most other areas have switched to electronic. A subscription for the Al-A-Notes is \$3.50/year, and a two year subscription for \$6.75 **for anyone** interested. Counting in the cost for printing and mailing; the subscription will cost more than the amount charged. There is a lot of talk about going electronic

THOUGHT FORCE: WHAT TO DO TO ENCOURAGE GROUPS WHO ARE ISOLATED IN OHIO TO GET CONNECTED AND PARTICIPATE. (Membership outreach). Report presented by Karen D.

Background Information: What we know: Historical perspective: At the 2012 Fall Assembly, the Membership Outreach Action Committee addressed the issue of isolated groups. A task force was established but disbanded. Of significance to this present thought force two thoughts stand out. First, Southern Ohio connecting with West Virginia because their needs were not being met; needs being unknown. Second, redistricting and what impact that would have connecting with remote groups.

Existing motions that pertain to topic: None.

What we know about our membership's needs, wants, and preferences: As members of the Al-Anon fellowship, we need to feel we belong and are heard: Ideas presented.

- Contact isolated groups via group email or CMA
- DR could visit isolated groups
- Increase awareness of District and Assembly meetings
- Consider activity of isolated groups in service
- Awareness of feeling of disconnection related to needs unmet (in reference to Southern Ohio connecting with West Virginia).

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

- The organization has access to the current CMA's, GR's and geographically close
- Aware some groups are more active in service and potentially could adopt an isolated less active group to share and interchanges information
- Contact isolated groups via writing to the group sharing information
- Invite member to come to conventions, district, and area meeting.

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

- The group may have had a bad experience in the past with service
- The group may not be able to support service beyond the group.
- Possibility isolated groups prefer to remain in own area and not participate.
- Potential concerns regarding reaching out on a personal level keeping in mind "attraction not promotion" within our fellowship

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

- Pros:
 - Awareness of available resources for isolated groups to be encouraged to participate
 - Awareness isolated groups are part of the Al-Anon fellowship rooted in our common bond
 - Awareness of how to approach isolated groups is an important as taking action.
- Cons:
 - Related to approach – would they feel obligated?
 - Would anonymity be compromised?
 - Potential for discomfort in regards to members they do not know attending their meeting

What we wish we knew but don't

- We don't know the issue the group may have with anonymity.
- Do isolated groups feel disconnected and why?

- Do we know where these isolated groups are located?

Questions and Clarification: no timing on microphone limitations

Need for a motion? None

TASK FORCE; TOPIC: DEVELOP AN AREA WIDE PUBLIC OUTREACH POSTER, DEVELOPA AP BUSINESS CARD AND BANDS FOR AL-ANON FACES ALCOHOLISM. (Public outreach)

- Is there anyone here from the Public Outreach Task Force from the Assembly that was on the Thought Force that made up a poster board and spoke about Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism.? Has there been any more progress since the assembly? [NO]
- Did they know that they were supposed to attend the Spring Assembly

THOUGHT FORCE: DEVELOPING A PROCESS FOR SUBMITTING A CANDIDATE FOR REGIONAL TRUSTEE

Framing:

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-volunteer/board-of-trustees/>

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

Background:

Each Area is invited to name a candidate for their Regional Trustee every three years, Ohio is a member of the US North Central Region (IA, IL-N, IN, MI, MS-N, OH, WI & UPI) which underwent the process in 2018 for selecting candidates for the 2019 US North Central Regional Trustee and will be doing so again in 2021 for 2022, 2024 for 2025, and 2027 for 2028 ...etc.

The *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* has information on Regional Trustees and their place in the serve structure:

"The Board of Trustees is composed of seven to 21 volunteer members: one sustain member (the Executive Director), Trustees-at-large and **Regional Trustees.**" *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, P-24/27, p. 158.*

"The Trustees, along with the members of the Executive Committee, direct the business operations of the World Serve Office, observing the By-Laws of Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. They are concerned with guarding the legal rights of the Al-Anon fellowship against those who may try to profit from our ever-growing public acceptance; with protecting our principles from distortion and dilution; and in general, with acting as the chief service arm of the World Service Conference. The Board serves as guardian of our Twelve Traditions, our Twelve Concepts of Service and the Al-Anon World Service Conference Charter. The role of the Board is explained in the descriptive text of Concept Seven ("The Trustees have legal rights while the rights of the Conference are traditional")" *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, P-24/27 p. 169.*

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.

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 Al-Anon and their roles and responsibilities in it.

-Members want qualified candidates, but more people than we are currently aware could be qualified.

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 qualification 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 education and recruiting our members about all the various possibilities for serve at the world service level.

KBDM QUESTION #4: What are the ethical implication 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. *Concept 4: Participation is the key to harmony.*
- *Members would be able to approach eligible candidates in a timely manner. Concept 9: Good personal leadership is a necessity. In the field of world serve the Board of Trustees assumes the primary leadership.*
- Have a process in place demonstrates that the Area is showing Unity, Responsibility and Mutual Trust.

Cons:

- None.

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?

-Will it increase the number of willing and qualified candidates?

ALATEEN: (Report presented by Sara M.)

Coming events:

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| • AMIAS workshop | 4/13/2019 | 10am-3pm in Westlake |
| • Spring Rally | 4/27/2019 | 10am-3pm in Columbus |
| • Founder's Day | 6/8/2019 (Sat. only) | University of Akron |
| • KOMIAC | 7/26/2019-7/28/2019 | Adrian, MI |

Several school counselors have expressed an interest in meetings. We would have to have sponsors that would be willing to do school meetings. Alateens would like to create packets for school counselors that would contain FAQ and answers.

Insurance Claim

- Proof of loss filed with insurance company in February for the funds that were allegedly taken.

- Hopefully we will be able to keep our current account open and remove the signatures of the past signers without them being there.
- Create an online account
 - Report (audit) to be sent to Treasurer for increased transparency.

FORUM COORDINATOR REPORT: (Report presented by Allison G). “RAP” approved to be presented in spring for Spring Assembly.

LITERATURE COORDINATOR REPORT: (Report presented by Ann F) New bookmark (M-81) called “Just for Tonight” will be out in early April and will be available in all three languages. The new Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships book is ready to be released in early April in Spanish and French. A new CAL list has been released along with new sharings.

GROUP RECORDS COORDINATOR REPORT: No report presented: GRC absent.

AAPP COORDINATOR REPORT: (The report was presented by Sharon B.)

Here is the status of the Area Alateen Process in Ohio as of October 6, 2018:

- 25 Active Alateen Groups in Ohio. This is up 3 since Fall Assembly.
- 73 AMIAS (AI-Anon members involved in Alateen service) – Certified through 2019. That is up 7 since Fall Assembly.
- 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

I recently attended a conference call/webinar training AAPPs on the recertification process of AMIAS and Alateen Groups. Recertification is required for AMIAS and Alateen Groups based on a 2003 Alateen Motion that was passed.

AMIAS RECERTIFICATION 2019

Anyone who was processed as an AMIAS after 12/31/2018 will not be included in this year’s recertification and is valid until 6/30/2020.

I will be sending an email to all current AMIAS to let them know the steps required to recertify.

I have received several requests for AMIAS to have the list of all AMIAS in the state so that they can connect. I cannot provide this, and neither can anyone in our OH Area without all AMIAS agreeing to this in advance. This is because we are still required to provide anonymity.

ALATEEN GROUP RECERTIFICATION 2019

WSO will be mailing the Group Recertification out to the Group CMA (Current Mailing Address) in early April with Instructions. Even if there are no changes, please complete the form and return it to ensure accuracy.

RECOMMENDED UPDATES to our AMIAS Application Packet from WSO Group Records.

I have a list of recommended changes to make to our AMIAS Application Packet. The packet is an addendum to the Handbook. I have a copy of those recommended changes for everyone’s review.

Finally, I have a print out of details for each District, Group and AMIAS if you wanted to verify with me for accuracy. You can reach me via my email sharonbserenity@yahoo.com or aapp@ohioal-anon.org

I apologize for any delays in response over the last few months, a great deal of personal and professional activity impacted my response time. Grateful for a program where perfection is not required.

BUDGET COORDINATOR REPORT: (Report presented by Donna K), Budget Committee got together via a conference call on 3/10/2019. The committee found that they were under budget by \$625.40 which was designated to excess funds. The committee found they had an extra \$1255.00 to work with this year after going over their income thru Group Donations, Plea Letter Contributions, District Donations, Al-A-Notes, OAA registration and interest from our increased Equipment fund due to the aging of the electronic equipment. . Next the committee added \$600.00 to the Active past Delegate Fund and increased the Equipment fund due to the aging of the electronic equipment. Money was allotted to the Alateens to ensure they would have a bus to KOMIAC. Postage was increased because of the return mail fees and upcoming meetings. Due to the increase rate of gas and hotel cost, meeting and travel expenses have been increased.

HANDBOOK COORDINATOR REPORT: (Report submitted by Buff N.) By-Laws changes were posted within one week of the end of the 2018 Fall Assembly. Handbook changes were not posted until March 2019 due to waiting for the Fall Assembly minutes to be published for the Motion number.

OHIO AREA CONVENTION LIAISON REPORT: (Report given by Sandy F. Sandy reported that there was nothing pending. Hotel requires 3 installment payments of \$750.00 each which exceeds the Convention float. All has to be paid before the registrations are due. The 2020 Convention Fund Committee will have to ask the budgeted amount go up to \$3000.00 because this year they will have to borrow money because it is set at \$2000.00. The Ohio Area Conference will be held 6/14/2019 to 6/16/2019. .

REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT: Nothing to report.

TWO DAY FALL REPORT: Nothing to report

WEB COMMITTEE REPORT: (Web committee report was given by Mike K.) Some interesting news on the Web, our traffic doubled in August and has been growing since then. Mike stated he had no explanation for it. Visitors to the website have increased as well as the mobile users have increased 58%. (Report Attached at end).

2019 CONVENTION REPORT FROM COLUMBUS: (Lori presented report). The convention will be held 6/14/2019 to 6/19/2019 and is for **ALL** Ohio. There is AA participation. Alateens may attend if accompanied by an adult. The theme is "Intimacy/In To Me I See." The cost is \$30.00 for the entire weekend with the hotel costs at \$109.00 for up to 4 people. The Committee is looking for help for the weekend – a great service opportunity; also looking for donations. Raffle baskets will be appreciated.

AA CONVENTION WITH AL-ANON/ ALATEEN PARTICIPATION: Convention will be held 8/16 through 8/18, 2019 in Cincinnati. Committee needs help for convention.

ADDICTION STUDIES INSTITUTE: Trial period ended but there is no report at this point.

DISTRICT CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS:

- District 4-9 will host a “Spring Day of Sharing” held on 4/27/2019. The cost is \$5.00 per person. The theme is “New Beginnings.” There are 50/50 raffles and basket raffles. Coffee and donuts are provided as well as pizza for lunch.
- Founders Day in Akron: Cost is \$25.00.
- Questions about how other districts do things.
- Young family members need a program for young children. Seeing an increasing number of young parents asking for help.
- Dates to remember:
 - Alateen sponsor Workshop: 4/13/2019
 - Spring Alateen Rally: 4/27/2019
 - Spring Day of Sharing: 4/27/2019
 - Spring Assembly: 5/18/2019
 - Ohio Area Convention: 6/14/2019-6/16/2019
 - AWSC: 8/24/2019
 - 2 Day Fall Assembly:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 pm by Lindsay B., DR for district 10 and the motion was seconded by Mickie, DR for district 25. The meeting closed with the AI-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen I.

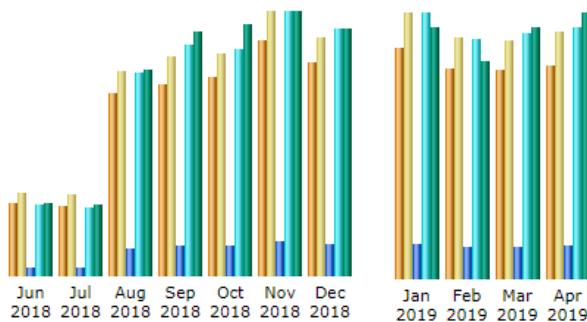
SPRING ASSEMBLY WEB REPORT – May 18, 2019

We reported last year a drop in visitors to our website after WSO published their meeting search tool. That drop continued through June and July. However, around August of last year, the number of unique visits to our site suddenly doubled, and has been climbing since then, (see Figure 1).

The most visited page is the meeting page. The second most visited page is our welcome page. (see Figure 2). We believe visitors are bookmarking our meeting page and going straight to it instead of through our Welcome page.

Mobile visitors also continue to increase while desktop and tablet users decreased. Last year, we had 56.5% of our traffic come from cell phones. This year, we're seeing 57.3%.

Figure 1.



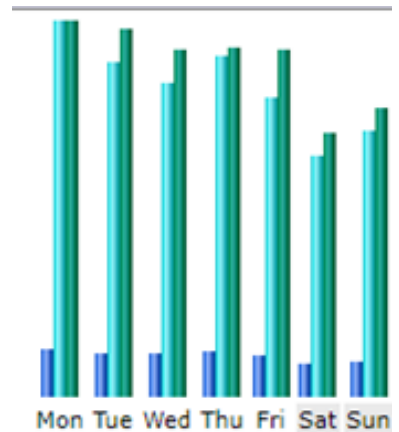
Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages
Jun 2018	349	400	672
Jul 2018	334	388	694
Aug 2018	877	984	2,206
Sep 2018	922	1,053	2,431
Oct 2018	956	1,071	2,450
Nov 2018	1,132	1,269	2,795
Dec 2018	1,026	1,144	2,518
Jan 2019	1,335	1,534	3,254
Feb 2019	1,215	1,390	3,027
Mar 2019	1,208	1,380	3,103
Apr 2019	1,230	1,431	3,194

The most popular downloaded file this year is the Handbook – over 91 downloads. The next is the 2019 OAA Area Convention Flyer at 65 downloads. Interestingly, we had 49 downloads of the 2018 Spring Assembly Minutes since January of this year.

Figure 2.

Page	Pageviews
/alalist.html	1,371
/	623
/meeting_search_tool.html	276
/documents.html	182
/calendar.html	179
/area_information_services.html	74
/contactus.html	57
/12steps.html	41
/12traditions.html	32
/alateen_about.html	32

Weekly Trend



Type of Browsers Used

- 45.6% Google Chrome
- 36.8% Safari
- 06.9% Firefox
- 05.1% MS Internet Explorer

Remaining browser vary.

How Are Visitors Finding Us?

1. Google
2. Bing
3. Yahoo
4. DuckDuckGo
5. AOL
6. Nation
6. ASK.COM

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