

Area World Service Committee Meeting Report – Spring 2020

OPENING OF THE MEETING: At 12:44 pm a teleconference meeting for the Spring Area World Service Conference (AWSC) was held on March 14, 2020. Ginny C., Chairperson, welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. The Traditions were read by Irena H. and the Concepts of Service were read by Joni F. The purpose of the AWSC, page 75 of the Service Manual, was read by Ginny C. All AFG members of Ohio are welcome to attend the AWSC meeting. The voting procedure will be by show of hands or when appropriate, affirmation.

INTRODUCTIONS: Ginny C., Chairperson; Theresa M., Delegate; Jo S., Alternate Delegate and Newsletter Representative; Judy A., Treasurer Carmen I., Secretary; Allison G., Area Forum Coordinator; Ann F., Area Literature Coordinator; Shelly C., Group Records Coordinator; Sandy F., Past Delegate; Robin R., Review Committee, Mike K., Web Committee; Sydney P., District Representative 47; Marie deH, District Representative 45; Merrie G, District Representative 7; Cheryl B. District 9 Representative; Sharon C. District 4 Representative; Sara M. Alateen Coordinator; Sabreena E., Group Representative for Keep it Simple Akron; Irena H., District 51 Representative; Chris M., District 56; Sarah C., District 4; Cathy C. Akron AIS Liaison, Betty M. District 34; Other members; Cheryl C, Tri County AFG. & Joni F., Portsmouth New Beginnings AFG.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SPRING 2019 AWSC

Sandy F., Past Delegate moved that the minutes for the Spring 2019 AWSC be accepted as written. Carmen I., seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Presented by Judy A. Treasurer

The report has 3 pages, the first page shows all income expenses, the ample reserve, and shows that everything balanced. The second page shows where the money was spent. The last page shows donations by district. We had more income than expenses because of the Ohio Area Convention (OAC). The 3-page Treasurer’s Report is attached to the end of the minutes.

APPROVAL OF THE TREASURE’S REPORT

A motion was made by Ann F., Literature Coordinator to accept the Treasure’s Report and it was seconded by Sydney P., DR#47.

BUDGET REPORT – Presented by Robin R., Member of the Budget Committee

OAA 2020 BUDGET WORKSHEET

2019 Income

Group Donations	12,185.00
Plea Letter Contributions	1,086.00
Personal Donations	33.00
Other Donations	250.00

Interest Income	<u>255.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME for budget & reserves	13,809.00	(2018=18,930.00)

ASSEMBLY FUNDS=

Excess Funds

2019 Budget	15,790.00	
2020 Expended	<u>-9,802.00</u>	
	5,988.00	
	<u>-1,000.00</u>	Transferred to Reserves from Excess
Funds		
	4,988.00	To Excess Funds 2020

RESERVE FUNDS

Active Past Delegate	0
Convention Float	0
Convention Reserve	0
Projects	1,000.00
District Rep AWSC meeting	35.00
Equipment	690.00
OAC	0
Transition	<u>200.00</u>

Reserve Fund Adjustments 1,925.00

Adjustment from Excess Funds -1,000.00

TOTAL Reserve Fund Adjustments 925.00

TOTAL INCOME for budget & reserves (from above) 13,809.00

TOTAL Reserve Fund Adjustments - 925.00

Available for 2020 Budget 12,884.00

2020 Proposed RESERVES & BUDGET

Assembly Funds	Balance 12-31-2019	Budget Adjustment	Balance
Active Past	600.00	0	600.00
Delegates Fund			
Convention Float	4,000.00	0	4,000.00
Convention Reserves	3,646.37	0	3,646.37
District Rep	315.00	35.00	350.00
AWSC Meeting			
Equipment Fund	39.50	690.00	729.50
Excess Funds	1,917.52	4,988.00	6,905.52
OAC Fund	470.00	0	470.00
Project Fund	1,542.48	1,000.00	2,542.48
Transition Fund	8.28	200.00	208.28

BUDGET ITEMS	2020 Proposed BUDGET	2019 BUDGET	2019 EXPENSE
AA Convention Hospitality	200.00	200.00	-201.02
Action Committee	0.00	40.00	0
Addiction Studies Institute	0.00	1,200.00	0
AI-A-Notes	300.00	150.00	-205.85
Alateen Coordinator	350.00	700.00	-86.54
Alternate Delegate	25.00	50.00	0
Archives Coordinator	50.00	100.00	-44.89
Review Committee	25.00	50.00	0
Budget Committee	25.00	100.00	0
Chairman	25.00	50.00	0
AAPP	100.00	120.00	-92.61
Delegate	100.00	200.00	-2.70
Delegate Equal Fund	2,500.00	2,000.00	-1953.00
Del/Alt NCRDM & Delegate OAC	1,000.00	1,200.00	-1251.35
Forum Coordinator	10.00	10.00	0
Group Records Coordinator	150.00	150.00	• -142.84
New Group & Dist. Rep Orientation	50.00	100.00	0
Handbook and By-laws Committee	200.00	200.00	-184.10
Liability & Crime Insurance	890.00	890.00	-915.00
Literature Coordinator	10.00	10.00	0
Meeting Expenses	3,500.00	3,500.00	--1051.46
Postage Plea Letters	500.00	600.00	-497.70

Public Outreach Coordinator	10.00	10.00	-20.00
Secretary	150.00	150.00	-453.10
Travel Expenses	2,054.00	3,000.00	-2,160.54
Treasurer	250.00	500.00	-198.78
Two-Day Fall & Convention Liaison	10.00	10.00	0
Two-Day Hospitality	300.00	300.00	-255.83
Website setup and maintenance	100.00	200.00	-84.68
SUBTOTAL OF BUDGET ITEMS	12,884.00	15,790.00	-9,801.99

Discussions:

- Public outreach is planning on doing addiction studies this year; that is our plan. Does this mean we are unable to do addiction studies this year since we didn't budget for it? -The trial ended in 2019 and it was not renewed and was not done. The budget was not revised during the 2019 year to reflect that. Currently it is not in the budget but we can move monies from other places like the project fund.
- It was voted on for 3 years only; it has to be voted upon again to continue it. It would be up to the Budget Committee to say yes or no to fund it out of the project fund. We need to have a discussion about the addiction studies before we make a motion.
- The motion was tabled.

Motion was made to approve budget as presented by Cheryl B., DR9 with Ann F., Literature Coordinator seconding the motion. The motion was passed unanimously to send to assembly.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE AND AL-A-NOTES EDITOR REPORT – Presented by Jo S., Alternate Delegate and Al-A-Notes Editor

The Winter Al-A-Notes were put on our website, January 5, 2020.

Seven electronic copies were sent out as part of the newsletter exchange with other Areas.

Twenty-four copies were mailed to other AFG's (that wanted a hard copy rather than electronic) as well as those who have purchased a subscription. Only 5 of these were paid subscriptions. There were not any new subscriptions and several ended and were not renewed. We lost 6 subscriptions.

As we get closer to elections for the new panel, we will continue having current officers and coordinators submit the following information about their position:

How long have you had this position?

How much time does it take?

What did you learn from doing this position?

What surprised you about this position?

--- And anything else you think would be information you would want to have before making a decision to run for an office or coordinator position. The Winter edition featured three officers (Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Secretary). Between Spring and Fall, I hope to get everyone's input.

We had a lot of district news turned in for this last issue, let's keep that going! This newsletter is one more way to keep groups in the loop and know what is happening in their area. Thank you for all that you do!

News from WSO: Our Delegate, Theresa will be attending the 60th World Service Conference in Virginia Beach VA from April 20th through April 24th. She would really enjoy hearing from YOU! Cards can be sent from your group, or district or from you and must be mailed so they arrive after April 14, 2020.

Please submit all mail to:

Theresa M. (Hold for WSC 04/20- 04/24, 2020)
Sheraton Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel
3501 Atlantic Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Question: Why pay for the AI-A-Notes if you get it free? Answer: Not all the information contained in the written AI-A-Notes is in the web version. The full address and phone numbers of the AWSC officers and committee chairs are in the printed edition. There are still a fair number of our members that aren't in the electronic age yet.

DELEGATE'S REPORT – Presented by Theresa M., Delegate

On 2/25/2020 the Delegates were sent the Chairperson of the Board letter for January 2020 where we learned that the **Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect** will be held in Cleveland, Ohio at the Westin Cleveland Downtown Ohio Hotel on October 31, 2020. Our US North Central Regional Delegate, Jean Link, met with Ginny and myself via a web conference on Sunday March 8. Ohio is tasked with promoting the event to all of Ohio as well as surrounding states and the whole WSO structure. An Ohio Host Committee will need to be formed to be in charge of this promotion. At the World Service Office (WSO), the Work Group Trustees for the Road Trip as well as Staff will decide on the topics to be presented after taking into account what our Area would like to have discussed. More will be revealed!

The 2020 World Service Conference (WSC) is being held April 20-24 in Virginia Beach and will include a Delegates Tour of the WSO. If your groups or districts or individuals are interested in sending **Love Gifts** for me to distribute to the Delegates and other WSC Attendees, send them to arrive no sooner than 4/14 and no later than 4/23. Address them to

Theresa M. *Hold for WSC 4/20-4/24, 2020*
Sheraton Virginia Beach Oceanfront
3501 Atlantic Avenue
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451

With my new address in the return spot.

After each quarterly Board of Trustees meeting, updates are posted and can be found on the WSO site

<https://al-anon.org/for-members/board-of-trustees/>

TEAM Event Replacement: The TEAM Event Replacement Task Force has been busy diligently seeking input on what would serve the fellowship best in replacing TEAM Events. I replied to the survey that was sent out to all Delegates to provide the Board with information on what direction to take. More will be revealed!

New WSO Staff Alateen Certification Program: The Executive Director presented the Board with background on a Staff recommendation to establish an Alateen Certification program for WSO Staff that would require successful completion of national background checks and professional training on legal requirements of WSO Staff members involved with Alateen.

Paid Positions at our World Service Office (WSO)

Please pass on the news that important paid positions for Al-Anon Members at Virginia Beach become open periodically. You can find these by clicking on the Employment link at the bottom of every page. <https://al-anon.org/employment-at-al-anon/>
Currently there are two important positions that need to be filled.

[Group Services Specialist – Alateen](#)
[Copy Editor / Translator – French](#)

WSO VOLUNTEERS:

These positions are filled by Al-Anon (includes Alateen) members.

Committees with At-Large Members

These positions (Audit, Forum Editorial Advisory, Literature, and Public Outreach and a position on the Executive Committee) are always due by **January 1st** of the year in which one wishes to serve. See the website links

<https://al-anon.org/pdf/At-LargeCommitteeResumeForm7-13.pdf>

<https://al-anon.org/pdf/Executive.Committee.Resume.Form.7-13.pdf>

Trustees are also Al-Anon Members!

2021 is when Ohio will begin to participate in the selections for the US North Central Regional Trustee.

Members interested in either the **Regional Trustee** or a **Trustee At-Large** position also submit their information online. This process starts with submitting an application and then completing the Electronic Résumé by **August 15** each year.

<https://al-anon.org/for-members/board-of-trustees/wso-volunteers/board-of-trustees/board-of-trustee-application/>

The following information below was delivered very late. This position had not been filled as of Jan 1, 2020 deadline when those Résumés were due. As this new deadline was the day of our AWSC, on Feb 28 I asked our Secretary to send out the following announcement to the CMA's and our webmaster to post this on our website.

ECRPM - Executive Committee for Real Property Management At-Large Member needed!

Once again, a *special appointment process* will be utilized for a member of the ECRPM. The Nominating Committee is asking for your help in finding a suitable candidate for an At-Large member to serve on the ECRPM. The term will begin following the Annual Board Meeting in April 2020. Résumés are due to the WSO by **March 15, 2020**. If interested contact WSO for the Electronic Résumé.

A candidate must:

- Currently be an active Al-Anon member with at least seven (7) years of continuous membership, including Al-Anon service beyond group level.
- Have special skills and experience that include: areas of property management; finance; business; accounting; law; business administration; or technology.
- Cannot also be a member of AA

More information on the position can be found at <https://al-anon.org/for-members/board-of-trustees/wso-volunteers/executive-committee-for-real-property-management/>

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Quick Financial update – more information can be found in the January 2020 update on the WSO site.

- Literature sales exceeded budget by \$104,000 with Dec 2019 sales more than 2018.
- Contributions exceeding budgeted projections by \$136,645 again with Dec 2019 contributions larger than Dec 2018. This total included two large bequests.

Quick Policy update - more information can be found in the January 2020 update on the WSO site

- The Electronic Meeting Work Group, now a Work Group of the Board, will be continuing with discussions regarding the creation of a possible new service position for electronic meeting representation within the service structure.
- With the approaching WSC and current work continuing, creation of the thought force addressing the expansion of the Policy to consider past Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) members in Al-Anon service has been postponed.

Once again, I would like to encourage all AWSC members to check their **AFGConnects** emails and participate in the discussions. Please encourage members to subscribe to ***In the Loop***, which they can also read on the WSO Members page.

Let's encourage our members to share their abundance by participating in sharing on our Members Blog and for all our other literature. Find the links on the Members Resources site <https://al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/>

Thank you for your service and allowing me this opportunity to grow in mine.

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Road Trip Host Committee

After the report, 5 members volunteered to be on the Host Committee for the Oct 31, 2020 Road Trip! Irena H., Sandy F., Jo S., Merrie G., Betty M.

Question: Is there a list of pre-requisites that you need to fill the positions at WSO and where do I find them. Answer: Go to my report on our website and click on the links and they are all provided there or you can go to the Board of Trustees pages on the WSO website ([www.al-anon.org](http://www.al-anon.org)).

Question: Executive Committee Position - is that an At-Large Member is that correct? Is it a Trustee position? Answer: It's made up of Trustees and Members -At-Large. You don't have to be a Trustee in the past. Requires 4 weekends a year and a walk through the property.

Electronic Meetings: Contact Delegate to let her know about representation. If you do attend an electronic meeting, send it to Theresa in an email so she can share that.

## **REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

There were 26 participants attending the teleconference meeting. No report was given due to teleconferencing the meeting.

## **DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT CONCERNS AND SUCCESSES – Led by Ginny C., Chairman**

COVID-19 – Go to AFG Connects for information and discussions. There is a lot of good ideas being discussed there. The WSO is asking all Groups to have a Group Discussion on how they want to handle their meeting. It is up to the individual group. Many meetings are closing due to the COVID-19. Members should be 6 feet apart to avoid droplet contamination but are the rooms big enough? No hugging or joining of hands at the end of the meetings. Perhaps the utilization of the electronic meetings ([al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org)) until this pandemic is over; it's just another option. Use the phone lists more to keep in contact with other members to see if there are meeting closures etc. Temporary meetings online for your individual groups may be an option. If meeting is closed, put a contact number on the door for people to get in contact with the members.

Liability insurance for Groups. Do the groups pay for their own insurance or who pays for that if the facilities demand insurance? The Area has not looked into it; it needs to be brought up at the Spring Assembly.

Back to Basics Workshop in Toledo will be held March 28, 2020.

Annual Spring Day of Sharing will be April 25, 2020. It is not anticipated that the event will be cancelled.

AMIAS Sponsorship workshop and the KOMIAC meeting are cancelled.

**Thought and Task Force: A thought force is a temporary unit of people established to brainstorm ideas and to develop strategies on a single defined task or activity. A task force is a temporary unit of people established to work on a single defined task or activity. Thought force are the thinkers, task force are the doers. ( Page 71 of the AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual 2018-2021.)**

**TASK FORCE: IMPROVING THE SERVICE PROFILE FORM (S) – Presented by Theresa M.**



## **Task Force: Improving the Service Profile(s)**

**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, to create spreadsheets, word documents; pdf's, power point presentations, etc. have increased in importance along with simple 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 where we typically asked for service experience, knowing that experience, strength and hope (ESH) would be shared from the outgoing to the incoming service members during the transition. Additionally, we already have 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 have background checks on any positions that handle our funds. Those that do happen to also be AI-Anon members involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) are required to pass 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?**

Members have the talent of to be able to devise a simple but effective process that would better help our members decide how to fill Service positions.

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

With respect to background checks. There was an incident where a formerly trusted servant abused their position to use AI-Anon/Alateen funds. All positions that have the

access to an AFG Connects 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.

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

Will more or less members step up for service?

Would adding the need to be AMIAS certified to stand for an officer or other position actually help or reduce the chances of a trusted servant in a position that might have access to Assembly funds abuse the position?

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

**MOTION ONE**

**NAME OF ORIGINATOR:** Task Force: Improving the Service Profile Form(s)

NAME OF SECOND: Merri G.

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION: Service Profile

WORDING OF SPECIFIC MOTION TO BE MADE:

**To insert in the Handbook a new heading "Elections" followed by:**

**PROCESS FOR BEING A CANDIDATE FOR AFG OF OHIO, INC. POSITION:**

Every three years, the Ohio Area Assembly has an election to fill the positions of leadership at the Area level. Every candidate needs to complete a Service Profile and submit it to the Chair by September 30 before the election. Should an election occur at another Assembly, the profile should be completed two weeks prior to the Assembly.

There were 26 voting members: 0 opposed; 0 abstentions.

**MOTION TWO**

**NAME OF ORIGINATOR:** Task Force: Improving the Service Profile Form(s)

NAME OF SECOND: Irena H.

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Amend requirement for all Officer positions

WORDING OF SPECIFIC MOTION TO BE MADE:

On page 4 of 44 of the October 2019 Ohio Handbook of General and Working Committee Procedures for Al-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc.:

Add under Officers of Ohio Area Assembly after “Except as specifically amended herein; the Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual shall govern all officers.” **Once elected, Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Treasurer shall be AMIAS certified by the start of and throughout their term in office. All other officers are encouraged to become AMIAS certified in order to be available to support and participate in Alateen activities. Refer to the Handbook Appendix pages A1-9.**

There were 26 voting members: 1 opposed; 1 abstentions.

### **MOTION THREE**

**NAME OF ORIGINATOR:** Task Force: Improving the Service Profile Form(s)

NAME OF SECOND: Marie deH

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION: Service Profile

WORDING OF SPECIFIC MOTION TO BE MADE:

**To insert under the topic “Elections” the attached Service Profile:**

There were 26 voting members: 0 opposed; 0 abstentions

## **Area 44 (Ohio) Al-Anon Service Profile**

The Area 44 (Ohio) Al-Anon Service Profile is attached to the end of the minutes.

### **TASK FORCE: ALATEEN POLICY CHANGES**

The task force is adding Theresa M., Delegate, to help out Carmen I. and Sara M. since there was some confusion as to what needed to be done after the last chair of the group left. It was recommended that we present at Spring Assembly something that says we will be working on this and will present at Fall AWSC. If there is any other AMIAS interested in helping out the Task Force, the help would be welcome.

### **THOUGHT FORCE: CASHLESS OPTIONS FOR PAYMENT – Presented by Jo S.**

Thought force has not yet been able to meet.

### **TASK FORCE: AL-A-NOTES NEWSLETTER EXCHANGES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS – Presented by Jo S.**

The task force met with a conference call on March 4, 2020. On the call were: Jo S. and Ann F.

We lost some members of this task force and would like to add 2-3 members to it,

Ann and I did go over some information and will between now and Spring Assembly put together a KBDM and see if we need to change what we are doing

What we can report now is the following:

Paid subscriptions are down in 2020.

The majority of mailings are going to other areas (out of state).

If you are interested in joining us, you can e-mail me at: [district51afg@gmail.com](mailto:district51afg@gmail.com).

### **THOUGHT FORCE: AWSC IMPROVEMENT – Presented by Theresa M.**

AWSC and we have recently had problems filling positions at the officer and coordinator level as well as having groups not electing or providing for District Representatives. A discussion took place at the Spring AWSC 2019 on “How can we make the AWSC fun and interesting?”

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

This is how the AWSC is described in the *2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual(P24/27) pp155-156*.

*The primary function of the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) is to plan for the general improvement of both the Assembly and the groups. Voting members of this committee are usually the officers of the Assembly, the DRs, Coordinators of services (such as Alateen, Archives, Public Outreach [Public Information, Cooperating with the*

*Professional Community, and Institutions], Literature, Group Records, The Forum, or Newsletter) and liaison members from any Information Services (Intergroups). The chairman of Al-Anon activities at an A.A. area convention or chairman of Area Al-Anon and Alateen conventions should also participate in AWSC meetings.*

*These meetings, called and chaired by the Area Chairman, may be held at stated intervals to hear and discuss the Delegate's report, to consider Area matters, to suggest items of interest for the Area newsletter, all with the purpose of informing and unifying the groups in the Area. To equalize travel expenses, successive meetings may be held in various localities within the Area.*

### **Historical perspective:**

The Ohio AWSC currently meets twice a year in March and August.

At the Spring AWSC:

- We approve a Budget for the current year to send to the Spring Ohio Area Assembly for final approval.
- We approve the minutes of the Fall AWSC of the previous year.

At the Fall AWSC:

- We approve the minutes of the Spring AWSC of that year.

At both Spring and Fall AWSC:

- Officers, Committee Chairs and Coordinators are to give updates and brief reports about their service position.
- District Representatives are to bring problems, solutions, success stories to share for experience, strength and hope of all.
- The Delegate will supply updates on happenings at the World Service Office and discussions at the World Service Conference.

Reports should be provided to the Area Secretary and Chair for the meeting, but recently this has not been occurring on a regular basis.

### **Existing Motions that pertain to this topic:**

We have little about the workings of our AWSC in our Ohio Handbook, Oct 2018

- p13/44 states who the members are: Members of the AWSC are: Assembly Coordinators, Liaison Members, Convention Chairman, Past Delegates, DRs, Area Officers, and Chairman of the Special Standing Committees and have a vote at AWSC meetings. (05/04 – Motion 5)

- p14/44 An Area World Service Committee (AWSC) member appointed/elected to a position of officer, coordinator or committee chairman, is required to attend all assemblies and AWSC meetings with a written report on the activities performed in accordance with the guidelines provided. That if an AWSC member does not attend any one (1) meeting and does not provide a report on the activities of their position, attends a meeting but does not provide such report, or fails to attend any two (2) consecutive meetings with or without a report, it shall be the responsibility of the Area Chairman to contact that member to determine whether or not the person remains willing and qualified to carry out the

responsibilities of the appointed position. The Area Chairman will make determination and recommendation to the AWSC and it shall then be decided by the AWSC as to the action to be taken and it shall take a 2/3 majority vote of the remaining AWSC members to remove an inactive AWSC member from an elected or appointed position and it shall be the responsibility of the Area Chairman to advise the inactive member as to the decision and action of the AWSC. (10/98 – motion #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 our meetings to be organized, informative and a setting for discovering more about how AI-Anon works in our business meetings as well as in our personal recovery.
- Our members desire to receive time-sensitive information in a way that they can easily communicate to their groups.
- Our members want a meeting that supplies inspiration, ideas and opportunities on how to address group and district issues while sharing information provided by the Delegate and Coordinators.

**WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE CAPACITY AND STRATEGIC POSITION OF THE ORGANIZATION RELATIVE TO THIS ISSUE?**

- AWSC is a venue for its members to work together and to share information to foster greater unity.
- We have many members who are willing and eager to serve and lead in sharing how to carry our message of help and hope.
- AWSC provides a forum to study the principles in our three legacies.
- Service in AWSC encourages sharing of this new knowledge and understanding of our Three Legacies back to our districts and local groups.
- Service in AWSC helps our trusted servants grow in their recovery.
- AWSC offers a place for long-time members to provide encouragement and support to newer members and to members assuming new positions.

**WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE CURRENT REALITIES AND EVOLVING DYNAMICS THAT ARE RELEVANT TO THIS DISCUSSION?**

- Because of lack of experience and available service sponsorship, many DR’s, Coordinators and Special Standing Committee Chairmen are unaware of the responsibilities of their service position and how to access the information needed to do their job.
- There has not been time allotted for a formal DR orientation for several panels and many new DR’s did not understand the importance of being connected to the internet and joining their AFGConnects accounts.
- It is not clear that all who can access their AFG Connects have done so. This includes Officers, District Reps and Coordinators.

- Our members are currently coming into AWSC with little information beforehand about what will be taking place as well as the process and procedure of the meeting.
- It is now possible to communicate by email, free phone conferences, and even some (limited) free internet services with web conferencing. This is being done for the various Committees and training for service positions in different Areas – both at the District and Intergroup level.
- Some of the other General Service Office meetings (South Africa for Conferences) and the WSO (for Committees) regularly conduct meetings using web conferencing.
- Other Areas schedule a transition meeting at the beginning of the new panel and offer service workshops/job fairs the prior to the election Assembly. These Areas often have more participation in filling AWSC positions.

**WHAT ARE THE ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS OF OUR CHOICES (PRO AND CONS)? THIS INCLUDES CONSIDERATION OF HOW THE LEGACIES APPLY. IDENTIFY BOTH PROS AND CONS.**

- How can everyone in the AWSC feel welcome and included in the proceedings of our service levels and less like an observer?

(Remembering Warranty Two where no one member has unqualified authority over another)

- What is the best way to educate and ensure that both qualified and willing members step up to fulfill the responsibilities of their positions? (Concept 9 - good personal leadership, concept 10 – avoiding double-headed management)

Suggestions:

- a. Incorporate DR trainings into the AWSC agenda
- b. Incorporate how to hold a conference call into the AWSC agenda –
- c. Assign thought or task force to investigate how to teach members to do conference calls through different services.

**WHAT DO WE WISH WE KNEW, BUT DON'T?**

For discussion

- What can we do to encourage the timely submission of reports so that information can be shared before the face-to-face meeting?

Suggestions:

- a. voting via emails on issues to be brought up e.g. approving Budget to present to OAA; approving the AWSC minutes a. conference calls
- b. web conferences

- What would be the cost to AFG Ohio to ensure that AWSC members could be connected to voice or web conference calls?

Suggestions:

- a. Assign thought or task force to investigate the how to teach members to do conference calls through different services.
- b. Make available a handout on how to hold a conference call for all DR's and place handout in the DR packets.
- c. Set up task force to investigate costs of web conferencing

- Do we need to change the format, timing, the number or the length of our AWSC meeting?

Suggestions:

- a. If we had an overnight stay, we would have time for more informal sharing and workshops. If we did that, would people come? What are the financial and time considerations?
- b. Rotate "teas" or lunch planning among the Districts so that members can eat during the initial part of the session to acknowledge those that are traveling longer distances. Should this be in the budget?
- c. Breakout sessions to facilitate small group discussions or activities.
- d. Electronic ask-it basket for questions DR's beforehand.
- e. Small group question and answer sessions.

- If the Area assigned mentors to new DRs, would DR's be more active in AWSC?

Question: How can people feel like they are less specters and more engaged?  
Do we need to take this to Spring Assembly first before making a Task Force?

The AWSC voted to send this to OAA with the suggestion to see if members will want to form a task force. The Spring Assembly has to okay this first, Then our Chairperson will make a charge for a Task Force which would then report progress to the Fall AWSC.

### **TASK FORCE: ISOLATED GROUPS: ENCOURAGE CONNECTION AND PARTICIPATION – Presented by Jo S.**

The task force met with a conference call on March 6, 2020. On the call were: Jo S., Sabreena E. and Joni F.

We had not made much progress over the winter; however, this task force is moving forward- We had some really good discussion during our call, but we would really like to hear from those that are in these areas (with either few groups or having to drive a distance to get to a meeting. We are working on a KBDM that we hope to present at Spring Assembly. We would like to add 2-3 more to this task force before we meet again. If you are interested in joining us, you can e-mail me at: [district51afg@gmail.com](mailto:district51afg@gmail.com)



## **COORDINATOR REPORTS:**

### **ALATEEN - Presented by Ginny C. for Sara M.**

Updated Report:

KOMIAC Planning meeting 3/15/20—CANCELLED

Sponsor workshop 3/22/20 **CANCELLED**

*With covid-19 many of the upcoming events are up in the air.*

*We are encouraging Alateen meetings to be autonomous in their decision to continue meeting. However, we are encouraging use of social distancing: avoid holding hands, keep 3 feet between people, don't come if you are feeling ill or have been around anyone with symptoms. Also encouraging the use of online and phone meetings.*

Current schedule of events:

April 2020:

18: Spring Rally—Columbus 10:30–3pm

19: KOMIAC Planning meeting: Toledo 1–5pm

May:

17: KOMIAC Planning meeting Cleveland 1–5pm

June: KOMIAC meetings to be scheduled

July:

24–26 KOMIAC location TBD (either Baldwin Wallace or Bowling Green)

Bank Account:

Current Balance: \$10995.95

Deposits since 8/19

8/27/2019: \$7953.82 (insurance reimbursement)

12/18/19: \$596.96 (KOMIAC extra from 2019)

3/6/20: \$150 (Cleveland area donation)

Withdrawal since 8/19:

11/21/19: \$2000 (Cleveland area reimbursement for buses KOMIAC 2020)

We thank you for your continued support of Alateen!

### **ARCHIVES – Presented by Ginny C. for Phil H.**

There is really nothing additional to report on the Archives - I'm down to a couple of containers yet to sort, and then index everything. My plan is still to bring the Archives to the Fall Assembly, so please ask for two 6-foot banquet tables to be set up in the back of the meeting room. I'll set them up there.

## **FORUM – Presented by Allison G.**

Subscriptions are down this year, but 2019 was actually a good year for The Forum. We lost a few subscriptions from both from January and February of this year, but more tellingly, from March of 2019. Last year we had 810 subscriptions/882 copies (some subscribe to many copies in order to hand them out). This year we have 788 subscriptions/842 copies. I did go back to March of 2018 as well and found that we had 799 subscriptions/858 copies. So, this year we seem closer to March of 2018 than March of 2019, albeit still down a bit.

What does this mean? Data can be interpreted in many different ways, and as a result, we can't know for sure why our numbers are dropping. Electronic media is a contributing factor. A younger membership, and a declining membership are also factors. District Representatives and Group Representatives did a good job getting the word out in 2019 – thank you! If we continue to use The Forum ourselves, to encourage its use in meetings, and to share it with others, I think we will see our numbers rise again.

We are in the midst of a global pandemic with the novel coronavirus. This is unprecedented in our program's history. We do not know yet how it will impact Al-Anon Family Groups as a whole or our individual meetings and commitments. As the Forum Coordinator, I can see The Forum being a vital outreach tool during a time in which it may not be in the public's best interest to hold face-to-face meetings. There are selected readings available online: <https://al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/literature/magazines/forum-magazine-stories/>

If you are able to order The Forum and leave it for others, you can do so here: <https://ecomm.al-anon.org/ICommerce/Subscriptions/ICommerce/Extension/GroupSubscription.aspx>

It is \$11 for a 1-year subscription. I understand that this is not doable for everyone, so please do not feel pressured to do so. If this is something that you are able to fit into your budget, you may consider including ordering information right on the cover of the copy that you leave behind. Whether you jot down the web address (it's long, I know), or provide another resource, it's still helpful to those who are new to the program. I'm thinking of buying labels that I can print on my computer, so I can just print out the web address and stick it on my copies. If you are unable to print your own, and you'd like me to send you some, kindly email me: [allison.grimes7@gmail.com](mailto:allison.grimes7@gmail.com).

Thank you all for the work you do! Submitted with gratitude,

## **GROUP RECORDS – Submitted by Shelly C.**

No report at time of AWSC meeting but the following report was sent at a later date.

As of March 23, 2020, according to the Ohio Database there are:

409 active groups

606 meetings listed

- 465 active meetings
  - 94 beginners meetings
  - 371 AFG meetings
  - 113 inactive meetings

In Area 44 (Ohio Database) there are:

5 meetings in No Mail Status

- |                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| • Corryville AFG    | District 14 |
| • Paradise AFG      | District 25 |
| • New Beginnings    | District 18 |
| • Carry the Message | District 28 |
| • Sunday Night AFG  | District 31 |

4 meetings in Bounced Email Status

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|---------------------------------|-------------|
| • Mondays in Westerville        | District 26 |
| • Choices Thursday Gahana       | District 28 |
| • Southeast AFG                 | District 33 |
| • Ada Adult Children Hope Group | District 41 |

2 meetings report Not Meeting

- |                                     |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| • Me Too Women's Adult Children AFG | District 38 |
| • Brecksville Wednesday             | District 1  |

21 meetings marked for deletion

In addition there are:

- 55 meetings that have no current email address
- 66 meetings without a GR

### **LITERATURE – Presented by Ann F.,**

Other than following along on the Literature Forum on AFG Connects, the only thing that I see as relevant is the new Service Manual Version 2 is identified by with a Version 2 on the cover and on the Title Page. Downloadable from the website.

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH – Presented by Jo S. for Sheri B.**

- Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism (AFA)
  - New AFA magazine is now available, with:
    - New order forms
    - New flyer with pull-off tabs
    - New PowerPoint for use at public outreach events
  - Order online at <https://al-anon.org/orderafa>
  - The new version will be available year round!
  
- Outreach Bookmark
  - New bookmark now available
  - Designed to share the Al-Anon message in libraries, waiting rooms and other public places
  - Order online at <https://ecomm.al-anon.org>
  
- WSO Video
  - The WSO released its first video interview of an Al-Anon member
  - Recorded at the 2018 Al-Anon International Convention
    - View and share from:
      - Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/AlAnonFamilyGroupsWSO/videos/vl.1403993143111840/1466391413514222/?type=1>)
      - Twitter (<https://twitter.com/i/status/1208416930891214851>)
      - Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/tv/B6Y3UqrAp3A/>)
  
- Public Service Announcements (PSAs)
  - Radio & TV PSA campaigns continue
    - Ohio Radio PSA airings = 423 in 2019-2020
    - Ohio TV PSA airings = 1,229 in 2019–2020
    - Airings were up 21% in 2019 as compared to 2018
  - Continue to encourage groups to contact their local stations to request airings
  - PSAs can be requested by stations at:  
<https://al-anon.org/for-members/public-outreach/outreach-to-the-publicmedia/psa-requests>

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **AREA ALATEEN PROCESS PERSON (AAPP) – Presented by Carmen I.**

The AAPP position went through a transition period about 5 months ago in October of 2019 with the AAPP transitioning from Sharon B. to me. The transition was relatively smooth with only a few minor clichés. The clichés have been ironed out and we are back on track.

Currently there are:

- 32 Alateen Groups Registered
  - 4 are marked for deletion
    - Survivors Alateen – Akron
    - Tuesday Southwest Hope Alateen – Brookpark
    - Thursday Evening Downtown Alateen – Cincinnati
    - Thursday Night Alateen – Granville
- Paperwork for new groups or changes to groups are available at the break. See me.

Currently there are:

- 87 active AMIAS
  - 58 AMIAS are pending recertification
    - The WSO has sent out notifications that the AMIAS recertifications are due by June 15, 2020 at midnight. There will be no grace periods.
    - Make sure your recertifications make it to me in time to enter them into the database before the deadline.
    - Paperwork for recertification are available at the break. See me.
- 8 AMIAS still need FBI checks to complete their application

### **BUDGET COMMITTEE – Presented by Donna K.**

Robin has been kind to fill in for me at AWSC, again.

The budget committee got together again via a conference call on March 1, 2020

Our 2019 Income was from:

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Group Donations | \$12,185.48 |
| Plea Letter     | 1,085.90    |
| CD interest     | 254.52      |
| Other Donations | 250.00      |

These numbers are from  
page 1 of Judy's report.

Personal Donations      33.29

Donations income is    \$13,809.19

Our Excess Funds were arrived at by subtracting our 2019 expenses from our budgeted amounts.

|               |                    |                       |
|---------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 2019 Budget   | \$15,790.00        |                       |
| 2019 Expenses | - 9,801.99         | Judy's report page 2. |
| 2019 Excess   | <u>\$ 5,988.01</u> |                       |

Excess Funds are also listed as Budget Balance on page 2 of Judy's report. Part of that is from the end of the Addictions Studies Institute trial, but more so, I think it is from people being better stewards of our resources.

Next, we took

|              |                    |            |
|--------------|--------------------|------------|
| Income       | \$13,809.19        |            |
| Reserve Fund | - 1,925.00         | adjustment |
| 2020 Budget  | <u>\$11,884.19</u> |            |

The \$0.19 went into Excess Funds

We changed 4 budget item names. Audit and Review is now Review Committee, Compliance/AAPP is now AAPP, Postage & Plea Letters, and Group Rep Orientation is now New DR & New GR Orientation.

We deleted the Action Committee and Addiction Studies categories.

## **HANDBOOK COMMITTEE**

No report at present time.

## **OHIO AREA CONVENTION AND TWO DAY FALL LIAISON – Presented by Sandy F., Past Delegate**

I have not heard anything from the 2020 OAC Committee but I am working with them. Districts of Columbus finally got a committee together for the 2020 Two-Day Fall Assembly. You can see at the bottom of the agenda where we are going to have it and a full report will be given by the Spring Assembly.

The 2020 OAC invited a speaker from Canada which is not a state that borders Ohio as it says in our guidelines. This was not discussed with myself or the Delegate or the

AWSC beforehand. I will emphasize at Spring Assembly that we must follow our guidelines. The reason the restriction was placed on the speakers is because they were bringing in circuit speakers and they weren't following traditions.

**WEBSITE – Presented by Mike K.**

Report attached at the end of the minutes

**CONVENTION AND ASSEMBLY REPORTS**

No report given.

**CONVENTION REPORT – COLUMBUS**

No report given.

**FALL ASSEMBLY – CINCINNATI**

No report given.

**OHIO AREA CONVENTION – DAYTON – Presented by Ginny C. for Lori W.**

2020 Ohio Area Convention Status Report

Theme is: 2020 A Vision for Recovery

Dates will be: June 19-21, 2020

Location: Hope Hotel in Dayton, 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. All committee chairs are willing to listen & cooperate with one another for a smooth running convention. It was very important to all involved that we add online options for registration and payment processes. We have added online registration at [al-anondaytonoh.org](http://al-anondaytonoh.org) and provided PayPal as an additional payment option.

Treasurer- Nancy A.

Project summary: Nancy A., our MVAIS Treasurer, has graciously agreed to also serve as the Convention Treasurer. Nancy A. has set our PayPal account up and it is connected to our online registration and our dedicated convention email address which is **2020alanonconvention@gmail.com.**

Secretary- Lori W.

Project summary: There have been 10 meetings held up to this date. Our last meeting has set our prices for our convention, updating our budget and listing details that are still not settled. As secretary and volunteer coordinator all committees have been notified on what they need to discuss, what details need to be addressed and each committee will report back. A chair meeting has been set for end of March to work out details and address all finer points as convention approaches.

#### Program- Darlene S.

Project summary: Program committee has the majority of all decisions made. All speakers have been invited and accepted. Six different workshops have been set; some minor details are still being worked out. All banquets details have been set. Program chair has been informed that one banquet speaker is unable to fulfill his obligation and program is working quickly to replace and is keeping Chairperson updated on progress for this. We have full program placed on our website <https://www.al-anondaytonoh.org/>.

#### Publicity- Lori W.

Project summary: Registration forms/flyers have been sent to Akron, Cleveland and Al-A-Notes. These registration forms will be sent to all Ohio areas to be posted on their websites. Area officers will have an email invitation letter with registration form sent to their emails as a cost saving measure.

#### Registration- Holly W.

Project Summary: Holly W. a registration volunteer has taken over as chairperson of registration. A new email address has been created for the convention, **[2020alanonconvention@gmail.com](mailto:2020alanonconvention@gmail.com)**. A PayPal account has been set up and is linked to email address. We do have paper & online registration. Holly also has provided her phone number for any questions that need to be addressed.

#### Hospitality - Jean & Jenace

Project summary: Hospitality has been given list of limitations by hotel. Hospitality is working with Program to divvy up hosting responsibilities.

#### Literature- Kim B & Rebecca P.

Project summary: Literatures chairs will be contacting Cincinnati to inquire about consignment. Literature will also be looking for donations. Literature will be working with Ways & Means to work on spacing, cash out & hour issues.

#### Entertainment- No chair.

Project summary: We do not have a chair for this committee and we are currently trying to recruit someone as quickly as possible. As a group we do believe a dance would be great entertainment and would like to make that happen. The hotel has given us two options to pipe in music which will be our backup if an entertainment volunteer does not materialize.

#### Ways & Means- Barb B. & Pam G.



Project summary: Ways & Means by far has the most volunteers. We have a lot of crafters & artists in our area. Ways & Means had 3 gatherings called Craftapalooza, each has been a success. Ways & Means is working with program for gifts for our speakers.

Overall, this 2020 convention is running at an appropriate pace. We are using AI-Anon guidelines as tools & incorporating past reports as enhancements to develop a positive and well developed convention.

Unfortunately, no OAC Committee persons are available to attend and present this report to this Spring Assembly. We are using AI-Anon guidelines as tools & incorporating past reports as enhancements to develop a positive and well developed convention.

Chair contact information: Lori W. [lwest345@att.net](mailto:lwest345@att.net)

Comments: There may be a problem with speakers because they are not in the Area and are not bordering the Area.

## **TWO DAY FALL ASSEMBLY – COLUMBUS**

Holiday Inn Columbus, Capital Square

More will be revealed.

## **2021 OAC CONVENTION – YOUNGSTOWN – Presented by Cheryl B.**

In the process of investigating venues. We looking at mobility and such for the venues. We have our District Meeting coming up and we are looking to fill a few positions like Secretary and Treasurer among other positions. Looking for people who are willing to work with a committee, not necessarily be the chair of the committee. Yoga and meditation may be a problem if the meditation is a guided meditation which is against the WSO guidelines.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POSITION – Presented by Mike K., Website**

We have on the agenda *Information Technology Position* under Old Business. The idea called for a key person, or committee, to provide guidance on technical matters that include:

- Do we move away from expensive Windows laptops and go with Chrome books, and do everything on the Cloud?
- Who is keeping track of our intellectual property, hardware, accessories?
- Who buys and replaces the lamp in the projector when it goes out? (this is a high-price item)
- Who recommends anti-virus and malware security products?
- Who recommends and manages social media outlet

Phil and I were chatting on the phone about this item, and wondered if the chore is big enough to justify a new position yet. He won't be able to attend Spring AWSC, and I'd also like to get with Mike B on this (he's part of our team), and talk about this more. We didn't meet over the Winter – my bad for dropping the ball on that. So, can we table this old business item for the Fall AWSC?

Question: Do we need a thought or task force or thought force? Answer: A thought Force would be a really good idea because there are probably many other things that we haven't thought of that could be in this position (I.E. external hard drives, software up to date, who holds those licenses? Are our operating systems current, etc. There is new technology that is coming out that we are not be familiar with. Ginny C. will add recommending a Thought Force to the Agenda at the Fall AWSC.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Spring Alateen Sponsor's Workshop**, March 22, 2020, 1pm to 5 pm, Westlake Porter Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake, OH - **CANCELLED**

**Spring Alateen Rally**, April 18, 2020, 10am to 3:30pm, 2040 West Henderson Road, Columbus, OH 43220 (**FOLLOWS SCHOOL CANCELLATION AND COMMUNITY RECOMMENDATION.**)

**Spring Assembly**, May 16, 2020 10am to 5pm, 2040 West Henderson Road, Columbus, OH 43220

**Ohio Area Convention**, June 19-21, 2020, Hope Hotel and Conference Center (Dayton Area), 10823 Chidlaw Rd., Wright Patterson Air Force Base, OH 45433

**Two Day Fall Assembly**, October 17-18, 2020, Holiday Inn Columbus Capital Square, 175 East Town St., Columbus, OH

**CLOSING:** A motion was made to close the meeting by Jo S., Alternate Delegate. Ann F., Literature Coordinator seconded the motion. The meeting was closed at 5:25pm with the Al-Anon Declaration.

**Treasurer's Report – Ohio Area Assembly  
Yearend Report January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019**

|                                                      |                                 |                  |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Group Donations                                      |                                 | 12,185.48        |
| Plea Letter                                          |                                 | 1,085.90         |
| CD matured interest                                  |                                 | 254.52           |
| 52 GR Registrations Spring Assembly                  |                                 | 260.00           |
| GR Registrations 2 Day Fall Assembly                 |                                 | 410.00           |
| Return of Convention Float                           |                                 | 2,000.00         |
| Other Donations                                      |                                 | 250.00           |
| Personal Donations                                   |                                 | 33.29            |
| Al-A-Notes Subscriptions                             |                                 | 23.75            |
| Cincinnati Insurance Company (Claim #3258038)        |                                 | 7,953.82         |
| Return of Hospitality Funds                          |                                 | 44.17            |
| Profit from 2019 OAC                                 |                                 | 2,122.83         |
|                                                      | <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>             | 26,623.76        |
|                                                      |                                 |                  |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                                      |                                 |                  |
|                                                      |                                 |                  |
| <b>RESERVE FUNDS</b>                                 |                                 |                  |
| Active Past Delegate Fund                            |                                 |                  |
| Convention Float                                     |                                 |                  |
| Convention Reserve                                   |                                 |                  |
| District Rep AWSC Meeting                            |                                 |                  |
| Equipment Fund                                       | -1,910.50                       |                  |
| Excess Fund                                          | -2,000.00                       |                  |
| OAC Fund                                             |                                 |                  |
| Projects Fund                                        |                                 |                  |
| Transition Fund                                      | -141.72                         |                  |
| <b>Total Reserve Funds expended</b>                  |                                 | -4,052.22        |
| <b>ADVANCE</b>                                       | Check # 422                     | -210.00          |
| <b>RETURNED INSURANCE CLAIM TO ALATEEN</b>           | Check # 412                     | -7,953.82        |
| <b>BUDGETED EXPENSES</b>                             |                                 | -9,801.99        |
|                                                      |                                 |                  |
|                                                      | <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>           | -22,018.03       |
|                                                      |                                 |                  |
|                                                      | <b>BALANCE 12/31/2018</b>       | 42,863.88        |
|                                                      | <b>INCOME</b>                   | 26,623.76        |
|                                                      | <b>EXPENSES</b>                 | -22,018.03       |
|                                                      | <b>BOOK BALANCE 12/31//2019</b> | <b>47,469.61</b> |
|                                                      |                                 |                  |
| <b>ACCOUNTING FOR FUNDS</b>                          |                                 |                  |
| <b>Assembly Reserves held in Huntington Bank</b>     |                                 |                  |
| 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         |
| <b>Checking Account – Huntington Bank 12/31/2019</b> |                                 | 27,469.61        |
|                                                      | <b>TOTAL CASH ON HAND</b>       | <b>47,469.61</b> |

Respectfully Submitted,

## RESERVES, BUDGET AND EXPENSES

Yearend Report January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019,

| M;/ Assemble Funds                  | Balance<br>12-31-2018 | Budget<br>Adjustment | Income          | Expenses         | Balance          |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Active Past Delegates Fund          | 0                     | 600.00               | 0               | 0                | 600.00           |
| Convention Float                    | 2,000.00              | 0                    | 2,000.00        | 0                | 4,000.00         |
| Convention Reserves                 | 3,146.37              | 0                    | 500.00          | 0                | 3,646.37         |
| District Rep AWSC Meeting           | 315.00                | 0                    | 0               | 0                | 315.00           |
| Equipment Fund                      | 437.78                | 1512.22              | 0               | -1910.50         | 39.50            |
| Excess Funds                        | 19.29                 | 2,275.40             | 1,622.83        | -2,000.00        | 1,917.52         |
| OAC Fund                            | 470.00                | 0                    | 0               | 0                | 470.00           |
| Project Fund                        | 513.85                | 1,028.63             | 0               | 0                | 1,542.48         |
| Transition Fund                     | 0                     | 150.00               | 0               | -141.72          | 8.28             |
| <b>SUBTOTAL OF NON-BUDGET ITEMS</b> | <b>6,902.29</b>       | <b>5,566.25</b>      | <b>4,122.83</b> | <b>-4,052.22</b> | <b>12,539.15</b> |

| BUDGET ITEMS                      | 2019 BUDGET      | EXPENSE          | BUDGET BALANCE  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| AA Convention Hospitality         | 200.00           | -201.02          | -1.02           |
| Action Committee                  | 40.00            | 0                | 40.00           |
| Addiction Studies Institute       | 1,200.00         | 0                | 1,200.00        |
| Al-A-Notes                        | 150.00           | -205.85          | -55.85          |
| Alateen Coordinator               | 700.00           | -86.54           | 613.46          |
| Alternate Delegate                | 50.00            | 0                | 50.00           |
| Archives Coordinator              | 100.00           | -44.89           | 55.11           |
| Audit/Review Committee            | 50.00            | 0                | 50.00           |
| Budget Committee                  | 100.00           | 0                | 100.00          |
| Chairman                          | 50.00            | 0                | 50.00           |
| Compliance Liaison/AAPP           | 120.00           | -92.61           | 27.39           |
| Delegate                          | 200.00           | -2.70            | 197.30          |
| Delegate Equal Fund               | 2,000.00         | -1953.00         | 47.00           |
| Del/Alt NCRDM & Delegate OAC      | 1,200.00         | -1251.35         | -51.35          |
| Forum Coordinator                 | 10.00            | 0                | 10.00           |
| Group Records Coordinator         | 150.00           | -142.84          | 7.16            |
| Group Rep Orientation             | 100.00           | 0                | 100.00          |
| Handbook and By-laws Committee    | 200.00           | -184.10          | 15.90           |
| Liability & Crime Insurance       | 890.00           | -915.00          | -25.00          |
| Literature Coordinator            | 10.00            | 0                | 10.00           |
| Meeting Expenses                  | 3,500.00         | --1051.46        | 2,448.54        |
| Postage                           | 600.00           | -497.70          | 102.30          |
| Public Outreach Coordinator       | 10.00            | -20.00           | -10.00          |
| Secretary                         | 150.00           | -453.10          | -303.10         |
| Travel Expenses                   | 3,000.00         | -2,160.54        | 839.46          |
| Treasurer                         | 500.00           | -198.78          | 301.22          |
| Two-Day Fall & Convention Liaison | 10.00            | 0                | 10.00           |
|                                   | 300.00           | -255.83          | 44.17           |
| Website setup and maintenance     | 200.00           | -84.68           | 115.32          |
| <b>SUBTOTAL OF BUDGET ITEMS</b>   | <b>15,790.00</b> | <b>-9,801.99</b> | <b>5,988.01</b> |

**DONATIONS BY DISTRICTS**  
 Yearend Report January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

| District Number | Number of Donations | # of Appeal Donations | Appeal Letter \$ Donation | Group \$ Donations | Total \$ Donations | # of Groups Donating |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 01              | 0                   | 0                     | 0                         | 0                  | 0                  | 0                    |
| 02              | 1                   | 0                     | 0                         | 25.00              | 25.00              | 1                    |
| 03              | 0                   | 0                     | 0                         | 0                  | 0                  | 0                    |
| 04              | 10                  | 0                     | 0                         | 290.00             | 290.00             | 4                    |
| 05              | 0                   | 0                     | 0                         | 0                  | 0                  | 0                    |
| 06              | 5                   | 0                     | 0                         | 275.00             | 275.00             | 3                    |
| 07              | 1                   | 0                     | 0                         | 150.00             | 150.00             | 1                    |
| 08              | 0                   | 1                     | 20.00                     | 0                  | 20.00              | 1                    |
| 09              | 10                  | 1                     | 10.00                     | 228.00             | 238.00             | 5                    |
| 10              | 5                   | 0                     | 0                         | 235.60             | 235.60             | 3                    |
| 11              | 0                   | 0                     | 0                         | 0                  | 0                  | 0                    |
| 12              | 1                   | 2                     | 125.00                    | 50.00              | 175.00             | 3                    |
| 13              | 0                   | 0                     | 0                         | 0                  | 0                  | 0                    |
| 14              | 17                  | 0                     | 0                         | 677.00             | 677.00             | 8                    |
| 15              | 34                  | 3                     | 253.40                    | 2615.26            | 2868.66            | 19                   |
| 16              | 11                  | 0                     | 0                         | 312.67             | 312.67             | 5                    |
| 17              | 0                   | 0                     | 0                         | 0                  | 0                  | 0                    |
| 18              | 0                   | 0                     | 0                         | 0                  | 0                  | 0                    |
| 19              | 1                   | 0                     | 0                         | 35.00              | 35.00              | 1                    |
| 20              | 1                   | 0                     | 0                         | 100.00             | 100.00             | 1                    |
| 23              | 7                   | 1                     | 25.00                     | 497.50             | 522.50             | 6                    |
| 24              | 11                  | 1                     | 12.00                     | 489.02             | 501.02             | 5                    |
| 25              | 5                   | 0                     | 0                         | 330.00             | 330.00             | 4                    |
| 26              | 17                  | 1                     | 25.00                     | 1344.22            | 1369.22            | 9                    |
| 27              | 6                   | 1                     | 100.00                    | 421.04             | 521.04             | 7                    |
| 28              | 12                  | 0                     | 0                         | 653.51             | 653.51             | 7                    |
| 29              | 0                   | 0                     | 0                         | 0                  | 0                  | 0                    |
| 30              | 7                   | 2                     | 55.00                     | 255.00             | 310.00             | 4                    |
| 31              | 10                  | 1                     | 49.00                     | 646.23             | 695.23             | 7                    |
| 32              | 5                   | 0                     | 0                         | 165.00             | 165.00             | 3                    |
| 33              | 5                   | 0                     | 0                         | 90.00              | 90.00              | 3                    |
| 34              | 4                   | 0                     | 0                         | 189.20             | 189.20             | 1                    |
| 37              | 0                   | 1                     | 20.00                     | 0                  | 20.00              | 1                    |
| 38              | 6                   | 0                     | 0                         | 352.10             | 352.10             | 5                    |
| 39              | 0                   | 0                     | 0                         | 0                  | 0                  | 0                    |
| 41              | 4                   | 2                     | 75.00                     | 97.50              | 172.50             | 4                    |
| 43              | 0                   | 0                     | 0                         | 0                  | 0                  | 0                    |
| 45              | 2                   | 1                     | 50.00                     | 75.00              | 125.00             | 3                    |
| 47              | 2                   | 1                     | 50.00                     | 75.00              | 125.00             | 3                    |
| 48              | 5                   | 2                     | 66.50                     | 250.00             | 316.50             | 3                    |
| 51              | 14                  | 0                     | 0                         | 670.00             | 670.00             | 8                    |
| 56              | 0                   | 0                     | 0                         | 0                  | 0                  | 0                    |
| 57              | 10                  | 1                     | 150.00                    | 591.63             | 741.63             | 7                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>229</b>          | <b>22</b>             | <b>1085.90</b>            | <b>12185.48</b>    | <b>13271.38</b>    | <b>145</b>           |

## Area 44 (Ohio) Al-Anon Service Profile

When considering serving at the Area level, **please review eligibility requirements** and the responsibilities found in the current Ohio Bylaws and the Ohio Handbook, the current relevant Guidelines (available online at the WSO Members site) and the Duties of Assembly Members found in the current version of the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual P24/27.

**Once elected, Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Treasurer shall be AMIAS certified by the start of and throughout their term in office.** All other officers are encouraged to become AMIAS certified in order to be available to support and participate in Alateen activities. Refer to the Handbook Appendix pages A1-9.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Preferred) Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell  Landline

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**MARK ALL POSITIONS THAT YOU ARE APPLYING FOR:**

Delegate  Alternate Delegate

Secretary  Treasurer  Chairperson

Coordinator:  Specify all \_\_\_\_\_

Standing Committee Chair  Specify all: \_\_\_\_\_

Years Active in Al-Anon/Alateen \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Home Group Name and location: \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT AREA Service Position(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Year (s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Year (s) \_\_\_\_\_

PAST AREA Service Position(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Year (s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Year (s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Year (s) \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT DISTRICT Service Position \_\_\_\_\_ Year (s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Year (s) \_\_\_\_\_

PAST Service Position(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Year (s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Year (s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Year (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Some basic computer experience is helpful for communication purposes for all positions, i.e. email.

For certain positions Excel, Word, PowerPoint are necessary for performance of the duties. Some aid will be provided to those with less experience and the time and willingness to learn.

What skills and knowledge will you bring to the Area? Please answer "Yes" or "No" and in the space provided.

Are you proficient with basic computer skills? Check one:

Excel            Y     N     Willing to learn

PowerPoint    Y     N     Willing to learn

Word            Y     N     Willing to learn

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Are you experienced in electronic communication?

- Accessing and navigating websites?            Y     N
- Familiar with navigating the AI-Anon website?    Y     N
- Experience with AFG Connects?            Y     N
- Using email and downloading attachments?    Y     N
- I own or have access to a computer and a printer    Y     N

Are you conversant in languages other than English?    Y     N

• Which languages? \_\_\_\_\_

• Reading            Y     N

• Writing            Y     N

• Speaking            Y     N

What do you hope to accomplish in Area service?

Describe any special skills or talents you possess (non-AI-Anon as well) that could assist you while serving in this position?

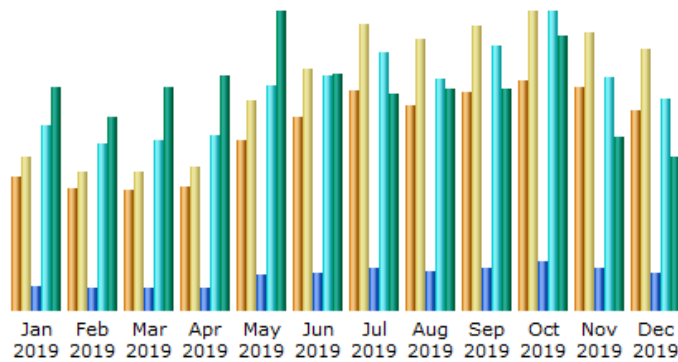
I give permission for the current Area Chairman to keep this Service Profile.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# SPRING AWSC WEB REPORT – Mar 14, 2020

Web site traffic summary of 2019 (see Figure 1).

Figure 1.



| Month        | Unique visitors | Number of visits | Pages         |
|--------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| 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         |
| May 2019     | 1,700           | 2,098            | 4,868         |
| Jun 2019     | 1,937           | 2,424            | 5,113         |
| Jul 2019     | 2,201           | 2,871            | 5,747         |
| Aug 2019     | 2,044           | 2,716            | 5,437         |
| Sep 2019     | 2,188           | 2,843            | 5,868         |
| Oct 2019     | 2,301           | 2,991            | 6,784         |
| Nov 2019     | 2,229           | 2,784            | 5,725         |
| Dec 2019     | 1,998           | 2,618            | 5,047         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>21,586</b>   | <b>27,080</b>    | <b>57,167</b> |

The most visited page during the last month of 2019 was the welcome page (see figure 2).

Google Chrome is the most popular browser of our visitors.

Microsoft Bing is the most popular search engine our visitors are using.

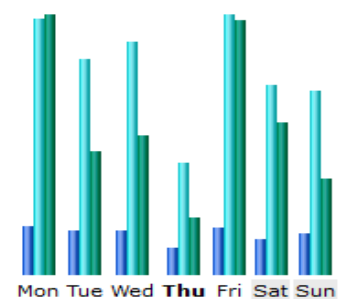
Mobile users no longer dominate the devices of our visitors. Windows is now the top spot again at 41%. Android 23.9%, and Apple iOS 21%. The remaining are made up of Macintosh, Unix, and unknowns.

The most popular downloaded files in 2019 were the Alateen GR-3 Form, the Handbook, and the the 2018 IntRegPacket.

Figure 2.

| 29 different pages-url                               | Viewed |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| /                                                    | 1,810  |
| /alalist.html                                        | 1,031  |
| /assets/web/assets/mobirise-icons/mobirise-icons.ttf | 528    |
| /assets/socicon/fonts/socicon.woff                   | 395    |
| /meeting_search_tool.html                            | 277    |
| /contactus.html                                      | 126    |
| /documents.html                                      | 111    |
| /alateen_sponsors.html                               | 97     |
| /area_information_services.html                      | 82     |
| /calendar.html                                       | 66     |
| /alateen_about.html                                  | 64     |
| /12traditions.html                                   | 61     |
| /12concepts.html                                     | 55     |
| /12steps.html                                        | 55     |
| /assets/web/assets/mobirise-icons/mobirise-icons.eot | 51     |
| /disclaimer.html                                     | 44     |
| /alateen_forms.html                                  | 44     |
| /pro.html                                            | 44     |

## Weekly Trend DEC 2019



## Type of Browsers Used

- 47.5% Google Chrome
- 24.9% Safari
- 08.3% Firefox
- 07.2% MS Internet Explorer
- 03.0% MS Edge
- 09.1% Remaining browsers vary.

## How Are Visitors Finding Us?

1. Bingbot (MS Bing)
2. Googlebot (Google)
3. Spider
4. Baiduspider
5. msnbot
6. Applebot
7. DuckDuckGo

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