

SPRING ASSEMBLY 2023 MEETING REPORT

The Spring Assembly meeting was held on Saturday May 13, 2023 at Spring Hollow Lodge 1069 West Main Street Westerville, Ohio. Chairman Theresa M opened the meeting at 12:30 PM. Mikey P Thursday Night Together, read the Twelve Traditions; Julie L Hope in The Woods, read the Twelve Concepts of service.

Theresa M welcomed all attendees, reviewed the meeting etiquette guidelines, and announced need for a tech person. Theresa asked for a show of hands from each district in attendance.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Two-Day Fall 2022 meeting were previously electronically distributed to all the Committee members. Terri N Friday Revelation, moved and Jolene A Westside Women’s AM, seconded to accept the minutes as distributed. The motion passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Merri G

Balance as of 12-31-2022	\$62,398.75
Income	\$4,315.62
Expenses	\$5,165.49
Balance as of 05/05/20	\$61,548.88

We have had 82 donations from groups. Out of the 82 donations, 5 of them were from plea letters. As of May 5, 2023, we have received \$159 as a result of the plea letter and the \$3,810.86 is from regular group donations. The total combined amount from donations is \$3,969.86.

Our total income as of May 5, 2023 is \$4,315.62 and our total expenses were \$5,165.49. Our ample reserve has been divided between two 14-month CD’s. One is \$10,000 and matures March 5, 2024 and the second one is \$10,028.65 and matures July 5, 2024. Our current balance in our working checking account is \$41,320.23 and our event account is \$200.

Valerie G New Hope, moved and Rose R Genoa Giving & Giving, seconded to accept the year-end report. The motion passed. Mary Ellen R Hubbard Friday Night, moved and Jolene A Westside Women’s AM, seconded. Treasurer’s report was accepted.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Theresa M

Our committee met several times in 2023 to review spending last year (See Treasurers Report) as well as expenses from prior years to understand the impact of Covid over the last several years in areas such as meeting, travel, and supplies costs. We also wanted to understand the trends in donations over the last 5 years, including last year when we encouraged folks to send donations to WSO.

It was also challenging this year since we realized we asked members to send donations to WSO. Ohio donation amount **may be lower** than usual and at the same time, our expenses will likely be **higher** than previous years.

Why look back at these trends? To learn how we spent money in more “normal times” and use this knowledge to help us better plan for 2023/24. We believe and HOPE we will see more attendance at Spring and Fall Meetings of AWSC and Assembly generating more expenses for

meeting costs. We also hope that more ideas will flow and result in work groups in various areas that may need project support or even equipment needs as many members have now experienced a Hybrid lifestyle thanks to Covid.

Because of the amount of money, we have accumulated over-the past 4 years of COVID, we have A LOT OF MONEY, it is good to know we are financially in good shape as Merri, our Treasurer has shared (see her report).

The budget process starts with adding up the total of the donations and realized interest income from the previous year. From this, money is added to the various reserve funds depending on anticipated expenses and in keeping with the funds' descriptions in the Handbook. Unspent Budgeted Line Items amounts are added to the Excess Funds in the Reserve Funds.

After the reserve funds are reviewed and funded, the remaining total of the previous year's donations and realized interest income is what we have to work with for this year's budget. **See Doc. 1**

When we began this budgeting process, a decision was made to account for all of the money in our ending 2022 working checking accounts. From questions asked at the AWSC and sent to Budget Committee after AWSC, we realized that we had placed an amount of money into the Reserve Funds and Line Items that was larger than that by a total of 6,366.37 (**Doc. 2**). So, we went back to our excel spreadsheets, found the errors, and made changes to both the Reserve Funds and the Line Items.

In this amended budget proposal, we again decided to put the total amount that we had in our working accounts at the end of 2022 into both the budget line items and the reserve funds. This allowed us to show that we have the funds to do many things until it is time to propose and create a budget for 2024 (the beginning of the next panel).

We hope this amended budget, which includes both the budget line items and reserve funds, will encourage more participation by our coordinators and standing committees, allow for a potential increase in both meeting costs and travel, as well as transition costs at the end of this year after elections (new computers as needed).

Amended Reserve Fund Proposal: Doc. 2

After amending the Reserve Funds to reflect past practices (see handbook) more accurately, the **Reserve** funds now reflect more accurately the amount available by adding only the unspent 2022 budgeted line items amount into Excess funds which lowered the previous total by ~\$5,000. And, we still had available 639.66 to add back to the amount for the amended Budget Line Items.

Amended Budget Line-Item Proposal: Doc. 3

Here is the Revised Budget Line-Item Budget. Please note that we have made sure that every coordinator and standing committee has money available - remembering that there are Project Funds as well as Excess Fund monies available. The net is this proposal is ~\$1,200-less than the one approved by AWSC and still is ~\$1,300 more than the Budget for 2022.

The Budget Committee appreciates your encouragement and patience as we move through these times of growth and anticipation.

Cherryl C, Theresa M, Ginny C, Barbara W, Merri G, Ann F

ALTERNATE DELEGATE & NEWSLETTER EDITOR REPORT: Rose R

The biggest and best experience I've ever received from Al-Anon is my service journey. Many of you have heard me on my soapbox on numerous occasions so you know what I mean. My fear as of late is we don't have the members willing to step up to continue this amazing experience. There are Guidelines and eligibility information in our Bylaws and Handbook for the upcoming service duties that we will be holding elections for in October. At Spring Assembly I plan on going into a bit more detail on how awesome it is to get involved. In the meantime, read about a position you may be thinking about standing for. Rotation of service is a necessity and all positions will need to be filled. We are also in dire need for a registration chair for the upcoming Spring and Fall Assemblies. Please take a look at your program and how you're growing in your recovery. Does it need a boost? Maybe a "Spring Cleaning" of the old habits and a small step into making new friends and learning just how much you can contribute to Al-Anon as a whole? It's only 2-4 meetings a year depending on the position and not one of us who have been involved here in this room knew what we were doing when we started. Some of us are still struggling. Say YES to volunteering for a service position in October. Pray on it and I'll bet your HP will guide you to one of the best experiences of your recovery to date!!

Being able to serve as your Alternate Delegate has been a great boost to my recovery and also to make room for my Higher Power to let me know I'm not as experienced as I thought I was in the service department. I still have a lot to learn and with my "willing to be teachable" I'm working on humility also. As I work behind and alongside Ann I see how much work and care our Delegate puts into her service position(s). I use the plural in that word because she has many hats as our Delegate. That being said, as she attends the World Service Conference from April 20-23, 2023 our thanks and support for her service can be given back to her. I have addressed some envelopes, with the assistance of one of our home group members, Deb C. and I have cards to send to her while she is at WSC. Please see me during the break if you'd like to send your gratitude in a note or card. Cards need to be mailed to arrive after April 15th.

Last, I'd like to thank everyone who contributed to the Al-A-Notes this time. We have great shares of service positions and what is required to step up and serve. Give them a read yourself and please pass on to your groups. Read one article at your meeting maybe once a week with your announcements. Get people involved and see your program soar. Each GR and CMA have received a copy from our Secretary, Mary Jo.

Bless you and thanks for letting me serve the Assembly
Rose R. DR#6 / Alt. Delegate Area 44 Panel 61

DELEGATE REPORT: Ann F

Welcome Al-Anon Family. I am Ann F, a very grateful member of the worldwide fellowship of Al-Anon and Alateen.

Today I want to share with you what happened at the 63rd Annual World Service Conference (WSC), which was held April 20-23, in Virginia Beach. The Conference was attended by over 90 members, which included Delegates, the Board of Trustees, At-large members of the Executive Committee, World Service Office (WSO) staff, and an international representative from Germany.

The theme for this year's Conference was, Love, Laugh and Grow Together. I want to thank you for all of the beautiful cards, letters, and heartwarming notes I received at Conference.

It certainly made a long day more enjoyable to go back to my room and read this wonderful mail. Please take my sincere thank you back to your groups.

What happened at the WSC? This was the first year, of a three year trial, of a four day Conference. There were optional AI-Anon meetings at 6 am and 9 pm daily. The Agenda was completely filled with motions, presentations and chosen agenda items. This year we were able to visit the WSO headquarters building, in Virginia Beach.

Five motions were passed. Approval of the 2022 Audit Report, the 2022 Annual Report and the 2023 Financial Report, along with an update to the Announcing Events section of the Service Manual, and conceptual approval for a new piece of Conference Approved Literature (CAL).

Money, The WSO received a clean audit report for 2022, which is the best rating possible, with total assets of \$12.75M, and liabilities of \$1.85M, leaving net assets of \$10.9M.

Our revenues were \$5,685,503. The main sources of revenue are Literature Sales of \$2.7M and Contributions of \$3.3M, our highest contributions in history! 2023 is predicted to have a balanced budget. This is due primarily due to expected sales of our new daily reader, A Little Time for Myself. The WSO did experience an investment loss of \$1.6M, as 2022 was a rough year for all investments.

What was accomplished in 2022? Completion of the new daily reader, new Service Manual Published in English, French and Spanish, work on Electronic Group database, 1st longitudinal survey, Road Trip in Cleveland, International AI-Anon Group Services Meeting in London, Board Meetings, and hiring of new Associate Director of International.

How did Ohio do? The WSO provides services totaling \$321.25 to each AI-Anon Group. In 2022, 69% of Groups contributed to the WSO. This was up from 54% in 2021. Ohio Groups contributed \$40,175, and other contributions totaled \$38,107. This equates to \$163.98 on average that each Group in Ohio sends to the WSO.

By now each of your groups should have received the May plea letter from the WSO. Please take a little time in your meetings to review all the services the WSO provides, listed on the back of the plea letter. You can take this back to your group. Thank you for your contributions! They are necessary to provide the services WSO offers to groups. WSO continues to need your contributions. Look at your ample reserves, and consider contribution in line with what the WSO provides. Buy a book. Literature sales accomplish two missions: they support the WSO and they help in getting our message out. Know that all financial decisions and actions are guided by spiritual principles and the Finance Committee strives to keep the legacies present in all discussions.

Alateen Electronic Groups Feasibility Study Proposal. Each area (Ohio) would decide if they want to host electronic Alateen meetings. There will be additional requirements, part of which would require AMIAS-E, to be mandated reporters. There would be a pre-interview with the teen, and a proof of age and photo ID would be required, along with contact information on where they will receive the link, and emergency contact information. This is all preliminary.

Two regional trustees, Cindy M and Diane B were given traditional approval, along with 2 at large trustees, Jeri W and Jayme C. The new Board Officers are Jeri W, Chair; Lynette K, vice chair; and Ann Marie Z, Treasurer.

A motion was passed to update the Announcing Events section of the Service Manual, currently on page 91. The new wording is a clarification of what was there. As a reminder:

Events hosted by or connected to the WSO, an Area, District, Al-Anon Information Service (AIS)/Intergroup or one or more Al-Anon or Alateen groups can be announced at meetings. When Al-Anon participates through one of its service arms or a registered group in an A.A. event with speakers or workshops, these events may be announced at meetings.

Work continues on Groups meeting Electronically. The Group Records Change form have been posted for Electronic Groups to move between the Global Electronic Area (GEA) and a physical Area (like Ohio). The Electronic Group search function has been updated, and shows meetings in "real-time." The search function for Electronic Groups which have joined a physical Area is in process. It will link an Electronic Group to a zip code, not a physical location (building). The plan for this is to be updated by the end of the year. Next up is the Area processing of electronic group information. Stay tuned. And down the road, a search function for Hybrid Groups.

Each year the Conference asks for Chosen Agenda Items from the Areas. Each Area can submit two Items that are of concern in their Area. This year 57 Items were submitted. One of the Items submitted by Ohio was chosen, "Ways to Increase Service Participation". This was a lively discussion. I've chosen just a few comments that were made.

Things that work: be enthusiastic, personal contact, connecting service to recovery, fellowship activities. Things that do not work: Being "volun-told", guilt.

What else did we hear about? Sharing Area Highlights discussions on Alateen revitalization, diversity, and archives; the IAGSM, held in London with visits to several other counties; a workshop on Diversity, Inclusivity, and Equity; a report from International Guest, Britt M of Germany; Protecting Al-Anon copyright and trademarks (page 116 & 117 in the Service Manual); and the 7th Tradition, that \$1 in 1952 is now worth \$11.39.

And then the lights went out! For an hour on Saturday evening, we continued with back up lighting and no microphone or recording, but Conference went on!

What is coming up next? The Al-Anon International Convention in Albuquerque, the Ohio AA Convention, August 11-13, in Fairborn, Road Trip 2023 in Los Angeles, and the 2024 WSC in Virginia Beach. There is still time to register for Albuquerque, or for the first time you can attend virtually.

Finally, I want to say what a complete joy it has been to be able to serve as your Delegate. Elections will be held this fall, and I hope each of you will consider a service position.

Respectfully submitted,

With love in service,

Ann F, Ohio Delegate Panel 61

REGISTRATION: Lee R (see attached PDF at end of minutes)

54 total in attendance, 41 Group Representatives (voting) and 21 new Group Representatives plus one alternates. Five have left, so 36 voting, so 37 voting members. Room count affirms.

Secretary Handbook KDBM

KNOWLEDGE BASED DECISION MAKING FORM

Topic: Clarify the Area Secretary position description and responsibilities.

Background information – What we know

Historical perspective

The description of the Secretary's duties in the Handbook of General and Committee Working Procedures of AFG of Ohio, Inc., October-2022

Section V-Area Officers

C. 4. Area Secretary (p.5)

- a. Prepares for and records the proceeding of the AWSC and the Assembly meetings.
- b. Sends minutes to the Group or District Representatives as indicated.
- c. Maintains accurate attendance file of all Assembly and AWSC members for the purpose of establishing eligibility for elections.
- d. Maintains current records of the Groups Representatives (with the Area Group Records Coordinator).

Section VI -Job Descriptions & Responsibilities- Area Officers

C. Area Chairman (p. 7)

2. Asks Secretary to send out notices of all meeting to Area World Service Committee members and all voting members.

Section III Motions (p.4)

- A. All motions must be written on forms provided by the Secretary. A second may be given with the motion or called for when the motion is presented.

Section VI-Job Descriptions & Responsibilities-Area Officers

D. Area Secretary has voice and vote at all Area World Service Committee meetings, but has vote at Assemblies only if a current Group Representative. (p.8)

Responsibilities (motion 2016/11 - # 5)

1. Takes the minutes of all Area Assembly and Area World Service Committee meetings, and sees they are distributed to Groups and the AWSC members.
2. Sends out all notices of Area Assembly and Area World Service Committee meetings.
3. Keeps a record of attendance at all Area and Area World Service Committee meetings. The record shall be given to the Secretary by the Registration Committee Chairman at the end of each meeting.
4. Maintains a post office box for the receipt of all mail addressed to the Area, forwarding it to the appropriate Officer, Coordinator, or Committee Chairman.
5. Obtains and maintains the bulk mailing permit, in the name of the Area, at the post office in the location where the Secretary resides. Maintains a copy of all required documents in a book to be passed along to the successor.

6. Maintains the original minutes of meetings for a period of two years, after which time they are passed along to the Archives Coordinator of permanent retention.

Existing motions that pertain to this topic -As follows in the Handbook:

Section VI. D. Area Secretary has voice and vote at all Area World Service Committee meetings, but has vote at Assemblies only if a current Group Representative. (p.8)
Responsibilities (motion 2016/11 - # 5)

What do we know about our membership's needs, wants and preferences?

1. Our membership would appreciate clarity in our Handbook regarding the Secretary's duties to ensure adequate communication between the links of service.
2. This would help members who are interested in the Secretary position understand the requirements, duties, and responsibilities of the Secretary.
3. Concept 10 -Service responsibility is balanced by carefully defined service authority and double-headed management is avoided.

What do we know about our capacity (resources)?

1. The Secretary maintains the records of the AWSC and Assembly meetings.
2. As Co-Area Group Records Coordinator, the Secretary can provide electronic communication to the groups from the officers and AWSC members, as requested.
3. All communication from the Secretary is via electronic means, not postal mail.
4. The Area provides a computer for the Secretary to perform these duties.

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

Pros:

Changes to the Handbook would help clarify the Area Secretary position description and responsibilities, with the goal of improving communication.

This would be promoting carefully defined service authority (Concept 10). The service position and responsibilities would reflect the current reality.

Cons:

This committee is unaware of any other concerns or opinions.

What we wish we knew, but don't:

If changes are made, will it clarify the Secretary's position and responsibilities? Will this improve communication between the groups and AFG of Ohio, Inc. and within AWSC?

Questions and Clarification – no timing or microphone limitations

Need for motion? If so, use motion form provided by Chair

SECRETARY HANDBOOK MOTION:

MOTION FORM

DATE: 4/1/2023

MADE BY: Handbook and Bylaws Committee, Ginny C, Chair

SECONDED BY: Rose R, Genoa Giving & Giving

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION: Clarify the responsibilities of the Secretary in the Handbook of General and Committee Working Procedures for AI-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc.

MOTION:

Move to make changes to the Handbook of General and Committee Working Procedures for AI-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc. (October 2022) as written below:

Delete Section III Motions A. (p.4)

Replace with:

Section III Motions

- B. All motions must be written on electronic, or paper forms provided by the Secretary. A second may be given with the motion or called for when the motion is presented.

Delete Section V. C.4. Area Secretary (p.5-6)

Replace with:

Section V. Area Officers

C.4. Area Secretary

- e. Prepares for and records the proceedings of the AWSC and the Area Assembly meetings.
- f. Sends minutes to the Group or District Representatives as indicated in Section VI. D. Area Secretary.
- g. Maintains accurate attendance file of all Assembly and AWSC members for the purpose of establishing eligibility for elections.
- h. Maintains current records of the Groups Representatives (with the Area Group Records Coordinator). The Secretary serves as the Co-Group Records Coordinator.

Delete Section VI. C. 2. (p.7)

Replace with:

Section VI. Job Descriptions and Responsibilities-Area Officers

C. Area Chairman

- 2. Asks Secretary to send out notices of all Area business.

Delete Section VI. D. (p.8-9)

Replace with:

Section VI. Job Descriptions and Responsibilities-Area Officers

D. Area Secretary has voice and vote at all Area World Service Committee meetings but has vote at Assemblies only if a current Group Representative.

Responsibilities (motion 2023/05 - # byla)

7. Takes the minutes of all Area World Service Committee meetings and distributes them via email to all AWSC members.
8. Takes the minutes of all Area Assembly meetings and distributes them via email to all AWSC members, Group Representatives (GRs) and Current Mailing Addresses (CMAs).
9. Sends out all notices of Area Assembly meetings to all AWSC members, GRs and CMAs via email. Sends out notices of all AWSC meetings to AWSC members (listed on the Ohio Area roster).
10. Keeps a record of attendance at all Area Assembly and AWSC meetings. The Secretary maintains an electronic record of attendance of all meetings for each three-year period for election eligibility. The Registration record shall be given to the Secretary at the end of each meeting.
11. Maintains a post office box for the receipt of all mail addressed to the Area, forwarding it to the appropriate Officer, Coordinator, or Committee Chairman.
12. Obtains and maintains the bulk mailing permit, if needed, in the name of the Area, at the post office in the location where the Secretary resides.
13. Maintains the original minutes of meetings for a period of two years, after which time they are passed along to the Archives Coordinator for permanent retention. The minutes for each meeting should have the registration record and passed motions attached to them.
14. A copy of all required documents should be placed in a notebook to be passed along to the successor. The required documents include the maintained minutes, registration records, blank motion forms and passed motion forms.

Presented by: Handbook and Bylaws Committee

Ginny C, Handbook Committee presents, Rose R Genoa Giving & Giving – 35 yes & 2 no -passes.

KBDM Alateen Fund Change and Motion

Topic / Charge

Increase the fund donation to \$4,000.00 from \$2,000.00 as stated in the Handbook, Section XIV, part H, item #2.

Background information:

In the past, we have used the funds to help with expenses to rent a bus or two buses to travel to KY, MI or IN for KOMIAC. The monies have assisted the Alateens to pay minimal charges in order to participate in the conference with added funds from each city's fundraisers and donations.

Historical information

In the past, some of the costs of bus transportation were:

2017-IN \$4460

2018-KY \$3860

2019-MI \$3350

2022-IN Van rental \$743 (Cleveland)

Keeping in mind that was for Friday through Sunday, Hotel and meals for the driver(s).

Existing motions that appertain to this topic

None

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

Alateen is a part of AI-Anon and in our efforts to be self-supporting it is necessary to have financial support for the Alateens with this conference.

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

First, the money is available to help defray these costs and second, the Alateens cannot raise enough funds to cover the entire costs of transportation, fuel cost and meals to and from the event (KOMIAC).

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

At this time, we do not have the Alateen membership numbers we had 3 years ago and right now buses are not needed. However, transportation costs have increased dramatically and there is still a need to rent vehicles or cover costs for Sponsors that drive to this conference. Passenger van rentals with options and fuel costs are \$1375. 12 passenger van rentals with options and fuel cost are \$2230. Prices may rise due to mileage also. Quotes are on the way.

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:

Support of our Alateens and their recovery

Step Twelve – Service

This includes their experience of planning the program when it is Ohio's turn to host.

Teens will grow in the understanding of service in general and especially above the group level. This will prepare them for transitioning into AI-Anon and ensuring the future of AI-Anon Family Groups.

Cons:

Monies may not always be available to give assistance

Concept One –responsibility and accountability

Though many Areas support an Area Alateen Conference, multiple Area Conferences are not considered a part of the World Service Conference Structure.

Tradition Four – Autonomy vs Tradition Seven – self-supporting

Service structures subsidize travel and participation in service events as they are able to base on contributions from members to that service structure as per their agreed upon policies and procedures. Does applying this to "fellowship events" violate Tradition Seven's principle of being self-supporting

DISCUSSION

Motion: In the Oct 2022 Handbook p21 Under H.,2

Change to:

Donate, annually if funds are available, a sum not to exceed four-thousand (\$4,000) to the Ohio Alateen Transportation Fund for transportation to Kentucky-Ohio-Michigan-Indiana-Alateen-Conference (K.O.M.I.A.C.).

Alateen Transportation Fund

MOTION FORM

DATE: 2/1/2023

MADE BY: Rose R Genoa Giving & Giving DR #6 Alternate Delegate

(Name) (Position - GR & Grp Name/ Officer/ Coordinator/ Committee Chair)

SECONDED BY: Jolene A Westside Women’s AM

(Name) (Position - GR & Grp Name/ Officer/ Coordinator/ Committee Chair)

MOTION: To increase the fund donation to \$4,000.00 from \$2,000.00 as stated in the in
(Please print clearly and state entire motion)

Handbook, Section XIV, Part H, #2

Alateen Transportation Fund Increase MOTION- see attached to these minutes
Rose R, Genoa Giving & Giving presents motion, Jolene A Westside Women’s AM, seconded.
Alateen motion passes unanimously with yes votes from all 37 GR’s present.

Past Delegate Fund Increase MOTION- Ginny C Motion withdrawn – will be rewritten for fall.

Admittance of Virtual Electronic Groups to Ohio Area MOTION – Ann F
Motion attached to these minutes. Ann F presents motion, Doreen K Lyndhurst seconds and it unanimously passes.

COORDINATOR REPORTS

FORUM: Cathy C

Subscriptions were up from January 2022 (770) to January 2023 (818) for Ohio. For the US, Canada and Bermuda, subscriptions were up from January 2022 (18,123) to January 2023 (18,901).

Carol C., the Forum editor moderated Web Conference calls of Area Forum Coordinators about once every quarter this past year. Experience was shared, questions were asked, frustrations were vented, support was offered, and ideas were generated. The latest one in February had several good suggestions about how to finance subscriptions to give away and how to easily pick up sharing’s at AWSC and Assembly. So, at AWSC on April 1, I will hand out index cards where I want your submissions for the Forum feature “One Quote at a Time” – 25 to 50 words. I’ll collect them at the end of the day and sent them to WSO.

The Forum needs our sharing's of experience, strength and hope. I know that many of you have contributed articles through the years. Please continue. I am currently working on adapting a Power Point presentation of The Forum Writing Workshop.

GROUP RECORDS: Shelly C

In Area 44 (Ohio Database) there are:

6 meetings in No Mail Status

- Rainsboro Saturday AM District 17
- Green Hills Cincinnati District 14
- New Beginnings Gallipolis District 18
- Paradise Cuyahoga Falls District 25
- Release and Hope Bay Village District 47
- Tuesday Noon Mansfield District 56

1 meeting in Bounced Email Status

- Tuesday Morning in Warren District 09

5 meetings report Not Meeting

- A Spiritual Awakening for Adult Children District 5
- Thursday Night AFG Ashland District 56
- Think Thursday District 1
- Mt Orab District 15
- Thursday Night Step Athens District 19

PUBLIC OUTREACH: Sheri B

Spring 2023 Ohio Area Assembly - Public Outreach Update

The 2022-2023 PSA campaign has generated of 624 air plays in Ohio from August 2022 through April 15.

- If you hear a station play our PSAs, please reach out to thank them and encourage them to continue to air the PSAs.
- If you heard other stations air the PSAs in the past, but have not heard them recently, encourage them to air the PSAs again.
- If stations inquire about airing the PSAs, most radio stations can access our PSA through the PSN Bank. If they don't have access to the PSN bank, they can send their contact information including the Station call letters, contact name, number and email address to media@al-anon.org and the AI-Anon PSN will get them access to the radio PSAs. Small TV stations, colleges, school districts, community organizations, and other non-media related groups can access and feel free to share the 15 second, 30 second, and 60 second video PSAs on the AI-Anon [YouTube channel](#).

The WSO continues to provide a monthly menu of articles and ads for use in group, intergroup, district and area communications, which I attach to the monthly public outreach update sent toward the end of each month. If you are not receiving the update and want to be included in our updates going forward, please send me your email address.

In January we started a monthly public outreach collaboration that meets on zoom on the last Wednesday of each month to share the outreach efforts we are engaged in across our area.

We've had about 10 people join each month and welcome anyone else who would like to participate.

- The last Wednesday of every month at 7 pm eastern at:
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88488409759?pwd=S2F2eXUyeURLOERHMjBCU3RzNDlRUT09>
- Zoom ID: 884 8840 9759
- Passcode: Outreach
- One tap mobile: +16469313860,,88488409759#,,,,*85615428# US

There is much we can do individually to reach individuals and professionals in our own communities, including:

- Resharing Al-Anon's social media content if you are comfortable with it.
- Using the public outreach resources published on the alanon.org public outreach page at: <https://al-anon.org/for-members/public-outreach/>. The WSO continues to develop and post electronic materials we can easily customize and use locally.
- Emailing our contactless flyer to professionals and organizations in your district.
- Using our printable wraps for distributing Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism to professionals or groups in your district.
- Adapting our public outreach posters for use locally.
 - Using our printable contact cards to share your contact information with newcomers or professionals
 - Emailing electronic materials to professionals and organizations. Materials can be downloaded at no cost at: <https://al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/literature/downloadable-items>
 - <https://ecommerce.al-anon.org/Commerce/Shop/Commerce/Store/StoreLayouts/Home.aspx>
- Mailing or dropping off print materials where appropriate.
- Encouraging colleges, school districts, community organizations, and other non-media related groups to publish our PSAs. 15 second, 30 second, and 60 second versions are available on the Al-Anon [YouTube channel](#).

As always, I would love your thoughts on things we could be doing to support public outreach across our area.

AAPP LIAISON: Irene B

35 AMIAS Renewals Processed

4 New AMAIS Processed

2 New AMAIS Pending WSO approval & assignment of a WSO AMIAS number

Awaiting 8 Active AMIAS for their recertification forms & FBI checks where applicable

Awaiting 4 Inactive AMIAS have initiated the process to become Active.

TOTAL of 53 Ohio AMIAS plan to be Active by July 1st (1 AMIAS became inactive)

8 Alateen Group Annual Updates Processed (2 were previously Inactive)

1 New Alateen Group Processed

Awaiting 1 New group that is in process

Awaiting 3 Inactive groups are in process of becoming Active.

TOTAL of 13 Ohio Alateen meetings plan to be Active by July 1st

(1 Alateen meeting became Inactive)

FBI Background Checks and Fingerprinting

New AMIAS are required, as part of the Minimum Safety and Behavioral Requirements, to have an FBI background check with fingerprinting. Then after the 5th year, the FBI checks are required again.

Most AMIAS applicants call and go to their local Sheriff Office for FBI checks with fingerprinting, or alternately you may go to an FBI-approved Channelers locations, a list of can be found at <https://www.fbi.gov/how-we-can-help-you/more-fbi-services-and-information/compact-council/list-of-approved-channelers>

Listed are the codes that you might need when getting fingerprinted:

3127 121
3319 39
4757 101
2151 86

For all AMIAS, the FBI fingerprint with a (National) background check are required.

Note: if your Alateen meeting is in an Ohio School, they also require a BCI (Ohio) background check from your fingerprints

AA LIAISON: Kim R

As the first AA liaison, I am happy to report cooperation and collaboration with AA on the Ohio Area AA conference with Al-Anon participation, scheduled for August 11-13, 2023 at the Holiday Inn in Fairborn Ohio. We are still in need of a volunteer from the Miami Valley area to arrange Al-Anon speakers for the event (3 leads are needed). If you are from the Miami Valley area, please contact me; my contact information is listed on the AWSC roster.

Look forward to seeing you at the event!

HANDBOOK: Ginny C

Spring Assembly 2023

Changes to the Handbook have been made based on motions passed in October 2022. This version is posted on the Website.

The Handbook and Bylaws Committee has been reviewing the Handbook descriptions of the Secretary's duties to provide more up to date descriptions based on what has been the practice. We would like to present a KBDM to make these changes to the Handbook and the following motion.

Ginny C., Handbook and Bylaws Committee Chair

TWO DAY FALL & OAC ADVISOR: Sandra F

The District of Columbus are actively working on the Fall 2023 Assembly. The date is October 14-15,2023. The location is the Doubletree Inn Dublin.

There is not an Ohio Area Convention this year because of the International Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico June 29th to July 3rd. Theme is: *New Hopes, New Friends, Renewed Recovery*. It is not too late to register for in person or for the virtual convention. Registration for this event is on the AFG, Inc website.

Ohio Area Convention hosts for the next three years are:

- 2024 District of Cincinnati A report with details for this event is needed at the 2023 Fall Assembly.

- 2025 Districts of Cleveland
- 2026 District of Miami Valley

Hosts for Fall Assembly for the upcoming years are:

- 2024 Districts of Toledo A report for this event as to location is needed at the 2023 Fall Assembly.
- 2025 Districts of Akron
- 2026 District of Columbus for the Election Assembly

I encourage Districts to organize a committee sooner rather than later for these upcoming events. Then contact me for help. The guidelines for these events can be found in the Handbook on pages 23 -31.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sandra F reminds the deadline for Two Day Fall hotel reservations at DoubleTree in Dublin is September 13.

NEW BUSINESS: Julie L Hope in The Woods brings forward a motion from the floor (Doreen K Lyndhurst seconds) to send WSO \$5000. 20 GRs are left to vote with 16 no's – it does not pass. Suggestion was made to have printed public outreach posters printed and available at assemblies for members to take back to their groups.

Motion to adjourn Rose R Genoa Giving & Giving, seconded by Susan H Hope & Help. Adjourn with AI-Anon Declaration.

UPCOMING DATES 2023:

AI-Anon International Convention Albuquerque, NM in person & virtual June 29-July 3
 KOMIAC Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, Kentucky July 21, 22 & 23
 67th Ohio State AA Conference with AI-Anon Participation Holiday Inn Fairborn OH Aug. 11-13
 Fall AWSC Just North UCC 2040 West Henderson Rd. Columbus, OH August 19
 Two Day Fall OAA (Elections) DoubleTree 600 Metro PI N Dublin, OH October 14-15

ATTACHMENTS:

Electronic Group Motion
 AA State Convention with AI-Anon Participation flyer