

Fall 2024 Assembly Meeting Minutes

The Fall Assembly meeting was held on October 12-13, at Findlay Inn and Conference Center located at 200 E Main Cross St, Findlay, Ohio 45840. Area 44 Chairperson Ann F welcomed everyone for the Hybrid Assembly meeting at 12:33 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Victor K (GR - Thursday Morning Eye Openers AFG) read the Traditions and Beth P (GR - Kenwood AFG) read the Concepts. Morgan L (GR - Westside Womens Weekday PM AFG) read all the General Warranties of Concept 12. In attendance were 63 members representing districts 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 15, 26, 28, 30, 31, 32, 34, 38, 39, 45, 47, 48, 51 within the Ohio area (Area 44) and one from Global Electronic Area (GEA).

Ann F (Chairperson – Panel 64) sought permission to audio tape the meeting for the purpose of recording accurate minutes in accordance with page 89 of Al-Anon Service Manual which states “Occasionally Al-Anon/Alateen meetings are audio taped by members, but as a matter of courtesy, the person doing the taping should receive permission. Al-Anon/Alateen meetings may be taped with the following suggestions: Every member is aware and approves of the taping and Anonymity is carefully preserved”. Approval was granted by show of hands by the attendees.

Ann F reviewed the etiquette procedures pertaining to the Assembly meeting. She read the Declaration of Unity found on P107 of [How Al-Anon Works](#) along with Assembly goals which are as follows:

- Members will understand the purpose of the Assembly, relationships with the structure and be able to articulate Assembly Decisions.
- The spiritual tone of the Assembly will prevail by the demonstration of mutual respect acceptable conduct by its members.
- Knowing that our Higher Power is present in the expression of our group conscience, Assembly members will presume goodwill.

Ann F also reviewed the voting procedures.

Merri G (Alternate Delegate – Panel 64) reported that 7 new GRs participated in the new GR Orientation – 2 on Zoom (Tina R, Dee E) and 5 in person (Heidi W, Beth P, Victor K, Karen P, Sharon V).

The following reports and motions were presented in the meeting which can be accessed in the link below under the year 2024 on Ohio Al-Anon website: <https://www.ohioal-anon.org/calendar.html>

Reports, Motion and Panel Presentation:

1. **Spring 2024 Assembly Minutes:** Sharon V (GR – Sharing Hope AFG) pointed out a typo in the last page of the minutes. Ginny C (Past Delegate – Panel 55) asked the Secretary about the different highlighted portions in the minutes and the Secretary explained that the highlights are for quick perusal of the items discussed in the meeting. Susan H (GR – Selby Park Acceptance AFG) asked if page numbers could be added to the minutes. Terri N (Budget Committee Chair) made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Victor K seconded the motion. The motion passed and the minutes stand as corrected. All the above corrections were made on Oct 13th2024 by the Area Secretary.
2. **Alternate Delegate Report:** Merri G (Alternate Delegate – Panel 64) read the report and the members applauded her after the presentation. She expressed her gratitude for the Al-Anon program and her Higher Power in her professional and personal journey. She also invited Al-Anon members of Ohio to contribute to the 3rd edition of Al-A Notes on the topic, **“Blessings received as a result of doing service in Al-Anon”** and encouraged everyone to send their sharing before

December 12, 2024. She also urged District Representatives to write about their district happenings and share it with her. Merri G can be reached at alternatedelegate@ohioal-anon.org or newsletter@ohioal-anon.org.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Carol R (Treasurer – Panel 64) presented the report and explained the income, expenses and the donations received from each district. She also mentioned that there is discrepancy of \$33.84 which needs to be located in the upcoming days. Mary Ellen (GR – Girard Broadway AFG) volunteered to help Carol R in this endeavor. Ann F (on behalf of the Review Committee) asked if the electronic donations can be moved under Group donations. Carol R answered that it can be done but as of now, she was just following Panel 61's convention in reporting donations. Doreen K (GR- Lyndhurst Wednesday Morning AFG) asked if the group donations are consistent with pre-pandemic numbers. Carol R will present the answer after research in the next meeting. Susan H asked if the donations can be made via Venmo. Carol R said it is possible and encouraged the members to donate using the id @AIAnonFamilysofOhio with the WSO group id. Lucy W (GR - Courage AFG) made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Kathy W (GR – Hope in the Woods) seconded it. The motion passed by consensus.

We took a break and returned at 2:15 pm with some technical issues. They were resolved at 2:23 pm. Ann F (Area Chairperson) reiterated the etiquettes to follow during the Assembly meeting.

4. **Delegate Report:** Rose R (Delegate – Panel 64) presented her report which is as follows –

Delegate Report 2 Day Fall Assembly October 12-13, 2024

Hello AI-Anon family!

Since I reported to you at Spring Assembly, we've welcomed 3 new groups to our Area!

Phoenix AFG in Columbus, Oh – GR None/CMA Susan H.

One Book at a Time in Columbus, OH – GR None/CMA Julie G.

Together in the Valley (Electronic Group)-Warren, OH-GR/CMA Nichole S. I have noticed that there seem to be several groups in different areas that are experiencing difficulties with dominance, safety and just general overall uncomfortable situations happening in their group. I urge you to contact your DR's and try to visit and support groups in your area. Be a guiding force for the Legacies of our program so that this message of AI-Anon recovery can reach the others out there that need us.

Experienced members are always a great way to show the newer groups how our

Traditions and Concepts work and help our groups to grow! Lots of things are going on at WSO and I'd like to share some of them with you today. Hopefully a good number of you took part in the Membership Survey that ended on July 31 st. In the highlights of the World Service Conference Summary, it talks about one of the Chosen Agenda Items (CAI), "Does It Work If You Work It" and the importance of taking the Membership Survey. The dissertation presented to the Board of Trustees by Jayne Kenny, a PhD candidate, showed how the relationship between AI-Anon attendance, other recommended activities, (such as sponsorship, service, getting in touch with a Higher Power) aids to overall better mental health, happiness and well-being. These surveys are such an important aspect of getting the message of help and hope to families that seek counselling. One of the items brought up at the end of the Conference, Delegate Participation on Conference Leadership Team (CLT) for Agenda Development has been brought up on AFG Connects and we (Delegates) were asked to take the Survey and communicate our desire to be on the Team. 14 Delegates responded; I was not one of them as I had no desire to plan the WSC agenda. WSC was so overwhelming this year that I felt in order to best serve our Area, planning the agenda was

not in my best interest. Out of the 11 who responded with interest, 1 Delegate from each Panel was selected to serve on the CLT.

Finance report from WSO

Revenue consists mainly of literature sales and contributions. Other revenue sources include magazine sales, Al-Anon Family Groups Mobile App premium subscriptions and investment gains or losses. Literature sales for June were \$244,254. Contributions for June were \$210,581.

The largest categories of expenses consists of WSO Staff salaries and associated costs (payroll taxes and benefits), technology support, Conference costs (including interpretation), and office expenses (postage, telephone, stationery, supplies, printing, Canadian office). Expenses for the month of June 2024 were \$552,515.

See the information below for YTD actuals from January 2024 – June 2024

YTD Literature sales (January - June 2024) were \$1,579,837

Contributions \$1,342,395,

Other income \$578,810 for a total revenue of \$3,501,042.

Total expenses were \$3,012,633

Net increase/(Decrease)

The change in net assets has resulted in an operating surplus of \$488,409, which is higher than the projected budget. The message from WSO to the fellowship has been and continues to be one of gratitude and consistency. The WSO's role of providing services to the fellowship can only be carried out with consistent contributions, the purchase of Conference Approved Literature (CAL), and subscriptions to our Mobile App premium content and our magazine (The Forum). It seems that sometimes it's all about the "money". We need to remember that anytime we reach out to others and spread the message by our actions and behaviors, we attract more people to join us and therefore, will see our groups grow. Ohio Donations from 36 Districts was \$16,978.93. I do have the breakdown by District if you would like to see where your District stands. Keep in mind that this is a 6-month period.

The Finance Committee also presented to the Board a recommendation for the Equalized Expense and the full cost for Delegates to attend the 2025 World Service Conference in New York. The Equalized Expense will be \$2,532.00 and the Full Cost will be \$3,617.71, due to the higher hotel, food, and travel costs in the New York area versus Virginia Beach. These amounts include the cost for Delegates to visit Stepping Stones on the day following the WSC. Since we have \$3,000.00 budgeted and approved an additional \$1,000.00 for the once every three-year panel Delegate to attend and visit Stepping Stones, we are good with the funds to pay. Thank you all so much for making it possible for the Area Delegate to experience this wonderful trip. After hearing discussion at the 2024 WSC, the Board held a generative discussion from the perspective of Al-Anon Family Groups as a whole on whether a visit to Stepping Stones needs to be incorporated as part of Conference activities once every three years. Following the discussion, the Board approved holding the WSC in the New York area for a six-year trial starting after 2025 to allow for the Conference members to attend Stepping Stones once during their panel.

The Board also gathered information from the Delegates at WSC to help evaluate the effectiveness of a four-day WSC week three-year trial. While a few benefits were expressed, Conference members generally described the increased demand placed on participants by the shorter

Conference week, with tightly packed workdays providing less time for fellowship and discussions during sessions. It's quite grueling and leaves little time to decompress from one day and prepare for the next day. Conference members also generally felt that, despite the intention to increase accessibility for working and younger AI-Anon members, in practice scheduling the Conference over the weekend required similar amounts of time off work. After thoughtful discussion at the Board Meeting the Board voted to end the four-day WSC week trial and return to hosting the WSC across five days, beginning with the 2026 WSC, while continuing to seek opportunities to hold appropriate sessions virtually so gaps are available for fellowship and breaks. In addition, the Board voted to end the trial of holding the WSC over a weekend and return to scheduling the Conference agenda to occur over the week starting with the 2026 WSC, with the flexibility to shift onto one weekend day if necessary to accommodate holidays while ensuring the WSC occurs in the month of April.

Policy Committee update:

One of the changes you will see in the V4 of the Service Manual (which should be online before this report is presented) will be the Choosing a Group's Name Policy. Through this process, the WSO was directed to:

- Register new groups and update existing group names only when their name does not contain community-identifying designations.
- Guide groups seeking to encourage community-specific participation to use the "Participants" designation

The Committee directed Staff to communicate widely through the links of service so that existing groups with names containing such designation would be encouraged to practice "obedience to the unenforceable" by aligning their group name with the new policy. All changes and updates that the Policy Committee has approved will be posted on the WSO website and will have pages to print to replace the pages in the current Service Manual. New Service Manuals will be updated and available in January 2026 and will be dated 2026-2028. The complete Conference Summary will be on the WSO website sometime in the Fall and will be available for sale.

In August, I was scheduled to serve on the Regional Committee on Trustees (RCT) for our Region. Our Region (US North Central) has 9 Delegates from Panel's 64, 63 and 62 and we were to review resumes submitted by Trustee applicants. Unfortunately, our region didn't have any applicants for Trustee, so we weren't needed.

The Board reviewed the work of Eliminating Regional Trustees Thought Force and feedback from Conference members. The Thought Force was not asked to make recommendations; however, the Board recognized more work was required, as it continues to be faced with few or no Regional Trustee resumes from each Region. The Board decided to form a thought force to define strategies for overcoming the barriers to applying to become a Regional Trustee. Noting that another big concern expressed by Conference members was that eliminating Regional Trustees could possibly lead to loss of Regional representation (even though Regional Trustees do not represent their region), the Board agreed to form a task force to develop ideas to discuss with the WSC about a process for creating a Board consisting only of Trustees at Large that:

- Identifies criteria that would address the concerns about representation of diverse perspectives of members from across all the WSC Structure (e.g. Canadian representation, representation of primarily rural communities, etc.) and
- Ensures Area input on candidates is considered.

Some additional items since my report was submitted on 9/13 are;

- I volunteered to be on the Chosen Agenda Item (CAI) team, which will consist of 3 Delegates, to put together items for 2025 WSC. Please submit any ideas that you would like to have discussed at the Conference. A Chosen Agenda Item is any idea, problem or suggestion that your group would like to see addressed at WSC. All items submitted will be gathered and sorted by the team. We will combine like items whenever possible and then choose 3 of the suggested items to be discussed.
- The V4 version updates of the Service Manual are now available on the WSO website for download.
- Please share in writing on Sponsorship and Service Sponsorship. The 2023 WSC gave conceptual approval to “develop a comprehensive piece on sponsorship and service sponsorship using personal stories from AI-Anon members.” The form can be found on the WSO website, and I also have the writing guide I can email if you can't find it on the website.
- Group annual update forms were mailed to the CMA's on September 25 th. Please check with your CMA and make sure that you update any information that has changed for your group such as meeting place, time, GR or CMA changes which include email addresses and phone numbers and return it to WSO. Even if there is no change, check the box which states “no change” at the bottom of the form and return it in the addressed envelope.

Some of the areas of this are just as confusing to me as they are to you all but, as I get further into my journey as your Delegate, I will understand more. I'm a bit more confident of that the further I go.

My gratitude for your confidence in me to inform you of what's going on is overflowing and again I must thank you all! I will continue to learn on this journey, and I will, of course, bring you all along with me!

Love in Service
Rose / Delegate
Panel 64 – In Service We Soar!

At the end of the presentation, the members applauded the Delegate. Irena H (DR – 51) asked a question regarding Group Name update policy. Rose R explained that the Group Name should be welcoming to everyone. Ann F encouraged members who have completed 10 years in AI-Anon to consider applying for the Trustee position.

Public Outreach Panel Presentation:

Ann F invited a panel of 4 members to present their public outreach efforts in their respective districts to motivate potential candidates for the position Public Outreach Coordinator in Area 44. Jan C (POC Chair for the Districts of Toledo) and Karen P who took over their positions during COVID discussed several strategies that the district of Toledo follows in their mission of public outreach which are as follows –

- Distribution of posters and cards in various locations such as therapists' office, health fairs, library, community boards and behavioral health facilities.
- All posters and cards can be downloaded from WSO website. Cards that have QR code with pertinent information has proven to be more effective in their experience.
- All their efforts are in conjunction with Tradition 11 (Attraction rather than promotion). They emphasized that each individual could do public outreach and to be subtle while doing so.

- They have so far made 150 contacts due to public outreach in the districts of Toledo.

JoAnn S – D30 Outreach Coordinator presented her strategies which are as follows:

Every year, we buy 200 Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism booklets.

- Put a sticker on each one with 3 phone numbers to call for info
- Put a schedule in each one
- Distribute them twice a year, in spring and fall (right after the holidays is a busy time for counseling agencies)

Take to about 30 places in the 3-county area:

- Counseling agencies, both public, private and in hospitals
- Libraries
- Rehab centers
- Social service agencies such as health department, job and family services, veterans office, mental health board, urgent care centers, homeless shelter

Other outreach:

- Schedules in a holder on bulletin boards—YMCA, thrift store, rec center
- E-mail schedule to police, sheriff and out of town rehabs so they can print their own and give to people who may need them
- Forum subscriptions to public libraries and jails
- Displays at health fairs and recovery events
- In the past, donated books to libraries—still in circulation

We do not do any social media—we don't have a website or a Facebook page. We rely on WSO and Area to have our meeting information available that way.

We spend from \$300 to \$400 a year on Outreach.

Funded for the past 24 years through our Winter Workshop—flyers were put on a table if you haven't received one already.

Like to keep it all in a suitcase on wheels.

- Get at thrift store
- Stores upright, takes up less room in your house

Susan H (Outreach Coordinator – Districts of Columbus) shared her strategies which are as follows:

- Distribution of dish clothes (swag) with the caption "When I got busy, I got better, do the dishes!"
- Using Al-Anon Family Groups instead of the abbreviation AFG
- Distribution of posters in Starbucks, Panera, Public parks, Festivals, Schools, Churches, Health Fairs

- Participating in a program called “Luncheon - Give, Connect and Receive” where she has a chance to talk about Al-Anon.
- She is currently investigating displaying Al-Anon information in Billboards

All the participants of the Assembly meeting applauded the panelists for their exceptional work.

5. **Registration Report:** Sue M (Registration Committee Chair – Panel 64) reported that there were 40 in-person members with 22 voting members, and 23 Zoom members with 16 voting members in attendance for the Fall 2024 Assembly meeting.
6. **AAPP Report and ASBR policy Motion:** Irene B (AAPP – Area Alateen Process Person) presented the AAPP report and explained that extensive work was done with respect to Alateen Safety and Behavior Requirements (ASBR) based on WSO’s recommendations in addition to her other AAPP responsibilities. She explained in detail all the additions and modifications to the current AMIAS (Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service) packet and the summary of changes is as follows:
 - Updated terminology throughout to be consistent with WSO language, including Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements (ASBR)
 - Expand our previous AMIAS Packet to encompass all the elements needed for an ASBR • Define and include the Annual Alateen Group Certification as part of the Area requirement to meet WSO Annual Certification (page 6)
 - Define AMIAS Certification (page 6)
 - Define AMIAS training (page 6)
 - Define Alateen meetings including in schools or other institutions (page 7)
 - Define Key roles needed to carry out the ASBR: (pages 7-8)
 - Area Alateen Coordinator (AAC)
 - Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP)
 - District Representative (DR)
 - Define interactions with Alateens in a meeting, outside a meeting and at Area events or multiArea Alateen events (pages 8-9)
 - Developed a process to report, and resolve an allegation against an AMIAS, including an appeal process. (pages 10-13 – all new, even though not highlighted in yellow)
 - Included Permission and Travel Forms as part of the ASBR (attorney agreed that WSO forms were legal for Ohio use; pages 14-17)
 - Update to AMIAS Packet Checklist, including a one-time copy of applicant’s driver’s license or government ID (page 18)
 - Increase the maintaining records of AMIAS Application forms and Background reports for six years (page 20)
 - AMIAS Application form (pages 23-24)

Discussion followed the presentation of the ASBR packet changes. Ginny C asked about condition 15 on page 23. Irene B answered that in the best interest of protecting our area Alateens, it is made mandatory for any AMIAS applicant to comply with the condition #15. Irrespective of whether they are guilty or not. She also added that if the complaint is abuse related, the AMIAS will be deactivated immediately following the filing of the complaint by the Alateen. Kathy W asked if WSO has approved these changes. Irene B explained that as long the ASBR policy updates are accepted in the Fall Assembly and have been reviewed by the attorney, the Ohio Area can implement them. Nancy D (GR - Hope and Happiness AFG) asked if the words “abuse”, “covert”, “overt” has been

defined. Cheryl B (Handbook Committee Chair) asked what portion of ASBR policy should be included in the Handbook. Irene B volunteered to help the Handbook committee with the updates of ASBR and Ann F explained that all the changes should be included in the Handbook either in the addendum or appendix.

Rose R and Merri G gave a training session regarding the ASBR policy updates on October 7, 2024. It was reported that 3 DRs attended the session.

We took a break at 3:51 pm and resumed the session at 4:03 pm. Irene B stated that any records (paper or digital) pertaining to AMIAS greater than 6 years will be deleted and it is imperative that we pass the motion, otherwise, Alateen will cease to exist in the Ohio area.

Irene B made a motion to accept the Ohio Area Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements (ASBR) as revised by the ASBR Alateen Task Force and reviewed by Ohio legal counsel – (**Motion 2024/10 - #8**). Sandra F (Past Delegate – Panel 49) seconded the motion and voting pursued. The results were – **Yes: 38, No:0, Abstention – 0**. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **Thought Force on Appointing vs Electing Area Coordinators Report:** Sandra F – Past Delegate, Chairperson of the thought force presented her report. She explained that the Ohio Area elects Area Coordinators every three years as opposed to some areas where the coordinators are appointed by the Area Chairperson and that the thought force is planning to send out a survey to gather information regarding this issue. Discussion pursued after her presentation.

Heidi W (GR – Willoughby 4th Step Saturday AFG) and Trudy D (GR - Steps to Recovery) asked the pros and cons of appointing vs electing the coordinators. Kathy W asked what a coordinator means. Doreen K asked if there would be a broader pool of candidates if our area were to appoint the coordinators. Nancy S (AGRC – Panel 64) asked what the criteria would be for appointing the area coordinators. Anne S (Westerville Friday Night AFG) asked if the survey had already gone out. Sandra F answered their questions saying that the thought force is still in the data collection phase and that the criteria for appointments will be worked on by a task force later.

Angela S (GR – Chagrin Valley Wednesday Night AFG) commented that a survey would be necessary simply by observing the number of questions the floor received and Shelly C – (OAC and 2 day Fall Advisor) wondered if the survey should be sent out to all AI-Anon members of Ohio. It was decided by simple show of hands that a survey would be sent out before the end of the year 2024.

Daisy A (Secretary – Panel 64) commented that the survey should be sent out to restricted audience (AWSC roster and GRs) whose inputs will be valuable in this matter as opposed to sending the survey to all AI-Anon members of Ohio. Also, she commented that a committee should be formed to appoint area coordinators as opposed to one person (Area Chairperson) making such decisions. Irena H (DR 51) agreed with the second point made by Daisy A. Sandra F stated that a committee comprising of Past Delegates will be formed to make decisions about the appointment of Area Coordinators.

8. **Area Alateen Coordinator Report:** Lauren B (AAC – Panel 64) presented her report. She informed that a Fall rally has been scheduled for Alateens on Nov 2nd, 2024 and the Dayton Alateen group will be hosting the rally in conjunction with an AMIAS sponsor workshop. KOMIAC 2025 will be hosted by the Ohio area and that potential sites for the event will be discussed in the Fall rally.

Cherly B asked if the Fall rally can be attended via Zoom. Lauren B answered that it is an in-person event. Mary Ann W (Alt GR) asked how many teens have registered so far. Lauren B answered that there is no registration for the event and typically 15- 20 Alateens attend the rally.

9. **Area Group Records Coordinator Report:** Nancy S (AGRC – Panel 64) explained that her duties are keeping Area 44 meeting information up to date. She stated that she went to a training which primarily focused on welcoming newcomers and naming the group in such a way that it is comforting and welcoming to all. If anyone needs to update their group information and need assistance, should contact Nancy S at grouprecords@ohioal-anon.org which is also found at the Ohio Al-Anon website (<https://www.ohioal-anon.org/>). Kathy W asked if more than one person could serve as contact for a group. Nancy S answered it is possible. Susan H wondered who gets the email if anyone clicks on “Report Problem” link in the WSO website. Nancy S said she will get it via WSO website.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 pm on Saturday, Oct 12, 2024. We started the meeting on Sunday, Oct 13, 2024, at 9:03 am with the Serenity Prayer.

10. **Thought Force on Future Area Meetings:** Ann F presented this report. She said the committee is collecting data via surveys after each hybrid meeting and will go through KBDM (Knowledge Based Decision making) process. Angela S asked about the trends in the other areas. Ann F answered that they are mixed trends ranging from purely online to purely in-person with hybrid in between. Ginny C commented that there were 35 participants during the pandemic for the area meetings which were offered purely via Zoom.

Donna S (GR – Hudson Saturday Serenity) asked if the Ohio Area would wait until the trial period expires to buy more equipment. Ann F answered that the Area might decide to purchase earlier than the expiration of the trial period. Merri G stated that we have a cap of \$3500 allotted in the budget for hybrid area meetings and \$1022.36 has been spent on equipment, labor and location charges so far. Heidi W commented that hybrid option encourages the participation of members in the area meetings. Ann F concurred that there is an increasing trend in the member participation since 2024 Spring AWSC meeting.

Ann F made a motion to hold Ohio Area Meetings (4 per year – 2 AWSC and 2 Assembly meetings) in a hybrid format (both physical and on Zoom) on a 3-year trial basis, provided facilities and funds are available. 2024 will be considered the first year of this trial period – (Motion 2024/10 - #9). Sandra F seconded the motion. Voting pursued. The results were – Yes: 32; No – 0, Abstention – 0. The motion passed unanimously.

11. **Website Report:** Theresa M (Past Delegate – Panel 58) presented the report and emphasized that the current webmaster is more than willing to step down and encouraged members to consider stepping in to his role. Ann F stated that there are two parts to the website management – being a point person and delegating the website management to a consultant.

12. **Website Support Thought Force Report:** Cecelia – Interim Tech Coordinator presented the report whose focus was to explore the option of engaging a consulting firm to maintain our area website. Carol R, Theresa M, Chris E and Betty M volunteered to be on her committee which will work on agreeing on the capabilities we need on our website, interview consultants, select a website template and make a recommendation to Ohio Area.
13. **Literature Coordinator Report:** Betty M (DR 38) presented her report. She stated that the new booklet, “Healing within alcoholic Relationships” is currently available via WSO and in the local AIS offices. She also encouraged members to share regarding sponsorship via WSO website directly. Ann F commented that the Ohio Area Delegates have a long standing tradition of being involved in the Literature Committee.
14. **Budget Committee Report:** Terri N (Budget Committee Chair) presented the budget report and acknowledged an error in the report which was presented in the 2024 Spring Assembly. She presented the revised report and made a suggestion that Ohio Area donate up to \$5000 to AFG Inc.
15. **District 30 Report:** Karen P (DR 30) presented her report and expressed her genuine gratitude for the opportunity to serve as a DR.
16. **District 10 Report:** Chris E (DR 10) presented her report emphasizing her admiration for the unique culture and method of sharing in each group she had visited in her district.
17. **Ohio Area Convention 2024 Final Report:** Mike B (Chairperson – OAC 2024) presented his final report expressing sincere gratitude for all the members who worked hard in making the event a grand success in terms of fund raising and content delivery through speakers and programs during the 3-day event. He also offered some tips for the Cleveland area which will host 2025 OAC in Independence, Ohio. Ann F commented that OAC 2024 was a very enjoyable event.
18. **Motion 2024/10-#10:** Ann F proposed the following motion made by Judith T (GR – Belle Valley AFG). **Motion to allow the Belle Valley AFG to move from the Ohio Area (44) to West Virginia Area (60) at the request of the group.** Sandra F seconded the motion. Heidi W asked how does this move affect our Ohio Area. Ann F answered that each group is autonomous, and we support this motion out of courtesy to the group. Voting followed the discussion. The results were: **Yes – 29, No – 0, Abstention – 0.** The motion passed unanimously.
19. **USNCRDM Report:** Sandra F – Chairman of USNCRDM presented the report. US North Central Regional Delegates Meeting will be held in Findlay Ohio from March 14-16, 2025. The purpose of this meeting is to prepare the Delegate and Alternate Delegate to attend World Service Conference (WSC). She also stated that all Area Officers and Coordinators are invited to this event and would require help from members of the area.

Ann F, in the interest of time, skipped the presentation of AA Liaison and DR 28 report. She encouraged the members to read the report which is available on the Ohio Area Website.

20. **OAC and 2-day Fall Assembly Advisor Report:** Shelly C thanked everyone who helped with the logistics of the 2024 Spring and Fall Assembly meetings. She will present a wrap up report at the

2025 Spring AWSC meeting. Trudy D asked about the difference between OAC and OAA. Ann F explained that 2025 Ohio Area Convention will be held in Cleveland Ohio (in August) and 2025 Ohio Area Assembly will be held in Akron/Canton (in October).

21. **OAC 2025 Committee Report:** Ann F read the report submitted by Sydney P and Kat P (Co- Chairs of OAC 2025 committee, Cleveland AIS/LDC Office). She encouraged everyone to mark their calendars for this event.
22. **Handbook Committee Report:** Cheryl B (AIS – Youngstown) presented her report and stated that Ann F, Rose R, Theresa M, Sue M and Barbara M (Past Delegate) will be part of this committee, and they will meet at least once before the end of the year 2024.

New Business:

1. **Motion 2024/10 - #11:** A recommendation had been made by Terri N, Budget Committee Chair to donate \$5000 to the AFG Inc. Sandra F asked if we have sufficient funds to do so especially with the expenses incurred by hybrid format of our area level meetings. Terri N explained that we are in good shape with respect to the budget for this year and that \$3500 has been allotted for equipment purchase. Susan H commented that we have historically donated \$5000 to the AFG Inc. Heidi W made a motion to donate \$5000 to AFG Inc. Lucy W seconded the motion. Voting followed the discussion. The results were – **Yes: 24; No – 0; Abstention – 2**. The motion passed unanimously.

Sandra F made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kathy W seconded the motion. We closed the meeting with the Al-Anon Declaration at 11:22 pm.

Dates to Remember:

- November 2, 2024: Alateen Fall Rally
- March 14- 16, 2025: USNCRDM, Findlay, Ohio
- March 29, 2025: Spring AWSC, Columbus, Ohio
- May 17, 2025: Spring OAA, Columbus, Ohio
- June 6-8, Founders Day, Akron, Ohio
- July 3-6, 2025: AA International Convention, Vancouver, Canada
- August 1-3, 2025: OAC, Independence, Ohio
- August 8-10, 2025: AA Convention with Al-Anon Participation, Toledo, Ohio
- August 23, 2025: Fall AWSC, Columbus, Ohio

Respectfully Submitted,

Daisy A

Area Secretary – Panel 64

The minutes of this meeting were distributed via the Ohio Area website, due notice being sent to every registered group, on: _____

The minutes of this meeting were then presented for approval on: _____

