

2023 FALL AWSC MEETING MINUTES

The Fall Assembly was held on Saturday, August 19, 2023, at the UCC Just North Congregational Church 2080 West Henderson Dr. Columbus, Ohio 43223. Area Chairman Theresa M opened the meeting at 12:31 PM with a moment of silence, for all sick and suffering, and in memory of Phil H, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Susan H, GR Selby Park Acceptance AFG, read the Twelve Traditions; Irena H, Akron Firestone AFG, D51, read the Twelve Concepts of Service and the General Warranties of the Conference. Chairman Theresa read the Statement of Purpose and reviewed the etiquette procedures and voting procedures. Each attendee introduced themselves. In attendance were nine district representatives (5, alt. 6, 7, 9, 34, 36, 38, 39, 51) three committee chairs/coordinators and four officers, two GR's and one visitor.

Chairman Theresa asked members to take five minutes to write down reasons why we do service. Many members shared.

MINUTES: The minutes of the 2023 Spring AWSC were distributed via the AFG of Ohio website. Ann F, Delegate, asked to remove the duplicate delegate report at the bottom of page 3, starting with "I am so excited..." and goes to the bottom of page 5. There is one other error in the delegate's report that needs to be corrected: in the last paragraph, regarding Chris Baker, it should read "go-to" guy. Also include the Delegates Report in the minutes. Terry N, alt DR 6 moved and Irena H, DR 51, seconded to accept the minutes as amended. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Merri G, Treasurer presented the report –

BALANCE AS OF 12-31-2022	\$ 62,398.75
INCOME GENERATED	\$ 10,847.02
EXPENSES	\$ 7,899.83
BALANCE AS OF 08-03-2023	\$ 65,345.94

Once again, our income was greater than our expenses, which is a tribute to the many groups who have helped support us. However, those of you who are on committees, please do not hesitate to come up with ideas of how we can spend money that may help spread the AI-Anon message of hope to those who need and want it.

Also, I brought the checkbook, so if anyone needs reimbursement, please see me. However, if you are not prepared, please send me your expense reports as soon as possible. If it is more convenient, you are welcome to email the receipts and your signed expense report. I will make a copy of the signed expense report and mail a check to you.

Please remind the treasures of your groups to please not send cash if possible. However, we are thankful for all the donations regardless of what form they come in.

Lastly, my 3-year position is coming to an end, so I am praying that someone is willing to step up and stand for the treasurer position. It has been a joy serving in this position, but I cannot take on another term.

Janet P D 39 moved and Sheri B, Public Outreach Coordinator, seconded to accept the report. The motion passed.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE & AL-A-NOTES EDITOR REPORT: Terri N, Alt DR 6 Delegate presented the report for Rose R, Alternate –

As the Summer moves into Autumn, I can't help thinking of how fast time is running away from me. It is hard to believe that Fall Assembly is only months away! Elections and rotation of service are such an important part of our recovery and our responsibility to give back what was given to us. All outgoing DR's, Coordinators and Officers please encourage someone to step up to fill our service spots. All that is needed is a gentle nudge, encouragement, and a promise of support in their endeavor. No one person does things the same and I've yet to see someone get "fired" for not doing it right.

Here I would like to say there is now an empty spot in my service recovery with the passing of Phil. He was ever present at meetings and always had a joke or a comment. Sometimes I didn't want to think about what he suggested but, it was almost always worthwhile and always from his heartfelt experience. He will be deeply missed.

With that thought I would like to offer the topic for the last issue of AI-A-Notes I will be putting together:

"The experience I've gained from those who have served before me". The

Fall/Winter issue deadline will be October 1st.

DR and GR orientation will be scheduled before Fall Assembly and will be on our agenda. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

DELEGATE'S REPORT: Ann F, Delegate, gave the report as a Power Point presentation –

Greetings Al-Anon family,

Today I want to share with you my experiences at our Al-Anon International Convention, held this past July, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This was my fourth International Convention, and unless you have attended, there is really no way to describe the feeling of being with over 4,000 Al-Anon members from around the world. I know several of you here today were there in Albuquerque, but in a crowd that large, it was difficult to connect and I only caught fleeting glimpses of many of the Ohio people there.

What I wanted to express today was my extreme gratitude to the Ohio Area for supporting the Delegate's trip to Convention. I realize this topic has caused some debate in our Area, and I want to share with you that I have learned. In the three prior International Conventions I attended; I attended as an observer. Obviously, I attended sessions and soaked up the wisdom and fellowship that was so freely shared. I learned about Al-Anon around the world and saw the difference Al-Anon was making in people's lives. I took home stories and experiences that enhanced my life.

This Convention was different. Because of the questions raised regarding supporting the Delegate to attend the IAC, I had done considerable research. I reached and discovered the varying levels of support that are provided in other Areas. It was a reminder that not only is each group autonomous, but so is each Area. Our World Service Office is a clearinghouse, helping us stay united, but not providing rules, only guidelines. I spoke with a Trustee mentor and gained her opinion, and I began to further understand the role of Delegate in the IAC. No one told me what I had to do, but it became clear to me that for an International Convention to happen, a lot of participation was necessary. As I have heard so many times, changed attitudes aid recovery. As I had that change in attitude it became clear that my role in this Convention was to participate as fully as possible. Once again, participation is the key to harmony.

So, I dove in. I registered for the Day of Connection; I volunteered as a presenter; I said yes to helping with an Alateen session; I signed-up with the local host committee to be a greeter, and put my name on an emergency volunteer list when speakers were delayed in arrival. (Of course, I was not called on to fill all those roles.) What did this mean to me personally? I gave up my one day of site-seeing. I got up early the first day I was there to be at the beginning of registration line, grab my tee shirt, and get to my greeter post on time. I met so many new friends in the Hospitality area: I prepared and presented a Traditions Workshop where the room was filled and nearly everyone wrote a sharing to be submitted to the Forum. Oh, and I cannot forget the Language of Love Parade, where a Trustee pulled me from my seat, saying, "Hurry up, we need someone to carry the Ohio sign!" I was able to grab a few fellow Ohioans on the way and off we went!

Yes, this Convention was different for me; knowing our WSO Staff and amazing Trustees, seeing how hard they were working to provide us, Al-Anon members, the best possible experience. For me, just being a small part of providing that experience truly changed how I view the International Convention. So once again, I gained so much more than I will ever be able to return, and I am eternally grateful to the Ohio Area for helping to provide me with that experience.

Addendum to Delegate Report -

The Board of Trustees (BOT) presentation to the delegates was held this past Saturday, August 12, 2023, via WebEx. Once the reports have been translated, they will be available on the WSO website, al-anon.org for everyone to read. Here are some highlights:

From our Chairperson, Jeri W.

A 2023 Revised Budget was approved by the Board. Contributions year to date have exceeded expectations, and literature sales do not yet reflect the sales from the new daily reader. The new budget anticipates net income of over \$64,000. Road Trip 2023, being held in LA in October will not include a hybrid component. Registration will open in September. Projects accomplished this year have included the International Convention (IAC), the Alateen recertification process, publication of the Public Outreach Toolkit, along with the 2023 WSC, and updates to the Employee Manual. The 2023 IAC had record attendance of 4,517 registrants. This included Al-Anon, Alateen, AA, guests, and virtual attendees. Literature sales at the IAC included over 8000 copies of the new daily reader, *A Little Time for Myself*. Sales totaled \$152,421.

Alateen Feasibility - a motion was passed to identify next steps in creating Electronic Alateen Safety & Behavioral Requirements (EASBR)

2025 WSC - Plans will be made to hold the WSC in NY or a surrounding area to allow a trip to Stepping Stones. A Delegate team will be charged with organizing and handling this event.

Literature Committee announced the Alateen *Just for Tonight* bookmark should be available this fall.

From the Conference Leadership Team, Kathi M.

2024 WSC will be in person, April 18-21, 2024, at the Founders Inn, Virginia Beach. The theme will be announced toward the end of 2023.

From the Policy Committee, Pennie K

Choosing a Group Name Task Force is in discussion of a proposed draft to the Service Manual. The Policy Committee will continue a conversation regarding the question "Is the gendered language in the Steps and Traditions in alignment with AI-Anon's Legacies?"

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: Temporary Chair Cheryl B reported there were 19 in attendance, and 15 voting.

ALATEEN SAFETY AND BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES TASK FORCE

KBDM on Alateen Policy Updates

FRAMING:

Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) process has changed due to technology
AI-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) forms need updates to reduce delays and option to use current technology

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Historical perspective: The 2003 Alateen Motion from the Board of Trustees presented Area Minimum Safety and Behavior Requirements (Areas would need to establish in order to register as Alateen Groups in their Area. (2022-2025 *AIAnon/Alateen Service Manual, v.2, P-24/27, p.26*) These may be found on pages 223-224 in the *P-24/27, 2022-2025 AIAnon/Alateen Service Manual, v.2.*

Existing Motions that appertain to this topic:

AFG of Ohio addressed this at the 2003 Fall Assembly and approved an Alateen Packet in **2004** to meet the deadline by Dec 31, 2004.

From the 2011 Fall Assembly Minutes, **Motion # 2011-04** Add to the current By-Laws. Section B. Minimum Safety Requirements: All AI-Anon Members involved in Alateen service will provide a set of fingerprinting impressions for the purpose of securing a criminal record. The Fall OAA passed the motion (with ease) requiring background checks for Alateen sponsor certification. We had a dignified discussion, with the minority opinion heard and because of the KBDM process; the assembly was ready to vote after only 20 minutes of comments at the microphone addressed the packet and steps to become an AMIAS were implemented.

At the 2017 Fall Assembly, **Motion # 2017- 10/2** resulted in making the application process clearer.

At the 2018 Fall Assembly, **Motion # 2018/10-01:** A list of questions proposed by the Alateens were added to the application packet for AI-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service for DR/GRs to ask the AMIAS applicants

In the spring of **2019**, WSO reviewed our packet with suggested changes which were presented to AWSC.

At the **2021** Fall Assembly, the Handbook Committee Chair sent the proposed changes to WSO for review. There has been no reply from the WSO.

After the disruptions of Panel 58 (2018-2020) with multiple changes in Officer and AAPP positions, the lack of inperson Area meetings in 2020-2022 (COVID), and now a new AAPP for the last year of Panel 61 (2023), our Packet has become outdated with respect to our procedures. Our packet needs to be updated, undergo a legal review, and be presented to WSO for approval.

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

- The AAPP procedures are not accurate, the process has changed.
- AMIAS have issues with filing their AMIAS forms: no GR, no DR, or some: the physical access to DR or alternate DR is difficult
- Form not completed correctly, delay the process

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

- WSO's AFG Records communicates to members through email and postal mail
- WSO's AFG Online Records accepts the AAPP signature digitally within its online records' system

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

- Many people use email, an optional digital AMIAS form could add convenience for AMIAS and AAPP
- Digital form/signatures could help resolve access to DR
- Since a paper version of Form TWO is no longer mailed to WSO, the forms can be combined/simplified and eliminate duplicate GR/DR signatures
- FBI checks with ink fingerprints take longer to process
- FBI checks made directly to FBI take longer to process
- Review deadline for AMIAS recertification to allow time for problems to be addressed by AAPP

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

- We can certify AMIAS in a more efficient process
- AFG Online Records utilizes a digital signature for the AAPP for the AMIAS certification, so the AMIAS applicant can initiate an optional electronic signature Certification for themselves and their GR and DR to use digital signatures.

Con

- For a secure Electronic Signature Certification, a process is required for it to function properly

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

Questions and clarification- no timing at the mic

Need for a motion?

Yes, see the attached Motion Form and proposed Alateen Packet changes including revised AMIAS Forms

Presented By: Robin GR for Irene B, Ohio AAPP, Chair of Task Force and Task Force Members: Ann F., Rose R., Sue T., Maryann S., Mikey P.

After discussion with suggested changes, a motion was made to by Mary Jo, D 5 to send the motion forward to Assembly. Merri G, D 7 seconded. Passed with a show of hands.

ALATEEN AMIAS MOTION

Date 7/28/2023

Made By Irene B **Position** Ohio AAPP **Presented by** Robin R **Position** Oregon Thursday Night AFG GR

Seconded By Sandra F **Position** _____

MOTION To update the AMIAS Packet in the Handbook of General and Committee Procedure according to the document presented. - This wording reflects the current procedure and adds an option for secure Electronic Signature for the AMIAS Certification form. It moves the due date for AMIAS Recertification from "each year in the fall" to the specific date of April 1 to eliminate confusion and allow the AAPP time to process the forms prior to the WSO deadline.

MOTION # _____ **Motion for Handbook AMIAS Packet** **By-Laws** _____

SIMPLE MAJORITY (# of votes needed) _____ **SUSTANTIAL UNANIMITY (# of votes needed)** _____

FOR _____ **AGAINST** _____ **ABSTAIN)** _____ **PASS** _____ **FAIL** _____

The two boxes below belong on the bottom of *FORM ONE*

"I have talked with the AMIAS Applicant."

Signature: District Representative

District #

Date

DR - Print Name

Phone Number

"This person is known to me and, to the best of my knowledge, these statements are true."

Signature: Group Representative for AMIAS Applicant Home Group

Date

GR - Print Name

Phone Number

Proposed 2023

**Al-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc. AMIAS Certification FORM FORM ONE:
Agreement and Signature Page** Read the Safety Requirements.

Authorization is valid for one calendar year. (Please submit annually.)

INSTRUCTIONS: Initial each section and sign this form and fill out your information. Then the Group Representative from your home group must fill their section and sign. Next, have the District Representative fill out their section and sign form. When completed, send this to the Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP).

I meet the minimum requirements for certification as listed here: (Initial each)

_____ I am an Al-Anon member regularly attending Al-Anon meetings (additional to Alateen meetings)

_____ I am at least 21 years of age

_____ I have at least two years in Al-Anon in addition to any time spent in Alateen (or in AA)

I have not been convicted of a felony, and not have been charged with child abuse or other inappropriate sexual behavior, and not have demonstrated emotional problems which could result in harm to Alateen members.

I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the **AFG of Ohio's Minimum Safety and Behavioral Requirements** for Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS).

Signature: AMIAS Applicant

Print Name

Date

Name of AMIAS Applicant Home Group

Day-Time-City-District #

WSO Group ID #

Applicant: This application is *New* *Renewal*

(Please check one)

**FORM TWO: Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service
(AMIAS)**

It is required that this form be completed by all AMIAS

PLEASE PRINT

AMIAS First & Last Name

Street Address

City, State / Providence

Zipcode

Home Phone

Mobile Phone

Email

I am in compliance with my Area's Safety and Behavioral requirements and agree to abide by them.

Signature: AMIAS Applicant

Date

FORM THREE: Fingerprinting & FBI Background Check

On _____ (date), I completed my background check and the results are being sent to the Area Alateen Process Person.

Required for NEW APPLICANTS & other AMIAS check with AAPP if their background checks are due for this year.

Signature: AMIAS Applicant

SEND THE ORIGINAL of Form One, Two & Three to the Area Alateen Process Person

COORDINATOR REPORTS –

AAPP USE ONLY: To the best of my knowledge, the above AI-Anon applicant meets ALATEEN: Sara M, Alateen Coordinator, presented the report the Area's Safety and Behavioral requirements.–

ARCHIVES: Archives Coordinator, is an open position –

Signature: Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP)

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Area #

Date

FORUM: XXX, Forum Coordinator, presented the report –

AAPP GROUP RECORDS:- Print Name _____ Shelly C, Group Records Coordinator, presented the report AAPP WSO– Assigned ID Number

Each Area must certify to the WSO annually⁶ that each AI-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service has met the Area's Safety and Behavioral Requirements and has agreed to abide by them.

Six enthusiastic members presented a skit about CAL (Conference Approved Literature): Sandy F Two Day Fall & OAC Chair, Carol P Heal-Anon AFG, Betty M DR 34, Regina F D 38, and Irena H DR 51, aided by Merri G DR 7 (sound).

ALATEEN – Theresa M presented the report for Sara M, Alateen Coordinator – First, as always thank you for supporting Alateen across Ohio.

Bank Account Information

Ohio Alateen/KOMIAC Account currently has \$10314.35

Only 2 transactions have taken place in the last 6 months. 2 Deposits \$345 and \$300 both contributions which were given to Gary J to deposit into the KOMIAC account.

Expected payouts for Gas/expenses from KOMIAC. I am waiting to reimburse until September 1, 2023 when I will do a last call for receipts and all reimbursement checks will be mailed

We successfully recertified thanks to Irene B.

Currently have 16 Active Alateen Groups and 19 inactive groups.

We have 54 certified AMIAS

2023 KOMIAC at Northern Kentucky University in Highland Heights July 21-23.

Ohio had: 19 teens and 17 Sponsors.

Total in attendance at KOMIAC estimated to be 135

Final Board meeting is scheduled for Sunday 8/20/23 will give exact numbers.

New State Representative/Alternate State Representative:

Mackenzie and River D. Both from Rocky River Ohio

Gary J is sponsor for both and should be contacted if you want an Alateen speaker. Gary can be reached at: 440-6660836 or you can contact me (Sara) 216-712-9992

KOMAC 2024: JULY 12-14, 2024 Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI

Fall Rally Scheduled Saturday 8/7/23

Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 West Market St, Akron, OH 44333.

Reminder we will need a new Alateen Coordinator for next term. Please feel free to refer people to me if they have questions about the position.

Thanks, you all for your grace and understanding during this chaotic time in my life. I appreciate the opportunity to serve.

GROUP RECORDS – Theresa M presented the report for Shelly C, Group Records Coordinator–

In Area 44 (Ohio Database) there are:

345 Active in person groups

141 Inactive in person groups

6 Active Electronic groups

4 meetings in No Mail Status

Rainsboro Saturday AM

District 17

Green Hills Cincinnati

District 14

Women's Choice

District 26

Tuesday Noon Mansfield

District 56

3 groups in Bounced Email Status

Tuesday Morning in Warren

District 09

Monday Garfield Gratitude

District 02

1 meeting reported Not Meeting

Back to Basics

District 47

LITERATURE – Irena H presented the report –

- **Conducted 9 Workshops** on zoom – focusing on practical applications of 12x12x12, especially Concepts and Warranties using (and promoting) *How AI-Anon Works, Blueprint for Progress, Reaching for Personal Freedom*. Zoom access (ID and passcode) were provided to many Ohio AI-Anon members and Officers
- **New AI-Anon Manual** - introduced new *Manual* to the Akron Intergroup; provided copies to selected groups in District 51
- **New daily reader *A Time For Myself*** was introduced at the International Convention; sales in Akron Area were very active, until WSO placed sales on hold 2 weeks ago; (personal note – my flight to Albuquerque was cancelled so I did not attend the conference; WSO Conference Registration Committee would not refund the registration; about 2 weeks ago I've received directly from WSO a copy of the reader *A Time For Myself* with no note. Therefore, I consider that I have the world's most expensive copy of the new reader - \$225.00 worth)
- **Presented** (description and availability) *Many Voices, One Journey* and *As We Understood* at the Gratitude Night – Akron (150 attendees from North-East Ohio); provided 5 copies of each for a raffle
- **Provided for a raffle** 3 (three) Alateen Books - *Just for Today, One Day at A Time, Courage to Be Me* – to Buchtel Highschool in Akron – it was a Neighborhood Fair organized by high school to make the parents and the student aware of the resources available in the immediate neighborhood
- **Attended (thru zoom) a first-time meeting** with a co-chair of the **Literature at WSO**; some ideas were mentioned from other areas of USA; mostly topics involved the publication of the new reader and the purchases of literature in small amounts – it was suggested to make those purchases thru closest LDC, since a) WSO is short on staff and small orders clog the system, b) local LDCs support their operation thru literature sales

Note 1.

1. Order of some literature is delayed due to the financial and printing constrains at WSO – presently the new reader *A Time for Myself* is on hold; **please just be patient** Note 2.

I realize that this might not be completely Ohio Area interest/activity, but still involves the literature and few polish speaking AI-Anon live in or close to Ohio - I've conducted 25+ workshops to the Polish speaking AI-Anon around the world (including Japan, India, Canada, Europe) focusing on books translated and approved by WSO - *Blueprint for Progress, ODAT, Courage to Change, From Survival to Recovery* and brochures *Sponsorship and Mery-Go-Around*

PUBLIC OUTREACH: Sheri B, Public Outreach Coordinator, presented the report –

The 2022-2023 PSA campaign has generated of 807 air plays in Ohio from August 2022 through July 26, 2023.

- 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 AIAnon [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 had very good participation in the winter and spring, but have seen attendance fall during vacation season. Because of this, we are cancelling the August meeting and will meet again in September.

- The last Wednesday of every month (except August) at 7 pm eastern at:
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88488409759?pwd=S2F2eXUyeURLOERHMjBCU3RzNDIRUT09>
- 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 AI-Anon's social media content if you are comfortable with it.
- Using the public outreach resources published on the [alanon.org](https://al-anon.org) public outreach page at: <https://al-anon.org/formembers/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 AI-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://ecomm.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 AI-Anon [YouTube channel](#).

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

ARCHIVES: Sandy F presented the report –

Archives housed at Columbus AIS. Five boxes of tapes and CDs were donated.

TWO DAY FALL/OAC COMMITTEE: Sandy F presented the report –

Cincinnati AIS has been contacted – they have not responded. There may not be a OAC next year.

FORUM: Theresa M presented a report for Cathy C Forum Coordinator

AI-Anon Sharing from Adult Children P-47 for the Forum by September 1 – can be done online.

AA LIAISON REPORT: Theresa M, reporting for Lim R AA Liaison

I'm happy to report cooperation and collaboration with AA on the Ohio Area AA conference with Alanon participation, held August 11-13, 2023 at the Holiday Inn in Fairborn Ohio. The event attracted nearly 300 people from the Ohio Area, from both AA and Alanon. Much joy and cooperation were shared among the participants and between programs, with highlights including:

A skit from CA, not Cocaine Anonymous but Carnivorous Anonymous, a fictitious but highly effective way to look at our fellowships.

A lead from Trish L, AA Past Trustee at Large from Canada including stories from Argentina, Bolivia, and Paraguay.

Workshops on God Boxes, Brotherhood with all people, Learning about humility, Grandmother /granddaughter reflections on the family disease of alcoholism, and Men's AI-Anon panel.

Mark this date for next year, August 23-25 2024, in Independence Ohio for the next convention.

AAPP: Theresa M gave the report for Irene B AAPP –

2023 Area 44 Ohio annual Certification was completed with 54 active AMIAS and 15 active Alateen groups.

Since then, we have added one new AMIAS and one new Alateen meeting.

The Task Force that was established at the Spring Assembly, has met and submitted a Motion with Proposed Updates for AMIAS Packet (Ohio Handbook of General and Committee Working Procedures)

Theresa M, chairperson, motions to send this to assembly; Merri G, DR& seconded. A show of hands shows it passed.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Cheryl C, Budget Committee Chair, gave the report –

Our Budget Committee is meeting regularly to review our spending status, review requests and make any necessary changes or approvals to the Budget. We do this in close coordination with our Treasurer, who is a vital member of the Budget Committee.

As Merri, our Treasurer has shared, we are in good financial condition with our budget process. AS you know, we budgeted a Total amount of \$17,302.68 for 2023. We have had an income of \$10,847.02 and Expenses of only \$5,667.12 with a Balance remaining of **\$11,635.56**.

Of course, this does not include the monies in the Assembly Reserves and in our Assembly Ample Reserves resulting in a total Balance of **\$65,345.94 (see Treasurers Report)**

Therefore, funds are certainly available for projects or workshops that Coordinators or Committee Chairs would like to propose, and we encourage this.

Lastly, we have received a new Motion from the AAPP & AMIAS Task Force for support to provide legal review of the Safety and Behavioral portions of the AMIAS packet in the estimated amount of \$1,000. The Committee supports this. Robin will be sharing more.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE: Theresa M, gave the report Ginny C, Handbook Committee Chair –

Changes to the Handbook have been made based on motions passed in May 2023. This version is posted on the Website. At the Spring Assembly, the Handbook and Bylaws Committee presented the KBDM to make changes to the Handbook regarding the Secretary and a suggested motion as well. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Archives Coordinator – elected position vacant
Registration Committee – appointed position vacant

NEW BUSINESS:

Thought/task force to look at staggering AWSC terms. Ann F speaks to how other areas do their service rotation. Sandy F proposes a thought force on this topic. Theresa M reports from WSO about a possible tech position and seeks volunteers for a work group. Cecilia S decides to be named as temporary Tech Committee person so she gets access to AFG Connects on tech topics. Ann F discloses that, Scott P Director pf Communications & Community Awareness from WSO announced a new AFG CONNECTS community called Technology Coordinator.

UPCOMING DATES:

Two Day Fall (Election) October 14-15, 2023 DoubleTree by Hilton Columbus 600 Metro PI N, Dublin, OH 43017

KOMIAC July 12-14, 2024 Siena Heights University, Adrian MI

68th Ohio State AA Convention with AI-Anon Participation August 23-25, 2024 Independence, OH

There being no further business, the AWSC meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM, with the AI-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo M

Area Secretary

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: _____.

Corrections or omissions: Done by Daisy A on March 24, 2024

Sandra F (Past Delegate) made a motion and Kim R (AA liaison) seconded to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

Daisy A
Area Secretary