

Fall 2025 Assembly Meeting Minutes

The 2-day Fall Assembly meeting was held on October 18-19, at Holiday Inn, Belden Village located at 4520 Everhard Rd, NW Canton, OH 44718. Area 44 Chairperson Ann F welcomed everyone to the Hybrid Assembly meeting at 12:31 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. She announced a few inclusions to the agenda which are as follows – forum report, OAC 2026 report and the OAC 2025 financial report presentation along with an 8 am Al-Anon meeting on Sunday chaired by the Area 44 Delegate Rose R.

Pat L (GR – Tuesday Morning AFG) read the Twelve Traditions and Lisa L (GR – Western Hills AFG) read the Twelve Concepts. Lynette B (GR – Tuesday Morning AFG) read all the General Warranties of Concept 12. In attendance were 69 (in person, on Zoom and phone) members on Saturday and 57 members on Sunday representing districts 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 23, 25, 26, 30, 31, 32, 34, 38, 39, 44, 45, 47, 48, 51, 57 within the Ohio Area (Area 44) and one from Global Electronic Area (GEA).

Ann F reviewed the etiquette procedures (room and Zoom) pertaining to the Assembly meeting. She read the Declaration of Unity found on [page 107 of *How Al-Anon Works* \(page 247 of *Many Voices, One Journey*\)](#) 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 (Area Chairperson - Panel 64) explained the speaking and voting procedures. She explained the voting members will participate 3 different kinds of voting – Consensus (show of hands), Substantial unanimity (2/3rds for Bylaws motions) and Simple majority (for other issues). She also sought permission to record the meeting for the purpose of 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”. Members approved the request and the Saturday Meeting was recorded.

Merri G (Alternate Delegate) reported that 15 new GRs participated in the new GR orientation – 13 in person and 2 on Zoom. All present members were introduced by district at the meeting.

The following reports and motions were presented in the meeting which can be accessed in the link below under the year 2025 on Ohio Al-Anon website: <https://www.ohioal-anon.org/calendar.html>.

Reports, Motion and Panel Presentation:

1. **Spring OAA 2025 Meeting Minutes:** Linda L (DR – District 14) made a motion to accept the Secretary’s Minutes as written. Mary Ellen R (GR - Girard Broadway AFG) seconded the motion. The motion passed by simple show of hands (consensus voting). The minutes were approved as written.
2. **Alternate Delegate Report:** Merri G (Alternate Delegate) presented her report. She thanked everyone who sent shares for the September 2025 edition of Ohio Al-A-Notes and requested sharing for the next edition by November 1st, 2025, on the topic **“Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions or Twelve Concepts of Service”**. Members can send their sharing to the email alternatedelegate@ohioal-anon.org. She finally thanked everyone for blessing her with this service position.
3. **Treasurer’s Report:** Carol R (Area 44 Treasurer) presented the corrected 2024 Treasurer’s report and thanked her service sponsor for working with her in this endeavor. Sydney P (GR - Westside Women’s Weekday PM AFG) made a motion to accept the corrected 2024 Treasurer’s report and Irena H (DR – District 51) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by consensus vote.

She also presented the 2025 YTD Treasurer’s report. Ann U (GR - Mentor Serenity Sunday Adult Children AFG) requested to repeat the YTD balance and Sydney P asked if the balance includes the three CDs. Carol R gave the balance (\$64254.25) and explained it included all the CDs. She also went over the supplemental pages of her report and promised to correct the typos. Susan H (DR – District 26) made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented. Jason S (GR - AFG Way of Life) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by simple show of hands.

4. **Delegate Report:** Rose R presented her report which is as follows:

Delegate Report 2 Day Fall Assembly October 18-19, 2025

Blessings and welcome to our 2 Day Fall Assembly meeting. I can hardly believe that this year is coming to an end already! In preparing to do this report I am filled with gratitude that I’m of sound mind and body to continue this service position. As I look around me, there are many others who are struggling just to survive daily. I am truly blessed.

I’m going to give you a brief review of what’s going on in our Area and at the World Service Office (WSO) since the last report given at the Spring Assembly and Fall AWSC meeting.

The latest Chairperson of the Board (COB) letter, Conference Leadership Team (CLT), Policy Committee and the Finance Committee updates were presented on August 16th.

This information is posted on the al-anon.org website.

One of the items I'd like to bring to your attention is the Electronic Alateen Validation & Implementation Planning that is scheduled to be initiated in July of 2026. The proposed WSC Electronic Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements (WSO EASBR) were presented to the Conference and we were asked to bring them back to you for comments and questions. I didn't receive any questions from our Area however, there were questions from other Areas and if anyone is interested in looking them over, I have a copy that I could forward to you via email. The Area would need to agree to have ALL AMIAS in our area be certified AMIAS-E so when the implementation begins, discussion would have to go forward regarding how to go about deciding whether the Ohio Area wants to proceed. The ONLY Global Electronic Alateen meetings that are approved for registration within the WSC Structure can be found on the Al-Anon Mobile App.

In regards to the Trustee application process, there were no Regional Trustee nominations put forward this year. As a result, there will be five Regional Trustee vacancies on the Board for the 2025 to 2026 term. The Regional Committee on Trustees orientation meeting was presented on August 6th, 2025 to go over what responsibilities I have when resumes are received for Regional Trustee for the North Central Region. Our region had 3 applicants for the 2026 term. I was a part of the committee to review the 3 members' resumes. Those resumes have been submitted to our Chairperson to forward to the Board for further review. There was a Thought Force at WSC regarding overcoming barriers for the application process. They presented to the Conference on the impacts of eliminating the Regional Trustee application process. The Task Force presented three possible options for going forward with a single process for selecting members to serve as Trustee. I attended the Single Trustee process orientation and we will discuss this further at 2026 WSC. If you have concerns about having a Regional Trustee as opposed to a Trustee at Large please let me know so I can present our area's thoughts. There is a process to be gone through if this changes and I'm sure my Panel will not make those decisions however, we will have a voice in what happens as long as we stay informed.

Choosing a Group's Name Policy

Prior to the 2025 WSC, the Policy Committee provided the WSC members with a memo to help prepare for this discussion, a document outlining the history of the "Choosing a Group's Name" Policy conversations, as well as all the appeals to the policy that had been received by the WSO between September 2024 and March 2025.

During several sessions throughout the Conference, discussions were held to discover whether the Conference members were in alignment on how to proceed. As discussion progressed, many agreements were reached and clarifications shared, including the Policy Chairperson's declaration that it was never the Policy Committee's intention to direct Staff to enforce the "Choosing a Group's Name" Policy implementation on existing groups.

Member agreements included the importance of making sure every Al-Anon Family Group welcomes all those affected by someone else's drinking and not registering groups whose members state they will not be welcoming to all or whose names reflect affiliation with outside entities. As time ran out we could not agree on one implementation approach. Conference members considered how to

implement the Policy as it applies to new group registrations and established groups' updates when the name submitted includes an identifier, such as "parents".

As it was necessary that the 2025 WSC provide clear direction on how to proceed with implementation before the Conference ended, a motion was offered that would provide guidance to the WSO Staff until the WSC reconvenes again in 2026. The approved motion allows Staff to accept new group registrations and established groups' updates when submitted names include identifiers, as listed in the current version of the Service Manual. When I attend WSC in 2026, we will vote on implementation of this Policy.

In June, a web conference was held with Area Group Records Coordinators (ARGC), Delegates and their Alternates to discuss how to move forward. Three skits were presented and have been shared to AFG Connects to support us in helping the WSO Staff implement this new policy. I'd like to present one of the three skits now with the help of Ann. If you or/and your group is in doubt regarding the policy, please let me know and I will send you the skits to do at a meeting. They are very short and are a great example of what the policy means.

The Policy Committee is also continuing the conversation that began in 2019 on the "Dilution of the Al-Anon Program" section of the "Digest of Al-Anon and Alateen Policies" in the Service Manual (page 135). Earlier Thought Forces had facilitated Policy Committee conversations on the "Labels" and "Drugs/Narcotics/Prescription Medications" sections. This Thought Force was charged with preparing and facilitating a discussion to clarify the Policy Committee members' understanding of the interpretation of our basic guides, the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service, about one remaining section within the "Dilutions of the Al-Anon Program" in the Policy Digest: "Professional Involvement."

More will be revealed regarding this change or update after discussion at WSC next year.

Delegates on CLT for Agenda Development

The motion brought forth last year by Delegate members of Conference to create a task force, composed of the Conference Leadership Team and a minimum of three Delegates, with the charge of proposing how Delegates could be selected and participate on the CLT to contribute to WSC agenda development will move forward for 2026.

As Delegates, we will have a voice in defining the topics selected and final agenda recommended and the ability to inform and expand Delegate contributions to the Chosen Agenda Item process.

With that being said, please talk with your Group Representatives (GR's) and amongst yourselves about what issues you see that you'd like addressed at WSC in 2026. This is where our agenda comes from. Links of service begin at the group level and it would be great to be able to submit CAI's from our Area. The deadline is February 16, 2026. I would need your ideas by the 1st of February in order to submit them according to WSO's criteria.

In talking to members around our area I'm hearing there are some problems with bullying, dominance and disrespect in some of our meetings. There have been some postings on AFG Connects regarding

these problems. I was given a skit from the KY Delegate that looks at some of these issues and I have her permission to share with anyone who is interested. There is also a great resource on this subject in Paths to Recovery on page 334 which states, in part: “We are not the authority on the right way of doing things and need to be loving and supportive of others even when our feelings and methods differ”.

Growing Future Leaders - Passing it On

A project is being put together with the idea of how to ensure that fundamental service knowledge is being passed on from current to future leaders in our service structure. A proposal was made as part of the excess funds conversation to capture the experience and wisdom of past and current trusted servants, such as Delegates and Trustees, to create a comprehensive presentation that could be shared at in-person Area Assemblies. The presentation would discuss how keeping our fundamental service knowledge alive contributes to the overall success and longevity of Al-Anon Family Groups. The goal is to reignite passion for Al-Anon service and ensure members are passing on information from one generation to the next. I’m excited to be a part of this and will have more information after the Conference next year!

Save the Date: Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect!

This year’s Road Trip will be held in Omaha, NE on October 25, 2025. This event gives Al-Anon members an opportunity to connect with members of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee. I registered for this event but, unfortunately I won’t be attending due to personal issues and time restraints for those issues.

2026 World Service Conference (WSC) and the 75th Al-Anon Anniversary Celebration!

The 2026 WSC will return to a five-day week held on weekdays and will occur on Monday, April 20 through Friday April 24, 2026 at the Newport News Marriott at City Center, Newport News, VA. The full cost for sending me is \$3,119.00. This amount will be paid before the end of the year and it is greatly appreciated that I am able to attend! Thank you all for the opportunity! The 75th Anniversary Celebration will take place the following day, Saturday April 25th with a tour of the WSO and dinner. All Al-Anon members are welcome. Look for information on how you can attend in the coming months on the WSO website and In The Loop.

2028 Al-Anon International Convention

The 2028 Al-Anon International Convention will be held on July 21-23, 2028. Yes, you are hearing that correctly, it’s not the July 4th holiday weekend. We will enjoy our Welcome Committee demonstration of “Minnesota Nice” in the “City by Nature”! In terms of dates, the decision was made to move away from the holiday weekend because travel is easier, costs are lower, and this way, the event does not interfere with member holiday parties.

This is my second year being privileged to work on the Literature Committee. There is still a great need of sharings needed for our two new pieces of literature;

1. *Your Relationship with Finances in Al-Anon Recovery*
2. *Sponsorship and Service Sponsorship*

These can be found on the al-anon.org website under:

- *Members*
- *Members Resources*
- *Member Blog*

Then search for: Finances piece and/or Sponsorship piece.

I have a few copies of the information and would love to share them with you. Sharings are greatly needed!

WSO's June 2025 YTD financial update.

Literature sales up to June were \$244,784. Contributions were \$262,726. Expenses were \$573,138. The change in net assets, revenues, less expenses, results in a YTD operating surplus of \$80,707, which exceeds the budget.

*Year-to-date financial results present a more favorable picture than we can sustain due to the significant bequest we received earlier in the year. Without it, we have been running a deficit in our results, with expenses in excess of revenues. Literature sales have fallen in recent months after the growth seen with the 2023 release of *A Little Time for Myself*. A lower budget is projected for literature for the rest of the year. While spending has been tightened, reductions cannot offset this lower projection for literature sales in the short term while still providing all the services that the fellowship asks of the WSO.*

As a result, the Finance Committee recommended adjusting our literature sales forecast to reflect the current trend. Projected investment income was also reduced due to volatile and unpredictable market conditions. The Finance Committee also recommended reduced salary and related employment expenses due to Staff leaving, retirements, and ongoing hiring challenges.

In keeping with our 7th Tradition of self-support, members and groups can always add another piece of CAL to their libraries and keep contributions flowing through the links of service, and the WSO on a regular basis. This helps keep our conference theme, "Investing in Each Other to Preserve Our Legacy," into reality. Just as consistency in working our programs is important in the process of recovering from the effects of living with the disease of alcoholism, consistency in our financial support is important in making sure that Al-Anon remains available for those who have not yet arrived in the rooms.

The June 2025 YTD Results and 2025 Budget can be found on the WSO website.

On a personal note, I have been meeting with Panel 64 Delegates monthly to update one another on happenings in our areas and to just talk to each other about issues, concerns and goals that we have before our last year has ended.

The Ohio Area is still in need of a Public Outreach Coordinator. We are hoping that Heather will touch someone or a few of our GR's here today to step up and take the role of this service spot.

I reported at AWSC that our Alateen Coordinator was stepping down due to personal issues. I am pleased to report that she is going to complete her Panel with help from some other AMIAS members!

Please search your heart and think about the “boost” to your recovery in filling the Public Outreach position. It's only for 1 year and 4 months until our next panel is voted in. Those of us who are involved in the area Service Structure can attest that it is work but, the gifts are astronomical! Get in touch with one of us and we'll help out in any way we can!

Love and Gratitude in Service,

Rose R

Ohio Delegate / Panel 64 - “In Service We Soar”

Members applauded the Delegate after the presentation of her report. Nancy O (GR – Monday Night virtual meeting) and Susan M (GR - Chagrin Falls Discussion AFG) asked about the group name policy if students and nurses came to observe our Al-Anon meetings. Rose R explained that the GRs choose one of the following options based on their need while updating group information annually –

- ✓ **Families and Friends Only:** A meeting that is available for Al-Anon members and prospective members only. Anyone who has been affected by someone else's drinking is welcome.
- ✓ **Families, Friends and Observers Welcome:** A meeting that welcomes observers seeking information about Al-Anon such as professionals, medical personnel, students, reporters, etc., as well as newcomers and members of Al-Anon.

Irena H volunteered to give hard copies of group registration forms for any members who are in need.

The meeting resumed after a break at 2:21 pm.

5. **Public Outreach Workshop:** Ann F welcomed Heather Smith (Associate Director for Public Outreach) from WSO (World Service Office), Virginia to do an interactive workshop with the Assembly members.

Heather S gave a short lead and quickly explained her role and how closely she works with various entities in WSO, especially Literature committee, with respect to the magazine Al-Anon faces Alcoholism and how we can all make impact by one conversation and one connection at a time. She went over all the policies (119 - 128 in the manual), guidelines and gave various snippets of wisdom regarding how our area can perform public outreach. She also gave away prizes during her presentation.

Members (Betty M: GR - Now There's Hope AFG, Theresa M: GEA) commented on how their respective group/districts do or plan to do public outreach using the resources (Public Outreach Toolkit, Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism Writing Guidelines for members and professionals that were distributed during the workshop.

Sydney P asked if the WSO allows QR code usage on PO (Public Outreach) resources. Heather S explained that the areas have the autonomy to do so even if the WSO does not permit QR codes. She asked the members to proceed with caution in using QR codes and give WSO contact in addition to providing a local contact. Kathy M (GR - Paths to Recovery AFG) wondered why some professionals do not refer their clients to Al-Anon. Heather referred to the fact sheet for professionals and urged members to be their best selves and follow Tradition 11. Kathy W (GR - Hope in the Woods AFG) asked if the idea of letter to a teacher or a police officer is still in vogue. Heather S explained that Alateen PO toolkits might still be using that idea. Cheryl B (Handbook Committee Chair) asked about PSA (Public Service Announcements) videos. Heather S explained that those videos are available in Al-Anon.org. Cindy D (GR - H O W To Recover AFG) highlighted their group's efforts in PO by participating in Wellness fairs. Irena H commented on how the Akron Area intergroup has been requested to do PO in a school and a private company. Mary Ellen R commented that she sends PO resources to police stations and courts.

At the end of the workshop, all members applauded Heather S for her outstanding presentation and very informative workshop.

6. ***Registration Report:*** Sue M (Registration Chair) reported that there were 54 members in person, 14 members on Zoom and one person via phone in attendance, of which there were 51 voting members in total.
7. ***Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) Report:*** Irene B presented her report and highlighted the minor changes to the ASBR as recommended by WSO. She made a motion to accept those minor changes to the Ohio Area 44 Alateen Safety and Behavior Requirements (ASBR), as revised by the ASBR Alateen task Force [**Motion 2025/10 - #2**]. Cheryl B asked if the date Oct 18th, 2025 needs to be included in page 22 on the ASBR. Irene B explained that it was not necessary as these were simply housekeeping changes. Linda L seconded the motion. Voting pursued the motion presentation. The motion passed. [**48 – Yes; 0 – No, Abstention - 1**]
8. ***Area Alateen Coordinator Report:*** Rose R read the report on behalf of Lauren B (Area Alateen Coordinator) and highlighted the success of KOMIAC with 91 members (50 Alateens) and Fall Rally with 17 participants (10 Alateens) hosted by Toledo districts. She also encouraged all AMIAS (Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service) to attend Sponsor Workshop to be held on November 16, 2025.

9. **Area Group Records Coordinator Report:** Nancy S (Area AGRC – panel 64) presented her report and emphasized that the groups have their most up-to-date information on record by using the online portal on the Al-anon.org website. She also promised to send an updated version of the roster to all the AWSC members. Ann F urged members to use the generic emails of all the officers, coordinators and standing committee members in case, they need any assistance by using the link below: <https://www.ohioal-anon.org/contactus.html>
10. **Budget Committee Report:** Terri N (Budget Committee Chair) presented her amended report highlighting the successful review of the expenses, donations and other funds of the Ohio area. She reported that Ohio area accounts are aligned with the budget. Our area welcomed Heather Smith, Associate Director of Public Outreach from WSO to the Fall Assembly and used the Project and Excess funds to pay for her expenses along with buying two equipments for the 2025 Fall Assembly. Joann K (GR - Sunday Serenity AFG) asked if the area could buy portable mics to be distributed in the meeting room. Robin R explained that absence of cameras on portable mics makes them ineffective for use in the meeting room as the Zoom participants will not be able to see the members when they talk using those mics.
11. **Handbook Committee Report:** Cheryl B (Handbook Committee Chair) presented her proposed changes to the Bylaws which aims at removing any redundancy in the Ohio Area Bylaws. She presented 6 motions which are as follows:
- **Motion to Update Bylaws Article IX** – Procedure For Approval and Amendment – to reflect the current approved procedure for achieving Quorum for voting purposes. Under section B, ADD paragraph #1 to read: See the Handbook of General and Committee Working procedures for Al-Anon Family Groups Inc., Section III - Amendment procedures, Article B – Bylaws Amendments will require Substantial Unanimity vote, Item #1 for current quorum guidelines as follows: “On a five (5) year trial basis, a quorum shall be the number of voting members registered and present at the beginning of each Area Assembly meeting. Effective Immediately. (motion 2021/10 - # 3)” **[Motion 2025/10 - #3]**. Sydney P seconded the motion. The motion passed with substantial unanimity. **[Yes – 51, No – 1, Abstention = 0]**
 - **Motion to revise for clarity Section B**, #1 (under Article III – Policy of the Bylaws) to read: “The Annual Meeting of the Corporation (hereinafter called the Two-Day Fall Assembly) will be held the second or third week in October. Except for elections years, when it is to be held in the Districts of Columbus, the Two-Day Fall Assembly will rotate per the Handbook of General and Committee Working Procedures for Al-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc.” **[Motion 2025/10 - #4]**. Lynette B seconded the motion. The motion passed with substantial unanimity. **[Yes – 50, No – 0, Abstention = 0]**
 - **Motion - 2 Day Fall Rotation List delete:** Bylaws Article VIII. Delete – “ Handbook” from the title Two-Day Fall Assembly Section B – DELETE the Two-Day Fall Assembly list of Districts

rotation following paragraph #1. Section B – ADD paragraph #2 – “See the Handbook of General and Committee Working Procedures for Al-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc., for order of rotation.” [Motion 2025/10 - #5]. Daisy A (Area Secretary – Panel 64) seconded the motion. The motion passed with substantial unanimity. [Yes – 49, No – 0, Abstention = 0]

- **Motion - Bylaws Financing revisions:** Edit Bylaws Article III – policy, Section C – Financing Item #1 – DELETE “Assembly Expense Fund” and “the state of”. Revise Item #1 to read: “Financing of the Area Assembly shall be accomplished by the voluntary contributions of the Al-Anon and Alateen Groups in Ohio Area 44 to the AFG of Ohio Inc.” [Motion 2025/10 - #6]. Sue T (GR - River East AFG) seconded the motion. The motion passed with substantial unanimity. [Yes – 47, No – 0, Abstention = 0]
- **Motion - Move from Bylaws to Handbook_Cost for Delegate Report to a District in person:** DELETE from Bylaws Article III – policy, Section B – Meetings, Item #3 – “If the districts request a report in person from the Delegate, the cost for the expense is borne by the metropolitan locale. (motion 2000/10 - #6).” MOVE to Handbook of General and Committee Working Procedures for AFG of Ohio, Inc. under Section VII – Job Descriptions & Responsibilities – Area Officers, Article A – Delegate, ADD to list of Responsibilities: As Item #9 with this approved motion #. [Motion 2025/10 - #7]. Sydney P seconded the motion. The motion passed with substantial unanimity. [Yes – 47, No – 0, Abstention = 0]
- **Motion - Bylaws revise Alateen Service:** Bylaws Article X – Alateen Service, Section A. RETAIN paragraph #1 motion. ADD 2 additional motions re: AMIAS packet update & ASBR Requirements as follows: #2. “Motion passed Two-day Fall Assembly 2023: To update the Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) packet in the Handbook of General and Committee Working Procedures for Al-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc. to reflect the current procedure and revised AMIAS certification forms (Motion 2023/10)” ; #3. “Motion passed Two-day Fall Assembly 2024: To accept the Ohio Area 44 ASBR as revised by the ASBR Alateen Task Force (per WSO guidelines) and revised by Ohio Legal counsel (Motion 2024/10 - #8). REMOVE sections B, C, D, and E. Insert new Section B to read: “The complete ASBR guidelines for having Alateen in Ohio Area 44 is found in the APPENDIX of the Handbook of General and Committee Working Procedures for Al-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc.” [Motion 2025/10 - #8]. Carol R seconded the motion. The motion passed with substantial unanimity. [Yes – 48, No – 0, Abstention = 0]

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 pm with Al-Anon Declaration. The meeting began on Sunday Oct 19, 2025 at 9:31 am with Serenity Prayer. Area Chairperson Ann F welcomed all the members to the meeting.

12. **Forum Coordinator Report:** Irena H (Forum Coordinator) presented her report. She explained she is creating awareness about forum by distributing old forums at various events

especially at Founder's Day. She also asked the members to contact her at irenahojfeldt@yahoo.com if they are thinking about a forum writing workshop.

13. **District 14 Report:** Linda L (DR 14) presented her report highlighting District 14's work in the RiverCity Correctional facility.
14. **District 30 Report:** Ann F read District 30 report on behalf of Karen P where she expressed her gratitude in serving as DR for district 30.
15. **District 26 Report:** Susan H (DR 26) talked about her public outreach efforts and noted that Columbus AIS (Area Intergroup Service) allocates \$500 for public outreach efforts in their budget. She also discussed insurance issues with respect to general liability in church where meetings are held.
16. **District 28 & AA Liaison Report:** Daisy A read the report on behalf of Kim R (DR 28 and AA Liaison). The report highlighted the successful completion of the 69th AA convention held in Toledo Ohio with outstanding Al-Anon/Alateen participation and expressed Kim R's excitement to have Gabe B who has volunteered to shadow her in the role of Alternate AA Liaison. The report also talked about the progress of 3 goals that were set for Central Ohio's groups for the year 2025.
17. **2-Day Fall Assembly Report:** Shelly C presented her report highlighting the successful completion of OAC 2025 in Cleveland and thanked profoundly District 48 and Colleen F (DR 48) for hosting the 2025 2 Day Fall Assembly. She also remarked that preparations are underway for 2026 OAC and 2-day Fall Assembly.
18. **OAC 2026 Report:** Beth M (OAC 2026 Chair) presented that OAC 2026 will be held on August 7- 9, 2026, at Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning, Beavercreek, OH. The theme is "Soaring Towards Serenity". She also reported that the budget has been finalized, and subcommittees have been formed. Sydney P passed a box of stuff to Beth M via Linda L.
19. **OAC 2025 Financial and Committee Report:** Sydney P presented the reports explaining the profits from OAC 2025 have been divided into 5 equal parts and has been donated to AFG Inc, Ohio Area AlAnon Inc, Cleveland Intergroup Council, Cleveland Alateen and OAC 2026. She also reported that a few OAC 2025 Committee members and Shelly C have revised the convention portions of the handbook and will soon submit it for review to the Handbook committee chair. Ann F requested members participation in reviewing the revision to the handbook.
20. **Review Committee Report:** Steve F (Review Committee Chair) reported that OAC committee reports, financial reports and area treasurer's reports were reviewed successfully.

Sue M (Registration Chair) reported that there were 37 voting members present on Oct 19, 2025.

21. ***Thought Force on Appointment of coordinators Report:*** Theresa M (Past Delegate – Panel 58) presented her report on appointing area coordinators versus electing them. Ann F announced that the Ohio Area is seeking input from AWSC (Area World Service Committee) members and GRs (Group Representatives) regarding this issue and a survey will be sent out shortly. In the meantime, Theresa M presented a motion to amend the handbook of general and working committee procedures For Al-Anon Family groups of Ohio Inc, under Section X: Part C - to include the following paragraph: On a three year trial basis, effective immediately, the Area Officers may appoint a Coordinator to fill a vacancy until the following Area Assembly can hold the election for that position. [Motion 2025/10 - #9]. Cheryl B pointed out that part C is already available in the Handbook. Theresa M and Ann F will work on the exact location to place this text in the Handbook. The voting pursued the presentation. The motion passed with substantial unanimity. [Yes – 35, No – 1, Abstention - 1]

22. ***Thought Force on Website Consultant:*** Cecelia S (Area IT Consultant) presented her report highlighting training and transition of web master duties to Liz W (Co – Webmaster) from Mike K (Area Webmaster) who provided outstanding service to Ohio Area. Members appreciated Mike's service with a round of applause. She also explained that at this point the thought force for web support will put other contractors on hold and further work on this task force is suspended.

Ann F informed the members about Winter workshop hosted by District 39 and encouraged members to send sharing on the following topics – Sponsorship, Finances, Experiences with Three Legacies. Discussion on different terms such as Panel, Coordinator followed Ann F's announcements.

23. ***2026 2-Day Fall Assembly Teaser:*** Jason S informed that 2026 Fall OAA (Ohio Area Assembly) will be held in Dublin, Ohio on Oct 17-18, 2026. This also happens to be the election year for the next panel of our Ohio Area.

New Business:

- Ann F posted the general profile of Public Outreach Coordinator for the Ohio Area seeking volunteers to step up to the role.
- Linda L presented a motion to annex a meeting (Lawrenceburg AFG in Lawrenceburg) on the Indiana border with the Ohio Area. [Motion 2025/10 - #10]. Chris E (DR 10) seconded the motion. The motion passed with a simple majority vote. [Yes – 37]
- Ann F brought the topic of insurance for meetings and informed that Ohio Area does not cover general liabilities of individual AFG meetings. Chris E wondered where the liabilities lie. Ann F then sought a thought force to investigate all the issues regarding this topic. Sandra F then clarified that we were at a step before the thought force which is a working

group. Sydney P, Susan H, Jason S and Joann K would make enquiries and working on this issue.

- Ann F presented the profile of Cheryl C who was willing to serve as the Ohio Area Public Outreach Coordinator. Cheryl C was elected Area 44 POC with a majority vote of 35.

Jolene A (GR - Westside Women’s Saturday AM AFG) and Ginny C (Past Delegate – Panel 55) joined other members in thanking everyone who worked to put together the 2 Day Fall Assembly. Carol R made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mary Ellen R seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

Dates to Remember:

March 28, 2026 : Spring AWSC – Hybrid or Zoom only TBD

May 16, 2026 : Spring OAA, North Church, Columbus

August 7- 9, 2026 : OAC – “Soaring Towards Serenity”, Beavercreek, OH

August 22, 2026 : Fall AWSC - Hybrid or Zoom only TBD

October 17-18, 2026: 2-Day Fall OAA, Dublin, OH

Respectfully Submitted,

Daisy A

Area Secretary – Panel 64

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