Fall 2026 Assembly Meeting Minutes

Saturday:

The 2-day Fall Assembly meeting was held on October 17-18, at Doubletree by Hilton located at 600 Metro Place North, Dublin, OH - 43017. 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.

Sharon V (GR – Sharing Hope AFG) read the Twelve Traditions and Terri B (GR – Burton Thursday AFG) read the Twelve Concepts. Sue B (GR – Tuesday Night AFG) read all the General Warranties of Concept 12. In attendance were 79 (in person and on Zoom) members on Saturday representing districts 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 26, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 38, 39, 45, 47, 48, 51 within the Ohio Area (Area 44) and one from Global Electronic Area (GEA).

Ann F (Area Chairperson - Panel 64) 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 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).

Rose R (Delegate – Panel 64) reported that 17 new GRs participated in the new GR orientation – 12 in person, 5 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/documents/ARCHIVES/2026-FALL-ASSEMBLY/

Reports, Motion and Panel Presentation:

1. ***Spring OAA 2026 Meeting Minutes:*** Theresa M (Past Delegate – Panel 58) pointed out the word "unanimously" on page 17 in the minutes to be removed. Daisy A (Are Secretary – Panel 64)has corrected the minutes as of Nov 1, 2026. Sydney P (Archives Coordinator – Panel 64) made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Heidi W (GR - Willoughby 4th Step Saturday AFG) seconded the motion. Minutes passed as corrected by show of hands (consensus voting).

2. ***Alternate Delegate Report:*** Merri G (Alternate Delegate) read her report. She thanked everyone for the support during her tenure as Alternate Delegate and sought shares from panel 64 members on the topic, "What they loved about their service position" and from panel 67 members on the topic, "Why they choose the position they stood for". Members can send their sharing to the email alternatedelegate@ohioal-anon.org. She passed her best wishes to the upcoming Alternate Delegate.

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

Fall Assembly Delegate Report *October 17-18, 2026*

The Chairman of the Board (COB) letter was presented on August 8th. Since I was attending the Ohio Area Convention in Dayton, I wasn't able to be present; however, I received the letter through AFG Connects. As of this date, it has been posted on the AFG website if anyone wants more details than what I'm reporting below.

Seven new Trustees and one new Executive Committee At-Large member were welcomed to the Board this year. The mentorship program will continue to support the new volunteers as they become familiar with their roles and responsibilities.

Trustee invitations to Regional Delegate Meetings (RDM) were clarified. Going forward, RDM's will follow the same invitation process used by Areas and other service arms when requesting Trustee participation using the form on AFG Connects. This change supports consistency throughout the fellowship and reinforces that Trustees serve the entire fellowship rather than a single Region.Trustees attending RDM's as a first-time speaker will be accompanied by an experienced WSO Volunteer mentor with the WSO covering mentor travel costs. Our next North Central Region Delegates Meeting (NCRDM) has been scheduled for March 19 through March 21, 2027 and will be hosted by Wisconsin and the UP of Michigan.

The Board approved the International Coordination Committee's recommendation to grant permission for Chile to reprint Conference Approved Literature (CAL).

The topic explored by the Envisioned Future Work Group (EFWG) focused on professional language and how Al-Anon communicates with outside professionals. Discussion centered on the increasing use of the clinical term "Alcohol Use Disorder" (AUD) in professional settings and whether Al-Anon should adopt that terminology more broadly. After thoughtful consideration, the Board supported the continued use of professional language when speaking individually with therapists and other professionals or defining key words for the website, while remaining true to Al-Anon's spiritual identity and longstanding language in our published materials. It also recognized the value of using language familiar to professionals to help them discover Al-Anon.

The Strategic Leadership Team shared an important update regarding organizational capacity. Staff and Volunteers are currently supporting a significant number of projects while continuing to provide the ongoing services relied upon by the fellowship every day. After careful evaluation, consensus was reached to defer the annual process for identifying new strategic initiatives for the next two years. This pause will allow Staff and Volunteers to focus their energy on accomplishing current Board-approved strategies and projects before introducing additional commitments. The Board will also hold a special meeting to review the current strategic landscape and evaluate whether any existing Board-approved strategies can be adjusted or mediated to better align with available resources and organizational capacity.

The Board did approve funding for two special projects from the Reserve Fund.

1) *Support for a SharePoint implementation. This is designed to improve document management, information sharing and operational efficiency.*
2) *Enhanced Human Resource support. This includes assistance with performance management, employee development and retention efforts.*

Both projects are intended to strengthen the organization and improve the effectiveness of the services provided to the fellowship.

The Conference Leadership Team (CLT) has the responsibility of preparing the World Service Conference (WSC) Agenda that facilitates the active voice and effective group conscience of our fellowship. At the end of the 2026 WSC all attendees submitted evaluations. This input is being used to plan for next year.

The 2027 World Service Conference (WSC) will be held on Tuesday, April 13 through Saturday,

April 17, 2027, at the Newport News Marriott at City Center Hotel, Newport News, VA. The

Board approved the Finance Committee recommendation to set the estimated Full Cost for Delegate participation in the 2027 WSC at $3,300, with an Equalized Expense amount of $2,310, representing 70% of the Full Cost.

The CLT reviewed the theme phrases and words suggested by Conference members for the 2027 WSC theme. It was then sent to the Board of Trustees for their approval. The approved theme will be shared later this year since the 2026 Theme, 75 Years, One Purpose applies from January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2026.

Revenue (Income) for the month of June, 2026 consists mainly of literature sales and contributions. Other sources include magazine sales, mobile app subscriptions and investment gains and losses. Literature sales for June were $236,373, while contributions for June were $247,853. Both were below budgeted expectations.

The change in net assets, revenues less expenses, results in a June YTD operating deficit of ($131,709).

Concerns discussed in recent COB letters regarding ongoing declines in literature sales continue into this past quarter, and now contributions have softened as well over the last couple of months. Bequests are helping so far in our performance this year, but we remain behind budget through June even with these bequests. With overall soft literature sales, the revised 2026 budget projects lower revenues for the year: $6,625,614, a reduction of more than $350,000. Expenses for the year are essentially the same as in the original budget which now results in a deficit of ($358,390) for the year with the reduced revenue. The Finance Committee reviewed the details of the revised budget and recommended to the Board of Trustees that they approve the revised budget, which they did in this July meeting.

Through this year, it has been discussed how two of our key spiritual principles, hope and trust, are captured in our budget. While we trust that members will come through with increased purchases of Conference Approved Literature and contributions to fund the services requested, we as leaders must do the footwork to continue to spread the message about the needs of the organization. Tradition Seven forever rings true. I have talked to some members that believe the World Service Office is in the business of making money. This has never been further from the truth. AFG, Inc. is in the business of always being there when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help from the effects of the disease of alcoholism. Our Groups are the sole beneficiaries of their service. We as members have a say in everything that happens at the WSO and that's why it's so important to step into Service at all levels: Officers, Coordinators, Committee Chairs, Members of committees, District Reps and Group Reps. This Fall we will hold elections and all service positions will be open for the incoming

Panel 67 members. Take the step to have a voice for your group and get involved. Your recovery will soar. I guarantee it!

The Policy Committee meets quarterly prior to the Board of Trustees meeting. Each year the study of Steps, Traditions and Concepts are facilitated. This year, Concepts Five through Eight are set for one hour study sessions that are designed to foster the application of spiritual principles within our Policy Committee discussions. As part of the new WSO Volunteer orientation, a session was held to provide an overview of the Policy Committee's purpose and composition and members' responsibilities. As there are a significant number of new WSO Volunteers on board this year, the committee decided to revisit policy guidelines and perhaps include some new perspectives. It's important to know that changes and additions to the Policy Digest are made only as our circumstances and growth require, since anticipating every specific situation would be impossible. There are Thought and Task Forces currently in progress and the committee will report to the membership when any of these work groups are prepared to present.

As always, the Policy Committee welcomes all questions and suggestions from any Al-Anon member, meeting, group, or Area regarding issues that might need further clarification or interpretation in light of our Legacies.

Road Trip - Preparations are well under way for the upcoming event! It will take place in Rosemont, IL near Chicago on Saturday, October 24, 2026 from 8 AM - 5 PM. Registration fee is $35 and room rates vary from $159 + tax per night plus parking. I'm excited to be attending with quite a few Delegates from my Panel. More information can be found on the AFG website Along with registration information.

International Al-Anon Convention 2028 in Minneapolis, MN is coming too! It will be here before we know it as time seems to fly quickly. Dates are July 20 - 23, 2028. More info will be coming. Be sure and start saving to attend this awesome event with Al-Anon members all over the world!

In planning for the 2027 WSC, the Conference Leadership Team (CLT) has agreed to invite all Conference members to submit a Chosen Agenda Item (CAI) beginning in September 2026 and ending February 15, 2027, which will allow outgoing and incoming Delegates to submit topics. Once again, this is an opportunity to submit and select issues of concern that affect Al-Anon groups and members worldwide. As you think about topics, please consider whether the topic merits an in-depth discussion that could benefit Al-Anon groups and members worldwide.

Submission guidelines are:

- *Each submission has a limit of 100 words*

- *Name the CAI topic in 25 words or less*
- *Provide the rationale, an explanation of why you think this CAI is important, in 75 words or less*

Feel free to email them to me before the deadline and I will forward them to our "new Delegate" so they can forward them on for consideration.

Some of you may have heard about the security breach which occurred between December 2025 and March 2026. This is the reason the WSO website was down for a while. I have received questions regarding why this was not general knowledge and posted for all members to see. At the WSC we were asked not to discuss any particulars due to legal issues. WSO has the responsibility to follow the guidance provided by legal counsel and to fulfill their legal obligations regarding how information about this matter is communicated. WSO has posted notification which provides details of the data event, the steps the WSO has taken to prevent a similar event from occurring in the future, and steps for members to take if they believe their information may have been involved, or if they have questions. The notification was posted at the end of August and will remain posted for ninety days.

At Spring Assembly I talked about the Passing It On project. The Board of Trustees created the Growing Future Volunteer Leaders Task Force, which introduced the project at the 2025 WSC and we were all very excited about it! The goal was to reignite passion for Al-Anon service and ensure that experience and wisdom is preserved and shared across generations. Passing It On aims to create a service tool that provides basic information about the role of service as part of Al-Anon recovery. In addition to the spiritual principals that support service, this tool will also provide practical information and resources to help future generations of Al-Anon trusted servants draw upon the experience and wisdom of those who have served before them, helping strengthen and preserve Al-Anon around the world.

To create this new service tool, the Task Force is seeking Al-Anon members who carry the spirit of service and can write with clarity and warmth to help members understand service as an outward expression of recovery. As a volunteer Content Developer, you will contribute to this valuable service tool, which will support members while preserving and passing on the fellowship's collective experience and understanding of service.

Content Developers will:

- *Review existing fellowship materials as a foundation for new content.*
- *Draft service materials using a framework developed by the Task Force.*
- *Participate in review and revision cycles.*
- *Collaborate with the Task Force and other Content Developers throughout the process. Required qualifications include: current, consistent Al-Anon membership; meaningful service experience, demonstrated writing ability; and fluency in written and*

spoken English. If selected, you may continue in your current Al-Anon service role(s) while supporting the creation of this new service tool.

The application window opened October 1, 2026 and will close on November 15, 2026. You can find the application on al-anon.org. This is an amazing opportunity for service from those of us who would like to pass on our passion for giving back to the program. Please look to your heart and get involved.

As I get ready to wind up Summer and head into the last months of my service as a Delegate,

I'm forever grateful for the experience and growth to my recovery. I am still learning and intend to continue to serve as an Alateen Sponsor, serve at our District and Assembly levels if needed. We are moving into new areas such as the Electronic Alateen process, an incoming Panel of new Officers and Coordinators and Committee members. Let's all embrace the wonderful experience of service and learning together, presuming good will and discussing with the Legacies the future of the Al-Anon fellowship.

I am truly grateful to have served as your Delegate for the past 3 years and am humbled that you all gave me that opportunity. I have been shown that nothing is impossible as long as I ask for help from my Higher Power and others that have gone before me. During these 3 years I have lost my Sponsor of 34 years and gained 50 + new Al-Anon family members from all over the US. What a miracle this program is! What an experience this has been for me - Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

With love in Service,

Rose R

Panel 64 Delegate

Members applauded the Delegate after the presentation of her report. Kim R (AA Liaison – Panel 64) asked Rose to give examples of Chosen Agenda Items. Rose R gave several examples like increasing Alateen participation within our area. Rose R informed that she would send more information pertaining to the "Passing It On" Project, a service tool aimed to provide basic information about the role of service as part of Al-Anon recovery.

4. ***Registration Report***: Sue M (Registration Chair) reported that there were 79 members present of which 64 were voting members.

Elections were held during the 2026 Fall assembly which was chaired by Ginny C (Past Delegate – Panel 55). Ginny C introduced herself and started the election process with the Serenity Prayer. She went over the process, qualifications/criteria for various positions and urged the members to refer to the service manual. Vote of acceptance for the election process passed by simple majority. [52 – Yes, 0 -No, 0 - Abstention].

She also made a motion to exempt two officer candidates from attendance requirement [**Motion 2026/10 - #17**]. Mary C (GR – Sunday Serenity Discussion Downtown AFG) seconded it. Motion passed by simple show of hands.

Delegate Election: Sydney P read her service profile for the position Delegate. Voting members cast their vote. Rose R presented the highlights of Panel 64 while vote counting pursued. The highlights are as follows:

- Participation in the "Choosing a Groups' Name Policy" discussion
- Electronic Alateen EASBR approval
- Visit to Stepping Stones
- 75th Al-Anon celebration

Sydney P was declared the Delegate of Panel 67.

Alternate Delegate Election: Kim R read her service profile, and Daisy A read her service profile. Voting members cast their vote after a short break.

5. ***Treasurer's Report:*** Carol R (Area 44 Treasurer) presented the YTD 2026 Treasurer's report. An error in the first page of the report was noted, and the corrected report has been received as of Nov 1, 2026. Theresa M made a motion to accept the corrected Treasurer's report. Lucy W (GR - Courage AFG) seconded it. Motion passed by simple majority.

Kim R was declared the Alternate Delegate of Panel 67.

6. ***Task Force on Quorum for AFG Ohio Inc:*** Theresa M presented a motion (Bylaws) to change the current definition of a quorum in the AFG Ohio, Inc. to address the current and future needs. [**Motion 2026/10 - #10]** Eunice B seconded it. Motion passed with substantial unanimity [Yes – 56, No – 0, Abstention – 0]. Theresa M also presented a handbook motion **[Motion 2026/10 - #11]** to delete B1 under section III: By Laws Amendments and renumber B2 to B1. Trudy D (GR - Steps To Recovery Adult Children AFG) seconded the motion. Motion passed with substantial unanimity [Yes – 53, No – 3, Abstention – 0]. Ann F invited the minority opinion. Sydney P explained her rationale for voting no on the motion.

Chairperson Election: Rose R read her service profile. Voting members cast their vote.

Ann F presented the panel 61 highlights which are as follows:

- **I experienced the 2021 WSC on Zoom, from a hard chair in the corner of my bedroom. A motion was passed to develop an Alateen Just for Tonight bookmark. The 2022 WSC passed the motion to admit the Global Electronic Area (GEA) to**

the Conference. This motion allowed meetings that were being held electronically to register as Al-Anon Family Groups, and the GEA to have a Delegate at the 2022 WSC!

- **In 2023 a motion was made to develop a booklet of "gems" taken from the book, *The Dilemma of the Alcoholic Marriage*. This booklet was later titled, *Healing Within our Alcoholic Relationships*. And the Alateen Just for Tonight bookmark, approved in 2021, was previewed at Conference.**

Theresa M presented Panel 58 highlights which are as follows:

- **Two of many – All which contributed to my ever deepening understanding, appreciation, and gratitude for the "WE" in our program. Each of us found the ability to handle the difficulties that occurred during the Pandemic with cooperation, coordination, compassion, JOY - and even laughter as we held regular Zoom meetings for sharing our situations. We continued to enjoy working on our skit even though Pandemic prevented its presentation.**
- **Participation at the first ever virtual WSC due to COVID. WSO managed to put it together in just a few weeks and limited it to basic business presentations and only votes needed on those.**
- **3+ years of participation as a member of Literature Committee working on the future B-34 A Little Time for Myself published in 2023. We were kept updated on its progress after our Panel ended.**
- **We also suggested that WSC approve work on an Alateen One Day at a Time Bookmark and suggested that WSC consider creating a piece of literature that became P-94 Healing Withing our Alcoholic Relationships both of which were part of Panel 61's (Ann F's) work.**

Rose R was declared the Chairperson of Pabel 67.

7. ***Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) Report:*** Irene B (AAPP – Panel 64) presented her report and KBDM (Knowledge Based Decision Making) findings on opting in the Electronic Alateen meetings. She made a motion to pursue the process for Ohio AFG, Inc. to Opt-In for Electronic Alateen meetings [**[Motion 2026/10 - #15]**] and start a task force to join her in writing the AMIAS-E (EASBR - Electronic Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements) for Electronic Alateen Meetings and AMIAS-E (Al-Anon member Involved in Alateen Service – Electronic) certification in Ohio Area.

Discussion pursued. Several members commented on the pros and cons of opting in Electronic Alateen meetings. Rose R encouraged everyone to become part of the task force and stated that all Alateen groups are supported by the Al-Anon groups in the Ohio

area. Trudy D, Carolyn D (Liaison – Greater Cincinnati districts), Michael H (GR - Old West End AFG), Randy M (GR - AFG Way of Life) supported the motion. Susan H (DR 26) enquired how many states in the US have opted in. Devin M wondered how Electronic Alateen groups will obtain CAL and Regina M enquired how to become an AMIAS-E.

Irene B explained that all areas in the US have just started working on the Opting in process and the task force will work on the AMIAS-E certification process. She also explained that CAL can be purchased from the WSO website.

Theresa M seconded the motion. Motion passed by simple majority. The following members volunteered to be in the task force - Casey B, Theresa M, Aralynn C, David D, Steve E, Rose R, Kathy C, Lee R, Heidi W, Becky L, Devin M.

Alateen and Archives Coordinator Election: Irene B presented her profile for the Alateen Coordinator position. Heidi W presented her profile for the Archives Coordinator position. Voting members cast their vote.

Ginny C presenter panel 55 highlights which are as follows:

One of the most memorable actions I participated in was the approval of the development of a daily reader to emphasize diversity: now *A Little Time for Myself*. Another time I witnessed the importance of the minority voice when we had taken a vote on something and later someone brought up a concern about the direction of the vote. We later revoted and it changed the outcome of the vote. My mentor on my first or second time took me into the meeting room before the WSC started to see where our seats were and she stated, "Oh good, we are near the microphone." I was thinking "Oh dear, it's near the microphone." I was scared to go to the microphone but made the goal to do it at least once during that WSC which I did. As it turned out, Vali was my mentor, who happened to later become the Executive Director of Al-Anon Headquarters and she liked to express her opinion.

Sandy F presented panel 49 highlights which are as follows:

My years representing Ohio at the World Service Conference were 2009 -2011. 2009 was Embrace the Legacies. It was my first year, I was a bit uneasy the first day. As it hit me, all of Ohio was counting on me. I called my service sponsor a couple time that week just to get things a bit more settled. This year we were in Virginia Beach for six days. Yes, there was lots to do. Highlight of this year was: The launching of T.E.A.M. Together Empowering Al-anon Members. It was an event which replaced the Regional Service Seminars. This gathering which focused on service is now known as The Road Show. Also, this year we approved the development of a workbook featuring legacies. Today we know this book as Reaching for Personal Freedom.

2010: Embrace the Group Conscience to expand the circle of Hope. It was 50th Anniversary of the World Service Conference. Highlight of the year was agreed upon that each Area would meet or exceed the Area Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements. 2010 is the year our Alternate Delegate, Janice R, and I wrote the first procedure for background checks for Ohio Area. We know it today as our ASBR.

Also, that year, we tried to move the end of the 15-year trial of the ownership of the office building ahead, however, calmer minds had us rethink that position as the fellowship was told it was a 15-year trial and more preparation needed to be done before a motion could be entertained.

Then in 2011, Expanding our community for Hope by embracing: yesterday's foundation, Today's successes, Tomorrow's possibilities. (Pause) Our book, "Many Voices, One Journey was published. I was on the literature committee at that time. From late 2010 to early 2011 we did the final proof readings of our new book four times, If I remember correctly, before it was sent to the printers. This book debuted at the Worlds Service Conference that year.

During this conference The DO Not Refer discussion was lengthy. This discussion was about procedures for not making referrals for groups which were not following the Traditions. Ohio adopted a procedure for do not refer a couple years later.

The surprise that year was the printing of the soft back cover of How Al-anon Works for Family and Friends of Alcoholics. Add to the book was a short section about the three "C".

The most memorable moment of my three years at the World Service Conference was during my third year. It was Motion number 6. The motion was to ended the 15-year trial period of owning the property and make it permanent. This is the place which we know as the World Service Office, the home and location of Al-Anon Family Groups, Inc. I was selected to be a ballot counter. I remember being so nervous. The ballots were all tabulated and the outcome was to end the trial of ownership. 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach Virgina was from then on the permanent home of Al-Anon Family Groups, Inc. A place where they always say welcome home whenever you visit.

Irene B was declared Alateen Coordinator and Heidi W was declared Archives Coordinator.

Daisy A made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Carol R seconded it. The meeting was adjourned.

Sunday:

Ann F started the meeting at 9:02 am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer. She encouraged all eligible members to step up to serve as Secretary and Public Outreach Coordinator. 43 voting members were present on Sunday.

Ginny C made a motion to make an exception for an Officer to follow herself in their current position for the next panel. [**Motion 2026/10 - #18**]. Daisy A seconded it. The motion passed by a simple majority.

Treasurer Election: Carol R read her service profile and voting pursued.

8. ***Thought Force on WSO Donations:*** Ann F read the thought force recommendations for donation to the WSO (World Service Office). The thought force recommended that the budget committee make necessary provision for WSO donation.

9. ***Area Group Records Coordinator (AGRC) Report:*** Nancy S (AGRC) read her report encouraging members to use the online form for any group level updates. She also reported that there are 8 face-to-face meetings that have no mail status and 18 groups have bounced emails. Cheryl B suggested that the group WSO ids be included in future reports which will assist District representatives (DR) and AIS (Al-Anon Information Service) members to investigate any issues with the groups.

Carol R was declared the Area Treasurer for the panel 67.

AGRC and Forum Coordinator Election: Karen P and Terri N read their service profiles. Voting pursued.

10. ***Public Outreach Coordinator Report:*** Daisy A read the POC report. Cheryl C (POC - Panel 64) expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to serve as POC and emphasized that, "This is a 'we program', Help is here when I ask and Together, we can make it".

Ann F explained the difference between appointed positions versus elected positions.

11. ***Budget Committee Report:*** Terri N presented her report thanking everyone for the support and encouragement during her stint as the chair of Budget committee in panel 64. Sue B and Randy M asked about ample reserves. Terri N, Ann F and Theresa M explained that the CDs are the area ample reserves. Terri N also made a motion to include an item under the budget section in our handbook regarding the WSO donations. [**Motion 2026/10 - #14**] Susan H seconded it. The motion passed with substantial unanimity.

Karen P and Terri N were declared AGRC and Forum Coordinator respectively.

12. ***Handbook Committee Report:*** Cheryl B (Handbook Committee Chair) presented two motions, one of which defined some of Delegate, Chairperson responsibilities [**Motion 2026/10 - #12**] and the other clarified Alateen participation in OAC (Ohio Area Convention), invitations to adjacent areas and speaker gifts. [**Motion 2026/10 - #13**]. Discussion pursued. The members decided to change the words in Motion 12 under Delegate Responsibilities from "at their own expense" to "at the group's/district's expense". Sue T seconded Motion 12 and Terri B seconded Motion 13. Both motions passed with simple majority.

Ann F mentioned that there will be style and edit (changing chairman to chairperson) throughout our handbook and bylaws to be consistent with the WSC literature. Ann F also requested members to form a thought force to think about how to handle OAC/Event finances and come up with recommendations. It was decided that Shelly C (2-day Fall/OAC coordinator – panel 64, Dawn S (GR - Monday Afternoon AFG), Carol R, Robin R (Tech crew) and Ann F will form a thought force. Sandy F commented that host committee of the 2-day Fall Assembly has struggled with financial matters and requested that 2-day fall be added to OAC for discussion in the thought force.

13. ***Review Committee Report:*** Robin R read the review committee report prepared by Steve F (Review Committee Chair). It was reported that review committee verified all the Area Treasurer's records and the OAC records. Members applauded all the hard work done by Carol R (Area Treasurer).

Literature Coordinator Election: Daisy A read her profile. Voting pursued.

Heidi W made a motion to make the Technology position permanent. [**Motion 2026/10 - #19**] Lynette B (GR - Tuesday Morning AFG) seconded the motion. Mary C asked if the tech coordinator description is in the handbook. Devin asked about the pros and cons of having a tech coordinator. Daisy A asked how we will develop the job description of the Technology Coordinator. Theresa M commented that by making the position permanent, the tech coordinator can get information via AFG Connects from other areas. Cecelia S (Tech coordinator) described the duties that she has done for the current panel which could be used to develop the profile for a tech coordinator for our area. Robin R explained that we created this position to cover the expenses of the team. Ann F said the difference between a coordinator and committee is that a coordinator has access to the AFG Connects. Ginny C commented that there is nothing in our handbook or bylaw that says a coordinator does not mean they cannot have a committee. It was also noted that page 16 ,17 of our handbook – technology coordinator is listed without description.

Ginny C requested nominations for POC, Tech Coordinator and Secretary. Cecelia agreed to continue as Tech coordinator until the Spring 2027 Assembly.

Ann F read DR 48 report prepared by Colleen F (DR 48) and Daisy A read the webmaster's report prepared by Liz W (Area Webmaster).

14. ***2-Day Fall/OAC Advisor Report:*** Shelly C presented her report along with OAC 2026 and OAC 2027 report. Discussion pursued after the OAC 2026 recommendations for distributing the excess funds were read. Ann F said that the excess money decisions from OAC will be made in the AWSC after the convention. Sandy F commented that we accept the recommendations. Lynette B wondered if the host district of OAC can make such recommendations. Kathy W asked if we are setting a precedent by letting the area decide what to do with the proceeds. Irene B said that the thought force can decide about these money issues and transfer the excess funds to the Ohio Area treasury. Ann F gave her opinion that these funds be distributed immediately following which Heidi W made a motion to accept the recommendations of the 2026 OAC for distribution of excess funds. [**Motion 2026/10 - #16**] Sandy F seconded it. Motion passed with simple majority.

15. ***AA Liaison/DR 28 Report:*** Kim R presented her report and thanked her gratitude for the opportunity to serve the Ohio Area as AA Liaison.

Ann F thanked everyone especially the 64 panel members for their service to the Ohio Area (Area 44). Rose R (Chairperson – Panel 67) gave a shout out to Irene B (current AAPP) and introduced the panel 67 AAPP – David D and Kim R announced that Jenna B has agreed to be the AA Liaison for the panel 67.

Panel 67 members:

Delegate	Sydney P
Alternate Delegate	Kim R
Chairperson	Rose R
Secretary	Unfilled
Treasurer	Carol R
Alateen Coordinator	Irene B
Archives Coordinator	Heidi W

Forum Coordinator	Terri N
Group Records Coordinator	Karen P
Literature Coordinator	Daisy A
Public Outreach Coordinator	Unfilled
Technology Coordinator	Cecelia S

Sandy F conducted the drawing of gifts. Carol R made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Terri B seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 pm with Al-Anon Declaration.

Dates to Remember:

North Central Regional Delegates Meeting (NCRDM) Wisconsin - ***March 19, 20 & 21, 2027***

Spring AWSC -Zoom Only: ***March 27, 2027***

World Service Conference (WSC): ***April 13-17, 2027***

Spring Assembly (Hybrid) Columbus: ***May 15, 2027***

2027 Ohio Area Al-Anon Convention, Canton***: August 20, 21 & 22, 2027***

2027 Ohio AA Convention: ***August 20, 21 & 22, 2027***

2-Day Fall Assembly, Cleveland Hosts - ***date TBD***

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: _Nov 4, 2026_____

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