

Spring 2026 AWSC Meeting Minutes

The Spring AWSC meeting was held on Saturday, March 28, 2026, via Zoom. Area 44 Chairperson Ann F welcomed everyone to the meeting at 12:35 pm with a moment of silence in honor of Dennis K (Past Delegate – Panel 22) followed by the Serenity Prayer. Ann F screen shared the sympathy card received from WSO (World Service Office) for Dennis K via Zoom. Karen P (DR 30) read the AI-Anon Twelve Traditions and Terri N (DR 6) read the Twelve Concepts of service, and Kim R (DR 28 & AA Liaison) read the General Warranties of Concept 12.

In attendance were 23 members representing districts 4, 6, 7, 10, 14, 15, 28, 30, 31, 39, 48, 51, 57 within the Ohio area (Area 44) and Global Electronic Area. The members of the AWSC meeting introduced themselves by their name, position they serve and the rewards of doing service. This was a practice run for the upcoming Spring Assembly where we hope these introductions will motivate the Group Representatives (GR) to step up and serve in the next panel.

After the introductions, Ann F (Area 44 Chairperson) sought permission to record the session. She read the Declaration of Unity found on page 237 from *Many Voices One Journey* along with the AWSC goals which are as follows:

- Members will understand the purpose of the AWSC, relationships with the structure and be able to articulate AWSC Decisions.
- The spiritual tone of the AWSC 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, AWSC members will presume goodwill.

Ann F explained who can vote on matters (Officers, Coordinators, AIS Liaisons, District Representatives and Alternate District Representatives) during the meeting. She also mentioned that all motions are acceptance motions only, to be sent to the Assembly for approval, which means a simple majority would be sufficient. She also pointed out that the AI-Anon.org website was down due to maintenance.

The following reports and motions were presented in the meeting which can be accessed in the link below under the year 2026 on our Ohio AI-Anon website:

<https://www.ohioal-anon.org/documents/ARCHIVES/2026-SPRING-AWSC/>

Report Presentation:

1. **Fall 2025 AWSC Meeting Minutes:** Ann F sought for any corrections in this report. No corrections were brought up. Carol R (Area Treasurer – Panel 64) made a motion to accept the Fall 2025 AWSC Minutes as presented, and Kim R seconded it. The motion passed by simple show of electronic hands.
2. **Delegate Report:** Merri G (Alternate Delegate – Panel 64) presented the Delegate's report highlighting all the events Rose R (Delegate) has been part of in our area and beyond. Please find the Delegate's report below:

Hello family! I'm sorry I'm not able to be present today. I am on the Trustee Affirmation Zoom call so it wasn't possible. We will be affirming our new North Central Region Trustee.

The pace is beginning to pick up now that the new year has begun. I've been mentoring a new Panel 66 Delegate from Arkansas, Cindy J. We've connected a few times via Zoom and by texting. This is one responsibility I volunteered for because I know how important it is to have a familiar face at the World Service Conference (WSC) when it's your first year.

I attended the Chairman of the Board (COB) letter presentation on February 14th which included the Policy Committee and Finance reports. These reports can be found on the afg.org website.

We're discussing the Single Trustee Selection Process further this year. Since there were more applications for Trustee at Large (TAL) than Regional Trustees (RT) there seems to be a need to look at the process that we now have. Anyone who is familiar with the process and may have input or want to know more about what's being discussed, please email me. Keep in mind, nothing will be done immediately, we are still having the discussion.

We will also be discussing Electronic Alateen Validation and Implementation Planning (EASBR). Hopefully this will move forward by July of this year. All items presented on pages 16-21 of the 2025 World Service Conference Summary (P-46) talk about and explain what was worked on last year and what we'll continue to talk about next month at WSC. The Summary is available to download free and to order for \$5 on the AFG website.

Our theme, 75 Years-One Purpose celebration, is happening this year and I'm blessed to be able to tour the World Service Office and then celebrate with dinner after the conference. I will attempt to get pictures and present them in my Spring Assembly report. With only a few weeks to prepare it I won't be able to procrastinate!!

Since this is my last year as your Delegate, I've been pretty busy with a few different tasks. I was fortunate and blessed to be able to serve on the Literature Committee for my last year making it my 3rd year serving on that committee. We had our first quarterly meeting on Thursday, March 5th. Also as the outgoing Panel we are in the process of preparing our 3 minute talk and our Panel 64 skit to present at the conference. I received one email from District 28 to put in the Area Highlights report. Since the deadline to submit that article has arrived, I will

take our 2 Day Fall minutes and determine what our accomplishments were from 2025 and figure out what to put for our concerns.

I attended the NCRDM (North Central Region Delegate Meeting) on March 13 - 15 in Davenport, IA. It was a great meeting and wonderful to meet up with new and past Delegates. The two new Delegates were introduced to a small portion of what WSC (World Service Conference) will be like a month from now. It's good preparation for them and a great way to share our Legacies with one another. I always leave with something I didn't know and I'm eternally grateful that I can attend each year.

We have been asked to share 3 sentences regarding what our service positions entail to encourage others to stand for them in October. During the months of February through March the time spent preparing for the conference is approximately 8-10 hours along with a lot of reading emails and material contained in them. Through the remainder of the year attendance at Budget, Officer, Handbook and other meetings (via Zoom) is about 9-12 hours. Reports are due at both AWSC meetings (brief summaries of happenings from WSO) and a report at each Assembly which I split with the information from WSC. As Delegate, I was encouraged to volunteer for special committees and maybe a Task or Work force. It was my choice to join but keeping the principal of Concept Four in mind, I participated when I felt I could.

Being your Delegate has been a privilege and an awesome experience for me. I never in my recovery could have imagined I could serve you all in this position but, I am and will be forever changed by the experience. Thank you so much for supporting me, loving me through my fear and allowing me to represent our area for this panel.

Respectfully and gratefully submitted,
Rose Rollins-Ohio Delegate-Panel 64
In Service we Soar

3. **Alternate Delegate Report:** Merri G (Alternate Delegate – Panel 64) presented her report and shared her gratitude for the program and the growth received by practicing the principles of the program. She sought sharing from the members for the first issue of 2026 AI-A-Notes on the topic, "How Have you used the concepts of service outside of the AI-Anon program". The sharing can be sent to Merri G at merrig.iamfree@gmail.com or alternatedelegate@ohioal-anon.org.

The attendees applauded the Alternate Delegate virtually after the presentation of her report.

4. **USNCRDM Report:** Ginny C (Past Delegate – Panel 55) presented this report which explained the purpose of a Regional Delegate Meeting. She also thanked the generosity of the Ohio Area for facilitating the Alternate Delegate to participate in these meetings which equip them to be a Delegate in future.
5. **End of Year Treasurer Report 2025:** Carol R (Area Treasurer – Panel 64) presented the EOY 2025 report. Theresa M (Past Delegate – Panel 58) made a motion to accept the EOY report for Approval in the Spring Assembly. Merri G seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.
6. **YTD 2026 Treasurer report:** Carol R presented the Year-to-Date 2026 report. She requested the members to refrain from sending cash donations via mail. Daisy A (Area Secretary – Panel 64) pointed out a typo (Date – 12/31/2024) in the second page of the YTD report. Carol R promised to send the corrected version to the Secretary for the record. As of March 31, 2026, the corrected version has been received.
7. **District 28 & AA Liaison Report:** Kim R reported that the 70th AA conference with AI-Anon participation themed “Our Great Responsibility” will be held on August 14-16, 2026, at Cherry Valley Lodge in Graville, Ohio. She also reported that the number of meetings with GRs have increased from 50 % to 70% in the year 2025 in the COAFG (Columbus AI-Anon Family Groups). Beth M (Co-Chair OAC 2026) will interact with Kim R to improve GR participation within Miami Valleys district.

The session resumed after a short break at 2:25 pm.

8. **Registration Report:** Registration Committee chair Sue M reported that there were 23 members in attendance out of which 21 were eligible to vote. Carolyn D (GCIS – Greater Cincinnati Intergroup Services) and Beth M would be voting members as they were part of AWSC. Nancy S (AGRC – Area Group Records Coordinator) would update the AWSC roster accordingly. AS of March 31, 2026, the AWSC roster has been updated.
9. **Budget Committee Report:** Terri N (Budget Chair) presented her report and reviewed the budget proposed for the year 2026. The members had a few questions regarding the words such as Equalized fund, scanner with monthly fee of \$20 for AAPP Area Alateen process Person), meeting expenses and travel expenses. Roin R (Tech crew) Explained the projector expenses and Irene B (AAPP) explained that \$20 charge was for Abode software charge. Terri N and Ann F explained the other terms and Terri N promised to send the updated report to the Secretary. As of March 31, 2026, the updated report has been received. Carol R made a motion to accept the report with corrections to be sent to the Spring Assembly. Linda L (DR 14) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
10. **Area Group Records Coordinator Report:** Nancy S (AGRC – Panel 64) presented her report and encouraged everyone to use the online group records update form. She also sought help from the members regarding the groups that have a status of “Reported Not Meeting” and “No CMA”. Ann F asked if a group could function without a CMA. Nancy S clarified that an existing group could function without a CMA but not a new group. Karen P (DR 30) shared that she always reaches out to the group members if they are not meeting and Irene B shared that if she is notified about an Alateen group not meeting, she would reach out to the GR, CMA and the DR.

11. **OAC Advisor and 2-Day Fall Report:** Shelly C reported that OAC 2026 to be held in Bergamo Center in Dayton Ohio, Fall 2026 OAA to be held in Columbus Ohio, OAC 2027 to be held in Akron/Canton. She urged members to share contact information regarding the Akron AIS. Daisy A volunteered to share the Akron AIS contact information, and it has been sent as of March 31, 2026.
12. **Handbook Committee Report:** Cheryl B (Handbook Committee Chair) presented 8 different motions which are as follows –

- Revise the Handbook of General and Committee Working Procedures for AFG of Ohio, Inc., Section XVII – Ohio Area Convention, Article A – Definition, Items 1 and 3 for clarification as follows:** 1. Traditionally, is a 3-day event devoted to fellowship, personal growth, and sharing, to be held annually, except for years when WSO hosts the International AI-Anon Convention. The program will be primarily adult oriented, based on the AI-Anon program and principles, but shall also include programming for Alateen participants following ASBR Guidelines. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) shall be invited to participate fully but may plan a separate program for its members and guests. 3. The Ohio Area Convention shall adhere to the principles of the program and is financially accountable to the fellowship which it serves. The Convention is not to be a fundraiser. **[Motion 2026/05 - #1]**

Discussion pursued the presentation. Cheryl B explained that definition 3 is from G20 (AI-Anon/Alateen Area Conventions Guideline). Linda L seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously to the Spring Assembly for approval.

- Revise the Handbook of General and Committee Working Procedures for AFG of Ohio, Inc., Section XVII - Ohio Area Convention, Article B - Policy, Item 1 for clarification as follows:** 1. By Two-Day Assembly, the outgoing Convention Chairman shall provide: one (1) copy of all minutes and records to the Area Archivist; one (1) copy to the OAC Advisor; and two (2) copies to the incoming Convention Chairman. 9. The Convention Chairman of the Area Convention becomes an active member of the AWSC. **[Motion 2026/05 - #2]**

Discussion pursued after this motion was presented regarding the number of copies to be given if the report was electronic and also regarding the qualification of the convention chair. Ann F clarified that a convention chairman may be appointed/selected and they cannot be a member of AA as they are part of AWSC roster. (page #159 of the service manual). Theresa M seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously to the Spring Assembly for approval.

- Revise the Handbook of General and Committee Working Procedures for AFG of Ohio, Inc., Section XVII - Ohio Area Convention, Article C - Area Responsibilities, Items 1 & 3 for clarification – ADD new Items 4 & 5 as follows - then re-number former Items 4,5,6 as Items 6,7,8:** 1. Will use the Convention Float Fund to provide seed money for the Convention. 3. Will provide seed money for future Convention Committees, as available. ADD - 4. The OAC Advisor and the Area Chairman shall be advisory members of the Convention Committee. ADD - 5. The Area Chairman shall be the authorized signatory on behalf of AI-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc., on any binding contract(s) for the selected venue. Then re-number former Items 4,5 & 6 as Items 6,7 & 8. **[Motion 2026/05 - #3]**

Discussion pursued the presentation of the motion. Ann F and Robin R clarified the term Future Convention Committees. Daisy A seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously to the Spring Assembly for approval.

- **Revise the Handbook of General and Committee Working Procedures for AFG of Ohio, Inc., Section XVII - Ohio Area Convention, Article E - Area Convention Venue for clarification as follows:** The Host Districts choose the location of the Convention site, but shall notify the OAC Advisor and secure the signature of the Area Chairman on any Convention-related contracts as the authorized signatory on behalf of AFG of Ohio, Inc.. **[Motion 2026/05 - #4]**

Discussion regarding center/venue pursued after the motion was presented and was decided the word “venue” will be used in the motion. Theresa M seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously to the Spring Assembly for approval.

- **Revise the Handbook of General and Committee Working Procedures for AFG of Ohio, Inc., Section XVII - Ohio Area Convention, Article F - Duties of Convention Committee, Items 2 and 4 as follows:** 2. Establish an amount or estimated amount to be used for principal speaker expense to be budgeted in the registration fee. 4. Follow our Traditions and the Area Handbook Convention Guidelines throughout the planning process and the Convention event. **[Motion 2026/05 - #5]**

Chris E (DR 10) seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously to the Spring Assembly for approval.

- **Revise the Handbook of General and Committee Working Procedures for AFG of Ohio, Inc., Section XVII - Ohio Area Convention, Article H - Convention Secretary, Item 1 as follows:** 1. Will record all minutes of the Committee, complete enough to be of aid to future Host Districts, and provide four (4) copies of all minutes and other records to be turned over to the Convention Chairman. **[Motion 2026/05 - #6]**

Theresa M seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously to the Spring Assembly for approval.

- **Revise the Handbook of General and Committee Working Procedures for AFG of Ohio, Inc., Section XVII -Ohio Area Convention, Article I -Convention Treasurer, Items 1,3,4,5 - add new #2 as follows:** 1. Will establish an account for receiving all registration fees and paying all approved bills for the Convention. ADD- 2. Process all Convention income and expenses through the Convention account for transparency. Expense voucher forms shall be attached to all expense receipts in order for Committee members to be reimbursed for OAC related expenditures. 4. Will come to the Assembly prepared to transfer remaining funds to the Area Treasurer by Two-Day Fall Assembly. 5. Buy necessary bonding insurance to protect the Convention Treasurer. 6. Will have the Treasurer's books reviewed by the Area Review Committee before turning them over to the next Convention Treasurer, including documentation of all income sources, all expense vouchers and payments, bank statements, and other financial information. **[Motion 2026/05 - #7]**

Discussion pursued the presentation of the motion. Colleen F (DR 48) asked if a new account must be created for holding a convention. Ann F and Beth M clarified that they could use their

district account but keep the expenses of the convention separately from the day-to-day business of the district. Carol R seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously to the Spring Assembly for approval.

- **Revise the Handbook of General and Committee Working Procedures for AFG of Ohio, Inc., Section XVII - Ohio Area Convention, Article J - Program Committee, to ADD new Item 3 as follows and then renumber the remaining Items as 4 - 9: ADD - 3.** The Anonymity Statement shall be read prior to each Convention session. (See the Al-Anon / Alateen Service Manual, Digest of Al-Anon and Alateen Policies, Anonymity section). **[Motion 2026/05 - #8]**

Linda L seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously to the Spring Assembly for approval.

The meeting resumed at 4:24 pm after a short break.

13. **Ohio Area Convention (OAC) 2026 Report:** Beth M presented the report highlighting the location and other pertinent details regarding OAC 2026. She reported that the current registration was 30 and encouraged all the members to register and to spread the word out. She also clarified various specifics regarding the room, games/activities planned for the event.
14. **Public Outreach Committee (POC) Report:** Cheryl C (POC Chair) reported that a poster session is being planned for the Spring Assembly. She also reported that she has plans to collect all the area wide outreach efforts and congregate them into the POC. She also enquired about insurance for events in the area.

Ann F clarified that our current Ohio Area Insurance does not cover the groups or health fair events and Susan H (DR 26) is heading a working group which investigates Insurance for area events. Linda L suggested that she has used ACT insurance in the past for fairs/events.

15. **Area Alateen Process Person Report:** Irene B (AAPP) presented her report highlighting the AMIAS recertifications processed and the number of Alateen meetings in the Ohio Area. She also encouraged the members to contact her if they have any questions about AAPP position.
16. **DR 14 Report:** Linda L (DR 14) presented her report highlighting that two groups from the Northwest part of the Greater Cincinnati Intergroup are willing to be redistricted along with a group from Indiana. A new motion will be proposed in the Spring Assembly regarding the merging of two groups. She also reported that there is a new meeting at a Women's shelter and informed that she will be looking in to registering them following a detailed discussion about registering Al-Anon meetings in Correctional facilities and Women's shelter.

New Business:

- Ann F informed the AWSC members that the 2026, 2-Day Fall Assembly will take place in Dublin Ohio, and the contract has been signed for the location.
- Ann F also sought members' ideas regarding the 75th Al-Anon Anniversary. Some of the suggestions are listed below –

Challenge groups to a \$75 contribution.
Trivia from "Lois Remembers"
Presentation from Archives

Historical Skit
Local celebration within each district

- Ann F also asked members to consider sending nominations for Election chair for the elections to be conducted in the upcoming 2-Day Fall Assembly in October 2026.
- The members of the AWSC unanimously opted for the 2026 Fall Assembly to be held via Zoom.
- Ann F also urged members to show Rose (Delegate – Panel 64) our love and thanks for representing the Ohio Area at WSC by sending cards (if members choose to do so). **Cards should arrive after April 17.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm following Al-Anon Declaration.

Dates to Remember

- *May 16, 2026:* Spring Assembly at **Just North UCC, 2040 West Henderson Rd, Columbus 43220 (Hybrid)**
- *August 7- 9, 2026:* OAC, Soaring Towards Serenity, Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning, 4400 Shakertown Road, Beavercreek, OH 45430.
- *August 14-16, 2026:* AA convention with Al-Anon Participation
- *August 22, 2026:* Fall AWSC only on Zoom
- *October 17-18, 2026:* 2-Day Fall Assembly, Dublin Ohio

Respectfully Submitted,
Daisy A
Area Secretary – Panel 64

The minutes of this meeting were distributed via the Ohio Area website; due notice being sent to every registered group on: ___April 4, 2026_____.

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