

Iowa AWCS Meeting  
Marshalltown, IA  
January 15, 2017

Chairperson opened the meeting promptly at 9 am. Total attendance was 23 of which 21 were voting members.

**Secretary Report:** A consensus was made that the Secretary Report was not read due to time constraints and a pending ice storm.

**Treasurer Report:** The Treasurer read the financial statement from October 11, 2016 – December 31, 2016. Balance brought forward was \$22,953.89. Total receipts for the period were \$30,724.96. Total disbursements for the period were \$28,755.46. Balance brought forward on December 31, 2016 was \$23,746.65. The report was filed as read.

**Delegate's Report:** The Delegate shared on the following:

The airline flight has been booked for the 2017 WSC, April 24 – 29, 2017. The theme is “Our Members: Our Hope For The Future”. Chosen agenda items have been submitted. Since this is her first conference, she will have a mentor from Northern California, Panel 55.

The Delegate is the link of communication between groups in the Area and the worldwide fellowship of Al-Anon Family Groups @ the World Service Conference (WSC). If you would like to share your view or concerns, please email them to the Delegate – [lovemycats2004@gmail.com](mailto:lovemycats2004@gmail.com) if you would like your voice heard.

If you would like to send a card to the Delegate or the two Past Delegates when they attend WSC, they can be sent after April 20<sup>th</sup>. (See flyer recently sent for how the cards need to be addressed.)

US North Central Regional Delegates Meeting – The 2017 meeting will be held in Kalamazoo, MI on March 17 – 19, 2017. Four officers and five Past Delegates will be attending. This meeting is to help the new Delegate to prepare for WSC.

Area Serenity Weekend will be held September 22-24 at Twin Lakes Camp, Manson, IA. A planning meeting will be held March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Marshalltown Public Library from 1:30 – 3:30 pm.

Additional service opportunities at WSO (if interested email the Delegate):

- 3 At-Large Trustees for a 3-year term
- 1 At-Large member, Executive Committee for Real Property Management.
- Committee opening:
  - 1 At-Large member, Alateen Work Group (trial basis)
  - 5 At-Large members, Forum Editorial Advisory Committee

- 5 At-Large members, Literature Committee
- 5 At-Large members, Public Outreach Committee
- 2 At-Large members, Audit Committee

Don't forget to sign up for AFG Announcements on the member's web site – Be Informed. Announcements will be delivered to your inbox. These include: Area Highlights, Group eNews and surveys.

**Alternate Delegate's Report:** The Alternate Delegate reported the following:

The 2017 Spring Assembly will be held in Spencer, IA at the Clay County Events Center June 2– 4, 2017. The theme will be "We Are Not Saints". The luncheon speaker will be the North Central Regional Trustee and Chairperson of the Board. Iowa's most recent Past Delegate will be the Spiritual Speaker. The Alateen speaker is yet to be announced. The committees are continuing to meet. Consider reserving your hotel room early.

The 2017 Fall Assembly will be held in Sioux City on October 13-15, 2017 at the Convention Center. The theme will be "Progress, not Perfection". Flyers will be available at the Spring Assembly. The Luncheon Speaker is from Weeping Water, NE. The Alateen speaker is yet to be determined.

Forum Report: Several Alateen and Al-Anon members have had recent articles. Iowa shared in almost 10% of the growth by increasing subscriptions by 100. Total subscriptions were tracked at 1,618. Buy it, read it, give it, leave it.

**Coordinator Reports:**

**Alateen:** No report

**Archives:** Clean up of the Archives is about ½ completed. Nothing has been done with the financials or organizing the Iowa Reaches Out (which was supposed to be on CD, but not) and from the Alternate Delegate's files. Will discuss with past Newsletter Coordinators to see if they have any on their computers. Currently two cabinets are being used, but possibly can combine to one.

Will be emailing everyone a list of what is in the cabinets and how they are organized and a list of what possibly does not belong in the cabinets. Also will list what is missing, things that possibly some districts would like to have for the archives and much more.

Items to be sent to WSO – she did not get a very good response to an email sent asking for a simple majority for the approval to send to WSO. A consensus vote was taken to send materials to WSO as they have requested. Approved.

A consensus vote was also taken to have all the old Area Forums removed from Archives and from the Alternate Delegates records. Approved. Old Forums will be brought to March AWSC for distribution.

**Group Records:** Great job and thanks for the past DR's for updating and sending all the new information in regard to GR's and CMA's. Great way to mentor the new DR's.

Results of Oct / Nov 2017 survey: 67 Coordinators were invited to participate and 57 responded. Overall, the Group Records Coordinators find the WSO on-line application easy to use and it met our needs. Many like and use the “reports” and “search” functions. WSO works hard to make things easier.

Explained the Excel document sent out with five tabs on the bottom. The “printable” tab will be what is most used by DR’s. Please note that if you make changes to this form, they will not be updated unless you provide the information to the Group Records Coordinator. Included a copy of the G-1 form and discussed.

**Literature:** Awaiting her first correspondence from WSO. New workbook available – Paths to Recovery Workbook (P-93 \$10), to go with the book Paths to Recovery (B-24 \$19). They can be purchased together as a set (K-31 \$25, saving \$4).

WSO is always looking for sharings for the Forum. Share your experience, strength and hope around the world!

There is still time to put your thoughts down and send them to WSO to be considered as part of the new daily reader, which will focus on diversity in Al-Anon.

**Newsletter:** Deadlines for 2017 – Feb 1, May 1, August 1, November 1. The Area saves a considerable amount of money if the newsletter can be sent electronically. Possibly use an email buddy who can print out the group’s copy. The newsletter is also posted on the Website. Hard copies are available for \$3.00/year.

**Public Outreach:** DR’s, please send the email or address for your District PO Chairs. She will keep them up to date regarding WSO PO info for your District.

The focus will be:

- Outreach to the public/media
- Outreach to professionals
- Outreach to institutions

The 2<sup>nd</sup> printing of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2017 deadline to order is Wednesday, February 8, 2017. Get your order in.

Check out S-40 pamphlet, “Attracting and Cooperating – A Guide for Members in Public Outreach Service”. Attraction is outlined in Tradition 11.

**Web Page:** Has been working with the past Web Page Coordinator and is learning the ropes and use of WordPress and updates on the website. She will start forwarding emails received as they are received.

**District Reports:** Reports were read from the following Districts: 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14. There were no reports from 1, 3, 5, 6, 12, 13, 15.

**Old Business:**

Area Service Workshop – Well attended (83). It was asked is there could be a breakdown of expenses going forward. Treasurer will work on. If held at the Community College next year, an insurance certificate will be required.

Calendar Wrap Up – 125 calendars were printed @ \$3.50/each. Few extras to be ordered. It was asked if there could be a breakdown of expenses going forward. This will be looked into.

AWSC Agenda Changes – Discussion was held. 9 am start time going until 3 pm. Working lunch where lunch can be ordered in or brought with you. One-year trial. Past Delegate asked if a Task Force has been assigned? Past Chair said that the old and new officers were work on the new agenda (for January), which did happen. Trying for less duplication, reading of reports and expanding on education and discussion of issues. The cost of the room will increase from \$150 to \$200. Even with the 3 pm stop time, it still is the goal to dismiss as early as possible. The Lunch and Learn for March will be Anonymity.

International Convention – Results of bus trip survey. 21 responded, only 13 yes. Not enough interest for a bus. This survey was handed out at Assembly, TEAM event, Serenity Weekend and put on the website.

Meet The Board – Des Moines was not selected. It will be held in Aurora, Colorado on Saturday, October 21, 2017. Maybe next year.

**New Business:**

**Action Committee Assignments:**

Fellowship Communications: Newsletter Coordinator, Web Page Coordinator, Literature Coordinator, District 11 DR, District 2 DR (recorder), District 4 DR, Alternate Delegate, Past Delegate

Group Records: Archives, Alateen and Group Records Coordinators, Area Secretary, District 7 DR (recorder), District 8 DR, District 13 DR, Past Delegate,

Public Outreach: PO Coordinator, Area Chair, Treasurer, District 14 DR (recorder), District 9 DR, District 10 DR, Past Delegate – Panel 51.

Discussion was held as to whether to continue with the Action Committees. It was noted that in the past Area Inventory that the members wanted to keep the Action Committees. Possibly do workshops instead? What are the results of the Action Committees? This will be put on the agenda for March.

**Selected Committees:**

Alateen – Alateen Coordinator, Area Delegate, Past Delegate (Maddy P), DR's from 2 (Tracy) and 14 (Mary E).

Budget – Treasurer, Chairperson, Alternate Delegate.

Web Page – Web Page Coordinator, Treasurer, Group Records Coordinator, DR 9 (Michelle).

Policy Committee – Area Secretary, Chairperson, Newsletter Coordinator, Past Delegate Panel 48 and DR 7 (Val).

Area Inventory – Alt Delegate, Public Outreach, Literature & Archives Coordinator, DR 11 (Geri).

**Proposed New Budget** - Discussed proposed budget. Changes made – Treasurer will resend. Motion made by Delegate: I move the motion to accept the 2017 proposed budget as Amended. Seconded by Past Delegate. 19 – yes, 0 No, 2 abstentions.

**Policy Revisions** – More changes have been submitted to the Policy Committee, which will be presented in March.

**Alateen Coordinator Position** – The Delegate reported that currently the Alateen Coordinator position has not been filled and remains open.

The Alateen Coordinator is responsible for chairing the Iowa Area Alateen Serenity Weekend. Because the position remains open, the weekend has been placed on hold.

The officers, along with the Alateen Committee, will be reviewing the need to further define duties of the Alateen Coordinator, the training of the AMIAS and guidelines for AMIAS behavior. This may require the use of KBDM process.

If there is an individual interested in becoming the Alateen Coordinator, please have them send a resume to [lovemycats2004@gmail.com](mailto:lovemycats2004@gmail.com).

There was discussion regarding what led to the removal of the former Alateen Coordinator. The former Delegate read the letter that was sent to the former Alateen Coordinator. It was decided that this letter would be sent to the DRs for their records and to share with AMIAS in their District.

After discussion there was a consensus vote in support of the decision to remove the former Alateen Coordinator.

All AMIAS applications should be sent to the Chairman. If there are questions/concerns that arise regarding Alateen, contact the Delegate.

**Area Bylaws** – Alternate Delegate discussed the option of hiring another attorney to complete the Area Bylaws at \$150/hour. This is estimated to take about 1-2 hours.

Motion made by Alternate Delegate: I make a motion that we hire a professional attorney to create Area ByLaws. Treasurer seconded. 19 yes, 2 abstentions.

**Spring Assembly Agenda** – Agenda was set with Trustee presenting information on her trip to Italy for IAGSM – 9-10 am Saturday morning. Sunday morning 9-10 – Ask It Basket.

The meeting closed at 12:52 PM with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Area Secretary

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

February 1, 2017	Newsletter Deadline
March 11, 2017	Serenity Weekend Planning Meeting – Marshalltown Library 1:30 pm
March 12, 2017	AWSC – Marshalltown, IA
March 17 – 19, 2017	RDM – Kalamazoo, MI
May 1, 2017	Newsletter Deadline
June 2-4, 2017	Spring Assembly, Spencer, IA
August 1, 2017	Newsletter Deadline
August 12, 2017	AWSC – Marshalltown, IA
October 13-15, 2017	Fall Assembly, Sioux City, IA
November 1, 2017	Newsletter Due

### **Iowa Al-Anon Literature Depots:**

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West Des Moines, IA 50265  
515-277-5059  
[www.al-anondesmoines.org](http://www.al-anondesmoines.org)

2801 Jackson St.  
Sioux City, IA 51104  
712-255-6724  
[www.afg.aiclit@yahoo.com](mailto:www.afg.aiclit@yahoo.com)

### **Iowa Information Centers:**

Des Moines AIS/LDC – 515-277-5059  
Ames - 515-233-6312  
Sioux City AIS/LDC – 712-255-6724

**New Area URL: <http://iowa-al-anon.org>**

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