

**Iowa Area AWSC Meeting  
Marshalltown, IA  
January 21, 2018**

Virginia B., Chairperson, opened the meeting at 9:03 am. Total attendance was 26 of which 23 were voting members of the AWSC.

**Secretary Report (Linda A)**: The minutes from the 2017 Fall Assembly were mailed electronically earlier to be read before the meeting; they were not read during the meeting. There were no changes or additions. A consensus vote was taken and approved. The minutes will be filed.

**Treasurer Report (Jean L.)**: Read the financial statement from October 2, 2017 – December 31, 2017. Balance brought forward was \$30,840.77. Total receipts year-to-date were \$45,284.15. Total disbursements for the year were \$22,570.45. Balance brought forward on December 31, 2017 was \$22,894.38. The report was filed as read. A consensus vote was taken and approved for the Treasurer's Report and will be filed as read.

**Delegate's Report (Beth K)**: 2018 World Service Conference will be held in West Harrison, NY on April 16<sup>th</sup> – April 20<sup>th</sup>. Stepping Stones will be visited by the Conference attendees. The theme is "Al-Anon – There Is No Standing Still", which is an excerpt from a statement made by Lois W.

**Chosen Agenda Items** – If you have an idea to be submitted for the chosen agenda, please contact Beth K. for the upcoming WSC.

**Area Highlights** – Delegates share Area Highlights at the WSC. Beth will share some of Iowa's successes and opportunities.

**RDM (Regional Delegate's Meeting)**: Will be held March 16-18, 2018 in Duluth, MN. Three Officers and four Past Delegates will attend.

**WSO Announcements**: Check out and sign up on the website to connect to "In The Loop". If DRs and Coordinators are not receiving the AFG Connects, contact Beth K.

**Al-Anon's 6<sup>th</sup> International Convention**: The convention will be held July 6<sup>th</sup> – July 8<sup>th</sup> in Baltimore, MD. WSO wants to hear from you on the type of session formats or topics you want. If interested in attending, register on line or ask Beth K. about the possibility to "getting on the bus" with Minnesota North. If attending, considering going to the Day of Connecting on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Service Opportunities available at WSO**: There are several opportunities – check out Beth's report or contact Beth directly.

**Alternate Delegate's Report (Katy P)**:

**The 2018 Spring Assembly** – Clear Lake, IA – June 8-10, 2018. Theme: United We Recover. The Al-Anon luncheon speaker will be Mary H, Panel 54 Delegate MN South from Winnebago, MN. Gary B.

from Indianola will be the spiritual speaker on Sunday. The Alateen speaker is yet to be determined. Note: The conference room will be small and may be warm. Display space is limited.

The 2018 Fall Assembly – Davenport, IA – October 12-14, 2018 - Davenport, IA. The luncheon speaker will be Sarah S., the current Missouri Delegate. Nancy H. from Davenport, IA will be the spiritual speaker. The Alateen speaker is yet to be determined.

Forum Report: Check out the Iowa submissions. WSO is working on creating a new means to access Forum usage data. Katy P. will update when available.

**Coordinator Reports: (Reports were electronically submitted to the AWSC and not read)**

**Alateen** – Regina K - Celebrating 60 years! Alateen Serenity Weekend will be held April 27-29, 2018 at Wesley Woods in Indianola, IA. The theme will be Solutions to Serenity. Commemorative water bottles will be included with the \$100 registration fee. Tie-dying will be available, but participants will need to bring their own article of clothing.

Additional AMIAS training will be held during free time at the Alateen weekend. All AMIAS are welcome.

Two new AMIAS have registered since the Fall Assembly. One new group opened in Marshalltown.

Check out the Teen Corner and the Chat Rooms.

**Archives:** Lori R – Still needs quite a few documents to have a complete set of Assembly flyers. Also plans on gathering more Iowa Reach Out newsletters.

**Group Records:** Becky V – WSO has developed a new Group Registration form along with a group change form. These forms are on the WSO website. To ensure you are using the new forms, be sure they have the date 9/17 in the lower corner. DR's please share these forms with your groups and follow the structure when sending revised information to Group Records or the WSO.

Currently there are 167 registered meetings and 105 GR's. It is important to remind our groups that they need to have a CMA/contact person for all groups so that they continue to have contact with WSO and receive the Area Newsletter.

**Literature:** Missy Y – Participated in a recent WSO conference calls recently. Between the last two calls, 30 members participated. The AFG Connects discussion board is also a great way to communicate.

The 2018 – 2021 Service Manual will be available for purchase of \$5.00 in March or April. It is currently available immediately for download electronically from the WSO website.

Pieces of literature in process: Understanding and Hope for Parents and Grandparents (P-94), Intimacy Book and the new daily reader.

WSO is still looking for sharing for CAL Corner in the Forum.

Check out the WSO website for a wealth of information regarding sample chapters, downloadable literature and much more.

**Newsletter:** Mary S – Reminder to GRs – Individuals members may subscribe to the Newsletter electronically (free) by sending their request to [iowareachesout@yahoo.com](mailto:iowareachesout@yahoo.com). Also available for \$3/year to have the newsletter mailed to you monthly. Reminder – the next newsletter deadline is February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Public Outreach:** Lisa G – Don't forget to take the AI-Anon Survey – [www.AI-Anon.org/18membersurvey](http://www.AI-Anon.org/18membersurvey). Make a difference and be counted.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> printing of AI-Anon Faces Alcoholism is ready to order and must be placed by February 7, 2018. The copies will be sent by April 1, 2018. Order forms are available on-line.

**Web Page:** The answers to the trivia contest from the Fall Assembly have been posted on the website. Check out the new questions and bring your answers to the Spring Assembly to win a prize.

The Web Page Committee has decided to continue to post District websites. Sometimes the information on the District and Iowa websites don't match. Everyone is encouraged to ask their District website coordinators to verify this and inform me of any updates.

The Web Page Committee also discussed posting flyers. We need to know if the event is an AI-Anon event with AA participation. If there are any additional questions, I will discuss it with the Web Page Committee.

"Sign up for Iowa AI-Anon" from the [iowa-al-anon.org](http://iowa-al-anon.org) home page in order to receive updates and information. Please also visit the new AI-Anon.org website which is also accessible through the Iowa website.

**District Reports:** Reports were submitted electronically but not read by the following DR's: 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 14. There were no reports from 5, 6, 10, 12,13 or 15.

### **Old Business:**

**2018 Service Workshop Wrap-up:** Virginia B. - 62 people attended the Service Workshop. Great workshops were held. Motion was made by Lorraine R. to have a Service Workshop in 2019. Seconded by Jean L. Passed by consensus vote.

**2018 Area Calendars:** Lisa G – \$3.50/each. 112 orders were placed. The printer missed inserting information from District 3. As a result, they reduced the charge and provided additional calendars. Audrey from District 3 will send out the information to Virginia so that everyone has the needed information. Total profit \$157.92.

**By-Law Update:** Katy P. – Legal counsel and several members have met to discuss the language of the By-Laws. Connie H. has provided information from other Areas. The By-Laws were read and discussed. Motion was made by Trisha K. "I make the motion that we accept the By-Laws of Iowa State AI-Anon Family Groups with grammatical corrections." Seconded by Jean L. Vote: 23 approved. The By-Laws will be posted on the Iowa Website once corrections are made.

## **New Business:**

Group Records: Becky V. shared a power point handout about updating Group Records with group changes. WSO now has new forms which were mentioned in her report.

2018 Serenity Weekend & Planning: Beth K - Options were submitted for a discussion and vote to be made regarding the 2018 Serenity Weekend. Option #1: Twin Lakes – Sept 14-16, 2018. Option #2: Wesley Woods – September 21-23, 2018. Option #3: Not to have a Serenity Weekend in 2018. Pros and cons were discussed, including pricing, programs and logistics. A majority vote was taken. The weekend will be held at Wesley Woods on September 21-23, 2018. The usual weekend in September will be reserved at Twin Lakes for 2019.

2018 Spring Agenda: Agenda was discussed. Workshop to be held: Saturday – Mary H – Empowering Ourselves by Using the Legacies and Policy While Seeking Solutions. Sunday – Jean L. and Beth K. – Spiritual Finances at the group level.

2018 Budget: Jean L. presented the 2018 budget. Discussion was held. It was approved with a consensus vote.

Regional Trustee Resume: Beth K. - Discussed requirements to stand for this position. Resumes are due to the Area Chairman by 5/1/18. A vote to confirm Iowa's support of any candidate(s) will be taken at the Spring Assembly if any qualified resumes are received.

Articles of Incorporation Update: Katy P. – Initial Articles were filed in 1973. The latest version was filed in 1993 and may be sufficient for our purposes. More information in March.

Policy Committee: Linda A. – presented the remainder of the proposed changes to the Iowa Area Al-Anon / Alateen Policies and Procedures. Discussion was held. Motion was made by Linda A. I move that all the changes presented by the Policy Committee regarding the Iowa Policy guidelines to be approved and amended by consensus of the AWSC on January 21, 2018. If approved, the manual will be updated and forwarded to the AWSC members and posted on the Iowa Area website.” Motion was seconded by Lisa G. Approved unanimously.

A motion was made to close the meeting at 12:05. Seconded by Tracy HG.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda A.  
Area Secretary

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

February 1, 2018	Iowa Reaches Out Newsletter deadline
March 10, 2018	Serenity Weekend Planning Meeting, 1:30pm, Hampton Inn, Marshalltown, IA
March 11, 2018	Iowa AWSC meeting, Hampton Inn, 9am, Marshalltown, IA
March 16-20, 2018	US North Central Regional Delegates Meeting, Duluth, MN
April 27-29, 2018	Alateen Serenity Weekend, Camp Wesley Woods
May 1, 2018	Iowa Reaches Out Newsletter deadline
June 8-10, 2018	Spring Assembly, Clear Lake, IA
August 1, 2018	Iowa Reaches Out Newsletter deadline
August 5, 2018	Iowa AWSC meeting, Hampton Inn, 9am, Marshalltown, IA
September 21-23, 2018	Serenity Weekend, Wesley Woods, Indianola, IA
October 12-14, 2018	Fall Assembly, Davenport, IA
November 1, 2018	Iowa Reaches Out Newsletter deadline

**Iowa Al-Anon Literature Depots:**

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Sioux City, IA 51104  
712-255-6724  
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**Iowa Information Centers:**

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