

**IOWA AREA FALL ASSEMBLY  
CARROLL, IA - OCTOBER 12, 2019**

Virginia B., Chairperson, opened the meeting promptly at 9 am and proceeded directly to elections of the new Area Officers. Two members were asked to assist with the collecting the ballots. Margaret M. made a motion "I move that the Area Delegate and Area Alternate Delegate be elected by 2/3 majority. If after 3 ballots a 2/3 majority is not reached, then a 4<sup>th</sup> ballot will be taken and the candidates with the majority of the votes be declared elected. Also that the positions of Area Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer be elected by simple majority". Lorraine R. seconded the motion. 104 members were in attendance, of which 51 were voting members, leaving 2/3 votes at 34. Officers were elected by this method by the GR's in attendance. Panel 60 Area Officers voted in: Chair: Virginia B., Delegate: Katy P. Alt. Delegate: Missy Y., Secretary: Becky V., Treasurer: Linda A.

Election of Coordinators was held after the Business Meeting, which was done by the AWSC members by simple majority. Panel 60 Coordinators voted in: Alateen: Lorraine R., Archives: Tracy V., Group Records: Tracy HG, Literature: Mary E., Public Outreach: Michelle K. Currently, the positions of Newsletter and Web Page Coordinator are open. These positions will be appointed by the incoming Delegate. Thank you for the willingness to serve to all who stood for an Area Officer or a Coordinator.

Virginia B., Chairperson, opened the business meeting at 10:07 am.

**Secretary Report** The minutes from the 2019 August AWSC were approved by consensus vote and filed.

**Treasurer Report** - Lori R.: Read the financial statement from August 1 – October 1, 2019. Balance brought forward was \$27,831.19. Total receipts for the period were \$6,528.21. Total disbursements were \$1,720.52. Balance brought forward on October 1, 2019 was \$32,638.88. The report was approved by consensus vote and filed as read.

**Delegate's Report:** Beth K.:

Open positions at WSO – Group Services Specialist and Editorial Quality Specialist (Spanish bilingual). See Beth for details.

2020 World Service Conference (WSC) – The 2020 WSC will be April 20-24, 2020 in Virginia Beach, VA. The theme will be "Dreaming Big with 20/20 Vision". Congratulations to Katy P. who will be attending.

WSO Finance Report: Based on financial statements for the period ending 6/30/19, literature sales are higher than expected because of the sales of *Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships* (B-33) and the *Just for Tonight* bookmark. Other sales are also meeting or exceeding expectations.

Contributions are trending below budgeted and historical levels. Please ask your groups to consider giving WSO an additional \$25 above and beyond from last year.

Policy Update: The Policy Committee has held discussions regarding further consideration of the policy on Al-Anon members who are also members of AA participating in Al-Anon service applies to prior members of AA and how or if former members of AA might be defined and by whom. **This does not mean there will be any changes to our current Policy; it only means there will be further discussion on the topic.** See the CoB letter on the Al-Anon website for additional information.

References to Drug Addiction in Public Outreach Materials as posted by Vali F., WSO Executive Director. This post discussed the review of including the words "drug" and "drug addiction" in addition to

“alcohol” and “alcoholism”. While well intended, members are urged to keep Al-Anon’s 12 Traditions in mind with communicating with the public. The full post can be found the Website.

AA’s 85<sup>th</sup> International Conference: Online registration for AA’s International Convention with Al-Anon participation is open. The convention will be held July 2-5, 2020 in Detroit, MI with the theme “Love and Tolerance is our Code”.

WSO’s 2018 Annual Report is now available in three languages. To view the report, go to the Al-Anon website, click on the Members tab, then WSO and then the Annual Report.

US North Central Regional Delegates Meeting – The 2020 meeting will be held in Indianapolis, IN on March 20-22, 2020.

Area Serenity Weekend: 52 attended and enjoyed “Egg-cited for Serenity”. See full report.

### **Alternate Delegate’s Report** - Katy P.:

The 2020 Spring Assembly – Storm Lake, IA, Buena Vista College – June 5-7, 2020. Al-Anon luncheon speaker – Lynette K., Trustee from Baltic, SD. Co-chairs are Virginia B. and Mary E. Dorm rooms are available for \$18-\$30 per night. Roommates should be noted on the back lower right side of the flyer. Unlimited coffee will be available for \$10 or \$1/cup. The next planning meeting will be January 25, 2020.

The 2020 Fall Assembly will be held in Coralville, IA at the Radisson Hotel on October 9-11, 2020.

### **The FORUM**

Included the subscription numbers for the Forum. The report is based on the actual number of copies sent out each month. Group subscriptions vary because some groups receive multiple copies.

Numbers are trending down overall for group subscriptions but are increasing for individuals. Group Representatives, please go back and ask your groups to consider *gifting* itself a copy of the Forum. This *giving gift* provides inspiration, hope, recovery, CAL insights and informative updates each month. It can be shared among members, used for public outreach or given to a newcomer. Each Forum magazine includes an order form in the back of the magazine. Subscriptions can also be made on the WSO website. To purchase or renew online, go to Al-anon.org. Click on Al-Anon Store, then find the tab for the FORUM. An \$11 subscription can be purchased for yourself, your group or as a gift for only \$.92/month. What a wonderful gift to give yourself, your sponsee or your group!

A special shout out to Veronica M for her beautiful picture on the back of the October Forum. Also check out Sabrina’s article in the Alateen section of the October Forum. The Forum welcomes your sharings on a variety of topics including our three legacies.

### **Coordinator Reports:**

Alateen – Lorraine R. – Iowa Area Alateen Serenity Weekend will be April 17-19, 2020. The theme is Paths to Serenity. Registration deadline will be March 31, 2020. Flyers are available. White t-shirts will be available with the “Iowa Serenity Weekend” logo in red and will be ready to be tie-dyed.

The August AWSC approved changes to the Alateen portion of our Iowa Area Al-Anon/Alateen Policy and Procedure Guidelines. The changes can be seen on the Iowa-al-anon.org website.

A DVD was purchased from WSO titled “Al-Anon and Alateen’s Role in Family Recovery” and is available for public outreach opportunities.

Check out the Alateen Talk for recent submissions by Iowa teens. Alateen Talk is available for \$7.50/year for 10 copies.

Archives: Lori R. – Has left a couple of projects for the next Archivist, including missing newsletters and putting together of financial paperwork. Suggested purchasing two new cabinets.

Group Records – Becky V. – Still two groups are on a “no-mail” list with WSO. Good news – WSO has developed a new registration form for groups. In the area of Meeting Attendees, it has check-off boxes to indicate the type of members that are attending (families or families and friends only).

Provide all new District group positions (GR and Alt GR) to Becky by December 15<sup>th</sup> or sooner. This can be done electronically or emailed. A new directory will be sent out the first part of January.

Literature – Missy Y. – *New Daily Reader* (working title) – WSO is in the process of hiring a professional freelance writer/editor who is an AI-Anon member to analyze all sharings received and submit drafts to the Literature Committee for review. Once evaluated, the fellowship will be notified of any topics for which additional writings are needed.

*Alateen Newcomer Packet* (K-18) – to reduce rising costs and efficiently allocate resources, this newcomer kit, like the previous packet, has been converted to a booklet. The new booklet offers a more aesthetically pleasing product and provides ease of use. Price will increase from \$1.40 to \$1.75.

*2020 CAL Catalog* (S-15): The English version of this free service tool is now available. It was included with the September Forum and is also available as a free download at [al-anon.org/cal-catalog](http://al-anon.org/cal-catalog).

*Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships* (B-32) is now over a year old (6<sup>th</sup> best seller). Encourage members to continue to use this book.

Consider sharing your story to *WSO Cal Corner*, *The Forum*, and the *New Daily Reader* (working title).

Newsletter – Mary S. – The November-January issue of Iowa Reaches Out will be the last issue of this term. If you wish to continue your current subscription, there is nothing you need to do. All info will be passed onto the next Newsletter Coordinator. If you would like to be added to the email list, complete the form and return to Mary at [iowareachesout@yahoo.com](mailto:iowareachesout@yahoo.com) to receive instructions for subscribing. The cost is \$3.00/year or \$9/for the term.

Public Outreach – Lisa G. – Remember to use the AFA (AI-Anon Faces Alcoholism) for public outreach purposes. These can be used at treatment centers, doctor’s office, etc. The 2019 magazine can still be ordered while supplies last. Members will be notified when the 2020 AFA is available. Lisa is available to help the new Coordinator as needed, including handing over the display and the Public Outreach binder. AFG Connects and the G38 guideline are good tools to use.

Web Page – Hedi M. – All DR’s must make sure that the meeting lists on the website are up to date. Also verify revision dates which must be updated yearly. Currently Districts 11 and 14 need to be updated. Districts 5, 6, 10, 12 and 15 have been directed to the Iowa meeting list.

The old Spanish menu item on the Website had been changed to “Announcements”. This page can be used for any important information about Iowa or WSO news.

District AI-Anon flyers can be submitted in PDF format to be posted on the website.

District Reports: Districts reports read: 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 14. No reports were submitted by Districts 5, 6, 10, 12, 13 and 15.

**Old Business:**

Area Serenity Weekend – Beth K. – Twin Lakes, Manson, IA was held on September 20-22, 2019. There were 54 registered - 44 A's, 3 B's and 7 C's. Two cancellations. Discussed low attendance and possible options for 2020. The 2019 contract to the camp was for \$7,000. An additional \$2,010 will need to be submitted due to low attendance.

2020 available dates are: September 18-20 and September 25-27.

A KBDM Committee will be organized at the January 2020 AWSC and will be put on the agenda.

Deb H. made a motion to sign a contract with the camp for \$5,000 for September 25-27, 2020. Seconded by Lisa G. Approved by consensus.

Iowa Policy and Procedures – Virginia B. previously sent an email to the AWSC asking for suggestions for changes to verbiage for specific AWSC positions. This is due back to Virginia by December 1, 2019.

Area Service Workshop - The Service Workshop will be held Saturday, January 11, 2020 at the Iowa Valley Community College. Check out the flyers on the website.

**New Business:**

Shredding of documents: Lori R. suggested shredding documents, old Serenity Weekend registrations and some treasury information. Motion was made by Tracy V. to shred anything with name/ address/etc. of items in the treasury information, including past Serenity Weekend registrations. Seconded by Jayden O. Discussed and decided to table until January AWSC. Lori will provide a list of what needs to be shredded.

Purchase of Archive Cabinets: Lori R./Virginia B: Suggested purchasing two new four drawer cabinets for Archives as they are in bad shape. This will be submitted to the Budget Committee and will be discussed at the January AWSC.

Area Calendars – Provide district meetings/events dates to LuAnne T. by December 2<sup>nd</sup> and orders by December 13. The calendars are \$4.00/each and will be distributed at the Service Workshop in January.

**Equalized Expenses – WSC –**

Lorraine R. made a motion to pay the equalized amount of \$1,959 for the Delegate to attend to the 2020 WSC. Discussed and motion did not pass.

Lyndsey N. made a motion to pay the budgeted amount of \$2,500 for the equalized expense for the Delegate to attend the 2020 WSC. Seconded by Jennifer M. Approved by consensus.

The meeting adjourned at 4:07 pm and closed with the AI-Anon Declaration.

In Service,

Linda A. - Area Secretary

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

November 1, 2019	Iowa Reaches Out Newsletter deadline
January 11, 2020	Service Workshop, Iowa Valley CC, Marshalltown, IA
January 12, 2020	Iowa AWSC meeting, Hampton Inn, 9am, Marshalltown, IA
February 1, 2020	Iowa Reaches Out Newsletter deadline
March 7, 2020	Serenity Weekend Planning Meeting
March 8, 2020	Iowa AWSC meeting, Hampton Inn, 9am, Marshalltown, IA
March 20-22, 2020	Regional Delegates Meeting, Indianapolis, IN
April 17-19, 2020	Alateen Serenity Weekend
April 20-24, 2020	World Service Conference, Virginia Beach, VA
May 1, 2020	Iowa Reaches Out Newsletter deadline
June 5-7, 2020	Spring Assembly, BV University, Storm Lake, IA
August 1, 2020	Iowa Reaches Out Newsletter deadline
August 9, 2020	Iowa AWSC meeting, Hampton Inn 9:00 am, Marshalltown, IA
October 9-11, 2020	Fall Assembly, Radisson Hotel, Coralville, IA

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