

**IOWA AREA FALL ASSEMBLY**  
**Southwestern Community College**  
**Hybrid Zoom Link**  
**Creston, Iowa, IA**  
**June 10-12 2022**

Virginia B., Area Chairperson, opened the Saturday hybrid meeting at 3:00 PM, June 11, 2022 with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Virginia B. reviewed the etiquette of the meeting which was held hybrid, via Zoom, so those who could not be there physically had the opportunity to join the Assembly. Virtual members had to register for the Assembly in the same manner as those who attended in person and then were given the Assembly Zoom link. 18 members registered for the virtual link. There were a total of 42 GRs registered to vote, 33 in person and 9 virtually.

All Assembly reports were posted on the Iowa AI-Anon website before the Assembly. Please visit [www.iowa-al-anon.org](http://www.iowa-al-anon.org), under the Members tab. Use the drop down box to the listing of Iowa Area Assembly. These reports are available for all Area members.

**Secretary Report** -The minutes from the 2022 August AWSC were approved by a consensus on Saturday June 11th. The minutes were posted on the Iowa Webpage for prior review to the Assembly. Please visit the Iowa Website for a complete copy of the minutes.

**Treasurer Report** –The financial statement from March 6 – May 31, 2022 was presented and was also posted on the Iowa AI-Anon website prior to the meeting. Balance brought forward was \$29,075.25. Total receipts for this period were \$3,916.94. Total disbursements were \$3,727.26 which brought the total balance forward on May 31, 2022 to \$29,264.93. A correction will be made to the report to show the correct year for the Twin Lakes Serenity Weekend deposit as 2021. The report was approved by consensus. Please visit the Iowa Website for a complete copy of this report.

**Delegate's Report** – Katy P., shared her World Service Conference report via PowerPoint by using the hybrid platform earlier on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The 2022 Conference theme, “Enhancing Our Recovery through Abundance, Unity, and Understanding” was held physically in Tarrytown, New York April 25-29, 2022. This conference allowed Katy to meet her fellow Delegates face to face and enjoy time together rather than virtually. There were 87 voting members at the 2022 World Conference with 66 Delegates, 11 Trustees, 3 At-Large members of the Executive committee and 7 WSO staff. There were also non-voting Conference members in the General Session Room. Iowa individual members, groups and districts generously sent \$537 for Katy to take her love gifts from Iowa.

Conference began with the historical vote of including the Electronic Area into the World Service Conference structure. Ozzie A., the Global Electronic Area Delegate, was welcomed and what an amazing feeling to participate in widening the circle of AI-Anon Family Groups.

Katy's complete World Service Conference report can be found on the Iowa Area Website at [www.iowa-alanon.org](http://www.iowa-alanon.org)

**Alternate Delegate's Report** – Thanks to District 7 for hosting the Fall Assembly in Creston, IA at the Southwest Iowa Community College. Our Luncheon speakers, Sue and Evelyn did a wonderful job on Saturday. The workshop Sue presented on Sunday morning followed by Heidi M. sharing her story was a great way to finish the weekend.

“A Moment of Clarity” is the theme for the Fall 2022 Assembly in Spencer at the Clay County Events Center. Luanne T. and Tracy H.G. will be the co-chairs. Our AI-Anon Luncheon speaker is still to be decided and our Sunday morning Spiritual Speaker will be Connie H. from Arnolds Park. You can register by going to <https://area-24-fall-2022-conference.cheddarup.com> or send in a paper registration. Pre-registrations are due no later than September 16, 2022. The Spring 2023 Conference will be held at the Grinnell College in Grinnell Iowa. Carolyn S, Cedar Rapids will be the chair and she is currently looking for a co-chair and

committee. The speakers are yet to be chosen and will be announced later.

**The Forum:** On April 20th I was able to participate in a quarterly Forum Coordinator conference call. We had 25 people on the call from the US and Canada. It was interesting to hear what other Areas do to encourage usage and sharing's for The Forum. I also enjoyed hearing other Forum Coordinators share what their position entails in their Area. Some of them also serve as the Alternate Delegates, like Iowa and many serve as Literature Coordinators in addition to their Forum Coordinator position.

We have an Iowa Alateen published in the May 2022 Forum. Johanna M. from District 7 has a sharing on the Alateen page.

A very special thank you to Lorraine R. for stepping in for me (Missy Y.) this weekend as I was not able to attend the Assembly. Please visit the Iowa Website for a full copy of this report.

**Coordinator and DR Reports:** Coordinator and DR reports were posted on the Iowa Website before the Assembly. The Coordinators read their reports and DRs from Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13 and 14 read their reports. Those Coordinators and DRs who were not able to attend the Assembly in person presented their reports virtually. Please visit the Iowa Website for these reports.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**AREA SERENITY WEEKEND UPDATE:** The Area Serenity Weekend will be September 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Twin Lakes Christian Center in Manson, IA. The weekend theme is "Reaching for Personal Freedom". Pre-registration and payment in full is required by September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 with no refunds, (after September 10, 2022) no walk ins or late registrations please. **Mail in pre-registration must be post marked by September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Online registration is encouraged.** Registration and check may be mailed in or use your credit card or PayPal account to register for the package of your liking and to also order totes, t-shirts and/or sweatshirts by our Iowa Website at [www.iowa-al-anon.org](http://www.iowa-al-anon.org) Look for the "Store" on the home page. There is also a \$4.00 processing fee when using a credit/debit card.

**EGWG (Electronic Groups Work Group):** At our Spring 2021 Assembly and with the GR's consensus, Iowa formed a work group, called the Electronic Groups Work Group (EGWG) to investigate the pros and cons of including an electronic component into our Area structure. A vote was taken and was approved. Our 7-person electronic workgroup consists of the Chair, Delegate, Treasurer, Past Delegate, Group Records, Public Outreach and a DR. Since the 2021 Conference, Iowa has held multiple presentations and discussions covering the questions in the Guideline presented by the WSO. The work of our EGWG culminated in a Gallery Walk presentation and discussion to elicit member feedback and most recently in a Town Hall. Our investigative process is preparing us for our crucial vote at this Assembly with the following motions.

### **Motion #1**

**A motion was made by Katy P. and seconded by Linda A. for Iowa AFG to establish District 16 as an Electronic District with all electronic groups filtering into this District first.**

The voting members that were in person at the Assembly voted by the show of their voting cards while the voting members that joined virtually, voted by an electronic poll. Motion was passed.

### **Motion #2**

**Iowa AFG recommend, for the 2023-2025 term, that Officer and Coordinator resumes only be accepted from those members who physically reside in Iowa.**

Motion made by Virginia B. and seconded by Katy P. The voting members that were in person at the Assembly voted by the show of their voting cards, while the voting members that joined virtually, voted by an electronic poll. Motion was passed.

A consensus was taken and approved that the Iowa Area Alternate Delegate, in cooperation with the Area Group Records Coordinator, will assist the initial formation of the Electronic District (16), and with the election of a DR for this District (if needed).

**Iowa Policy and Procedure Update:** Since our committee was notified by the Electronic Meeting Workgroup that there were areas in the manual that may need more clarification, we started meeting again every other Sunday evening. We decided to begin by reviewing Policy. We have added the word "Iowa" in multiple places along with adding the words 'face to face or virtual' to descriptions, We continue to discuss the importance of being inclusive of all members as much as possible in our service structure whether they attend face to face or electronic meetings. As we proceed, any Policy changes we suggest will need to be approved by the GRs at the Assembly. The Committee is excited to once again schedule a special day to go over all the changes at once instead of taking time at AWSC and Assemblies. It worked out very well in 2020 and it also allowed for more participation. Mark your calendars for June 25, 2022 @ 9:00 AM. We are scheduling two hours for this discussion so hopefully everyone can make it!

Please visit the Iowa Website for a full copy of this report.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Iowa Area Technology Coordinator:** Linda A. reviewed the background and highlighted the Iowa Area Technology Coordinator 'job description' that was voted on and approved at the August 2022 AWSC meeting and a motion to bring forward to the Spring Assembly for approval.

#### **Motion #3**

**Iowa AFG presents a motion to establish an Area Technology Coordinator position as part of the Iowa Coordinators. This position will be part of the 2022 Fall Assembly elections as a permanent elected position.**

Motion made by Linda A. and seconded by Virginia B. The voting members that were in person at the Assembly voted by the show of their voting cards, while the voting members that joined virtually, voted by an electronic poll. Motion was passed.

**Election Procedures:** The Election Procedures were presented with questions presented by Virginia B. and Becky V. In order to meet service attendance requirements, it is the responsibility of individuals who desire to stand for an Area officer position, to declare their intention to the Area Secretary prior to or at the June Assembly of the election year. Resumes are available on the Iowa Website and submitted to the Area Chairperson and either US post mark-dated or emailed dated by July 1<sup>st</sup> of the election year.

**Trustee At Large:** The Board of Trustees, as mentioned in Concepts 6-9, consists of both Regional Trustees and Trustees at Large. Both serve in the same capacity and for a 3-year term. Both request that candidates have served beyond the group level and have 10 years of continuous participation in AI-Anon reflecting a broader understanding of the Legacies and service structure. See additional qualifications on the AI-Anon.org website. The main distinction is that a Trustee at Large (TAL) can live anywhere within the World Service Conference (WSC) structure. The résumé form is submitted directly to the World Service Office (WSO). A Regional Trustee candidate lives in the Region and the resume is submitted through the Area. In Iowa we follow the process outlined in our Policy and Procedures.

If you are called or know someone you think would be a perfect for this volunteer position, please review the application and the process for applying on the AI-Anon.org website. Applications are available online at <https://al-anon.org/for-members/board-of-trustees/wso-volunteers/board-of-trustees/>. Resumes for Trustee at Large positions are due by August 15th. Any questions, please contact Katy P.

The meeting closed with the Al-Anon Declaration at 4:00 PM.

Respectably submitted,  
Becky V. - Area Secretary

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

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| June 25, 2022     | Iowa Policy & Procedure Update Review-via Zoom            |
| July 1, 2022      | Iowa Resumes Due  |
| August 1, 2022    | Iowa Reaches Out Newsletter Deadline                      |
| August 21, 2022   | Iowa AWSC meeting, Hampton Inn, 9:00 AM, Marshalltown, IA |
| September 23-25   | Area Serenity Weekend, Twin Lakes, Manson, Iowa           |
| October 7-9, 2022 | Fall Assembly, Spencer, IA                                |
| November 1, 2022  | Iowa Reaches Out Newsletter Deadline                      |
| January 2023      | Iowa AWSC meeting, Hampton Inn, 9:00 AM, Marshalltown, IA |
| February 1, 2023  | Iowa Reaches Out Newsletter Deadline                      |
| March 2023        | Iowa AWSC meeting, Hampton Inn, 9:00 AM, Marshalltown, IA |
| May 1, 2023       | Iowa Reaches Out Newsletter Deadline                      |
| June 9-11, 2023   | Spring Assembly, Grinnell College                         |

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[www.iowa-al-anon.org](http://www.iowa-al-anon.org)

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