#### IOWA AREA FALL ASSEMBLY Clay County Event Center Hybrid Zoom Link Spencer, Iowa October 7-9, 2022

Virginia B., Area Chairperson, opened the Saturday meeting at 9 am October 8, 2022 with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Virginia B. proceeded directly to the elections of the new Area Officers. The meeting 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.

Two members were asked to assist with collecting the ballots from the members that were in person at the Assembly and a poll was given to the voting members attending virtually. Lyndsey 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, the a 4<sup>th</sup> ballot will be taken and the candidate with the majority of the votes will be declared elected. Also, the positions of Area Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer will be elected by simple majority." Kathy H. seconded the motion. There were 74 in attendance, of which 34 were voting members, leaving 2/3 votes at 24. Officers were elected by this method by the GRs in attendance virtually and in person. Panel 63 Iowa Area Officers voted in: Chairperson: Katy P., Delegate: Becky V., Alternate Delegate: Linda A., Secretary: Tracy H.G., Treasurer: Michelle K.

Following the election of the Officers, the election of Iowa Area Coordinators was held, elected by the Iowa AWSC members by simple majority. Panel 63 Iowa Area Coordinators voted in: Archives: Missy Y., Group Records: Libby W., Literature: Luanne T., Public Outreach: Carolyn S., Website: Jamie V., and the new position of Technology Coord.: Connie H. Currently, the positions of Alateen and Newsletter are open. These positions will be appointed by the incoming Delegate. Thank you to everyone for the willingness who stood for the Iowa Area as our new Officers and Coordinators.

Virginia B., Chairperson, closed the elections at 11:15 am and a reminder for everyone that the Assembly Business meeting would start promptly at 2pm following the luncheon with speakers Gabe P., Alateen and our Al-Anon speaker Beth K.

Virginia B., Chairperson, opened the Area Business meeting at 2pm with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. The Assembly Evaluation Questions to think about throughout the meeting were read.

<u>Secretary Report</u> -The minutes from the 2022 August AWSC were approved by a consensus on Friday, October 7th. 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.

<u>Treasurer Report</u> –The financial statement from Aug 11- Sept 30, 2022 was presented by Linda A. and was also posted on the Iowa AI-Anon website prior to the meeting. Balance brought forward was \$29,933.71. Total receipts for this period were \$6,477.78. Total disbursements were \$11,253.88 which brought the total balance forward on September 30, 2022 to \$25,157.61. The report was approved by consensus. Please visit the Iowa Website for a complete copy of this report.

**Delegate's Report** – Katy P. offered thanks to everyone for making Panel 60 a great experience. The many challenges and accomplishments in Iowa are remarkable. The Area learned how to become familiar with the virtual realm. Reformatting our Assemblies and AWSC meetings to become virtual or hybrid. The Area Guidelines were updated allowing us to manage changes to our processes with greater clarity. Alateen numbers diminished however they are starting to grow thanks to many AMIAS members to support the teens. And finally, to meet the challenge of including electronic groups into the Iowa Area structure has become a

reality in Iowa with District 16.

The new **Associate Director-International** is a member from our Region, Jennifer U., from Illinois North. We are fortunate to have her leading the International Team with all her talents.

**The updated Introduction** to B-6 the One Day at a Time book is available on the WSO website. It places the book in historical perspective and allows members to understand why the book includes quotes from outside literature and uses non-inclusive language that was the norm when the book was first released.

**2023 International Convention**: Mark your calendar for November 8<sup>th</sup> 2022, to register for the 2023 International Convention in Albuquerque, NM. Be sure to sign up as soon as possible to ensure you have the best lodging available. This is a powerful and fulfilling experience that can be shared with friends and family in AA, AI-Anon and Alateen.

**IAGSM**: Two delegations from the WSO are on their way to the 2022 International Al-Anon General Services Meeting which is being held in London, England, October 12-15, 2022. The IAGSM theme is "Connecting Hearts and Minds around the World."

**Road Trip**: This event is in Cleveland, Ohio on October 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be one more COB Presentation on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

<u>Alternate Delegate's Report</u> – "A Moment of Clarity" Fall 2022 Assembly in Spencer is here! Thank you to our speakers Gabe P., Beth K. and Connie H. Also, a big thank you to our Al-Anon co-chairs Luanne T. and Tracy H.G.

The Spring 2023 Conference will be at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa. Carolyn S, Cedar Rapids, will be the chair and Carrie F., Cedar Rapids is co-chair. Don B., Neenah, WI will be our Al-Anon Luncheon Speaker. Cheryl T., Cedar Rapids, will be our Sunday Morning Spiritual Speaker.

The Fall 2023 Conference will be held in Dubuque Oct 13-15, 2023 the Best Western Plus hotel.

## The Forum

Forum sales are slowing down again with only 340 subscriptions for August. Please remember to renew your subscriptions. It also makes a great gift to give someone a subscription.

**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 Wrap -Up: We had a wonderful weekend at Twin Lakes camp on September 23-25th. We focused on the Traditions from Reaching for Personal Freedom. We were treated to skits, small groups, and collectively brainstormed ways to enhance our understanding of using the Traditions in our personal lives. This year we had 36 package A's (full weekend), 7 Package Bs (one overnight) and 8 Package Cs (Saturday only) for a total of 51.

After some discussion, a consensus was brought forward to sign the contract at Twin Lakes in Manson for September 22-24, 2023. The consensus was unanimous to stay at Twin Lakes for 2023 and create a committee for research on other camps in the future.

## District 16 Motion: Motion made by Katy P. seconded by Linda A.

**Matter Under Consideration**: For Iowa AFG to establish District 16 as an Electronic District with all electronic groups filtering into this District first. A consensus was taken to amend this motion to take to 2022 Fall Assembly for vote and would state the below motion.

**Wording Of Specific Motion To Be Made:** For Iowa AFG to establish District 16 as an Electronic District for all newly registered with WSO electronic groups. Existing groups that are already registered, or groups that are transitioning from a physical group, may choose from an available District.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Iowa Policy & Procedures:** Motion made by the Iowa Policy & Procedure Committee and seconded by Val V.

**Matter Under Consideration:** To approve the 2022 proposed revisions to the March 2021 Policy & Procedure manual.

**Wording Of Specific Motion To Be Made:** The 2020-2022 Iowa Policy/Procedure committee make a motion to approve the suggested additions, changes and revisions, to the 3/2021 Iowa Policy/Procedure manual. (These revisions were presented to and approved by the 8/2022 AWSC)

The manual will be dated October 08, 2022, and will go into effect immediately after they have been approved.

Motion passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Service Workshop:** Missy Y. brought a questionnaire that the Service Workshop Committee is asking members to fill out. This will help with their task of creating a Service Workshop at the AWSC in January 2023. The questions are also available on the Iowa Website if members are not able to complete them at the Assembly today.

**Equalized Expenses:** The Delegate's Equalized Expense refers to the cost of sending the Delegate to Conference. The 2023 Conference will take place in Virginia Beach Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Conference has been shortened to 4 days. The full amount is \$2,687 and the Iowa Area budgeted \$3,100.

After some discussion, a consensus was taken and approved for \$3,100 to send the Iowa Delegate to Conference in April 2023.

Review of the questions to think about throughout the meeting brought comments as follows: members were happy with the way the meetings flowed, members are happy to have hybrid Assemblies available and perhaps researching getting equipment for better sound for those attending virtually. Many congratulations to the new Officers and Coordinators on Panel 63.

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

Respectably submitted,

Becky V. - Area Secretary

#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 1, 2022 January 22, 2023 February 1, 2023 March 5, 2023 March 17-19, 2023 May 1, 2023 June 9-11, 2023 August 1, 2023 August 6, 2023 October 13-15, 2023 November 1, 2023 Iowa Reaches Out Newsletter Deadline Iowa AWSC meeting, Hampton Inn Iowa Reaches Out Newsletter Deadline Iowa AWSC meeting, Hampton Inn, 9:00 AM, Marshalltown, IA Regional Delegates Meeting (RDM), Bloomington, MN Iowa Reaches Out Newsletter Deadline Spring Assembly, Grinnell College Iowa Reaches Out Newsletter Deadline Iowa AWSC meeting, Hampton Inn, 9:00 AM, Marshalltown, IA Fall Assembly, Dubuque, IA Iowa Reaches Out Newsletter Deadline

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