

**Iowa Area AWSC Meeting  
August 21, 2022  
Hampton Inn-Marshalltown, IA  
Hybrid Meeting**

Virginia B., Chairperson, opened the meeting at 9:00 AM. There were 20 registered members attending of which 7 were attending virtually. The meeting opened with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. The Traditions were read by Janice S. and Luanne T. read the Concepts of Service/Warranties. Virginia B. read the review of etiquette and the AWSC evaluation questions for all members to think about throughout the meeting.

**Secretary Report:** The minutes from the June 2022 Assembly meeting were e-mailed electronically earlier to be read before the meeting; they were not read during the meeting. A couple of corrections in the minutes to note “Spring Assembly” and “March AWSC minutes” then the minutes were approved by a consensus unanimously.

**Treasurer Report:** The financial statement from June 1, 2022 to August 10, 2022 was presented and was discussed. Balance brought forward was \$29,264.93. Total receipts this period were \$2,720.81. Total disbursements were \$2,052.03. Ending balance on August 10, 2022 was \$29,933.71. A clarification for the \$120.00 disbursement in the Misc. column was asked for and it was stated that amount was paid to AA for the registration of members that virtually attended the Spring Assembly. A suggestion was made to add a line for this disbursement in the future. The financial statement was approved unanimously by a consensus.

**Delegate’s Report:** The 2022 World Service Conference Summary has just been released. The Summary captures all of the discussion at Conference. The printed version will be available in September. You can also find the 2021 Annual Report under the WSO tab or at the back of the Conference Summary.

**News from the World Service Office**

The WSO continues to operate at a deficit and has revised the budget again. Exercising prudence and expense reduction, they are modifying their strategic plan and reducing or postponing strategies.

Reduced Initiatives

- CAL Globally in all Languages
- Updated and Translated Guidelines
- Alateen Electronic Meetings
- Animation for Social Media

Postponed Initiatives

1. Exploration of Electronic Payment methods
2. Member Guidance regarding Bequests
3. Phase 2 of the Online Store Upgrade

The unaudited financial statement for the period that ended June 30, 2022 reflects a deficit to date of \$354,849 which exceeds the revised budgeted deficit of \$332,730. The WSO issued a special appeal in June to capture member donations, as well as additional donations from the service structure.

The WSO trusts that the membership will continue to support it as a primary source for service to the world wide fellowship through additional donations this year.

Literature sales continue to be low due to closed LDCs, supply chain delays and increased cost of paper, although they are slightly above the budget by \$8,930. The WSO hopes to ameliorate this to some extent with a price increase for the first time since 2013. Work will begin on translating all books into electronic format in August.

DRs and AWSC members, please continue to share what the WSO does for each group (see the back of the appeal letter) and why it's important for groups, districts and areas to contribute consistently and generously. Year to date contributions are below the budgeted average by \$66,725.

The WSO suggests creating a budget to see if service arms are meeting the needs of the structure. For instance, if Iowa has 165 groups and a budget of \$16,000 it could maintain that budgeted amount if each group donated \$97. This is just an example. Iowa is fortunate that our groups give generously.

The WSO continues to focus on the following specialty projects.

- New Daily Reader A Little Time for Myself—A Collection of AI-Anon Personal Experiences, (To be released at the 2023 International Convention)
- Translating the Service Manual
- Electronic Meeting Transformation
- 2023 International Convention
- 2022 Road Trip!
- IAGSM in London
- First Longitudinal Study

These projects bring added value to our membership and embody our theme this year of Enhancing our Recovery through Abundance, Unity and Understanding. By making sure the information can be shared with all members whether through a virtual platform, through a new piece of literature, or by meeting new members across the globe, AI-Anon is extending its hand and living our primary purpose.

Mark November 1st in your calendar to get online and register for the 2023 International Convention in Albuquerque, NM.

Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect in Cleveland, OH is on Saturday, October 29th. Registration opened on August 1st. If anyone is interesting in going contact Katy P. as she will be attending this event.

The 2022 International AI-Anon General Services Meeting (IAGSM) is being held in London, England, October 12-15, 2022. The theme is 'Connecting Hearts and Minds Around the World'. So far 18 service structures have registered.

The WSO is reducing expenses by moving the January board meeting to a virtual format. The Trustee candidate interviews will also be held virtually.

At-Large Executive Committee Member resumes will now be due on November 15th. The

Nominating Committee will conduct a newly implemented interview of candidates to broaden their understanding of the resumes prior to making their recommendations to the Board for the January Board meeting.

Please share the contact information for new District Representatives with Katy P. as they are elected. This will allow her to update the contact information sheet with their information. Katy will send the information on to the WSO after the October Assembly to ensure each member has access to their AFG Community at the start of the term.

The 2023 World Service Conference will be held Thursday, April 20th through Sunday, April 23rd at The Founders Inn in Virginia Beach, VA. Travel days will be on Wednesday and Monday. This will mark the first year of a three year trial period to reduce the Conference to four days. The theme will be introduced in December to allow us to focus on this year's theme. For those considering standing for Delegate and Alternate Delegate, the WSO has asked that we share the change in timing as well as the tentative agenda. See the full information at the end of this report and will be posted under the Delegate's Corner on the Iowa Area Website.

### **Alternate Delegate's Report:**

Sixty-five Al-Anon members and 4 Alateen members were able to attend our Spring Assembly "Getting your Life back on Track" in Creston at Southwestern Iowa Community College in June.

"A Moment of Clarity" is the theme for the Fall 2022 Assembly in Spencer. Our Alateen speaker will be Gabe P., Des Moines. There has been a change to our Al-Anon Luncheon speaker. I am excited to announce that Beth K., Past Iowa Delegate, Waterloo, will be our speaker. 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 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 Forum**

Forum sales fell off by 5 subscriptions for the month of June with a total of 354 subscriptions and 355 subscriptions for July 2022.

We have an Iowa Alateen published in the Aug 2022 Forum. Corrine from Altoona Tues Night Alateen has a sharing on the Alateen page.

Don't forget that you can get an electronic subscription to The Forum. You can order current and past issues of The Forum by going to [al-anon.org/electronic-literature](http://al-anon.org/electronic-literature).

There are two easy ways to order, a paper order form from the back of any Forum or you can order online at [al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org) –click on the Al-Anon store, then find the tab for the Forum.

**Coordinator Reports: (Reports were electronically submitted to the AWSC and not read).**  
**Additional briefings were given by the Coordinators.**

**Alateen/AAPP: WSO:** Alateen posters will be available on the iowa-al-anon.org website. A Zoom meeting will be held to discuss step by step instructions on the process of becoming an AMIAS, PLUS info on where to reach out, such as the schools, churches, grocery stores, DRs. offices etc.

*State of Iowa Criminal History Record Check*

Iowa, in accordance with the Iowa Policy and Procedures Guideline, is protecting our youth by recertifying the Iowa AMIAS every five (5) years. All AMIAS who have served five years by 2022 were cleared by the State of Iowa.

*Alateen Serenity Weekend*

Reminder: The Iowa Area Alateen Serenity Weekend at Camp Wesley Woods, in Indianola, has been postponed until April 21-23, 2023.

**Archives:** No report

**Group Records:** I attended the WSO Area Group Records Coordinators (AGRC) webinar in July. The WSO is working hard on getting everything involving electronic groups and the whole group records processes coordinated. I learned there are a lot of steps to adding the PEG's to the WSO website. At this time, we are to treat the electronic groups the same as physical groups.

Please keep our Area Group Records up to date with your group information as whether it is electronic or in person, or any other changes that need to be updated!!

**Literature:** The news updates from WSO are: The Literature Committee is implementing the sharings received from the Alateens, for their own Alateen Just for Tonight Bookmark, and availability is still TBA. In late summer, our printed version of the 2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual should be ready. There is an electronic format, (P-24/27) v1 at al-anon.org. Please remind your members what a valuable tool the Service Manual is, concerning issues with groups and understanding the structure of our fellowship

The Dilemma of the Alcoholic Marriage (B-4), now containing an introduction giving a historical viewpoint to the reader, is now in print. The "Cal Corner" topic for August in our Forum magazine is Many Voices, One Journey (B-31). September's focus, Living with Sobriety (P-49) and October, Reaching for Personal Freedom (P-92).

WSO appreciates all the sharings members have sent in but there is always a need for more, concerning: Survival to Recovery (B-21), Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships, (B-33), Lois Remembers (B-7), Blueprint for Progress (P-5 or P-91), Many Voices, One Journey (B-31), Having Had a Spiritual Awakening (eB-25), When I Got Busy, I Got Better (P-78), and Discovering Choices-Recovery in Relationships (B-30). There is a writing guideline at:

[al-anon.org/pdf/CALcornerSharingRevised%202018pdf](http://al-anon.org/pdf/CALcornerSharingRevised%202018pdf)

Members who wish to reprint Cal literature must first request and receive permission. In our Service Manual, 2022-2025 on pages 116-118 there are copyright and reprint policies. Approval to quotations in a paragraph that can be printed are limited.

**Newsletter:** For all that has changed in recent years, so much has stayed the same and the need for service for Al-Anon is great. Hopefully you are stepping up to a new service position in Al-Anon for the upcoming term. If you are not the CMA for your group and don't receive the newsletter, you can subscribe (for FREE) by emailing to [iowareachesout@gmail.com](mailto:iowareachesout@gmail.com) or signing up by the Newsletter Coordinator display at the assembly.

**Public Outreach:** As of 7/23/2022, there have been 1,906 airplays reported in Iowa. Two months ago, there were 1,466 airplays and that the majority of the plays had changed from the radio stations in the

Cedar Rapids, Waterloo, Dubuque, and Iowa City DMA to the TV stations in the Ottumwa and Kirksville DMA. Well, those TV stations in Ottumwa and Kirksville are still ahead and jumped from 796 plays to 1,064! The Cedar Rapids, Waterloo, Dubuque and Iowa City plays increased from 466 airplays to 627. Followed up by the radio stations in the Davenport, Rock Island and Moline DMA at 194, Des Moines – Ames DMA at 11 and Sioux City remained at 10 plays.

As a reminder, WSO would like members to focus their media outreach to the following:

College/University stations

Christian/Religious stations

Local Cable TV stations

All other radio and TV stations are contacted via our Public Service Announcement vendor. If you have one of the 3 types of stations listed above who is not playing our PSA, WSO would like you to gather contact information for the station. (IE, Station name/letters, person responsible for airplays at the station, email address, etc.), then email this information to [media@al-anon.org](mailto:media@al-anon.org).

**Web Page:** See Iowa Website Updates in New Business below

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

### **Old Business:**

**2022 Serenity Weekend-** September 23-25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 will be the date for Serenity Weekend and the **registration deadline is September 9th.** Our weekend will focus on the “Reaching for Personal Freedom” workbook.

Help us stay organized by using the online registration form. You will indicate if you are paying online or by check. Mail your check to Iowa Area AFG 2668 Millstone Dr., Dubuque, IA 52002 OR pay online with your credit card. Please include a \$4 processing fee if you pay with a credit card. The Serenity Weekend flyer is located on the Area website at [www.iowa-al-anon.org](http://www.iowa-al-anon.org)

**Fall 2022 Assembly Agenda Updated-** The Fall Assembly will be hosted by Dist. 2, October 7-9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in Spencer, Iowa. Elections will start at 9AM Saturday morning followed by our luncheon speakers, Gabe P., Alateen and Beth K. Waterloo, our Al-Anon speaker. Following the luncheon at 2PM will be the Assembly Business Meeting and Elections of Coordinators. Connie H., Arnolds Park will be our Spiritual Speaker Sunday morning.

### **Presentation- The Electronic Group Work Group (EGWG):**

The EGWG requests that the AWSC grant consensus for the following considerations as outlined below and presented at the August 2022 AWSC.

1. Changing a group to a new District
2. GR and CMA location
3. Hybrid Business meetings
4. Geographic perimeters for AWSC members
5. Finding a meeting
6. Date to declare-Electronic meetings
7. Transitioning and new group process

All AWSC members received a copy of the EGWG request and a complete copy of the request will be included with the minutes.

All seven (7) proposals were accepted by a consensus unanimously.

## **New Business:**

**District 16 motion-** 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.

A consensus was taken to amend this motion to take to 2022 Fall Assembly for a vote and would state:

“A motion was made by Katy P. and seconded by Linda A. 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.”  
A consensus was approved unanimously.

**Donation to WSO-** Linda A. asked the AWSC for a consensus to send a donation for 2022 to WSO for \$2,500.00. After some discussion, a consensus was unanimously passed to send \$5,000.00 to WSO for 2022 and have the Budget Committee review this donation amount yearly.

**Fall Assembly Hybrid Option-** The Fall Assembly will be available hybrid. Missy Y. had the opportunity to speak with the facility and brought some suggestions back for the committee to look into to help make it a successful hybrid Assembly. Reminder for all members voting via hybrid must be registered by Wednesday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup>, by 11:59PM and all in person voters must be registered by Saturday, Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, by 9AM.

**Area Calendar-** Discussion to have an Area calendar resulted in a consensus to not have one for 2023.

**January AWSC Platform-** A consensus was taken to decide if the January 2023 AWSC would be held in person, hybrid or via Zoom. The consensus resulted in holding the AWSC meeting via hybrid.

**2023 Service Workshop-** A committee was formed of AWSC members to decide how; when and if there will be a Service workshop in 2023. The committee members are Carolyn S., Tracy V., Beth K., Missy Y. and Jill G. The committee will share their results with the AWSC in January 2023.

**Iowa Website Updates-** The Area website committee proposed the following:

The website committee has been meeting to discuss changes to the Meetings page and the different options available to search for meetings. They had received feedback that the meeting information between the Area List, District lists and WSO are not consistent and causes confusion. Based on this they decided it was best to only provide links to the WSO website since this information would be the most accurate and up to date. The Area meeting list and the District meeting lists will be removed from the website. The committee also discussed the location of District Information on the website. Since newcomers are not familiar with the concept of districts, we felt it made more sense to have the link to District Information under Members instead of under Meetings.  
A consensus was taken and unanimously approved.

**Workshop- Iowa Policy & Procedures-** The Iowa P&P committee presented the changes of the Policy and Procedures with the AWSC. A motion was made and seconded by Lorraine R.

“The Iowa P&P Committee recommend that additions, changes and revisions presented at the 8/2022 AWSC meeting be accepted. These Policy revisions will go into effect immediately after they have been accepted by the October 2022 Assembly. The motion passed unanimously. The step by step guideline for group records was approved by consensus to be included in the new guidelines.

**Unanswered Questions/Review Comments-** There was a lot of good information shared today and great discussions on many topics. Clarity can happen when we take our time, form committees and remember we have choices. Things do not have to happen right today. It felt good to be with many members in person today. Members attending via zoom were happy to have the opportunity to attend in this manner.

A consensus was taken to close the meeting with the AI-Anon declaration at 1:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky V.  
Area Secretary

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

September 23-25, 2022	Area Serenity Weekend, Twin Lakes, Manson, IA
October 7-9, 2022	Fall Assembly, Spencer, IA
November 1, 2022	Iowa Reaches Out Newsletter deadline
January 22, 2023	Iowa AWSC meeting, Hampton Inn, Marshalltown, IA
February 1, 2023	Iowa Reaches Out Newsletter deadline
May 1, 2023	Iowa Reaches Out Newsletter deadline
June 9-11, 2023	Spring Assembly, Grinnell College

**Iowa AI-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.al-anonsiouxcity.org](http://www.al-anonsiouxcity.org)

**Iowa Information Centers:**

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

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