

**Iowa Area AWSC Meeting
August 6, 2023
Hampton Inn- Marshalltown, IA
Hybrid Meeting**

Katy P., Area Chairperson opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. There were a total of 21 people, 14 voting members in person, 7 members attended virtually. The meeting opened with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. The Traditions were read by Carolyn S., and Lorraine R., read the Concepts of Service/Warranties.

Katy P., announced that Lorraine celebrated 50 years in Al-Anon. Members shared on how many years they had been in Al-Anon. Introductions were done. Katy P., 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 Assembly were emailed earlier to be read before the meeting, they were not read during the meeting. Tracy H.G., made note of one correction that in the Spring 2023 Assembly minutes, it should have stated the AWSC March 8, 2023 minutes were approved by consensus instead of the 2022 August AWSC meeting minutes. The minutes were approved with the above change noted by a unanimous consensus.

Treasurer's Report: The financial statement from June 1, 2023 to August 1, 2023 was presented and was discussed. Balance brought forward was \$23,611.99. Total receipts for this period were \$2,901.98. Total disbursements were \$2,752.26. Ending Balance on August 1, 2023 was \$23,761.71. We received an additional \$130.00 for Alateen registrations. This was from those who had only paid \$100.00 instead of \$110.00. The financial statement was approved by a unanimous consensus.

Delegate's Report: Becky V., Area Delegate shared about the transforming of Electronic Groups. WSO now has made it available to display electronic groups registered with geographical Areas on the map along with physical groups. Have you tried to go out and find your electronic group? You can go to <https://al-anon.org/> and try it out. There are little "pins" to show you where the electronic group is located, or its close vicinity. It is really cool!! Keep our Area Group Records Coordinator up to date on your changes and you will find your groups listed too!!

A Little Time for Myself daily reader is out of stock at this time but hopes to be available at the end of August or early September. The price for this daily reader is \$17.00.

The WSC 2023 approved the wording to the Digest of Al-Anon and Alateen Policies section of the 2022-2025 service manual (pages 24/27) v2 related to announcing events and workshops. As a result of these changes, the wording will clarify these two sections of the Policy Digest.

There are many things happening with the Public Outreach. There is a new Public Outreach tool kit available now and I think it will be very user friendly.

These items along with much more valuable information will be available in the World Service Conference Summary. Due to staff resources that were allocated to the 2023 International Convention, the compilation of the summary is behind schedule. It is anticipated to be posted in early September with the printed version available for purchase about six weeks later.

Alternate Delegate's Report- Linda A., shared about the Spring assembly and thanked the volunteers that helped make it a success.

The Fall 2023 Assembly will be held in Dubuque, Iowa on October 13-15, 2023 at the Best Western Plus Hotel. Jamie V., is the Chair and Dawn B., is the Co-Chair. Susan B., Past Delegate, Panel 59, from LaCrosse, Wisconsin will be the Saturday luncheon speaker. Susan M., from Dubuque, Iowa will be the Sunday Morning Spiritual Speaker. The Alateen speaker is yet to be determined. Please remember that the registration deadline is September 13, 2023.

The Spring 2024 Conference will be on June 7-9, 2024, in Sioux Center, Iowa at Dordt University

The Forum: The Forum is celebrating its 70th Anniversary! The 70th anniversary and will be highlighting this celebration in some fun ways in the upcoming months.

Keep your eyes open to see if there are any Iowa articles- the July Forum happens to have writing from Iowa (D11) that you may want to check out.

The July issue provided a preview of the new daily reader- A Little Time for Myself- A Collection of Al-Anon Personal Experiences.

Iowa currently has 364 subscriptions in place as of July, which is up from 341 in June. Remember to renew your personal and group subscriptions to help support this "meeting in your pocket."

The WSO is always looking for new articles for The Forum, specifically the Concepts of Service. Please consider submitting your article to: The Forum, 1600 Corporate Parkway Landing, Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617; to wso@alanon.org or online to al-anon.org/forumshare. Your sharing must range from 150-180 words and have Al-Anon focused topics and perspectives.

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

District Reports: Reports were submitted electronically but not read by the following DR's: 2, 3, 6, 7, and 11. District 4 and District 9 did not have reports but members verbally shared on their districts. There were no reports from 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15 or 16.

Webpage Coordinator: No report was available. Jamie V., Area Webpage Coordinator shared virtually that the webpage should be up to date. Please send any events to her so they can be put on the calendar page on the website.

Old Business:

WSO Donation: Follow up from January AWSC. There was discussion about the amount of the \$5,000 and how often do we meet or exceed that amount to send to WSO. A suggestion was made that we wait until January 2024 to decide on how much we send to WSO for 2023. The AWSC members were in agreement in waiting until January.

2023 Serenity Weekend- will be September 22-24, 2023, in Manson, Iowa. Registration **deadline is August 31, 2023**. Our weekend will focus on the book "Discovering Choices". Remember to bring: "Discovering Choices" Book, bedding, towels, personal supplies, cup with lid, pop/bottled water, snacks, smiles, hug and a friend!

The Serenity weekend online registration is located on the area website under Calendar <https://iowa-al-anon.org/>. Please include a \$5.00 processing fee if you pay with a credit card.

If you are paying by check please mail your check and registration to: Iowa Area AFG 2224 Echodale Drive, Bettendorf, IA 52722

Fall 2023 Assembly Agenda Update: Discussion regarding the workshop at the October Assembly in Dubuque 2023 will now be the Public Outreach workshop. The Literature workshop will be at the Spring Assembly 2024 in Sioux Center.

A consensus was taken and approved.

Al-Anon International Presentation: Katy P., shared a power point regarding the Al-Anon International Convention in July in Albuquerque, NM. The enthusiasm and the joy of the convention was apparent in the power point pictures. This was the first time that an Al-Anon International Convention was held virtually. Iowa was represented both in person and virtually.

The next Al-Anon International Convention will be decided at the AA convention to be held in Vancouver of 2025.

New Business

WSC Policy Changes-Announcements/Workshops: At the WSC 2023, a motion was made to approve the wording to the Digest of Al-Anon and Alateen Policies section of the 2022-2025 service manual (pages 24/27) v2 related to announcing events and workshops. As a result of these changes, the wording will better clarify these sections of announcements/workshops in the Policy Digest.

To put these changes into the manual, they need to be translated into all 3 languages (English, Spanish & French) which a large undertaking! As soon as this action is complete, we will be able to update our manuals and see the changes. These changes will be regarding the information we now have on pages 89-92 in our Policy section in our manuals.

Assembly engaging our Participants-Hybrid/Physical: Katy P., and Connie H., shared the survey that was sent out to the members regarding the Spring Assembly 2023. The AWSC reviewed the results of the survey and had much discussion. Examples would be: difficulty hearing, people speak up or go to the microphone, getting new equipment for technology.

Upcoming workshop topic selection/presenter: Katy P., Area Chairperson shared that Vision for 2024- inspire our members, share our enthusiasm, encourage participation. Discussion regarding keeping AWSC hybrid, the three year virtual salons as the January minutes stated. An idea of doing a Google salon was suggested and do we want them in person or virtually?

A consensus on making a small committee to come up with ideas for the physical salon was approved.

Newsletter Task Force: Connie H., chairperson, shared on this with a power point. Recommendation: This Task Force would like to ask for a trial period, starting August 2023 to go through at least a complete year to determine if we are obtaining the appropriate outcomes. We would propose that this Task Force, along with the Newsletter Coordinator, present to the 2024 August AWSC what we have accomplished. Along those lines we would then present to the 2024 October Assembly GRs the same information, asking for their input to the newsletter and its new template and publication dates. Once again, in keeping with our main thought of who the audience is, we discussed the appropriate timeliness of the newsletter as it is currently established. We discussed adjusting the newsletter to the following, allowing for three newsletter publication dates:

January: We would like to establish a January newsletter with a due date at the end of December for publication in/around the 1st week of January.

May: A May newsletter deadline would be moved back to around the 20th of April for publication on May 1.

September: Currently the August publication feels redundant to what is reported at the August AWSC meetings so we would like to establish a September newsletter. The due date of August 20th would allow for publication September 1.

We believe we would be remiss if we did not get membership (through the GRs) input. For the complete report of this task force will be available on the Iowa website. The committee members are: Michelle K., Jamie V., Rachel C., Connie H.

A consensus was taken and will give this a trial period until 2024 October Assembly.

Reconnecting with All Districts Thought Force: Virginia P., chairperson, shared the committee has been meeting and after reviewing and attending the KBDM virtual workshop, decided to gather more information and continue to review, rethink and re-prioritize our strategies to the initial KBDM questions. For the complete report of this thought force will be available on the Iowa website. The committee is Lorraine R., Beth K., Tracy H.G., Libby W., Sam M., Vickie D., and Virginia P.

AI-Anon Assembly Thought Force: Linda A., chairperson, shared a power point. After much discussion a **consensus to dissolve this thought force was taken and approved.** For the complete report of this thought force will be available on the Iowa website. The committee consisted of: Linda A., Dawn B., Carolyn S., Maddie P., Kate D., Ashley C.

A consensus was taken to close the meeting with the AI-Anon Declaration at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy H.G.
Iowa Area Secretary

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sept 22-24, 2023	Iowa Area Serenity Weekend, Manson, Iowa
October 13-15, 2023	Fall Assembly, Dubuque, IA
November 1, 2023	Iowa Reaches Out Newsletter Deadline
November 26, 2023	Gratitude & Joy - Virtual Event
January 21, 2024	Iowa AWSC meeting - Hampton Inn, 9am, Marshalltown,
March 10, 2024	Iowa AWSC meeting - Hampton Inn, 9am, Marshalltown
April 19-21, 2024	Alateen Serenity Weekend, Wesley Woods, Indianola, IA
June 7-9, 2024	Spring Assembly, - Dordt University, Sioux Center, IA
August 11, 2024	Iowa AWSC Meeting - Hampton Inn, 9am, Marshalltown

Iowa AI-Anon Literature Depots:

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