

**Iowa Area AWSC Meeting
January 18, 2026
Virtual Meeting**

The meeting opened at 9:00 a.m. with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Chairperson Linda A welcomed everyone to the first AWSC meeting of Panel 66. Introductions of members were made, with a total of 32 people attending virtually and 24 were voting members. The Traditions were read by Ashley C.; and Becky V read the Concepts of Service/Warranties.

Linda A reviewed the Etiquette for Physical/Virtual and the Evaluation Questions for discussion later.

Iowa By-Laws: The reading of the Iowa By-Laws was read aloud with different members reading different sections. This happens at the first AWSC meeting of each new term.

Fall Assembly meeting minutes - Please visit the Iowa Website for a complete copy of the minutes.

The minutes from the 2025 Fall Assembly were approved by a unanimous consensus.

Treasurers Report- The financial statement from October 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, was presented and discussed. Balance brought forward was \$24,308.17. Total income for this period was \$3,408.38 and total disbursements were \$8,019.51. Ending Balance on December 31, 2025, is \$ 19,697.04.

The financial statement was approved by unanimous consensus.

Delegates Report: Michelle K attended the New WSC Member Onboarding teams call on Saturday January 3rd, followed by the required WSC Travel Training call. Many items were discussed such as conference procedures, purpose, and composition of the World Service Conference, etiquette, 75-year gala, chosen agenda items, AFG Connects, resources and even a short practice KBDM on purchasing a coffee pot for a group.

The theme for the 66th Annual World Service Conference will be “75 Years, One Purpose,” which will be held April 20 – 24, 2026 at the Marriott Newport News City Center in Newport News, VA. The conference will include a visit to the World Service Office (WSO) and will culminate in the 75 Year Banquet on April 25. Michelle was able to purchase a ticket to the banquet and an additional night at the hotel.

If there are any suggestions for Chosen Agenda Items, now is the time to get them to Michelle. The Conference Leadership Team (CLT) is inviting all Conference members to submit one or two topics. Each CAI submission has a limit of 100 words. You must name the CAI topic in 25 words or less. Provide the rationale, an explanation of why you think this CAI is important, in 75 words or less. Please get this to your Delegate no later than February 6th, to allow the time to submit.

Congratulations to our panel 57 Past Delegate, Beth K., for her appointment as Chairperson of the Public Outreach Committee at WSO for another 1-year term.

Michelle has set aside February 14th for the next COB letter presentation. Hopefully, everyone subscribed to receive IN THE LOOP as the COB presentation will be shared there also.

Alternate Delegate Report: Libby W is so happy to be serving as your Alternate Delegate! Libby is grateful for Linda A who has been helpful in explaining the role and responsibilities for the Spring and Fall assemblies as well as the role of Alternate Delegate.

Libby was able to do the walk through of the facilities for the Spring Assembly which will be held in Marshalltown June 12-14, 2026. The teamwork of both Conference committees is working very well together, and Libby was able to leave the meeting with confidence that it will be a success for all members that will be attending.

The Forum Report:

Another responsibility of Alternate Delegate is to be the spokesperson for the Forum. Hopefully, everyone is getting their copies and enjoying them. We all know that The Forum is a wonderful way to help grow in our recovery and share it with others. There will be more to report at the Assembly in June regarding the Forum.

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

Update/Questions on DR report-

District Reports: DR reports were received from Districts 1,3,4,7,8,9,11, 13 and 16. Updates from Districts 2,7 and 16 were verbally shared. There were no reports from 2,5,6,10,12,14 and 15.

Old Business

Area Service Workshop 2026: The theme is "Together we are better" and the flyer is on the website. It will be held March 7th at the Rock Island Inn (formerly the Best Western) in Marshalltown. Registration will start at noon, and the program will start at 12:30pm. This will be a hybrid event for those that would like to attend in that manner. A flyer is available on the website. Be sure to use the link on the flyer to register with a suggested \$5 donation. The workshops have been set up with members volunteering to chair the different meetings and if there are any questions, please contact Linda A.

Alateen Serenity Weekend 2026: A flyer for the Alateen Weekend is on the website and Ashley C is excited for it to happen. The weekend will be at Camp Wesley Woods in Indianola April 10-12 with the theme Living TODAY in Alateen. Be sure to complete all required forms (they are on the website also) and get them to Ashley by March 22nd. There is a need to have at least 20 Alateens and AMIAS attending to make the balance due to the camp. Spread the word, share the flyer, and make 2026 a fun year for the Alateen Serenity Weekend.

Setting Our Intentions/Goals for AWSC: Linda A asked the AWSC what topics/suggestions the members would like for Panel 66. Many members expressed a desire to have some type of Goggle Docs workshop. Katy P and Virginia P volunteered to present a workshop to the AWSC with date of event TBA. There were many other great topics suggested, and Linda A will keep those topics for future workshops.

AI-Anon's 75th Anniversary: Michelle K shared that WSO theme this year is “75 Years, One Purpose” and that there will be a gala after the WSC in April. The gala is sold out however Michelle will be attending and is looking forward to participating. WSO has created a waiting list for members that still would like to attend the event. Iowa looks forward to hearing from Michelle about this event in June when she will share her Delegate report with us.

RDM update/information: Katy P is the chairperson for the USNCRDM with Virginia P the registration chairperson. A flyer is available on the website with all information regarding this event that will be held in Davenport March 13-15th. This is an educational opportunity for the incoming Delegates of our Region to prepare for the WSC. Iowa AWSC members are encouraged to attend, if possible, as this year it will be in Iowa. If there are any questions, please contact Katy P or Virginia P.

Name change-Iowa AI-Anon Family Groups: Katy P shared the By-Laws Revision of Name. On December 10, 2025, the AWSC approved the renaming of the Area to Iowa AI-Anon Family Groups, Inc. This change aligns with the Iowa Area's policy to separate the Groups, which serve as the Traditional arm, from the AWSC, the Legal arm. The updated name was officially filed with the Iowa Secretary of State on December 18, 2025. Updates to the By-Laws and Policy and Procedures will be published on the Area website. The Treasurer has also updated the organization's name with all relevant financial and professional entities.

New Business

2026 Budget vs. actual comparison: A review of the Area's financial status and proposed budget for 2026 was presented by Dawn B, Panel 66 Area Treasurer and Michelle K the past Area Treasurer, Panel 63. After reviewing the budget line items and much discussion regarding increases and decreases. A motion was made by Dawn B and seconded by Lorraine R. Motion to accept the 2026 budget was approved.

June Assembly Agenda: The June Assembly theme is “Bright Spot of Our Lives” and there was discussion regarding the workshops for the event. Deb G past Iowa Delegate, will be the AI-Anon guest speaker on Saturday and the Sunday Spiritual Speaker will be Kris G. An updated flyer will be on the website and registration information with possible QR code will be available.

2026 Area Serenity Weekend Planning Meeting: This meeting is open to EVERYONE! The meeting will be virtual starting at 4pm on March 1st, 2026. Reasons for attending:

- + **Contribute ideas for workshops, activities, and themes**
- + **Help create a peaceful and meaningful weekend**
- + **Connect with others who value our AI-Anon program**
- + **No experience needed - just bring your creativity and enthusiasm**

Selection of Standing Committees: Linda A explained the purpose of the Select Committees and asked the new DRs which committee they would like to participate in. Linda will be sending out a complete form showing all names of the committees.

Newsletter update: Carolyn O outlined plans to restart the newsletter as the new Coordinator. The discussion of updating the area website newsletter tab and incorporating electronic links instead of hard copies. Carolyn will be in contact with the task force for the newsletter and review the recommendations.

ISCA Conference review: Carolyn O shared her experience attending the ISCA Conference as the past Area Public Outreach Coordinator. She explained how the day event took place. There was setting up of program materials to be given out, become familiar with the surroundings and figure out the break times of attendees that would possibly coming by the table. In her opinion, it was a beneficial day as many of the attendees were not familiar with Alateen. If/when this event was to be attended again by the Area, it would be beneficial to have more time to visit with the attendees. Many comments about the display were positive as it was informative to the teachers and many school systems. It was discovered there is not an easy way to follow up with the people that signed up for more information. This would be a good project to work on for the next event.

This meeting was closed with members saying the Al-Anon Declaration at 1:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky V

DATES to REMEMBER

March 1, 2026	Area Serenity Weekend planning meeting - Virtual
March 7, 2026	Area Service Workshop, Rock Island Inn, Marshalltown, IA
March 8, 2026	Iowa AWSC meeting, Hampton Inn, 9am, Marshalltown, IA
March 13-15, 2026	Regional Delegates Meeting Davenport, IA
April 10-12, 2026	Alateen Serenity Weekend, Wesley Woods, Indianola, IA
April 20-24, 2026	World Service Conference, Marriott Newport News City Center in Newport News, VA.
June 12-14, 2026	Spring Area Assembly, Marshalltown, IA
August 9, 2026	Iowa AWSC Meeting, Hampton Inn, 9am, Marshalltown, IA
Sept 18-20, 2026	Area Serenity Weekend, Manson, IA
October 9-11, 2026	Fall Area Assembly, Cedar Falls, IA

Iowa Website: www.iowa-al-anon.org

Iowa Information Centers:

Des Moines AIS/LDC----515-277-5059 Email: Literature@al-anondesmoines.org

Sioux City AIS/LDC-----712-255-6724 Email: afg.aiclit@yahoo.com