Iowa Area AWSC Meeting
August 9, 2026, Marshalltown, IA
Hampton Inn Hybrid Meeting

Our meeting opened at 9:05 a.m. with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Chairperson Linda A welcomed everyone to the AWSC meeting. Missy Y. read the 12 Traditions, Dawn B. read Concepts of Service, and Linda A. read the Warranties. Introductions of members in attendance in person and via hybrid were made. A total of 25 people were in attendance and were voting members.

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

March 2026 AWSC minutes - Please visit the Iowa Website for a complete copy of the minutes. www.iowa-al-anon.org

The minutes from the March 2026 AWSC meeting were approved by a consensus with no corrections.

Treasurer Report- The financial statement from May 30, 2026, to July 31, 2026, was presented and discussed. Balance brought forward was $18,869.91. Total receipts for this period were $2,569.92 Total disbursements were $5.011.66. Ending Balance on July 31, 2026, was $16.428.17. There was discussion to have items identified per line when purchased, which all members agreed. Members had a discussion to clarify what the red/black numbers in the different columns represented in the report.

Unanimous consensus approved the financial statement.

Delegate Report: Michelle K. shared that Conference members confirmed a new Regional Trustee for our US North Central Region. It is Miriam B. a past Delegate from Indiana – Panel 58. Miriam was at the 2026 RDM this year and was one of our speakers.

Michelle shared an annual solicitation from the Executive Director, Vali F., to identify and encourage qualified members to consider service at the World Service Office (WSO) level. Each year three Trustee at Large (TAL) positions become available. You can find an application for Trustee At Large on the WSO website. Another opportunity to serve the fellowship is on the Executive Committee for Real Property Management (ECRPM). Members with experience or interest in finance, accounting, law, business administration, technology, or property management may find this service especially rewarding, however, specialized experience is not required. You can find an application for ECRPM on the WSO website. The deadline for applications for either of these service positions is August 15, 2026.

The 67th Annual World Service Conference will be held April 13 – 17, 2027 at the Marriott Newport News City Center in Newport News, VA. The equalized expense for the conference is $2,310 and the full amount is $3,300. The Area will be sure to add this to the Agenda in October as WSO would like to receive the payment by December 31, 2026.

The Highlights of the 66th Annual Conference are now available on WSO's website. The electronic version of the full Conference Summary (P-46) was slated for release in July with the print version available in August. Since it's now August, I'm guessing that was pushed back.

One item that there was not time to discuss in June is the Passing It On Task Force. This special project is being funded from our Reserve Fund surplus. The objective is to capture the experience, strength and hope of past and present service volunteers to expand recovery and inspire current and future trusted servants through presentations and other support materials. The update shared by the Director of Programs at the 2025 WSC, asked Delegates to inform members of upcoming opportunities to become content developers. Content developers will help create module syllabus to inform and empower future volunteers by passing existing service experience/knowledge on. Imagine stepping into a new role with the knowledge of those who have gone before you. There will be an application process for content developers. I will share more information on this process when it becomes available.

Have you been to the WSO Online Store recently? You are encouraged to look at all the new eBooks that are available now. Imagine having all your books in the palm of your hand, ready at a moment's notice?

A resume for the Public Outreach Coordinator Position has been received, and I also have spoken with two other members who are interested in the position as well. We hope to make a decision soon.

Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism should be available for purchase in September. The 25-page magazine will feature basic information about Al-Anon Family Groups such as who we are, what we are and where to find us. There will be ten-member sharing's from our worldwide fellowship, reflecting diverse experiences and perspectives along with 3 articles from professionals who recommend Al-Anon in their work with alcoholics and their families.

Alternate Delegate Report: The Fall Assembly planning is moving along nicely and it will be held in Cedar Falls, October 16 – 18th. There is a flyer available on the Iowa website with a link to register on-line. You can also print the flyer and mail in your registration. I encourage everyone to mention it to your Group members. Either direct them to Iowa's website or even print some flyers from the website to take to your meetings. Our Al-Anon luncheon speaker will be David B., a WSO Trustee from Chicago. He will also be conducting a workshop on Sunday morning for us. Ashley C. will also be leading an AMIAS workshop on Saturday morning, and right after, Lori R. and Christine G. will be conducting a workshop on Sponsorship. Our Saturday luncheon

Alateen speaker will be Josh J. from Fort Dodge. I think it's going to be a great Assembly, and I hope you can attend!

Planning for the Spring 2027 Assembly is underway. Dist. 8 DR., JaneAnne P. is the Al-Anon Chairperson. Things are just getting started, so I will keep you all updated.

Planning for the Fall 2027 Assembly has also begun! Virginia P. and Tracy H.G. have signed up to be the Al-Anon Chair and Co-Chair for that planning committee.

Assembly flyers and information are on our Iowa website.

The Forum Report: REMINDER....We can now order individual electronic issues of The Forum! Currently, they are available from Amazon Kindle, Barnes & Noble NOOK, Apple Books, and Kobo. These are individual monthly issues ONLY! If you want a monthly subscription, they are available ONLY through Barnes and Noble at this time. Please keep in mind, this information is shared for convenience and does not constitute endorsement from WSO.

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DR's, please share this information with your GR's and encourage them to pass it on to their members.
In January, Iowa had a total of 343 subscriptions. In February, we dropped in number of subscriptions to 333, and in May, that number dropped again to a total of 319 subscriptions. In July, Iowa has a total of 317 subscriptions. The number keeps dropping so please encourage your members to purchase a subscription!

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

District Reports: DR reports for Districts 1,2,3,4,7,8,9,11,13,14 and 16 were submitted.

Update/Questions on DR report-Some districts had flyers available and they will be sent to the Area website coordinator for posting.

Old Business

Area Serenity Weekend: September 18-20, 2026. "Celebrating Al-Anon's 75th Anniversary" -- "Diamond in the Rough"
PRE-REGISTRATION & PAYMENT IN FULL REQUIRED
Registration Deadline ONLINE or POSTMARKED by **August 31, 2026**. No walk ins or late registrations, please. No late apparel orders. All the meetings have been filled with willing districts and/or individuals to make it a successful weekend

Road Trip and Board Connect

Chicago, Illinois, USA, is the destination for 2026 Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect. Join the Board of Trustees, Executive Committee, and local and visiting members for an inspirational day of fellowship, learning, and connection you won't want to miss!
Saturday, October 24, 2026, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Embassy Suites by Hilton O'Hare - Rosemont 5500 North River Road Rosemont, IL 60018
Registration fee: USD $35 per person (Includes lunch.)
Hotel accommodation is available for registered participants at the same hotel where the event is being held on Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24. Hotel room costs are separate and are not included in the registration fee.
If you have any questions, you may contact our Area Delegate or visit the Iowa website for the flyer with more information.

Gratitude & Joy: Join your fellow members on Sunday, November 22, 2026, for an evening of hope, recovery and fellowship. This virtual meeting will be from 5-7pm with 3 different speakers. The flyer is on the Iowa website with the link to attend. This is a great way to start the busy holiday season with serenity.

Electronic Alateen Information: Electronic Alateen Validation & Implementation Planning will be a topic for Iowa to discuss. The idea of forming a Task Force for this was open for discussion which brought about a motion. The motion was brought forward by Jody H. and seconded by Luanne T.
MOTION: Jody H moves that Iowa Area AFG create a Thought Force to explore joining EAVIP (Electronic Alateen Validation & Implementation Planning)
Motion passed.

New Business

Assembly Registration: The registration process for Assemblies was discussed by the Area officers and will be implementing a new method. The purpose of this change will make it easier for all members to attend face-to-face and/or virtually. There are members that would like to attend the assembly, however, can only travel for one day. This new procedure will help all members to have the link to attend virtually and if there are any technical difficulties. Please review the documentation with your DRs and share it with others.
This topic will be reviewed at the August 2027 AWSC meeting before any policy changes.

Fall Assembly-75th Anniversary: The Assembly in Cedar Falls would be a good time for Iowa to celebrate Al-Anon's 75th Anniversary. Questions to AWSC were how/who would like to organize it? What would we like for food, cake, cupcakes or cookies? Show the movie of Lois W? Have a powerpoint of past history?
After taking a consensus, it was unanimously decided, yes, the Assembly would be a great time to celebrate. It was also suggested to celebrate it at the Serenity Weekend where the movie of

Lois W. could be shared. Members volunteered to make a banner, supply the goodies and supplies.

Selling Literature at Assemblies: The topic of selling literature at Assemblies in the past has been vague and may need clarification.
Usually, if the Assembly is either in District 1 or 7 (where the Depots are located), that District would request approval of the AWSC to bring literature to sell. This was almost always approved.
The timing of the AWSC approval is necessary so that the Alt Delegate can let AA know that we need 1 or 2 additional tables for the literature sales. Or the other option is that the Depot's would bring their own tables.
This topic will be reviewed at the August 2027 AWSC meeting before any policy changes.

Treasurer Document Storage: The current Treasurer would like to know the Areas' recommendation on how long to keep old financial information. There were many different opinions, so a consensus was taken to table this topic until the next AWSC.
Consensus to table passed.

Area Legacy displays: Iowa has purchased a new display of the 3 Legacies. It is a roll up and easier to transport. DRs are asked to discuss with their district if they would like to have the old ones (they are 3 separate frames.) The Alternate Delegate will be having a raffle at the Fall Assembly and draw from a hat which district is the winner!

March 2027 AWSC meeting: We currently are holding the January AWSC virtually and it has worked well.
The question has been raised whether the March AWSC should also be virtual. Members shared their pros and cons to have March 2027 AWSC meeting virtually. A consensus was taken and passed to have the meeting virtually.
The decision was also made to move the 2027 workshop to August 7th, 2027, and the AWSC on the 8th as hybrid.

Area Archives: The Area has been scanning the archives, and the Archive Committee would like to purchase Adobe Pro Licenses for members through TechSoup at $15/license/year for nonprofit organizations, allowing each committee member with a scanner to digitize documents independently. We are currently working with TechSoup to qualify. Would the AWSC approve of this expense if TechSoup gives us the nonprofit benefit?
A consensus was taken and approved.

Newsletter follow up: The AWSC members have heard that others seem happy with the Area Newsletter appearance and information. The coordinator would like to share it on the Iowa website however; due to our website size other technical issues, it is not possible. The suggestion of including the link to the Forum in the newsletter was received as a great idea. There will be a survey going out to members to see what they like about the newsletter and possible suggestions for other material they would like to be informed about.

Forum Responsibilities: The responsibility for giving reports regarding the Forum is currently with the Alternate Delegate for Iowa. The suggestion of the Literature coordinator to take on this responsibility is being brought to the AWSC today. A consensus was taken and passed unanimously. (be sure to update the P&P)

Review of the evaluation questions: Today is filled with many items and we were able to take care of all of it.
Everyone is happy with the changes on the website and looking forward for it to be more user friendly. Good job!
The AWSC is working well together with new members in new positions!
There are a few things that still need to be streamlined but today was productive.
Technology is still experimenting on ways to get better sound and yet it has come a long way from the beginning!
The "side talk" seemed minimal today and feel having an extra microphone helps.

This meeting closed at 12:58pm with the Al-Anon declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky V

DATES to REMEMBER

Sept 18-20, 2026	**Area Serenity Weekend, Manson, IA**
October 16-18, 2026	**Fall Area Assembly, Cedar Falls, IA (hybrid)**
November 22, 2026	**Gratitude & Joy 5-7 pm virtual**
January 17, 2027	**Iowa AWSC Meeting 9 am virtual**
March 7,2027	**Iowa AWSC Meeting 9 am virual**
March 19-20, 2027	**NCRDM TBA Wisconsin**
June 11-13, 2027	**Spring Assembly Grinnell, IA Hybrid**
August 7, 2027	**Area Service Workshop Marshalltown**
August 8, 2027	**Iowa AWSC Meeting 9 am, Hampton Inn Marshalltown (hybrid)**
October 8-10, 2027	**Fall Assembly Spencer, IA (hybrid)**

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