

## 8.22.09 AWSC meeting

Chair: Connie D.

### UNAPPROVED

- 1) Call to Order 11:14 AM by Connie D.
- 2) Moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- 3) Traditions read by Glenda D23.
- 4) Concepts read by Lucy D18.
- 5) Welcome and information items.
  - i) New DRs: Walt D15  
Stephanie D23  
Gwenne D22
  - ii) Note books should be brought to AWSC meetings. On map D4 and D26 need to be switched.
  - iii) Photos can only be taken by archivist.
  - iv) Will follow 2 minute rule.
  - v) If you're new please make sure we have correct contact info.
  - vi) Please make sure to get all mail out of box. There are a few extra Conference Summiers for '07 & '08.  
If you would like one please take it.
- 6) Roll Call:
  - i) Districts present: 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 15, 18, 21, 22, 23, 27 & 29.
  - ii) AIS Reps. Rochester
  - iii) Coordinators: Alateen, Archives, Convention, Group Records, Homepage, Public Outreach, Newsletter,  
NYNAC, Spanish Contact
  - iv) Officers: Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Immed. Past Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairperson.
- 7) Minutes: AWSC May 29, 2009 minutes read by Ruth S.  
M: Accept, no changes Bob D7 2<sup>nd</sup> George Group Records passed voice vote.
- 8) Treasurer's Report: read by Louise F. Copy of report attached. Balance in Checking account as of 7/31  
\$2776.76. Estimated balance in mutual fund, \$1930.04, going up a little.  
M: Approve George Group Records 2<sup>nd</sup> Diane NYNAC Passed voice vote.
- 9) Delegate's Report. Elaine read copy online.
  - Q: How many resumes were submitted for the Northeast Regional Trustee? Don't know at this time, could be as many as 12.
  - Q: What is the difference between thought force and task force? The thought force comes up with ideas and Recommendations. Does not look to implement. The task force would move forward with the project.  
The task force could put into action what the thought force came up with.
  - Q: Was your meeting a conference call? Sherry and Elaine met with people from OASIS. Working to reestablish a good working relationship, use to be when WSO was in NYC.

Q: What is E Communities? Website connection for delegates and a number of coordinators. Must be a direct link between WSO and coordinator's job. Same as file exchange when Bob C. was delegate.

10) Officer and Coordinator's Report:

i) Alt Delegate: Gina read, report attached.

Q: Last spring it was noted that the free group copies of Forum would be stopping. What is happening? Groups

are still receiving. Any questions can contact WSO.

Q: Could get copies of subscription forms and have at Fall Assembly. Yes, will bring forms.

Q: Are back issues of Forum available in bulk? Yes, will put information on how to order in HiLight's article.

ii) Alateen: Shirley read, report online.

Q: How many AMIAS are there? Quite a few will have exact number at Fall Assembly.

Q: How many Alateen groups are there? Will have number at Fall Assembly.

iii) Archives: report attached.

C: Good job.

iv) Conventions: Summer read, report online.

Q: Who are chair and treasurer for 2010 Fall Assembly? Will get that information.

v) Group Records: George No written report When send info on a group or change send all info at the same time. No

updates today, will have at Fall Assembly.

vi) Homepage: Kathi read, report online.

C: Map on website works great.

Q: Are we moving to office email addresses? Will be talking about this today.

Q: I can't get anything off the website is anyone else having this problem? No one.

Q: If I Google Al-Anon why don't I get list of meetings? You get pages that have more weight. You will get website first.

There is a lot of information out there, just have to do a little looking.

Q: WSO website doesn't give meeting information? To much information to do this.

Q: Some times on website when I go back and forth between reports it goes right off the page? There is a coding problem.

Q: What about a page on Facebook for members to interact? Would have to be invited. We do have Myfamily.

We have ability on our host. Send suggestions to Kathi, she will bring to AD HOC committee. LaVaugh started

MYfamily to keep members in contact any questions see her.

v) Public Outreach: Sherry read, report online.

She received an email yesterday. ABC's "Super Nanny" Will rebroadcast a show on Friday, 8/29. Worked with WSO on this program. Let your GRs know about it.

vi) Literature: Gina read for Jean. Report online. Jean is doing well. She's received lots of cards.

vii) Newsletter: Nancy read, report online. PDFs can not be changed to fit newsletter.

C: Newsletter in Georgia has gone paperless due to cost and green issues.

viii) NYNAC: Diane read, report online.

Q: When will it be determined who will host NYNAC? Will be decided at the Fall Assembly.

ix) Spanish Contact: Cira Nothing new to report since Spring Convention and Assembly.

11) AIS reports: None given

12) Action Committees: No written reports. Comments from committees

i) Group Services – George does have copies of minutes.

ii) Fellowship Communication – Gina looking for old Forums to send to military, if you have any contact Gina. AA

does this with old Grapevines.

iii) Membership Outreach – Last meeting a short term goal was to make a minimum of 2 contacts a week during

the summer. The DR lunch was originally started by this action committee.

Committee did not plan luncheon at

the spring convention, will be more organized for the fall.

13) Roll Call: Addition of D5 to count.

14) Agenda Items:

i) Host for Fall 2011 Election Assembly: A review of past minutes from NYN indicates that Syracuse AIS hosting the

Election Assembly is traditional rather than policy. D18 stood to host the 2011 Fall Election Assembly.

M: To accept D18 as host of 2011 Fall Election Assembly. George Group Records 2<sup>nd</sup> Elaine Delegate passed voice vote.

ii) Host for NYNAC 2010. This needs to be discussed at the 2009 NYNAC and presented at 2010 Spring Convention

and Assembly. The Alateens pick the host and then needs to be approved by at Spring Assembly. It has never happened

that an Assembly disapproved a host chosen. Maybe we should still have a plan if not approved. We are knowledgeable

of groups, sponsors and AMIAS. Unlike Al-Anon all business is handled by the coordinator. More likely not to be able to

find a host on short notice. We will know choice at the AWSC meeting before the Spring Assembly.

5 minutes break taken

iii) Changes in Website/Listing of email address: There is an email account for each officer and coordinator

@nynafg.com. Instead of listing personnel accounts use the account for each officer and coordinator. This would then

be forwarded to their personnel accounts. This would allow for a smooth transition when there are changes in

positions. Cira has received email via the Spanish Contact account and it works well.

Q: Can you use the address without going to NYN website? Yes

Q: Has the spam problem been taken care of? Yes, increased security settings.

Q: Does this need to be voted on at assembly? Where would this go? Into guidelines, policies etc?

Could report clarify how this will work?

Clarification: In the Northern HiLights officers and coordinators email addresses would be position address rather than

personal email address. This is as it goes out to membership, on hard copy. On the website this is how currently listed.

Place positions above personalities.

Q: Does this have to be a motion? No Consensus was to change listings, there was 1 abstention. Will be included in duties

for Homepage and Newsletter to make these changes.

iv) Northern HiLights subscriptions via email: Do we still ask for a subscription fee if emailed? Discussion followed.

Should just be sent via email. Georgia has just started a 3 year trial, will publish paperless newsletter. Will be free of

charge, sent to DRs who in turn will send to GRs. They in turn will send to people in district. Again at no cost. Nancy

Has looked at other areas that have changed to paperless. Number of issues per year varies.

Maybe we should have a survey of membership to see if we could publish paperless. Reminder there are people and

groups that do not have computer access. Should an AD HOC committee be formed to look at this? Should action

committee be looking at? Would be Fellowship Communication. Need to make sure we use KBDM, that info.

Gets to as many people as possible before final decision.

M: To set up an AD HOC committee to look at the feasibility of going paperless for Northern HiLights. Summer

Before 2<sup>nd</sup> or voted on was withdrawn.

M: The Fellowship Communication Action Committee will study the financial feasibility of the Northern HiLights

To continue a bulk mailing to all groups, the prerogative to receive the Northern HiLights via email. Joanne Archives

2<sup>nd</sup> Vote 11 Yes, 13 No and 2 Abstentions

M: To set up an AD HOC committee to determine the cost effectiveness of the method of delivery of the Northern

HiLights Newsletter. Summer Conventions 2<sup>nd</sup> Joanne Vote 20 Yes, 4 No and 2 abstentions. Persons on Ad HOC

Nancy P. will chair, those interested should contact her.

v) Budget for 2010: Reviewed proposed budget and changes made as follows:

-No changes to officers and coordinators

-NYNAC seed money rolls over

- AWSC set at \$150.

-Delegate Equalized set to \$1350.

-Publishing, bulk mail set at \$4500

-TEAM replaces RSS. At this time cost associated with TEAM unknown. Will set at

\$500

M: To set up a line item fro TEAM event of \$500 for this year. Sherry Public Outreach 2<sup>nd</sup> George Group Records

Vote 22 Yes, 3 No and 1 abstention.

-NERD has been changed to fee assistance. For Delegate and Immed. Past Delegate it is included in their budget.

-AD HOC committees set at \$100 for copies etc.

Revised budget is now \$19920.

M: I so move that the 2010 budget as amended be brought to the full assembly for a vote. Gina Alt. Delegate 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Immed. Past Delegate Passed voice vote.

vi) PA System: Can not donate earmarked money. A sound system has been purchased by members and is available for the areas use. If the area wished to pay for the PA system it would just be donated back to NYN. We do not need to return after using. We will need a place to store between uses. Will check with Syracuse AIS as centrally located.

vii) Workshop on Action Committees. Lead by Marion W. Discussion on Action Committees and how they work.

At next AWSC will do and inventory of Leadership.

15) Additional Items:

i) AD HOC Committee on Action Committees: Covered in Workshop.

ii) AD HOC Committee on Spending Guidelines: Pam A. Expense Guidelines for officers and coordinators.

Guidelines have not previously been written down. Would like this presented to full assembly for a vote. Discussion followed.

M: I so move that the NYN Area Assembly Expense Guidelines be brought to the Fall 2009 Assembly as written

for a vote. Gina Alt. Delegate 2<sup>nd</sup> Lois passed voice vote.

iii) AD HOC Committee on Policy Updates: Connie will be contacting committee members about scheduling a meeting.

16) Announcements and Sharings:

17) Closing:

i) M: To close meeting George Group Records

ii) 2<sup>nd</sup> Diane NYNAC

iii) Passed by voice vote

iv) Closed 4:45 PM

v) Al-Anon Declaration

Respectfully submitted: Ruth S. Secretary