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- 1) Call to Order 9:07 A.M. by Elaine
 - a) Moment of Silence
 - b) Traditions read by Sylvia, D27
 - c) Concepts ready by Amy D20.
- 2) Roll Call
 - a) (District # with voting member following dash)
1-11, 2-2, 34,4-0, 5-1, 6-04,7-1, 8-3, 0-0, 10-5, 11-1, 12-3, 13-0, 14-6, 154, 17-0,
18-5, 19-5, 20-1, 21-3, 22-5, 23-5, 24-2, 25-9, 26-0, 27-2, 28-1, 29-3
Total Voting members 86
 - b) Elaine welcomed all new GR's
 - c) AIS Representatives; Western, Rochester, Syracuse, Ithaca
 - d) Coordinators: Alateen Archives, Conventions. Group Records, Public Information Literature, Newsletter NYNAC, Spanish Contact
 - e) Officers: Delegate, Alternate Delegate, immediate Past Delegate, Treasure, Secretary - Absent (former Secretary taking notes) Diane Acting Secretary
- 3) Delegate's Report: Bob C. World Service Conference Report . See separate handout .
- 4).Break out to Action Committees
- 5) LUNCH
- 6) Call to order: Afternoon Session Reconvened at 1:44) p.m.
- 7) Secretary's Report: Fall 2006 report read by Diane .C. ,
 - a) Corrections taken
 - b) Motion to accept as amended by Nancy H. Dist. 10 and 2nd: Glenda- Dist 23, Passed.
- 8) Treasures Report; Pam
 - a) gave out copies of the Financial Statement Ending 12/31/06 . It includes Actual Spending vs. Budgeted Amounts, monthly receipts vs. expenditures, and the breakdown of disbursement from each line item month by month. She also gave out a Financial Comparison sheet and noted that from our income is down and our expenses are up. We overspent by \$346.48 last year and this money had to be taken out of the reserve fund. Please pass this information on to your groups. (See attached)
 - b) Motion to approve the Treasures Report by Sarah D22, 2nd: Lynda R. D8- Approved.
- 9) Action Committee Reports : these were distributed at the August 18th AWSC meeting. The attached Reports are from the Action committee meetings from that August 18th meeting.
 - a) Fellowship Communication recommends that to give permission to the Newsletter Coordinator to distribute the newsletter by any means possible. This included by U.S. Mail or e-mail.
- 10) Group Records Coordinator Presentation: "The Circle of Connection" a skit that show newcomer how to find a meeting and the importance of keeping your Contact information and meeting information up to date with WSO and the NYN Coordinator.
- 11) LEADERSHIP WORKSHIP- MARY G. WSO Trustee at Large and member of the Board of Trustee- (former NYN Delegate)
- 12) Afternoon Roll call:
 - a) 1-10, 2-2, 3-3, 4-1, 5-1, 6-04,7-1, 8-3, 0-0, 10-5, 11-1, 12-3, 13-0, 14-6, 15-4, 17-0, 18-5, 19-5, 20-1, 2 1-3, 22-5, 23-2, 24-2. 25-9, 26-0, 27-2, 28-1, 29-3
Total Voting members 81
 - b) AIS Representatives, Western, Rochester, Syracuse, Ithaca
 - c) Coordinators_ Alateen Archives, Conventions. Group Records, Public Information Literature, Newsletter NYNAC, Spanish Contact
 - d) Officers, Delegate, Alternate Del. Immed. Past Del., Treasure- Secretary Absent (former Secretary taking notes)
- 13) Agenda Items:
 - a) Update to Alateen Guideline& Requirements: Helen read the portion of the new document that showed where the Committee made recommended changes. [Copies were distributed to AWSC members]. These were highlighted for all to see. She also read how it had previously read so that we could see the changes.(see report). It was explained that we only had to vote on the changes and not the whole document because we had voted on the Guidelines a before at the **2006** Fall Assembly. Motion to accept the Alateen Guidelines and Requirement Changes as recommended by the Committee mad by Annie D6 and 2nd:Sylvia D27. Vote 78

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- yes-, 3 Abstentions.
- b) Change Spring Convention to Spring **Assembly and Convention** - Ad Hoc Committee on Conventions: {A Report is attached and was distributed to the AWSC}. The committee proposes the following:
 - i) Spring Convention be changed to Spring Assembly to reflect that this is a working Assembly.
 - ii) AWSC meeting be held at 8:00a.m. Saturday at both Spring and Fall Assemblies. T
 - iii) That no Action Committees be held during Election Assemblies
 - iv) That a Long Range Committee be formed to further study Assemblies
 - v) Proposal attached.
 - vi) Questions: Will we still be able to have AA Participation at the Spring Assembly and have Panels as we have had in the Past Answer- Yes. We will not be changing the structure of the Assemblies but hope to clear up the confusion for some GR's as to their need to attend the business part of the Assembly. Many members think of Conventions as a fellowship type of weekend. Question: Will we be voting on each recommendation separately or as a whole? Answer: Separately Discussion followed to reflect some peoples wanted to have the name Spring Assembly/Convention in order to not affect our attendance.] Vote as follows: 1 .Name change to Spring Assembly/Convention and Fall Assembly. —All in favor-Passed 2. AWSC Meeting **of the Fall conventions** to be back on Saturday Morning as stated in our currant NYN Policy- 77 in favor- 4 Apposed- Passed. 3- No Action Committee meetings during Fall Election Assembly due (once every 3 years)- 79- yes- 2 opposed- Passed . 4. Long Range Committee to Study Assemblies **and** Convention- 81 yes-
 - c) 2009 Spring Assembly/Convention Host- District 14 and District 21 volunteered to work together on this. Motion to accept Dist 14 and 21 to Host 2009 Spring Assembly/Convention- by Summer Dist 22 and Cira. Dist 18 Motion Passed.
 - d) Other Agenda Items:
 - i) Marion W. Past Trustee at Large and member made a recommendation That an Ad-Hoc committee be formed to review the Actions Committee and to review the need for the continuation of the Action Committees at the end of this 3 year Trial Period. Motion to accept proposal made by Jean W. Dist 14 and seconded by Ruth S. Dist 3 that a Ad-Hoc Committee to review Action Committee Continuation. — Proposal attached. Vote 79 yes 2 Apposed. Motion Passed. Marion will work with the committee when it is appointed.
 - ii) Bob — Delegate reminded us that the Primary reason for the Spring Asembly/Convention is to hear the Delegates report. It is the responsibly of all groups to send a Representative to this Assembly to hear the report and to carry the information back to their groups. The Delegate has the responsibility to share with us the Business of the World Service Conference and the World Wide Fellowship of Al-Anon and Alateen. This is our Business for these weekends so please remind our groups of this so that they will be more willing to participate.
- 14) Announcements:
- a) District 15 and District 5 host of the Fall **2007** Assembly have a basket that contains
 - b) literature and a 1988 Forum with an article by Lois W. in it They will be selling tickets in the Hospitality
 - c) Room and at the Banquet tonight This is a fun raiser so please support them.
 - d) Dist 18 Al-Anon Family Reunion Saturday June 9,2007 Fayetteville, NY (see flyer)
 - e) Dist 10 Al-Anon Picnic August 12, 2007 Dorchester Park, Whitney Pont, NY All are welcome (see flyer)
 - f) Fall Assembly Registrations are now available. Note early Registration. Before July 2~1., \$10.00. After \$15.00 Theme: There's No Place Like AL-Anon!
- 15) Meeting closed at 4:45 p.m. with the Al-Anon Declaration
- 16) Respectively Submitted by, Diane L. Cooter Acting Secretary

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Alateen's 50th Birthday is in 2007. I am still hoping that New York North will find a way to celebrate the event. The WSO has been writing special articles in **The Forum**.

The on-line meeting trial period has been extended for another year. Please encourage Alateens between the ages of 13 and 18 from your districts and Alateen meetings to log on and share their experience, strength, and hope with the others on the Web site.

REMEMBER: Alateen Web Talk is the only on-line meeting authorized to use the **Alateen** name.

Log on information was contained in the February edition of the Northern Hi Lights, if you missed it, I can repeat it now. Sharings are always needed for Alateen Talks, the quarterly publication for Al-Anon Family Group's younger members. Sharings from Alateens are always welcome, especially how they apply the Traditions and/or Concepts. Sponsors and AMIAS are also encouraged to share on their experiences with Alateens. The Sharings may be sent to the WSO,

Attention: Alateen Talk, via
e-mail to WSO@al-anon.org (include Alateen Talk in the subject line),
fax it to 757-563-1655, or
postal mail it.

Another way to help Alateen grow is by submitting sharings to **The Forum**. Selected sharings are posted on the Member's Web Site every month.

All registered Al-Anon and Alateen groups received a free table card with their copy of the November Forum. One side had the Al-Anon Declaration and the other side had a quote from Al-Anon Spoken Here. Some groups use the Declaration to close their meetings, instead of/or in addition to the usual closing. This is an easy way to increase members' awareness of our primary purpose-to help families and friends of alcoholics.

Please remember that Sponsor changes must include either the member's WSO I.D. # or a completed Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service Form, which must have been previously submitted.

A Group Name that includes the town, or section of the town, the meeting day or phrase from our program would be appealing. A group's name should not imply affiliation with any other twelve-step group, self-help group, commercial venture, religious group, rehabilitation facility, or other outside enterprise, even if associated with its location.

A contact person should be aware that the WSO might give a toll-free meeting callers their first name and phone number. Contacts may receive calls from potential newcomers who have had no previous contact with Alateen or from visitors needing directions, etc.

Alateen Registration/Group Records changes and Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service Status changes are ongoing. It is important that you assist the WSO by maintaining complete, updated records in order to help keep Alateens safe.

In order for the WSO to continue as a valued and trusted resource for families in need, Al-Anon Family Groups must always be knowledgeable about _ whom our children are with and where the meetings are located at all times.

HELEN H

5.19.07 GROUP RECORDS REPORT

Current rosters are being distributed today along with the current update form, for each district with instructions to verify information and contact Group Records with any revisions. As of May 19, 2007 all information is current. I have received the spring 2007 bi-annual report from WSO and am working on reconciling NYN records with WSO records. WSO has also mailed each group the Annual Update Sheet. As of May 19, 2007, I have received 45 annual update sheet responses from WSO. If you have not already done so, please make any corrections to their group's records and return to WSO. Please return the form even if no corrections are needed. If your group has not received the Annual Update Sheet, please contact me so I can verify your Current Mailing Address (CMA) is correct.

Currently I have 125 Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS). I have 22 Alateen Groups on file which includes 3 listed as inactive.

Currently there are 301 Al-Anon Family Groups (does not include Alateen) which includes 3

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non registered groups. This is a decrease from 306 in March 24, 2007. Included in the 301 groups are: 2 Spanish Language, 4 American Sign Language, 4 institution meetings and 30 Adult Children meetings. Of the 301 groups, there are 90 Open, 207 Closed, 3 Signing and 2 Unspecified.

NYN has 4 Information Service Groups, 4 Literature Depots and 10 Newsletter Exchanges with other

Areas. 301 AI-Anon Family Groups and 22 Alateen groups meet as follows: (total 323)

District	#Groups	District	#Groups	District	#Groups
01	25	11*	6	21	8
02	14	12	18	22	16
03	8	13	5	23	4
04*	6	14	16	24	10
05	11	15	13	25	15
06	15	17	8	26	11
07	10	18	17	27	3
08	25	19	6	28*	4
09*	7	20*	4	29	12
10	26				

*Districts without District Representatives (5) (28 Districts, 5 without DR' s)

Of the 301 AI-Anon groups, 140 groups have been able to keep their Northern Hi Lights subscription current (about 47%) which is a 5% increase since March 2007.

Please forward any corrections to me by mail, e-mail, phone, or through the NYN Website. If possible, list your WSO # with the correction(s).

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Mackiewicz Group Records Coordinator
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L7mack~@~verizon.net
Cc: NYN Officers and Coordinators

5.19.07 NYNAC

Last NYNAC went well. Thanks for all your help.

I did not make it to the AWSC Meeting in March, so I did not make the suggestion to run NYNAC with committees. So I will bring it hopefully to the AWSC meeting in the Fall..

I have somebody who is going over the contract with Watson Homestead and we will go in June to talk to the manager at Watson to finalize it. We made this year's deposit already.

The teens were talking of changing NYNAC to maybe Fall so that we can use the cabins. I have not had any feedback about it since the last NYNAC from any of the teens or AI-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service.

I'm doing fundraisers already, including selling leftover T shirts and going to groups and beg for money.

I have already secured the printing of the T shirts for this year, also the nurse.

I am working on the DJ. If anyone knows anybody reasonable, let me know.

As of 5/19/07, we have 2042.07 in our NYNAC account.

To all who helped out and supported us Thank you very much. See you at NYNAC

Claudia

5.19.07 ALTERNATE DELEGATE REPORT Reminder!

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1. Area Highlights spring 2007 has articles of interest such as the importance of the Conference and assemblies and what makes a health group.
2. Is your GR giving regular report and encourage the use of the Forum at your meetings. Think about sharing 5 minutes at each meeting for your GR report. This way your group gets used to Service being talked about and yet not too long to lose their interest and take up too much meeting time. Have nothing to report? Take this time to report on the Forum, Northern Highlights, Lateen talk, or the Area Highlights.
3. Tips for GR 's as are Forum Representatives on the Forum Display Table.

Forum Reminder's from the WSO

1. Check out the Forum index on the website www.al-anon.org/members. To use the Forum index your password is your home group name plus the letters AFG. This is a helpful tool for everyone looking for an article on a specific subject and now you can access it as it is completed.
2. Check to make sure your group is getting your free copy of the Forum. If not check with your CMA.
3. Alateen groups will you please participate in the Forum by selecting a meeting topic and sending us 6 questions to the magazine. Ask questions you would use at your group meetings.
4. We are looking for sharings from members who have attended meetings overseas.
5. YOU are your Forum representative. He or she encourages the group to subscribe to the Forum and acquaint members with its value. He or she encourages members to send in stories to the Forum.
6. Visit the Forum page in the "Publications" section of the members' website for a complete listing of calendar events.

Alternate Delegate

Forum Coordinator

Sherry S.

5.19.07 NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Northern Hi Lights is the monthly service publication of the New York North AFG Area Assembly. It is intended to keep the area informed of all service related projects and activities at the Districts, AIS, and Area levels. It will not contain poetry or personal recovery stories. Content of each issue will include service reports from the delegate, officers, and coordinators of the area and pertinent service topics from the World Service Office. Reports from Districts and Information Services will be included as space allows. Articles are due on the 15th of the month. Announcements should be submitted at least six weeks before the event. Northern Hi Lights is not copyrighted and it is not Conference Approved Literature. Groups are requested to pay for a subscription at \$7.50/year. A copy is sent to the Group Representative of each group on record with the Group Records Coordinator unless we have specific instructions about a group mailing address. Individual subscriptions are most welcome.

Ten issues per year have been published and mailed by 25th of each month. January/February & July/August are combined issues. Approximately 400 copies are mailed each month at an average cost of \$450. ** Remember of stamps increased 5/14/07

Officers & Coordinators contact information is always included on last page. I have made an attempt to include NYN past delegate contact information with their permission. All past delegate panels names are listed with some addresses as permission has been given..

Suggestions on how to improve our newsletter and changes that would make it more readable by members is most welcome.

E-mail nanniehicks@yahoo.com or write to Rue, or corner inc any time. Let's work together to

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communicate throughout New York North AFG Area.
Your Trusted Servant, NANCY

A Big thank you to the Keep It Simple AFG Ithaca for faithfully folding, stapling, labeling, & stamping 400 copies each month for mailing. When we get busy, we get better!

Action Committee – Formation of an Ad Hoc Committee proposal to the AWSC

I am making a suggestion that the AWSC compose an Ad Hoc committee to look at the progress of the Action Committees.

- The Action Committees are on ~ three-year trial basis
- At the end of the trial period the AWSC will need to make an informed decision as to whether or not they should make a recommendation to the Assembly for continuation of these committees
- The Ad Hoc can garner information as to the progress and accomplishments of the Committees and their contribution to the Assembly and NYN as a whole. (Right now there is no one person or group that administers them – and therefore no one source of information for all four Committees)
- The Ad Hoc can compile suggestions from the membership for recommendations and possible changes if they propose the continuation of these Committees to the AWSC

Thank you for your consideration of my suggestion.

Marion Wezowicz
NYN member District 21

5.19.07 Ad Hoc Committee on Assembly Guidelines

The committee has withdrawn their proposal to change the dynamics of our assemblies and conventions at this time. It is suggested that a long range planning committee could be established to work on this issue as well as others.

The committee has consolidated the numerous documents regarding assemblies and conventions into one document that covers the guidelines for both. There are 3 issues that need to be addressed by the assembly before the guidelines can be finalized.

The following are those issues and the committee's recommendations regarding them.

1. That the name of the Spring Convention be changed to Spring Assembly. This would more accurately reflect the working portion of the weekend. The Spring Assembly would still have panels in the program for all those attending who do not need to participate in the working portion of the weekend.
2. That the AWSC meeting should be held on Saturday mornings in the Fall. That it should be held at the same time as the New GR meeting. That the AWSC meeting end in sufficient time to allow the delegate, alt. delegate/Forum coordinator, treasurer and chairperson to meet with the new GRs at the end of their meeting.
3. That no Action Committee meetings be held at the Fall Election Assembly. If they do have to be held that the meetings are kept to a minimum of one hour to provide enough time for the election process.

Shirley Ruth
