

### 5.30.09 Spring Assembly

Chair: Connie D.

#### Unapproved

- 1) Call to Order: 9:04 AM by Connie D.
- 2) Moment of Silence and then the Serenity Prayer by all.
- 3) Traditions: read by Deborah D3
- 4) Concepts: read by Patrick D25
- 5) Welcome and Information items:
  - i) Please turn off all cell phones.
  - ii) Only photos that can be taken are by Joanne, Archivist
  - iii) DR Luncheon will be in this room, cost is \$8.
  - iv) Agendas are on tables.
  - v) Reports are on website, [www.nynafg.com](http://www.nynafg.com). Please review prior to assemblies. If you don't have computer access get an e buddy. Minutes are also on website if you see something that needs to be corrected contact secretary with corrections.
  - vi) Voting procedures on tables.
  - vii) If there are questions after Delegate's Report please write down and place in basket, they will be answered in the afternoon.

#### 6) Roll Call:

1) 8	15) 3
2) 6	17) 2
3) 4	18) 5
4)	19) 2
5) 1	20) 1
6) 4	21) 2
7) 1	22) 3
8) 3	23) 2
9)	24) 4
10) 5	25) 6
11)	26) 1
12) 6	27) 1
13)	28)
14) 4	29) 3
Total: 77	

7) Delegates Report: Copy attached.

8) Marion W. reported on changes in Action committees. There is a folder for each committee with:

- 1) a standard set of goals
- 2) suggested agenda
- 3) guidelines for recorders
- 4) each member gets a worksheet

Each committee will be setting up goals. All members need to speak up. Ideas for goals, participation and communication.

Need to develop project to reach those goals.

10:55 break for Action Committees followed by lunch. Will reconvene at 1:30.

9) Call to Order: 1:35 PM by Connie D.

10) Moment of Silence followed by Serenity Prayer.

11) There is an "Ask it Basket". After voting on agenda items Elaine, Delegate, Margo, Trustee and Barb, Past Delegate Rhode Island will be answering questions.

12) Minutes: Fall Election Assembly of September 20, 2008 read by Ruth S.

M: Accept with no changes George Group Records 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy D19 Passed voice vote.

13) Treasurer's Report: Given last night at AWSC meeting. DR's have copies of report. If you are sending money to NYN please make sure to send to PO Box. Also make sure Group number is on check. Any questions please call me.

M. Accept George Group Records 2<sup>nd</sup> Diane C. D15 Passed voice vote.

14) Coordinator's Hot Topics

i) Alternate Delegate-attached..

Q: At the AWSC meeting it was mentioned that free subscriptions to Forum would end, when will this happen?

This will not happen any time soon, when group receives notice that's the time to renew.

Q: Is the free subscription to groups causing the Forum not to be profitable? Margo – The subscription to the groups

is a service, there is still discussion on this issue.

ii) Alateen-report online.

iii) Archives-report attached

iv) Conventions-report online.

v) Group Records-report online.

vi) Homepage-report online.

vii) Public Outreach-report online.

Q: How do you get a hold of PSA? You can order from WSO.

Q: When can you order 2010 Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism? Now

Q: What is the Deadline? July 8<sup>th</sup>. Order forms in back of Forum.

viii) Literature-report online.

ix) Newsletter-report online.

Q: Is contact information of officers and coordinators on emailed copies of Hi-Lights? Yes, not on website.

Q: IS there a cost for emailed subscription? We are encouraged to be fully self supporting. There needs to be

some clarification on this. Originally when started to email no mention of subscription cost, will be looked into.

ix) NYNAC-report online.

Q: How young can Alateen members be? 12 years old, can be younger if parent is also attending (if close to 12).

x) Spanish Contact-report given at AWSC meeting.

xi) Syracuse AIS-report attached

xii) Rochester AIS- Celebrating 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They received a rebate from Rochester's AA Convention.

They currently have daily office coverage.

xiii) Western AIS-Have a few positions opened. The Alateen coordinator is helping with hosting NYNAC.

10/17/09 hosting a One Day “Discovering Choices”

15) Action Committees – Reports online.

16) Roll Call

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2) 6	17) 3
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17) Agenda Items:

i) 2010 Fall Assembly host Districts 19, 25 and 29.

M: Cliff D15 2<sup>nd</sup> passed voice vote.

ii) 2011 Spring Convention and Assembly host District 24

M: Bob C. Past Delegate 2<sup>nd</sup> George Group Records passed voice vote.

iii) 2011 Fall Election Assembly There was a question as to whether Syracuse AIS must host Election Assembly

or if another district or AIS could host. This will be researched.

iv) 2012 Spring Convention and Assembly host District 17.

M: Linda D8 2<sup>nd</sup> Maureen D24 passed voice vote.

v) Regional Trustee Candidate.: Elaine R. explained the procedure that will be followed to choose the trustee. There are 12 areas with the Northeast Region; therefore it is possible for there to be 12 candidates for regional trustee.

Former Delegate Anne F. has submitted her resume; all DRs have received a copy.

We will be voting on this today. A question and answer period followed:

Q: What made you want to do this? “I filled out a resume 6 years ago. When something looks like I can do it, I take the step. Due to bad health I was unable to follow through. Due to a lot of help I am now much better. With HP’s help

looked to clarify where I could fit, followed a simple plan to answer questions. My answers are different from 6 years

ago. I looked at skills this program has helped me develop. The process has been a learning experience. It has helped

me stay grounded, feel serene.

M: To accept Anne F’s application for regional trustee. Cliff D15 2<sup>nd</sup> Paula D25 passed voice vote

Hand copies of resumes back to Elaine.

vi) Approve Kathi D. to fill term of Homepage Coordinator.

M: Connie D17 2<sup>nd</sup> Pat D29 passed voice vote.

vii) There has been a motion to increase the time allowed to action committees to report to 3 minutes. There followed

discussion with regards to this. Reports are on website, 2 minutes should be enough time. 3 minutes would only add 4 minutes total to assembly.

M: To increase to 3 minutes the time allowed for Action Committee reports. Gina D14 2<sup>nd</sup> Paula D25. Passed voice vote with 10 NOs and 2 abstentions.

viii) Ask-it-Basket: Delegate's Report Elaine, Margo and Barb.

1) Q: With 2 million in WSO salaries I am wondering what happened to "forever non-professional" Not to mention "post-retirement" health benefits.

A: Barb With regards to 2 million in WSO salaries. No sure if that is correct amount. There are 50 people.

WSO is incorporated, a business. People employed are professionals. Retirement benefits are part of benefits.

Finance committee meets regularly, nothing is taken lightly. The Executive Director is very frugal.

2) Q: How do I know that when I contact a facility as part of Public Outreach and give my name, address

and phone number that they will know I chose to remain anonymous at the level of press, radio, TV and films?

A: Margo You're going to tell them that. Explain policy of anonymity.

3) Q: Can we openly invite participation of people who love other addicted people? Can we get a glossary of terms for new comers?

A: Elaine We don't make the decision if you belong in Al-Anon, the person does. There is a bookmark made a few years ago with terms, also can be found in Service Manuel.

4) Q: What is the email address for Resource Questionnaire? Why are the last names mentioned in WSO Report materials?

A: It is on member's website, to email [WSO@al-anon.org](mailto:WSO@al-anon.org), subject question. When you become a delegate or above using your last name does not break tradition. We are not anonymous within the fellowship.

5) Q: What time frame are the donations to WSO? Now or last year (2008 or 2009)?

A: Margo I don't understand the question, what's printed is 2008.

6) Q: May the "love gifts" be from individual groups, not just districts? (for delegates to WS Convention)

A: No problem, anyone who wants to can.

7) Q: Would you like to have the group members asked to fill out the on line survey or is it for GRs?

A: Barb It is for everyone.

8) Q: Where does the money come from to make up difference in income and expenses in WSO budget?

A: Margo Money can come from reserve funds. Can have an unbalanced budget.

9) Q: Can you explain Forum problems? How does the problem apply to individuals and groups?

A: Elaine The number of subscriptions are down. Not certain at this time why they are down. We are an older population, younger population gets information in different ways. There is a lot of information that needs to be gathered before anything plan of action can be developed.

10) Q: You said 130 countries had Al-Anon. How many countries sent delegates to the WS Conference this year?

A: Delegates are not from other countries. They have their own conference structure. They may send a rep.

WS Conference. 67 Delegates from Canada, US, PR and Bermuda. There were 4 reps.

18) Other Agenda items:

i) AD HOC Committee on Spending – The committee will be meeting on 6/20 at Syracuse AIS. They have been working on guidelines and will report at AWSC. Pam A. Chair.

ii) AD HOC committee on Action Committees – Meeting on 6/20 at Syracuse AIS. Any questions or comments contact Marion.

iii) AD HOC Committee on Policy – Members of committee are Heather D5, Gina Alt. Delegate, Ruth Secretary, Lynda D22, Pam D3, Kathy D19, Marion and Connie. Have not met yet will be setting a date.

iv) Homepage Committee on Policy Updates – working on guidelines. No Alateen meeting info on website. Checking with other area websites to see what they have.

v) Clarification on PA Alateens attending NYNAC – Discussed at last night's AWSC. Each area has it's own guidelines. Per WSO as long as other areas guidelines are equal to or greater than our own guidelines it would be OK for another area to attend NYNAC. In this case PA's guidelines are greater than NYN. PA Alateens will be able to attend NYNAC.

vi) Clarification on fundraising for Assemblies and Conventions – We don't want to infringe on another host district.

Decided that next host committee can begin to fund raise at an assembly or convention beginning on Saturday PM.

Will be written down in policies.

vii) Purchase of audio equipment – Not all hotels are providing audio equipment when an assembly or convention is held. It is expensive too rent equipment. It would cost about \$600 to purchase, we have \$500 in budget for the

purchase of equipment, we have purchased external hard drive and DVD player. It is also possible other monies

would be available. Contact Connie with comments, concerns etc. Will discuss at next AWSC. Note it will cost

\$250/day at the fall assembly to rent audio equipment. No motion at this time as has to be brought to AWSC.

Q: Can we begin fund raising for 2019 Spring Assembly and Convention now? Fund raising at his time should not

Be done at convention, maybe at group, district level.

Q: Didn't we have an AD HOC committee to discuss the structure of conventions?  
The AD HOC is Long Range Planning for Conventions and Assemblies.

Q: How do we get added to an AD HOC committee? Just need to attend a meeting.

Q: How do you find out about a meeting? Check Northern HiLights for meeting announcements.

Q: Shouldn't host districts only book places with audio equipment? May not be able to, affordability an issue.

Equipment could also be used at AWSC meetings.

Q: Can NYN accept earmarked donation? WSO does not allow earmarked donations. Unknown about at area

level. If we model WSO then would not be allowed.

Q: Clarify if vote on equipment would be at AWSC or Assembly? As there is \$500 in budget if under can be at

AWSC, if over at assembly. Need to research audio equipment, KBDM.

19) District Announcements and sharings.

20) Closing:

i) M: close meeting George Group Records

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

iii) Passed by voice vote

iv) Closed 4:25 PM