

May 18, 2024

Opening

Call to Order 9:02 AM

- Moment of Silence / Serenity Prayer - All
- Read the Traditions - Diane N
- Read the Concepts/Warranties - Maria S

Welcome & Informational Items

- Voting
 - Who is eligible - Group Representatives, their Alternate or Designee (Cannot not be a dual member). One vote per group / one vote per person.
 - How to vote - use the green check mark for yes, red x for no
- If you need help during the meeting - please send a private chat to: Maggie G, Business E Meeting Coordinator. As Chair Ellen will not be able to answer chats.
- Meeting etiquette: Please
 - two minutes at the microphone,
 - if someone before you say what you want to say sit down,
 - keeping cell phones off or silent,
 - if possible, leave your video on so that we can “read the room”
 - stay muted when you are not speaking
 - raise your virtual hand if you would like to speak
 - before speaking, please introduce yourself by first name, last initial and district number so the secretary can take correct minutes
- Timer- Alternate Delegate – Betty GM
- Roll Call
 - Call Roll taken. See Attachment A.
 - A Poll was taken to establish Substantial Unanimity for voting results. See Attachment B #01.
 - The result was 2/3 of total voting members.

AGENDA: All reports are posted and available on the NYN website:
https://nynafg.com/awsc_minutes-20240518.html

Secretary’s Report – Minutes are posted on the NYN web site.

The minutes from the 2023 Fall Assembly of September 30th was read by Acting NYN Secretary Molly C. Questions were asked and answered about the defeated motion to donate NYN funds in memory of a past delegate and the monies in the Sage Mutual Fund.

Two corrections were made:

- Michelle D14: Page 1- Sage Mutual Fund balance of \$2,581,78 listed should have a period instead of a comma.
- Kathi D NYN IPD (Immediate Past Delegate): Page 3 – Kathi responded that if they are new electronic meetings, they are placed in the GEA; if they were pre-pandemic face-to-face meetings and then went to virtual meetings, **they are in**

NYN they are in limbo until the Area decides if we will accept permanent electronic meetings (PEGs) into our Area service structure. Lia D09 motioned to accept the minutes as corrected and it was seconded by Ann F D12. The motion passed unanimously. See Attachment B #02

Treasurer’s Report -

We have no treasurer - please consider this position.

Delegate Carol C has been depositing and writing checks as needed and posted the Financial Report Jan-April 2024. The 2023 year-end reports from former Treasurer Betty GM are also posted on the NYN web site.

Current NYN Area Assembly Account Statements as of May 16,2024	
General Operating Fund	\$19,320.49
Reserve Fund	\$14,845.64
NYNAC fund	\$ 1,207.40

NYN’s 2024 budget for NYNAC Seed money for Panel 64 is \$1500.00. That requires a \$292.60 transfer into the NYNAC account.

Delegate Carol also noted that the Actual Expenses for 2023 was \$ 9,755.04 and the 2023 Revenue was \$ 11,210.16. The 2024 Budget approved at the 2023 Fall Assembly allows \$25,650.00 in expenses and \$14,845.64 in the Reserve account. Actual travel expenses will be less with decreased travel expenses due to the virtual only and the hybrid assemblies scheduled. The 2023 newsletter publishing expenses are listed as \$ 0.00 is not an accurate reflection of costs.

NYN Area has a PayPal account but there is no Treasurer to use it so all donations or event registrations must be mailed to the Area PO Box. There is no rent paid by the NYN area.

Delegate’s Report - Carol C

Report is posted on the NYN web site. Please post your questions in the “Ask-It-Basket” via the Zoom Chat to E meeting Coordinator Maggie G. Carol C will address them after lunch.

Carol began with a slide show reviewing the current AI-Anon Service Structure link by link and an Alphabet Soup of Acronyms explaining what each means AI-Anon She reported her preparations for the 4 day WSC (World Service Conference) in Virginia besides reading all the correspondence and reports sent daily since January. This included an AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual Study and reading Lois Remembers (B7) and Many Voices, One Journey (B31).

A Google slide presentation covered the links of service, many acronyms used in AI-Anon and the AI-Anon Service Structure.

Lunch Break called at 12:18 PM with a return time of 1:16 pm.

Call to Order at 1:18 PM

Poem – “Women in AI-Anon” by Mike R, Presentation Coordinator

Officer and Coordinator Reports - 2 mins.

All reports are on the NYN Area website. <https://www.nynafg.com/news.html>

Alternate Delegate and Forum Coordinator - Betty GM

Betty reports meeting the WSO Forum Coordinator and those of other areas at a meeting. Sharing their experience, strength and hope including many ideas to increase Forum sales. She is receiving information through the AFG Connects community regularly.

Immediate Past Delegate - Kathi D

To date, I have written one Northern HiLight article, attended the Winter AWSC meetings, and held the New Group Representative (GR) Orientation meeting. New GRs attend to learn what to expect at their first assembly and to go over what the job entails. Any GR or AFG Member is welcome to attend. These meetings are held prior to each assembly.

Alateen Coordinator – Mary S (interim)

- The Alateen Coordinator works with the Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) to recertify all AI-Anon Members In Alateen Service (AMIAS) and to support Alateen groups. There is an Alateen Interest Meeting held prior to each assembly for members interested in service to and locating an Alateen group in NYN.
- We are currently looking for male AMIAS to support Alateen and follow our safety guidelines for Alateen events.
- There is a new “Summary Guide for Mandated Reporters in New York State” posted as Attachment J of the NYN Area Alateen Guidelines.

Area Alateen Process Person - Vicky D

- We have lost 14 AMIAS this year for various reasons. There are 7 recertifications still in process. There are 11 Alateen groups in the NYN Area.
- Many areas are trying to increase the number of Alateen meetings. WSO is trying to set up guidelines for electronic Alateen meetings that are safe for its members. Some GSOs (General Service Offices) of other countries already have electronic Alateen meetings set up. There are currently 5 Alateen meetings available on the AI-Anon app for tablets and smart phones set up on a trial basis to work out any kinks.
- Remember that Alateen is AI-Anon and Alateens are welcome at any AI-Anon meeting
- Noted by Loron O Rochester AIS: The number of AMIAS is down from 52 to 38 and YET no active Alateen group has been affected by the decline.

Archives Coordinator - Janet L

Almost all the literature archives have been turned over to Janet L. The financial records are still in the hands of Jim M D18. Jim commented there is a 15 year age requirement for financial records. Per Betty GM the NYN accountant gave the save and time limits for incorporations. Per Maria S, previous Archivist the records are in the boxes turned over to Janet L the current archivist.

Business E-Meeting Host - Maggie G

There are tips posted for Zoom NYN meetings on their web site. If you haven't read it, please do. If you have any questions or need to post your local events on the calendar email anytime at: e-meetinghost@nynafg.com

Convention Coordinator - Jim M

- NYN Fall Assembly 2024 will be held on September 28, 2024. It will be hybrid at the North Syracuse Education Association (NSEA) 210 S Main St, North Syracuse NY 13212. An AWSC meeting, New GR Orientation, Alateen Interest Meeting and Spiritual Panel held via Zoom.
- NYN Spring Assembly 2025 will be hosted by District 29 with the theme "Stepping In To The Light Of Gratitude" on May 30, 32 and June 1st at the RIT Conference Center 5257 W Henrietta Rd, Henrietta, NY 14467 at Exit 46 of the NYS Thruway – I90. The Chair is Pat H D29. They are looking for help in setting up panel speakers, manning a few hours at the tables. Etc. If interested please email Pat H. Contact info was given.

	Year	Spring	Fall
Panel 64	2024	Electronic Assembly	Hybrid Assembly
	2025	Assembly/Convention	Electronic Assembly
	2026	Electronic Assembly	Election Assembly Convention
Panel 67	2027	Electronic Assembly	Hybrid Assembly
	2028	Assembly/Convention	Electronic Assembly
	2029	Electronic Assembly	Election Assembly Convention

Group Records Coordinator - Connie C

Connie is updating group records as they are received. This position also supplies the Certificate of Insurance for the groups in NY North that are required to provide proof of liability insurance for the owner of their meeting location.

Brenda D25 asked if Connie C is keeping track of the number of groups in NYN.

Answer: Not so far, no report was filed online yet. Ellen V Chair suggested checking the older Group Records Reports for the information covered.

Literature - Renee S

Unable to attend today the report is online in full. Some highlights follow.

- *Healing within Our Alcoholic Relationships--A Collection of Insights from Our Shared Journey* (P-95) is a 48-page booklet that provides brief but powerful messages of timeless wisdom. the GEMS Booklet (working title) has received its

official title and will be published this fall! It's perfect for newcomers as well as anyone who may need to "Keep It Simple" and get back to basics. Currently being designed and translated, it will be available this fall in English, French, and Spanish for \$4.00 US.

- Approved [Quotations](#) for 2025 Service Arm Calendars are available on the WSO website.
- Al-Anon Conference Approved Literature (CAL) in Braille and other formats for visually impaired members.
- Eight more Service Guidelines have been updated
- The Writing Guide for new CAL on Sponsorship and Service Sponsorship is now available.
- Sharings are needed for "CAL Corner". Urge members to share in writing about how *any* piece of CAL has helped them with their recovery. We could especially use sharings about any of the following: *Many Voices, One Journey* (B-31), *Alcoholism, a Merry-Go-Round Named Denial* (P-3), *A Little Time for Myself* (B-34), the *Just for Tonight* Alateen Bookmark, *The Al-Anon Family Groups-Classic Edition* (P-5), *Three Views of Al-Anon* (P-15), *As We Understood...* (B-11), *...In All Our Affairs* (B-15), *How Al-Anon Works* (B-32), or *When I Got Busy, I Got Better* (P-78).

Newsletter Coordinator - Wendy L

Wendy thanked former Newsletter Coordinator David N , proof readers, mail help for their service in getting out the newsletter. Around 55 people get the hard copy through the mail. Printing and postage, at an average of about \$100 per issue, have been almost twice what we budgeted. Postage is going up again in June. There was a previous decision to ask everyone who gets the newsletter by mail to re-subscribe each year at a certain time of year, so we do not send out to folks who no longer want it. This has not been done, but we plan to do it this year. The finance committee is being asked to consider what the amount of the suggested donation will be. Meanwhile, we have an email list of 414 people, and some folks are complimenting the layout. I want to get a clearer vision of how many people from our email list open the attachment and value the content.

NYNAC Coordinator - Mary S

At the current time, NYNAC has been put on hold until the AAPP has finished the recertification process. We need male AMIAS for supervision at NYNAC. If you are at least 21 years old, have two years of consecutive Al-Anon membership and would like to share the gift of recovery with teenagers, please consider stepping into service. AMIAS must be certified by the area in which they serve. A NY South AMIAS cannot serve in the NYN Area Alateen service.

If you have any questions about what Alateen is, about NYNAC and how to become certified as an AMIAS (Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service), contact nynac@nynafg.com.

Presentation Coordinator - Mike R

The Presentation Coordinator's purpose is to entertain (with group participation) in front of our attendees at the annual assemblies. These presentations relate to our service in AI-Anon; with a mixture of laughter, comedy, and dramatic flair so that everyone comes away with a sense of accomplishment and purpose that we can all apply to our individual journeys in the fellowship of AI-Anon. "Participation is the Key to Harmony. "

Public Outreach Coordinator - Maria S

When the area officer and coordinator positions rotate every three years, there is always a flurry of posts to the WSO Online AFG Connects forums by the newly elected, so I have been keeping up with those. I will review the WSO Public Outreach folder as well as the Public Outreach folder in our own NYN Archives. WSO is now offering bimonthly Public Outreach Coordinator meetings on Zoom, so I plan to attend those. I hope with each NYN Newsletter to post at least one idea per month for districts and groups to consider for their own Public Outreach activities. Since every aspect of our world took quite the hit with COVID, we need to get the word out that AI-Anon is here to help. If anyone has any questions, please email me a po@nynafg.com.

Web Coordinator Report - Amanda B

Appointed by Chair Ellen V after the elected web coordinator stepped down, Amanda B agreed to serve. There will be a motion for Amanda B to serve as the NYN Web Coordinator for Panel 64 later today. Amanda has been posting on and updating the web site.

AIS Reports:**AIS Rochester – Loron O**

Computer equipment in old and needs updating. AMIAS recertification process is complete. AIS is creating a template for meeting minutes and attendance records.

AIS Syracuse - No report.**AIS Western NY – Corrine**

WNY is in process of updating their web site. There is a new Chairperson after a 4-year vacancy - Mary E M, as well as a new Secretary and Newsletter coordinator. The AIS has an official Literature Distribution Center (LDC) for Conference Approved Literature (CAL).

Task Force(s) Reports:**Electronic meetings – Kathi D and Carol C**

The Task Force was formed on the recommendation of the Electronic Meetings Thought Force. The first meeting will be held June 1 at 8 AM via zoom. If you want to serve on this Thought Force or propose ideas please contact via email ipd@nynafg.com.

Post Lunch Roll Call – See Attachment A.

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ITEMS

Election for vacant positions

- **Web Coordinator – Amanda B**
 - Appointed by Chair Ellen V.
 - Lisa D09 motioned to approve Amanda B as Web Coordinator of NYN and seconded by Anne F D12. Passed unanimously. See Attachment B #03.

- **Alateen Coordinator** – Anyone willing to stand?
 - No response. Please bring notice of opening back to your groups.
 - See <https://nynafg.com/pdf/NYNJobDesc2023.pdf>

- **Treasurer Office** – Anyone willing to stand?
 - Kathi D, current IPD – Immediate Past Delegate stood up. Cathy D02 motioned to approve Kathi D as Treasurer. Joan L D12 seconded and the motion was passes unanimously. See Attachment B #04.
 - REMINDER: Mailing address for NYN will be updated please check the NYN Web site for the update.

Group Rep/District Rep Meet Up - NYN Chair Ellen V

The NYN Officers and Coordinators started meeting monthly for a meet up. It is not mandatory but has been helpful to share area news, issues, progress and get others' experience, strength and hope. After a consensus, NYN Chair Ellen V announced the first meeting on will be on **Sunday June 9th 5:30 - 6:30 pm via Zoom.**

Meeting ID: 829 5131 1512 Passcode: 341891

NYN Spring 2025 Assembly and Convention Schedule

Pat H, D29 volunteered as the 2025 NYN Spring Assembly Chair. The Spring 2025 Assembly and Al-Anon Convention with AA participation will be held from May 30th to June 1st at the RIT Inn and Conference Center, 5257 W Henrietta Rd, Henrietta, NY. There is no host committee. The planning committee is looking for volunteers from all NYN districts to serve on the planning committee, panels, registration, hospitality, basket raffle, 50/50 and others spots. Please contact Pat D if interested. Rooms with 2 double beds will cost \$148 per night.

Technology Coordinator position in NYN AWSC

The changes in the worldwide Al-Anon Family Groups have been great due to the pandemic and the availability of technology. Electronic groups are registered with WSO and represented with voice and vote by a new global area. Tradition geographic groups have met and continue to meet in person, virtually or hybrid. WSO has created a technology coordinator position.

The question is do we need a AWSC Coordinator position to help our area groups with these changes?

A discussion ensued, citing the various types of devices used, use of coordinator – area assemblies and business meetings or districts or individual AFGs, choosing and cost of a platform like Zoom, cost of equipment, cost of professional help, member knowledge of setup, use and troubleshooting, etc. Program tells us to Keep It Simple – as possible, The next step is to form a Thought Force to explore ideas and possibilities. NYN Chair Ellen V will set up a Thought Force. See definition on pages 70-71 in Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual 2022-2025 (P-24/27). If you want to serve please contact NYN AreaChair Ellen V via the web site. Members to date: Carol C Delegate, Stephanie B, D23, Carol D08, Lia, Maggie G, Mary S D12,

Fall Assembly (Hybrid) Jim M

Will be hybrid on Saturday September 28th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. from the North Syracuse Education Association, 210 S Main St, North Syracuse, NY 13212, Deadline to send reports: Friday, August 30, 2024. Check NYN web site to register.

Discussion: Reading only motions and outcomes of the minutes of the previous AWSC or Assembly in order to save time in the meetings. – NYN Chair Ellen V

Reading the minutes by the secretary at an assembly can take 40 to 50 minutes. With the technology available and the posting of reports prior for all NYN Area Business meetings is it necessary. Participants are encouraged to read reports prior to the meeting and bring any additions, corrections, or questions to the meeting.

A reminder can be emailed out to registered attendees to read the reports prior to meeting. Secretary will read the motions and voting results, then ask for any additions, corrections or questions of the minutes as posted on the NYN web site.

2025 WSO Road Trip – IPD Kathi D

Item for discussion- should NYN submit a bid to host the 2025 WSO Road Trip - You and Your Board Connect. Kathi D researched the NYN Area for locations which meet the needs of the Annual WSO Road Trip. The area chosen by lottery needs to have about 100 members to serve the event. We have had offers of help from surrounding areas in the North East Regional Areas, Buffalo, NY has all the requirements specified by WSO. A motion by Betty GM D23 to submit a bid to host the 2025 WSO Road Trip was seconded by Mary D D10. It passed unanimously. See attachment B #06.

SKIT written by Michael R presented and performed.

District Updates and Announcements:

- **No Representatives for Districts**
 - D02, D07, D08, D11, D14, D15, D19, D20, D22, D27 There is 10 out of 28 districts without a DR or 35.7% of our membership has no vote or voice on the NYN AWSC.
- **District 01** – Cindy E DR
 - It is one year since District 01 regrouped and named a new representative.
- **District 09** – Lynn W DR
 - District is struggling with rural area.
- **District 15** – Janet GR
 - Groups are desperately seeking a new DR.
 - Having a Day of Sharing on 9/24/24. Flyer will be sent to NYN website
- **District 18** – Jim M DR
 - Thursday night Eastwood AFG is celebrating it's 50th Anniversary.
- **District 02** – Theresa DR
 - Hamlin Sunday Night AFG is celebrating it's 38th anniversary on 6/9/24
- **District 08** – Diane GR
 - Had a district meeting in April
 - Will have the Weekend Escape in July
 - District picnic scheduled for September 7th
- **Area Calendar** - <https://nynafg.com/calendar.html> Please let us know of events going on in your district - email them to: web@nynafg.com

Close

A motion was made to adjourn the assembly meeting by Betty GM D23 and seconded by Mary D10. Passed unanimously and the meeting was closed at 4:19 PM EST with the Al-Anon Declaration. "Let it begin with me. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be there, and – let it begin with me."

**ROLL CALL
ATTACHMENT A**

NYN Area Spring Assembly

May 18, 2024

<i>Position</i>	<i>Time: 9:20 AM</i>	<i>Time: 2:15 PM</i>	<i>Time:</i>
Coordinators			
Alateen	** Mary S	** Mary S	
AAPP	Vicki D	Vicki D	
Archives	Janet	Janet	
Business E meeting	Maggie G	Maggie G	
Convention	Jim M	Jim M	
Group Records	Connie C	Connie C	
Literature	Renee S	Renee S	
Newsletter	Wendy L	Wendy L	
NYNAC	Mary S	Mary S	
Presentation	Mike R	Mike R	
Public Outreach	Maria S	Maria S	
Web			
Officers			
Delegate	Carol C	Carol C	
Alt Delegate	Betty G-M	Betty G-M	
IPD	Kathi D	Kathi D	
Secretary	**Molly C	**Molly C	
Treasurer			
Chairperson	Ellen V	Ellen V	
Past Delegates			
Past Trustees			
AIS Representatives			
W. New York	Corrine	Corrine	
Rochester	Loron O	Loron O	
Syracuse			
Voting Members Subtotal	0	0	

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NYN Panel 64 Area 39

Group Representative	Time: 9:43 AM	Time: 2:15 PM	Time:
01	7	6	
02	3	3	
03	1	2	
04	0	0	
05	1	1	
06	0	1	
07	1	1	
08	5	4	
09	2	2	
10	3	4	
11	0	0	
12	4	4	
13	0	0	
14	1	2	
15	1	1	
17	0	0	
18	2	2	
19	3	3	
20	0	0	
21	0	0	
22	2	1	
23	2	2	
24	0	0	
25	2	2	
26	0	0	
27	12	1	
28	0	0	
29	2	2	
Subtotal	43	44	
TOTAL Voting Members	43	44	

2/3 is **29**

2/3 is **30**

Count was checked prior to each vote. See Attachment B.

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NYN Motion/Poll LOG

NYN SPRING ASSEMBLY

MAY 18, 2024

ATTACHMENT B

	ITEM	COUNT	RESULT
# 01 Poll Motion	# Voting: 47 Originator Chair Ellen V Poll: Choose one : Substantial Unanimity for today will be 1. 2/3 of voting members present. 2. 3/4 of voting members present.	1. 40 2. 7 No response 0	2/3 OF 47= 32 Substantial Unanimity Is 32
# 02 Poll Motion	# Voting: 33 Originator Lia D09 2 nd Anne F D12 Motion to approve the 2023 Fall Assembly minutes as corrected.. Substantial Unanimity Is 24	YES 33 NO. 0	CARRIED
# 03 Poll Motion	# Voting: 36 Originator Michelle D14. 2 nd Terrey L D27 Motion to approve Amanda B s Web Coordinard of NYN Area. Substantial Unanimity Is 30	YES 36 NO. 0	CARRIED
# 04 Poll Motion	# Voting: 38 Originator: Cathy D02 2 nd Joan L D12 Motion to approve Kathi D, NYN IPD as Treasurer of NYN. Substantial Unanimity Is 26	YES 38 NO. 0	CARRIED
# 05 Poll Motion	# Voting: 37 Originator: Joan L D12 2 nd Pat H D02 Topic: Motion to have the Secretary only ask if there are additions, issues, or corrections to the minutes as posted. Substantial Unanimity Is 25	YES 31 NO. 6	CARRIED
# 06 Poll Motion	# Voting: 35 Originator Betty GM D23. 2 nd Mary D D10 Motion to submit a bid for the 2025 WSO Road Trip You and Your Board Connect? Substantial Unanimity Is 24	YES 32 NO. 3	CARRIED

<p># 07</p> <p>Pett</p> <p>Motion</p>	<p># Voting: 33 Originator Betty GM D23. 2nd Mary D D10</p> <p>Topic: Motion to adjourn meeting.</p> <p>Substantial Unanimity Is 22</p>	<p>YES 33</p> <p>NO. 0</p>	<p>CARRIED</p>