

**New York North AFG Officer Report**

**Molly C  
Acting Secretary**

**Sept 28, 2025**

Fall Assembly Minutes 2025

**OPENING**

- **Call to Order:** Ellen V 9:02 AM
- **Moment of Silence** followed by the **Serenity Prayer**
- **Traditions** read by Lynne W D09
- **Welcome & Informational Items**
  - NYN Assembly & AWSC Voting eligibility and procedures explained: how to vote, to get help, to keep the meeting running smoothly, and how to communicate whether in person or virtually.
- **Roll Call :** Ellen V - see Attachment A
  - Group Representative – Voting Members (See Attachment A)
    - F (In person) 20 V (Virtual) 25 Total Voting **45**
  - Officers, Coordinators and Trusted Servants - Voice only/No Votes. (See Attachment B)
    - F (In person) 18 V (Virtual) 2 Present **20**
- **Poll** taken to establish Substantial Unanimity for vote to carry 2/3 or 3/4?
  - 2/3 of count F = 17 V= 17 Total = 34
  - 3/4 of count F = 3 V = 4 Total = 7
  - Abstentions are not considered as votes. Therefore, the number of voting members will vary from motion to motion.
  - **Substantial Unanimity will be 2/3 of total votes 45, that is 30**

**AGENDA**

**\*All reports are posted online. Members are asked to read them prior to assembly.**

- **Secretary’s Report\***-Molly C (Acting) Minutes from Spring Assembly 2024
  - Corrections, additions and deletions were given to the secretary and will be posted online as the corrected Spring 2024 Assembly Minutes – approved.
  - Motion by Lynne W D09 and 2<sup>nd</sup>: Janet GR Archives Motion to approve the 2024 NYN Area Spring Assembly minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously. See Attachment C

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- **Treasurer's Report\*** - Kathi D
  - Treasurer report – report of all bank accounts balances, the 2024 proposed budget and the 2024 Contributions and Expenses through 8/31/2024.
  - Proposed Budget 2025 – tabled to afternoon session.
  - Motion to accept report as given by Betty GM D23 and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lynne W D09. Motion carried unanimously. See Attachment C
  - Please make note and use the new NYN AFG mailing address  
**New Mailing Address**  
P .O. Box 5253  
Oswego, NY 13126
  
- **Delegate's Report\*** – Carol C
  - Gave a presentation on the links of service and how it differs from the business world.
  - Highlights from the following documents from the WSO:
    - From the Board of Trustees: Chairperson the Board (COB) Letter of July 2024, the Policy Committee Report and the Finance Committee Report
    - From WSO: a position description for a job opening at the WSO.
  - NYN Area Map enlarged and on display in the meeting room. The district boundaries are drawn. The map is available on the NYN web site on the Area Information page ([https://www.nynafg.com/area\\_info.html](https://www.nynafg.com/area_info.html)). The document below the map gives the geographic description of the districts' boundaries.
  - Use the links of service for information or guidelines on group issues. First link is your District. If there is no DR then bring it to a member of the AWSC. There is a list of AWSC members on the NYN web site under *Area Officers* (with emails)

**Break:** 10:47 AM – 10:57 AM

- **Delegate's Report\*** – Carol C continued:
  - Check the World Service Conference Summary available on WSO web site (<https://al-anon.org/for-members/world-service-conference-wsc/>) and the BOT - Board of Trustees quarterly letters (<https://al-anon.org/for-members/board-of-trustees/>) for information on new literature being developed, BOT Road Trip this October, the 2025 WSC – World Service Conference, Stepping Stones, WSO guidelines on using AI (artificial Intelligence), choosing a name welcoming to all peoples for your home group following our primary purpose.

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- A power point presentation of the Delegate's Report on the AFG Fellowship and Service Structure was shown and is available as a pdf to view on the NYN web site.
- Questions and discussion from Delegates report:
  - Review of AFG names – Is the name of our groups comforting and welcoming with the focus on Tradition 5? Does it exclude any segment of our community by designation of a specific group like Men's, Womens, Adult Children, Parents Of, People of Color, LGBTQ+, Young Adults. Check the listing for your group on the WSO meeting search. Please bring back to your group conscience. The group search engine has a designation for use with an "Advanced Search" in the find a meeting for special needs or participants that groups can fill in on the group records registration or change form. Any questions check with Group Records Coordinator Connie C.
  - Specs are on the WSO web site for a new position as an International Specialist.
- **Skit:** Mike R
  - Presentation Coordinator\* - Mike R introduced *The Lady Who Threw the Shoe* – a skit on building connections and sharing the message

### Coordinator Reports

- **Alternate Delegate Report\*** - Betty GM
  - The Forum, Al-Anon's monthly magazine is always looking for members' submissions of articles, artwork and pictures. Submit your contribution via <https://al-anon.org/for-members/board-of-trustees/> and subscribe through the link- <https://al-anon.org/for-members/board-of-trustees/>.
- **Area Alateen Process Person Report\*** - Vicky D
  - There are 8 active Alateen groups in NYN.
  - AMIAS recertification process begins in January 2025. We need more males certified to be able to hold Alateen functions.
- **Archives Coordinator Report \***- Janet GR
  - Preparing an archives poster for the NYN Spring 2025 Assembly/Convention.
- **Business E-Meeting Host Report** - Maggie G
  - All Zoom meetings using the NYN account must be scheduled with the E-meeting Coordinator or the Web Coordinator to prevent authorized scheduled meetings from being locked out.
  - All options in Zoom technology using AI features like transcription and summaries have been removed due to the WSO guidance.

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- **Convention Coordinator Report\*** - Jim M

- Date, locations and times of Spring 2025 Assembly/Convention were given.
- Remember that the Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 assemblies will both be virtual only and the Fall 2026 is an election assembly will be only face to face.
- We need districts or committees to chair the next three Assemblies of Panel 64.
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**Lunch:** 12:00PM

**Call to order:** Ellen V 1:03 PM

- **Concepts/Warranties** read by Ruth S

### **Coordinator Reports:**

- **NYNAC Coordinator Report\*** - Mary S

- The 2024 NYNAC has been canceled due to low enrollment.

- **Alateen Coordinator Report\*** - Mary S (interim)

- Coordinator spot is open and needs to be filled. Please bring back to your groups. Any questions contact Mary S.
- We need more AMIAS and group sponsors to make recovery available to teens in the NYN Area.

- **Group Records Coordinator Report \*-** Connie C

- Connie C posted a list of NYN Districts with the current number of active and inactive groups.
- Lynne W D09 stated there are currently 5 groups with bounced emails in her district 09.
- Anne F GR D12 says a District 12 group currently does not come up on the WSO web site and nothing has changed. Coordinator will investigate.
- It is the group's responsibility to update any changes in group information and to check on the accuracy of the information posted publicly.
- **Make sure your group has a current mailing address and email address.**

- **Literature Coordinator Report\*** - Renee S

- The new CAL publication available is \$4.00 pamphlet [\*Healing within our Alcoholic Relationships \(P-95\)\*](#)
- Two new pieces are in the works. Sponsorship and Service Sponsorship is the subject of one and the other is about our relationships with finances.
- There are new Service Guidelines available on the WSO website.
- There may be upcoming conversations regarding translations in languages other than French and Spanish.

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- Members with visual impairments can Connect with local resources for the Blind and Visually Impaired will link members with other sources such as National Library Service for the Blind, Bookshare.org, and LearningAlly.org, each listing several Al-Anon books that may be compatible with devices used by the vision-impaired and in audio format. Individuals may contact them directly for additional information.
- Trusted Servant Pam A shared that the electronic version of The Forum is only available through Apple Books, Amazon and Barnes and Noble.
- **Newsletter Coordinator Report - Wendy L**
  - We are publishing a 6-page newsletter 10 times per year. Holding it to 6 pages keeps down our printing and postage costs. The downside is that it does not always allow us to include full-page copies of flyers.
  - With the postage and printing costs having gone up, the current cost per mailed copy is about \$2.30, or \$23 per year. We send to 51 addresses currently. There has been discussion of upping the \$10/year for a year's mailed subscription, and to ask that all recipients resubscribe in December or early January for 2025.
- **Presentation Coordinator Report - Mike R.**
  - What does a Presentation Coordinator actually do? It is my "job" to solicit suggestions for skits and performances to present at our yearly assemblies in the spring and fall of each year. I have reviewed a slew of skits, scripts, and presentations, and I get the fun task of deciding on the ones that can be acted out (with group participation) in front of our attendees at the annual assemblies.
- **Public Outreach Coordinator Report –**
  - No report, position is vacant. This could be you!
- **Web Coordinator Report - Maria S**
  - Have a printed copy of the current meeting schedules available at your AFGs. They are available through our website
  - Maria demonstrated how to find information on the NYN website.
  - To print in black and white instead of color the user must choose this option at the time it is sent to the printer.
- **AIS Reports**
  - **AIS Rochester – Maggie G for Loron O**
    - Bylaws were amended to allow dual members to serve as voting AIS reps for their AFG. They cannot be an Alternate GR.
    - New AIS office location with expanded hours of operation.
    - Alateen group has active members and is looking for AMIAS to help.
- **New York North Area Task Force to Accept Electronic Meetings – Ellen V**

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- A pdf version of a power point presentation of New York North Area Task Force to Accept Electronic Meetings report is available on the NYN website and a copy of the proposed policy to use for the NYN Area.
- **Technology Coordinator Thought Force – Ellen V**
  - Following the NY North 2024 Spring Assembly, a Technology Thought Force was formed. Given the Assembly format of two in-person, two hybrid, and two electronic meetings, the Thought Force was charged with discussing if there is a need to create a new Area-level service position - “Technology Coordinator.” The report is on the NYN website. The members of the Thought Force agree that the Area would benefit from having a Technology Coordinator to focus on the elements needed for a successful Assembly and help provide a positive experience for all participants, in person and online. We recommend moving this discussion to a Task Force for further development
  - Discussion followed and a motion was made by Stephanie B D23 and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenna E D19. Motion: I would make a motion to create a Task Force defining roles and responsibilities of a NYN Technology Coordinator. It was carried unanimously. See Attachment C

**Roll Call -**

- **Group Representative – Voting Members** (See Attachment A)
  - F (In person) 20 V (Virtual) 23 # Voting **43**
- **Officers, Coordinators and Trusted Servants - Voice only/No Votes** (See Attachment B)

**Discussion and Voting Items**

- **Election of vacant positions:** see NYN Job Descriptions
  - **Web Coordinator - Maria S**
    - Maria S was appointed by Chairperson Ellen V. Maria S submitted her position report to this assembly and spoke of her qualifications. A vote was taken to elect Maria S as Web Coordinator. Yes. F: 21 + V: 20 = 41 in favor. No = 0. Congratulations Maria and thank you for your service.
  - **Officer: Secretary:** Molly C stood for the position and left the room while a vote was taken. Apologies for missing vote numbers, the acting secretary was out of the room. Chair Ellen V reported the vote was passed by with substantial unanimity.

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- **Coordinator: Alateen** –
  - In response to questions raised – a double winner may serve as an AMIAS and as an Alateen group sponsor but may not hold a position above the group level.
  - No one stood for the position. It remains open and our NYNAC Coordinator is covering the duties until the position is filled.
- **Coordinator: Public Outreach** – Jenna E D19 stood for the position. Spoke of her qualifications and wanting to direct outreach to a younger crowd. A vote was taken to elect Jenna E. Yes F: 19 + V:21. = 40 No F: 0 + V: 0 = 0. Congratulations Jenna E and thank you for your service.
- **2025 NYN Budget:** A budget is what we would like to see happen. Changes were made to the budget submitted. It is \$300 more than the 2024 budget. Discussion was held and questions answered. What is NERD? NERD expense is included in the Delegate's expenses. Scholarship money for past Delegates to attend NERD will still be available. Connie C, Newsletter stated the cost for printed copies of Northern Highlights mailed has increased. Can we check with those receiving them to see if they can switch to the electronic version or pay more for subscription, or set a renewal date?
  - The line items changed follow.
    - Equalized Delegate vs Actual Delegate expense is increased \$1000.
    - Liability insurance line increased \$300.
    - NERD line decreased \$500. The IPD(Immediate Past Delegate) is only budgeted for the first year of each panel.
    - Newsletter Publishing is increased \$500
    - NYNAC seed money is decreased by \$1000.
  - 04: To approve the proposed NYN Area 2025 Budget with corrections as presented by Lynne W D19 and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary D D10. Motion carried unanimously. See Attachment C
- **Yearly donation to WSO:** A review of NYN policies: each year the AWSC determines and recommends an amount to the Assembly based on profit from the Spring Convention to donate to the World Service Office. **Oct 1990.** Traditionally the donation to the WSO has been 10% of the proceeds from the Spring Assembly/Convention. – **Clarification Aug 2011.** After discussion and questions citing WSO financial report, expense of attending the in person NYN Assembly/Convention, et al, was made by Annette M D01, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy V D01 : Move to not donate to WSO. Vote was not a substantial unanimity – thus defeated. See Appendix A. Another motion was made by Betty GM D23, 2<sup>ND</sup> by

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Helen H D15 to make a \$750 donation to WSO. This was defeated by not having a substantial unanimity. See Appendix C.

- **2025 WSC Equalized Delegate expense** (Explanation can be found on page 169 of the service manual) Motion was made to have NYN pay \$3617.71 for the Delegate to attend the 2025 WSC by Betty GM D23 and 2nd by Jenna E D19. Motion was carried unanimously. See Appendix C.
- **Proposal to accept Electronic Groups into our NYN Area:** Task force presentation was given during the reports part of the agenda with a proposed policy to accept Permanent Electronic Groups (PEGs) into the NYN Area Service Structure and is posted online. A motion was made by Mary D D10 and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laurie G D03 to accept PEGs into the NYN Service Area as recommended by the Task Force. Motion was carried with a substantial majority of 37 yes to 1 no. See Appendix C.
- **Proposal to create a NYN Area Policy task force.** Create a task force to review, update and organize the NYN policies together and possibly change them for better understanding and alignment with WSO. A concern was raised regarding the expenses involved in attending the Fall Assembly in Syracuse. Current Policies can be found in the NYN Area website along with the NYN Area Convention/Assembly Guidelines.
- **Proposal to create a committee to plan the Fall 2026 Election Assembly and Convention.** It's not too early to start! Tabled.
- **District Updates & Announcements**
  - D01 - DR Cindy District 01 is hosting the Al-Anon portion of the 83rd Buffalo AA Convention.
  - D10 Theresa District 10 is having a Share-A-Thon weekend Nov 15-17 at Greece Peek.
  - D12 – DR Mary S District 17 is having a Day of sharing Oct 17<sup>th</sup> in Randolph NY. District 12 is hosting a book study on Tuesday nights using Discovering Choices.
  - Trusted Servant Pam A Asked if D21 has a day of sharing in November.
  - D06 Theresa District 06 is having a Day of Sharing on Oct 19 from 10 am to 3 pm at St Helena’s Parish in Cheryl NY.
  - Chair Ellen V: The monthly NYN Officer and Coordinator meetings have proved helpful to these service members in fulfilling their jobs. The NYN Area will host a GR/DR Monthly Meet Up to share their experience, strength and hope with each other. Stop in for 5 minutes or an hour. Bring your questions, concerns, and triumphs. Check the events calendar on the NYN website for dates, times and login information.



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- **Area Calendar** – located at this link: <https://nynafg.com/calendar.html> Please let us know of events going on in your district via email to: [web@nynafg.com](mailto:web@nynafg.com) .

**Close: Ellen V**

- Motion to close the meeting made by Jenna E D19 and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Betty GM D23 was made and passed unanimously. See Appendix C.
- Meeting Closed at 4:11 PM 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.”

**NYN Area 39**

**GR/DR Monthly Meet up**

**3rd Sunday of the Month, 4 -5 pm**

Zoom Meeting ID: 829 5131 1512

Passcode: 341891

**Casual and friendly**

**A place to share experience, strength and hope**

**Stop in for 5 min or for the whole hour**

**Questions? please email [chairperson@nynafg.com](mailto:chairperson@nynafg.com)**

October 20th, 2024, Nov 17th, 2024, Dec 15th, 2024  
Jan 19th, 2025, Feb 16th, 2025, March 16th, 2025