

Idaho AWSC 2005 Spring

Al-Anon AWSC Meeting Minutes

The AWSC of Idaho meeting was held in Boise on February 26, 2005.

Attendance

Ruth B.	Chair	Bob	Area CPC Coordinator
Cecilia	Delegate	Lori	District 1 Representative
Myrna	Alternate Delegate	Danielle E.	District 2 Representative
Joan	Treasurer; District 7 Rep	Laura	District 3 Representative
Michele	Secretary	Ilse	District 4 Representative
LaDora B.	Archives	Wanda	District 5 Representative
Loni	Area Public Outreach	Kathy	District 6 Representative
Ruth G.	Literature Coordinator	Linda	Alateen Coordinator
Susy B.	Newsletter Coordinator	Toni	Group Records Coordinator

Reports

Secretary's Report

Minutes were read from the Fall AWSC meeting. Everyone had previously received minutes from the Fall Assembly. Toni made a motion to accept the minutes there was a second and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Joan requested checks to be made to "Idaho State Al-Anon" and to add in the memo section whether it is a group donation and district number if applicable.

If any one wants to donate their reimbursements to Al-Anon, the best way to do that is to cash the check and then donate it back to Area so that we are showing use of our 7th tradition. Members are in agreement of this option. *A motion was made for members to receive and cash their checks for reimbursement from Area and Assembly, the motion carried.*

Seed money was not needed or used from Al-Anon days in 2004 because the committee started receiving registrations and did not need the money.

Motion was made to reimburse Joan for purchase of Quicken program motion carried. January through December 31, 2004 Treasurers report attached. The treasurer's report was approved. Our current DRs need to hold onto the Itemized Categories and Joan will give us an updated report from that date to current at next meeting.

Discussion

Important issues for us as a committee

- 1) Tradition/concept Study
- 2) Assembly Improvements
- 3) Alateen Issues at Assemblies
- 4) AWSC Accountability
- 5) Passing info to District Coordinator Role of Area Coordinator
- 6) Policy Manual
- 7) Why support Area for District and Group
- 8) Literature Center
- 9) Area Expenses

Delegate's Report

See Attachment.

AI-Anon Days

2005 –Danielle reported that the \$100 seed money is needed to help finalize rooms and supplies. The flyer is on the Web and flyers are available to distribute. Pam A. will be the speaker. District 2 would like all the Districts to do a skit with letters of the alphabet (report is attached with each District's letters). They are having a writing workshop. Raffle items are needed and everyone needs to wear a red shirt.

Spring 2005 Assembly

Mark reported on the progress. Draft agendas are available. The Assembly will be in Boise on April 29, 30, and May 1 at the Double Tree Riverside. District 2 will do the Spiritual meeting. District 5 will host the meeting on "Service: How service work contributes to recovery." District 6 will host the meeting on "Home, Sweet, Home: The importance of establishing a home group." Raffle items are needed. The Committee is still working on an Alateen program.

Fall Assembly 2005

Ilsa reported that the Fall Assembly starts on Oct 2, 2005.

Here is a draft of agenda so far

Saturday 9:00 Delegate Report

10:00-11:15 Brainstorming session

11:30-1:00 Lunch

1:30-4:00 Business meeting

6:00-9:00 Banquet

Sunday

8:00 Ask it Basket

9:00 Breakfast and Speaker

District Rep Reports

District 1 –Lori report attached

District 2 – Danielle see attached report.

District 3 –Laura-- we had our big planning meeting look to the website for up coming events. We had a Sponsorship Workshop that turned out really good. Laura is new DR, Michele is Alt DR, and Tracy is the secretary. We have a lot of active meetings please come see us.

District 4 –Ilsa – See attached report.

District 5 –Wanda – See attached report.

District 6 – Kathy – See attached report.

District 7 – Loni – See attached report.

Area Coordinator Reports

Alateen	Needs to be development of district Alateen Coord to work at getting some new groups going. Linda is willing to travel to the districts for support.
Alateen Process person	Sandy unable to attend but Ruth reported that she has been putting lots of hard work into this new position.
Archives	Ladora--Louise R. donated some shelves and old information to archives. A Forum from 96 with the Twin Towers on front was also sent into the Archives.
Group Records	Toni--April 1 deadline for updated info. She would like to get a copy of schedules of each District as they change and mentioned sending in updated group information to WSO.
Public Outreach	Loni -- 123 Idea report attached.
CPC	Bob—Report attached.
Institutions	No report
Forum	No report
Literature	Ruth--There are a few revisions to some of the literature. Courage to Change will be coming out on CD Rom but cannot be downloaded. Alcoholism the Family Disease and Al-Anon Twelve Steps and Traditions in new print early spring. They are discontinuing “What’s Drunk Mama.” Upcoming new literature that they want to announce Our Recovery in Relationships and Facing Grief and Loss in Al-Anon. sharing
Literature Center	No report but Laura reported they are updating computer info with new program to help with the accounting.
Newsletter	Susy--Report attached with notice where to send info for the newsletter. The next question is on expenses and opening new account and whether we need a bank account for the newsletter coordinator as we are hoping the cost will be less and less as we move toward electronic copies.
Web Site Update Coordinator	Danielle website is running fairly smoothly was down for a bit she has had 4 inquires about help in Al-Anon. Just email her if you want something added to the website.

New Business

- **AD HOC COMMITTEE**

Study Expenses for Districts to send DR's to AWCS meetings and Assemblies.

A report was distributed and there was discussion about this. Ruth recommended that we have an Ad Hoc Committee working on this and come to the Spring Assembly with a plan of best way to handle this issue. At the Spring Assembly it could be discussed and voted on. DR's need to talk to our group reps about supporting our districts so that we can support our DR's to go to assemblies and area meetings. Any one who is willing should be able to do service. The AD Hoc Committee will consist of Cecilia, Toni, Danielle and Loni.

- **Delegate expenses to AWSC/Assemblies**

Cecilia's flight was \$97.66 to get here.

A motion was made that Area covers all expenses for the Area Delegate to get to the Area meetings and Assemblies and the motion carried.

- **AI-Anon Days future rotation**

Do we want to rotate through each District or rotate to just 1 and 2 because they cannot host an Assembly? There was discussion about taking this question back to our groups so they can have a vote about where we have the AI-Anon Days.

- **Alateens at Assemblies**

There was discussion about who is responsible during Assemblies. What's their part as Alateen members? There was discussion about having some behavior guidelines, how do we get the release signed and do the Alateens need to have their program at a different time like at AI-Anon day. The DRs need to take info back to group level to get some group input. The Alateens can have a voice at Assembly to add their input.

- **Newsletter**

There was discussion about the newsletter and the expense of sending out regular mail verses sending out on email. It would be less expensive to send electronic copies to each individual with a subscription to the Idaho newsletter. We as the DRs and GRs etc need to let them know of the availability. *A motion was made to have the newsletter on the website without names, numbers or addresses and the motion carried.*

The newsletter will be sent out to groups and old subscribers by mail with a request if they would like to receive via email in the future?

- **CPC Healthy Families of Nampa Coalition**

Bob reported that there was a literature request for Healthy Families of Nampa Coalition. There was some discussion about Institutions requesting literature from Al-Anon and in a situation like this Bob would need to be in contact with that specific Districts Institutions person or DR to get that literature out. There was discussion about each the Area Coordinators having access to a list of coordinators in each District. DRs need to provide this list for Area Coordinators.

Bob made a request to be reimbursed for the cost of the literature for Healthy Families of Nampa. *Toni made a motion to reimburse Bob for the cost of literature and motion carried.* In the future each District would be responsible for this cost. Request was made for Lori to be reimbursed for the PSAs and after discussion and it was decided she needed to take those to each District to cover those costs.

- And Ad hoc Committee was formed to draft an Area 13 Policy Manual. Linda, Lori, Cecilia, Toni and Ruth are members with Danielle as the chair.

Action Items

- DR's
 - Retain the Itemized Categories section of the treasure's report.
 - Need to take questions about Al-Anon Days Location back to GRs
 - Need to take Alateens at Assemblies back to GRs to get group input
 - Need to talk to GRs to get input about expenses for DRs
 - Need to provide list of District Coordinators for Area Coordinators
 - Make sure GRs have current information for Newsletter information
 - Make sure GRs have current information for treasurer/addressing checks
- Michele
 - Send meeting minutes to Committee members
 - Update and send Area Committee list to members

Attachments

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| A | Agenda | I | District 5 DR report |
| B | Treasurer Report | J | District 6 DR report |
| C | Delegate's Report | K | District 7 DR report |
| D | Al-Anon Days Report and Flyer | L | Ad Hoc Committee Report-Expense study for DRs |
| E | Spring Assembly Flyer | M | Alateen Guidelines Report |
| F | District 1 DR report | N | Web Site Report |
| G | District 2 DR report | O | Newsletter Update Report and Sharing and Caring Flyer |
| H | District 4 DR report | P | Public Outreach Report |

Next Area Committee Meeting is August 13th from 10-3 at Kopper Kitchen.

Danielle made a motion to pass a basket for a 7th tradition motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele, Area Secretary