
Idaho AWSC 2006 Fall

Al-Anon AWSC Meeting Minutes

The AWSC of Idaho meeting was held in Boise on August 19, 2006.

Attendance

Ruth B.	Chair	Lori M	District 1 Representative
Cecilia	Delegate	Berta R	District 2 Representative
Myrna	Alternate Delegate	Laura F	District 3 Representative
Joan	Treasurer	Heidi ¹	District 4 Representative
Diana P	Newsletter Coordinator	Wanda L	District 5 Representative
Kathy B	Forum Coordinator	Susie ²	District 7 Representative
John B ³	Literature Center Liaison	Traci E	Al-Anon member
Toni R ⁴	Group Records Coordinator	Beverly	Literature Center Manager
Liz C	AAPP		

Absent

Danielle E	Website Coordinator	Linda R	Alateen Coordinator
Loni	Public Outreach Professionals	LaDora B	Archives
Sandy S	District 6 Representative	Ruth G.	Literature Coordinator

Reports

Secretary's Report

Minutes were read from the Spring AWSC 2006 meeting. Title should be 2006 rather than 2005. Page 2 should be Spring Assembly 2006 rather than Fall Assembly 2005. Page 2 delete "Neither" in the NWRSS bid regarding North and South Dakota. Minutes approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report

Joan presented the reports. See attachments B, C, and D. Delegate expense on the expense statement is over budget because we paid expenses for Cecilia to go to Al-Anon Day. We have not received the Spring 2006 Assembly split from AA or the raffle proceeds from District 6. Both AA and District has been contacted but to no avail. Ruth B will contact the AA chair and District 6.

Suggestion: The first week after Assembly, the hosting Al-Anon district should send the raffle money to the area treasurer. No motion or action taken on this suggestion.

WSO wants their equalized expense money by Dec 31, 2006. We budgeted \$1,612 but WSO asked for \$1,698. The vote needs to go to GR's to increase this amount.

¹ Alternate DR, substitute for Linda R

² Alternate DR, substitute for Loni

³ Substitute for Will

⁴ Also substitute secretary for Michele

GR's – please ask groups to put their District number on the checks to AWSC.

Delegate's Report

Idaho submitted two bids for NWRSS but Minot, North Dakota was chosen by WSO for September 16-19, 2007.

Old Business

2006 Fall Assembly

Laura presented the agenda for Michele; see Attachment E. Wanda volunteered District 5 to chair the 3-4:00pm meeting at Assembly. Susie volunteered District 7 for 1:30-2:30. Judy D is the Northwest Regional Trustee who will speak at the luncheon. She is tentatively scheduled to present workshop at 10:15 a.m. To allow time for the workshop, area coordinators will present their reports during the Delegate's time of 9-10am and the DR reports will be incorporated in the business meeting.

The Ask-it-Basket meeting will be scheduled after the GR Exchange on Friday night.

The amended agenda was approved

Spanish Ad Hoc Committee

Kathy B presented the outcome of the Spanish Outreach Task Force; see Attachment F. The Committee reviewed Tradition 5 and 7 in *Paths to Recovery* and *Al-Anon's Twelve Step & Twelve Traditions* as they apply to Area supporting a Spanish hotline.

GR's will vote on the Committee's recommendations at the Assembly.

Two Minute Rule

The two minute rule was a trial for the last Assembly; how did it work? To continue, we do nothing because it is already in our policy manual. Ruth asked for a timekeeper so the Chair did not have to track the time. We decided to use a beeping timer.

Motion *To continue to use the "two minute rule" as stated in our Policy Manual.*

Vote *Passed unanimously.*

Alateen Assembly Behavior Guidelines

Ruth has not received a response from the Alateens coordinating the guidelines. The topic was tabled until we hear further from the Alateens. Ruth will ask District 3 Alateens to finish the process since the next Assembly is in Boise.

Al-Anon Day

Laura reported on the event held in Boise; see Attachment G. 51 paid attendees; 46 actually attended. 39 were from District 3. \$356.49 was the profit; the amount will be sent to the Area Treasurer.

Should we continue with this event? Discussion:

- Continue to have it held in each district.
- Put it in Hailey each year
- Have two years in Hailey, one year in northern Idaho, and then one in central Idaho.
- It is difficult to host the event from another town.
- Send the issue back to the GR's .
- Have the event three days rather than one.
- We already voted to travel the districts; so let all districts host it before deciding.
- Maybe it is okay to have it with few members.

Decision: Continue to have each District host the event as previously voted on by the GR's. Keep statistics to evaluate later. A final report can be kept in the Al-Anon Day notebook.

District Rep Reports

District 1 – Lori M reported; see Attachment H.
 District 2 – Berta R reported; see Attachment I.
 District 3 – Laura F reported; see Attachment J.
 District 4 – Heidi reported for Linda R; see Attachment K.
 District 5 – Wanda L reported; see Attachment L.
 District 6 – Sandy S – no report
 District 7 – Susie did not have a report from Loni.

Area Coordinator Reports

Alateen	No report.
Alateen Process Person	Liz reported. Working on understanding the process. Existing approved sponsors will go through the background check. Applications go to Liz first. Forms are on the Web site.
Literature	No report
Newsletter	Diana reported. Email reports to Diana by August 25. If you don't receive an acknowledgment from Diana assume she did not get it. Last two issues cost \$126.22. Prints 50 copies and received \$18 subscriptions. Sends 10 issues to group; some issues are kept for backorders; rest are distributed at Assemblies. The budget can be lowered. Diana will bring an issue for each GR to the Assembly.
Archives	No report
Literature Center	John B reported for Will. See Attachment M.
Web Site Update Coordinator	No report
Group Records	Toni reported; see Attachment N.
Forum	Kathy B provided a written report, see Attachment O.
Public Outreach; Media	No report; position not filled.

Public Outreach; Professionals	No report
Institutions	No report; position not filled.

We have two open positions: Public Outreach; Media and Institutions. Reminder: if you cannot attend an area meeting or Assembly, you need to inform Ruth and arrange to have your report presented. You can give your report to Ruth or have another person present for you.

New Business

2007 Spring Assembly

Wanda presented the draft agenda; see Attachment P. Betsy P will be the luncheon speaker. "Our 12th Step Responsibility; Are we Going to Any Length?" is the AA theme. The Assembly will be at the Red Lion in Pocatello on May 4-6, 2007.

Knowledge Based Decision Making

This was a topic at WSO conference regarding improvement of decision making. When a group understands the discussion there is more acceptance of the outcome. Best decisions are made with full discussion. Areas, districts, and groups are encouraged to not make a decision too quickly. The Area's use of Ad Hoc committees is a good example of gathering information. Go to assembly with background information rather than a formal motion to allow everyone to get the information.

Adherence to Traditions

Improving our adherence to the traditions: how to pass it on to the groups and districts? How can we assure the Assemblies adhere to the traditions? How can we bring in speakers who adhere to the traditions?

Discussion:

- Put together a list or instructions on how to select a speaker.
- People who have been around a while have lists of speakers.
- Listening to tapes is another way to select a speaker.
- How do we get speakers from Idaho?
- There are people on the Area committee who can speak or provide names.
- Assemblies are area events rather than a district event.
- Take it back to the groups that the reason for the area assembly coordinator came from the experience of a speaker not adhering to the traditions.
- Ad hoc committee to make recommendations for those putting on an Assembly.
- We don't want too many restrictions or we won't find those speakers who aren't already on a tape.
- G-1 is a pamphlet of guidelines for speakers.
- Districts can talk about how they adhere to the traditions.
- Have a breakout session at Assembly to discuss adherence to the traditions.
- It is difficult for GRs to take this to their groups.

- Some people at Assembly felt they were being railroaded by Area. So let the GRs talk about it at Assembly before take it back to the groups so more information can be passed to the groups. Talk about the elephant in the room.

No action at this time; maybe talk about it during the Spring Assembly.

Alateen Traditions

Do we leave the Alateen Traditions as printed in the Service Manual? The Alateen Traditions in the manual were never approved by the Conference. WSO wants the areas, district, and groups to know there was never a formal approval of the Alateen traditions. This oversight was found in an archival search. Should we leave the Alateen Traditions exactly as they have been printed in the Service Manual since about 1968? They reflect the thoughts of Alateen groups at the time. Does your group want to leave the Alateen Traditions alone as printed in the manual?

Money for Outreach

Is there money for outreach in the budget? It may have been easier to fund the Spanish outreach or buy PSA's if there was a budget. Maybe increase the expenses for the Outreach coordinators' budget. This is something to think about when we set the budget next spring.

Idea: DRs might want to send an invitation to the GRs in their district to attend the Assembly.

Voting Issues for GR's

These issues will be presented at the Assembly for GR voting.

- Vote on supporting the Spanish Hotline phone financially
- Vote to increase the Delegate Equalizer Expense from \$1612 to \$1698.
- Vote on "Alateen Guidelines to Attend an Assembly" if the Boise Alateens/Sponsors can finish the guidelines by October 6, 2006.
- Discuss adding a budget for outreach to the Area Public Outreach Coordinator's budget allotment.

Attachments

A	Agenda	I	District 2 DR report
B	Treasurer Report Income Stmt	J	District 3 DR report
C	Treasurer Report Itemized Categories	K	District 4 DR report
D	Treasurer Report Budget	L	District 5 DR report
E	Fall Assembly Draft Agenda	M	Literature Center report
F	Spanish Outreach Task Force	N	Group Records report
G	Al-Anon Day Final Report	O	Forum report
H	District 1 DR report	P	Spring Assembly 2007 draft agenda

Dates

Next Area Committee Meeting is March 10, 2007 at Kopper Kitchen (also checking on the Holiday Inn across the freeway).

Fall Assembly, Boise, October 6-8, 2006

Spring Assembly, Pocatello Red Lion, May 4-6, 2007

Respectfully submitted,
Toni R, substitute for Michele, Area Secretary