

# Idaho AWSC 2006 Spring

## Al-Anon AWSC Meeting Minutes

The AWSC of Idaho meeting was held in Boise on March 4, 2006.

### Attendance

Ruth B.	Chair	Mark	Area Institutions Coordinator
Cecilia	Delegate	Lori	District 1 Representative
Michele	Secretary	Berta	District 2 Representative
Danielle	Website Coordinator	Laura	District 3 Representative
Linda	Alateen Coordinator	Linda	District 4 Representative
Toni	Group Records Coordinator	Wanda	District 5 Representative
Will	Literature Center Liaison	Kathy	District 6 Representative
Mike	Adhoc Committee Alateen Certification Process	Loni	District 7 Representative/ Public Outreach
Ladora	Area Archives	Diana	News Letter Coordinator
Beverly	Literature Center Manager	Mike	Adhoc Committee Alateen
John	Literature Center Treasurer	Javier	Visitor/Spanish Interpreter
Heidi	Visitor/GR from Filer	Elsa	Idaho Area Spanish Contact

The meeting started with a moment of silence and the Serenity prayer. We then had introductions and read the Traditions and Concepts.

Elsa, our new Idaho Area Spanish Contact, introduced herself to our Committee through an interpreter, Javier. Elsa told us a little bit of her history and how our first Spanish meeting in Nampa got started. Ruth informed us that they have made contact with 2 of the Catholic churches locally to discuss possibly adding more Spanish speaking Al-Anon meetings.

### Reports

#### **Secretary's Report**

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

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Joan was unable to make it to the meeting but her report was passed out for review. We also went over the 2006 budget for Idaho State Al-Anon. There was a discussion about the Delegate Equalized Expense and it was decided to take this to the Assembly for a vote to increase this budget to \$1612.00. A proposed budget was agreed on by the committee to present to the GRs at the Spring Assembly 2006.

## **Delegate's Report**

Cecilia—Reported that the new Al-Anon Service Manual is available. It could be ordered through the Literature Center or the World Service Office. She reported that she is getting ready to go to the World Service Conference in Virginia. She has received some love gifts to take with her to the Conference. If anyone wants to send love gifts or cards to Cecilia while she is at the WSC send to:

Ramada Plaza Resort  
Attn Cecilia--Please hold for WSC April 24-28  
5700 Atlantic  
Virginia beach, Virginia 23451.

If you mail them to her home she needs them by the 20<sup>th</sup> of April.

## **Fall Assembly 2005**

Kathy-Flyers are available to hand out. Thanks to the Districts who are helping with meetings during the Assembly. Please let them know if there are any special needs. There is a room for the GR orientation. Michele made a motion to accept the agenda, it was seconded and the motion passed.

## **Al-Anon Day 2006 Boise June 10**

Laura--reported that there are packets for each of the Districts to take back to their groups. There are also District Assignments that were given to the District Reps. Raffle items are needed. Bring your walking shoes. There will be free parking.

## **Northwest Regional Service Bid Update**

Cecilia reported that the dates are September 14-16, 2007. Neither North Dakota or South Dakota have submitted a bid, but Idaho has submitted a bid for North Idaho and Idaho Falls. Idaho has a very good chance of getting the bid since we would be next in line. We should know if Idaho gets the bid after the World Service Conference and then we should know by the summer which location in Idaho if we get the bid.

## **Review of Policy Manual**

Danielle reported that these guidelines are to help coordinators at a local level. These are guidelines--not hard fast rules. These are subject to change. They are being presented today for review and to be voted on by the AWSC. Danielle will add a process for making changes and a process for GRs or other Al-Anon members to present ideas or changes for consideration. Ruth asked if we could take these to the GRs for affirmation.

***Laura made a motion to present these Guidelines for Affirmation, Wanda seconded and the motion passed.***

## **Alateen Ad Hoc Committee Report**

Mike reported that they have a draft and a copy was distributed for review. There have been some changes made at this point and Mike reviewed those briefly with the Committee. A copy of this process is attached with the minutes. When there is no Alateen Coordinator in a District then it falls to the DR. Alateen workshops could be held at the District level or at an Assembly.

Mike reported that the committee doesn't feel it is an Al-Anon responsibility to prove the agency's information is incorrect.

**Danielle made a motion to accept the document of the Process to become a Certified Alateen Sponsor with changes and an addition of a form for candidates out of town for restricted delivery to present to the GRS for a vote at Assembly, it was seconded and the motion passed unanimously**

## **Alateen Guidelines to Attend an Idaho Assembly**

These Guidelines were discussed. There were some issues that will need to be addressed with the Alateen members that created the guidelines, which Ruth will take back to them. Then these guidelines will need to be presented to the DRs to take to the Alateen meetings for a vote by the Alateens then to be taken to Assembly to be voted on by the GRs.

**A motion was made to take these Alateen Guidelines to attend an Idaho Assembly to our Districts/Alateen Meetings approval and then to the Assembly for a vote it was seconded and the motion carried**

## **District Rep Reports**

- District 1 –Lori see attached report
- District 2 – Berta see attached report
- District 3 –Laura see attached report
- District 4 –Linda see attached report.
- District 5 –Wanda – See attached report.
- District 6 – Kathy – See attached report.
- District 7 – Loni—Public Outreach has helped with attendance at meetings in her District

## Area Coordinator Reports

Alateen	Linda—see attached report
Alateen Process person	Cecilia—All changes need to go through Cecilia. Forms can be downloaded from WSO or Cecilia can email or mail to you.
Archives	Ladora—see attached report
Group Records	Toni—see attached report 115 meetings in database. She had active meetings inactive meetings and alateen meetings
Public Outreach	Loni—see attached report
CPC	
Institutions	Mark—no new report from WSO. Mark would like the name of each current District Institutions Coordinator. Please email to him.
Forum	No report
Literature	Ruth—see attached report she reported the CD rom is still not available
Literature Center	Will—Doing better financially and have decided to keep the 20% surcharge. Literature will be available at the Assembly in Idaho Falls. They are in a new location that is much better. They tried extended hours but there were no visitors.
Newsletter	Diana P. Must have something in subject line like AFG when emailing things to her. Must have first and last name in properties so that she can receive through her email spam. Deadline submission is March 24. Publication will be April 21.
Web Site Update Coordinator	See attached report

## New Business

### **New procedure for Assembly Business Meeting: 2 minute rule/once per topic**

Ruth would like to entertain this for our Policy Manual. This will help prevent domination at business meetings and duplication of ideas. This allows everyone the opportunity to have a voice. Wanda made a motion to try this at the Spring Assembly. Mark recommended we have a designated timer and he volunteered to be the timer at the Spring Assembly. Danielle seconded Wanda's motion. There was more discussion regarding this new idea. It was recommended that we be sure the communicate

**Wanda made a motion to try this at the Spring Assembly and then vote on this at the next AWSC the motion was seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.**

### **Assembly Evaluation: Review Results**

Do we continue using an Evaluation? There was discussion about this with pros and cons. Do we want to have a speaker selection committee? There was discussion about coming up with some guidelines for an Area Assembly Coordinator and have group input on a new position to help planning Assembly.

Another item for discussion was having Coordinator and DR reports at Assembly and that in a past Assembly there was a vote to take these out of the business at Assemblies. There was a decision to put this on the agenda to revisit at the next Assembly and make sure this is still the consensus.

Danielle and Berta will provide a Mailbox with dividers for our next AWSC meeting to distribute reports and flyers.

***Danielle made a motion that we continue to do evaluations at Assemblies and Wanda seconded motion passed with 2 opposed and 1 no vote.***

### **Idaho Area Newsletter**

Diana is making a recommendation that we change the name and some of her ideas are Area Outlook, Area newsletter. There was a discussion to take this to the Assembly for a vote whether we should change the name of the newsletter and if so what should the new name be.

### **Idaho Area Spanish Contact**

There was some discussion about the new Spanish speaking contact and her need for a phone. Because our Area Delegate asked Elsa to be our Spanish speaking contact there was the belief that it is the Area's responsibility to help with a phone line. Ruth is going to take the appeal for helping the Spanish Al-Anon meetings back to edit. No real decisions were made at this point.

## **Voting issues for GRS at Next Assembly**

**Affirm the New Idaho Area Policy Manual**

**Approve Area budget 2006**

**Approve revised Alateen Sponsor Certification Process**

**Do we want to change the name of the Idaho Newsletter**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- DR's
  - Retain the Itemized Categories section of the treasure's report.
  - Complete form for Area Group Records Report by March 25
  
- Michele
  - Send meeting minutes to Committee members
  - Mail copies of minutes to Ladora and Myrna
  - When Mike sends me the new Document for Process of Alateen sponsorship send out via email to the AWSC
  - Update Committee List and email to Committee

## **Attachments**

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| A Agenda                    | L Alateen Coordinator Report                |
| B Treasurer Report          | M Area Literature Report                    |
| C Literature Center Report  | N Alateen Guidelines Report                 |
| D Archives Report           | O Public Outreach Coordinator Report        |
| E Area Group Records Report | P Web Coordinator Report                    |
| F District 1 DR report      | Q Spring Assembly Planning Report           |
| G District 2 DR Report      | R Ideas from Fall 2005 Evaluation           |
| H District 3 DR report      | S Alateen Sponsorship Certification Process |
| I District 4 DR report      | T Delegate Report                           |
| J District 5 DR report      | U Idaho Area 13 Policy/Procedure Manual     |
| K District 6 DR report      |   |

The next AWSC meeting will be held on August 19<sup>th</sup> 2006 from 10-3 at the Kopper Kitchen in Boise.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele, Area Secretary