
Idaho Area 2004 Fall Assembly

AI-Anon Business Meeting Minutes

The business meeting of the Idaho Area 2004 Fall Assembly was held at the Shilo Inn in Idaho Falls, Idaho on October 2, 2004. Linda E opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. The steps, traditions, and concepts were read. Everyone introduced himself or herself.

Agenda

See page 4 for the business meeting agenda.

Reports

Secretary's Report

Toni presented the distributed copies of the minutes from the 2004 Spring Assembly. The minutes were accepted as presented with a change on page 3 in the literature coordinator report section; Lori to Loni.

Treasurer's Report

Linda E. presented the treasurer's report and included the attached reports through Sept 30, 2004:

- 2004 Profit and Loss
- 2004 Budget with Expenses to Date
- Savings Account Transactions
- Group and District Donations

Linda sent \$1,000 to WSO for the delegate equalizer expense fund as budgeted. WSO sent back a letter asking for an additional \$100 because the amount was \$1,100 for this year.

Motion Send the extra \$100 to WSO for the Delegate Equalizer Expense
Vote Passed unanimously.

The treasurer's report was approved as presented. Groups should continue to send Area donation checks to Linda until December 31, 2004. Then send the checks to the newly elected treasurer.

Highlights of Delegate's Report

See page 5 for the Delegate's Report as presented at the morning meeting. Ruth had 11 copies of the WSO 2004 Conference Summary and drew names from a hat to distribute them. She set out pamphlets and other WSO information for anyone to take.

New Business

Motion Move new business prior to old business to hold elections earlier.
Vote Passed unanimously.

Area Officer Elections

We discussed the voting process. Voting GR's were asked to identify themselves – 27 people were counted as being voters. Page 126 of the Service Manual was read to relate the election process.

The following were elected by the GR's present:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Member Elected</u>	<u>Member District</u>
Delegate	Cecilia S.	1
Alternate Delegate	Myrna C.	5
Area Chair	Ruth B.	3
Treasurer	Joan B.	4
Secretary	Michele W.	3

Spring Assembly 2005

Mark presented the tentative attached agenda on page 6. If anyone has changes, please tell Mark. The theme is the importance of home groups; back to basics. The planning is going well.

Area Coordinators

It is important to be able to attend two area meetings a year plus the two assemblies. If someone is interested in being a coordinator, they need to inform the new Area committee members. Those new members select the coordinators.

Old Business

Area Coordinator Reports

The reports were tabled to allow enough time for the Alateen issue.

Web Site

Report from Danielle E. – District 2 – Web Coordinator

The Idaho Area Website is up. The current URL is <http://www.al-anon-idaho13.org>. I worked with Linda E. to try to get the al-anon-idaho.org released and that didn't happen yet. I would like to propose to pay the extra \$8.95 to buy that domain when it becomes available again. If approved a check would need to be sent to DDI for \$8.95. I've also been working with Bob T. on updates. I'm still missing four districts meeting information.

Motion Idaho Area will pay for the old domain name so that we can get it when it becomes available.

It is \$8.95/year.

Vote Pass unanimously

I've contacted WSO and told them our new website address, they said theirs would be updated in October and they would make the change. I also found several locations where other meeting information was linked to the old URL and have asked them to update their information.

The billing is \$8.95 for the domain name/per year and \$49.95 for hosting the website. This amount is due in August of every year. The web site is hosted by DDI Hosting (<http://www.ddihosting.net/?page=home>). Since we will purchase the other domain the cost is raised to \$67.85/year.

Please check the web site to ensure information is correct. You can contact Danielle or Bob (link from the web site) with changes.

Area Newsletter

The Area Newsletter is not bringing in enough subscriptions so it is not nearly self-supporting. Friede sent in the attached report. Only 10 groups and 25 individuals pay for the newsletter.

We need a newsletter coordinator to start a term in January. Susy volunteered to be the coordinator.

Discussion points to improve the newsletter to increase subscriptions.

- Put it on the Web site rather than print it. If a person does not have a computer they could get a printout from someone who is not on-line.
- Email copies to those with access and mail to those who do not have email.
- Newsletter should stay to get out the information and the flyers. It serves a useful purpose and works well for small communities.
- Hard to believe people would not pay \$6.00 per year for such an interesting newsletter.
- It has not been published regularly recently.
- Send it as an email to all the group representatives.
- Part of the problem is lack of knowledge of the existence of the newsletter.

- It is the responsibility of the GRs to take the newsletter to the meeting and ensure the group treasurer pays the \$6.00.
- Anonymity issues if put it all on the Web. We could password protect it.
- Could have the names if send it through email because people sign up for it.
- A couple of years ago we started sending the newsletter to all registered groups.
- It is our history and sometimes it is the only place we have this information.
- Each district should ensure they have a newsletter and Forum coordinator.

Area Costs

The committee was to gather information on the actual costs of Area members so we could vote on the reimbursement of Area committee members. We discussed moving this discussion to the spring to gather costs and allow more time to set new reimbursement amounts.

Motion Table the discussion until the Area Spring meeting. Table the vote for reimbursement at the Spring Assembly.
Vote Pass unanimously

Jeanne will chair this committee and present actual costs for the Area Spring meeting.

AI-Anon Days 2005

Update from Danielle B. from District 2. June 10-12, 2005 are the dates; flyers are available. This flyer is on the Web site and attached. Everyone is encouraged to wear a red shirt (for are you REDdy for recovery).

Alateen Guidelines

Danielle B from District 2 presented the draft guidelines. The discussion began in the morning during the Delegate's Report and continued in this business meeting. All notes for the draft were taken by Danielle so she could compile the new draft for legal counsel.

Motion Vote to send this draft to legal counselor as corrected in this afternoon's discussion.
Vote Passed unanimously.

These guidelines will go to legal counsel then to the GR's for approval.

Attachments

Listed below are the Attachments mentioned in this report.

- Business Meeting Agenda – see page 4
- Area Treasurer Reports
- Delegate's Report – see page 5
- Idaho Spring Assembly 2005 Tentative Agenda – see page 6
- Newsletter Report
- Recipes for Recovery – flyer for 2005 AI-Anon Days

Respectfully submitted,

Toni R., Area Secretary

AGENDA – Prepared by Pam A.

1:00 Welcome. Linda E. (Pam A sends her regrets for not being here. She had a conflict with work and had to make a painful decision not to come to the fall assembly. She wishes to take this time to thank everyone for allowing her the opportunity to have served as your Area Chairman. Service is such an exciting part of Al-Anon. "It has enhanced my program in ways that I cannot even being to explain to you. Everyone needs to have some kind of service commitment in their program."

- Be sure to put your questions in the Ask-It-Basket **(To be answered at designated time during the Assembly)**

Serenity Prayer

Steps: _____

Traditions: _____

Concepts: _____

1:15 Secretary Report: Toni

1:20 Treasurer Report: Linda E.

1:30 Delegates Report: Ruth B.

2:00 Discuss election process

2:15 Get number of GR's and qualified voters for count, ask for counters to count votes

2:20 BREAK

OLD BUSINESS

2:35 Spring Assembly 2005

2:45 Area Reports: Alateen, Archives, Group Records, Public Outreach, CPC, Institutions, Forum, Literature, Literature Center, Newsletter, Website Coordinator, District Reps: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 (Ya Whoo, I am so excited to see out Area intact.) **Reminder: Reports must be limited to 3 minutes as group conscience dictated. THANKS!!!**

3:15 Area costs: Ad hoc committee, Jeannie, update

3:25 Newsletter update concerns about NOT being self supporting either financially or with information disbursement

3:35 Alateen update on guidelines

3:45 Any information on area notebook, we do not want to lose Al-Anon's history

3:50 BREAK

4:05 Al-Anon Days 2005 update from District 2

NEW BUSINESS

4:10 VOTING

----- Any other new business?

CLOSE: **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!!!!**

DELEGATE'S REPORT – Ruth B. **Fall Assembly, Idaho Falls, October 1-3, 2004**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE:

Areas have ordered 102,420 copies of the September Public Outreach special edition of THE FORUM.

A new record, way above our goal of 75K. Thank you to all.

New 2005 WSC theme: Energize Al-Anon—Expand, Explore, Experience!

Al-Anon will be participating with AA's International as they celebrate their 70th Anniversary in Toronto, Canada in July, 2005. Al-Anon's theme is "Let it Begin with Us." Updated info can be found on AA's website: www.aa.org.

SW Regional Service Seminar will be in Honolulu, HI on September 16-18, 2005. The cost for two nights and 4 meals, including RSS Registration, room tax & gratuities, is \$220.00. Airfare is additional. Ask me for more information.

PUBLIC OUTREACH NEWS:

New "Reality" public service announcements are now available. (show PSA)

The English 30 second "Reality" public service announcement is being aired in 2,000 health clinic waiting rooms in four Canadian provinces during the months of June, July, October, and November. Literature will also be available in each facility. This is a pilot project for the feasibility of similar projects in the US and Canada.

Al-Anon has received lots of attention from the media this quarter including:

- Dear Abby (calls up 40% the day of the article), Annie's Mailbox, and Ask Amy.
- Mentioned on the *Oprah* show, with an Oprah.com link to our Web site. *Seventh Heaven*, *The Guardian*, and *Law and Order* mentioned Alateen in storylines. ABC's soap opera *All My Children*, presented a PSA about Al-Anon on July 5th.

ALASKA RSS UPDATE:

Idaho's participants want to share their experiences...Eilene, Laura, Myrna, Linda, Michele, and Ruth. (Lori had a family emergency.)

Public Outreach using the Service Plan! Simple ideas on how to do outreach at a district and group level. They also gave each of us a copy of Radio PSAs (current & from past years). It's usually easier to get a PSA on Radio than TV! Look out, Idaho air waves!

ALATEEN NEWS:

GRs will decide today if they want to approve an interim Idaho Alateen Sponsor Certification Process so that Idaho can continue to use the Alateen name after Dec. 31, 2004. Our choice is to vote in our Ad Hoc Committee's interim proposal, or to take it back to groups and vote on it at the Spring Assembly next year. Either way, groups can suggest changes to the Committee's recommendations. This is the Most Important business we have to vote on today.

ELECTIONS:

Today! Yippee! Are you WILD ABOUT SERVICE? If not, try a Service position and see the huge benefits to your own recovery. If you want your recovery on the fast track, get into service. We'll be electing Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Sec'y, Treasurer, & Area Chair. Officers will appoint Area Coordinators from resumes or letters of interested members.

2005 Spring Assembly Agenda – prepared by Mark A

Idaho Spring Assembly 2005
April 29, 30, May 1
Double Tree Hotel Riverside
Boise, Idaho

Back to Home Group Basics Unity, Service, Recovery

Draft Al-Anon Agenda

Friday April 29

6:30pm Welcome by District 3 Rep
6:45pm Al-Anon Meeting by District 3

Saturday April 30

8:00am Delegates Report
9:15am Al-Anon Meeting by District TBA
11:30am Al-Anon Luncheon
1:30pm Business Meeting
1:30pm Al-Anon Meeting by District TBA
2:45pm Al-Anon Meeting by District TBA
6:00pm AA Banquet/Speaker
10:00pm Dance

Sunday May 1

9:00am Spiritual Breakfast