
Idaho Area 2004 Spring Assembly

AI-Anon Business Meeting Minutes

The business meeting of the Idaho Area 2004 Spring Assembly was held at the Ramada Inn in Chubbuck, Idaho and opened at 1:30 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. The steps and traditions were read. New members of the Area from District 2 were introduced and welcomed to the Area. A skit of the concepts and traditions stressed the importance of singleness of purpose as well as the value of staying in the solution rather than the problem. Attached is the dialogue for that skit.

Agenda

Attached is the agenda for this meeting.

Reports

Secretary's Report

Gaylene resigned as Secretary. We thank her for her past service and will miss her. An election of secretary to complete the expired term was held; Toni R from Boise was elected.

Treasurer's Report

Linda E. presented the treasurer's report and included these attached reports:

- 2003 Profit and Loss
- 2004 approved budget with expenses from 2003-2001
- 2003 detailed transactions from the savings account
- 2003 detailed income from groups and districts
- 2004 year-to-date Profit and Loss
- 2004 approved budget with expenses to date
- 2004 to date detailed transactions from the savings account
- 2004 to date detailed income from groups and districts

Those holding positions are encouraged to submit expenses so anyone taking the position in the future will have the precedent set to ask for reimbursement. We have never paid a bill for the Internet.

Three people were selected by drawing names to help with expenses to attend NWRSS. Those holding area positions and GR's were eligible to put their name in the hat for this drawing. \$700 each was distributed to three people: Myrna, Lori J., and Linda R. They will each provide a report to Area at the Fall Assembly.

A handout was provided for groups to send Area donations to Linda E.

Highlights of Delegate's Report

Attached is a summary of the Delegate's Report. Ruth B. requested that groups update WSO with information about their group (a blank form is attached). WSO Board of

Trustees voted in December 2003 that every area has to have policy in place for Alateen safety by December 31, 2004. They mandated minimum requirements but each Area can set their own requirements above and beyond the minimum. The motion is attached. Attached is the 3-minute speech our delegate Ruth B shared at WSO.

Alateen and Guideline Issues

Minimum Safety and Behavioral Requirements are attached. By voting in these minimum requirements we can re-register the Area Alateen meetings with WSO by the December 2004.

An ad hoc committee met in the morning and will meet further to develop the draft for vote at the Fall Assembly. Correspond with Linda R via e-mail if you have input (Ldrushton_26@hotmail.com). Alateen groups are encouraged to discuss the minimum guidelines.

Motion Put in place the Alateen minimum safety and behavioral requirements.
Vote Passed unanimously.

Fall Assembly Concept Skit

Motion Skip the concept skit for the Fall Assembly to allow more time for elections.
Vote Passed unanimously.

Old Business

Al-Anon Days 2004

Cecilia S. reported on the progress of this planned event in Coeur d'Alene. They will create souvenir t-shirts; she passed around the layout for the shirts. 4 people have registered so far! Registration flyers were distributed (one is attached). District 3 has chartered a bus. Explanation of registration:

- Only for the day without needing to spend the night: \$15 is for Al-Anon luncheon and all the events.
- To spend the night: you can stay and pay for 3 meals on Friday night, Saturday breakfast, and Saturday night. You also pay \$15 registration for Al-Anon luncheon and all the events.
- There is a campground ½ mile away. It has running water but no showers.

Send questions to the e-mail address on the registration form. The e-mail is checked daily. There will be a 3-mile spiritual walk on Sunday morning.

There will be a raffle so each District is asked to bring a raffle item. All proceeds will go to Area. Also, please bring treats for the hospitality room.

Area Coordinator Reports

Reports will be sent to the newsletter. Due to time constraints of this meeting, any coordinator with a burning desire was invited to share.

Literature

Loni discussed the new literature from WSO "Blueprint for Progress". She talked about the books that are raffled off each month at her group meeting. Literature is put in the hands of those who might not purchase the literature.

Archives

See attached report provided by Ladora.

Newsletter

Frieda provided the attached written report. Currently 4 groups and 20 individuals are paying for a subscription. The newsletter might be posted on the Web site; Danielle will look into this. If it is posted, the names of the Area Committee will not be posted.

Web Site

The Web site has been down over a month but Jan does not know why. Perhaps the domain name has not been re-registered. She has been paying the monthly Internet fee. Danielle has offered to help with the site.

GR Exchange Meeting

Eilene reported back from the Friday night meeting. We talked about the topics that would be discussed at the business meeting, the duties of the GR and how they fit in with the rest of the AI-Anon structure. We talked about the districts in Area and Eilene pointed out the Area map. There were few new people so most of the focus was what would happen at the business meeting.

Discussion of keeping the meeting:

- It is a good thing with new GR's all the time.
- Discussion among GR's regarding problems and solutions.
- When I started I didn't have a clue what was going on.
- Good for GR to GR discussion.
- If discuss business agenda those who did not attend may be left out.
- It is late at night and difficult to attend. Would like to see it on Friday at 4:00 p.m.

New Business

AI-Anon Days 2005

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| <u>Motion</u> | District 2 will host 2005 AI-Anon days |
| <u>Vote</u> | Passed unanimously. |

Ask-It-Basket

It will be held at the Tea Social on the agenda for 9:30 p.m. on Saturday night. Marilyn will lead the committee to go through the basket.

Fall Elections

Bring or sent resumes with your DR for elections to the August Area meeting. Elections will be held for delegate, alternate delegate, area chair, treasurer, and secretary. Also bring resumes for coordinator positions. Attached is a sample blank resume. All DR's were given the blank form today by the Delegate to distribute to the GR's.

Issues

These issues were voted on by the GR's.

Equalizer Fund

World Service Conference

Table this agenda item until fall because we do not get the amount from WSO until later in the year. Each Area is asked to send the suggested amount or more.

AWSC Expenses

Now that District 1 and District 2 are part of the Area we need to consider that it will cost more for them to attend Area. Should we increase the AWSC expenses? Currently the reimbursement is \$25 per Area Committee meeting and \$60 per assembly.

Discussion:

- No need to change the amount even though it costs more to attend from a longer distance. If more people attend from the district it costs less to attend because they ride share.
- If someone from District 2 cannot afford to attend the district will raise the money to send the DR because they are self-supporting.
- District 1 also would like to be fully self-supporting and it is working for them. They do not see any difficulties in attending at the current amount. Time rather than money stops GR's from attending. They hold fundraisers to send representatives.
- It is helpful to have Area meetings in Boise because it is easier for District 1 and 2 to attend.
- This discussion is for DR reimbursement for the 4 meetings a year.
- Oregon has a cap and expenses are reimbursed up to that amount.
- DR's can accept the \$60 from Area as well as money from their District.
- Concern is that some do not get money from their District and they do not have enough money to be in service. Don't want to be exclusive.
- Suggestion that DR's be reimbursed by the District and Area committee's by Area.

- Should make the money available so every Area representative could attend.
- Districts could reasonably support the DR's but the other Area Committee is just covered by the equalizer fund.
- It is more expensive to come to the Assembly than to the Area meetings.
- \$2,600 is budgeted for the Committee expenses.

Motion Leave the expenses the same of \$25 per Area meeting and \$60 for Assemblies.

Vote Passed but with opposition.

Further discussion:

- For the Fall Assembly can we have a summary of who attends what and what the cost is?
- It is difficult to see the true expenses without knowing how much the Area committee spends beside the reimbursement.

Motion Let the vote stand as it is until the Fall Assembly and we put an ad hoc committee together to find out from each Area member the expenses they incur. Go over page 125 of the Service Manual.

Vote Passed unanimously.

Jeanne from District 5 will chair the ad hoc committee.

Alateen at Fall Assembly

Should we have an Alateen program for the Fall Assembly prior to having Idaho Area Safety & Behavior Guidelines approved by GR's?

Discussion

- The minimum guidelines were voted in so we can have an Alateen program in the fall. These guidelines are in affect the end of the year.
- If for some reason this is changed it is requested to get this information to all the GR's prior to the Fall assembly.
- Need legal counsel to review the guidelines prior to the Assembly.
- What parents and Alateen sign will be finalized at the Area meeting prior to the Assembly.
- The ad hoc committee will send the DR's an invitation to join and be on the ad hoc committee. The invitation will be until May 31, 2004. You have to have access to email to be on the committee because of the time constraint.

GR Orientation

Should we continue having a "GR Orientation" meeting at every assembly or every three years? Area recommends changing the name to "GR Exchange".

- Motion Change the name to GR Exchange, hold the meeting every Assembly and chair by the alternate delegate.
- Vote Passed unanimously.

Two Assemblies or Assembly and Convention?

Should we change from two assemblies per year to one Assembly and one convention?

Discussion:

- Needed for regularity; continue to have two assemblies.
- Every 6 years AA and AI-Anon both have elections at the same time. It is always in Burley. Suggestion that we move our business meeting to another area.
- Problem of room in Burley.
- Suggestion to have two assemblies but to split the business meeting.

- Motion Keep two assemblies.
- Vote Passed unanimously.

Fiscal Year

Should we change our Fiscal Year End to September 30 instead of Dec. 31?

Discussion: It is difficult to vote on a budget in the fall assembly because only have financials through September.

- Motion Continue the fiscal year through December but vote on the budget for the year at the Spring Assembly.
- Vote Passed with some opposition.

Minority view: Difficulty of voting on a budget with 5 months expenses. Difficulty for a new treasurer every three years to prepare a budget right away.

Alaska RSS

Should we donate money to the Alaska RSS host committee?

Discussion:

- Alaska is a very small area and has little funding. Looking for seed money.
- WSO really hosts the seminar so Alaska should not have too many expenses.
- Suggested by Alaska to provide \$100 by each Area.
- Alaska is trying to bring people into the seminar from their area. Difficult because the distances are so great.
- Historically we have sent \$35 to the hosting area.
- We do have the money right now if the groups keep donations coming.
- Maybe adopt a sister group and have a group send money to help.

- Our area is already having groups pass a can.
- Is it within traditions to pay for a district to send someone to the Seminar.
- Alaska is much more expensive.

Motion Send a \$100 to the Alaska RSS host committee.

Vote Passed unanimously.

Attachments

Listed below are the Attachments mentioned in this report.

Traditions and Concepts Skit

Business Meeting Agenda

Area Treasurer Reports

Delegate's Report – May 1, 2004

Al-Anon Registration/Group Records Change Form

WSO Motion

Delegate's 3-Minute Sharing at WSO

Alateen Minimum Safety and Behavioral Requirements

2004 Idaho Area Al-Anon Days flyer

Archives Coordinator Report

Newsletter Coordinator Report

Resume for Idaho AWSC Position

Respectfully submitted,

Toni R., Area Secretary