
Idaho Area Assembly 2006 Spring

Al-Anon Assembly Business Meeting Minutes

The business meeting of the Idaho Area 2006 Assembly was held at the Shilo Inn in Idaho Falls, Idaho on May 6, 2006. Ruth B. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. The steps, traditions, and concepts were read.

Agenda

See page for the business meeting agenda.

Reports

Delegate's Report-Cecilia

Alateen Traditions--were never conference approved. In 1962 the Conference approved the Alateen Traditions but never finalized or approved. Do we want to leave it as it is in the manual? WSO would like the groups to discuss this.

Regional Trustee Candidates--Each area can submit one person as a regional trustee. Some regions have many candidates and it has become a popularity contest, but WSO wants to have the most qualified person. The new change due to this is you can still submit your area's choice as trustee, then the delegates will pick the 2 most qualified by resume. They will then let the Regional Trustees choose among the most qualified resumes.

World Service Conference

- ✓ Shared Leadership was the theme. They want to have more informed decisions giving members time to THINK.
- ✓ There was the Parade of Countries. Al-Anon is in 143 countries. The 1st registered telephone meeting was in 1994. Online meetings can be registered with WSO but they are not groups. There are 12564 meetings registered in the U.S. and 9939 meetings outside of the U.S. There are a total of 23972 groups. There are 869 Alateen meetings in the U.S., 50 meetings in Canada and 851 outside of the U.S. and Canada with a total of 1770. The total of Al-Anon and Alateen groups is 25742. However our numbers have decreased in the U.S.
- ✓ We viewed the new public service announcement that was released this year.
- ✓ Al-Anon is not anonymous only the members can have their anonymity if that is their choice. We are not a secret society. We are members of Al-Anon Family Groups. Should we have **non** Al-Anon members to do some of our Public Outreach so that we are not breaking our anonymity at the level of press, radio films and TV as tradition 11 states.

- ✓ There is a special public outreach magazine called “Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism” that can be ordered by 5 on July 14th.
- ✓ They are still working on “Our recovery in Relationships” but have lost a writer. They have received 1000 sharings so far. They are looking for a writer to put these sharings in one book.
- ✓ They are still working on “Facing grief and loss in recovery” also.
- ✓ E-CAL will be Electronic Literature but are still working on getting this going. This will not be our Literature electronic it will be sharings and have Al-Anon content. We want to be able to attract younger and new members.
- ✓ May Forum—will go out to every group free without a subscription. This one has many responses to a sharing from the January Forum “I felt abandoned.”
- ✓ The service manual is on our website.
- ✓ They are looking for more Male sharings and also would like sharings from long time members.
- ✓ Public Outreach -- Last year there were over a million visits to the Al-Anon website. One of our challenges is to visit the website. It is a wealth of info.
- ✓ AFG International Convention will be in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania July 6-8 2008. They are taking applications from Areas interested in hosting the next AFG International July 5-7, 2013. The Area would need a seating capacity of 10000 and easy access by airline.
- ✓ Cecelia reported the outcome of the Northwest Regional Service Seminar Bids. They received bids from Idaho Falls and Coeur D’Alene for Idaho Area. There were 12 bids sent into WSO the Northwest Regional Service Seminar. Minot, North Dakota and Coeur D’Alene were the 2 chosen. Now WSO will make the final decision. They will let us know by June.

Secretary’s Report

Michele presented minutes. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report

Report was approved

Budget for 2006

There was discussion regarding the seed money for Al-Anon Day and the fact that there was more seed money needed.

There was a motion to increase the seed money to \$150.00 there was a second the motion carried with some opposed.

Motion was made to approve the budget with today's changes/corrections. There was a second and motion carried.

Area Expenses—do we continue to handle the expenses and reimbursement of expenses as we currently are? There was some discussion about the fact that some DRs travel a lot further and their costs are more to get to the Area meetings than those who live closer to Boise. At this time the Districts are responsible to cover the costs of their DRs to get to Area Assemblies and meetings.

There was a motion to continue covering the expenses for the Area officers to get to Area Meetings and Assemblies the motion carried.

District Rep Reports

District 1- Report attached.

District 2-Berta reported that in January they started a new rotation of officers. They have 2 new meetings and closed one. They had a progressive dinner.

District 3-Laura reported that District 3 is doing well. Have a new men's meeting. Alateen has changed a little with meeting changes. We will have a table at the ICAD at BSU. Have the Fall Roundup and Al-Anon Day coming soon and we need registrations.

District 4-Linda have had very little going on just coasting along. Had a dinner with AA, which was a success. Did have their annual get together with a speaker it was small but nice. Groups are relatively stable but some attendance has dropped. They have a Woman in Recovery banquet at the Walker Center with a speaker in July.

District 5-Wanda reported that their district had a Spring Yard Sale but it wasn't too good. Did a mini conference with AA and potluck. Getting ready for health fairs. Institutions doing really great. Putting daily readers in the prison. They have started preparing for their Holiday Gala which is in November. They have a new meeting in Preston.

District 6-Kathy

District 7-Loni reported have a new Spanish meeting at St. Paul's on Friday nights that is really good. Some groups with older people go through lots of literature. They do a raffle for Literature to help raise money. The Monday night Beginners meeting is very big and uses lots of Literature.

Coordinator Reports

Area Literature—Ruth reported some minor revisions in the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. New sharings in one of our books is still in the works as is the Courage to Change CD rom. Still need sharings from Idaho for Recovery in Relationships and Grief and Loss in Recovery. It is in the newsletter.

Group Records—Report is attached.

Web Coordinator-- Report is attached.

Archives—Ladora reported our first radio spot was 1977. She had lots of interesting stuff to “Show and Tell.” Report is also attached.

Forum Coordinator—Kathy reported efforts to get Idaho members to write to the Forum. Voices of Idaho from the Forum poster is on the website. You can easily submit a story on the website for the Forum.

Literature Center--Will reported their last meeting was in April. Secretary resigned if anyone is interested. 20% charge has still been an issue but now they have been able to order books in lots, which helps and they are doing well financially with those two changes. They are looking at the space issue. Would like to be able to have meetings in this location. Things are going really well. Thanks for the contributions and support.

CPC Coordinator—Loni reported she looked around and found many places they could have contacts with. She meets at their business meetings and distributes literature. We are all part of Public Outreach.

Alateen—Linda reports it is very quiet. Alateens are still working on the Assembly Guidelines. Have not heard from any in the Districts about these.

Alateen Process Person—If you have any changes it has to go through this coordinator. Cecilia is currently filling in until we have this coordinator position filled.

Old Business

Al-Anon Days—June 10 Eileen reported we need more registrations and need at least 60 people to break even. This event is going to be catered. The theme is Celebrating Recovery. The registration is \$18.00.

2006 Gem State Roundup Laura didn't have lot of information but there will be an Al-Anon program

2006 Spring Assembly Michele reported the dates are Oct 6-8 in Boise at the Double Tree Riverside and Judy D will be our speaker. Still working on the program. Flyers should be circulating now.

Alateen Background Check Report -Mike D. reported that the order was a little backwards and the committee has come up with a new order for this process. A copy of this Process is attached with the minutes and was distributed among the members. Mike touched on some of the highlights and changes.

There was a motion made to accept the certification process as it has been submitted this motion carried.

We want an official Thank you to go to the Committee who did all this work.

Idaho Policy Manual—We would like the GRs to affirm the decision to approve this document. There were some comments.

There was a motion made by Mike to approve the decision made by AWSC to accept the Idaho Policy Manual, Diane seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Alateen Guidelines—No report on this was available

New Business

Rescind Motion to delete Dr Reports from Assembly Agenda Ruth spoke on this a little this was originally due not having enough time during the business meeting

Linda made a motion to rescind the motion to delete the Dr Reports from the Assembly Agenda this was seconded and the motion carried.

Changing name of Idaho Newsletter—“Sharing and Caring” Diana P who is our new Newsletter editor had made the recommendation to change the name. She had a few ideas and this was opened up for discussion.

Lloyd made a motion that the Idaho Area Newsletter editor be allowed the discretion to name the newsletter this was seconded and the motion carried.

Support for Idaho Area Spanish Outreach--Ruth B. reported that Elsa has recorded a message on District 3 phone for our Spanish speaking meetings. But her phone is not available for people to call. There has been a request for a cell phone for our Spanish outreach contact person. This was opened up for discussion with many opinions. Some groups want a more definite plan. There were a couple people who recommended phone cards. Spanish people calling in could leave a message and then Elsa could call them back using the calling card. Ruth recommended an ad hoc committee be formed on the Area Spanish Outreach. The committee will be made up of Ruth, Cecelia, Loni and Kathy W. They will work on this and come back with some ideas.

Add a new AWSC position: Area Assembly Coordinator-- The committee felt like it would be good for the Districts to have a resource to use for planning Assemblies. This was opened up for discussion. There were lots of opinions on this thought and no strong feelings about adding this position. This was a dropped issue.

Al-Anon Raffles--Lloyd presented an issue that his Saturday morning meeting feels that our raffles may contribute to an addiction of another sort and they feel very strongly about this issue. There were many comments on this but no decisions or motions.

Attachments

- A Agenda
- B Treasurer Report
- C Area Group Records Report
- D Area Web Coordinator Report
- E Area Newsletter Report
- F Area Archives Report
- G District 1 Report
- H Process to become certified as an Alateen Sponsor
- I Idaho Policy Manual

Respectfully submitted,

Michele W., Area Secretary