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## Idaho Area Assembly 2007

### AI-Anon Assembly Business Meeting Minutes

The business meeting of the Idaho Area 2007 Assembly was held at the Best Western Burley, Idaho on October 6, 2007. 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

#### Secretary's Report

Michele presented minutes. Minutes were approved with two changes.

#### Treasurer's Report

Joan requested everyone to please cash checks as quickly as possible so that she can get books switched over to our new treasurer. Copies of financials are attached. Joan reported that she did not get the CD because you need a minimum of \$5000.00 to do this. The new treasurer can research this more when she comes into office. Joan has found a person to audit the books for Area Financials and there will be a cost of \$100.00 for this audit.

Joan read a letter from WSO about the Equalized expense to send the Delegate to the Conference. The Equalized expense has increased by \$261.00. The Area Committee has voted to send the full amount to send our Delegate to the Conference.

*Traci made a motion to pay the full amount of \$1959.00 to send the Delegate Diana seconded and the motion carried.*

*Lloyd made a motion to increase the treasurer budget by \$100.00 to pay for an audit of the financials for Area for the treasure, Dennis seconded and the motion carried.*

**Northwest RSS**—Berta, Jeanne, Cass and Kathy W were all attendees at the Northwest RSS and each gave a report of what they got out of the seminar. Each one of them is very thankful to have this opportunity to serve our Area.  
Some Highlights

- Knowledge based decision making
- Most of our members are of the older generation and we would like to focus on getting the younger adults into our meetings.

- The Concepts are spiritual.

## Old Business

**Spanish Outreach**—Laura reported that she has been in contact with Elsa and there was a slow process so she assisted Elsa in doing this. In December she purchased \$100 in minutes for the Spanish Outreach phone, which ran out in May. She then purchased another \$100.00 in May, which recently ran out, and then she purchased another \$50.00 to keep the phone going. Laura recommended that we are probably going to need \$300.00 to \$400.00 in the budget per year for the Spanish Outreach phone.

*Ladora made a motion that we reimburse Laura for the money that she paid out of her own pocket for the Spanish Outreach phone Mike seconded and the motion carried.*

There was some discussion about the accountability of the Spanish Outreach Contact person. Ruth recommended that we add this to the agenda for the next meeting.

**New Alateen Certification Process**—Ruth reported that the new process was implemented and is working really well without having to pay an outside person or have a lock box.

*A motion was made to approve the new Alateen Certificate Process it was seconded and a motion carried.*

**Idaho Policy Manual**—Toni reported some of the changes that were made in the manual that is available on the website which was approved by the Area Committee members. We now need affirmation by the Assembly.

*A motion was made to affirm the Idaho Policy Manual it was seconded and the motion carried.*

## New Business

### **District Rep Reports**

**District 1**-Lori's report attached.

**District 2**-Berta's report attached

**District 3**-Laura's report attached

**District 4**-Heidi's report attached.

**District 5**-Wanda

**District 6**-Jodi

**District 7**- Kathy's report attached

## **Elections of Area Officers**

Total number of voting GRs—35 and 23 votes are needed for a 2/3 vote

**Delegate** Candidates running for Idaho Area

Berta R-- District 2                      Wanda L--District 5

*Berta was voted in as our new Idaho Area Delegate*

**Alternate Delegate** Candidates running for Alternate Delegate

Wanda L—District 5                      Laura F—District 3

Laura F was voted in as our new Alternate Delegate

## **Area Chair**

Cecilia S--District 1 was voted in as our new Area Chair

## **Treasurer**

Toni R--District 3 was voted in as our new Area Treasurer

## **Secretary**

Traci E—District 3 was voted in as our new Area Secretary

## **Coordinator Reports**

**Area Literature**—Report is attached.

**Group Records**—Report is attached.

**Web Coordinator**-- Report is attached.

**Archives**—Report is attached. Ladora asked if you find any old Literature please show it to her may be something to add to the Archives. She showed us 2 of the old Forums that had pictures of the Two Towers on the front. She challenged us to talk about our co-founders in our meetings and groups.

**Forum Coordinator**—Report is attached

**Literature Center**— Michelle reported that the Literature Center is now online and linked to the Idaho website. There are 2 positions that are coming open at the first of the year if anyone is interested. The committee

is working on creating there own policy manual and have started with “The sale of Literature offsite” for example at an Assembly.

**CPC Coordinator— Position Open**  
**Alateen—**

**Alateen Process Person**—Cecilia reported that the process is working well. She is still receiving old Alateen forms so she has been forwarded a copy of a new form which will be added to our local website. Please use the new ones.

**Area Newsletter Coordinator**—Diana reported that it would be great to get a report from those who attended the RSS so that she can add those to the next newsletter. Please be sure to let your groups know the new process of getting a copy of the Newsletter. Go to the Idaho Website and sign up under the Newsletter section to receive a copy. Your email addresses are protected.

**Public Outreach**—Wanda reported some ideas on getting out to do public outreach.

**2008 Spring Assembly**

Kathy B reported we have a speaker selected. She did report that there have been some issues and changes with location. At this time it is going to be at the Cultural Center, which is going to be a small drive from the Holiday Inn. There is a flyer available.

**2008 Al-Anon Day**

Wanda reported that she has a chairperson selected and they will be getting started on the planning process soon and there will be more to come.

**Splitting off from AA for our Assemblies**

Pros and Cons

- Financial – can we support our own Assembly. Is AA carrying us through the financial and planning parts of Assemblies
- Kathy B has heard AA state “If Al-Anon is going to cost AA too much to have them at Assemblies then maybe we shouldn’t have them there.” We are getting big enough to do this on our own and we may even have to have these in the places that have facilities big enough to hold us.
- Are we reliant on the split money or can we do this on our own. We only get a percentage of the profits from Assembly. We get income from the raffle that a large percentage of AA purchase tickets for.

- We will have to look at if we are only doing Al-Anon then we should be able to go to Northern Idaho. Or are we going to select a central location.
- If we are on our own then we can select locations that are accommodating to our group.
- There were quite a few AA in attendance at our lunch today. There is a lot of frustration about not getting our money/split from AA after Assemblies.
- Someone from Eastern Idaho stated that they have never had problems with the AA members and they are a big supporting part because Alcoholism is a family disease and it should include the whole family.
- We need to grow up and have our own program/Assembly and be financially self-supporting.
- WSO will financially support and send their trusted servants to do workshops or speak.
- We can make our own choices and be fully self-supporting.
- One member spoke about it not being fully self-supporting because we rely on AA to purchase raffle tickets.
- Al-Anon Day began 19 years ago to practice doing it on our own but it has not grown in numbers and in fact if it travels it sometimes decreases in numbers maybe due to not having paid GRs going
- One member spoke of how they did it where he used to live. They tried to do it at the same time as AA next door but completely separate. We are supposed to be supportive of AA.
- One member spoke of how she benefited by listening to the AA speakers at Assembly

## **Announcements**

## **Attachments**

- A Agenda
- B Treasurer Report
- C Area Group Records Report
- D Area Web Coordinator Report
- E Area Newsletter Report and current copy of Area Outlook newsletter for Fall 2007
- F Area Archives Report
- G District 1 Report
- H District 3 Report
- I District 6 Report
- J Area Literature Report

Respectfully submitted,  
Michele W., Area Secretary

District 6 Report  
October, 2007

Greetings and Glad Tidings from District 6! Our news is as follows: Outreach: We decided the best way to jumpstart our outreach was to bring all of our outreach literature to every district meeting to distribute to group reps. Outreach is then encouraged at the group level for individuals carry the message to appropriate places they know or frequent. The next step is for the district to take on a group project (as suggested in the Newsletter) to get the word out to some local institutions. It's a work in progress, for sure. Alateens: We have a very active Alateen group that meets on Thursday evenings at the Family Recovery Center in conjunction with an Al-Anon meeting. We celebrated Alateen's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the September speaker brunch, where we had a panel discussion on the tools of the program. The Alateen's participated by presenting their own power point presentation on the tools of the program. We all shared a big cake and celebrated the joy, hope and tools for recovery in Al-anon and Alateen, (adapted from AA). Speaker brunch: We have a speaker brunch on the third Sunday of every month (excluding June and December) at the Red Lion on the Falls. This brunch follows the district meeting. The district voted to alternate between panel discussions and personal speakers sharing their experience strength and hope. In December we have our annual Holiday Social (a pot-luck dinner and raffle) instead of the speaker brunch. This event is currently our biggest fun(d)raiser of the year. We usually get two speakers (from Al-Anon and AA) with open attendance from both programs. Last but not least, we continue to appreciate and be inspired by all the information readily available on the Website and in the Area Newsletter! We find the Website to be very user-friendly, and the Newsletter is fun, informative, and interesting to read (Love those Step Study Guides!). We continue to grow in recovery as we use the tools of the program and share our experience, strength and hope in Al-Anon.  
Best wishes, Jody C.

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# Area Group Records Coordinator Report

2007 Fall Assembly, October 6, 2007

## Area Meeting Directory

This is my last year as Records Coordinator so I will prepare an area meeting directory for the end of the calendar year to be included in the area archives. All GR and meeting changes need to be submitted by December 1 for preparation of this directory. These directories actually exist now on the Website. One directory is alphabetized by town. The other directory is listed by district then by day of the week for the meeting day.

## Updates from WSO

I received several Group Information forms from WSO. Thank you to those groups who provide this valuable information. This form is mailed to each group in the fall. The group is asked to indicate any changes to the group information and mail the form back to WSO. In fact, I was updating the database in preparation for this meeting on Thursday night!

## Reports Created

An updated list meeting information was sent to DR's prior to this Assembly. Many DR's sent changes for the database. I then created the GR report for the Secretary to use at the Assembly. I created meeting changes by District for the DR's so they could see the changes made by meeting number over the last three years.

## Meetings by the Numbers

There are 86 active and suspended Al-Anon meetings in our Area. There are 41 inactive and ancient meetings for a total of 127. Ancient is a new status I added to mark those meetings that have completely disbanded. I keep them in the database because WSO refers to them at times. They are marked ancient so these meetings will not appear on the DR lists of meetings to confirm. These meeting counts are Al-Anon only and exclude Alateen meetings.

## Thank You

I appreciated the opportunity to serve in this Area position for the past three years. I enjoyed the communication with the DR's and groups who worked so diligently keeping their group records updated. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Updatingly yours,

Toni R.

Area Group Records Coordinator

October 6, 2007

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## Website Coordinator Report

2007 Fall Assembly, October 6, 2007

### Events

Each district is encouraged to announce Al-Anon events on the website. I can attach flyers or link to other websites to help spread the word for your event. Remember to send me the town for the event. We normally do not put the town on the flyer but I use it on the website to help people determine if they can attend. The event is removed the day after the event takes place.

### Newsletter Distribution

I created a generic email account in our website. This generic email account contains email addresses of those wishing to receive the newsletter. The individual email addresses are not visible to those receiving the email. If you wish to be added to this distribution list please email [webinquiry@al-anon-idaho.org](mailto:webinquiry@al-anon-idaho.org).

There are 75 members signed up to receive the newsletter.

### Members – Navigation Tag

Some members had trouble navigating the website trying to find reports, newsletters, and other details relating to our Area. I have modified the website by changing the link of Area to Area/Members.

### Thank You

Thank you to those who emailed changes for the website. Your diligence to detail is appreciated. I enjoyed my term as your Website Coordinator and am happy you selected me to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni R.

Website Coordinator

[www.al-anon-idaho.org](http://www.al-anon-idaho.org)

## **Fall 2007 Area Literature Report**

-Electronic Conference Approved Literature (e-CAL) is up and running. Go to [www.al-anon.org/members](http://www.al-anon.org/members). Use the name of any Al-Anon/Alateen group plus the letters AFG in as your password.

If you want to submit something, click the e-CAL logo and use the red button to submit your presentation.

Follow the navigation bar to “View e-Cal”.

-Please share your stories for OUR RECOVERY IN RELATIONSHIPS.

Go to the web site to submit. Other ways to submit are:

Fax: 757-563-1655

Mail: 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617

-Courage to Change is available on CD-ROM so you can read it on your personal computer. If your computer has a voice chip, you can listen too! You won't be able to make copies, download it, play it on a Mac, CD player, or on any new Vista operating system.

-Our newest book, “Opening Our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses” (B29) faces grief and loss with the help of Al-Anon. This book shares the experiences of hundreds of members in finding hope and serenity by applying Al-Anon principles to the many losses that accompany the family disease of alcoholism.

-WSO is seeking articles from professionals for publication in the magazine “*Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2009*”. The articles should include:

1. Why Al-Anon is recommended?
  2. How to identify patients or clients who need Al-Anon.
  3. The improvements seen in your clients as a result of attending Al-Anon.
- Submit to the web site. Articles should be 400-800 words.