

AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT- FALL 2018

The Area World Service Committee meeting was held on Saturday, August 11, 2018, at the North Congregational United Church of Christ, 2040 Henderson Road, Columbus 43220. Sandy F., Acting Alternate Delegate and Acting Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM with the Serenity Prayer. Karen S., read the Twelve Traditions; Nicole S., read the Twelve Concepts of Service; and Cindy T., read the General Warranties of The Conference.

Sandy F., reviewed the purpose of the Area World Service Committee:

I'm going to tell you what our declaration of unity is. It was approved at the 1984 World Service Conference and can be found on p. 237 of Many Voices, One Journey:

“Each member of the fellowship is a significant part of the great circle of hope. While respecting each other's individuality, our common welfare must come first. Our recovery depends upon our mutual need in an atmosphere of trust.”

So I've been asked what are the goals of the AWSC. A goal is members will understand the purpose of AWSC, the relationships within the structure and be able to articulate the decisions that were made here. A second goal: the spiritual tone of the Assembly will prevail by the demonstration of mutual respect and acceptable conduct by its members. Number three: knowing that our higher power is present in the expression of the group conscience, the members will presume good will. So what is the exact purpose of the AWSC? To discuss matters pertaining to the Ohio Area to approve agenda items for the next Area Assembly. This is from p. 75 of our Service Manual. If you have any questions during the meeting, please hold up your hand or your Service Manual.

She reviewed the voting rules and etiquette guidelines.

INTRODUCTIONS: All present introduced themselves and there were 21 voting members present and four visitors.

MINUTES: The minutes of the 2018 Spring AWSC meeting were previously electronically distributed to all the Committee members. Phil H., Archives, pointed out changes that needed to be corrected. He moved to postpone approval of 2018 Spring AWSC minutes until they have been revised, corrected, and redistributed and re-presented at the Spring AWSC 2019. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORTS: Judy A, Treasurer, presented the report-

The first page is basic information. Top you see receipts come from various places. Please put enough identifying information on your checks: a district, group number or a city. Otherwise, I don't know where you are from. Then we go to expenses. They come from page two. Somebody asked where we spent our money, at our last Assembly. If you really look at this page this is where we spend our money. Top is our Reserves Fund. Active Past Delegate are allowed 300 dollars that went to the International so that money is gone. Convention float is like seed money for 2019. They get 2000 dollars. Convention Reserves is money that is set aside so that if the Convention loses money we can make it up with that. The Equipment fund is to buy ink cartridges. We've been talking about buying a printer because Records person needs a printer. Excess funds, this year \$2000 went for KOMIAC bus. Don't have a lot of excess funds. The OAC fund is to pay for the drawing to pay two people's way to the OAC the following year. Transition fund is every three years meet with the next person

When I give up the position, I will explain to that person what I do. Down below is our budget. Every year we set aside what we think we are going to spend. That's where our money goes. Third page is plea letters and donations. What's the average donation? Look at your district,

the total donation by number of groups donating or total number of groups in the district. Judy answered a question.

Report for 2018:	Beginning balance as of 1 January 2018 –	\$40,673.17
	Income 1 January 2018 – 1 August 2018	+14,892.18
	Expenses 1 January 2018 – 1 August 2018	<u>- 6,462.23</u>
	Ending balance as of 1 August 2018 –	\$49,103.12

Cheryl B. moved and Lee R. seconded to accept the report as presented. The motion passed.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE & NEWSLETTER EDITOR REPORT: Sandy F, Acting Alternate Delegate, presented the report –

There is not much to report. I have not received any exchange newsletters. I have proposed two question for discussions on the Newsletter Editors AFG Connects site, but there have been very few responses or activity to the inquires. First questions was does you area exchange newsletters and the second was what topics have you chosen for your newsletters.

The second edition of AI-A-Notes will be published early in September. The general topic is: the AI-Anon Declaration. September is Recovery month, so that theme prompts the question – “How do I use the AI-Anon Declaration as a personal guide to encourage me to do Public Outreach?” Deadline for sharings is August 25th.

Are there any questions?

DELEGATE’S REPORT: Theresa M., Delegate, presented the report –

Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect 2018 is an opportunity for local AI-Anon members to meet and interact with the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee members, to discuss items of importance both to the fellowship and to the organization of AI-Anon Family Groups. *The 2018 Road Trip!* will be held in Houston, Texas on Saturday, October 20th at the Houston Marriott South at Hobby Airport. Register online at www.al-anon.org/roadtrip for \$30 by September 28,2018 to get the lunch; \$30 walk-ins (no lunch) will be available.

The Georgia Delegate is submitting a bid for the 2019 Board of Trustees Road trip. As WSO needs possible attendance numbers in order to plan the event, she would like to get a possible head count by **August 15th** of those who would come to Atlanta in October 2019. Let me know by next Wednesday if you or your members would be interested.

Do we want to consider applying for “*Road Trips*” now or in the future? We can either take a quick consensus now or discuss it later during the meeting. The deadline to submit a proposal for 2019 is **September 14th, 2018**.

WSO has send out another appeal for someone with five years continuous AI-Anon membership with webmaster expertise to fill our **"Webmaster" position at the World Service Office** in Virginia Beach. This position is part of the Digital Strategy Team and an integral part of our Public Outreach efforts. They strongly believe we will get the best candidates from the efforts of members like us who know a fellow member who has the expertise for this position. Please get the word out!

Use this link to see the job description al-anon.org/pdf/webmaster.pdf.

Resumes for At-Large Committee positions (includes Forum Editorial Advisory, Literature, Public outreach, and Audit) at WSO are now due January 1st instead of the date of the WSC

(World Service Conference). Contact me for the electronic form or download it from our website.

I attended the **62nd Annual AA Ohio State Convention** hosted by Area 55 July 27-29 and heard some wonderful leads and attended the panels that our Al-Anon committee put together. The Theme of the convention was **Service: A Design for Living**. I enjoyed learning more about the AA service structure and adventures doing service that a recent past AA Trustee presented.

I have been contacted by the 2019 AA Convention Planning Committee. The **2019 AA Convention** with Al-Anon participation will be hosted by SW Ohio AA Area 56 on August 16, 17, 18, 2019 at the Holiday Inn Eastgate, 45245. The AA Theme is from their service manual – **Invitation to Fellowship: A Permanent Haven for All Alcoholics**. Their next Committee meeting will be at 7 PM Wednesday, August 15th at St. John's Lutheran Church, 470 S Gebhart Church Rd, Miamisburg, OH 45342.

Volunteers are needed for an Al-Anon Convention Committee to participate in this cooperation with Ohio Alcoholics Anonymous. See me for contact information.

Upcoming Elections – October 13, 2018

Since Karen has found it necessary to stepdown from her Area positions, please think hard about who is eligible and may be willing to run for the positions of Alternate Delegate, Chairman, and Secretary. Is it time for us to consider some loosening of our eligibility requirements in order to fill positions for this panel? Please think about this and consider discussing this later today. We welcome Sharon B as she has stepped up to fill the AAPP position.

Our AFG of Ohio, Inc insurance is coming due for renewal in Nov 2018. Other Areas have different ways of deciding on their insurance. Some Areas have Insurance Committees or Finance Committees that would include Budget, Review, and Insurance. We might want to discuss this in the future.

True to form as I write this, WSO has sent out a notice to make sure AIS/LDC's complete their annual update form by September 30, 2018. I have sent out a reminder to our Ohio ones – noting that Cleveland will need to make sure theirs is updated.

As I asked in my 7/23/2018 email to you – “what **ideas do you have to support our GR's and DR's** coming to our AREA meetings?” Some ideas that I would like specific feedback on are:

- Other Areas have fundraisers – sometimes in conjunction with Assemblies and sometimes separately to be able to pay for their DR's to come to AWSC; some even pay for the GR's hotel rooms for Assemblies!
- Some Areas specifically target the 2nd Fall Assembly of their panel with a service workshop or “walk around” where each service position has a table with information on duties and skills needed manned by that person during the Assembly.
- In Michigan, immediate past Officers and Coordinators become the new Officers and Coordinators service sponsors. In the first couple of weeks in the new Panel (before AWSC), the New Delegate calls for a "Kick-Off" meeting. Both incoming and outgoing members attend to exchange materials and set the new Panel's Goals, Board Statement and Vision Statement.
- A recurring discussion at both the WSC and the Day of Connecting and International Al-Anon Convention was “how do we reach and support our minority members?” A minority in Al-Anon is an underrepresented group of people – non-English speaking, younger members, men, LGBTQ, etc. I would throw in hearing and visually impaired.

I would like Panel 58 to instill enthusiasm for service back into our Area meetings by having service related skits and/or workshops produced by our Coordinators. These could be done at Assembly and/or AWSC (as time permits) or presented with a suggested listing of materials necessary to do the workshop for our DR's/GR's to take back to their groups.

Yours in Service

Theresa M Panel 58 – We Participate!

In Al-Anon, There Is No Standing Still!

REGISTRATION: Lee R, Registration Committee Chair, reported that a total of 28 people registered for the meeting: 13 DR's, Officers and Coordinators (including DRs), Liaisons, and 4 visitors.

District Representatives: Please remind New GR's to come early to register and attend the New GR meeting. There is also a \$5.00 fee to offset the cost of Assembly.

Thought Force/Task Force/ Work Groups K.B.D.M up-dates/presentations

Sandy F. presented that the Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM) questions have been rewritten now by the World Service Conference (2018). The five questions have changed to:

1. What do we know about our member's or prospective member's wants, needs, and preferences that are relevant to this discussion?
2. What do we know about the capacity and strategic position of the organization relative to this issue?
3. What do we know about the current realities and evolving dynamics that are relevant to this discussion?
4. What are the ethical implications of our choices (pro and cons)? This includes consideration of how the Legacies apply. Identify both pros and cons.
5. What do we wish we knew, but don't?

The officers will rewrite the Ohio KBDM form to reflect these changes and post them to the website. She also pointed to page 71 in the Service Manual. A Thought Force is the thinkers not the doers that come up with ideas and possibilities. A Task Force, on the other hand, are the doers they come up with solutions or a plan. A Work Groups I see these are as our Action Committees who identify concerns or needs of which need to be addressed.

Task Force -- The future of Al-A-Notes Newsletter Exchanges and Subscriptions:

Sandy F. pointed out that this was not assigned during the Spring Assembly. She suggested we turn this over to Old Business at our Fall Assembly and be assigned to our new Alternate Delegate should one be elected. That person would be the chairman of the Task Force. As for Task Force members I recommend it consist of two Group Representatives and any past Alternate Delegate who wishes to serve on that Task Force. This item will be sent to the Fall Assembly for their consideration.

Task Force -- Questions for DR to Ask Potential AMIAS: Sara M. Chairman, presented the report-

The way we worked on this was at the Ohio meeting at KOMIAC we asked the sponsors, teens, and AMIAS who were attending there to come up with a list of questions to ask. Ginny C. and I also added to the list.

Possible Questions for DR to ask AMIAS applicant:

How long have you been in Al-Anon?

Are you at least 21 years old?

Do you have any felonies on your record?

Have you attended a sponsor workshop? When do you plan on attending one?

Do you have a sponsor?

Have you worked the steps?

What makes you want to be an AMIAS?

How did you learn about being an AMIAS?

Are you planning to just assist with teens or sponsor a meeting? If sponsor a meeting do you feel you are able to fully commit to being present for all meetings and finding an AMIAS fill in if not?

Have you ever worked with kids/teens before?

Are you able to be open minded about teens lifestyle choices? Are you able to be nonjudgement when it comes to the LGBTQI community?

Possible Questions for GR

How long have you known this person?

Do they work a program?

Would you trust them with your children?

Do you feel they are ready to take on AMIAS service work?

Discussion followed. A clarification is that LGBTQI refers to Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Questioning and Inquiring. The AWSC decided to have the Task Force present a formal KBDM presentation to the Fall Assembly.

Motion # 2018-10: We move the following list of questions be added to the application packet for AI-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service for DR/GRs to ask AMIAS applicants:

Possible Questions for a DR to ask AMIAS

applicants: How long have you been in AI-Anon?

Are you at least 21 years old?

Have you attended a sponsor workshop? If not, when do you plan on attending one? Do you have a sponsor?

Have you worked the steps?

What makes you want to be an AMIAS?

How did you learn about a being an AMIAS?

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Sara M., Alateen Coordinator, and Theresa M., Delegate, moved and Judy A., Treasurer, and Cindy T., Akron Area Liaison, seconded to have the above KDBM and the above motion go to the Fall Assembly. The motion passed.

Thought Force-- Action Committees – Whether to keep them, change to workshops, or another idea: Laura B, District 45 Willoughby 4th Step Saturday AFG, Chairman, presented the report-

The Thought Force is still in its early stages of organization. We are reviewing the Knowledge Based Decision Making Forms and the five questions. We are just beginning to do the brainstorming part of the process. Also we are looking for additional members to help us complete the KBDM presentation.

COORDINATOR REPORTS

ARCHIVES :

Phil H., Archives Coordinator, stated there was no time sensitive information to report.

FORUM :

Allison G, *Forum* Coordinator, stated there was no time sensitive information to report.

GROUP RECORDS: Carmen I., Group Records Coordinator, stated there was no time sensitive information to report. However, she stated that a lot of you like to send updates without all of the correct information on it. Updates should have your email on it. WSO does not accept non-email updates because that is how they get ahold of you. Another thing, you need to give me your Current Mailing Address. The Current Mailing Address person should be available to me. Sometimes that is forgotten. Those are the two things I really want to emphasize. If you are sending in to me an up to date paper, I would like to update the whole thing and send you the whole story.

LITERATURE : Jo S., Literature Coordinator, presented the report-

We were supposed to have two conference calls a year. With the International this year, they just were not able to have them this year. But Tom C., Literature at WSO, sent an email. “As you know in 2014 the World Service Conference gave conceptual approval for a new daily reader that reflects the diversity of the AI-Anon membership. What you might not know is that sharings are still needed especially about any one of the Steps, Traditions, or Concepts of Service. Sharings that exemplify the wide variety of relationships and backgrounds of AI-Anon members are also particularly welcome. Please announce this to members in your Area and consider conducting and encouraging writing workshops on this project. To help attach the pdf The Daily Reader... and Two Paths Forward...” I have both in the back in the room.

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

Kay J, Public Outreach Coordinator, could not be present. Sandy F. presented the report-Reminder that September is National Recovery Month. Remember to forget literature everywhere. Wherever you go drop a bookmark. Wherever you go: *AI-Anon Faces Alcoholism*. It time for us to be out into the public.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET: Donna K., Budget Chairman, stated there was no time sensitive information to report.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE: Buff, Handbook Committee Chair, reported that there was no report at this time

AREA ALATEEN PROCESS PERSON (AAPP): Sharon B., AAPP, stated there was no time sensitive information to report.

TWO-DAY FALL/ASSEMBLY LIAISON:

I have been working with the Fall 2018 host committee refining their contract and with the 2019 Fall host committee on tweaking the contract to get it ready to sign.

As for the Ohio Area Convention 2019, Hosted by the District of Columbus, I have nothing to report. The site visitation committee has not scheduled any hotel visits nor has the intergroup formed a committee to plan this event.

WEBSITE: Phil H. presented the report compiled by Mike K., Website Coordinator, who was not present-

In our last Web report, we showed a drop in web traffic and attributed it to visitors finding meeting information on the new search tool provided by the World Service Office. Since that report last May, we're now seeing a staggering drop in visits, likely due to the same thing. In July of last year, we saw 3000 unique visitors. This past July, we only saw 334 unique visitors. The top pages people are visiting are still the Find a Meeting page, and that may be the clue regarding why the change in traffic. The full report is attached to the end of the report.

Task Force-- To add AAPP to List of Standing Committee Chairman in the By-Laws and Handbook:

Sandy F. stated that the officers have discussed this topic. This topic neither adds nor deletes anything from either document. It was an error to not add it to the list in 2004 when the position of AAPP was added. The Handbook Chairman only has to report the error and the background. Tell the Assembly the AAPP needs to be added to the list of Standing Committee Chairman in both Handbook and By-Laws. She asked what the Task Force decided.

Phil H., from the Handbook Committee, presented a Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM) and three motions regarding the AAPP to go to the Fall 2018 Assembly.

KNOWLEDGE BASED DECISION MAKING

Topic: Clarifying the Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) Position

Background information – What we know

Historical perspective

The Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) position was created in 2011 as a result of the AI- Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) program implementation. Initially, the position was combined in with the Compliance Liaison position.

At the 2017 Fall Assembly, the Compliance Liaison position was eliminated and the AAPP position became a “stand alone” position. However, there was no inclusion in the Bylaws for the AAPP as part of the “Special Standing Committees”.

Existing motions that pertain to this topic

Motions in 2011 that created the AAPP position and a motion at the 2017 Fall Assembly that eliminated the position of Compliance Liaison

What do we know about our membership's needs, wants and preferences?

Our Bylaws must correctly reflect the actual positions within our organization

What do we know about our capacity (resources)?

There will be no impact on our resources.

What are the implications of our choices? (pros and cons)

Correcting the oversight will keep our Bylaws in line with the actual positions

What we wish we knew, but don't:

Nothing

Questions and Clarification – no timing or microphone limitations

Need for motion? Yes – motion follows.

Presented by: Handbook Committee

MOTION 2018-10-2

Move to amend the By-Laws for Al-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc., on Page 5 of 10, Article V Committees, Section B Special Standing Committees, by adding the following:

7. Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP)

MOTION 2018-10-3

Move to amend the Handbook of General and Committee Working Procedures For Al-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc. on Page 13 of 45, Standing Committees, by adding the following:

7. Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP)

MOTION 2018-10-4

Move to amend the Handbook of General and Committee Working Procedures For Al-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc. on Page 14 of 45, Standing Committees, by adding the following:

7. Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) – See Appendix A

During discussion, corrections were made to the Task Force KBDM. The Handbook Committee moved to present the corrected Task Force KBDM and motions to the 2018 Fall Assembly. Allison G., Forum Coordinator, seconded the motion. All three motions passed. They will be presented at the 2018 Fall Assembly.

Old Business

Elections for open positions (explanation not election): Sandy F. presented the report- We still need to elect an Alternate Delegate as well as an Area Chairman due to the resignation of the Panel 58 Area Chairman. It will be an agenda item but I don't know where it will be in the agenda. Other agenda items will go on during the counting of the ballots. If you are interested in running for a position, please complete a resume form that can be found on the Area Website and send it to me. Make sure you meet Area eligibility requirements. If someone is elected who already has an Area position, we would need to elect someone to fill those vacant seats.

Mail Concerns: Is this issue resolved? We current e-mail Minutes and the AI-A-Notes to each group's Current Mailing Address. Only the plea letters and subscriptions are sent out via postal mail.

Exchange newsletters and subscriptions for AI-A-Notes Task Force: This was covered in the Task Force earlier in today's agenda.

Ideas sent about Assembly from members:

Answers to the Ask It Basket questions from the Spring Assembly were distributed to the AWSC. They will be available in print only at the Two-Day Fall Assembly. Respond to Theresa.

New Business

Insurance for AFG of Ohio:

Sandy F. reported that the insurance policy will expire in November 1, 2018. The premium is \$874.00 a year. There has been some discussion regarding a new policy. Judy A. presented the report-

I have the insurance packet. I have spoken to the agent who represents the company. He said our policy will expire on November 1 so around October 1 they will look at our policy and submit to us a quote. I don't think a whole lot is going to change. He said it would probably stay the same. We have liability. Jan S. did this three years ago. With all our changes we really need to keep them informed (of address changes). We have limits of 1 million for Personal and Advertising Injury, 2 million for Products/Completed Operations Aggregate Limit, 2 million for General Aggregate, 5 thousand for medical payments, and 100 thousand for Damage to Premises Rented to You. It lists that we are a social organization or club. We have 50 thousand for employee theft with a \$500 deductible. Conventions are our Assemblies just the wrong word. \$50,000 in crime insurance. They call our volunteers employees. Discussion followed. Send any questions to Judy A. and/or Sandy F.

There was a unanimous show of hands for this topic to be an agenda item under New Business at the 2018 Fall Assembly.

Road Trip – 2019:

The Road Trip has traditionally been in October of each year. This year it will be in Houston—Texas East AFG. On the AI-Anon.org website, there is a link to register if you are interested.

Our charge today is whether to submit an application for the Road Trip in 2019. This is a process. We fill out an application and Theresa sends it in. At the October meeting of the Board of Trustees our application is literally placed in a hat along with all the other Area applications and one is drawn out. It is a random drawing. For the past six years, we have sent in an application each year. Theresa has done research on hotels in the Greater Cincinnati Area so she would be ready to submit the application to the Board of Trustees should we approve it.

Based on a show of hands, the motion to submit the application was passed.

Profile sheet for AFG of Ohio – Assign a Task Force:

Our profile sheet has become outdated. A Task Force will be assigned to present their findings at the Spring AWSC. The Task Force will be assigned at the 2018 Fall Assembly.

Assembly Inventory-- similar to Group Inventory as outlined in Guidelines 8a and 8b:

It is about time to do an Assembly Inventory. If we cannot find one already developed for this, we will have to come up with one. Initially it is a Work Group within the Officers. Do we want to have a Thought Force or Action Committee topic? Discussion followed.

COORDINATOR REPORTS (Continued)

Alateen: Sara M., Alateen Coordinator, presented the report-

The only timely information is the **Alateen Fall Rally** will be October 27 at Clague Road cabin in West Lake. Canton teens are leading it. It needs to be added to the website: 27700 Hilliard Boulevard, Westlake, OH 44145

Sponsor Workshop: Need to schedule a Fall Sponsor workshop-are dates available in November at North Congregational United Church of Christ. I will send out an email to Alateen Sponsors to see if it will match with these dates.

FORUM: Allison G., Forum Coordinator, presented the report-

Every month the Forum sales report is posted on AFG CONNECTS. In Ohio only 92 groups subscribe to the FORUM. That's less than 25 percent of all the groups in Ohio. Get the word out to your groups. It is available and its 11 bucks. Most groups can afford it. It's made cheap for a reason. It is not a money maker. They are looking for sharings. Also they are looking for recommendations for the book from 2017 and 2018.

2018 Fall Assembly: Sandy F. presented the report from Julie C., Chair for the 2018 Fall Assembly, who was unable to attend-

The Fall Assembly will be October 13-14, 2018. Theresa M., Delegate, will be the Saturday banquet speaker. The correct number for the hotel reservations is 1-888-610-8733. Deadline for registration for the hotel and banquet is October 1, 2018.

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES CONCERNS

Phil H. mentioned that when you go to the Al-Anon.org website, member login. As of August 1, it is an open website. Everything has been transferred to the new website. He also suggested the 2018 Spring AWSC minutes be taken down with the number of things that need to be corrected.

Sharon B., AAPP, mentioned she has an empty small two drawer file cabinet that is no longer needed. Anyone who might need it for their position should see her. Current storage is a lock box which is fireproof.

District 26 is in the process of splitting and just talking. Lewis Center, Delaware, Sunbury, Marion, and Mt Vernon those groups are thinking of forming another District and Karen S. would be their District Representative. She cannot become DR until this is decided upon.

Judy A., Treasurer and member of the Budget Committee, recommended we purchase a printer for the Group Records person. Sandy F. suggested a Task Force be assigned to determine this. Could this be for the Budget Committee to take care of it? Based on a show of hands, it was passed that the Budget Committee will work on this and report to the Two-Day Fall Assembly.

Sandy F. pointed out that if you are not an AMIAS, you cannot attend the Fall Rally. But you can attend the Sponsors Workshop.

Sandy F. held a drawing for gifts from the Addictions Studies Institute.

The trial for Addictions Studies Institute is expiring in 2018. Sandy F. suggested we extend the trial for another three years. Cleveland did not give us any schedules so we gave them the WSO information. We gave out 750 schedules for Columbus, 190 for Akron, 200 for Toledo, 200 for Cincinnati and for Youngstown we had 10. We got 6 business cards for a drawing.

Ohio Recovery Rally contacted us but there is a 100 dollar registration fee.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2018 Fall Assembly: October 13-14; DoubleTree by Hilton, 6200 Quarry Lane, Independence, Oh 44131

Alateen Fall Rally: October 27, 2018, CLAGUE ROAD CABIN in West Lake, Ohio.

There being no further business, Micki G., DR 25, moved, and Cindy T., Akron Area Liaison, seconded to close the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:45PM with the Serenity Prayer and the Al-Anon Declaration.

FALL AWSC WEB REPORT – Aug 11, 2018

In our last Web report, we showed a drop in web traffic and attributed it to visitors finding meeting information on the new search tool provided by the World Service Office. Since that report last May, we're now seeing a staggering drop in visits, likely due to the same thing. In July of last year, we saw 3000 unique visitors. This past July, we only saw 334 unique visitors. The top pages people are visiting are still the Find a Meeting page, and that may be the clue regarding why the change in traffic.

Below is a chart showing how many new visitors come back each week after their first visit (see Figure 1) in July 2018. When you look at the chart (figure 2) and see most people are visiting the alalist (the meeting search page), and then see at the bottom they are not coming back, it could be users are bookmarking the WSO search tool.

Figure 1.

User retention

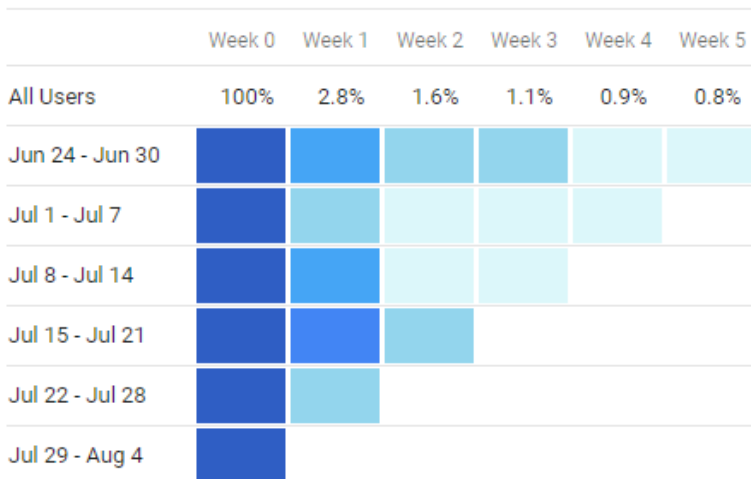
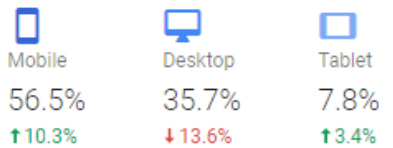


Figure 2.

Page	Month of July	Pageviews	Page Value
/alalist.html		289	\$0.00
/		179	\$0.00
/meeting_search_tool.html		56	\$0.00
/documents.html		54	\$0.00
/area_information_services.html		51	\$0.00
/calendar.html		29	\$0.00
/contactus.html		9	\$0.00
/12steps.html		8	\$0.00
/12traditions.html		7	\$0.00
/index.html		4	\$0.00

Figure 3.



Regarding our existing visitors, mobile users have increased from 55% to 56.5% since last report. Desktop users are about the same. Tablet users have dropped off. See figure 3 (above).

Top Browsers:

	Google Chrome	49.8 %
	Safari	41.9 %
	Firefox	3.4 %
	MS Internet Explorer	3 %
	Mozilla	0.1 %
	Edge	1 %
	iPhone (PDA/Phone browser)	0.4 %
	Unknown	0 %

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