

2020 Two-day Fall Assembly

OPENING OF THE MEETING: At 1:00 pm, a ZOOM teleconference meeting for the 2020 Two-Day Fall Assembly was held on October 17 and 18, 2020. Ginny C., Chairman, welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The meeting was opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Twelve Traditions were read by Mary Beth G., GR, Medina AFG the Concepts of Service and the General Warranties were read by Pamela S., GR, Steps to Serenity. The Area Assembly is the business meeting where the groups send their representatives to express a voice and vote on behalf of the group (AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual 2018-2021 page 68). All members of AFG of Ohio shall have voice in all matters. Voting members are Group Representatives (GR) or those representing their group in Ohio area. An AI-Anon or Alateen member who is also a member of AA is not eligible to serve as GR (AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual 2018-2021, page 149). Voting members shall only have one vote and may not vote for more than one group. Voting by an affirmation vote such as approval of minutes, will be done by a ZOOM poll. Instead of counting off, a roll call will be done. Announced ahead of the vote will be what is required for passage of the item being voted on. A simple majority needed for passage is one over half of the votes cast; a substantial unanimity is considered 2/3 of votes cast, including abstentions and voids (Handbook, page 3). The Rules of Etiquette, ZOOM etiquette, as well as the Assembly rules were reviewed.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW GROUP REPRESENTATIVES: Mary C., Copley AFG (New District Representative), Barbara W., Solon Serenity AFG, Pam S., Steps to Serenity AFG, Susan H., Help and Hope AFG, Terri N., Friday Morning Revelations, Vanessa R., (guest).

2020 SPRING OHIO AREA ASSEMBLY MINUTES: The 2020 Spring Ohio Area Assembly (OAA) Minutes were corrected as follows: Patty D., West Side Women AFG is from District 47 not 15. No additions were made to the minutes. A motion was made by Irena H., Firestone Park Akron AFG, DR51, to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Mary Ellen R., GR, Hubbard Friday Night AFG. A simple majority was obtained by 33 members voting yes, none voting no and 1 abstention for a total of 34 voting GRs.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (See page 14)

The treasurer's report was reviewed, and a motion was made by Pam S., GR, Steps to Serenity, to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Patty D., GR, West Side Women, seconded the motion. A simple majority was obtained by 38 members voting yes, none voting no and 1 abstention for a total of 39 voting GR members. The treasurer made a request to send in your Expense Forms by December 1, 2020 if possible, to prepare for the change of officers.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE AND AL-A-NOTES EDITOR:

The Fall Ala-a-Notes were put on our website, September 3, 2020. Seven electronic copies were sent to as part of the newsletter exchange with other areas. (Fall 2020). Five hard copies were mailed to those who had a subscription as well as one copy sent to the Archives Coordinator.

In our first distribution for 2020, 24 copies were mailed to other AFG's (that wanted a hard copy rather than electronic) as well as those who have purchased a subscription. Only 5 of these were subscriptions. There were not any new subscriptions and several ended and were not renewed. We lost 6 subscriptions. For the Spring 2020 Edition, we still mailed out 5 subscriptions and 1 copy to the archives.

The task force for the future of Al-a- Notes exchanges was completed and closed at the Summer Assembly last month. Al-a- Notes will continue with no price increase for subscriptions. As for exchanges with other areas, this will be sent electronically going forward.

Did you know that your group can subscribe to Al-a- Notes? The difference between the hard copy subscription and the online version is the subscription has updated information for all AWSC members. This is a great way for your group members to know who to contact if they have a question. Another plus would be for groups that do not have a DR, you would be able to see if there was another DR that you could reach out to!

More information on this will be in the next issue of Al-A- Notes.

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR SUBMISSIONS AND COMMUNICATION TO THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR. There is a new e-mail address (thank you Mike!) for the newsletter. It is:

newsletter@ohioal-anon.org

This will help to ensure that newsletter information is getting to the correct person (as positions change). Please use this new e-mail going forward for all newsletter business. Thank you!

We had a lot of district news turned in for this last issue, and it was quite different from what we are used to! Since the start of this pandemic, the fellowship has had to stop having face to face meetings and the creativity that has come out of this has been so encouraging. WSO has always had phone and electronic meetings, but in addition to what they have, electronic meetings (many of them temporary) have sprung up all over the area. We all miss meeting face to face, but some of the electronic meetings have been amazing and most importantly they give Al-Anon the means to keep reaching out to those in need! The Spring edition of Al-A-Notes was filled with YOUR suggestions on how we can still "meet" and work our program. District 51 and 25 in Portage and Summit Counties even did an electronic workshop! All areas stepped up to the challenge in these somewhat difficult times.

Take care and thank you for all that you do!

Jo S

DELEGATE’S REPORT: (See page 17)

Theresa M., Delegate, presented a PPT (Power Point Presentation) that followed her written report. She started her presentation with her 3-minute Outgoing Delegate Report that would have been given at the 2020 WSC and can be found in the *2020 World Service Conference Summary, P-46*.

ZOOM REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT: At the beginning of the October 17 session, there were 38 voting members and 13 non-voting members for a total of 51 members in attendance.

ELECTION OF PANEL 61 OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS: Panel 61 runs from January 1, 2021 until December 31, 2023. Ginny introduced Barbara Mc., Past Delegate as the Election Chairperson. Barbara asked for a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer before starting. The election of officers and coordinators for Panel 61 was held by ZOOM poll. The voting requirements for officers require substantial unanimity and the Delegate, Alternate Delegate, and Treasurer must be AMIAS certified by the beginning of their term of office and throughout. All other officers are encouraged to be AMIAS certified. The voting procedure was explained by Barbara Mc, Election Chairperson. The AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual 2018-2021 on page 151-153 was used in putting together the voting procedure, as well as the Ohio Area Assembly Handbook page 10, number 6 and page 19, along with the Bylaws Article 4, pages 4-5. Ohio Records of Attendance is also used to verify eligibility. The candidates read their profiles and were removed from the main room before votes were taken.

A poll was taken of the 38 GRs to accept the voting procedures as outlined. The poll showed: Yes-38, No-0, Abstentions-0. The vote was unanimously passed.

ELECTIONS: Each candidate read their profile prior to voting. Each profile was given to the Area Chairman, Ginny C.

The number of eligible voting members were counted off prior to each vote. The numbers changed as people came and left the meeting. Substantial unanimity remained at 26 throughout this voting session.

Results as follows:

Panel 61 Delegate: Jo S.

Alternate Delegate: Ann F.

Chairman: Theresa M.

Treasurer: Merri G.

Secretary*: Mary Jo M.,
*Voted upon October 18, 2020. A consensus vote was taken to allow a one-time exception to the attendance requirements for secretary (Article IV.C.4) in the By-Laws for AI-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc.

ELECTION OF COORDINATORS

Barbara Mc., Past Delegate served as election chairman and reviewed procedures. A simple majority of voting members (14 out of 25 to 27 voting members) was required for coordinators.

Each candidate gave a profile to the Area Chairman, Ginny C., and read their profile prior to voting.

Public Outreach Coordinator: Sheri B.

Group Records Coordinator: Shelly C.

Literature Coordinator: Irena H.

Forum Coordinator: Cathy C.

Alateen Coordinator: Sara M.

Joni F., New Beginnings AFG, volunteered to assist Sara.

Archives Coordinator. No one stood

DONATION TO WORLD SERVICE OFFICE (WSO) DISCUSSION: At the Fall AWSC Meeting, it was proposed to give \$2,000.00 to WSO. The vote was to bring it to the Fall Assembly to vote upon.

Comments made included: The money would not adversely affect our budget and we do have the money in the account to send to WSO currently. If we desire, we could vote at a later date to give more money to WSO as able. AFG of Ohio, Inc has made donations to WSO in the past, just not in the recent 4 Panels according to those Treasurers. A motion was made by Phil H., Friday Night AFG, to make a separate donation to WSO as recommended by the AWSC for \$2,000.00. The motion was seconded by Susan H., Help and Hope AFG. A discussion ensued explaining how the money amount was reached. The GRs voted on the motion with voting as follows: Yes-35, No-0, Abstentions-1 for a total of 36 voting GRs. The motion passed to send the \$2,000.00 recommended by the AWSC to WSO.

Day One of the 2020 Fall Assembly closed with the AI-Anon Declaration.

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Christa A., Senior Group Services Specialist at WSO gave her spiritual lead on Oct 17th at 7pm. There were 46 members in attendance.

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Day Two (October 18, 2020) of the 2020 Fall Assembly opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

REGISTRATION REPORT: by Shelly C.

Initially there were approximately 35 members in attendance with a maximum of 27 voting members present

THOUGHT AND TASK FORCE UPDATES:

TASK FORCE: CASHLESS OPTIONS FOR PAYMENT:

After a short discussion, Sheri B., Public Outreach Coordinator, stated that the Task Force will be meeting a couple of times before the end of the year. She also stated that there are only two committee members presently on the Task Force. Sheri B., chairperson, Mary Jo M., Kay J., and Marilyn V. will now be on the Task Force.

TASK FORCE: MEETING IMPROVEMENT: (See page 19)

After a short discussion about whether to continue with a Task Force on AWSC Improvement, a consensus was reached to form a Task Force on Meeting Improvement. Officers will meet between now and AWSC with the Panel 61 Chairman, to create the charge. Volunteers for the Task Force are: Cheryl B., DR#9, Mary Jo M., Brooklyn Friday AFG, Merri G., Triangle, AFG, DR#7, Jeff D., Fairport AFG, Joni F., New Beginnings AFG, Shelly C., Group Records Coordinator.

TASK FORCE: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POSITION

Following a discussion, a consensus was reached to form a Task Force to address current as well as future needs. A charge will be created to examine what the specific duties would be, and if there is a need to have a paid position as well as a team of people to oversee at both AWSC and Assembly meetings. A Task Force including Carmen I. Sunday Morning Coffee AFG as Chair, Mary Jo M. Brooklyn Friday AFG, Donna L., Wednesday Night Grove City Group, Irena H., Firestone Park Akron, Mike K., Website, (via email), Shelly C., Group Records Coordinator was formed.

TASK FORCE: COOPERATION WITH AA CONVENTION: (See page 23)

A quick summary of Thought Force findings and suggestions was given followed by a short discussion. A consensus of GR's present voted to move this to a Task force to clarify how AFG of Ohio cooperates with the yearly Ohio AA convention with the following charge: To discuss and generate some ideas regarding improving cooperation with the AA Convention. Volunteers for the Task Force are as follows: Ann F., Genoa Giving and Getting AFG, Chairperson, Terri N., Friday Morning Revelations

AFG, Sheri B., Public Outreach Coordinator, Merrie G., DR#7, Carmen I., Sunday Morning Coffee AFG, and Jo S., Alternate Delegate.

TASK FORCE: ALATEEN POLICY CHANGES:

While the previous Alateen Coordinator had addressed the simple editing suggested by WSO in 2018, the Task Force never met to address any other changes. Theresa M Delegate suggested that additional changes may be necessary in light of changes caused by the coronavirus pandemic. The Task Force was reformed with the charge :

- 1- To review the Ohio Area Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements to ascertain what policies either need to be changed or need to be developed.

- 2- Develop policies that are consistent with WSC Motion 3 changes.

- 3- Present a KBDM with the suggested changes.

Volunteer members are: Theresa M., Delegate, Sara M., Alateen Coordinator, Jo S., Alternate Delegate, Joni F., New Beginnings AFG , Mary Jo M., Brooklyn AFG.

TASK FORCE: GEOGRAPHICALLY ISOLATED GROUPS:

A Task Force was formed at AWSC after presentation of the related Thought Force. The Charge is: To develop a skit or workshop regarding the problems of geographically isolated groups and to develop at least two strategies that could be implemented by the Area to help these groups. Volunteer committee members: Barbara Mc., Past Delegate, Chairperson, Rhea L., Steps to Serenity AFG, Jeffrey D., Fairport AFG, Jo S., Alternate Delegate, Fred S., DR#5.

TASK FORCE: IMPROVING THE LINKS OF SERVICE:

No report. Will be addressed in the Spring at AWSC.

TASK FORCE: PUBLIC OUTREACH: See page 26)

Report was distributed but not given.

COORDINATORS UPDATES

ARCHIVES (See page 27)

Phil H. gave a Zoom video tour of the new storage bins for the members and announced that the new, easier to read Bylaws and Handbook are now on the website.

FORUM:

Forum subscriptions are down in Ohio. We need meetings in a pocket now more than ever. How do we get the word out? Maybe it would help to put an application to the *Forum* in the AI-A-Notes

GROUP RECORDS COORDINATOR:

As of August 22, 2020, according to the Ohio Database

there are: 408 active groups

588 meetings listed

- 464 active meetings
 - 93 beginners' meetings
 - 371 AFG meetings
 - 114 inactive groups

In Area 44 (Ohio Database)

there are:

6 meetings in No Mail Status

- Corryville AFG District 14
- Paradise AFG District 25
- New Beginnings District 18
- Carry the Message District 28
- Sunday Night AFG District 31
- Friday Freedom for Pastoral Ldrshp District 45

4 meetings in Bounced Email Status

- Mondays in Westerville District 26
- Choices Thursday Gahana District 28
- Southeast AFG District 33
- Ada Adult Children Hope Group District 41

1 meeting report Not Meeting

- Me Too Women's Adult Children AFG District 38

In addition there are:

- 69 meetings that have no current email address
- 186 meetings without a

GR Respectfully submitted,

Shelly C.

Area Group Records Coordinator

LITERATURE:

No change

PUBLIC OUTREACH: (See page 29)

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS UPDATES

AREA ALATEEN PROCESS PERSON (AAPP):

As of October 12, 2020 there are:

- 26 Active Alateen Groups
- 11 Inactive Alateen Groups

There are:

- 66 active AMIAS

All current AMIAS have completed an FBI check and the AMIAS paperwork. The next paperwork is due in 2021.

Respectfully submitted by:

Carmen I.

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

No report given.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE:

Effective with this meeting today, the BY-LAWS for Al-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc., and the HANDBOOK of General and Committee Working Procedures for Al-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc., have been completely re-done.

Phil and I talked many times about the need to “fix” these documents. Phil also talked with Mike K, our webmaster, who determined the documents, in their previous versions, were not compatible with any type of “text-to-speech” platform, for example J.A.W.S., for use by vision-impaired individuals.

In addition, the Handbook was set in an extremely “ancient” document style, which prohibited ease of making changes. Phil previously reported that including the changes from the Spring Assembly was a near impossibility.

We decided on a clean, easy-to-read font style and size. Extra spacing was incorporated into the revisions for future Committees. An added bonus, since Phil has been serving as the Archives Coordinator on this Panel, was the ability to “fact-check” amendments. Every amendment in the By-Laws and the Handbook have been verified – the wording is now correct and the date of the change is now correct.

We also found, in the Handbook, some items that were simply “out-of-place” where they were located. They have been moved to the particular section that they apply to. And, the Index for both documents were redone to ensure that they provide correct references. Even the Appendix detailing AMIAS certifications was updated and cleaned up.

The Committee has also created ONE notebook for future Committees. In that notebook, there are six folders. That will take care of three years of current and previous By-Laws and Handbooks. Documents older than that SHOULD be turned over to the Area Archivist.

My thanks to go out to AFG of Ohio for allowing us to serve as trusted servants.

Buff N., Chairman
Handbook Committee

OHIO AREA CONVENTION AND TWO-DAY FALL LIAISON:

After a discussion, a Task Force/ Work Group /Ad Hoc committee will be formed to set a new rotation for 2 day fall and convention years. Volunteers committee members are: Sandy F., Past Delegate, chair, Ginny C., Chairperson

I have been working with the 2021 Ohio Area Convention Committee and plans are progressing. The plans include an in person event as well as a virtual alternative. Only time will tell which plans come to fruition. Next year’s event is being planned and hosted by the Districts of Youngstown and will give you more details.

Looking into the future:

Ohio Area convention for 2022 Host Committee is Districts of Toledo.

2023 is a year that is skipped for Ohio Area convention as it is a year with an International Convention which will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Start planning on attending now.

- Fall Assembly 2021 Host Committee is District of Dayton
- Fall Assembly 2022 Host Committee is Districts of Youngstown
- Fall Assembly 2023 Host Committee is District of Columbus.

It has been my pleasure service as the Ohio Area Convention Two Day Fall Liaison for the past three years. It has been a recovery growth opportunity for me.

Yours in Service
Sandra F.

WEBSITE: (See page 31)

2021 CONVENTION REPORT – YOUNGSTOWN:

There will be a 2021 Ohio Area Convention; the question is will it be face-to-face, virtual or hybrid? A decision needs to be made by December 25, 2020 to cancel entirely and get a full refund. Discussion ensued as to whether this is a decision that needs to be run by GR's, trying to gather information via a survey. As participation by past surveys has been poor, a motion was made to let the Officers decide on the format of the convention. Marilyn V., Berea Friday AM, made a motion to have the officers decide the format of the Ohio Area Convention 2021; the motion was seconded by Irena H., DR51, Firestone Park Akron. A vote was taken with the results being Yes-27, No-0, Abstentions-0. The motion was passed to have the officers decide the format of the OAC 2021.

Executive Summary

The Planning Committee promises to have an Ohio Area Convention in 2021 to assure that AFG of Ohio does not miss out on this annual event again and to offer our AI-Anon members a rewarding recovery experience. We in the Youngstown Districts have chosen to “**Act As If**” a traditional face-to-face convention will be possible, while simultaneously thinking about modifications as a virtual event via Zoom if in-person is not possible. The 2021 OAC will be held at the Holiday Inn-Boardman June 25-27. The sleeping room rate is \$109.99 + tax for either a Single King or a Double Queen and can be booked by calling the hotel directly at 330-726-1611. To assure the safest handling of food, the Saturday evening banquet will be sit-down serving.

Discussion

Cheryl B. (chair) and Sarah C. (co-chair) finalized the 2021 OAC contract with Holiday Inn-Boardman, and Ginny Clark signed on behalf of AFG of Ohio, Inc. as chair of Ohio Area Assembly. Due to the COVID-19 issues we are still facing, we requested and the hotel agreed to include a statement to cover the current pandemic or any future health threat. The Force Majeur reads,

“Upon written notice, either party may be excused from performing this agreement due to acts of God, war, government regulation, disaster, strikes, civil disorder, pandemic (including COVID-19 or successor) or other emergencies making it illegal or impossible to provide the facilities or to hold the meeting.”

The condition of the state permits gatherings of 300 under the current Responsible

Restart Ohio guidelines for Restaurants, Bars and Banquet & Catering Facilities/Services. If Ohio remains under these guidelines and we choose to cancel, then deposits would be forfeited. If health conditions are such in 2021 that there are federal or state government-issued mandates regulating the number of people who can congregate or continued social distancing, the hotel will cancel our contract and refund our deposits. At that time, we will then attempt to offer a modified convention via the Zoom platform with dial-in access for those without a computer. We have been in regular communication with Sandy F., the OAC/2-Day Fall Liaison, via telephone and Zoom for guidance and assistance, and she has been involved in most meetings and discussions with the hotel manager.

Our Planning Committee met via Zoom in early Oct. to discuss plans for a face-to-face convention, and discussed what a virtual option might look like. We are thinking positively and keeping our numbers reasonable. “**Save the Date**” flyers are available and were emailed to all AWSC members to forward to the GR’s and CMAs. So please encourage your group members to mark their calendars and watch for registration forms via email and on the Ohio Area website. By our Spring Assembly, we will know what the format will be and additional details will be provided. Hope to see you next June in Youngstown celebrating recovery!! In the meantime, we send you elbow bumps, safe high 5’s, air hugs and cyber greetings ... because TOGETHER WE GET BETTER.

Respectfully submitted ~ Cheryl B., DR #9 and Sarah C., DR #4 (Youngstown Districts Hosts for 2021 OAC)

FINAL REPORT ON THE 2020 CONVENTION:

Planning for the Convention was moving along extremely well until the “Stay at Home” order issued by the Governor. At that time, the COVID-19 outbreak was moving rapidly and, on March 22, an email was sent to the Area Chairman requesting that the Area Convention just be canceled. This request was made, in part, because the Convention hotel would not agree to moving the date to an August time frame, and there was only a limited time to cancel the contract and receive the deposit back from the hotel. Also, at that time, the total expenditure of funds was approximately \$280, not including the hotel deposit, but additional expenses would soon be incurred for publicity, registration materials and the like.

The Area Chairman and the Delegate surveyed the Officers and AWSC members and, by a 21-3 vote, approved canceling the Area Convention.

Following the decision of the AWSC, the Convention Committee posted the cancelation on the MVAIS web site and the information was also posted on the AFG of Ohio web site. The dedicated email set up for the convention was left open for the

balance of the month of April in case anyone had any questions. That email has now been canceled as well.

The Convention Treasurer subsequently submitted an Expense Voucher to the Area Treasurer in the amount of \$279.99 for expenses incurred. In addition, the Convention Treasurer also issued refunds totaling \$780.00 for 12 Convention & banquet reservations, at \$65 each, that had been received. A refund check for \$279.00 was received by MVAIS on May 10, 2020. That was the total expense for the Convention.

The Committee thanks the AWSC for moving quickly on the request to cancel. It was unfortunate and certainly unforeseen, but the final expenses were kept at a minimum.

Phil H., for the Convention Committee

NEW BUSINESS

COMPUTER PURCHASE FOR TREASURER:

Discussion addressed need for treasurer to have an assembly laptop with necessary software and to stay within budget parameters. Sandy F., Past Delegate moved to purchase a laptop computer up to \$1,800.00 for the Treasurer; Irena H., DR, Firestone Park Akron, seconded the motion. A vote was taken with the unanimous decision of Yes-24, No-0, Abstentions-0 to purchase a new laptop computer not costing greater than \$1,800.00.

FLIGHT CREDIT:

WSO purchased the flight for Theresa M., Delegate to attend the 2020 WSC through their booking agency. WSO cannot get a refund, but the flight credit (not cash) is available for her to use on SW until spring 2021. It will go unused as the credit cannot be used by anyone else and she will not be flying anywhere due to the coronavirus pandemic.

INSURANCE:

We have insurance which is good until 11/1/2021. We had to file a claim on that insurance policy for theft of funds due to an embezzlement. Normally, insurance costs would just be increased but instead the question is whether we will be able to get insurance or not. A member raised a concern that there are a number of items on the insurance application that is not being met. It may be that we get turned down for insurance in the fall. At the Spring AWSC, a Task Force will be formed at Spring AWSC to address these issues.

OAC DRAWING: “Allow in the budget, funds permitting, a yearly drawing to subsidize two(2) qualified AWSC members or Group Representatives to attend the Area Convention or the International Convention” (Handbook, page 18). The winners of the drawing were: Pam S., Steps to Serenity, and Shelly C., Group Records Coordinator.

DOOR PRIZES: Winners were: Patty D., Westside Women’s AFG, Jeff D., Fairport AFG, Donna K., Painesville Tuesday AFG.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 25-27, 2021 – Ohio Area Convention

MOTION TO ADJOURN: A motion was made by Phil H., Friday Night AFG, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mary Ellen R., Hubbard Friday Night, AFG. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm with the Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration.

**Treasurer's Report – Ohio Area Assembly
January 1, 2020 – October 17, 2020**

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Group Donations	5,511.70
Plea Letter	1,581.00
Personal Donations	435.00
Interest from redeemed CD'S	605.57
AI-A-Notes Subscriptions	3.50
TOTAL INCOME	8,136.77
EXPENSES	
RESERVE FUNDS	
Active Past Delegate Fund	
Convention Float	-779.99
Convention Reserve	
District Rep AWSC Meeting	
Equipment Fund	144.04
Excess Fund	
OAC Fund	
Projects Fund	-300.00
Transition Fund	
Total Reserve Funds expended	-1,224.03
BUDGETED EXPENSES	-1,729.76
TOTAL EXPENSES	-2,953.79
BALANCE 12/31/2019	47,425.44
INCOME	8,136.77
EXPENSES	-2,953.79
BOOK BALANCE 10/17//2020	52,608.42
ACCOUNTING FOR FUNDS	
Assembly Reserves held in Fifth Third Bank	
19 month CD (matures 8/11/2020)	10,000.00
19 month CD (matures 8/11/2020)	5,000.00
19 month CD (matures 8/11/2020)	5,000.00
Checking Account – Huntington Bank 8/29/2020	32,608.42
TOTAL CASH ON HAND	52,608.42

Respectfully Submitted

RESERVES, BUDGET AND EXPENSES

January 1, 2020 - October 17, 2020

Assemble Funds	Balance 12-31-2019	Budget Adjustment	Income	Expenses	Balance
Active Past Delegates Fund	600.00	0	0	0	600.00
Convention Float	4,000.00	0	0	-779.99	3,220.01
Convention Reserves	3,646.37	0	0	0	3,646.37
District Rep AWSC Meeting	315.00	035.00	0	0	350.00
Equipment Fund	39.50.	690.00	0	-144.04	585.46
Excess Funds	1,917.52	4,988.00	0	-0	6,905.52
OAC Fund	470.00	0	0	0	470.00
Project Fund	1,542.48	1,000.00	0	-300.00	2,242.48
Transition Fund	8.28	200.00	0	0	208.28
SUBTOTAL OF NON-BUDGET ITEMS	12,539.15	6,913.00	0	-1224.03	18,228.12

BUDGET ITEMS	2020 BUDGET	EXPENSE	BUDGET BALANCE
AA Convention Hospitality	200.00	0	200.00
Al-A-Notes	300.00	-113.68	186.32
Alateen Coordinator	350.00	-35.000	315.00
Alternate Delegate	25.00	0	25.00
Archives Coordinator	50.00	0	50.00
Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP)	100.00	0	100.00
Budget Committee	25.00	0	25.00
Chairman	25.00	0	25.00
Delegate	100.00	0	100.00
Delegate Equal Fund	2,500.00	-1,000.000	1,500.00
Del/Alt NCRDM & Delegate OAC	1,000.00	0	1,000.00
Forum Coordinator	10.00	0	10.00
Group Records Coordinator	150.00	0	150.00
Group Rep Orientation	50.00	0	50.00
Handbook and By-laws Committee	200.00	0	200.00
Liability & Crime Insurance	890.00	0	890.00
Literature Coordinator	10.00	0	10.00
Meeting Expenses	3,500.00	-307.08	3,192.92
Postage	500.00	-110.00	390.00
Public Outreach Coordinator	10.00	0	10.00
Review Committee	25.00	0	25.00
Secretary	150.00	0	150.00
Travel Expenses	2,054.00	0	2,054.00
Treasurer	250.00	-164.00	86.00
Two-Day Fall & Convention Liaison	10.00	0	10.00
Two-Day Hospitality	300.00	0	300.00
Website setup and maintenance	100.00	0	100.00
SUBTOTAL OF BUDGET ITEMS	12,884.00	-1,729.76	11,154.24

DONATIONS BY DISTRICTS
January 1, 2020 – October 17, 2020

District Number	Number of Donations	# of Appeal Donations	Appeal Letter \$ Donation	Group \$ Donations	Total \$ Donations	# of Groups Donating
01	2	1	50.00	65.00	115.00	3
02	1	0	0	25.00	25.00	1
03	0	1	25.00	0	25.00	1
04	9	0	0	280.00	280.00	4
05	0	2	75.00	0	75.00	2
06	1	1	75.00	25.00	100.00	2
07	1	1	50.00	60.00	110.00	2
08	0	2	75.00	0	75.00	2
09	4	2	100.00	81.00	181.00	4
10	5	0	0	185.00	185.00	4
11	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	2	1	25.00	100.00	125.00	3
13	0	1	20.00	0	20.00	1
14	8	2	70.00	325.00	395.00	9
15	18	2	99.00	882.31	981.31	12
16	2	0	00	10.99	10.99	1
17	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	0	0	0	0	0	0
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27	4	0	0	218.98	218.98	4
28	10	2	14.00	428.00	442.00	9
29	0	1	50.00	0	50.00	1
30	4	2	60.00	135.00	195.00	5
31	7	0	0	452.69	452.69	7
32	3	1	50.00	100.00	150.00	2
33	3	3	70.00	51.25	121.25	4
34	2	1	15.00	59.08	74.08	2
37	0	1	10.00	0	10.00	1
38	1	1	15.00	50.00	65.00	2
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51	7	1	50.00	360.00	410.00	6
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57	4	0	0	135.25	135.25	3
TOTAL	127	46	1,581.00	5,511.70	7,092.70	129

Dear Family

I am going to start my report with the 3-minute talk that outgoing Delegates are required to submit in December before the last World Service Conference that they will be attending. All of our talks are in the 2020 World Service Conference Summary (*P-46*), so you can read mine as well as the others there either in your own hard copy version or online at <https://al-anon.org/for-members/world-service-conference-wsc/world-service-conference-summary/>

Updates as of October 14, 2020

2021 WSC Theme

Moving Forward with Unity, Courage, and Perseverance

Avancemos con unidad, valor y perseverancia

Allons de l'avant avec unité, courage et persévérance

Finances

There is still a projected deficit of \$420,000 through the end of December 2020. Please continue with your contributions to WSO if you are able. To give, you may contribute by check to AFG, Inc., 1600 Corporate Parkway Landing, Virginia Beach, VA 23454, or go to the website: al-anon.org and look for the "Contributions" tab. We hope your groups, Districts, and Areas are doing well. Please take care of your own needs first.

Virtual Town Hall Meetings

As you may remember, T.E.A.M. (Together Empowering Al-Anon Members) events were discontinued after last year, and brainstorming has been ongoing for a suitable replacement that lets WSO Staff and Volunteers connect with members.

On October 8 at 2pm the 2020 WSC Delegates had the opportunity submit a request for their Area to host one of four Virtual Town Hall Meetings presented by our Executive Director and the Chairpersons of the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee. The slots were filled immediately before I logged on.

The winners are

- Saturday, November 14th, 2020: Miriam B (IN)
- Saturday, December 12th, 2020: Rosanna H (CA[N])
- Saturday, January 9th, 2021: Cindy J (FL[N])
- Saturday, February 6th, 2021: Susan R (SD)

More information will be coming "soon" from the different events as we learn if the events will be open to members other than those in the selected Area.

Striving to reach everyone who suffers world-wide

- A new Thought Force, National and International Public Outreach Concerning Social Media, was discussed and will be bringing back to the October Policy Committee meeting an interesting and thought-provoking conversation.
- The 2020 IAGSM will be held using AFG Connects only. There will be no web conferencing.
- The Mobile App continues to evolve and undergo improvements including an update to the registration process. WSO asks for your patience and thanks us for suggestions and feedback.

Please continue to send your suggestions and feedback either directly to the Delegate who can send them to afgmobile@al-anon.org

- [Learn more about the mobile app at https://al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/mobile-app/mobile-app-guide/](https://al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/mobile-app/mobile-app-guide/)

Open positions at WSO.

The job descriptions and applications can be found at <https://al-anon.org/employment-at-al-anon/>
These positions requires five or more years of membership and service in Al-Anon. To apply, please forward your resume and cover letter to HumanRes@al-anon.org

Group Services Specialist – Members

Group Services is information central for Al-Anon and Alateen members and potential members. Its goal is to ensure that members, potential members, groups, Districts, Areas, Al-Anon Information Services, and members with special needs who contact the WSO are provided with a response in accordance with Al-Anon’s principles and policies.

Magazine Editor

The Magazine Editor ensures that Al-Anon magazines have content that supports the strategic goals and spiritual principles of Al-Anon Family Groups. The Editor also implements promotional activities for *The Forum* and *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism*.

One way that we reach out to members and potential members is by reading, contributing to and using ***The Forum in our meetings***. Though individuals are subscribing, only ~1/4 of our Groups have subscriptions, though some of them purchase multiples for their members. Please consider using this valuable resource for information about our program as well as for meeting topics.

Our New Normal

With the restrictions imposed by the coronavirus pandemic, we have had to make changes in our personal lives as well as in our business lives – whether that business was paid employment or volunteer work. I want to give a shout out to those members who have reached out to those of us who are still affected and to those newly affected by this family disease of alcoholism using the tools of technology and/or finding new venues to safely hold face-to-face meetings.

As much as we want to get back to as much face-to-face interaction in our home groups, workshops, conventions and in AFG of Ohio business meetings, the reality is that phone, social media and the internet will have to be how we continue to connect for probably the next year and possibly even longer.

My hope is that more of us will rise up to the challenge of learning how to support each other and Al-Anon by educating ourselves and others on how to best provide for and support our members using electronic communication.

Thank you for allowing me to grow these past three years in understanding of myself and of service in our program. It has definitely been a “fantastic” growth experience!

Theresa M, Panel 58, Ohio

TOPIC/CHARGE: To discuss and generate ideas to improve our Area World Service Committee (AWSC) format, encourage greater participation in the AWSC, to provide support to our trusted servants and strengthen the links of service.

FRAMING: Attendance has been sporadic at AWSC and we have recently had problems filling positions at the officer and coordinator level as well as having groups not electing or providing for District Representatives. A discussion took place at the Spring AWSC 2019 on “How can we make the AWSC fun and interesting?”

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This is how the AWSC is described in the *2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P24/27) pp155-156.*

The primary function of the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) is to plan for the general improvement of both the Assembly and the groups. Voting members of this committee are usually the officers of the Assembly, the DRs, Coordinators of services (such as Alateen, Archives, Public Outreach [Public Information, Cooperating with the Professional Community, and Institutions], Literature, Group Records, The Forum, or Newsletter) and liaison members from any Information Services (Intergroups). The chairman of Al-Anon activities at an A.A. area convention or chairman of Area Al-Anon and Alateen conventions should also participate in AWSC meetings.

These meetings, called and chaired by the Area Chairman, may be held at stated intervals to hear and discuss the Delegate’s report, to consider Area matters, to suggest items of interest for the Area newsletter, all with the purpose of informing and unifying the groups in the Area. To equalize travel expenses, successive meetings may be held in various localities within the Area.

As we are now in a new normal requiring safety precautions because of a global pandemic, we now have a chance to think outside of the box in how we conduct our meetings.

It is likely that for the next year, all Area meetings – which includes the AWSC – will meet virtually and communicate electronically as needed in between.

So what do we know about our members needs and wants and what suggestions do we have on how to best meet them.

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT OUR MEMBER’S OR PROSPECTIVE MEMBER’S WANTS, NEEDS, AND PREFERENCES THAT ARE RELEVANT TO THIS DISCUSSION?

- Our members wish our meetings to be organized, informative and a setting for discovering more about how Al-Anon works in our business meetings as well as in our personal recovery.

- Our members desire to receive time-sensitive information in a way that they can easily communicate to their groups.
- Our members want a meeting that supplies inspiration, ideas and opportunities on how to address group and district issues while sharing information provided by the Delegate and Coordinators.

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE CAPACITY AND STRATEGIC POSITION OF THE ORGANIZATION RELATIVE TO THIS ISSUE?

- We have many members who are willing and eager to serve and lead in sharing how to carry our message of help and hope.
- AWSC offers a place for long-time members to provide encouragement and support to newer members and to members assuming new positions.
- AWSC is a venue for its members to work together and to share information to foster greater unity.
- AWSC provides a forum to see our three legacies in action as we practice the principles in our program.
- Service in AWSC encourages sharing of this new knowledge and understanding of our Three Legacies with our districts and local groups.
- Service in AWSC helps our trusted servants grow in their recovery.

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE CURRENT REALITIES AND EVOLVING DYNAMICS THAT ARE RELEVANT TO THIS DISCUSSION?

It has been difficult to schedule a time for a New DR orientation. As a result:

- It is not clear that all who can access their AFG Connects have done so. This includes Officers, District Reps and Coordinators.
- Our members are currently coming into AWSC with little information beforehand about what will be taking place as well as the process and procedure of the meeting.
- It is now possible to communicate by email, free phone conferences, and with web conferencing. We have now experienced using ZOOM for the spring AWSC as well as the July Assembly with success.

WHAT ARE THE ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS OF OUR CHOICES (PRO AND CONS)? THIS INCLUDES CONSIDERATION OF HOW THE LEGACIES APPLY.

- How can everyone attending the AWSC feel welcome and included in the proceedings of our service levels and less like an observer whether we meet in person or over electronic platforms. Concept Four – Participation is the key to harmony. Warranty Two where no one member has unqualified authority over another.

What is the best way to educate and ensure that both qualified and willing members step up to fulfill the responsibilities of their positions? Concept Nine – good personal leadership at all

personal levels - pp196-199 in *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual P24/27*; Rotation of leadership gives all members the privilege of serving - p59 in *P24/27Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*.

WHAT DO WE WISH WE KNEW, BUT DON'T?

1. If the Area assigned mentors to new DRs, would DR's be more active in AWSC?
2. Would assigning generic emails (@ohioal-anon.org) for all DR's increase communication, networking and loving interchange between DR's and the groups?
3. If we change the format, timing, the number or the length of our AWSC meeting to be able to include
 - a. Breakout sessions to facilitate small group discussions or activities.
 - b. Electronic ask-it basket to answer questions DR's beforehand.
 - c. Small group question and answer sessions.will we get greater participation?
4. Would AWSC hybrid meetings (i.e. with reports submitted beforehand by email before the actual meeting) meet AWSC needs?
5. Could some regular items that need approval and/or to be taken to OAA (previous minutes, Treasurer report, Review report, Budget Committee report) take place in timed email discussions so that in a ZOOM meeting the vote could occur with minimal extra time for question or discussion?
6. Would having an electronic meeting for New DR Orientation help them learn what the job entails? (in addition to DRs learning how to access the group records and relevant documents)
7. Will having a more efficient format (see questions 4 & 5) allow more opportunities for breakout sessions for workshops, discussions during the meeting such as
 - assigning thought or task force to investigate the how to teach members to do conference calls through different services,
 - making available a handout on how to hold a conference call for all DRs and place handout in the DR packets,
 - setting up a task force to investigate costs of web conferencing?
8. Would providing a knowledgeable technical team to assist trusted servants in performing their position enable more members to consider service? (Tradition 7 : self –supporting)
9. How can we support current districts who do not have representations at the AWSC? Would creation of a position to welcome new groups and existing groups without a DR help explain the links of service and the advantage of having a DR increase participation at AWSC? (see #1)

Pros for maximizing email use and electronic meeting platforms

Thought Force: AWSC Improvement

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- Brings us into the current reality of how to hold meetings
- Will allow participation by those with travel or medical issues
- Keeps us in touch with the changing world and participation in service by millennials
- May decrease meeting costs and free up funds for other items
- Allows more time for questions and discussions in AWSC meetings

Cons of electronic meetings

- Importance of face-to-face meeting for recovery (*Many Voices, One Journey*, p136-7)
- Lack of reliable internet or phone service will preclude some members from participating
- Needs a new committee of committed tech people to teach members how to use the virtual meeting format and to help manage any virtual sessions
- More record keeping requirements – webmaster updating generic emails

Respectfully submitted: Theresa M, Jo S, Cheryl B, Joni F, Ginny C

KNOWLEDGE BASED DECISION MAKING FORM/FORMAT

Thought Force on Cooperation with AA Convention

Topic:

To discuss and generate some ideas regarding improving cooperation with the AA Convention.

FRAMING:

During the Fall 2019 Two Day Fall Assembly, Theresa M., Delegate, brought up under new business that we need to encourage all districts, inter-groups and maybe individual groups to improve connections between us and AA. An elected or an appointed contact between AA and Al-Anon at different levels: intergroup, district, and state may be needed to coordinate this. We would be able to participate in the AA conventions more fully. A suggestion that the liaison would take a position for 3 years as opposed to one year. That way the AA's know who to contact.

The discussion followed that we need something in our handbook, a guideline, to say how the cooperation works. A Thought Force was formed.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: What we know:

Historical perspective: The Al-Anon WSO Guideline, G-7, "Al-Anon/Alateen Participation in an A.A. Convention describes the guidelines and procedures for participation in an A.A. Event."

Existing Motions that appertain to this topic:

"Outside Conferences -- Ohio Alcoholics Anonymous Conference

Committee: The Delegate shall appoint a liaison to the Ohio State AA Conference who resides near the conference location. The Delegate shall be a member of the planning committee for this event. Local Al-Anon Family Group members shall make up the planning committee for this event. (motion # 08-08)

Funds: Al-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc. donates to the host committee the sum of \$200.00

towards the expenses of the Ohio State AA Conference. (Motion #08-09)"

From:

Handbook of General and Committee Working Procedures

For Al-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc., July 2020, page 25.

What do we know about our member's or prospective member's wants, needs, and preferences that are relevant to this discussion?

From G7 Guideline:

“Al-Anon, almost from its beginning, has participated in A.A. events. Such participation often led to the growth of Al-Anon, the added success of the A.A. convention, and an enhanced spirit of cooperation between both fellowships.

It is through the application of our Traditions that this spirit of cooperation is encouraged. Tradition Six states that: “. . . Although a separate entity, we should always cooperate with Alcoholics Anonymous.” The basic ingredients for a successful convention, as in all our service work, can be found in the application of all our Traditions: unity, reliance on our Higher Power, and the need to place principles above personalities.”

What do we know about the capacity and strategic position of the organization relative to this issue?

What do we know about the current realities and evolving dynamics that are relevant to this discussion?

The connection or link of service, between A.A. and Al-Anon appears to be broken. This, combined with the broken links from local groups, with missing GR's, and DR's, have made the communication from A.A. to the Area difficult or non-existent.

What are the ethical implications of our choices (pro and cons)? This includes consideration of how the Legacies apply. Identify both pros and cons.

1. Being involved early in the Convention planning process allows for clearer definition of responsibilities particularly in regard to financial matters. The G-7 Guideline states that :
“When A.A. invites Al-Anon to participate with its own program, A.A. provides Al-Anon with meeting space and a budgeted amount for specific expenses (speakers, publicity, volunteer sign-up, etc.). A.A. keeps all income from registrations. A.A. retains any excess income and is responsible for any losses that may occur.”
Understanding this guideline, in light of our 7th tradition is critical is handling finances related to an A.A. Convention.
2. Having clear links of service allow for this early participation to take place.
One suggestion would be to have an A.A. Coordinator position, for a term of three years. This A.A. Coordinator could then help appoint a local A.A. Liaison, to chair the Al-Anon committee at a local level.
3. Clearing defining the role of Al-Anon in making the connection with A.A. to provide convention support. (Let it begin with me).
4. Clarifying the Handbook budget amount of \$200, specifying either what it is intended for, or preferably leaving it up to the local committee to determine, would be helpful.

5. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, fully participating in an A.A. Convention fosters growth in Al-Anon as expressed in our 6th Tradition, and may facilitate more communication and cooperation between our groups, allowing for a more integrated convention.

What do we wish we knew, but don't?

More about how A.A. functions; how A.A. conventions move around the state, and how A.A. perceives and makes contact with Al-Anon.

Questions and clarification-

Need for a motion? If so, use the motion form provided by the Area Chairman

Presented By:

Public Outreach Taskforce Update – October 17, 2020 Assembly

The taskforce was charged with developing:

- Public Outreach Poster
- Public Outreach Printable Contact Cards
- Public Outreach Bands for the new Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism Magazines

Final drafts for WSO approval:

- Poster



- Printable contact cards

<p>Worried about someone's drinking?</p> <p>Find hope and help in Al-Anon</p> <p>visit www.ohioal-anon.org</p>	<p>Contact me:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>AL-ANON / ALATEEN <small>hope and help for families and friends of alcoholics</small></p>
<p>Not everyone trapped by alcoholism is an alcoholic.</p> <p>Find hope and help in Al-Anon</p> <p>visit www.ohioal-anon.org</p>	<p>Contact me:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>AL-ANON / ALATEEN <small>hope and help for families and friends of alcoholics</small></p>
<p>Has someone's drinking affected your life?</p> <p>Find hope and help in Al-Anon</p> <p>visit www.ohioal-anon.org</p>	<p>Contact me:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>AL-ANON / ALATEEN <small>hope and help for families and friends of alcoholics</small></p>

- Bands for AFA Magazine (two versions now available):

- **Bands for Distributing AFA Magazines to Al-Anon Groups:**

Front

Take a 12th Step

Share the Al-Anon message of hope with medical professionals, therapists, counselors, clergy, treatment centers, and others who work with the public.

Order more at www.ohioal-anon.org

Back

Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism (AFA) is a great tool to introduce Al-Anon to people who are unfamiliar with us and to inform professionals that Al-Anon is a valuable resource for individuals that have been affected by alcoholism.

- **Bands for Distributing AFA Magazines to Professionals and Offices:**

Front

Share the Al-Anon Message of Hope

Al-Anon provides support to anyone affected by the drinking of a relative or friend.

Learn and order more at:
www.ohioal-anon.org

Back

Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism (AFA) is a tool to help individuals consider if their lives are affected by someone's drinking and find help and hope in a fellowship of others with similar experiences.

Please consider sharing these with the individuals you support.

Archive Coordinator Report – Two Day Fall Assembly

(NOTE: This will be a partial “show & tell” report – there’s really no way to describe what the archives were like before and I want everyone to understand that storage for the archives is no longer something you need a semi-trailer for).

I picked up the archives for Judy C at the beginning of Panel 55 from Past Delegate Barbara W. When I first saw them, I thought “that will never fit into the back of my car”. But it did...BARELY...and it was a VERY careful drive home (I was afraid the car would bottom out coming home).

I also had to drive home with all of the windows rolled down! I don’t know if it was “musty smell” or “cigarette smoke smell” but it was almost overwhelming. All of the containers went on the back porch of my Mom’s house when I got home so they could air out, as well as get some sunlight.

I’d also gotten some “additional papers”, about a 30-inch thick stack, from Karen P when I turned over the Secretary materials to Ginny. Karen told me they came from Janice R when they cleaned her place out (little did I know what I would find there!). The stack had a big note on it marked “SHRED”.

One of the first things that was gone through was that 30” stack of papers. I’m glad they weren’t shredded, because near the bottom was the ORIGINAL letter from the IRS granting Al-Anon Family Groups of Ohio its 501 (c)(3) tax exemption and original documents on the incorporation!

Judy and I could only work on the containers for short periods of time – they just smelled too bad. We did manage to get through and locate meeting minutes, which went into one smaller container to be sorted later. Some other things had been sorted, to some degree, but there was just so MUCH that it was impossible to know where to start.

Our work slowed because Judy C had lung cancer surgery, and then my Mom passed away and I had to work on getting the house ready to sell. Still, there was SOME progress on the archives – two locking, fireproof containers were turned over to the AAPP for secure storage of documents.

Financial records proved to be a bit daunting – the individual years of documents were there, but they’d never really been sorted through. Finally, nearly four containers of financial records were sorted, collated (and a lot of duplicate stuff shredded) so they fit into two containers.

Slowly things began to come together – then COVID-19 appeared! Maybe that was my H.P. presenting an opportunity. Very slowly, mailing envelopes were emptied and sorted. Notebooks were emptied and the contents sorted. There was a LOT of duplication, which was fortunate because no one individual “collection” was complete.

Now that everything is done – sorted, collated, organized and indexed, things can be located. Meeting minutes are altogether; seven years of “complete” financial records (as required by the IRS) are in one container and the older “consolidated” records are in another. All of the AI-A-Notes (at least those that were in the containers) are now indexed. A treasure trove of information from the WSO when it was in New York City was also in the archives and is now sorted by AIS location. Hard-back books, mostly first editions, are organized, as are Forum magazines that were donated, as well as an assortment of audio tapes of Area functions – mostly conventions.

The archives now occupy about one-third of the space that they did before and NONE of the containers are so heavy that they can't be easily moved. It's been a true “labor of love” but now, research can be done. The index is done in a Microsoft Word document, and divided into sections for better ease of printing. The entire index is also backed up on a flash drive that is in the notebook as well.

It should be much easier maintaining the archives now, as well as make it easier for research.

Hello Friends!

Happy national recovery month! This program and fellowship gave me the tools, examples, and safe space I needed to learn how to live a full and rewarding life. I've gained so much more in recovery than I lost before, which is why I am excited every month to share the latest public outreach updates to help us all carry the message to those who want it.

There is not a lot of news from the WSO this month, but there are many things we can be doing at the local level to achieve our public outreach dreams and carry our message to others.

- If ordering and distributing paper materials is feasible, the WSO has reduced shipping rates to \$5 for individual orders of \$50 each for a limited time.
 - Distribute Outreach Bookmarks, Professional packets, Fact Sheets for Professionals, and/or Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism to:
 - Medical students
 - Nurses
 - Counselors
 - Medical, nursing, and counseling students
 - Share Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism, Outreach Bookmarks and/or pamphlets with local AA clubhouses, treatment centers, sober living, half and three-quarters houses.
- If sending paper copies is not feasible, send electronic materials via email. The following materials can be downloaded at no cost at <https://al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/literature/downloadable-items/> or <https://ecommm.al-anon.org/Commerce/Shop/Commerce/Store/StoreLayouts/Home.aspx> :
 - Fact Sheet for Professionals (S-37ES)
 - Alcoholics, Their Families, and the Judicial System (S-65EF)
 - What Happens after Treatment pamphlet (P-81EF)
 - Doubting Your Sanity pamphlet (P-89EF)
 - Living in a Shelter (P-82EF)
 - Are you Troubled by Someone's Drinking? Al-Anon is for You! (S-17)
 - Did you Grow Up with a Problem Drinker? Al-Anon is for you! (S-25)
 - Has your Life Been Affected by Someone Else's Drinking? Alateen Is for You! (S-20)
 - Al-Anon Family Groups Welcome Adult Children of Alcoholics (S-69)
 - Al-Anon's Path to Recovery – Al-Anon Family Groups Welcome Native Americans/Aboriginals (S-67)
 - Information for Educators: Alateen Meetings in Schools (S-64)
- Reach out to the medical, nursing and counseling schools at your local colleges and universities to let them know that students are welcome to observe your open meetings.

As always, I would love your thoughts on things we could be doing in our area to support public outreach.

Until next time...

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OHIO ASSEMBLY WEB REPORT – 10/17-18/2020

Expense forecast in 2021:

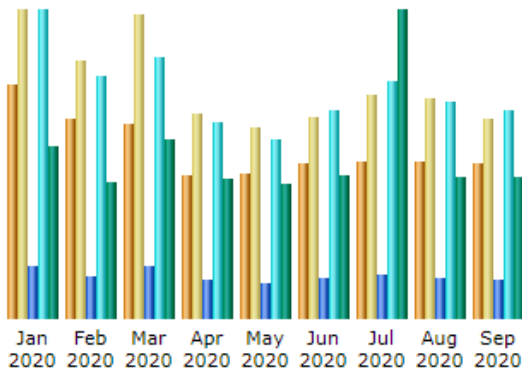
3-year web hosting subscription expires March 22, 2021. \$178

2-year domain name registration expires May 2021. \$32

Our 9-month average web traffic is up about 25% since this same period last year (see Figure 1).

Figure 1.

Web site traffic 2020:



Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits
Jan 2020	2,491	3,279	6,509	38,900
Feb 2020	2,127	2,739	5,339	30,634
Mar 2020	2,074	3,234	6,487	32,862
Apr 2020	1,522	2,168	4,774	24,743
May 2020	1,539	2,035	4,370	22,579
Jun 2020	1,651	2,144	4,971	26,201
Jul 2020	1,667	2,370	5,605	29,845
Aug 2020	1,674	2,343	5,121	27,292
Sep 2020	1,640	2,114	4,802	26,356

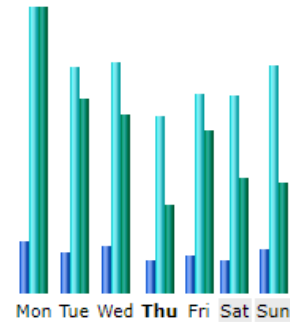
The most visited pages are the Welcome page, then the meeting list, then the Ohio Area contact information page, followed by documents and calendar.

The most popular downloaded files in 2020:

1. 2020 Fall Assembly Agenda
2. 2020 Spring Assembly Meeting Minutes
3. Handbook
4. Guidelines for Ohio Area Assembly Zoom Meetings
5. Conference Workshop on Opening Our Hearts
6. Alateen GR 3 Form
7. Service Profile Form
8. KBDM Form

See next page for statement on Social Media.

Weekly Trend October 2020



Type of Browsers Used

1. Google Chrome 57.4%
2. Safari 27.1 %
3. Firefox 7.5%
4. MS Internet Explorer 3.2%
5. MS Edge 0.3%
6. Other 4.5%

Types of Devices?

1. MS Windows 44.3%
2. Iphone 22%
3. Android 17.7%
4. Mac 14%
5. Other 2%

How Are Visitors Finding Us?

1. Bingbot (MS Bing)
2. Googlebot (Google)
3. Spider
4. Yandex
5. Duck Duck Go
6. Applebot
7. Baidu

Most Visited Pages?

1. Welcome Page
2. Calendar Page
3. Documents Page
4. Contact Page
5. Meeting Search Tool
6. Alateen Sponsors Page
7. 12 Traditions
8. Alateen Main Page

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OHIO ASSEMBLY WEB REPORT – 10/17-18/2020

Warning about Meetings on Social Media



Some Al-Anon groups may not realize the jeopardy they are putting their member's anonymity in by hosting meetings on Facebook and on other social media platforms.

It's not just an anonymity issue. There is a documentary on Netflix about the dangers of Social Media, featuring frank testimonials from developers of the major platforms (Facebook, Pinterest, SnapChat, etc) about how the information that is collected about users is used.

If you have Netflix, please consider watching the documentary "The Social Dilemma".

Here's the trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uaaC57tcci0>