

TWO DAY FALL ASSEMBLY – OCTOBER 15-16, 2022 - MEETING REPORT

Opening of Meeting and Welcome:

The meeting was held on Zoom. Theresa opened the meeting at 12:30 with the Serenity Prayer. Readings of Traditions done by Rose R., Wednesday River East, Concepts done by Daisy, GR Hudson Saturday Serenity, and Warranties read by Sue T., River East. Theresa read from the book Many Voices, One Journey page 237. Theresa reviewed meeting etiquette, adhering to agenda, timed discussion, staying on topic, demonstrate spiritual principles, mutual respect, atmosphere of respect, courtesy, limit distractions, discipline, and respect for those who prepared for the meeting. She also stated that an accurate count GRs for voting purposes was needed, and reminded that there may be changes in the agenda.

2021 Spring Assembly Minutes – Mary Jo M

The 2021 Fall Assembly minutes were previously emailed to GR's and AWSC members. After some discussion, two corrections were suggested: 1) On the budget report, \$2000 instead of \$200 under convention float, and 2) Julie L is not a part of Youngstown. Theresa called for a vote to approve the minutes with these two corrections. Jeff D from Courage to Change made the motion and Cecelia S from Serenity High Noon seconded. The motion passed with a simple majority and the minutes with corrections were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Merri G

Beginning balance - 1 Jan 2022	\$ 35,772.33
Total income:	+ \$ 5,331.73
Total Expenses:	<u>\$ 9,114.85</u>
Balance in checking: - 11 Oct 22	\$ 41,989.21
Balance in Money Market:	+ \$ 20,024.37
Events balance:	+ <u>\$ 200.00</u>
Total funds	\$ 62,213.58

Any corrections?

Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by Irena H, Firestone Park and seconded by Mary Ellen R, Hubbard Friday Night. Motion passes by simple majority to accept the report as presented.

Budget Committee Report - Cheryl C –

I would like to start this report with a little **background** on the work of the Budget Committee which is a standing committee.

On page 53(57) of the current *AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* – “Group funds are used to support AI-Anon's purpose of carrying its message of help and hope to those who still suffer.”

In the Ohio *Bylaws* Section C- Financing - “The Budget Committee will determine annually what the total budget will be.” At the WSC the budget is constantly reviewed during the year and revised as necessary as has been shared in the quarterly letters from the WSO during the year.

- Our committee consists of 5 members: Cheryl C., Theresa M., Merri G., Ann R, Ginny C., and Barbara W.
- We present to the Assembly a suggested budget at the beginning of each year, based on requests received and approved procedures as found in our Ohio Section D -Budget
- We have committee meetings ahead of each AWCS and Spring/Fall meeting and for any urgent issues.
- We receive requests for funds not covered in the *Ohio Handbook* guidelines—making recommendations for acceptance or rejection based on budget needs of the Area.
- Our *Handbook*, Section XIV-Expenses & Motions gives us specific guidance on the procedures we should use, specific line items/ amounts approved and procedures to use.

The “**Spiritual Principles of Al-Anon’s Self Support**” guide us (see “Financial Matters” in the *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*). Particularly “Tradition Seven which is Gratitude in Action.” Other spiritual principles that guide this include:

- Abundance
- Anonymity
- Gratitude
- Responsibility
- Trust
- Unity

Lastly *Warranty 1* which states “that only sufficient operating funds, including an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle.” Page 215(217) “..prudence is a middle ground, a channel between fear on the one hand and recklessness on the other.”

This brings me to the **Current Update: Our Budget Committee met October 9,2022.**

- We had a request to consider a one-time expense for food and hospitality for a group that attended the 2022 KOMIAC held in Indiana. This is not normally done when donating to Alateen transportation to KOMIAC (page 21, Section H.2. After considerable discussion with the current Officers, approved the \$74.20 for a total amount of \$1110.17
- Rose led a discussion on future funding for Alateen. We agreed that a KBDM should be launched so that this can be considered for the 2023 Budget.
- Theresa led a discussion of the current Per Diem allowed expense. We agreed that this should be reviewed and brought to the Assembly with a request for members to look at the Handbook Guidelines and provide feedback to Cheryl C (Budget Chair) or Theresa M (Chairman).
- Lastly, A review of the Budget Line Items definitions will be undertaken by the committee in future meetings.

Sincerely,
Cheryl C., Budget Chair

In the absence of the chair, questions were directed to Hernan and Merri G. A motion was made to accept the Budget Committee Report and it passed.

Alternate Delegate – Rose R

The Winter/Spring Al-A-Notes will be sent out by the end of February or beginning of March. The subject is whatever you choose. Maybe a step, tradition, concept, warranty or slogan you are struggling with or working on. I’ll leave it up to you all. The deadline for articles will be January 31st but I will still take them through the 2nd week of February.

I’d like to welcome our new GRs that attended GR orientation this morning: Morgan, Alisha and Sue T.

Almost new: Christina, Hernan and Sue W.

Thank you so much for attending and asking your questions. I feel we had a good session.

Respectfully,
Rose R. Alt. Delegate

Delegate Report - Ann F

Welcome Al-Anon Family,

As your Delegate, I had the privilege of attending a virtual presentation of the Chairman of the Board (COB) letter on August 6, 2022.

The Board of Trustees met in person in July, for the first time since 2020, at the WSO Headquarters, in Virginia Beach. In the future the January Board meeting will be held virtually, as a cost saving measure, to eliminate winter travel, and perhaps fewer travel commitments will attract more Trustees applications.

The Board approved a revised 2022 deficit budget of \$332,730 (which is slightly improved over the \$353,114 prior deficit). This improvement was mainly due to the response from the special appeal letter. Literature sales have not returned to pre-pandemic levels. Literature prices were increased August 1, 2022. All CAL books will be transitioned to eBooks. This decision was made in insure CAL is available to all members. Both the price increase and eBook decision were made due to increased printing costs, and shortages.

The Strategic Leadership Team (SLT) has recommended postponing or reducing the scope of several current Strategies. Many of the special projects are continuing, such as the new daily reader, Electronic Meeting transformation, 2023 International Convention in Albuquerque , and the 2022 Road Trip!

The Conference Leadership Team (CLT) reported on plans for the 2023 World Service Conference (WSC). This will begin a three year trial of reducing the WSC to four days. It will be held in Virginia Beach from April 20-23, 2023. This decision was made based on feedback from the Delegates, to reduce time away from their personal and professional lives.

This presentation is available for all of you to read on the WSO website, al-anon.org. Look for it under the Members tab, Board of Trustees. I encourage each of you to read the entire report and pass this information along to your groups.

With love in service,
Ann F
Ohio Delegate
Panel 61

Group Records Coordinator Report – Shelly C

If you are interested in receiving a breakdown of the number of groups and meetings, please contact me directly. There seems to be many groups in temporary status of some kind or another while we wait for direction in handling electronic and hybrid groups. The stats haven't changed much at all. We have had several new groups form but we've also had several that are finally being discovered as Inactive but never reported. I ask that the DRs please check with the groups in your district as to their current status. Please encourage the GRs to complete an online group update form if there are ANY changes.

We have 2 groups that have been reported as not meeting:

10923	Barberton AFG		District 25
30609942	Serenity Seekers	Portsmouth	District 17

There are 14 groups in No Mail Status:

30562292	Sunday Night Boardman		District 04
30608187	Rainsboro Saturday Morning		District 17
30693758	New Beginnings AFG Gallipolis		District 18
11098	Paradise AFG Cuyahoga Falls		District 25
30746336	Esperanza Hacia El Futuro in Columbus		District 28
30560904	Help & Hope in Upper Arlington		District 31
30778360	Madison Monday Night Men's		District 45
500371	Release & Hope in Bay Village		District 47
30555927	New Hope in Windham		District 51
30639264	Courage to Be Me in Akron		District 51
11356	Shaker AFG Shaker Heights		District 02
47144	Thursday Lunch Bunch Cincinnati		District 15
30594331	New Beginnings Cleveland		District 34
30734298	Tender Loving Care Chagrin Falls		District 38

One Group in Bounced Email Status

30778363	Ray of Hope Thurs	Huber Heights	District 23
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Respectfully Submitted
Shelly Cassidy

KDBM for Electronic Groups Task Force

Electronic Group Task Force

CHARGE: Create a procedure to be presented for approval at the 2022 Fall AWSC, to send to the 2022 Fall OAA, that will be used by any group, including an Electronic AFG, requesting to enter into AFG of Ohio, Area 44.

Recognizing that in accordance with Concept One the ultimate responsibility and authority for AI-Anon services within our Area belongs to its AI-Anon groups, use the KBDM process to create a uniform procedure that will allow an AI-Anon Family Group to join the Ohio AI-Anon Area (44)

This Task Force is now charged with creating a procedure that will be presented to the Ohio Area Assembly for approval. Once a procedure is approved, Ohio Area will be able to list meetings as physical or electronic.

FRAMING:

Prior to the 2021 World Service Conference, groups, meeting electronically were not part of any service structure. At the 2021 World Service Conference, (WSC), Electronic Meetings were recognized as AI-Anon Family Groups. A motion was passed to remove the Electronic Meetings section, page 88-89 from our Service Manual.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: What we know:

Historical Perspective:

April 2021 World Service Conference (WSC): The Permanent Electronic Meetings listed on the World Service site (al-anon.org) were recognized as AI-Anon Family Groups. A non-paneled Area was formed to include these Groups.

August 2021 Area World Service Committee (AWSC): An Electronic Meeting Work Group(EMWG) was formed to study the issue of bringing permanent electronic AI-Anon Family Groups (e-AFGs) into the Ohio Area service structure.

October 2021 Two Day Fall Assembly: The Assembly voted to proceed with this issue and a Thought Force was charged with creating a Bylaws Motion that would address allowing electronic AFG's to join the Ohio Area.

April 2022 World Service Conference (WSC): The 2021 Non-paneled Electronic Area (Global Electronic Area, GEA) was admitted into the WSC and became Area 98. The WSO has requested that Areas notify them when they are ready to accept Electronic AFG's into the Area.

May 2022 Spring AWSC: A Bylaws motion to expand the definition of an Ohio AI-Anon Family Group was approved and sent to all Groups one month prior to the 2022 Spring Ohio Area Assembly (OAA) for discussion and vote.

Existing Motions that pertain to this topic:

2022 Spring Ohio Area Assembly (OAA): The following amended motion was approved by a substantial majority of Group Representatives and group proxies present:

Motion 2022/05 - #1. Revise Ohio Area Bylaws, Article III-Policy, Section A, 5. Territorial Definition, to include: Ohio Area Assembly participation is limited to groups meeting within the boundaries of the State of Ohio, [as well as other registered AI-Anon Family Groups that have petitioned by motion, and been accepted to join the Ohio Area.](#)

1. What do we know about our member's or prospective member's wants, needs, and preferences that are relevant to this discussion? What do we wish we knew, but don't?

Concept 4 - Participation is the key to harmony.

The Task Force discussed past procedures for admitting Groups into the Area. It was agreed that the decision was always made at Assembly, with a vote of the groups. The Task Force agreed there is no need for a Group Representative to be present for this vote.

Members want inclusion and ease. The Task Force not want to put restrictions on the Electronic Groups that were additional to what we have for physical groups.

2. What do we know about the capacity and strategic position of the organization relative to this issue? What do we wish we knew, but don't?

Our Service Manual, (P24/27, 2022-2025), page 162 says, "Groups or Districts located in one Area contiguous with another Area may, through group conscience and following Area procedures, choose to participate in the second Area and give up participation in the first Area, as agreed upon by both Areas."

3. What do we know about the current realities and evolving dynamics that are relevant to this discussion? What do we wish we knew, but don't?

We believe there are Groups in the Ohio Area who have registered with the WSO as Electronic AI-Anon Family Groups who wish to have voice and vote in their local Area Information Service (AIS) and in the Ohio Area Assembly (OAA).

We believe there are Groups meeting temporarily on electronic formats (ZOOM and conference call), that do not intend to return to a physical location.

We do not know what the impact will be of these Groups joining the Ohio Area.

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

Pros:

Electronic Groups joining the Ohio Area, will extend the hand of AI-Anon to new electronic AFGs and existing electronic AFGs that have not been able to participate in the Area Service structure.

Opening our Area to Electronic AFGs increases the Area's ability to reach people looking for help.

Cons:

There may be some confusion regarding supporting our Ohio Area Service Structure.

At the present time the WSO is not able to list in the search function the information for Area Electronic AFGs.

Presented By: Electronic Groups Task Force

Motions for Assembly

MOTION FORM

NAME OF ORIGINATOR: Electronic Group Task Force,

Ann F, Chair

NAME OF SECOND: Sandra F GR Heal-Anon

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Procedure for admitting groups into the Ohio Area. This Procedure is for inclusion in the Handbook of General and Committee Working Procedures for AI-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc.

This motion is a follow-up to the motion to amend the Ohio Area Bylaws, Article III-Policy, Section A, 5. Territorial Definition, approved Spring 2022.

WORDING OF SPECIFIC MOTION TO BE MADE:

Add to the Handbook the following sections, C and D:

SECTION II - RE-DISTRICT AND ADMITTANCE OF OUTSIDE GROUPS

C. Any WSO registered Al-Anon Family Group, meeting outside the boundaries of the State of Ohio (either physically or electronically) and wishing to join the Ohio Area, will submit a motion to the Chairperson of the Ohio Area, for approval at the following Ohio Area Assembly.

D. The Group will indicate the District they wish to support, either physical or electronic. The Area Group Records Coordinator will assist in making these changes to the data base, and notifying the appropriate District.

This procedure will be in effect for a one year, trial basis.

ORIGINAL GOES TO CHAIRPERSON

MOTION #: 2022/10 - # 01

Motion for X Handbook Bylaws

Simple Majority (votes needed) Substantial Unanimity (votes needed): 24

FOR: 24 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTION: 0 // PASS: X FAIL:

REVIEW REPORT – Terri N

Robin and I Terri N met today reviewed the deposits and payouts and found everything in order. Robin answered all my questions and I will send these slips and reports to Darla in archives.

Treasurer- Mary sent me all the Bank statements for the year so afar and everything appears to be in order as it should. Because of the odd meeting schedule (fall/spring) We will be meeting in person in January to review all checks and match them to the bank statements at that time, Then she can close out the year and I will report my findings on the whole year at the Spring Assembly. It is a challenge to report because her schedule is Jan.-July July-December.

Respectfully
Terri N.
Review Committee Chair

OHIO AREA CONVENTION Report – Sandra F

At the Spring Assembly of 2022 the rotation for locations of the Ohio Are Convention weas changes. The new rotation schedule has been placed into the Handbook. This change is listed on Page 25.

Here is the schedule for the upcoming three years for our conventions.

- 2023 No OAC but rather the AFG International Convention in Albuquerque, NM (registration information will be coming in November from AFG, Inc about this event.)
- 2024 The host for OAC is District of Cincinnati
- 2025 The host for OAC is Districts of Cleveland.

The schedule for Two Day Fall is listed on page 29 of the Handbook. The next three years will be hosted as follows:

- 2023 Districts of Columbus.
Districts of Columbus have a committee working on a location if the event is to be held in person.
- 2024 Districts of Toledo
- 2025 Districts of Akron

PUBLIC OUTREACH – Sheri B

PSA Campaign Update

- 21-22 Campaign ended wrapped up August 31 st
- 22-23 campaign began September 1 st - no results available yet
- The current PSA can be found in the Media Kit link at the bottom of Al-Anon.org (<https://al-anon.org/media-kit/public-service-announcements/>).
- This campaign year we are focusing on distributing just the Questions PSA, which had a large following last year.
- If you hear or see a station play our PSAs, please reach out to them to thank them and encourage them to continue to air the PSAs. group can use to send a note to these stations.

WSO Provided Public Outreach Materials

- In the Members/Member Resources section of Al-Anon.org, the new 2022-2025 Service Manual and 2022-2025 Groups at Work are available, along with a refreshed set of guidelines with a completely new interface. (a new version of G-38 Public Outreach has been approved, but is not yet published, so stay tuned for that!)
- The WSO recently has started sharing resources we can all leverage in our communities to share the hope and help available in Al-Anon, including mont:
- A new promo for the In the Loop Newsletter

- An October – specific promo for the release of Opening Our Hearts, Transforming our Losses as an audio book!!!



- Three October-specific Articles available for reprint with proper acknowledgement at the local level (attached):
 - The Last Alcoholic
 - With the Help of Fellow Al-Anon Member
 - From One Generation to the Next
 - October's Member Blog Topic

District and Group Level Public Outreach Opportunities

There is much we can do individually to reach individuals and professionals in our own communities, including:

- Resharing Al-Anon's social media content if you are comfortable with it.
- Using the public outreach resources published on the [al-anon.org](https://al-anon.org/for-members/public-outreach/) public outreach page at: <https://al-anon.org/for-members/public-outreach/>. The WSO continues to develop and post electronic materials we can easily customize and use locally.

- Emailing our contactless flyer to professionals and organizations in your district.
- Using our printable wraps for distributing Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism to professionals or groups in your district.
- Adapting our public outreach posters for use locally.
- Using our printable contact cards to share your contact information with newcomers or professionals
- Emailing electronic materials to professionals and organizations. Materials can be downloaded at no cost at: <https://al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/literature/downloadable-items/> / <https://ecommerce.al-anon.org/ICommerce/Shop/ICommerce/Store/StoreLayouts/Home.aspx>
- Mailing or dropping off print materials where appropriate.
- Encouraging colleges, school districts, community organizations, and other non-media related groups to publish our PSAs. 15 second, 30 second, and 60 second versions are available on the Al-Anon [YouTube channel](#).

Registration on Committee Report – Position vacant

The chair sent the Zoom registration report to the secretary. There were 24 voting members on Saturday. Thirty-two members attended on Saturday and sixteen on Sunday.

Two Day Fall / OAC Liaison Report – Sandy F

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HANDBOOK REPORT - Ginny C

All the changes have been made to the Handbook and Bylaws from Spring Assembly as well as the spelling change of Bylaws. The committee has been meeting regularly. Currently, we are in the process of updating the Handbook officer position descriptions beginning with the Secretary. Many of the positions need to be updated to reflect current policy.

Yours in service,
Ginny C.

ROAD TRIP REPORT - Ginny C

Fall Assembly 2022 Road Trip Report

The Welcome Committee has met several times since the last AWSC meeting. We have also met with the WSO Road Trip Planning Committee. Registration is now open, and everyone is encouraged to register and come. Registration deadline is Monday, October 17. Registration is \$30 which includes lunch. If you miss the deadline, you can register between 8-9 am on the day of the event but it will not include the lunch. Registrations are filling up with 89 registered as of Tuesday the 11th. Registration is filling up so register this weekend if you plan on coming.

The Road Trip is October 29 from 8-4:30 at the Doubletree by Hilton in Independence. The Board of Trustees and WSO staff will be doing skits, personal sharings, presentations, and table discussions. Registration forms can be found at Al-Anon.org and OhioAl-Anon.org. Online registration can be found at this link: <https://al-anon.org/wso-events/road-trip-you-and-your-board-connect/>

The Welcome Committee has made up two handouts to help those interested in coming. One explains what it is and recommendations from those that have attended previous Road Trips. The other is a list of sites and activities in the Cleveland area so people can make a weekend trip of it. Both are posted to the Ohio Al-Anon website calendar <https://www.ohioal-anon.org/calendar.html>.

We also have assembled a scrapbook signed by Al-Anon members from around the state. Please send pictures or memorabilia that I could put on the page for your district or city. Also, if you want to take a blank sheet of paper to your group, have them sign it (first names, last initials) and any greetings. You can then send it to me, and I can include it.

On the morning of Sunday the 30th of October, we will be doing a tour of AA sites in Akron. We need volunteer drivers to help transport those who do not have a car and want to go.

I am really excited about the 2022 Road Trip and hope to see you there. Please come to the Road Trip and spread the word so we make this a successful event.

Ginny C.
Chair of Road Trip Welcome Committee

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of area ample reserve and how to support Alateens.

Dates to Remember

March 25 AWSC (Springs Hollow Lodge) and May 13 Spring Assembly (location TBA)

Motion to adjourn made by Mary Ellen R Hubbard Friday Nite— second by Alesha D Faith Hope & Love. We adjourned with the Al-Anon declaration.