

SPRING ASSEMBLY – MAY 21, 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 Tamara M-H, GR DR#30, Concepts and Warranties done by Sarah P, GR Circle of Hope DR#56, 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 GR's for voting purposes was needed, and reminded that there may be changes in the agenda.

Group Records Coordinator Report – Shelly C. - as of May 7, 2022, according to the Ohio Database there are:

440 Active Groups
483 Meetings listed

- 383 Active meetings
 - 94 Beginner meetings
 - 290 AFG meetings
- 96 Inactive meetings

There are:

6 meetings in "No Mail" Status

10981	Corryville AFG	Cincinnati	District 14
30608187	Rainsboro Saturday AM	Greenfield	District 17
30693758	New Beginnings AFG	Gallipolis	District 18
11098	Paradise AFG	Cuyahoga Falls	District 25
30155	Chagrin Valley Wed Night	Chagrin Falls	District 38
30639264	Courage to Be Me AFG	Barberton	District 51

3 Groups with Bounced Email

30635736	Pisgah AFG	Mason	District 16
11315	Courage To Change AFG	Chardon	District 45
51881	Tuesday Noon AFG	Springfield	District 56

Also, there are 44 meetings are "Marked for Deletion". These groups have had no activity in 3 years and have no financial information attached to their groups.

There are 56 meetings without a GR.

WSO has updated the GR-1 form. The new one is located on the WSO website: alanon.org. Go to Group Resources > Group Records > AI-Anon Groups.. It is also on the Ohio website under documents/forms: ohioalanon.org. This is for in person, temporary Zoom, or hybrid meetings only. Electronic meetings are found on the WSO website only.

Area Group Records Coordinators are now able to view the Alateen meeting records in our area. We are unable to enter or make changes.

Respectfully submitted
Shelly C

There was a question about how to find out what district a meeting is in. Phil H sent a copy of the district map to Mike K to upload on the web site.

Registration Committee Report – Position vacant

Theresa M presented the Registration Report - 55 members registered, representing 22 Districts, registered. There are 43 Voting members (GR's) registered. The largest actual attendance number was 48.

In response to a survey question on the registration:

How members are attending meetings

- 28/55 currently in person
- 17/55 hybrid
- 9/55 electronic

2021 Fall Assembly Minutes – Mary Jo M

The 2021 Fall Assembly minutes were previously emailed to GR's and AWSC members. After some discussion, Theresa called for a vote to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote was 25 yes out of 47 participating and the minutes were approved..

Treasurer's Report – Merri G

Merri was absent, but submitted her reports:

2021 annual report

BALANCE 12/31/2020	\$ 50,754.94
INCOME	\$ 19,959.01
EXPENSE	<u>\$ 14,717.25</u>
BALANCE 12/31//2021	\$ 55,996.70

Theresa asked for a Consensus - 29 voted to accept the report.

Budget Committee Report - Cheryl C -

Cheryl was absent and Theresa M presented the report:

We looked at our Assembly (Reserve) Funds to see if we need to make any adjustments. (Note- there is no change in the total amount in our reserve funds to make these adjustments.)

We moved \$1500 from the Transition Fund back to Excess Funds.

Money from the Excess Funds was then moved into several of our Reserve Funds:

- increased the Active Past Delegate Fund to support potential attendance to the Regional Delegates Meeting by \$300
- brought the Convention Float up to \$2000 for the 2022 OAC (Ohio Area Convention) by \$1500
- increased the Equipment Fund by \$ 799.26

Next, we looked at the Yearend 2021 Income to see what is available to budget for Line Items according to our Assembly Policies (found in the Handbook)

Assembly Funds	2021 budgeted amount	2021 budgeted amount	Ending Balance 12/31/2021	Added	Removed	2022 proposed
Active Past Delegates Fund	600.00	600.00	600.00	300.00		900.00
Convention Float	2000.00	2000.00	500.00	1500.00		200.00
Convention Reserves	3500.00	3500.00	3500.00			3500.00
District Rep AWSC Meeting	350.00	350.00	350.00			350.00
Equipment Fund	1289.84	1289.84	858.92	799.26		1658.18
Excess Funds	5500.00	5500.00	6832.33	1500.00	2599.26	5733.07
OAC/IAC Fund	2575.52	2575.52	2575.52			2575.52
Project Fund	2542.48	2542.48	2386.80			2386.80
Transition Fund	2208.28	2208.28	1901.36		1500.00	
Subtotal of Non- Budget Items	20566.12	20566.12	19504.93	4099.26	4099.26	19504.93

BUDGET LINE ITEMS	2021 Budget	Expense	2021 Yearend	2022 Proposed
AA Convention Hospitality	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
AI-A-Notes	250.00	-30.30	219.70	50.00
Alateen Coordinator	100.00	0.00	100.00	350.00
Alternate Delegate	125.00	0.00	125.00	175.00
Archives Coordinator	15.00	-57.24	-42.24	100.00
Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP)	200.00	-150.00	50.00	400.00
Budget Committee	45.00	0.00	45.00	31.22
Chairman	130.00	-154.36	-24.36	200.00
Delegate	130.00	-144.61	-14.61	500.00
Delegate Equal Fund	2400.00	-3053.12	-653.12	3,000.00
Del/Alt NCRDM & Delegate OAC	50.00	0.00	50.00	1,500.00
Forum Coordinator	15.00	0.00	15.00	100.00
Group Records Coordinator	15.00	0.00	15.00	15.00
District & Group Rep Orientation	10.00	0.00	10.00	100.00
Handbook and By- laws Committee	25.00	0.00	25.00	200.00
Liability & Crime Insurance	1200.00	-988.00	212.00	1,000.00
Literature Coordinator	15.00	0.00	15.00	100.00
Meeting Expenses	2982.32	-320.70	2661.62	3,500.00
Postage	500.00	-1738.00	-1238.00	-
Public Outreach Coordinator	15.00	0.00	15.00	100.00
Review Committee	50.00	-3.45	46.55	300.00
Secretary	106.00	-106.00	0.00	200.00
Travel Expenses	900.00	0.00	900.00	2,950.00
Treasurer	320.00	-382.07	-62.07	164.00
Two-Day Fall & Convention Liaison	30.00	0.00	30.00	50.00
Two-Day Hospitality	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
Website setup and maintenance	164.18	-164.19	-0.01	150.00
TOTALS	10092.50	-7292.04	2800.46	15,935.22

This year we wanted to emphasize that there is money in the various Coordinator positions for projects or travel in carrying out their positions. As the coronavirus situation may improve to the extent that we can meet in person, we included budgeting for meeting room and travel expenses for the two OAA meeting and Fall AWSC.

Stamps for sending the plea letters was included in the Postage line item. Our Treasurer, who sends the Plea letters, was able to buy these before the price increase to cover the next 3 years.

If this proposal is approved, the Final 2022 Spring Assembly Treasurer's Report will be revised to reflect these numbers.

Respectfully,
Cherryl C, Budget Committee Chair

A motion was made to accept the Budget Committee Report and it passed.

Treasurer Report 2022:

Beginning Balance January 1, 2022:	\$ 55,996.79
Income	\$5,358.78
Expenses	<u>\$2,295.51</u>
Ending Balance 4/30/2022	\$ 59,059.97
Book Balance	\$ 59,059.07

Report period January 1, 2022 through April 30, 2022. Any corrections?

Motion to approve the treasurer's 2022 report as presented. Motion passed.

Delegate Report - Ann F –

Welcome Al-Anon Family. I am Ann F, Ohio Area Delegate, Panel 61, and I want to thank you for allowing me to represent you at our 62nd Annual World Service Conference (WSC). The WSC this year was held in Tarrytown, NY. Our Conference theme was Enhancing Our Recovery Through Abundance, Unity and Understanding. The Conference was spiritual, fun, contemplative, historic, exhausting, forward thinking and powerful. It included a visit to Stepping Stones, the home of Lois and Bill Wilson. The entire experience was amazing.

The WSC is made up of Delegates, the Board of Trustees, At Large Members of the Executive Committee, and members of the World Service Office (WSO) Staff. What happened at the WSC? We reviewed motions, heard talks and presentations, discussed Chosen Agenda Items, visited Stepping Stones, attended Al-Anon meeting, connected to other Delegates, Trustees and WSO staff. In other words, we were busy!

The 2021 outside audit review received a "clean opinion"; the best rating possible. Our total assets were \$13.8M and liabilities were \$1.5M, leaving net assets of \$12.3M. The reserve fund is at \$3.6M, or 8.5 months of operating expenses.

Our 2022 budget is again a deficit budget, with a projected year end deficit of over \$300,000. At the end of March 2022, we were already seeing a \$244,000 deficit. A special appeal letter will again be sent this year. Contribution in 2020 were the largest in history at \$3.2M. 2021 contributions were \$2,6M, and 2022 is projected at \$2.8M. Literature sales, which have historically been our largest income source, have not returned to the 2019 numbers.

The WSO provides services of \$281.88 to each group every year. This accounts of \$3.9M of the budget. In Ohio 54% of groups contributed to the WSO last year. Contributions from the Ohio Area average \$133.32 per group.

What does this budget provide? Registering groups, CAL, the mobil app, PSAs, questions regarding meetings and concerns, translating literature, supporting our international structures, the trilingual online store, magazines the *Forum*, Le

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Projects for this year include: the new daily reader, *“A Little Time for Myself,”* the new Service Manual, electronic group database transformation, 1st longitudinal membership survey, Road Trip, IAGSM in London, Board meetings, bringing the WSO back to full staff. There is currently a job opening for an Associate Director International, posted on the WSO website.

You can take this back to your group: Thank you for your contributions! They are necessary to provide the services WSO offers to groups. WSO continues to need your contributions. Take a look at your ample reserves, and consider contributing in line with what the WSO provides.

Buy a book! Literature sales accomplish two missions: they support the WSO and they help in getting our message out. Know that all financial decisions and actions are guided by spiritual principles and the Finance Committee strives to keep the legacies present in all discussions.

Let's talk Trustees. Several discussions at Conference revolved around our Trustees. Trustees are simply Al-Anon members who have volunteered to continue serving Al-Anon. You do not have to have been a Delegate to become a Trustee. Applications for Trustee are due by August each year. The new Trustees, given traditional approval at WSC are, Jean L, Sally K, Ann Marie Z and Penny K. Kathy M, new Trustee at Large, will be starting in November.

Alateen - The presentation from WSO staff regarding Alateen recertification was heart breaking and gut wrenching. Our WSO staff was put in the position of not having 11 Areas complete their certification by the June 15 deadline. This situation was painful for the staff and it generated strong reaction from those Areas that failed to certify. The take away is, this is a shared responsibility between the Area and WSO staff. The staff is there to help. The Areas need to complete the process before the deadline. Alateen groups are now in the trial phase of meeting as electronic groups.

Global Electronic Area - The motion to welcome the Globe Electronic Area (GEA) into the WSC structure was the first motion passed at Conference. This was an historic moment as the new GEA Delegate returned to the room after the vote. As of March 2022, there were 674 registered Electronic Groups. A group can be either Physical or Electronic. A Group is a Group, is a Group. Once our Ohio procedures are in place, we can list Groups as Physical or Electronic. WSO will continue to register Electronic groups. A group cannot currently have a physical location AND an electronic location. This will be a future discussion for the Policy Committee. A group can be a physical group with an electronic component into that physical group (what we think of as hybrid). That group is part of our Area. Our job-get our procedures in place!

What's coming up?

Ohio Al-Anon Convention(OAC)–June 10-12, Findlay, OH
Ohio AA Convention, August 5-7, Dublin, OH
Road Trip!, Cleveland, October 29, 2022
World Service Conference – April 20-23, 2023 in Virginia Beach!!!

The 2023 Al-Anon International Convention will be in Albuquerque, NM, June 29-July 2, 2023, “New Hopes, New Friends, Renewed Recovery”

Alternate Delegate – Rose R.

Happy Spring to all of you!! Although the weather hasn't been “Spring like” that's not unusual in Ohio. I'll be working on a Summer/Fall issue of Al-A-Notes soon. My theme is: “Using the Legacies in my Recovery”

I thought that we could use the Convention experience as an example to share our recovery on using the Steps, Traditions and Concepts in our everyday lives. That's all for me.

Thanks for your faith in me to do this service job.
Rose R

Motions for Assembly

The following motions were recommended to go forward from the AWSC:

Bylaws Motion from the Electronic AI-Anon Family Groups Thought Force:

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.

Julie L GR from Hope In The Woods Brewster District 48 seconded the motion. The motion passed with 31 votes.

This is Motion 2022-05 - # 1.

Bylaws Motion from Handbook Committee

To change in the By-Laws, Article IV-Officers, Section F Area Treasurer, 2. To read “Area Treasurer and Delegate are the only persons authorized to withdraw funds; however, two (2) signatures shall be required on any Area checks over \$2000. The Delegate is authorized to withdraw funds only in the case of an emergency and only with the agreement of another Area Officer.”

Motion was seconded by Tamara M-H GR DR #30. The motion passed with 31 votes.

This is Motion 2022-05 - # 2

Task Force: The Rotation of 2-Day Fall Assembly and Convention

Bylaws Rotation: To update the rotation of the Two-Day Fall Assembly into the By-Laws for the AI-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc., Article VIII, Section B to read:

The Two-Day Fall Assembly meetings between election years, to be held either the second or the third Saturday in October, will be in the other Districts of this Area, by automatic rotation set by the Area Assembly:

2022	Youngstown	2028	Cincinnati
2023	Columbus	2029	Columbus
2024	Toledo	2030	Miami Valley
2025	Akron	2031	Youngstown
2026	Columbus	2032	Columbus
2027	Cleveland	2033	Toledo

Motion was seconded by Carin S. GR Sharing & Caring. The motion passed with 29 votes.

This is Motion 2022-05 - # 3

Handbook Rotation: To amend the current rotation schedule for the Ohio Area Convention as written in the Handbook of General and Committee Working Procedures for AI-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc. Section XVI Part D which reads:

- A. Host Districts Responsibilities
 - 1. Suggested Host Districts Rotation

Districts of Akron-Canton	2009	2017
Districts of Columbus	2010	2019
Districts of Miami Valley	2011	2020
Districts of Youngstown	2012	2021
Districts of Toledo	2014	2022
Districts of Cincinnati	2015	2024
Districts of Cleveland	2016	2025

Change to read:

1. Suggested Host Districts Rotation

2022	Toledo	2027	Akron-Canton
2023	International	2028	International
2024	Cincinnati	2029	Youngstown
2025	Cleveland	2030	Toledo
2026	Miami Valley	2031	Columbus

Motion was seconded by Julie L. GR from Hope In The Woods Brewster District 48. The motion passed with 29 votes

This is Motion 2022-05 - # 4.

Public Outreach Coordinator – Sherri B

PSA Update

The 2021-2022 Public Outreach campaign officially kicked off last August with the release of a new PSA titled 'Benefits of Recovery'. You can view the new PSA, as well as the 2020 'Are You Worried about Someone Else's Drinking?' PSA at

- Al-Anon.org at <https://al-anon.org/media-kit/public-service-announcements/>
- Al-Anon's You Tube site at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRP2-e3CnVpa-Vg5Praa9Vw>.

The latest PSA results show **3,017 air plays** in Ohio through the end of April since the campaign began. I've attached full results for the 2021-2022 campaign. Please reach out to stations in your area that have played the PSAs to thank them and encourage them to continue to air the PSAs. Most radio stations can access our PSA through the PSN Bank. If they don't have access to the PSN bank, they can send their contact information including the Station call letters, contact name, number and email address to media@al-anon.org and the Al-Anon PSN will get them access to the radio PSAs.

Organizations in our communities that want to link to al-anon.org are welcome to with the understanding that our Traditions prohibit us from linking back to them. All are also welcome to share our PSAs from our [YouTube channel](#) on their websites.

WSO encourages those that are comfortable with sharing either the You Tube or Al-Anon hosted PSA on social media to help share hope and help with others.

WSO is also continuing to encourage us to contact smaller public, college and religious radio stations to encourage them to air the PSAs. To have a PSA sent to a station, please provide the contact's name, station name / call letters, and contact email address to media@al-anon.org. WSO is also considering developing resources for movie theatres.

Annual Membership Survey

The 2021 Membership Survey provided insights of interest to professionals and other friends of Al-Anon in our communities:

- More than 16k members participated this year
- 67% of members report being affected by alcoholism spanning two or more generations
- 49% of member came Al-Anon because of a romantic partner's alcoholism, 14% due to a parent's alcoholism, and 19% because of a child's alcoholism
- 97% of members attend at least one meeting per week. Those that attend more than one meeting per week, report a 9% higher improvement in their mental health score than those who attend only once per week
- 83% of members report improvement in their mental health within the first year of attending Al-Anon. This increases to 93% for members with 4 or more years of Al-Anon involvement.
- Of the members who reported receiving mental health treatment prior to attending Al-Anon, 41% were referred to the program by a professional.

211 Information Updates

The WSO encourages districts to ensure their 211 information is up to date. Local United Way organizations maintain a database of resources for those in the community that require assistance. You can start at 211.org, click 'Get Help', and enter your zip code to identify the agency that hosts the service in your area. You can then contact that agency to make sure they have up to date Al-Anon information to provide to individuals that call for help in your area.

Other District and Group Level 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 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/Commerce/Shop/Commerce/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](#)

Handbook Committee Report – Ginny C

All of the changes to the By-Laws and Handbook that were passed at the 2021 Fall Assembly have now been posted. The revised documents are available on the Area web site on the documents page. The recent changes are highlighted in yellow.

The Committee realized the following changes had been made to the Handbook but not accounted for in the By-Laws: Checks over \$2000 require a second signature from an authorized signer. CD's must have two authorized signatures to be cashed or renewed or moved. CD Funds can only be moved into another AFG of Ohio, Inc. account. (Motion 2021/05 - # 01). Therefore, the Committee moves that the following wording be placed in the By-Laws Article IV-Officers, Section F Area Treasurer, 2. To read "Area Treasurer and Delegate are the only persons authorized to withdraw funds; however, two (2) signatures shall be required on any Area checks over \$2000. The Delegate is authorized to withdraw funds only in the case of an emergency and only with the agreement of another Area Officer."

After some discussion, the Committee agreed to a style and edit change from the spelling By-Laws to Bylaws to conform with current US and Ohio law as well as the World Service Conference and World Service Office. The Ohio Revised Code uses Bylaws and bylaws. The changes will be made after the 2022 Spring Assembly.

Ginny C.
Handbook Committee Chair

2022 OHIO AREA CONVENTION Report – Shelly C

The Ohio Area Convention is scheduled for Friday, June 10 through Sunday, June 12, 2022. It will be held at the Findlay Inn and Conference Center in Findlay Ohio. The theme this year is Stepping Into the Legacies.

Registration forms can be found on the Ohio website. Banquet reservations must be made by May 27. Please register as soon as possible to help the committee in planning details. Walk ins will be accepted for the convention only.

The committee has been working very hard and we can hardly wait to get this party started. Gathering in person for the first time in too long is very exciting. We're looking forward to seeing you.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly C, OAC 2022 Chair

Two Day Fall / OAC Liaison Report – Sandy F:

The current schedule is as follows

2022 OAC is being hosted by the Districts of Toledo and held in Findley, Ohio. Their report will be heard later in this meeting. I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

2022 Fall Assembly will be discussed under old business

2023 There will not be an Ohio Area Convention as it is an International Convention year and the event will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico June 29th through July 2nd . Information about the International convention will be sent to each group this fall. Your Group's CMA will receive the information most likely in September.

2023 Fall Assembly is an election year, in Election years the Fall assembly is hosted by the District of Columbus. They are in talks with possible locations already.

As just pasted:

2024 OAC will be hosted by Districts of Cincinnati
2024 Fall Assembly will be hosted by the districts of Toledo.

Sandy F
Two Day Fall / OAC Liaison

Chair: Should Two Day Fall be virtual? (consensus votes of 23 hands for virtual).

New Business:

Carmen will be sending everything she has by June 1st to meet the June 15th deadline.

Julie L from Youngstown Hope in The Woods (in Brewster District 48) has a lead for a tech person.

Ginny C, Handbook chair, proposes taking money from our excess funds to send to WSO. Sandra F, Alt GR Heal-Anon AFG Hilliard, made a motion to send \$2,000.00.. Phil H, Friday Night AFG Springfield, seconded. The vote was 25 out of 30 vote to send the money and the motion passed.

Ginny C made a motion to change the Handbook, Section 17, Paragraph B, to be the same as the by-laws. Phil H pointed out it would have to be a separate motion and not a part of the other one passed for the Bylaws. Julie L, Hope in the Woods AFG, seconded and the motion passed with substantial unanimity, 26 out of 35 total present.

This is Motion 2022-05 - # 5.

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE 10-11	OAC	Ohio Area Convention Findlay, OH
JULY 23-24	KOMIAC	Terre Haute, IN (document on Ohio website)
AUGUST 5-7	AA CONVENTION	Worthington, OH
AUGUST 20	FALL AWSC	TBD on Zoom
OCTOBER 15	FALL ASSEMBLY	TBD on Zoom
OCTOBER 29	Road Trip!	Independence, OH

Motion to adjourn made by Phil H. Friday Night AFG Springfield – second by Julie L. Hope in the Woods AFG Brewster. We adjourned with AI-Anon declaration.