

Assembly Minutes

Alaska Al-Anon Area 63 Assembly, September 27-28
Action is Attraction: There is No Growth in the Comfort Zone
Hosted by Anchorage/Eagle River District 3

6:00 p.m. Friday fellowship hosted by District 3

7:00 p.m. Speaker, Chere' Teleconference available.

Saturday

8-9am breakfast

9:00 a.m. Teleconference Available

Housekeeping: Please silence your cell phones._To save time, please refrain from repeating opinions and comments that have already been said.

Amanda is spiritual time-keeper, 2 minutes for comments and 5 minutes for coordinator reports.

9:00 (Serenity Prayer, Tradition or Concept, Introductions in room & on phone). Protocol-knowledge based decision: A way of framing the topic, to use long discussions to collaborate information so that all members have a chance to express opinions, thoughts and give all members open access to common information and ending the topic with synthesizing and summarization: dialogue before deliberation building understanding through sharing information, or by talking to each other to reason things out.

Quorum Check, Approval of Spring 2019 Minutes.

Quorum established (list of GRs attached). Stacie moved to accept minutes; Ron seconded. 1 abstained.

Concept 5: The rights of appeal and petition protect minorities and insure that they be heard. When any minority considers an issue to be so grave that a mistaken decision could seriously affect Al-Anon as a whole, it has the actual duty of presenting a minority appeal to the body that made the decision.

Refers to meeting notes regarding \$500 being given to Anchorage for Facebook ads. Susie read her minority opinion (attached).

9:30 a.m. What is the AWSC--Page 162 page 163 of the Service Manual

Throughout the year, the Area World Service Committee is responsible for submitting questions that cannot be resolved at the district or Assembly level to the WSO. It also plans the Assembly agendas, prepares the Area budget, and studies the need for alternatives to these "World Service Handbook" suggestions and presents its findings to the Area Assembly.

9:35 am – Announce Elections 2019: Announce positions for Area Outreach Coordinator, Area Alateen Coordinator, Area Literature, Delegate, Alt-Delegate, Area Chair.

Individuals currently holding those positions spoke about their role.

Delegate (3yr)

Terry - pg. 146 in the Service Manual, talked about her role as a "conduit." Has really grown in the program, and gained back the self-esteem she lost living with an alcoholic. While it was a challenging job, she received lots of support and made new friends.

Alt-Delegate (3yr)

Lynette – attended NW region and is on the committee for approving Alateen sponsors.

Area Chair (3yr)

Liesel learned "I am not in charge" and that it is really about bringing people together

Area Outreach Coordinator (3Yr)

ZeeAnn finished out the term and experienced a lot of growth. Important to look at the job as a team effort

Area Alateen Coordinator (2yr)

No one currently in this role. Important position that has the ability to have a very positive impact on the community. Need to connect with groups about need for AMIAs, lead trainings, and coordinating with others regarding Alateen issues.

Area Literature (1yr)

In contact with WSO about literature needs. Also lead writing workshops to submit to WSO.

10:00 a.m. – Treasures Report. Financial Status – Any pending Expenses for Reimbursement?

10:15 a.m. District Reports

Reports attached.

10:30 a.m. Area Coordinator Reports

Reports attached.

11:00 a.m. Delegate Report

Report attached.

11:30 a.m. Setting Dates for 2020,

2020 NWRDM in NoDak FW: Conference on March 6,7,8 2020

60th Annual World Service Conference; April 20 through Friday, April 24, 2020 in Virginia.

Spring 2020, MatSu – **May 15 & 16, Linda D. motions to approve. Anne seconds. All in favor.**

Fall 2020, Anchorage – **September 25 & 26 – Chelsea motions to approve. Linda seconds. All in favor.**

12:00-- 12:30 p.m. lunch (break from teleconference)

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. workshop

1:40: serenity prayer

Voting: **GRs voted by paper ballot**

Delegate (3yr) – **Lynette stands and gave background. Lynette (D3) is voted in.**

Alt-Delegate (3yr) – **Denise Ro. & Tandy stand. Tandy stands to discuss the shortcomings in the program in not allowing those also in AA to stand for positions. Tandy is not eligible to stand. Denise Ro. (D6) voted in.**

Area Chair (3yr) – **Terry (D6) stands and is voted in.**

Area Outreach Coordinator (3Yr) – **ZeeAnn stands to do another term, after finishing the last one after the former AOC stepped down. ZeeAnn (D3) is voted in.**

Area Alateen Coordinator (2yr) – **tabled.**

Area Literature (1yr) – **Liesel (D3) stands and is voted in.**

2:00 p.m. - Budget (New business moved to end to accommodate GRs needing to leave).
Susie gave updates.

Re: Facebook - \$500 for Facebook is not ongoing. Receipts will be honored. Question arose about exactly how money would be spent and if it would be statewide. No one at the table could really answer the question. Numbers of impressions, clicks, and engagement was shared and is impressive. Have more questions regarding Facebook use and utilization at the Area level. Also discussion about where the \$500 should live. Don motions to move the \$500 for Facebook under the umbrella of outreach. Anne seconds. 15 in favor. No opposed.

Concern raised about expenditures; suggestion for 3-5 year budget planning. Do budget year to year in the spirit of “thinking abundantly” and our history of underspending.

Re: Delegate Expense – paying equitable amount or full (based upon adjusted figures for those traveling to WSO from out of state). Discussion regarding which to pay. Ron makes a motion to pay \$1500 instead of \$1953. Linda D seconded. 1 abstain. 1 oppose. Minority voice: concern about increase in in-state travel for JNU coordinators.

Re: Teleconference – Tiana ordered new phone but didn’t have necessary features. Request to rollover the remaining amount budgeted so new equipment could be purchased. 14 in favor. 1 opposed. Minority voice: concerns about expenditures.

Linda D motions to approve the budget as amended. Ron seconds. 14 in favor. 1 opposed. Minority voice: concerns about sustainability.

BUDGET PASSES.

New Business

- Unused Funds, Thought Force, discussion
- Dual members serving as Area Coordinators, Thought force discussion
- Area Inventory Discussion and Handout

New business tabled for new chair. Only 12 GRs present.

Approval for Policy Changes (purpose is to clarify the process for expense reimbursement).

Expenses reimbursed with receipts, invoice, and or purchase order otherwise contact the Treasurer for other options.

ZeAnn accepted as written. Ron seconds. All in favor.

2:45 break

3:00 Budget – Moved ahead of “New Business” to accommodate GRs needing to leave.

5:00: Adjourned