Al-Anon Area 63 Business Meeting Minutes
Saturday, September 26, 2026 in Anchorage, AK and by Zoom

AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE			
Area Officers and Coordinators following the Fall 2024 Assembly: pink = F25-28 blue = F23-26 green = F24-27 italics = elected mid-term			
Position	NAME	Term Begin	Term End
Delegate	Tiana	2025 Fall	*2026 Fall*
Alt Delegate	Branwyn	2025 Fall	*2026 Fall*
Area Chair	**Vacant**	2025 Fall	2028 Fall
Outreach Coordinator	AJ	2025 Fall	2028 Fall
Literature Coordinator	Liesel	2025 Fall	2028 Fall
Archive Coordinator	Lois	*2024 Fall*	2026 Fall
Area Treasurer	Tamiah	2023 Fall	2026 Fall
Group Records	Denise	2023 Fall	2026 Fall
Telecomm/Zoom Coordinator	Tiana	2023 Fall	2026 Fall
Alateen Coordinator	Stacie	*2022 Fall*	**2024 Fall: HOLDOVER**
Alateen Process	Terry	2024 Fall	2027 Fall
Area Secretary	Branwyn	2024 Fall	2027 Fall
Website Coordinator	Amy L	*2026 Spring*	2027 Fall
District Reps			
Dist 1 (Interior)			
Dist 2 (Matanuska Borough)			
Dist 3 (Anchorage / Eagle River)			
Dist 4 (Southwest / Far North)			
Dist 5 (South Central - Kenai)			
Dist 6 (Southeast)			
Past Delegates in Attendance			
Linette, Terry			

8:30 AM: pre-meeting fellowship

9:00 AM — BUSINESS MEETING

1. **Serenity Prayer**
2. **Readings**
    1. Steps
    2. Traditions
    3. Concepts
3. **Zoom introduction** overview of Zoom etiquette (Tiana)

4. **Area Chair Welcome** Guidance on Area Assembly and Knowledge-Based Decision Making (KBDM) (Lois)
5. **Announcements -** Reminder to create new or obtain access to existing Officer and Coordinator position email addresses (Branwyn)
6. **Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual 2026-2029** (free on-line) — https://al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/manuals-and-guidelines/service-manual/.
7. **Area World Service Committee (AWSC), GRs, & other attendees — Introductions**
    1. AWSC
        - Tiana, Delegate, Telecomm/ Zoom Coord., Palmer Foxhall GR
        - Branwyn, Alternate Delegate, Secretary, Glacier Group GR
        - Lois, Acting Chair, Archive Coord., Stepping Stones Alternate GR
        - AJ, Public Outreach Coord., Sitka GR
        - Tamiah, Treasurer
        - Denise, Group Records Coord.
        - Terry, AAPP, Past Delegate
        - Amy, Website Coord., Shoulder to Shoulder Alternate GR
    2. GRs
        - Aileen, Hope at Noon GR
        - Janelle, Easy Does It GR
        - Linette, Come As You Are Alternate GR, Past Delegate
        - Matthew, Stepping Stones GR
        - Mike, Tuesday Noon Serenity Juneau GR
        - Sarah, Higher Powered GR
        - Wilkie, Come As You Are GR
    3. Others in attendance - None
8. **Volunteer Spiritual Timekeeper** – Aileen

GR ATTENDANCE/GROUP REPORTS (2-3 minutes)

1. GROUP NAME:
2. GROUP REP NAME *and group email if there has been a recent change*
3. MEETING METHOD *in-person, hybrid, Zoom-only, phone-only*
4. MEETING SIZE *small, medium, large*
5. 7th TRADITION *how does your group contribute?*
6. WHAT IS ONE THING YOU 💖 ABOUT YOUR MEETING

- Higher Powered, Sarah, Sundays at 10am, small 6-8 with newcomers occasionally, have Treasurer who collects 7th tradition, loves the understanding of recovery and the many years of recovery.
- Tuesday Noon Serenity Juneau, Mike who will be stepping down as third year serving, hybrid, medium 17 – 18 with in-person standing-room only when only 8 chairs and 10 people attend, pass the basket and an email goes out the day before the meeting about the 7th tradition via check or another method, loves step study on the last Tuesday of the month and added alternating tradition study, also very successful and many newcomers with young and eager members.

- Stepping Stones, Matthew (Lois Alternate), meets in the building where Assembly occurred, hybrid, lots of newcomers, new leadership with new treasurer and librarian, loves variety of time in recovery sharing from different perspectives and appreciates options to join in person and online.
- Sitka, AJ who is stepping down as moved to Iowa, Thursdays at noon, up to 10 but generally 5-8 people, 7th tradition through new treasurer, loves comradery and how people enjoy seeing each other, and different levels of recovery.
- Easy Does It, Janelle, Sunday evenings at 6pm, small at 6 up to medium at 15, have attracted new people and people from other groups which is a welcoming set of new voices, has a new treasurer and representative.
- Palmer Foxhall, Tiana in her final year as GR, on Mon/Wed/Fri at different locations, got a spare zoom computer so all three meetings are hybrid, 7th tradition makes donations to district and area after donations to host church, loves variety with newcomers/ partners/ children of alcoholics and lots of experience, strength, and hope.
- Shoulder to Shoulder, Amy (Alternate GR), Tuesdays 7pm, big meeting, in person only, 7th tradition with split being done, loves energy and family recovery with Alateen support and AA meeting.
- Hope at Noon, Aileen, Thursday noon, newish meeting that started in January 2026, in person only, medium at least 10 people, will have business meeting coming up to discuss donations from 7th tradition, loves that meets the need for another in-person meeting in Anchorage.
- Glacier Group, Branwyn (Alt, new GR Danna), Mon/Wed 6:30pm, 21st anniversary celebration will be Nov 14, in person only, medium size 15 – 25 people, 7th tradition with donations, loves being with people who love Al-Anon.
- Come As You Are, Wilkie (Linette Alternate), Saturdays at 9am, 20+ people, in person only, without a treasurer and other service positions at the moment, loves that a lot of experience at the group and a lot of time in the room.

9:30 AM —

1. **Quorum Check (As of Fall 2023, a quorum shall be 50% + 1 of all Al-Anon groups in Alaska, as determined by the Group Records coordinator, *or* at least 10 GRs present, whichever number is lower)** – 10 GRs
2. **Approval of Spring 2026 minutes** – AJ motions to accept the minutes as written, Aileen and Mike seconds. All in favor + 1 refrained.
3. **Request for new business** – None at this time.

AREA COORDINATORS' REPORTS (10 minutes)

1. Public Outreach Coord.: AJ.

   Recovery Rondy event had learnings that distance across area impacts attendance, and realization that hybrid events can support attendance. Finding success has different definition in Alaska, and found support from Canada PO Coordinators. Attending AA events is a great way of outreach to those who are 'right behind the alcoholic'.

   Now living in Iowa, back at group of origin. Willing to mentor next person who takes on this position. Same people exchange hats so need more participation.

Would appreciate engagement from different areas to reach more, can have hybrid events or bring literature to places.

2. Literature Coord.: Liesel (not present, submitted via email).

   Literature Guidelines.

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   Appeal for Specific Topical Sharings for New CAL on Personal and Service Sponsorship Your Experience, Strength, and Hope Are Needed!

   We are also asking that you **email your sharing directly to literature@al-anon.org** (either as an attachment or in the body of the email) rather than submitting online. Doing so will allow us to provide the sharings to the writer in a timely manner.

   Here is what we need:

   On Personal Sponsorship
   · Working successfully through a conflict with a Sponsor or sponsee, including the Al-Anon tools and spiritual principles that helped and how the relationship continued
   · Taking an inventory as a Sponsor or sponsee when the relationship was not working

   On Service Sponsorship
   · Understanding and practicing accountability in service
   · Choosing a Service Sponsor
   · Becoming a Service Sponsor and learning to serve in that role
   · Using Knowledge-Based Decision-Making (KBDM) with the help of a Service Sponsor
   · Being a Service Sponsor, including the challenges, growth, and rewards
   · Growing through service and encouraging others to participate in service

· Receiving help from a Service Sponsor with a new service role, a difficult decision, or a conflict

On Alateen Group Sponsorship
· Fulfilling the role of an Alateen Group Sponsor
· What Alateen Group Sponsors do-and do not do
· The benefits of Alateen Group Sponsorship

When sharing your experience, please include specific details as applicable: for instance, examples of situations you encountered, the spiritual principles and/or Legacies you practiced, any tools you used, the lessons you learned, and/or the benefits you received, etc.

Writing skill is NOT a prerequisite! *Every sharing is valuable!* Even if your sharing is not featured in one of the "Members share experience, strength, and hope" sections of the finished piece, it will inform the manuscript as a whole. It will help the writer represent the broad experience of the fellowship regarding the many aspects of Personal and Service Sponsorship.

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• Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships (eB-33)
• A Little Time for Myself (eB-34)
• 2026-2029 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (eP 24/27)
• One Day at a Time in Al-Anon (eB-6)

3. Archive Coord.: Lois.

   Group histories are being put together. Kept track of materials from Recovery Rondy and 2026 Assembly agendas and minutes. Has boxes of materials, willing to keep until next person takes service position.

4. Group Records Coord.: Denise.

   Highlighted that North Pole no longer has meetings, but keeps tracking in hope that will become active. Unable to connect with GRs in some rural areas.

   Noticed that groups which became online only in Covid have mostly dissolved and become in-person again. Saturday morning meeting that split (Courage to Grow) and others have not registered with GSO as gathering commitments for service positions. The only requirement for a meeting to register is a current mailing address (CMA) since WSO uses snail mail.

   Coordinator experience is wonderful and does not take much time. Reiterated recommendation that combine positions (see Old Business #5). Stepping down from position at end of term.

					Physical/ Hybrid	Electronic	Phone
District 1:		**Total**	**2**				
	Delta		1	Delta AFG	X		
	Fairbanks		1	Live and Let Live AFG	X		
	North Pole		Inactive				
District 2:		**Total**	**4**				
	Cordova		Inactive				
	Palmer		2	Learning to Laugh AFG	X		
				Palmer Foxhall Hybrid AFG	X		
	Wasilla		2	Courage to Change AFG	X		
				Northern Lights Recovery AFG	X		
District 3:		**Total**	**10**				
	Anchorage		9	Brown Bag AFG			X
				Higher Powered		X	
				Grace for Today AFG		X	
				Come As You Are AFG	X		
				Easy Does It AFG	X		
				Progress Not Perfection AFG		X	
				Thursday Night Men's AFG	X		
				Shoulder to Shoulder AFG	X		
				Glacier Group AFG	X		
	Eagle River		1	Stepping Stones AFG	X		

District 4:		**Total**	**1**					
	Bethel		1	Bethel AFG			X	
	Nome		Inactive					
	Unalaska		Inactive					
District 5:		**Total**	**5**					
	Homer		2	Tuesday Noon – Thursday Night AFG	X			
				Northern Light AFG	X			
	Kenai		2	Twin City AFG	X			
				Saturday Book Study AFG			X	
	Soldotna		1	Keep It Simple AFG	X			
District 6:		**Total**	**7**					
	Craig		1	Prince of Wales AFG	X			
	Douglas		1	Douglas Serenity Seekers AFG	X			
	Juneau		2	Staying Alive AFG			X	
				Tuesday Noon Serenity AFG	X			
	Ketchikan		1	Courage to Change AFG	X			
	Petersburg		1	Mitkof Island AFG	X			
	Sitka		1	Sitka AFG			X	
	Alaska	**Total**	**29**	**Total 21**	**Physical**	**20**	**7**	**1**
					Hybrid	**1**		

5. Teleconference Coord.: Tiana.

   Coordinator at end of term. Everyone has been very supportive, and now has tote of experience, strength, and hope. Tote has converters that can connect to any tv, and also has manual projector with white sheet if no screen. Can hotspot through phone if Wi-Fi not available. So there is always a way to support hybrid.

   Only thing missing from kit is central internet capable device, but does not recommend this. Everything sits too long cold without a safe battery charge, so if had computer or smart tablet would not maintain battery health. Instead, kit will work with anyone's computer. Could also run assembly from smart phone.

   Linette messaged that a portable white screen was purchased this past spring for Recovery Rondy, and it currently resides at Lutheran Church of Hope in Anchorage. She is willing to get it to the new Telecomm Coordinator.

6. Alateen Coordinator: Stacie (not present).

   Terry shared that trying to hold Tuesday night Alateen meetings, but not well attended with only 1-2 Alateens.

7. Alateen Process Person (AAPP): Terry.

I am happy to welcome Branwyn as the newest AMIAS to our Area 63 AMIAS team! We now have ten certified AMIAS.

This past April the WSC adopted the World Service Conference Structure Electronic Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements (WSC EASBR). I attended the WSO Electronic Alateen Group Training sessions in August. There are sessions again being offered in October. In addition to AAPPs; Area Delegates, Alternate Delegates, Alternate AAPPs, Alateen Coordinators, and Alternate Alateen Coordinators are also invited to attend.

WSC Areas have the autonomy to decide whether they want to opt-in to accept electronic Alateen groups. Areas will need to "opt-in" every year by June 15.

Before an Area opts in to host electronic Alateen groups they are required to create their own Area EASBR and submit it to the WSO. A note: Seven or eight years ago our Area had to rewrite our ASBR. It was quite a lengthy and challenging process.

AMIASs Serving Electronic Alateen Groups (AMIAS-E) need to pass a background check. These Background checks are required every two years. Our Area stopped doing Federal and State background checks which also require fingerprinting. Currently to annually certify Alaska AMIASs, our ASBR only requires the Alaska sexual offender public database and the Alaska court records be searched.

An AMIAS-E will need to be a mandated reporter and there is required training.

Areas have until Oct 2027 to "opt-in" and at that time any Hybrid Alateen meetings must return to In Person meetings only.

Whether we "opt in" or not, our Area Alateens will still be able to attend any Electronic Alateen Meetings. Today we can encourage our teens to attend the Washington Electronic Alateen meeting that is currently available on the Alanon App. Anyone wanting more information on this please don't hesitate to contact me.

I personally feel that at this time our Area does not have the service resources needed to support hosting Electronic Alateen meetings.

8. Website Coordinator: Amy L.

   Started after spring assembly election. Learning technology with website contractor, John S.

   Asks to send her flyers for events, preferably in pdf form. There is a new email coordinator address at info@al-anon-ak.org. Clarified that there are two email addresses for position, as groups.io goes to another.

   Requests that all GRs go in meeting finder on https://al-anon-ak.org/meetings/, and hit update button, or just validate that all information is accurate. Will change last contact date, so that people searching online know that the meeting information is up-to-date.

Backed up daily by website hosting company, and ad hoc contractor backups as necessary. Everything can be recreated from WSO and other source materials.

TREASURER'S REPORT

9. Treasurer's Report: Tamiah. See separate budget document for details.

   This report reflects income and expenses through 9/21/26, which is roughly 97% through our fiscal year. We have a total account balance of $12,073.29 and a balance of $7,842.53 after setting aside our prudent reserve. We have received 125% of our budgeted income thanks to the fundraising of the Recovery Rondy event and spent 43% of our budgeted expenses.

DISTRICT REPORTS

10. None, as no sitting District Chairs.

ELECTIONS/RE-ELECTIONS

1. Delegate. *Elected for one year term in Fall 2025*

   Tiana, started with one year in Panel 66. Willing to serve remainder of term through Panel and Fall 2028.

   Branwyn motions for Tiana to complete the term, Janelle seconds. No one opposed, motion passes.

2. Alternate Delegate. *Elected for one year term in Fall 2025*

   Branwyn served, willing to complete the term as well.

   Aileen motions to have Branwyn for additional two years in alternative delegate position, and Tiana seconded. No one opposed, motion passes.

3. Area Chair. *Vacant*

   Terry reminds us that we are trusted servants and we can interpret and serve in the position as we see fit. Position includes calling the AWSC meetings a few times a year, as necessary, who puts together the agenda. At assembly, have a voice not a vote, present the agenda and let go of the outcome. Terry can provide mentorship, and Branwyn will support through Area Secretary position.

   No one offered to be of service.

4. Outreach Coordinator. *Position holder moved out of state*

   AJ reiterates that autonomy with position and budget available. Difficulty generating committee attendees, confounded given districts are dark. Lots of ideas from WSO, PO Coord meetings, literature, and Alateen. Recommended that would be better led from someone within the state.

   Tiana spoke in support and excitement of the work done in this position. With Tamiah, Aileen went to Kotzebue, Homer, Dillingham, and Homer for outreach earlier this year.

   Sarah prayed on it, and offered to be of service, currently sponsored for 4 years, current GR, service primarily in meetings, feels like can make space for this

commitment, has lived in various areas of Alaska, and has place in her heart for people in those places.

Branwyn has motioned for Sarah to finish PO term for AJ, with Amy seconded. No one opposed, motion passes.

5. Archive Coordinator.

   Lois babysits tubs of well-organized historical materials, and records current events in digital format organized by year. Will step down but willing to hold onto materials until next coordinator.

   Tiana at WSO Inc. has archives and archivist. Historian with museum and wall of physical records, with background on founding of Alaska Al-Anon.

   No one offered to be of service.

6. Area Treasurer.

   Tamiah said the biggest part is preparing the draft budget each year, ultimately not responsible for outcome and will share with others for feedback. Do need to have mailing address where groups can mail payment, but she can coordinate with anyone to get on bank account. She also offered support to ensure bank records are balancing. She had experience in prior treasurer positions, and with Excel but neither is necessary – do not need a background in finance. The positions allows her to communicate with others throughout state that send contributions in.

   Willing to continue as holdover – serving but not elected – until someone steps up. No one offered to be of service, so Tamiah will holdover.

7. Group Records.

   Will postpone discussion of combining positions until old business #5. Amy not clear on the current position and cannot speak to combining roles at this time, so she recommend having an offline discussion with Denise.

   Denise spoke to current position. Only AAPP has Alateen meeting access, so Group Records only responsible for Al-Anon meetings. There is a feature on the WSO website to run reports on current meetings and whether they are in person, on phone, or hybrid. Her report is very simple.

   There is a process to submit changes through forms to WSO website, which is separate from AK website that Amy maintains. Denise needs to follow-up with changes submitted directly, otherwise she has recommended that all changes go through her. She waits a week and then check the entries, otherwise WSO changes are instantaneous and Denise is trained to update their database.

   Tiana highlighted that she would be willing to take, if combined with Archive Coord. and someone took Telecomm Coord. position. Postponed to Old Busi.

   Terry reminds us that most AWSC positions have AFG Connects, which is like a forum for resources to others in the same position.

   No one else offered to be of service.

8. Telecomm/ Zoom Coordinator.

   Tiana spoke to that face that communications are centralized, and she was able to pick up even though no technical background.

   No one offered to be of service.

9. Alateen Coordinator. *Holdover*

   Branwyn spoke as an AMIAS that Stacie organizes a few trainings a year and working with Alateen literature and materials really enriches recovery. Unclear if Stacie will continue holdover in this position. Amy spoke that this position description is on the website.

   No one offered to be of service.

Summary

Vacant – Area Chair, Archive Coordinator, Group Records, and Telecomm/ Zoom Coordinator positions

Holdovers – Area Treasurer and Alateen Coordinator

Lois recommended to take position descriptions back to groups and read. Wilkie recommended to hold workshop about positions since can be intimidating to step up for area roles.

ANNUAL BUDGET

1. Presentation of 2027 Budget (to include newly elected servant travel expenses)

   Did not include Recovery Rondy since it was the first year in a while. She asked about adding a line item for area sponsored events, or whether to include this in an existing line item.

   Question about equalized amount. Tiana spoke that equalized is average and then WSO covers the difference. Terry says can read more in Service Manual.

   Discussion about Delegate attendance and hosting of 2028 NW regional delegates conference (NWDRM). Uses IRA mileage reimbursement rate.

   Tamiah clarified that Recovery Rondy is not part of outreach and not the PO Coord. responsibility. AJ confirmed that Recovery Rondy was to people in Al-Anon, which is called in-reach.

   Branwyn made motion to make a new line item *Inreach* with budget of $500, which will be taken from outreach budget to reduce that line item to $4,500. AJ seconded. Terry asked how much Recovery Rondy was revenue above costs, Tamiah estimates that brought in $300 above spend which was $1653, with most cost for out-of-state speakers from WSO. Motion unanimously passed.

2. Vote on 2027 Budget

   Aileen motioned to accept budget as-is. Sarah seconds. Unanimous passed.

NOON LUNCH BREAK 12:00-12:30pm; SPEAKER(S) 12:30-1:30pm

RESUME BUSINESS MEETING at 1:30pm with Al-Anon Declaration

*Note: **Outcome** of Old Business are bolded and highlighted in blue below. **Outcome** during the Fall 2026 Assembly bolded and highlighted in green below.*

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Backup Access to Area Financial and Electronic Accounts**. Policy on backup access for important accounts and services.

   (Spring 2025) Task Force: Create policies for backup access to Area Financial and Electronic Accounts. Passes Lois seconded. Task Force - Linette, AJ, Liesel. Temp chairperson, Brian, Tamiah and someone else.

   (Fall 2025) Task Force report: Liesel – did not meet. Postponed to next Assembly.

   (Spring 2026) Task Force did not meet, but will decide on Chair and meet before Fall Assembly. **Task Force will be AJ (chair), Linette, and Tamiah** (Thought Force member).

   (Fall 2026) Did not meet. AJ states that there may be online resources, so no need to create policies from scratch. Task force will be re-formed with Tamiah (chair), AJ, and Linette.

2. **Redrawing District Boundaries (Mari).**

   (Spring 2025) Mari - Combining some districts might help to strengthen them. Some Areas have found that joining resources allows districts to gather more people to organize district activity. Is anyone interested in creating a thought or task force? It would be particularly useful to have people who live out of District 3 (Anchorage) to be a part of it.

   (Fall 2025) **Charge to explore changing district boundaries to encourage more participation in our Area**. Thought Force includes Branwyn (chair), Jan, AJ, Mari, Tiana. Branwyn motions to create thought force for this Charge. Jan seconds. Unanimous agreement.

   (Spring 2026) **Thought Force Report & Recommendation**. (Mari gave the report) The Thought Force proposed to create a Task Force using Area data from group records, reach out to groups in Area to ask how they view a change of district boundaries, then use that data as well as data collected from the Thought Force to consider how to redistrict our Area, then bring recommendations to Area. Lois motions to proceed with the charge Mari proposed. Clarified that recommendations would be brought to Area Assembly in Fall 2026. Linette seconded. All in favor, except no vote from Linda. Task Force to be: Branwyn (chair), Mari, AJ, Tiana, and Linette.

   (Fall 2026) Did not meet. Task force will be re-formed with Branwyn (chair), Tiana, Linette – will meet even if only two members available.

3. **Change format for assembly to half days four times a year.**

   (Spring 2025) Carol - what about two hours a month or broken up into four half days a year? Attract more people. Hard to get folks to commit to a whole day, even just twice a year. How to get people to do service?

   (Fall 2025) Jan motions to change to fourth weekend in September. Clarification that conflict is annually. Denise recommend to trial for one year, and then decide next year. Jan amendment accepted. Tiana seconded. 10 agree, 1 no vote, 1 GR had to drop. Minority opinion that one particular conflict is primarily with dual attendees in AA. There was a more significant enrollment of Al-Anon members this year. Motion stands.

   (Spring 2026) Proposal to form Work Group at Spring 2026 Assembly. Unable to ratify as no quorum, but will proceed assuming Fall 2026 Assembly can hear recommendations. Charge to change format, frequency, length of time, and/or schedule of Area Assembly and come up with recommended options. Include Terry (co-chair), Linette (co-chair), AJ, and Lois.

   (Fall 2026) Amy motion to move the fall area assembly to fourth weekend of September, to avoid standing conflict. Tiana seconded. Matthew raised that could be second weekend, but that would conflict with both moose season and the District 3 meeting. Unanimous, motion passes.

   The work group did not meet. Work group will be reformed with Terry and Lois as co-chairs, and AJ will participate. Terry asked to have participation from all districts, so added to list of announcements with Lois as contact person.

4. Viewing information and flyers on the website.

   Branwyn gave background that this was raised during the creation of the spring agenda, and led to the resignation of the former website coordination.

   Amy spoke that it was delayed for her to learn in the new position how to post event flyers, and was able to do so in late summer. Lois wondered if this related to her browser issues in displaying and viewing information.

   Terry states in the Service Manual, there are guidelines on announcements on event posting. Amy wondered if there is anything about ‘researching a flyer’ before posting. The Service Manual states must include ‘Al-Anon’ or ‘Al-Anon Participation’ on the flyer to be posted.

   No further action necessary, issue considered closed after discussion.

5. Recommend to combine Group Records and Website Coordinator.

   Amy (Website Coord) would like to have a discussion with Denise (Group Records) about the duties before commitment. Group Records interim steps:
   (a) Delegate, in lieu of Chair, can appoint anyone who shows interest before the next assembly in spring 2027,
   (b) Request that groups submit updates through website,
   (c) Amy and Denise make recommendation about merging these positions.

6. District 3 asked about Treasurer handling of money: How we use our money for our groups? How different groups are handling their banking situation? How people are collecting online donations?

   Lois spoke to district discussion, and her group treasurer held money in personal safe that created an issue. AJ has a treasurer who keeps it low tech so that could remain anonymous instead of giving full name to the bank. Janelle served as treasurer and kept it simple, but has bank account, although no online donation option. Would be helpful to have resource to navigate new online donation methodologies. Mike shared that has bank and online access, and are entertaining online donation options since have zoom members, while still accepting checks mailed to the church. Linette reminds us that money without accountability through a bank account and only kitty (stack of envelopes) is at risk. Tiana states that issue came up at WSC, and that is monies are above a certain federal threshold then must file as a 501c(3) or pay taxes. Lois reminded us that we need two people on all bank accounts. Tiana reminded us that there is information about financial matters in the Service Manual, such as requesting an EIN and providing a personal SSN to do so.

   Area Secretary will provide these insights back to District 3 Secretary and ask if there are specific questions to gather further information.

7. Recommendation for the Area to perform an Area Inventory.

   Tiana recommended this from WSC, guidance on how to perform. Vacancy and retention rates, participation, rotation of leadership. For area to self-assess, not to report to WSO. Aileen experience that had mixed success, some where useful and some where it was not, but would be circler given the limited engagement. Branwyn seconds that and recommends to either fold into Recovery Rondy or task force on District Boundaries. Sarah seconds the latter point, along with Aileen and Lois. Tiana does not necessarily recommend to take the inventory of groups surveying, but wants to have more area participation. Aileen recommends to abandon idea of taking an inventory.

   Aileen made motion to dismiss this idea of having an inventory, Amy seconded. Branwyn spoke that the purpose of an inventory may help area determine how to increase participation. Tamiah is that taking an inventory right now seems too much, and could have thought force to determine how to perform an inventory. AJ would recommend to wait until new GRs had more experience before taking it, so just delay. Sarah spoke that Task Force about changing area assembly may be a first step towards eventually be able to take an inventory. Amy recommended that both open task forces would provide more now, and after those activities it would make more sense to take inventory. Amy recommends to amend language to postpone it. Aileen amends motion to postpone the idea of an inventory, Amy confirms seconds. Unanimous, motion passes.

8. Prepare to host for Northwest Regional Delegates Meeting (NWRDM) after Nebraska (NE) in either 2028 or 2029.

   Tiana states that generally happens in March, confirmed for 2028, and NWRDM consists of AK, OR, WA, ID, MT, WY, ND, SD, NE. AJ spoke to prior experience at event, which was held at a hotel, a lot of effort, and purpose is to train for WSC. Terry states that past delegates put it on, prior experience did not include doing hybrid meeting, not a specific agenda but are specific things that get accomplished, would be Friday evening plus Saturday and maybe Sunday if necessary, purpose to prepare new delegates to attend WSC, good fellowship that goes on, with members from the area welcome to observe through voice although not participate through vote, and can call on other prior delegates from region to assist in planning activities. Tiana's understanding is that primarily set and run by those prior delegates, so only responsibilities would be facilities with a conference room and hosting, ensuring can get food and have transportation. Linette recommends to moves on from topic since 1.5 years away. Linette will work with Terry and give an update at spring assembly.

9. Decision if should opt into AMIAS-E, made at recommendation of Area Alateen Coordinator and Area Alateen Process Person.

   Terry confirmed nothing to do at this time, and does not have enough support to move forward, especially as Alateen Coordinator is holdover. Drop from agenda.

   Tiana asked about attendance of Alateen at Al-Anon meetings, and could only be with an AMIAS. Terry will ask and clarify this. Lois asked about phone-in meeting or those with only chats. Matthew summarized that three options: a) zoom phone numbers, b) zoom log-ins with chats, and c) phone-call ins only. Terry will research and send to Area Secretary or through https://groups.io/g/Area63AFG/.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Spring Assembly planning committee.

   Will be via Zoom. Traditionally agenda set through AWSC, and need planning for at least flyer and lunch speaker.

   Terry recommends another district stepping up to host spring assembly. Tiana notes that District 2 has been in alternate rotation, or another district that has high meeting engagement.

   Terry volunteered to lead 2027 Spring Area Assembly planning, and will see if District 6 will host via zoom, and Linette offered to support.

2. In lieu of an active Telecomm/ Zoom coordinator, we need someone to take home and plug in Telecomm supplies. Lois volunteered.

3. The assembly has a tub of supplies, which the former Area Chair had, and we need someone to take home. Tiana offered, and Branwyn will pick up for Recovery Rondy or other District 3 sponsored events before Fall 2027 assembly.

REVIEW OF NEXT ASSEMBLY DATES Assemblies begin on the third Friday in May and the fourth Saturday in September. Traditionally, spring is via Zoom and fall is hosted by District 3 (Anchorage).

1. **May 21 – 22, 2027:** Save the date, via Zoom.
2. **September 24 – 25, 2027:** Plan to host by District 3.

4:15 PM —ANNOUNCEMENTS TO BE MADE AT MEETINGS

1. Please contact Terry at alaskapanel57@gmail.com to volunteer for the Spring Assembly planning
2. Available service positions – see the Officer and Coordinator Descriptions on the Area website for details

   Vacant – Area Chair, Archive Coordinator, Group Records, and Telecomm/ Zoom Coordinator positions

   Holdover – Area Treasurer and Alateen Coordinator
3. Please join the area work group to change the format, frequency, length of time, and/or schedule of the Area Assemblies and come up with recommended options. Contact Lois at llbrabson@yahoo.com if interested, and we'd love engagement from all Districts throughout Alaska.
4. Groups requested to opt-into Area communications through https://groups.io/g/Area63AFG
5. Please submit updates through the website at https://al-anon-ak.org/meetings/ while the Group Records position is vacant.

4:30 PM — Adjourn & Close with Al-Anon Declaration

Let it begin with me — When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be there and let it begin with me.