

AWSC Meeting 3-1-14

Attendees

- Barbara M., Area Chair
- Barbara H., AA Liaison
- David G., Delegate
- Phyllis H., District 2 Representative
- Deb E., Literature/LDC Coordinator
- Nancy B., Treasurer
- Rose B., Alateen Coordinator
- Denise C., Group Records
- Sheila, GR, filling in for Karen, District 3 Representative
- Maryanne, Office Coordinator
- Dean, Web Coordinator

Proceedings

- Unanimous vote to give Sheila voice and vote
- Minutes from previous meeting approved with changes (9 approve; 1 abstention)
- AA Convention—Barbara H submitted report
 - Speaker might not be able to make it; Barbara will try to get a back-up
 - Still need someone to chair the last meeting of the day and to sit in on the panels in the other meetings
 - If anyone is considering taking the AA Liaison position next year, they're encouraged to stop by and shadow
 - Answer to a question: Barbara will ask if people can come and volunteer without paying registration
 - Answer to a question: AA pays for speaker's expenses
- AWSC Members visiting groups—Dean and David
 - Dean and David propose to divide meetings among the people willing to visit
 - Members would travel in pairs
 - Will contact GRs in advance to let them know that visitors are coming, why, and what to expect
 - Letter will be distributed to DRs to let GRs know
 - Pair will give 1- to 2-minute announcement at the beginning of the meeting (bullet points will be provided) and that they will stay to talk after the meeting
 - Focus will be on what AWSC has to offer groups (including group records information)
 - Will have handout for the groups

- Pair will write a brief report of each visit
- Members interested in visiting groups to stay after the meeting to allocate the groups
- Staggering Terms—Phyllis
 - Task force working out how to do this
 - AWSC members were polled to see if they could/would stay on to help stagger the terms
 - David contacted other areas to see how they do this
 - Discussed ideas of staggering groups of positions (eg, Districts [1 per year so the new person benefits from the other 2])
 - Have started grouping, but had questions about other positions
 - Doesn't matter if Alateen Coordinator and Process person stagger
 - Could stagger Public Outreach and AA Liaison, Website and Lifelines
 - Delegate and Chair need to stay on the same rotation
 - Next step is to come up with a plan, hopefully for next meeting
- Annual Appeal—Nancy
 - Collected \$390 in January and February; this did not affect the usual donations
 - Some have noticed that people are putting more in the basket at meetings since the letter came out
 - Letter was distributed through DRs
 - We've heard from about 12 groups (25%)
 - Will let DRs know which groups responded at the end of March
- Delegate—David
 - Service Manuals are on the way
 - WSO is working on an e-Community for treasurer
 - Members' Web site has been revised
 - Barbara M and David headed to NERD next weekend
 - If you have questions/messages to pass on to rest of the Northeast, let them know
 - Need speaker for event in Framingham
 - Barbara H will speak if David will be back-up speaker at Convention
 - Do we need a new daily reader? David will speak on it on our behalf, so share your thoughts with him
 - A binder holding area policies, guidelines, and procedures is housed at the office
 - Meeting minutes are up to date and on the web site
 - What about Assembly minutes?
 - Anyone interested in the delegate position can contact David
 - Barbara M. suggests sending cards and love gifts to Conference; will send out the address
 - Barbara M. asked to help delegate from Maine and give a 40-minute presentation at NERD

- Treasurer’s Report—Nancy
 - Passed around balance sheet
 - Consolidated some categories to make reporting more efficient
 - Not taking in as much as we should be
 - Costs approx. \$256 to support each group
 - Offering e-mail confirmation of donation if groups include e-mail address with donation
 - Assembly voted not to contribute Area funds to WSO unless we have a surplus
 - Finance Committee will report at Assembly
- District 2—Phyllis—nothing to report
- District 3—Sheila
 - Assembly venue has been booked and expenses paid
- Web site—Dean
 - Site is updated, including Spanish meeting list
 - Hopes to update once a month
 - Received e-mail in Spanish; Margie J. will try to translate
 - Change to meeting list—Contact your Student Assistance Counselor for Alateen meetings in schools
- Group Records—Denise—Nothing to report
- Alateen—Rose
 - Sponsors met on Feb 27th
 - 4 high school meetings
 - 3 evening meetings
 - Will have poster contest
 - Group home in Warren is looking for a meeting
 - Request that Rose put needs out on the announcements list
- Literature—Deb—submitted report
 - Answered question about how LDC charges (we charge same prices as WSO; after WSO’s LDC discount and shipping costs, we “profit” about 8%)
- Office Coordinator—Maryanne
 - Office expenses will be reimbursed, rather than petty cash on hand
 - Can we offer office as meeting space? David will look into insurance issues
 - Working to make office more open and user friendly
 - Have an open house?
- AA Liaison—Barbara H
 - Started transition binder; will follow up in next report
- Open positions summarized
- Next AWSC meeting: April 12, 10 am
 - Spring Assembly planning at next AWSC meeting
- Motion to adjourn