

Rhode Island Al-Anon Family Groups (RIAFG)

Area Meeting (AWSC) - March 4, 2017

Area Officer / Coordinator Attendees

- David G, Area Chair
- Phyllis H, Delegate
- Barbara H, Literature Coordinator
- Chris L, Group Records Coordinator
- Megan B, Alateen Coordinator
- Dennis S, Email Coordinator
- Ann Marie C, AA Liaison

Opening

- Moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer; reading of the Traditions, Concepts, and Warranties.

Introduction by AWSC position and home group(s)

Minutes

- Upon motion duly made, the minutes for the Jan 14,2017 AWSC meeting were approved

AWSC Matters:

- **AA Liaison Report (Ann Marie):** Schedule updates for the AA Anchor of Hope Convention in Newport on March 25th. Review of convention program. Al-Anon presence is valued by the AA community and convention committee. Barbara will help with listing the convention on the announcements board. Literature is ready for the convention, but Barbara could use some help manning the table. Ann Marie would like ideas for next year's speakers as well.
- **Finance Committee Report (Phyllis):** Phyllis, Barbara and Tami are the committee members. Budget Committee Report was distributed. Beginning in 2017 the Literature Coordinator expenses will be paid directly out of the literature account. Obsolete line items from the budget have been removed. Finance Committee requests that Officers and Coordinators submit estimated 2017 expenses, which should be submitted to Tami. New, revised 2018 budget will be prepared to submit to the Fall Assembly for approval.
- **Open Positions Report (David):** positions are listed on the website. Please ask people who would be suitable to consider taking a position.
- **Communications Thought Force Report (Megan):** One Thought Force meeting has occurred, with notes taken. Next meeting is March 8th. Shawn and Barbara are the Thought Force co-chairs.
- **Workshop Report (David):** Barbara has confirmed Oct 7th as our 2017 workshop date at Butler Campus. The workshop chair position is still open and will need to be filled.

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Reports:

- **Chairperson's Report (David):** WSO has created Al-Anon and Alateen Instagram accounts. Megan volunteered to check out the new Instagram accounts. Discussion on AFG Connects about areas creating a Technology Coordinator position and a suggestion made the perhaps this be considered by Communications Thought Force.
- **Treasurer's Report:** *See Finance Committee notes above
- **Secretary's Report:** None
- **Delegate's Report (Phyllis):** Starting in 2018, paper copies of the Service Manual will not be sent out, but will be posted on the WSO website. WSO budget gap from the previous year has been closed, two million in donations were received and the money removed from the reserve was repaid. NERD is the North East Regional Delegates meeting, being attended by Phyllis March 10-12..
- **District Representative Reports:**
 - **District 1 (Shawn, submitted as written report):** District is planning a fellowship picnic July 16th. VA hospital is interested in hosting an Al-Anon meeting. Plans for VA meeting are moving forward. Next district meeting is March 30th in Pawtucket. Two more groups now have GRs.
 - **District 2 (David):** David has assumed communication responsibilities to this district and has sent out update emails to Group Reps.
 - **District 3: (Terry):** None. Time and date of June Assembly has not been set yet. David will follow up with Terry to get the Assembly information.
- **Public Outreach Coordinator:** None
- **Alateen Coordinator Report (Megan):** Wednesday night meeting needs support. Posters given out for distribution. Alateen sponsors have met and agreed on changes to items 6 & 7 of the safety guidelines. Desired changes are: reduce required meetings from 3 to 2, remove the 'federal' from the background check requirement, due to changes in RI state law, eliminate the wording 'to run concurrently with the Area Assembly' from the background check section to eliminate annoying back to back BCIs for some new sponsors. After discussion, motion to authorize these changes were approved. Megan will type up the new revised document and submit to the AWSC and also then to be posted on the website.
- **Email Coordinator Report (Dennis):** Email volume has been low. Service position will be open at the end of the year.
- **Lifelines Editor:** None
- **Office Manager (Jane A., submitted as written report):** Office is running well, office hours have been expanded. More office and hotline volunteers needed. Four to eight calls returned weekly.
- **Literature Coordinator (Barbara):** Written report was send out via email last week. Barbara will be making the literature donation to the Area every December.

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- **Group Records (Chris):** Chris has met with the previous Group Records Coordinator. Group changes are being made. She is working to understand the AFG Connects and RIAFG online communities and records systems.
- **Forum Coordinator:** None
- **Archives Coordinator:** None
- **Website Coordinator (Mike, submitted as written report):** Mike has updated the website and is in contact from CA with David. Website is basically up to date. Concerns about the difficulty of finding the meetings list on the new website and general discussion on maintenance of website and ease of viewing.

New Business

- (Ann Marie) Al-Anon speaker needed for Let Go and Let God Anniversary meeting on Wednesday March 29 in Lincoln.
- **(David) Date for the Next Area Meeting is April 15th at 10:15am, Phyllis will chair.** David and Phyllis will coordinate on agenda dedicated to organizing the Assembly. Meeting will be preceded by an Al-Anon meeting, starting at 9:45am.

Closing

- Motion to adjourn, so carried.
- The meeting closed with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully Submitted
Megan B.