

Rhode Island Al-Anon Family Groups (RIAFG)
Fall Assembly – October 1, 2016
Memorial Hospital, Pawtucket, RI
Hosted by District 1

Voting Members (Groups Representatives and Proxies)

Susan H; Lorie G; Linda D; Heather M; Joe M; Joy C; Alicia M; Terry L; Kathy Y; Michelle S; Cynthia B; Deni C; Tom H; Barbara M; Ann-Marie C; Jean T; Sandra L; Brooke H; Shala S; Katherine B; Dean H, Jane A

Area Officer/Coordinator Attendees

David G, Area Chair; Denise C, Group Records Coordinator; Dennis S, Email Coordinator; Heather M, Public Outreach Coordinator; Joy C, AAPP; Phyllis H, Area Delegate; Shawn J, District 1 Representative; Tami K, Area Treasurer; Kate M, District 2 Representative; Anne-Marie C, AA Liaison; Katherine B, Archives Coordinator; Dean H, Website Coordinator; Megan B, Alateen Coordinator

Opening

Moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer; reading of the Steps, Traditions, Concepts, and Warranties; rollcall/introductions. David reviewed the housekeeping issues and thanked those who were able to assist.

Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the amended minutes of the April 30, 2016, Assembly were approved.

Open Service Positions

David reviewed the open service positions that will be voted on this afternoon.

2017 Budget

After discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, the 2017 Annual Budget was approved. Vote: 19 yes, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Presentation by District Representatives

Shawn J. - District 1 District Representative
RI Al-Anon groups are running much smoother since District Representatives have been in place and are holding district meetings. Increased fellowship, communication, and participation have produced healthier and more effective groups. The districts are looking at holding a collaborative Group Representative training.

Kate M. –District 2 District Representative

District 2 will be reconvening this month. When she asked her GRs “what do you want your district to be?”, the answer was to help those in need find recovery. Kate has experience with Public Outreach in another Area and is looking at District 2 doing outreach providing information about Al-Anon at health fairs and possibly Kent County Juvenile Drug Court. She reflected that being a district representative has been a huge lesson in “Let go and let God.” No individual runs Al-Anon, the

groups run Al-Anon. Make sure your group has a voice by coming to the district meetings and Assembly.

Report by Area Officers and Coordinators

Area Delegate Report – Phyllis H

- A submission of Meet the Board Event was made for the meeting to take place in RI. The location for 2017 will be selected at the October Board meeting.
- The final date to order “Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism” is February 8, 2017. Please share with your group.
- WSO has made it easy to find a meeting by going to www.al-anon.alateen.org/find-a-meeting.
- It has been suggested by the WSO Literature Committee that the “Prayer For Today” on the “Just For Today” bookmark, Wallet Card, and in *How Al-Anon Works* be removed. Please take to groups for feedback. Phyllis will take Rhode Island’s comments on this to the World Service Conference in April 2017.

Alateen Coordinator Report – Megan B

- Alateen is making progress outside and inside schools.
- The Alateen website has been successful and is being used.
- There is always a need for Alateen Sponsors.
- Looking for suggestions, help, and advice for Alateen outreach. Email ideas to alateenri@gmail.com.
- A PDF of an Alateen poster for outreach will be put on the Alateen website www.alateenri.org.

Public Outreach Coordinator Report - Heather M

- Help is requested on October 23 in Newport to hand out literature from 3 – 5 pm.
- Al-Anon/Alateen info stickers are available to put on literature for outreach. More will be printed on request. A stamper is available to use in office for non-glossy paper.
- Drop old *Forums*, after putting info stickers on the back, at doctor’s offices.

Archives Coordinator Report – Kathi B

- Display of archived materials was on hand at the Assembly on the back table.
- Slowly reviewing, prioritizing, and weeding out records at the office.
- A signed picture of Lois is at the office.

AA Liaison Report – Ann-Marie C

- The AA Convention with Al-Anon participation will be held March 24-26, 2017, at the Hyatt in Newport. The theme is Anchor of Hope. The registration price has increase from \$20 to \$25. Al-Anon members to chair Al-Anon meetings for the event are needed. Please let Ann-Marie know. You must register to attend even if it is only to chair a meeting because of the fire code. If there is a financial barrier contact Ann-Marie. It was suggested

to make hotel room reservations now under AARI Convention 2017. A flyer will be made for GRs to get to groups.

Literature Coordinator Report – Barbara H

- A report on literature sales was included in Assembly packet.

Elections of Area Coordinators and Officers – David

Secretary position was tabled - no nomination made.

Office Coordinator position, 2 year term, was voted on and upon motion duly made and seconded, Jane A was elected to the Office Coordinator Position.

Forum Coordinator position was tabled - no nomination made.

Public Outreach Coordinator position was tabled - no nomination made.

Group Records Coordinator position was tabled - no nomination made.

Alternate Delegate position was tabled - no nomination made.

Website Coordinator position, 3 year term, was voted on and upon motion duly made and seconded, Mike A was elected to the Website Coordinator Position.

Workshop Coordinator position 2016, 1 year term, was voted on and upon motion duly made and seconded, Bill M was elected to the Workshop Coordinator Position.

The District Representative for District 3, 3 year term, was announced. Terry L. has taken the position after caucus with District 3 members in attendance.

Best Practice Forum - David

- David shared ideas for finding free announcement space in local media for Al-Anon meeting announcements.
- Discussion about What is a Healthy Al-Anon Group handout, and best practices suggestions since the document was created.

The next assembly will be held on June 3, 2017, to be hosted by District 3 . The venue will be communicated when set.

Closing

Motion made to adjourn at 3:17 pm, so carried.

The meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer and the Al-Anon Declaration.

Much thanks to District 1 for planning a great Fall Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Y and Shala S