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**Area World Service Committee Meeting  
October 14, 2017  
Tualatin United Methodist Church  
20200 SW Martinazzi Avenue, Tualatin, OR 97062  
Host District 09**

**8:30 am - Call to Order**

**Serenity Prayer** – Bunny G., Chair

**Traditions** – Loretta P., Audit/Budget

**Concepts & Warranties** -Delores P., DR-04

**Microphone & Voting Statement** – Bunny G., Chair.

**Roll Call** – Mary Lynn J., Secretary. **Excused:** Scott R., CPC Coordinator; Pam M., Forum Coordinator, Amy D., DR-11. **Absent:** Elaine E., DR-08; Ruby W., DR-14; Kate R., Group Records Coordinator. **New District Representatives:** Julie S., DR-01; Cynthia N., DR-12; Linda C., DR-13.

**Minutes** of June 2017 AWSC were accepted by motion made by Dawn B., DR-06, second by Brenda G., DR-17, and approved by all.

**Housekeeping** - Mary W., DR-09

**Treasurer's Report** – Dawn K., Noted insurance line #24 was higher than budgeted amount because the Assembly voted to purchase a policy to cover all meeting locations. There was not enough in contingency, so she showed it as over budget. Refund will show up in the assembly report. Other overages were taken from contingency. Line #23, Assembly Rent was questioned as possibly going over budget. November Assembly rental has already been paid so the \$100 rental for today is the only thing left to be paid. Questions about insurance amount need to be clarified with agent. There is an AMIAS balance outstanding amount from District 16, which has no DR. We are using a new system in which districts area paying us in advance for AMIAS certification. Remind groups to include group number, group name, district number on contributions. Do not make check to Dawn. She is sending receipts for contributions by email to DRs for forwarding to groups. Receipts contain notes about what information is needed.

**Old Business:**

**Web Coordinator Procedure** – Sue B., Alternate Delegate. The will be placed under the job description for web coordinator in handbook. Updates to the handbook will go to Regis for inclusion on the website before Assembly.

**Thought Force on AMIAS Recertification** - Bill W., Chair, read the Thought Force report. Questions: *Would the questions be asked face to face, telephone or email?* Bill replied that it was his understanding that recertification would be face to face with DR and AMIAS. *Would the training during Assembly weekends interfere with assembly?* He replied it would be in conjunction with assembly, not interfering with. *There was a question about the minimum number of AMIAS to be present for meetings. The baseline of safety for teens is to have 2 AMIAS present for meetings and events.* Linda S., Alateen Coordinator, suggests having 2 to start a meeting, with a 3<sup>rd</sup> as a backup. More guidance is needed for DRs. It was suggested DRs attend Alateen meetings at least once a year so Alateens know who the DR is. *Did Task Force rule out background checks?* Yes, it is too costly. Task Force included JoAnn C., Linda S., Loretta P., Brenda G.

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### **Tech Coordinator Position Description Task Force:**

Task Force included: Scott R., Kate R., GR, Cindy E.

Cindy went over the task force recommendations along with suggestions made by AWSC members. Discussion with suggested changes. **A motion was made by Joann C. to approve the job description as amended. Barb B. seconded. Motion passed. This is an ongoing motion.**

### **Thought Force on Number of Assemblies:** Joann C., Cindy E., and Donelda H.

The Thought Force used the five KBDM questions. A member asked if having two Assemblies was considered. The original question that started the discussion was only about one Assembly. The recommendation was to continue Assembly the way it currently exists. Linda C., mentioned she had done a survey about changing to two assemblies a few years ago, and there was not much response. Finances is a big issue. When she was in Arizona, they had one-day assemblies. Having GRs attend Assembly is not just an Area issue, but district as well, which means cost may not be the only issue. Bunny asked DRs to take the Thought Force document to GRs and let them know this will be discussed at Assembly. The AWSC made the decision to accept the recommendation of the Thought Force to continue with three Assemblies per year as it currently stands. GRs would be given an opportunity to share their thoughts on the issue, but there will be no vote.

**Insurance Update:** Brenda G. Received new insurance policy that provides coverage for all facilities in which meetings and events are held. The policy period is 7/17 to 7/18. There was a question about whether the policy could include AIS offices. AIS has employees and equipment so their insurance needs are different. Districts have requested certificates. Brenda is keeping copies of all Certificates of Liability issued. Requests for Certificates of Liability should include name of location, address, contact person with email; certificates will be received in a couple of days. It was recommended that this procedure be added to handbook. Should we have an Insurance Coordinator or add to another position? Brenda volunteered to continue in position until end of panel and a decision is reached.

**Flyer Guidelines Update:** Sue B., Flyer Committee Chair, showed suggestions for changes to Section VI Procedure for Submitting a Flyer for Publication on Website or Newsletter. The suggested document includes a time frame for processing flyers, from submittal to posting on website. There were questions about whether the time frames listed were realistic. The Flyer Guidelines have not been changed, only timelines for flyer committee.

Sue will send any changes made to the Oregon Area Handbook via email to AWSC members as well as to Website Coordinator for inclusion on the website.

**Delegate's Report:** Cindy E. told of the amazing experience attending the Oregon Alateen Conference had been. She was wearing a warm fuzzy, which the Alateens use to give and receive love. She was not able to attend the Alateen workshops, but did attend sponsor meetings. Some of their workshop topics included self-harm, depression, qualities, acceptance. She was impressed with the way they work their own Al-Anon program. She was privileged to be invited to attend the entire weekend and was able to share parts of the World Service Conference that affects Alateen. She watched their election process which was conducted the way we conduct our elections. God inspired. Love gifts at conference should remain awesome, not things that get thrown away. First

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Native American Conference, in Albuquerque, NM. Al-Anon is branching out, asking how we are different, but do it the same? International Service Seminar next year in VA Beach. Cindy thought when she stood for delegate, she would be a leader. Did you think you would be a leader when you stood for your position? Bill W's essay on leadership talks about what makes a good leader. AWSC members evaluation form that was sent out was meant to be our own self-evaluation as a leader. She has had frustrations with some of us not responding to emails. Change causes refiguring the illusion of control. Interim director, Mary B., ended her work last week. New Executive Director, Vali F. will be working on her own. How is Al-Anon going to change? WSO does what groups cannot do for themselves. We are going to WSO for answers to questions instead of going through links of service. We need to listen and use Steps, Traditions and Concepts to work things out. WSO is looking at growing Al-Anon in 21<sup>st</sup> century. There has been a drop off in contributions to WSO. We cannot rely on literature sales. This weekend the board will be deciding where 2023 International will be. See the Service Manual page 135 that describes what WSO does. WSO does not want to be the decision maker, just an arm of Al-Anon.

We need to understand Traditions and Concepts so we can solve our own problems. How do we get to the members that are not coming? Electronic meetings: how can we support them? Group autonomy discussions will continue. Open and closed terminology discussion will continue. Policy digest taking out term "closed" before taking next step. 2018 Conference theme, "Al-Anon There Is No Standing Still". TEAM is in 21 days. There are 120 registrations. The committee will make a decision on lunch menu tomorrow night. Hospitality room open at 5:00 pm. District 17 will handle the hospitality room at that time. Volunteers are still needed for Saturday 8-9; 12:30-1:30; 5:30-7:00. Dinner is on your own. There will be an Alateen panel and Al-Anon speaker, Liesel from Alaska. Workshops will not all focus on service, but also on personal recovery. Debbie G., Chair of the Executive Committee, Claire R., WSO Staff and Bruce, SC Regional Trustee will represent WSO. We need attendance of 230 to break even; we have half of what's needed. Contingency plans include passing basket. Must go on faith and trust. The 2018 International in Baltimore will be July 6-8. Day of Connecting, day before actual convention begins, to include workshops and panel discussions.

**Portland AIS Archive Storage Discussion** – Bunny G., asked if we need to follow up with Portland AIS on their request for use our storage. Judy was at last AIS meeting where there was a discussion about local storage, making it unnecessary for us to discuss the issue.

**AAPP Moment** – Joanne C., AAPP, Loves being AAPP. Everything is going smoothly. She is receiving AMIAS applications with more still coming. The process has changed. Payment is now due in advance: \$40.75 is sent in with application. Joanne's new address is on the roster. We are being asked to look at the Alateen safety guidelines, which have not been reviewed since 2015. We are looking at two separate guidelines, Safety and Recertification. Bunny appointed a Thought Force to look at Safety Guidelines: Joann C., Nancy N., Linda S., and Elizabeth, member from District 2. The Thought Force can use more people, not necessarily members of AWSC.

**Public Outreach Moment** – Deanna M., At the June AWSC Deanna asked the question, "Why does WSO uses actors in the Forum?" It was suggested she send the question to WSO. She read the answer she received from Pat Quiggle, Associate Director of Public Outreach—Media/Group Records. Mary Lynn also read an email she sent to WSO questioning the use of models as that relates to anonymity on the new WSO website. She has not received a response.

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Dawn suggested taking the question of anonymity back to districts and asking them to look at website. Do they see issue with anonymity? Discuss at DR breakout.

**11:55 Lunch**

**12:45 Resume Meeting**

### **DR/Coordinator/Officer Breakouts**

#### **Serenity Prayer**

#### **Invite new Executive Director to the July Assembly**

Bunny asked if we want to consider inviting the new Executive Directory to the July Assembly. Consensus was taken and decided not at this time.

**Budget Presentation** – Barb B., Audit/Budget Chair went over the proposed budget for 2018, explaining where changes occurred from 2017. As discussion took place, some items were changed.

Budgeted amount for Line 12 was changed to \$2,443 vs. what was proposed. Line 13 was changed to \$300. Line 14 was increased from this year because of the location of the NW Regional Delegates' Meeting. Delegate Misc. was increased to account for the delegates being responsible for printing rather than WSO printing delegates' notebooks. Line 20 increased because we don't know where events will be held and the cost of gas going up. Line 28 up because we changed our insurance coverage. Line 31 through 33 changed from the recommended amount to double 2017. Line 34 down to \$300 because both Past Delegates active at Assembly currently hold other positions. Officers Expenses same except Treasurer increased to \$200 for additional office supplies. AAPP reduced the amount requested to \$200 because of not holding a workshop. Line 51, Public Outreach, was questioned because there is no specific plan. The amount will remain as presented until Assembly when the plan will be finalized. Line 55 requested change to \$400 for printing AMIAS info for workshops and to visit all districts with Alateen meetings. Archives was changed because fireproof file cabinets will cost less than anticipated. Line 74 increased to \$150 for printing for next panel. An updated version of the Projected Budget will be emailed to all AWSC, as well as being attached to these minutes.

#### **AWSC Locations 2018:**

February – District 1 will partner with District 10 to hold AWSC at this location

June – District 17

October – District 7 in Eugene or Salem

#### **Action Committee Planning for Assembly**

**Literature Moment** – Judy J., Literature Coordinator. Bingo cards are to encourage use of literature and winner will be drawn at November Assembly. Quotations approved by WSO for calendars or other area or district publications. She will be part of a Literature Coordinators' Conference Call on October 18th. There are Conference Summaries for sale at literature table *Paths to Recovery* workbook sales are down.

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### **Upcoming Events:**

TEAM – November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

November Assembly – November 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> in Salem in conjunction with AA. We are encouraged to sign up for lunch, Judy J. will be the luncheon speaker. Use flyer and send in to AA for lunch and/or dinner. We can participate with AA by attending their events. You can still attend the speaker meetings without buying the meals.

March Assembly – Tama – March 16-18. Save the date flyer is in mailboxes; regular flyer will be available in November.

SSM – Deanna – April 20-22, 2018, Filling our Recovery Toolbox. Register early. Send in forms even if you don't want the meal package. \$8/lunch; \$12/dinner. Note on check that donation is from cup campaign. SSM out of state speaker was found through asking questions on AFG Connects. SSM will accept baskets from districts to raffle at Assembly.

July Assembly – Newport Shiloh Inn has given a bid; will look at other venues. Third weekend in July. There was a reminder to all hosting districts that Sue is AWSC and Assembly liaison, and can be contacted with questions.

### **November Assembly:**

SSM Report and Raffle

Bid for November 2018 Assembly

OAC Report – Saturday afternoon

TEAM Report from Cindy

Delegate's Report

Action Committee Breakouts

Budget Presentation and Vote

NWRD Meeting drawing

Group Budget Workshop

Forum Raffle

Reports from Action Committees

Membership Outreach Action Committee Announcements

Fellowship Communication will have Bingo Drawing

Book Reports – 5 min each with names

Communicator Moment

Audit Budget Report

Thought Force for having one Assembly (60 minutes)

Thought Force for getting more GRs to Assembly

Breakouts for GR/DR/Coordinator

### **4:50 Al-Anon Declaration, Dismissal**

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Lynn J., Secretary  
Oregon Area, Panel 56

**MOTION #1: To approve the Tech Position Job Description as amended.**

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**Motion by: Joanne C.    Second by: Barb B.    ONGOING MOTION**

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Oregon Area Al-Anon Family Groups  
Expense & Income vs. Annual Budget  
January 1 through October 12, 2017

			Jan 1 - Oct 12, 17	Budget	\$ Over Budget
1	Ordinary Income/Expense				
2	Income				
3	Revenue				
4	Group Contributions		14,022.06	14,000.00	22.06
5	Assembly Registrations		1,217.00	2,000.00	-783.00
6	Miscellaneous		6.00	0.00	6.00
7	Cash Carried Forward		20,556.56	19,995.00	561.56
8	1009 · TEAM Event Advance		0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
9	Total Revenue		35,801.62	36,995.00	-1,193.38
10	Total Income		35,801.62	36,995.00	-1,193.38
11	Expense				
12	Delegate Fund				
13	WSO ETF		1,909.00	1,909.00	0.00
14	Extra Day		0.00	200.00	-200.00
15	Delegate Meeting		239.08	600.00	-360.92
16	Delegate Travel		802.18	802.18	0.00
17	Delegate Miscellaneous		402.99	402.99	0.00
18	Total Delegate Fund		3,353.25	3,914.17	-560.92
19	Working Fund Expense				
20	Archive Rent		456.00	456.00	0.00
21	Area Travel Fund		901.67	2,000.00	-1,098.33
22	Communicator		85.56	200.00	-114.44
23	Assembly/AWSC Rent		2,748.48	3,000.00	-251.52
24	Insurance		2,502.00	800.00	1,702.00
25	2018 · TEAM Event Advance		1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
26	Total Working Fund Expense		7,693.71	7,456.00	237.71
27	Assembly Allowance/Meal/Lodging				
28	Officers		1,236.48	2,000.00	-763.52
29	Audit/Budget		311.33	600.00	-288.67
30	Coordinators		1,549.25	2,000.00	-450.75
31	Past Delegates		110.79	600.00	-489.21
32	Total Assembly Allowance/Meal/Lodging		3,207.85	5,200.00	-1,992.15
33	Officers Expenses				
34	Alternate Delegate		9.80	75.00	-65.20
35	Chairperson		0.00	100.00	-100.00
36	Secretary		7.73	50.00	-42.27
37	Treasurer		74.07	150.00	-75.93
38	AAPP Expenses		16.63	75.00	-58.37
39	Total Officers Expenses		108.23	450.00	-341.77



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			Jan 1 - Oct 12, 17	Budget	\$ Over Budget
40		<b>Assembly Expenses</b>			
41		Assembly Workshops	30.99	50.00	-19.01
42		Business Services A.C.	0.00	50.00	-50.00
43		Membership Outreach A.C.	349.70	349.70	0.00
44		Group Services A.C.	128.38	500.00	-371.62
45		Fellowship Communication A.C.	277.06	650.00	-372.94
46		Public Outreach A.C.	4,074.99	5,000.00	-925.01
47		Audit Budget Extra Day + Exp	0.00	50.00	-50.00
48		<b>Total Assembly Expenses</b>	<b>4,861.12</b>	<b>6,649.70</b>	<b>-1,788.58</b>
49		<b>Coordinator and Other Expenses</b>			
50		Alateen Coordinator Expenses	98.58	300.00	-201.42
51		Archives	0.00	600.00	-600.00
52		CPC	0.00	50.00	-50.00
53		Forum	0.00	80.00	-80.00
54		Group Records	22.81	50.00	-27.19
55		Literature	54.98	54.98	0.00
56		Public Information	24.11	50.00	-25.89
57		Web Coordinator	145.51	200.00	-54.49
58		<b>Total Coordinator and Other Expenses</b>	<b>345.99</b>	<b>1,384.98</b>	<b>-1,038.99</b>
59		<b>Delegate Meeting</b>			
60		Alternate Delegate	647.79	800.00	-152.21
61		Past Delegates	625.09	800.00	-174.91
62		<b>Total Delegate Meeting</b>	<b>1,272.88</b>	<b>1,600.00</b>	<b>-327.12</b>
63		<b>Other</b>			
64		Contingency Fund	0.00	941.91	-941.91
65		Equipment Supplies	1,928.55	2,000.00	-71.45
66		Handbook Update	0.00	50.00	-50.00
67		Transition Fund	0.00	500.00	-500.00
68		AMIAS Background check fee expenses	122.25	0.00	122.25
69		<b>Total Other</b>	<b>2,050.80</b>	<b>3,491.91</b>	<b>-1,441.11</b>
70		<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>22,893.83</b>	<b>30,146.76</b>	<b>-7,252.93</b>
71		Cash Balance as of 10/12/17	12,907.79	6,848.24	6,059.55
72		Ample Reserve	6,862.00	6,862.00	0.00
73		Available Cash as of 10/12/17	6,045.79	-13.76	6,059.55



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## **REPORTS**

### **AMIAS Recertification Thought Force**

Joanne C, Oregon Area Process Person

Linda S, Alateen Coordinator

Loretta P, AMIAS

Caralynn W, AMIAS

Bill W, chair

#### **Purpose of the Thought Force**

The AAPP surveyed other Areas and learned only one other area relied on a single background check as part of the application process to become an AMIAS followed by an annual recertification process with questions answered by each AMIAS. When this information was shared with the AWSC, a Thought Force was formed and charged with answering the following question:

“Does the current recertification process do enough to protect Alateens in the Alateen/AMIAS relationship?”

Thoughts leading to the recommendations:

The position of AAPP receives about one complaint per panel, and under the current AAPP no AMIAS has been asked to discontinue service as an AMIAS. The process in place does seem to be keeping Alateens safe.

However, two District Representatives have shared that they are not comfortable with the current recertification process, that asking questions by telephone of an AMIAS they may not know well is inadequate for them to recertify with confidence. And an AMIAS on the thought force was also skeptical of the effectiveness of the process when she is being recertified.

The Thought Force then asked if this level of safety was because of the process or in spite it; had our Area just been lucky? Why were other Areas doing more? Should we do more?

One intent of the recertification process is to remove the potential for harassment of Alateen members by an AMIAS. The quickest and most reliable source to identify the unwanted attentions as well as the person advancing those attentions are the Alateen members. Our opinion is that to broach the subject as part of the recertification process would do more harm than good; to ask Alateens to comment on the conduct of their sponsor with Alateen members without a report of an incident would only disrupt and erode the trust between Alateen members and their sponsors.

It has been suggested that Alateens be encouraged to contact the District Representative to report an incident. Our opinion is that expecting Alateens to call the District Representative to report an incident is unrealistic. Alateen members will distance themselves from the source of harassment and not come back rather than report the incident to a person they may not know very well or who may not believe them.

With these thoughts in mind, our recommendations for consideration by AWSC members are as follows:

1. A questionnaire be answered and signed by each AMIAS to qualify for recertification.

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Our opinion is that questions offering greater confidence in the recertification process should be drafted and would best be drafted by current and past District Representatives, as their experiences in the process would better inform the number and types of questions to ask.

Further, our opinion is that a hard copy of questions answered and signed by the AMIAS would also give the District Representative more confidence in the AMIAS and the process.

2. Updated Oregon Alateen Safety Guidelines be read with a signature of agreement to comply fully with the guidelines,

Our opinion is that a hard copy of the updated Oregon Alateen Safety Guidelines read and signed with an intent to comply by the AMIAS will, through the recertification process, keep the AMIAS abreast of changes to the Guidelines, express the AMIAS commitment to comply with the guidelines, and give the District Representative greater confidence in the recertification process.

3. AMIAS training be provided during Assembly weekends,

Our opinion is that training made available at Assemblies will allow AMIAS to become aware of and discuss the intent and application of changes to guidelines as well as different perspectives on existing guidelines. This would also allow District Representatives who wished to gain further confidence in the recertification process to learn about what it means to become and remain an AMIAS.

4. A list of all AMIAS recertified for the current year be sent to all recertified AMIAS.

Our opinion is that a list of AMIAS certified for the current year would allow other AMIAS, District Representatives and AAPP to have information of those AMIAS willing to participate in the recertification process and eligible to continue to sponsor Alateens.

5. A minimum of two AMIAS be present with Alateens at meetings and other events to discourage unwanted behavior of an AMIAS and to also protect AMIAS from false claims of poor conduct.

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

Oregon Area Al-Anon Family Groups

### POSITION NAME: **Technology Coordinator**

TERM LENGTH: Three Years (Beginning January 1, after election)

DESCRIPTION: An Al-Anon member, not necessarily a GR, who is elected by the Area Assembly. The Technology Coordinator has voice and vote at the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meetings and voice only at Assemblies unless also a GR.

The Technology Coordinator needs a willingness to work with and alongside of Area Officers and Area Coordinators when setting up various presentations. Must be willing

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to store, transport, set-up, and maintain area equipment, including but not limited to microphones, projector, and the sound system.

It is a requirement to have knowledge of computer software programs used by Oregon Area members, audio visual equipment set-up and use for presentations and the ability to quickly learn current programs being used. Although not a requirement, a Service Sponsor is highly recommended.

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Become thoroughly familiar with the Service Manual and the Oregon Area Handbook.
- Write a brief report for The February Communicator and present an oral (5 minutes) report to the July Assembly and provide an electronic copy to the Oregon Area Secretary for inclusion in the minutes.
- Keep a 3-ring binder updated of communications, workshops, WSO mail, etc. to pass on to the next coordinator.
- Serve on Business Service Action Committee.
- Reply to emails received through Oregon Area Website.
- Must be willing to attend every AWSC and Assembly meeting or have at least notified the Oregon Area Chair with as much time as possible if unable to attend.
- Arrive a minimum of 30 minutes early to each meeting to have all equipment set up.
- Be willing to research new software programs and equipment in order to facilitate electronic meetings in various parts of the state as well as to assist with implementing those changes.
- Work with AWSC and Assembly host to make sure we have everything needed in order to use electronic technology with our current Area equipment and computing devices.

### **Report - Thought Force on Having One Assembly A Year**

Our thought force is made up of Cindy, Donelda and I. We used the 5 KBDM questions to discuss this topic. Our mission statement is “The purpose of this thought force is to gather information as to the feasibility of having sufficient time to complete the work of Al-Anon statewide in 1 assembly per year. We will discuss the pros and cons of having 1 assembly per year. For the good of Al-Anon we will use the three legacies as our guiding principals”. I will condense our findings in this report. The complete notes of our meetings are contained in the documents being passed out.

**Question 1-What do we know about our members or prospective members’ needs that is relevant to this discussion?** The points we found for this question were that some members feel one assembly is all that is needed because we waste too much time at the **assemblies and their groups could not afford to send them anymore than once per year**. Others felt we didn’t have enough time at assemblies. The Action Committees would really suffer with only one assembly a year. We would **also** lose the camaraderie that creates enthusiasm, commitment, and allows us to

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get things done. There wouldn't be any buy-in from the assembly members. Links of service are already breaking down with 3 assemblies per year and it would get worse.

**Question 2-What do we know about the resources & our vision for the organization that is relevant to this discussion (finances, membership participation)?** Contributions to the Oregon area have been sufficient to cover 3 assemblies. In the current Service Manual, page 153, paragraph 4 – “absent GRs should be asked to have their groups share of the (assembly) costs remitted to the Area Treasurer”. If this were happening, there would be no cost savings. More money would be needed for the district groups to fund the Delegate to give the Delegates Report to 17 districts. Interest and participation would drop down with only 1 assembly a year.

**Question 3-What do we know about the current realities (membership, culture), evolving dynamics of the world & our fellowship's environment (technology, our legacies & spiritual principals) that is relevant to this discussion?**

- This has been brought to the area before
- In an AFG Connect poll, 19 areas reported averages between 15-63% of GRs attending assemblies. 5 of the areas reported less than 30%

Conference calls have very low attendance and some people are uncomfortable with them. Having multiple people, more than 3, would make it harder for brainstorming and communication. It is not as easy to capture enthusiasm and spread that enthusiasm through emails or other technology.

**Question 4-What are the ethical implications of our choices? (Pros & Cons) In other words, will our decision be consistent with our spiritual principals?** The spiritual principals we came up with are:

- Integrity
- Inclusiveness
- Principles above personality
- Responsibility
- Courage
- Willingness
- Humility
- Compassion
- Respect
- Perseverance
- Faith
- Trust

We are using these principals as a measurement against the task . Using these spiritual principles we thought DRs getting support by having 6 meetings per year includes trust, respect, responsibility, and inclusiveness.

Cons are: people could stop at district level from entering service, assemblies won't be as effective, willingness of members– could go both ways, less of a commitment, and less thorough of a job. Once a year won't necessarily increase our attendance averages. Also information would not be taken back to groups in a timely manner. Conference calls have very low attendance and some people are uncomfortable with them. Having multiple people, more than 3,

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would make it harder for brainstorming and communication. It is not as easy to capture enthusiasm and spread that enthusiasm through emails or other technology.

**Pros are: those groups that cannot afford 3 assemblies but would actually send them to one would be successful.**

### **Question 5-What do we not know about this issue that we wish we knew?**

We wish we knew:

- Would more groups actually send a Group Representative
- What do Group Representatives want to have available to them at assemblies
- Do Group Representatives know what the assembly is supposed to accomplish here in Oregon
- Why don't more groups send GRs – assume financial
- What does the assembly as a whole want
- Would communication by email keep groups informed – would people read them
- Grs said they did not want tons of emails – cons complaints already
- Could we really get all the business done
- What all would we have to cut out
- What percentage of members can only give \$1 contribution weekly
- What other issues keep GRs from coming to assemblies?
- How many people are doing service at the area level longer than they want to?
- Does only having one assembly interfere with Concept 4 - Participation is the key to harmony Less participation from Gr's with one assembly
- How much time do people feel we spend on things that are frivolous?

### **How do Al-Anon's legacies apply to this issue?**

Page xiii – “Through study of these three legacies, we learn not only is our personal recovery essential, but also, without the unity as expressed in the Traditions and the service work described in the Concepts, Al-Anon will not survive.” Paths to Recovery B-24

Respectfully Submitted,  
Donelda, Cindy & Joanne

## **Insurance Report 10.14.17**

We officially received our new insurance policy in July, 2017 which will cover all of Oregon's Al-Anon and Alateen meetings and events until July, 2018, when it will be renewed.

There was a request from District 6 regarding insurance coverage for AIS and I had a conference call with our agent and the DR to discuss the feasibility of adding this coverage. However, like stolen or lost equipment, this coverage would be in addition to the present premium. AIS has employees and inventory, so therefore is a different type of coverage.

The certificates issued as of today:

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1. Medford School District requested a certificate for a new Alateen meeting.
2. District 10 requested a certificate for SSM in 2018.
3. District 9 requested a certificate for an event they had in September.
4. A new Alateen meeting at the New Urban High School, which is an alternative school and considered an institution requested a certificate.

I am keeping a binder which has copies of certificates and the insurance policy with a log of the names and dates requested.

As a reminder all requests or questions should be sent to me and I will be the point person for all transactions. It will eliminate any confusion for the agent and save him time.

The Chairperson requested that I put together a procedure manual which will be simple and straightforward. In essence, all that a group or district needs to do is send me an email with the following information:

Name of location and address

Contact person with email.

You will receive the certificate within a couple of days.

## **Flyer Eligibility Publication of Events and /or Activities in the Oregon Area**

### **Criteria for Approval:**

To be eligible for posting on Area Website, *The Communicator*, or distribution at Area events, flyers (events/activities) must meet the following criteria:

- Be a registered Al-Anon Family Group; **or**
- Be sponsored by an entity within the links of service in **Oregon Al-Anon, Alateen, or Alcoholics Anonymous**. Links of service are defined as registered Groups, Districts, Al-Anon Information Service, Intergroup, or the Oregon Area. *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual 2010 – 2013, pgs. 58-63*
- No outside (non Al-Anon, Alateen or AA) events or entities may be listed, as this would imply endorsement of an outside enterprise. *Tradition 6 and Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual 2010 – 2013, p 117*

### **Determination Process**

The ultimate authority and responsibility for determining which flyers are approved belongs to a Flyer Committee. The Flyer Committee will be made up of three Area World Service Committee (AWSC) members to be appointed by the Chairman. Their determination will be final.

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### Procedure

To have a flyer published [1] on the Oregon Area website; [2] put into *The Communicator* and/or [3] distributed at an Area event:

- Please use the Flyer Guidelines checklist (on the following page) when making up your flyer.
- Please submit the flyer at least 1 month in advance of the date of the event.
- When your flyer is ready, go to the Oregon Area Web site, and under **Contacts** send an email to the "Flyer Committee". This will send the flyer to all three members at once.
- Submit the flyer for review in either PDF or Microsoft Word format, along with the following information in the text of your email:
  - Your Contact name
  - Your Contact phone number
  - Your Contact e-mail address

The committee has appointed a chairperson who will:

- Communicate with the person sending the flyer within 1 day and send a confirmation email upon receiving the flyer
- Communicate with the other 2 members about the items on the checklist
- Request edits or clarifications if needed and once those are received
- Send final approved of flyer to Web Coordinator and *The Communicator* Editor and submitter of the flyer.
- The flyer will be posted within 1 day to the web.

## FLYER GUIDELINES

**Flyers should include the following information:**

- Name or theme:** This is the title of the event i.e.: "A DAY IN AL-ANON".
- What is it?:** A brief description of the event, i.e.: "FUN, FELLOWSHIP AND EDUCATION".
- Host organization:** Identify who is hosting the event and their location, i.e.: "YOURGROUP AFG, Sisters, Oregon". Please remember to state that this is an Al-Anon event as sometimes AA and Al-Anon are the same district number and some AA groups have the same group name.
- Speakers:** If this is a speaking event, give information on the speaker(s) Example would be speaker Mary D. from South Florida.
- When (date of the event):** Include the **full date** (month, day and year).



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- Time of the event:** List the starting and ending time of the event including AM or PM. If there are various events with different start times, list the start time for each event or give website where the schedule can be found.
- Where:** List the full address, **City, State and Zip Code**
- Instructions** in cities where there may be multiple streets with the same name). Include a simple but clear map, if possible with driving instructions for out of town guests.
- Who's invited:** Identify who is invited, i.e. Al-Anon & AA, Alateen or only Al-Anon members.
- Additional information about the event:** List what will be taking place, i.e.: 50/50 drawing, auction, spaghetti feed, or any other events taking place.
- Proceeds for:** Include the name of the entity, event or group receiving the proceeds from this event.
- Contact information:** Include a name, phone number and email address should there be any questions regarding the event. Use email addresses not containing a member's last name.
- Registration Form:** If your flyer has a registration form, these are some things to remember:
  - Include the amount of the registration fee and who it applies to. Specify if it is a voluntary contribution or not;
  - Name and mailing address;
  - Who to write the checks to;
  - Registration deadline date; and
  - If pre-registration is required; or If you will accept registrations at the door

## Delegate's Report

Beautiful fall we're having. I love the days – they're warm and sunny. The evenings are cool and I need to snuggle under the covers. I appreciate the beauty that has appeared with the smoke gone and the air clear again. The leaves are changing.

Is your job what you expected? Are you getting the support you need to be successful? Do you have things you want to accomplish? How has your service work enhanced your recovery? What changes do you see needed in your role? In Oregon's role?

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We are the leaders of Oregon Area Al-Anon. Did you think about that when you stood for your position? When you stood for Archives Coordinator, did you think of yourself as a leader? When you stood for DR of your District, did you think about being the leader not only for your District but for Oregon Area as well?

What we do in Al-Anon, is seen by others. Other DRs look at their peers, GRs look at all of us. It is mimicked, or shared. It is discussed as a positive event or something someone doesn't care for. We are constantly leading change or being affected by change. I have been to 2 World Service Conferences. I have been asked about past delegates. I have been asked about our Action Committees, our 3 AWSC meetings and our 3 Assemblies. I have been asked about our Alateen program. I have been asked about our meetings. I have been told I am so lucky because of everything Oregon has in Al-Anon. And yet, internally we are being asked to consider having only 1 assembly per year. A change?

I used to hate change. Change meant I didn't get to have the illusion of control over my environment anymore. Change meant I had to adjust again. And again. Today, I love change because that means I can implement things I want in my life. It's all confusing yet interesting to me. In my personal program of recovery, I get to choose what change I want to participate in and that I have a voice and a vote for the change I may not want. We may not get our way, but at least we know we do get to have a voice, sometimes a vote and always an opportunity to support the majority decision.

The WSO is changing. We had an interim Executive Director who made changes in the focus of the staff the last 2 years. The Executive Committee which is made up of Trustees, Regional and At Large, saw ways to make changes in services and content such as seeing the need to save money and hire new technology personnel. They've hired a new Executive Director, her name is Vali F. She served as a Panel 53 Delegate from Arizona, Area Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Additional Al-Anon service roles include AIS Chair and Alateen Coordinator. Vali also brings over 20 years of business experience including management of teams of staff throughout the world. Vali has a keen understanding of the world's ever-changing landscape and how those changes have and will continue to impact the growth and diversity of our fellowship.

Our current interim Executive Director, Mary G., has committed to working side-by-side with Vali beginning September 5th through the October Board meeting. This transition period will ensure that our new Executive Director, our World Service Office (WSO) staff and our fellowship as a whole, experience a smooth transition.

As shared in the April 2017 Chairperson of the Board Letter, the Board believes this transition period is supported by the spiritual principles of our program by offering the sharing of our experience, strength and hope. **We then let go and allow the new Executive Director the freedom to oversee the World Service Office in her own way as outlined in Concept Eleven.**

They've announced to the Conference this year a change in the direction of the WSO services. The original intent 66 years ago with having an office was so they could do for Al-Anon groups what groups could not do themselves. – for example, it wouldn't be feasible for groups to

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produce their own literature....They provide services to help individuals and groups worldwide “Paths to Recovery”, page 139. WSO purpose – please open your Service Manual to page 135. The “Big Question” exercise we participated in last assembly is to help us in our groups, districts and areas solve our own questions and problems using the tools we have available to us. The WSO is NOT the final authority. WSO is an arm of the body, not the decision maker. As the Delegate for Oregon, I receive copies of emails that individuals or groups send to the WSO minus identifying information such as names, Group Names, or District numbers. The issue this particular letter was talking about was perceived dominance by members in the district. I wish those members would have known to come to the Area if they couldn’t get something at the District level resolved or to even just notify me so we could at least talk about the situation. This is what the WSO wants to have us do...be responsible in educating our membership in at least 2 facts: one, come to the Area when you have an issue you need resolution for or two, you should be able to trust that you can talk with the Delegate and be heard, maybe a different perspective.

The 2018 International Al-Anon General Services Meeting (IAGSM) will meet October 2018 in Virginia Beach. The purpose of the IAGSM is to share the experience of Al-Anon national services around the world through their Delegates. Delegates to the IAGSM encourage the growth of a sound service structure while maintaining worldwide unity through the application of our Traditions. Ultimately, this leads to the primary purpose of Al-Anon as a whole — to seek the best way to carry the Al-Anon message of recovery

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Finance - The General Fund recorded a loss of \$10,349 for this period, compared to a gain of \$341,931 this period last year. That represents a net negative of \$352,280 over this period last year. This is mainly due to full staffing in the office this year, which was not the case last year. It is also reflective of the amazing bump in Contributions this time last year after the World Service Conference. Revenue from literature sales was slightly above that of 2016, and is tracking ahead of budgeted expectations. We are hopeful that Contributions and Sales increases will allow us to grow the Reserve Fund by not transferring funds from the Reserve Fund to the General Fund. If you remember, the Reserve Fund is suppose to be the cost of one years expenditures. As of the beginning of this year, we only had enough to cover 8 months. Unless we can get our membership to understand Literature Sales will not cover the cost of running the WSO anymore and we need to increase our contributions consistently, we will need to withdraw money from our Reserve Fund.

The following topics were discussed at the July 2017 Policy Committee meeting:

Group Autonomy: Tradition Four and Warranty Four discussion, which was started at the Open Policy meeting at the 2017 World Service Conference, continued.

Electronic Meetings discussion, started at the 2017 WSC Open Policy meeting, resulted in a thought force created to produce a KBDM for the July 2017 Policy Meeting. The Policy Committee reviewed the KBDM and after a discussion decided to create a work group that will explore ways to reach out to electronic meetings and find ways to allow them to fully participate in the fellowship.

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“Open” and “Closed” Terminology discussion continued. The Policy Committee agreed, by consensus, to remove the term “Closed” from the Policy Digest. The Policy Committee decided to wait for the report back from the “Policy Digest Thought Force” in October 2017 before deciding on the next steps to take.

2018 WSC Theme – Al-Anon, There Is No Standing Still - This theme, an excerpt from a statement made by our co-founder Lois W., is both a reminder and a call to action for every member. Al-Anon must continue to grow if it is going to fulfill its primary purpose of reaching millions who need Al-Anon’s help but are not yet aware of the existence of our fellowship.

## Oregon Alateen Conference (OAC)

I had the privilege of attending the 2017 OAC last weekend! It truly was an honor because the Alateen Planning Committee has to invite you if you’re not an Alateen Sponsor.

I didn’t have any idea of what to expect, so I took my Higher Power with me and drove to the Molalla Retreat Center for the weekend. I was given 20 minutes to share on Saturday afternoon and the rest of the weekend I was encouraged to participate in whatever ways I could.

This retreat is planned by the teens with support from adult sponsors. I was cheered for my report and for the love gifts I brought to them.

Some of the titles for their workshops were, Self-harm/Depression, Qualities and Talents, Acceptance and more. The teens invite whatever adults they want included in their workshops, no one else is able to attend. I was able to attend the Sponsors workshops and learned so much about their commitment to these individuals that bring their hearts and their problems and learn to trust each other in a way that we don’t as adults.

Alateen celebrated 60 years this year, just like we as Al-Anon are celebrating 66 years. So many of us don’t have any idea about our Alateens and their program. We know they have a meeting, that their program is based on ours....but what do you really know about the problems they face....at school, at home, in society?

To me, it is sad that more Alateens are brought into their program by an alcoholic, than by us in Al-Anon. One of the reasons is because we keep the belief in our heads that we haven’t harmed our children, that we protected them. I’m guilty of this. I will admit to myself, God and you, another person. In my program today, I admit to my children I didn’t know how to do so many things to help them maneuver through growing up in an alcoholic home. I make living amends to them today and every day.

I ask you to look at the children in your life and think of our Al-Anon programs and ask yourself ..... is there anything you could do to help make life better for them, One Day at a Time?

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**TEAM** – How many of you have registered? I have emailed or snail mailed every active group in Oregon a flyer about our event. I even sent it to our Spanish groups since we will be offering translation. Al-Anon's are typically late in registering for things. This seems to be no exception. I have forms here today in your mail boxes, on your tables and up here. I would love to take your registrations and give them to the committee. The previous flyers had Loretta's address on them, she's had to step back some in that she won't be at the event due to a conflict with the Alateen Convention in northern California. So please, either give them to Dawn K, the Oregon Area treasurer for TEAM or myself. The event is November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Friday night, we'll have the Hospitality room open before the event starting at 5:00 pm. 2 Districts in Portland have stepped up and offered to be there for anyone to come in, visit, have a cup of coffee or ? Then at 7:00 pm we'll start our event with each of the 2 Trustees and the WSO Staff person sharing 15 minutes each on their own experience, strength and hope. After that we'll have an icebreaker to get to know each other better and we'll close for the evening.

Saturday, we still need to find someone or multiple someones to staff the Hospitality room for the day only from 8-9 12:30 – 1:30 5:30 – 7. Anyone willing to consider? Saturday morning we'll start with workshops and keep you laughing, learning, and most importantly enjoying yourself through lunch and until 5:00 pm.

We're still working on what to offer for lunch – we're looking at a Healthy Focus plan, consisting of Lemon chicken, soup or salad or maybe Seasonal fish caponata with whole wheat pasta; Brew house, consisting of Beef, vegetable, and barley soup or Chipotle BBQ chicken; or maybe a Southwest selection of: Fajita-style cumin spiced beef or chicken. We'll see when we get there – I won't spoil the surprise.

At 5:00 pm, we'll break for dinner and come back at 7:00 pm to hear a remarkable Alateen speaker and a past Delegate from Alaska share her Al-Anon story.

Finally, Al-Anon and Alateen members from around the world will come together at the beautiful waterfront of Baltimore, Maryland on July 6 – 8, 2018 for Al-Anon's Sixth International Convention. On Thursday, July 5, 2018, an extraordinary "Day of Connecting" is planned prior to the weekend events. How many of us have gone to an Al-Anon International? I think the last one was in Vancouver BC – is that correct? How many are planning to go to Baltimore? Some Delegates are talking about meeting in New York for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, then going to the International from there – sound like fun?

I have a short power point on the "Day of Connecting" that I've been asked to share with you.

Take advantage of early registration!

The 2018 International Convention link for registration is available now on the Public Outreach site <https://al-anon.org> Look at the very top of the screen (in the blue section). Click on the words "2018 International Convention Registration."

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On the Members' website, there is a new added link on the sign-in / password page. Click on the link "2018 International Convention."

Thank you for allowing me to be in service with you.

Sincerely,  
Cindy Erickson  
OR Delegate

### **AAPP Report for AWSC Oct. 14, 2017**

I love being AAPP and everything is going smoothly. August was a busy month for me. AAPP applications came in bunches. I received two from District 6, two from District 5 and the great surprise of four from District 2. It was quite a job to keep everybody straight and on task. Tama will have two applications soon from District 7, one coming from District 4, and one from District 5.

In case you haven't had put in an AMIAS application lately we have changed the process a little. Now the payment for the background check must be received before the process begins. Mail me a check made out to the Area for \$40.75 along with the application. I will forward the check to our treasurer Dawn and begin the background check. My new address is on the roster.

I also have been busy on the thought force on AMIAS recertification, a topic of importance to me.

I would like to bring up the subject of the Oregon Area Alateen Safety Guidelines. These guidelines were adopted in 2005 and have not been discussed since then. I feel it is time we looked at these guidelines. Maybe no changes would be made but it least they would be reviewed. I would like to request a thought force be created to look at these guidelines.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.  
With love in service,  
Joanne C., AAPP

### **Question to WSO in regards to actors being used as public outreach**

At the June AWSC I asked why WSO uses actors for public outreach. I understand there is a disclaimer saying they are actors and not Al-Anon members. Disclaimers are meant to protect the entity from being sued and such. The common person reading an article, seeing a PSA... will associate that person with Al-Anon. If that person in their personal life commits a crime or such, they are the face of Al-Anon. The disclaimer means nothing to the people just putting a face with information. I don't understand why we can't use cartoons, animals.... basically we could use actual Al-Anons and not show faces and not have to pay them. To the newcomer we stress anonymity and hand them a Forum. If they miss the fine print, then why would they want to believe it.

**Pat Quiggle - Associate Director of Public Outreach--Media/Group Records @ WSO responded**

Thank you for writing to the Al-Anon World Service Office to request more understanding about

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anonymity in the media, such as public service announcements (PSAs) and "The Forum" magazine.

As stated in Tradition Five, "Each Al-Anon Family Group has but one purpose: to help families of alcoholics. We do this by practicing the Twelve Steps of AA ourselves, by encouraging and understanding our alcoholics relatives, and by welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics."

The intent behind the use of actors in Al-Anon public service announcements is to extend a warm welcome and offer comfort to families and friends of alcoholics if they will attend Al-Anon meetings in their local community.

Regarding the principle of anonymity, please see page 42 in the "2014-2017 Al-Anon/ Alateen Service Manual," where it explains, "The principle of anonymity acts as a restraint on members at the public level to assure that no one will use Al-Anon for profit, prestige, or power." It goes on to say, "No one's story is more important than others. We are a fellowship of equals and Al-Anon is a program of principles, not personalities."

Tradition Eleven says, "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, and TV. We need guard with special care the anonymity of all AA members."

At some time in the future, as you suggested, it is possible that the use of cartoon figures or pictures of animals might convey a warmer welcome and a better feeling of comfort than pictures of actors do today. According to the Nielsen national TV rating system, Al-Anon PSAs currently rank in the top five percent for the number of times TV stations play all PSAs throughout the US today. This combination of actors' faces and anonymous Al-Anon members' stories has opened the door for the media's help in reaching more families and friends of alcoholics.

Al-Anon PSAs undergo a rigid internal review process that includes the Public Outreach Committee, WSO staff, the Policy Committee, the WSO Board of Trustees and the World Service Conference. Any violations of the Steps, Traditions or Concepts of Service must be corrected before distribution can be offered to the media.

The reason for showing partial faces in "The Forum" is to show the subscription audience of Al-Anon members how we respect each other's anonymity as members. The reason for showing full faces of actors in PSAs and in "Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism" magazine is to show the media and the general public that Al-Anon is a highly respected and trustworthy fellowship of people who care about other people.

In the spirit of Tradition One, we ask that you support Al-Anon's efforts to attract more families and friends of alcoholics to the kinds of help and hope that we have found for ourselves and our families in Al-Anon Family Groups.

Deanna M. – District 10 DR



## OREGON AREA AL-ANON 2018 PROPOSED BUDGET

Compared to 2017 Approved Budget [Increases in Bold; Decreases in Italics]

No.	Category	2018	2017	Increases &
		Budget	Budget	Decreases
<b>1</b>	<b>Revenue</b>			
2	Group Contributions	16,000.00	14,000.00	<b>2,000.00</b>
3	Assembly Registrations	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
4	State Speaker Meeting	3,500.00	0.00	<b>3,500.00</b>
5	SSM Advance	1,500.00	0.00	<b>1,500.00</b>
6	TEAM Event Advance for 2017	0.00	1,000.00	<i>(1,000.00)</i>
7	Cash Carried Forward	11,246.00	19,995.00	<i>(8,749.00)</i>
<b>8</b>	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>34,246.00</b>	<b>36,995.00</b>	<i>(2,749.00)</i>
9				
<b>10</b>	<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>11</b>	<b>Delegate Fund</b>			
12	WSO ETF	2,443.00	1,909.00	<b>534.00</b>
13	Extra Day	300.00	200.00	100.00
14	Delegate Meeting (NWRDM)	700.00	600.00	<b>100.00</b>
15	Delegate Travel	1,000.00	800.00	<b>200.00</b>
16	Delegate Miscellaneous	700.00	350.00	<b>350.00</b>
17	Sub-Total: Delegate Fund	5,143.00	3,859.00	<b>1,284.00</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Working Fund Expense</b>			
19	Archive Rent	456.00	456.00	0.00
20	Area Travel Funds [ATF]	3,000.00	2,000.00	<b>1,000.00</b>
21	Communicator	200.00	200.00	0.00
22	SSM Advance	1,500.00	0.00	<b>1,500.00</b>
23	TEAM Event Advance for 2017	0.00	1,000.00	<i>(1,000.00)</i>
24	March Assembly Rent & Expenses	900.00	900.00	0.00
25	July Assembly Rent & Expenses	900.00	900.00	0.00
26	November Assembly Rent & Expenses	900.00	900.00	0.00
27	AWSC Rent [3 @ \$100 each]	300.00	300.00	0.00
28	Insurance	1,900.00	800.00	<b>1,100.00</b>
29	Sub-Total: Working Fund Exp	10,056.00	7,456.00	<b>2,600.00</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>Assembly/AWSC Allowance(Meal/Lodging)</b>			
31	Officers	4,000.00	2,000.00	<b>2,000.00</b>
32	Audit/Budget	1,200.00	600.00	<b>600.00</b>
33	Coordinators	4,000.00	2,000.00	<b>2,000.00</b>
34	Past Delegates	300.00	600.00	<i>(300.00)</i>
35	Regional Trustee/Board Visit	0.00	0.00	0.00

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36	Sub-Total: Assem/AWSC Allowance(Meals/Lodging)	9,500.00	5,200.00	4,300.00
37	<b>Officers Expenses</b>			
38	Alternate Delegate	75.00	75.00	0.00
39	Chairperson	100.00	100.00	0.00
40	Secretary	50.00	50.00	0.00
41	Treasurer	200.00	150.00	50.00
42	AAPP	100.00	75.00	25.00
43	Sub-Total: Officers Expenses	525.00	450.00	75.00
44	<b>Expenses [Continued]</b>			
45	<b>Assembly Expenses</b>			
46	Assembly Workshops	50.00	50.00	0.00
47	Business Services A.C.	50.00	50.00	0.00
48	Membership Outreach A.C.	500.00	300.00	200.00
49	Group Services A.C.	300.00	500.00	(200.00)
50	Fellowship Communication A.C.	700.00	650.00	50.00
51	Public Outreach A.C.	8,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
52	Audit Budget Extra Day Expenses	50.00	50.00	0.00
53	Sub-Total: Assembly Workshops	9,650.00	5,600.00	4,050.00
54	<b>Coordinators and Others Expenses</b>			
55	Alateen	400.00	300.00	100.00
56	Archives	75.00	600.00	(525.00)
57	CPC	50.00	50.00	0.00
58	Forum	80.00	80.00	0.00
59	Group Records	50.00	50.00	0.00
60	Literature	75.00	50.00	25.00
61	Public Information	150.00	50.00	100.00
62	Website	200.00	200.00	0.00
63	Sub-Total: Coordinators	1,080.00	1,380.00	(300.00)
64	<b>Delegate Meeting</b>			
65	Alternate Delegate	0.00	800.00	(800.00)
66	NWDM Support	0.00	0.00	0.00
67	Past Delegates	700.00	800.00	(100.00)
68	Sub-Total: Delegate Meeting	700.00	1,600.00	(900.00)
69	<b>Other</b>			
70	Task Force/Thought Force Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00
71	Alateen Coordinator Sponsor Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00
72	Contingency Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
73	Equipment Supplies	100.00	2,000.00	(1,900.00)
74	Handbook Update	150.00	50.00	100.00
75	Transition Fund	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
76	Sub-Total: Other Expenses	1,250.00	3,550.00	(2,300.00)

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77	Ample Reserves	10,000.00	6,254.00	3,746.00
78	Total Expenses & Reserve	47,904.00	35,349.00	12,555.00
79				
80	<b>Budget Balancing Ledger</b>			
81	Budgeted Income	34,246.00	36,995.00	(2,749.00)
82	Budgeted Expenses	(47,904.00)	(35,349.00)	12,555.00
83	Experienced Shortfall of Budgeted Expenses	13,658.00	(1,646.00)	15,304.00
84	<b>Total of Budget Balancing Ledger</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00

**LITERATURE REPORT – AWSC -- OCTOBER 14, 2017**

- BINGO....One card will be drawn at the November Assembly to win basket....All others will get a Service Manual \$1, or Conflict Card.
- ALATEEN 60<sup>TH</sup> ....We suggested buying Alateen Literature to honor Alateens 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Did any group purchase Alateen literature to give to Alateen Groups or a School or ?
- HAND OUT CALENDAR QUOTES FOR NEXT YEAR....Use these quotes to copy on a Calendar to raise funds or for other ideas. They have already been approved by WSO.
- CONFERENCE CALL, OCTOBER 18, 5:00 ....I get to participate in a Conference Call with WSO and other Literature coordinators. Do you have any questions or concerns you would like me to share?
- SHOW POSTER OF ELECTRONIC BOOKS— WSO is NOT ENDORSING (just helping the fellowship where to find this.) The information is on the WSO web site under literature, catagories then electronic literature.
- NEW INTIMACY BOOK - HOPEFULLY READY FOR JULY INTERNATIONAL
- PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS – THEY ARE HOPEING TO HAVE OUT EARLY NEXT YEAR (WSC?)
- SHARINGS FOR NEW “INCLUSIVE” DAILY READER.....Here is information on how to send in your sharings via the WSO Web Site.
- CAL CORNER—Always need sharings for the Forum Magazine CAL CORNER section Here is the form to help and remind the members to contribute to our literature.  
 Novembers focus is on the Dilemma Alcoholic Marriage--- and coming up==  
 Many voices one journey, Opening our hearts and transforming our losses, Lois remembers, ODAT. Reaching for personal freedom, Paths to recovery **and the workbook.**
- PATHS WORKBOOK SALES WAY DOWN. Share how it has helped you. 3 holed punched to help you add pages.

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## **2018 - State Speakers Meeting**

- Date: April 20-22, 2018
- Location: Patton Middle School in McMinnville
- Theme: Filling Our Recovery Tool Box
- Out of State Speaker will be Tarcilia F. (Past Delegate) from Tennessee
- AA Speaker will be Madeleine P. (Past AA Delegate and Trustee) from Happy Valley, Oregon

Registration is open –

- Our committee is trying hard to encourage everyone to come. Attendance has dropped off the last few years and we would like to turn that around. Please register early so we have an estimate on members and families coming. Please send in a registration form even if you don't want a meal. Each person should fill out a separate form.
- Meals will be \$8 for Lunch and \$12 for Dinner. Fundraising:

Funds:

- Donations – Groups, Districts, Individuals
- 2018 SSM Give it up Campaign cup – We ask that you pass the cup around according to your group conscious but suggested once or twice a month. Please mail all donations to 2018 State Speakers Meeting P.O. Box 921 Tualatin, OR 97062 and note on the checks that the money is from the cup campaign. This can be done multiple times through April.
- Selling lanyards for \$5.00
- Selling an assortment of Al-Anon Slogan signs for sale at Assemblies or if you contact us.

Looking for someone that can start the crowd of in fun tunes. If you or someone you know may be able willing to participate please let us know.

If you have any questions please contact the committee at [SSM@oregonal-anon.org](mailto:SSM@oregonal-anon.org).

Please come and support your 2018 State Speakers Meeting.

Deanna M  
2018 SSM Chairman