

Oregon A.W.S.C. Minutes
District 6 – Eugene Oregon
June 20, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Area Chair Bette R at 9:00 a.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Traditions were read by John and the Concepts by Karen S.

Roll Call: Colleen G

- AWSC members excused: Ruth W - Archives Coordinator; Elizabeth B - Forum Coordinator, Gretchen H - Public Information Coordinator, , Marilou K - District 2, Monica S – District 8, Paul S - District 15, being represented by Karen S, Jeanne K-B – District 17, represented by Jan B – Alt DR
- Members absent: Teri Swaggart – District 3, Tedie H – District 13, Penny H – District 14, Jerry L-H – Audit Budget Committee
- Past Delegates: Were welcomed and a special welcome was extended to Mayme S - Panel 5 (1965 - 1967). Excused and missed: Bea J, Judy J, Phyllis Q, Darla J, Betty W, Jan M, Carol M, Shirley L
- We welcomed Trish McK, new DR for District 11.

Secretary's Report: Colleen G

- The minutes from the February 21, 2009 AWSC were approved with spelling and punctuation corrections noted.

Treasurer's Report: Glen G - Report can be found on page 10

The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented with the following information given by Glen. This year the checking had a low of \$7,700 and as the report shows May 31 balance of \$9,200. So far we have received over \$1,200 dollars in group contribution.

Oregon Area Al-Anon Expense and Income vs. Annual Budget:

Check book balance	\$9,231.91
Prudent Reserve	<u>\$7,500.00</u>
Cash Available	\$1,731.91

Housekeeping: Cindy E - DR District 6

- Welcome to Talk Town USA home of the 2010 State Speakers Meeting. We have some promotional items here today, new shirts, coffee mugs, shoe laces. We will be providing a Mexican Fiesta for lunch and will have Kim from Al-Anon and Nicole from Alateen sharing their experience strength and hope with us.
- The meeting space rent is \$20.00 donated by District 6.

Delegate's Report: Roland C - Report can be found on pages 12/15

Embrace the Legacies: Our Spiritual Bridges to Expand the Future

- Roland is asking the support of AWSC by assisting him in making his report at Assembly. Please review the email he has sent out and get back to him by July 6th with your input on what you would like him to present so he will have time to compile his report.

There were 9 Motions Voted on at the delegates Conference – all carried. They are listed below and are defined more completely in Roland's report.

#1 – Seating Motion – Who can be in the Conference - Who has voice and vote.

#2 – 2008 Audited Financial Report –

Oregon: 66.8% Total Contributions in 2008: \$13,960 – in 2007: \$13,640 Increase of \$320.00
Average per Group – US/Canada: \$100.84
Average per Group – Oregon: \$93.69
Average costs of services per group: \$243.22

#3 – 2008 Annual Report and 2008 Strategic Plan Update – I will be scanning this into my computer if you would like a copy please let me know.

#4 – Dissolve the e-CAL Committee – As I suspected. This 3 year trial period proved that at this time this was not a viable tool.

#5 – 2009 Finance Committee Report –

- Overall Net Assets were down \$1,582,140.00 – It must be understood that the biggest change came from an unrealized loss in the Reserve Fund. This is unrealized because the investments only changed value, but were not sold. The economy hit the WSO too.

Total Budget for 2009 \$5,066,000 (Expenses and Revenue)

Total Budget for 2008 \$4,736,000

Difference: Increase of \$93,000

#6 – Procedure for Managing Excess Bequest Funds – I will outline this procedure in a report later.

#7 – Temporary Dismissal of the Admissions Handbook Workgroup – The work itself will be picked up by other committees.

#8 – Alateen Traditions:

- At the 2008 Conference a motion was made to change the Conference Charter. There was a lot of discussion about changing item #3.d. (SM page 153) and whether the Conference could do this because of item #3.f. The end result was, it will now take $\frac{3}{4}$ written approval of all AI-Anon groups (which includes Alateen) to change the Alateen Traditions.

#9 – Disband The Group Services Select Committee on a 3 year trial basis:

- This motion was actually submitted by the Group Services Committee. They have had no real function other than “make work”, most of the types of things they might do are better handled by Thought and Task Forces and they felt like they would rather be on other committees or Thought/Task Forces where they would be active.

Conference Highlights::

- Thanks for the love gifts! Chocolate was shared with everyone and the fresh homemade fudge was greatly enjoyed and appreciated and devoured. The cards, letters, notes and other packets were overwhelming.

Visit to the WSO – it was just as overwhelming this time as it was the 1st. If you get a chance...GO!

- Regional Service Seminars (RSS) are no more. Not being fully self supporting, a large expense and attendance has dropped significantly. But.....T.E.A.M.
- Introducing a new acronym to learn T.E.A.M= Together Empowering AI-Anon Members. A new way for each of us as Districts, Areas, Multiple Areas, and Regions, to sponsor an event. Roland has lots of information available for those interested. One of the things really wonderful about this is we wouldn't have to wait 3 years to have this come around to our Area!!!

Chosen Agenda Items –

1. Topic: AI-Anon's Public Relations Policy - Is it becoming more like Promotion rather than Attraction? Are we embracing Traditions Six and Eleven in all AI-Anon's Affairs?

2. Topic: How can Areas, districts, and groups approach unhealthy meetings in a positive and productive way?

Topic: How do we discern the difference between autonomy and adherence to AI-Anon Traditions?

(Tradition Four) How can we protect AI-Anon as a whole?

Topic: How do groups practice strong, healthy, spiritual principles in the midst of these ever increasing challenges?

I felt personal disappointed with both topics, but was given the opportunity to express the suggested topics I had submitted: 1. Rotation of leadership at the level of the Executive Committee. The answer was, the Board of Trustees are not getting resumes for these positions and are having to go out and ask past members if they would be willing to serve again.

2. Regarding the Executive Director's position as a paid employee and his membership on many different boards. Several members of the Board (including the Chair) and WSO Staff members thanked me for submitting my questions. They had voted on both because they felt they were the types of questions that should be discussed, though they were not selected.

Roland C
Panel 47

ASK-IT-BASKET: At the SSM why was the AI-Anon Speaker at lunch and the AA speaker the evening speaker? Isn't the main speaker normally the evening speaker?

Barb L District 17 SSM committee member: The committee agreed that the AI-Anon speaker should be with our sponsored meal. We were wanting to ensure participation during the day and thought there might be lots of fall-off for the evening.

Old Business

2009 SSM Report –Judy J, given by Jan (Alt DR 17) - Complete Report on page 16

- We are all Happy, Joyous & Free
- We wouldn't do anything different.
- We had a very active, responsible committee.
- And GREAT SUPPORT from District 17, Area Groups, Districts and individual members.
- WE DIDN'T charge a registration fee.
- Raffle Ticket Sales were Unbelievable and wonderful donated items from everyone.
- We were well publicized.
- The committee came up with wonderful speakers when our original speaker was injured and couldn't come.
- We had Spanish Speaking AFG member participation and that was great. We all learned from each other. We hope this is just a beginning involvement.
- Our archives book is here today. It is complete with reports, pictures and an in-depth treasurer's report.
- Thanks to everyone's participation we are able to present a check to the Area Treasurer in the amount of \$5,963.22. Thank you all!

SSM Treasurer Report - Barb L – District 17: Report on page 16/17

Income: \$13,910.77
Expense: \$7947.55
Ending Balance: \$5,963.22
Proceeds going to the Oregon Area \$5,963.22

2009 Trustee Visit – Roland C

Penny R, the NW Regional Trustee has agreed to attend our November assembly.

What would we like her to share in our limited time due to the agenda which will include voting and budget?

Discussion:

- A Trustee visit has already been budgeted.
- Have the trustee speak instead of having delegate give his report.
- Be a luncheon speaker prior to the election. The sharing of the past NWRT was a contribution toward the election experience's spiritual tone.
- Have her share her experience about her first year as NW Regional Trustee
- Could we have her speak on Sunday morning?

It would be nice to give her as much time as possible to prepare even though she is planning to come. Have your input ready for July.

2009 October AWSC date – Barbara L, Chair

A discussion was brought to the floor to change the previously approved date of October 17 to October 24th. The AWSC committee had concluded that many of the district members would not be available to support the meeting on that date. By majority vote it was decided to have the AWSC held October 24th. The location will be in West Linn at Marylhurst College in the Christie School. Flyers will be available soon.

SSM date selection – Cindy E

Cindy E, District 6 brought forward from the February 2009 AWSC the proposal to change the date of the SSM from the traditional dates of late March or April, as suggested in the Oregon Area Handbook, to the last weekend in May because there are conflicting dates i.e., school breaks, WSC, other fellowship events. It was pointed out that in the handbook the purpose and objectives of the SSM was to enhance, to raise funds for the Area, and to fellowship.

Discussion: When there were 4 Assemblies per year, one was held on the 3rd weekend in May. It could be a permanent date so people could plan ahead to attend. Also with that date in mind, site locations could be verified prior to placing a bid at assembly, and for districts with limited locations (hotels etc) for events, it would help to know the date in advance for long term planning. Having it in May as opposed to a later date in the year would benefit the Area Treasury for budget planning. And, this could be done for a trial period of 3 years beginning in May 2011.

Cindy E presented the following motion:

I move Oregon Area; on a trial basis for 2011, 2012, 2013 designate the third weekend in May for our State Speakers meeting time period.

Bette R read the voting statement out of the Area Handbook.

There was a second to the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Duration: Trial Basis for three years to include 2011, 2012 and 2013.

Oregon Area Handbook Ad-hoc Committee Report – Billie L

The Oregon Area Handbook's index, section 6 and all of the position descriptions have been reformatted and are current on the Area website.

On-Going Motions – Bunny G

Eileen B, Bunny G, and Bea J have now added Sue B to the ad hoc committee to help with the housekeeping for the Oregon Area motions. Bunny said we are in stage one of the cleanup covering motions from 1963 – 2006. When asked how long the process would take Bunny's response was "It will be an on-going process for at least nine years. [☺] Asked if they are being deleted, she said "these motions are not going away, they are being moved to history."

Each Motion was submitted by Bunny and received a second from the floor. All carried.

Motion Form Operational 4: Update - On Going

This was tabled from the February AWSC and brought forward today.

MOTION TO UPDATE THE FOLLOWING November 85 (E)

That mailing labels will be made available to any AI-Anon function within the area. Any function less than area wide will be required to reimburse expense, (area functions are assembly meetings, fall conference, state speakers meeting, coordinators and secretary, world service committee.) Expenses would involve labels and postage.

Motion passed unanimously

Motion Form Operational 5: Revise - On Going

Our Archives are our heritage and need to be preserved. In order to provide a safe and dry space for them to be housed that we, Oregon Area, continue to maintain the Archive budget to pay the rent to store them. It is proposed the place to be in a safe place to be determined by the assembly and archive coordinator. Location at this date, 6/20/2009, is: U-Store – Self Storage - 16252 SE Mcloughlin Blvd - Milwaukie, OR 97222 - 503-513-5100. Actual location to be updated whenever a change occurs.

Motion passed unanimously

Motion Form Operational 6: Rewrite - On Going

Every three years at the November election assembly, the new business will be conducted by the newly elected chairperson.

Motion passed unanimously

Motion Form Operational 7: Update – On Going

List Alateen's name on any title page in Oregon Area such as The Communicator, website, Area Handbook etc.

Motion passed with one opposing vote.

We will begin in October with the Motion Forum Operational 8

July 18 - 19, 2009 Assembly – Monica S, DR – District 8

Read by Colleen G.

- We are excited to host you in July.
- Arrangements feel complete and in order, so we are ready for the beach and sun.
- There will be a Bon Fire on Saturday night. Bring chairs.
- Friday night sharing is at the High School location.
- Regarding lodging – consider looking in towns outside of Brookings, South to Crescent City and north to Gold Beach.

Meeting called to order at 1 pm with the Serenity Prayer

Coordinator Notebooks for Transition:

- Reminder to all Area Officers, Coordinator, Action Committee Chairs and District Representatives to have all notebooks ready for the July assembly.
- DR's to have all of the minutes from their past years district meetings in their notebooks.

Ad-hoc Flyer Committee Report Joanne C, Website Coordinator

Report can be found on pages 18/21

Joanne introduced the topic by distributing a packet of information that was put together in committee. It had also been emailed out to allawsc@oregonal-anon.org on June 6 for preview prior to AWSC.

The committee had come to a quick conclusion that these proposed guidelines needed also to include the Communicator, announcements at Assemblies and AWSC to include the Area mailbox or simply stated, any events communicated at the Area Level.

Research proved that many areas do not have guidelines for flyers. The model guideline chosen to work with was from Massachusetts.

Discussion:

- There was opposition to the term "Registered Groups." Obedience to the unenforceable- AWSC would appear to be an authority.
- An important consideration is that we always cooperate with AA.
- Why would some events be grandfathered in and other not? Reflections is an all AI-Anon speakers meeting. The Circle meeting has AI-Anon members on its board. This could create loopholes. Summerfest an AA event, as are others, could be one of those because they too have AI-Anon members on their board.
- Page 107 in the Service Manual states what can be posted and what can't. Are we carrying the message of AI-Anon and are we keeping it simple.
- Certain criteria established here are gray areas. Such as time of the event, physical addresses (not always available), and do we always know what the purpose is?
- We were directed to the background information on Flyers-Oregon Area Standards, presented by our delegate at the February AWSC and reminded the flyer that announced an AA event and was posted to the website had caused his search of our handbook, guidelines and CAL trying to find some answers.
- Group Autonomy: If these are only suggestions??? The traditions are "suggested" but as page 107 in the service manual states "AI-Anon's unity and perhaps its survival are dependent on adherence to these principles." Page 107 in the Service Manual was the reason this ad hoc group was established.
- Are we being controlling? Can we presume goodwill?
- Anonymity is personal choice, and could be listed by full name on the flyer. We were reminded any contact information on the website must maintain anonymity. Members should always maintain/review

- all documents. Review G40, Guide for Area Websites.
- The ad hoc committee recommends that the decision of appropriateness of an event / announcement be with a committee. The committee would be made up of three members - the Web Coordinator, the Communicator Coordinator, and one Area officer. The committee would receive an application form with the flyer and use that same form to reply to the submitter notifying them of the committee's decision.
- A typing error was pointed out. "Where" is listed twice on page 2.

This was tabled until the October AWSC. Please take this to your groups and discuss it with them. The committee is inviting this to be a spiritual experience, hoping to give it a deeper spiritual meaning.

November 21 - 22, 2009 Assembly – Rita B District 10

- Crown Plaza in Portland in conjunction with AA
- Rita and Linda are working with AA.
- Luncheon Speaker: Past Delegate Fran A. The AA speaker hasn't been finalized.

Action Committee discussion (Guidelines/Group Services)

Bunny G

Recap of the February 2009 Report – See February Minutes for complete report

- "We split into our Action Committee groups and read through the history and the structure chart. We felt it is time we review our guidelines and make some changes. It was agreed the structure chart needs to be in the Oregon Area Handbook, and the information on committee duties be kept in every AC notebook.
- There was a suggestion to combine the Group Services and Membership Outreach committees because they seem to overlap. This will be discussed at the next AWSC.
- Business Services felt it would be important to have GR representation and participation in that committee.

Bunny handed out copies of an earlier survey (Question 2 – What one change would you make to the Action Committee and why?), and copies of the Oregon Area Action Committee Structure and of the Oregon Area Action Committees Proposal (Revised 2/2009).

Discussion:

Group Services and Membership Outreach: What are the differences, and do we need/want to combine them?

Group Services consists of Alateen Coordinator, Archivist, Group Records Coordinator, Area Chair, Past Delegate(s), DRs and GRs.

Membership Outreach consists of Communicator Editor, AIS Liaisons (3), Website Coordinator, Secretary, Past Delegate(s), DRs and GRs.

The Action Committees were originally set up to reflect the structure of WSO. Even WSO is changing their committee structures on a temporary trial basis.

In reviewing past Action Committee projects it was found that many projects over-lapped and some projects suggested in committee had already been done. It was noted, when we go into a committee meeting without a specific focus we flounder.

Do we need to have an action committee to keep group records current? Helen M reported she gets group information forms from WSO once a month and passes on newly registered and closed groups' information to the DRs in those districts. A backup of this information is also sent to the Delegate from WSO. It was her feeling this Group Service information does not need to be brought to the action committee.

Membership Outreach and Fellowship Communication need to focus on Spanish/French and Native American and other diverse groups i.e. Gay and Lesbian, Institutions etc. Do the GRs reach out to these groups?

Bette R asked for an ad hoc committee consisting of Judy J, Cindy E, Barbara L, Helen M and Joanne C to get together, elect a chair and by using the KBDM questions, begin the discussion and bring, to the October 2009 AWSC, a recommendation on possibly combining Group Records and Membership Outreach Action Committee groups.

New Business

July 2010 SSM

Theme is: walkin' the walk – talkin' the talk – will be held in Eugene

- Flyers were distributed with menu information for SSM 2010 and for fundraiser items that can be purchased.

DR breakout No report back given

Concept 9 – Résumé discussion – Complete Report on page 23

- Introducing the conversation of Trusted Servant Resumes and how they can be used as a program tool,

Communicator Report - Barb L, Editor – Report can be found on page 22

- Due to processing complications at the PO notification was received that bundled mail will no longer be accepted, so starting with this issue The Communicator is being delivered in single copies.
- Brings up the issue of how to get multiple copies to the groups.
- Possible solutions: Groups/Districts/Individuals can print copies to have available at meetings. Let groups know the Communicator is available online.

Discussion:

A discussion of the possibility of sending more than one copy to each group (in individual packet) brought up the use of mailing labels which would involve group records. It was decided to table this until the October AWSC to give Group Records and the Communicator Editor an opportunity to discuss ideas and possible solutions.

Barbara presented the following challenge to districts:

Since the October – November issue encourages GRs to submit sharings of their service journey I would also like to ask the Districts to consider holding a Communicator writing workshop for their GRs and any who may want to attend. This could perhaps encourage some to consider a GR service position. Keep in mind the October 1, deadline.

Area Elections preparation – Marvalee

Marvalee read an excerpt out of Discovering Choices about the importance of resolving conflict by having a group conscience. This is why it is important to take the election information back to the groups.

Discussion:

Why must we do this? They will just groan!

We don't know until we try. So what are ways we might share information and have it received?

- Show enthusiasm and share your service experience.
- Encourage starting in service someplace because this is how we grow.
- Invite attendance to the election assembly. Educate them they don't have to be a DR or a GR to stand for a coordinator position.
- District and Area elections – have an AI-Anon workshop inviting the AI-Anon community to come and hear others share about their service experience. Encourage looking at district or area levels of service.
- Make an announcement. Let them know what is coming up. Let people know there are service positions available and they are qualified.
- Chair a meeting on When I Got Busy I Got Better.
- Start discussion at meeting by reading CAL that discusses service.
- Take the Flyer for the November Assembly with you to your group and give them the Who, What, Where, When, Why and How.

Gas Mileage Reimbursement – Sue B, Chairman, Audit-Budget Committee

Re: Mileage Reimbursement [again] The Chart is on page 22/23

I've asked Bette to put this on the agenda for 2 reasons. (1) Gas prices are highly unstable in our economy and (2) our method for mileage reimbursement has been applying a temporary fix rather than a permanent fix. It's always being brought up every 4-5 years when gas prices go up. But with gas prices as low as they were in March, we were reimbursing much more than the actual costs were to get to the assembly. And my understanding from reading the motions, it was not the intention originally to fully reimburse the gas costs, but to assist in lowering the costs to attend an AI-Anon business meeting.

I would suggest that the rate paid per mile be based upon the price of a gallon of gasoline. As long as we determine the fixed rate of miles per gallon and we know the price of gasoline during the week of a meeting, we can determine the rate of reimbursement for that particular meeting. We would still use the mileage table and the 80 miles deduction.

I have enclosed a sample of the table I'm proposing, using 15 and 20 miles per gallon as the standard.

The items in blue are the amounts reimbursed at present. The amounts in yellow are the amounts that would be reimbursed per the amount at the Gas Station today. As you can see with the .25 rate, we are reimbursing as if a gallon of gas costs \$5.00 or \$3.75 depending upon the use of 20 or 15 miles per gallon.

Discuss at your district meeting and come back with ideas. Have members give you approximate miles per gallon capacity their vehicle gets. We could use this to establish a miles per gallon rate.

July Assembly Agenda – A work in process.

DR breakout

Trustee visit in November

July 2010 bid for assembly

2011 SSM Bid

Beth will do Elections Workshop/Service Manual presentation (Bunny will bring the overhead projector.)

Coordinators/AIS give a five minute report

Alateen Workshop – Loretta

Audit budget Report

Action Committee Breakouts/Action Committee Reports.

2010 Skit and Raffle and Report

Delegate Report

November 2010 Assembly Report

Election Skit

GR sharing two minutes at microphone – Describe highlights of your service work and how it has helped your recovery.

The meeting closed with the AI-Anon Declaration at 4:39

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen G

Oregon Area Secretary

Motions from the Oregon Area AWSC
June 20, 2009

Motion #1

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Presented by Cindy E., There was a second to the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
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Reports From AWSC

Treasurer's Report: Glen G, Treasurer

Oregon Area Al-Anon – Expense & Income vs. Annual Budget January through May 2009

	<u>Jan - May 09</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income		
Group Contributions	4,782.26	22,535.00
Assembly Registrations	545.00	2,500.00
State Speaker Meeting	67.50	4,000.00
Advances	0.00	1,500.00
Cash balance 1/1/2009		16,500.00
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	5,394.76	47,035.00
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Total Income	5,394.76	47,035.00
Expense		
Delegate Fund		
WSO ETF	0.00	1,890.00
Extra Day	0.00	250.00
Delegate Meeting	826.96	900.00
Delegate Travel	472.26	1,200.00
Delegate Miscellaneous	30.00	250.00
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Total Delegate Fund	1,329.22	4,490.00
Working Fund Expense		
Archive Rent	660.00	600.00
Area Travel Fund	2,226.29	4,000.00
Communicator	420.58	1,500.00
SSM Advance	1,500.00	1,500.00
Assembly/AWSC Rent	1,559.40	2,700.00
Insurance	0.00	900.00
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Total Working Fund Expense	6,366.27	11,200.00
Assembly Allowance/Meal/Lodging		
Officers	683.04	2,000.00
Audit/Budget	60.76	1,200.00
Coordinators	1,356.96	3,600.00
Past Delegates	432.38	2,000.00
Regional Trustee	0.00	500.00
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total Assembly Allowance/Meal/Lodging	2,533.14	9,300.00
Officers Expenses		
Alternate Delegate	12.15	100.00
Chairperson	53.86	150.00
Secretary	49.83	300.00
Treasurer	130.76	475.00
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Total Officers Expenses	246.60	1,025.00
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Oregon Area Al-Anon – Expense & Income vs. Annual Budget January through May 2009

Assembly Expenses

Assembly Workshops	0.00	75.00	-75.00
Business Services	0.00	20.00	-20.00
Membership Outreach	0.00	700.00	-700.00
Group Services	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Fellowship Communication	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Public Outreach	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Audit Budget Extra Day + Exp	296.50	400.00	-103.50
Total Assembly Expenses	<u>296.50</u>	<u>1,395.00</u>	<u>-1,098.50</u>

Coordinators

Alateen	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Archives	0.00	50.00	-50.00
CPC	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Forum	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Group Records	10.48	125.00	-114.52
Literature	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Public Information	563.00	1,500.00	-937.00
Web Master	75.79	500.00	-424.21
Total Coordinators	<u>649.27</u>	<u>2,625.00</u>	<u>-1,975.73</u>

Delegate Meeting

Alternate Delegate	729.85	900.00	-170.15
Past Delegates	744.69	900.00	-155.31
Total Delegate Meeting	<u>1,474.54</u>	<u>1,800.00</u>	<u>-325.46</u>

Other

Ad Hoc/Special Projects	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Alateen Sponsor Workshop	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Transition Fund	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Contingency Fund	0.00	6,200.00	-6,200.00
Handbook Update	0.00	250.00	-250.00
WSO Donation	0.00	600.00	-600.00
Total Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>7,700.00</u>	<u>-7,700.00</u>

PRUDENT RESERVE

Money set aside for emergency		7,500.00	-7,500.00
Total Expense	<u>12,895.54</u>	<u>47,035.00</u>	<u>-34,139.46</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-7,500.78</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>-7,500.78</u></u>

check book balance

1-Jan	<u>\$16,732.69</u>
31-May	<u>\$9,231.91</u>
net change	<u>-7,500.78</u>

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*Prudent reserve

*Cash available

Balances recorded below because they didn't fit above.

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Delegate's Report:

Embrace the Legacies: Our Spiritual Bridges to Expand the Future

Conference was a very busy week. Even though the official dates of the Conference were April 19-23, I had 3 meetings and the Opening Dinner scheduled for Saturday, April 18th.

This report may leave you with more questions, and possibly concerns, than I can answer today. That is certainly not my intention. I have a lot of information to pass along and not a lot of time to do this. I'm going to try something different this time around. I'm asking for your participation. This will be some Knowledge Based Decision Making practice, as you help me prepare my report for the Assembly next month. Here is how this is going to work. I'm going to give you my report in two parts today.

The 1st part is going to be a fairly broad overview of the many things we learned, discussed, deliberated, decided and prayed about. You can call it the "Business" side of things. I'm going to ask that you pay particular attention to this, write questions down that come to mind and when you get home, read the e-mail from me that you have received that contains this report. By the 6th of July, send your comments, concerns, questions, quips, etc., and I will prepare my Delegate's report for the Assembly based partly on your input. The date is important as I will need the time to put things together.

The 2nd part of this is going to be putting the Conference Theme in action. You'll learn more about that later.

Some of the numbers:

94 voting members of the Conference - All AI-Anon members
Delegates, members of the Board of Trustees, Executive Committee, Chairpersons of Committees and World Service Office Staff Directors and Associate Directors.

Director of Business Services (non AI-Anon member) and Chairperson of the Executive Committee for Real Property Management (ECRPM - *get to know this acronym*) will have voice limited to their role but no vote.

Overseas Representatives - chosen and financed by their structures

Hartmut G. - Germany
Maria D. - Mexico
Nadia M. - Italy
Nuala C. - UK and Eire

All with voice but no vote.

There were 7 WSO staff that attended different parts of the general sessions to enhance their training. They had no voice and no vote and attended for no more than 2 days total each.

MOTIONS - 9 Motions

ALL CARRIED

#1 - Seating Motion - Who can be in the Conference

#2 - 2008 Audited Financial Report -

#3 - 2008 Annual Report and 2008 Strategic Plan Update - I will be scanning this into my computer if you would like a copy please let me know.

#4 - Dissolve the e-CAL Committee - As I suspected. This 3 year trial period proved that at this time this was not a viable tool.

#5 - 2009 Finance Committee Report -

#6 - Procedure for Managing Excess Bequest Funds - I will outline this procedure in a report later.

#7 - Temporary Dismissal of the Admissions Handbook Workgroup -

#8 - Alateen Traditions - More info to follow.

#9 - Disband The Group Services Select Committee on a 3 year trial basis - this motion was actually submitted by the Group Services Committee. They have had no real function other than "make work", most of the types of things they might do are better handled by Thought and Task Forces and they felt like they would rather be on other committees or Thought/Task Forces where they would be active.

BUDGET -

Audit was performed by an outside accounting firm as is normal and everything was in order.

3 Funds - End of year net assets for 2008

General Fund - day-to-day operations	\$2,395,538
Reserve Fund	\$3,330,610
Building Fund	<u>\$1,698,916</u>
TOTAL:	\$7,425,064

Significant Changes from 2007

General Fund Net Assets - UP \$237,172
Reserve Fund Net Assets - Down \$1,819,312
Building Fund - No Change

Overall Net Assets were down \$1,582,140.00 - It must be understood that the biggest change came from an unrealized loss in the Reserve Fund. This is unrealized because the investments only changed value, but were not sold. The economy hit the WSO too.

Total Budget for 2009 \$5,066,000 (Expenses and Revenue)

Total Budget for 2008 \$4,736,000

Difference: Increase of \$93,000

Oregon's Share:

Total Groups Contributing in US/Canada: 8597 of 15,393 or 55.85 %
Oregon: 66.8% Total Contributions in 2008: \$13,960 - in 2007: \$13,640 Increase of \$320.00

Average per Group - US/Canada: \$100.84

Average per Group - Oregon: \$93.69

Average costs of services per group: \$243.22

Did I mention - THANK YOU FOR THE LOVE GIFTS?

Chocolate was a big hit. All that District 1 provided was gone soon and then I also received two 3lb bags of M&M's and they floated around the Conference floor all week. The leftovers were left at the front of the table for the Board of Trustee's Annual Meeting on Friday morning. I had the Chairman of the Board and the Chairman of the Executive Committee corner me and I thought perhaps my life was in peril. They were grateful.

I received other candy (chocolate ☺) from others too!!

The cards, letters, notes and other packets were overwhelming. I was told by a couple of Delegates that maybe I needed a mail slot just for myself. The next to last day I received home-made fudge that was expressed shipped. The people I shared my table with couldn't believe anyone was loved as much as I was...thank you all.

Workshops and Breakout Sessions and Summing it up Sessions

“How would you create a strong relationship between the Delegate and the AWSC” - Thought Force - on going

Conference Theme Summing it up Session -

Shared Leadership Workshop

How to Expand the Broader Vision of AI-Anon Workshop

Reflections Sessions - Recorder

Chosen Agenda Items -

1. Topic: AI-Anon's Public Relations Policy—Is it becoming more like Promotion rather than Attraction? Are we embracing Traditions Six & Eleven in all AI-Anon's Affairs?

2. Topic: How can Areas, districts, and groups approach unhealthy meetings in a positive and productive way?

Topic: How do we discern the difference between autonomy and adherence to AI-Anon Traditions? (Tradition Four) How can we protect AI-Anon as a whole?

Topic: How do groups practice strong, healthy, spiritual principles in the midst of these ever increasing challenges?

I sent these out to you prior to the Conference and posted them on our Website asking for input. I received none. Personally I was very disappointed with both topics.

I addressed the Conference on Topic #1 and stated I felt I wasn't sure what the Topic really was. While the stated topic is about Traditions 6 and 11; the background information was about internal communication from the WSO, the Conference, Delegates, etc. In a KBDM process, the background information should support the topic. It requires some work. Traditions 6 and 11 are not about internal communications.

I also addressed the Conference on Topic #2. My concern was that reviewing the Conference Summaries for past 8 years showed that these topics have been covered many times before.

There were several other Delegates that went to the mic to echo similar thoughts on both Topics.

There will be more discussion about Chosen Agenda Items. Part of the discussion was that only about 20% of us submit topics and only about 50% voted on the topics. There are different feelings about their viability.

I had originally asked about the rotation of leadership at the level of the Executive Committee. During the confirmation process for Trustees we also covered resumes for the Executive Committee. I brought my question up then (sort of snuck it in, if you will.) Two things happened as a result of me doing this. 1st, the answer was, the Board of Trustees are not getting resumes for these positions and are having to go out and ask past members if they would be willing to serve again. 2nd, I had several members of the Board (including the Chair) and WSO Staff members approach me and thank me for submitting those questions. They didn't know who had done so, but had voted on both because they felt they were the types of questions that should be discussed. The other question I had submitted had to do with the Executive Director's position as a paid employee and his membership on many different boards.

Visit to the WSO - it was just as overwhelming this time as it was the 1st. If you get a chance...GO!

Regional Service Seminars - RSSs are no more. I know that will make some of you very sad. This is a result of them not being fully self supporting. It was a large expense and attendance has dropped off significantly. ALL IS NOT LOST.

There is a new way for the each of us, Districts, Areas, Multiple Areas, and Regions, to sponsor an event. Of course this means a new acronym to learn... T.E.A.M = Together Empowering AI-Anon Members. I have a lot of information about this for those of you interested. One of the things that is really wonderful about this, we wouldn't have to wait 3 years to have this come around to our Area!!!

Alateen Traditions - Protection of them - Motion #8

As you may recall, we voted to give Conference Approval to the Alateen Traditions at the 2007 Conference. This was step 1. However, the Conference could still change them because they were not part of the Conference Charter.

At the 2008 Conference a motion was made to change the Conference Charter (*please turn to page 152 in your Service Manual*). There was a lot of discussion about changing item #3.d. (page 153) and whether the Conference could do this because of item #3.f.

The discussion was tabled, a Task Force was formed and the presentation was made this year. I hold before you the work of the Task Force. 4 different Documents with a total of 13 pages.

- Document 1: Presentation to the Conference
- Document 2: Original vs. Current Charter Text Comparison Chart
- Document 3: Solution Possibilities Chart
- Document 4: 1984 WSC Motion Timeline

This document was sent to us for study prior to the Conference. 2 days before a motion was brought forward a preliminary discussion and review of the documents was held. I had spent many hours prior to the Conference in 2008 reviewing the original motion and I was opposed to it. As the discussions proceeded this year, I felt pretty much the same. What was being suggested were some pretty drastic changes to the Conference Charter. Some of these changes I didn't believe we were authorized to make.

I did a lot of praying. I could tell from other's questions and comments that there were other Delegates that felt the same as I. I asked some to join me in submitting a substitute motion from the floor, knowing I would need a second before I could do so. I received word from several that they would support this effort. I asked the Trustee responsible for blank motion forms for one. When she handed it to me, said she would help with the wording, but suggested I speak with the Task Force 1st if possible. I approached the chairman (a Delegate from Panel 47) and spoke with him the next day and explained what I was looking at doing. He convened the Task Force during a break so that we could all discuss my concerns. They thanked me for giving them some additional things to consider and they would let me know one way or another what they decided. Later that day they proceeded with the continuation of their presentation, without any changes. I went to the mic, voiced my concerns, announced several of us were working on a substitute motion and would recommend strongly against voting for any motion that came out of this presentation.

That evening after the conclusion of the Conference, I returned to my room. I began reviewing all of the documents again. I thought about the discussions from the floor and the discussions I had with the other Delegates that were opposed to what appeared to be going on. I asked God for some guidance. I set my alarm for an early morning wake up so I could study this some more in the morning and went to sleep.

I awoke, showered then started ironing my clothes and began a conversation with God. I thought; I see the work that has been done, I know what the motion will be that will be voted on, I know that I will have to figure out a way to explain this to my Area and I will have to face those fears later, in a couple of months...

A couple of hours later I was sitting in the Conference. We had a motion being projected on a screen and were "word smithing" it. Once that was done, the motion was read, a 2nd was made and they were ready to vote. I approached the mic and asked for a "point of order." Since the motion had just been read and seconded, wasn't it now time for discussion? There were some groans but the Chair said yes and asked for discussion.

I went to the mic. I said; "I will not stand here and repeat anything from yesterday. Rather I would like to tell you how our Conference Theme works: Embrace the Legacies: Our Spiritual Bridges to Expand the Future " - I then proceeded to tell the Conference about my morning conversation with God.

"You see, the Task Force had done all of the background research and had presented us with the information. What the motion was doing was correct. The way we were doing it was correct. The reason for doing it was correct. Everything is correct and this body has the authority to make the changes. My opposition was based on fear. It came to me when I was telling God, 'I will have to face those fears later. I would like to ask the Conference to vote yes on this motion.'"

Yes, we changed the wording of item #3. If you look at the information available, you will see that item 3.f. was added because of a letter received from a Delegate, but that particular part of the Conference Charter had never been approved by the Conference. It may seem a little confusing. But what we did and why we did it was correct. If you would like to look at all of this information later, please see me.

It will now take ¾ written approval of all Al-Anon groups (which includes Alateen) to change the Alateen Traditions.

Thank you all for allowing me to walk this path.

With love of Service,
Roland C
Panel 47

2009 SSM Report - Judy J, Chair given by Jan
2009 SSM REPORT TO AWSC – JUNE 20, 2009

District 17 held a very successful State Speaker Meeting -- we are all HAPPY, JOYOUS AND FREE, and hope you are too. All the feedback we received has been positive. We can't tell you anything we would do differently. We had a very active, responsible committee. We met monthly and reported back to the District. They asked for our input, and our help. The District's greatest income came from the production and sale of "damit dolls". They were made with supplies and time donated by the members. They sold for \$5 each and we probably sold 200 of them. Another substantial income was from the craft sale we held during the November Assembly. We had asked all members to donate handmade crafts, or anything they chose -- and we received everything. What a fun and very prosperous day.

The sale of raffle tickets was unbelievable! We sold almost \$1900 in raffle tickets alone. We had two handmade quilts, a GPS, and many, many baskets and items donated from the Groups. We sold items at each assembly. A big goal for us was to NOT charge anyone to come. When the SSM was started, it was strictly for FUN. Prices went up, and over time, a registration fee was initiated. This does prohibit some members from attending. So this year we agreed we would hold the SSM and not charge anyone to attend. We eliminated the "voluntary registration". The Area had budgeted the SSM to raise \$4000 and the center alone was almost \$2500, so some of us did a lot of trusting and turning it over.

We wrote articles and made announcements informing Groups and Districts of their responsibility to support this event. They came through; we received over \$500 from individual Groups and over \$3500 from the Districts. Serving meals involved more work, money, workers and problems, so we decided to offer only lunch. A local caterer provided us with a reasonable lunch. We provided the drinks, tableware and servers. We did raise the cost of the lunch and made a little profit (which covered our expenses for drinks and tableware).

We budgeted \$800 for our speaker expenses, and spent about half of that. This was only because our out of state speaker was injured and unable to come. The Spanish Community did contribute \$50 which paid for the Spanish-speaking speaker. Since the Area is working on including our Spanish community more and more, we worked hard to include them in this event. We realized the Spanish have a different culture than we do, and we really tried to adjust to and accept these differences. Our District felt it was very rewarding for all and we hope the Spanish Al-Anon will continue to be included in the SSM.

All in all, it was a super experience for everyone, and today we are able to turn over \$5,963.22 to the Oregon Area Treasurer.

Our archives book (required by the Oregon Area Handbook) is here today. It has our reports and an in-depth treasurer's report for the next SSM.

Thank you for letting District 17 be of service.

Judy J.

2009 SSM Chair

Our SSM treasurer (Barb L.) has an in-depth report she would like to read.

2009 State Speaker Meeting Treasury Final Report

We started with \$1500 the Area gave us to seed the event. We received a total of \$500.02 from different Groups in Oregon. District 1's Road to Serenity contributed \$92.50. St. Helens AFG in District 9 sent a check for \$25.00. From District 17, Mt Pleasant AFG contributed \$149.22; Set Free AFG had a fundraiser and gave the SSM \$140.30; and Stepping Up AFG's craft sale made \$93.00.

A number of Districts sent contributions. District 5 sent \$750.00. District 6 sent \$600.00. District 7 sent \$282.58. District 11 sent \$200.00. District 17 sent \$1,686.45. This totals \$3,519.03 from Districts.

The income generated by raffle ticket sales totaled \$1,882.78. The item sales totaled \$3,598.20

Members "bought" \$255.00 of Non-Baked-Non-Items through our Bakeless Bakesale.

We had income of \$1,800.00 for selling 120 lunches. Members individually donated \$535.00 (\$400 was from a garage sale).

During the SSM, \$115.78 was put into the basket for the 7th Tradition. \$130.46 was contributed in the Hospitality Room. The Ice Cream Social brought \$74.50.

Total income: \$13,910.77

The SSM expenses include \$2,150.00 for the Milwaukie Center rental. The \$1,500.00 seed money was returned to the Area in December. We paid \$419.33 for speaker expenses.

Copies and printing cost \$183.19. Our decorations came to \$179.87. The various items we had for sale cost \$1,454.63. These items include the T-shirts, notepads, calendars, wristbands, visors and the GPS. We paid \$30.00 for speaker tapes. (These were later sold along with the other items) \$1,243.75 was paid to purchase the catered lunch. The music DJ for our dance was \$175.00. The decorated notepads included in the bags cost \$47.98. The signs and banner at the SSM cost \$30.51. It cost \$34.51 to create the name badges (much of the material was donated). We paid \$115.20 to hand out pencils advertising the SSM.

It cost \$119.68 to provide everything for the Ice Cream Social. The Hospitality Room supplies came to \$263.90. (These two items included paper and plastic ware)

Total expenses: \$7,947.55

The 2009 State Speaker Meeting made \$5,963.22 for the Oregon Area.

There were literally hundreds of items donated to either sell or raffle off. Obviously, the dollar cost is not represented here. The spirit of "we can do this" ran high in District 17...I know...I was there!

In Service,
Barbara L
2009 SSM Treasurer
6/20/2009

Starting the Conversation: Reports from AWSC

Ad-hoc Flyer Committee Report Joanne C.

Documentation:

MEMORANDUM

TO: AWSC Members

FROM: Flyer Ad Hoc Committee

DATE: June 20, 2009

SUBJECT: Proposed Flyer Guidelines, Eligibility for Publication in the Oregon Area

In February of 2009 AWSC created an ad hoc committee to propose guidelines for flyers announcing Area AI-Anon functions, specifically for flyers posted on the Oregon Area website. The committee was also charged with addressing the content of announcements.

Early in our discussions it became obvious that the guidelines should also apply to announcements published in the *Communicator*. Thinking inclusively the committee agreed the guidelines would apply to what gets posted on the Area website calendar whether it has a flyer or not.

In establishing guidelines we needed to address several issues. We first looked at what the content of a flyer should be. Using information from the Oregon Area Handbook as a starting point Flyer Guidelines were created.

For an assignment of this kind we had to consider what events and / or activities are eligible for announcement or publication. Obviously AI-Anon activities sponsored by or hosted by our registered Groups were eligible. What about events without AI-Anon registration or sponsorship? Who has the responsibility to make decisions about eligibility? The ad hoc committee recommends that the decision of appropriateness of an event / announcement be with a committee. The committee would be made up of three members - the Web Coordinator, the Communicator Coordinator, and one Area officer. The committee would receive an application form with the flyer and use that same form to reply to the submitter notifying them of the committee's decision.

We also considered certain events for "grandfathering". Our committee recommends Reflections (because it is the only ALL AI-Anon speaker meeting in the state since 1988) and the Circle Speaker Meeting (because it has AI-Anon positions on its board and it gives equal speaking time to AA and AI-Anon). Several other activities were considered but remain on the "We Are Not Sure" list, i.e.: Judy's Manual Study, Summerfest, South Coast Roundup, North Coast Roundup and Rogue Roundup. The ad hoc committee welcomes discussion and hopes for consensus on inclusion / exclusion of such events on our website, in our publications and as announcements in Oregon Area AI-Anon.

Flyer Eligibility and Guidelines

Continued on the next 3 pages

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

Criteria for Approval: To be eligible for posting on Area Website or publication in the *Communicator*, 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 Alcoholic's Anonymous**. Links of service are defined as registered Groups, Districts, A.I.S.'s, Intergroups, or the Oregon Area (Service Manual 2006-2009 pgs 55-61); **and**
- 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)

Determination Process: The ultimate authority and responsibility for determining which events and activities are approved belongs to a committee. The committee would be made up of three members - the Web Coordinator, the Communicator Coordinator, and one Area officer. Their determination will be final.

Procedure: To have a flyer published to the Oregon Area website and / or in the *Communicator*, verify the flyer meets the criteria listed in above, apply the Flyer Guidelines, and submit the flyer along with the Flyer Check List on page 3. To have a flyer distributed or event announced at AWSC meetings or at Assemblies, submit the flyer to the Area Chair prior to the start of the meeting.

Area Groups: It is suggested groups use the same guidelines as listed above, in regards to what flyers are to be distributed or read at meetings.

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".

Speakers: If this is a speaking event, give information on the speaker(s) i.e.: Al-Anon speaker Mary D. from South Florida.

When (date of the event): Include the full date (month, day and year).

Time of the event: List the starting and ending time of the event. 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 (used on the Internet to get driving 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.

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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 is also a registration form:

- ⓧ 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.

FLYER SUBMISSION AND APPROVAL FORM

To have a flyer posted to the website and / or included in the Communicator, please send the completed form below with your flyer to the Website Coordinator (webmaster-@oregonal-anon.org) at least one month in advance of the event, and / or Communicator Editor (communicator-@oregonal-anon.org) at least one week in advance of the cutoff date for the Communicator publication.

Request for Web Posting Request for Communicator Publishing

Contact information of person submitting request

Name:
Phone #:
Email:

Sponsor Information

This event is sponsored by: <input type="checkbox"/> Al-Anon or <input type="checkbox"/> AA (Choose One) <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Group <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Area <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Describe below)
Enter Name, City and State of Group, District, etc.: Name: _____ City: _____ State _____

Proceeds

Any earnings from this event will be <input type="checkbox"/> Used for / <input type="checkbox"/> Given to:

Flyer Checklist

Please use the checklist below to make sure everything is included on your flyer.

<input type="checkbox"/> What? (Speaker Mtg, Fund Raiser, etc.)	Where? <input type="checkbox"/> Address <input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Zip
<input type="checkbox"/> When & What Time? (Month, Day, Year & Starting & Ending Time)	<input type="checkbox"/> Who? (Speaker's first name, program and home city or state.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Why? (What is the purpose? If a fund raiser, where is the money going?)	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact Information (name & number /email for questions about the event).
<input type="checkbox"/> Who's Invited? (If limited audience)	
Registration Form (if applicable)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Name and information of registrant	<input type="checkbox"/> Who to make check payable to
<input type="checkbox"/> Registration Fee or Voluntary Donation	<input type="checkbox"/> Registration Deadline
<input type="checkbox"/> Where to send form	<input type="checkbox"/> Is pre-registration required or can they register at the door?

Oregon Area Approval: _____ Date: _____

Communicator Report - Barb L, Editor

The Communicator is now being delivered in single copies. Group Records provides mailing labels which now go directly onto individual copies of the newsletter. Gone is the packet of newsletters with a cover wrapper.

This obviously presents an issue of how to get multiple copies to the groups. I did not have an opportunity to look into this as I was notified as to the Post Office's stance just as the newsletter was going to print.

I am asking that the Groups print copies, or the Districts print copies to have available at meetings. I also ask that you urge the Groups to publicize that the Communicator is available online.

Since the October – November issue encourages GRs to submit sharings of their service journey, I would also like to ask the Districts to consider holding a Communicator writing workshop for their GRs and any who may want to attend. This could perhaps encourage some to consider a GR service position. Keep in mind the October 1, deadline.

Gas Mileage Reimbursement – Sue B, Chairman, Audit-Budget Committee

Re: Mileage Reimbursement [again] Example Chart

Sample of the table I'm proposing, using 15 and 20 miles per gallon as the standard.

*The items in blue are the amounts reimbursed at present. The amounts in yellow are the amounts that would be reimbursed per the amount at the Gas Station today. As you can see with the .25 rate, we are reimbursing as if a gallon of gas costs \$5.00 or \$3.75 depending upon the use of 20 or 15 miles per gallon.

**Those listed in blue (for those of us with black and white only are:*

Reimbursement Chart – Based on an Average of 20 miles per gallon

Reim Percentage 0.25

And Reim=Miles allowed x Percentage 79.50

Cost per Gallon 5.00

Reim=Gallons used x Cost per Gallon 79.50

Those listed in yellow....

Costper Gallon 2.60

Reim=Gallons used Cost per Gallon 41.34

Reimbursement Chart – Based on an Average of 15 miles per gallon

Blue:

Reim Percentage 0.25

Reim+Miles allowed x Percentage 79.50

Yellow:

Cost per Gallon 2.55

Reim=Gallons used x Cost per Gallon 54.06

Actual Chart Follows:

Reimbursement Chart - Based on an Average of 20 miles per gallon											
Miles On chart [From/To]	398.00	398.00	398.00	398.00	398.00	398.00	398.00	398.00	398.00	398.00	398.00
Miles deducted	(80.00)	(80.00)	(80.00)	(80.00)	(80.00)	(80.00)	(80.00)	(80.00)	(80.00)	(80.00)	(80.00)
Miles Allowable to Reim	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00
Reim Percentage	0.27	0.25	0.23	0.21	0.20	0.19	0.18	0.17	0.15	0.13	0.11
Reim=Miles allowed x Percentage	85.86	79.50	73.14	66.78	63.60	60.42	57.24	54.06	47.70	41.34	34.98
Mileage On Chart after Deduct.	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00
Average Miles per Gallon	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Gallons Used	15.90	15.90	15.90	15.90	15.90	15.90	15.90	15.90	15.90	15.90	15.90
Cost per Gallon	5.40	5.00	4.60	4.20	4.00	3.80	3.60	3.40	3.00	2.60	2.20
Reim=Gallons used x Cost per Gallon	85.86	79.50	73.14	66.78	63.60	60.42	57.24	54.06	47.70	41.34	34.98
Reimbursement Chart - Based on an Average of 15 miles per gallon											
Miles On chart [From/To]	398.00	398.00	398.00	398.00	398.00	398.00	398.00	398.00	398.00	398.00	398.00
Miles deducted	(80.00)	(80.00)	(80.00)	(80.00)	(80.00)	(80.00)	(80.00)	(80.00)	(80.00)	(80.00)	(80.00)
Miles Allowable to Reim	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00
Reim Percentage	0.35	0.33	0.31	0.29	0.27	0.25	0.23	0.21	0.19	0.18	0.17
Reim=Miles allowed x Percentage	111.30	104.94	98.58	92.22	85.86	79.50	73.14	66.78	60.42	57.24	54.06
Mileage On Chart after Deduct.	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00	318.00
Average Miles per Gallon	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Gallons Used	21.20	21.20	21.20	21.20	21.20	21.20	21.20	21.20	21.20	21.20	21.20
Cost per Gallon	5.25	4.95	4.65	4.35	4.05	3.75	3.45	3.15	2.85	2.70	2.55
Reim=Gallons used x Cost per Gallon	111.30	104.94	98.58	92.22	85.86	79.50	73.14	66.78	60.42	57.24	54.06

Concept 9 – Resume Discussion – Paula and Colleen –Report Back:

Paula listed and described the characteristics and actions of a good leader out of Concept 9, as Tolerance, Responsibility, Courage, Flexibility, and she added Vision.

Trusted Servant Profiles/Resumes were introduced as a tool to document qualifications through the Links of Service in the Area and with WSO.

Discussion:

A poll was taken of 8 different AI-Anon areas throughout the US from either current or past delegates.

1 responded that resumes were now part of their area’s format. 1 responded they invite the use of resumes at the AWSC level, to be able to recognize qualified leaders for appointed positions such as coordinators or committee heads, and these resumes are printed in their Area newsletter. This aids in allowing the voting/selecting membership in making choices in elections or for committees with knowledge of ones qualifications as opposed to the possibility of it being a personality vote. The remaining 6 responses indicated the elections process was very much like Oregon Area’s and 3 are currently investigating the possibility of using Trusted Servant Resumes duplicating the process of WSO.

One area introduces Trusted Servant Profiles at the group level developing awareness of the links of service to the newer members becoming involved in service. It also reminds us of our beginnings i.e. setting up chairs, chairing a meeting, becoming a GR etc.

In discussion individuals were asked about the positions they currently hold and what qualifications were needed. One member represented her district as treasurer, SSM treasurer and has been a group treasurer. Her personal qualification aided her in those positions. In reviewing the Oregon Area Guidelines, for her to stand as Treasurer at the Area level, she would need to have been a DR. (Special circumstances sometimes override this area qualification). But she would be able to make herself available for WSO committees because she has 7 or more years in program, and her personal qualifications could lead her to a service position if her resume were submitted to and selected by the board of trustees and that election process completed. There is a service position available for everyone in AI-Anon.

Others realized filling in a resume brought to mind service positions and strengths they have

experienced being a committee head within the service position already held. Some remembered services they had done that could be added to their list. It was also noted that there are qualified people in Oregon who may be unknown to many of us who do have personal and program qualifications. We need to stay mindful of them and encourage their participation.

Another plus mentioned was having a service resume in hand while standing at the microphone helps to eliminate brain freeze so as to be able to state clearly positions held, the dates and experience. This could encourage strong leadership in these positions.

Our delegate reported that some of the committees at WSO are being revised, retired for a trial period or eliminated. There are still positions open for at-large members on the Alateen, Forum, Public Outreach, Literature and the new thought and task forces, and also as Trustees at Large and the Executive Committee For Real Property Management (ECRPM) where annual selections are made. The delegate will make this information available if asked.

This process could begin today by completing a Trusted Servant Resume for one's own personal use, keep it current and see where it may lead you. Colleen's took her from sea to shining sea on the ECRPM committee for 3 years and to a seat at the Delegates Conference.

We were also made aware that when serving on a committee at the WSO level, one could not hold a service position at their local area level.

Trusted Servant Profile/Resume Form continues on the next page.

Tell us something about yourself:

Describe the highlights of your Al-Anon/Alateen Service Work:

What has been the value of service work in your recovery?

What is your mission statement?

What is your vision statement for the Area?

What is your vision statement for yourself?

Date: _____

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