

Oregon Area Assembly Minutes
November 17-18, 2007
District 17 - Welches

The Assembly was called to order by Chairperson, Bette R at 8:30 a.m. with a moment of silence followed with the Serenity Prayer. The Steps were read by: Ted B, District 17. The Traditions were read by Candy O, District 17.

Announcements: Bette R. Chairman

1. Anonymity statement regarding photo taking was given.
2. Breaks will be approximately every hour and Ask-It Basket questions will be answered throughout the assembly, so be sure to put your questions in the basket.
3. Statement of Attendance (Oregon Area Handbook, p.1-2) was read addressing the issue of attendance at all scheduled sessions of the Assembly in order to qualify for reimbursement of expenses..
4. The statement on who has voice and who has vote was read. (Oregon Area Handbook, p.VI-1) with a reminder, if you are attending the assembly as a visitor and have questions, please direct them to your District Representative and refrain from going to the microphone. Those with "voice" at this assembly can ask your question for you.

Roll Call - New GR Introductions and Welcome – Colleen G

Chris K, Dist. 1, excused, and is represented by Priscilla C, Alt. DR.
Marilou K, Dist. 2, excused, and is represented by Misty (Marilou arrived later).
Monica DR, Dist. 8, excused, and is represented by Cindy B
Rita B, Dist. 10, excused, and is represented by Barb B, Alt. DR.
Marcia A, represented Dist. 11, as the contact person.
Jerry L-H, represented Dist. 14, as the contact person.
Sheila S, DR Dist. 16, excused, and is represented by Willy H, Alt. DR.
Lisa O, Eugene AIS Liaison, excused and is represented by Kim
Eileen B, Past Delegate, excused.

Housekeeping – District 17; Carolyn H

Carolyn H welcomed everyone to Welches. She thanked the committee for their wonderful participation throughout the planning stages and at the welcome meeting on Friday evening. She reminded Dist. 17 that "We Rock!"

Secretary's Report – Colleen G

The minutes of the July 28 – 29, 2007 Assembly were approved with the following corrections on page 6 under Education Ad Hoc Committee. Number 5, to reads "It was determined there were 69 GRs in attendance, so, 2/3rds, for substantial unanimity, would be 46 votes and 35 votes would be needed for a majority vote."

Treasurer's Report – Glen G - Budget Actual vs. Annual Budget

Discussion: Question was asked about the amount of the Area's Prudent Reserve.

- A. 1/3 of annual expense is approximately \$7,000 and is held for prudent reserve in the checking account.

Treasurer's Report approve as read.

Delegates Report – Roland C

This report in its entirety is on pages 6 and 7.

AI-Anon International July 4-6, 2008 - Call to Pittsburgh!

1. Theme: Pittsburgh will be great in 2008
2. Skit: Welcome to Pittsburgh July 4-5-6, 2008
3. Lessons were given in preparation for speaking "Pittsburghese"
A few of the examples were: Yunz – you uns, Tahl - Towel,
Dittnt - I didnt do it, Gum bands - Rubber bands. Jeet - did you eat?
Now we can begin to practice for the International... "Jeet?"
4. For early arrivals, there will be workshops on July 3rd.
5. Spanish Speaking registration forms were made available by the Delegate with a reminder that registration is now available on-line at www.ai-anon.alateen.org and many from the Oregon Area have already made their reservations and some are looking to share hotel rooms.

If you are interested just go to www.oregonal-anon.org and send a blanket email out to all AWSC members with your request. And DON'T FORGET....Pittsburgh will be great in 2008!

2008 Proposed Budget Presentation – Sue B, Audit Budget Chair.

Discussion Only:

1. Report was printed in the October/November Communicator.
2. Due to possible increased expense for travel and hotel accommodations for the Regional Trustee visit in March 2008, it was proposed to change the amount from \$750 to \$850.
3. We will be voting on the 2008 Budget later in the assembly.

Forum Writing Workshop – Elizabeth B, Forum Coordinator

1. Forms to be used in this workshop were passed out.
2. A double sided copy was given to be taken for use in group meetings.
3. Workshop lasted about 25 minutes and the writings were turned in to Elizabeth who will forward them on to WSO.
4. Having experienced a writing workshop, we can now encourage writings for the Forum within our groups.
5. We were reminded that WE are the voices of Al-Anon.

Assembly Allowance and Travel Fund – Sue B, Audit Budget Ch.

Discussion: This discussion is two-fold: #1. To increase the Area Travel Fund (ATF), and, #2. To increase the Assembly Allowance

1. Area Travel Fund (ATF)

A. How would this affect the budget?

Mileage is currently paid at 20 cents per mile (minus 80 miles.) It is proposed this be raised to 25 cents. 22 cents right now is adequate. Suggestion: find an index on the web of what gas prices are expected to be before each meeting. Establish the "average miles per gallon" for the average car. Based on the Price Index and the average miles per gallon, establish a percentage to be multiplied times the cost of gas. We are now using .074 which is slightly too low to reimburse for gasoline as it actually costs.

B. Cost effect would be on average \$22.00 for 20 people to attend and would increase the amount spent for this budget item to about \$400 since this change will only affect 2/3rds of the budget for 2008. 2009 may require an increase in the budget.

C. This discussion needs to be taken back to the groups. If an increase is approved, the ATF budget for 2008 should be okay even with an increase since we have always budgeted high and we have the contingency fund to cover any oversights.

D. A REMINDER: The process for assistance with travel funds begins with the Home Group. If the group cannot afford the expense, the request is then taken to the District. If the District isn't able to cover the expense, then gas reimbursement can be requested from the Area Travel Fund through the Treasurer.

2. Assembly Allowance:

a. Currently the Assembly Allowance is \$115 with a proposal to increase to \$150 because gas, lodging and food costs have continued to climb.

b. One hundred-Fifteen dollars (\$115.00) isn't always adequate for these expenses.

c. It was established an increase to \$150 will cover any special needs.

3. This will be on the March 2008 agenda for discussion resulting in a possible motion and vote.

4. GRs need to bring their home groups' conscience to the Assembly.

5. A suggestion from the floor was to increase the "voluntary" registration, which helps cover assembly expenses, from \$10 per group to \$20. This could be done using group autonomy.

Ad-hoc Committee for Hosting Regional Trustee Lorraine from Canada

1. Our guest will arrive in Portland on March 14th

2. AD Hoc Committee members are: Billie L, Helen M, Paula J, Danelda, Linda, and Beth T Bette will contact them with the planning.

Alateen 50th Birthday – Loretta P, Alateen Coordinator

Loretta gave a report on the history of Alateen. It was started at the urging of a teenager, Bob, in California. The missing ingredient for him was fellowship.

Comments that were written by Alateens in a detention center meeting were read.

Overview:

1. I liked that we got to share what we liked and didn't like.

2. I like being here and thank you for coming.

3. We talk and read.

4. I like that I can get out of my room, to talk and I like that.
5. Al-Anon helps me get myself back together.
6. I like discussing things that make me happy.
7. I like to get out of myself.
8. We got to share what is going on in our lives.

Alateen sponsors in attendance were recognized and birthday cake was served.
Happy 50th Birthday to Alateen

2008 Oregon Area Budget

Discussion and Motions:

There are 76 voting members in attendance. 2/3rds of the votes, for substantial unanimity, would be 51 votes.

1. Discussion prior to motion: To add line items on the Area Budget Report showing the Prudent Reserve Balance.

A. **MOTION #1** (An on-going motion): Made by Roland C, delegate. Seconded by Trudy S, GR Dist 5:

Add a line item to the budget to reflect the area's beginning cash forward as revenue and the area's prudent reserve as an expense.

Motion passed with 75 Yes votes, 0 No votes and 1 Abstention.

2. Discussion prior to vote: Request to change line item for Regional Trustee to cover possible additional expenses for lodging, meals and miscellaneous expenses

A. **MOTION #2** (A One Time Only Motion): Made by Ted B, GR Dist. 17. Seconded by Helen M, Dist. 4

I move that the line item in the 2008 proposed budget for the Regional Trustee under the heading Assembly/AWSC Allowance (Meal/Lodging) be increased to \$850.

Motion passed with 76 Yes votes, 0 No votes, and 0 Abstentions.

3. No discussion prior to motion

A. **Motion #3** (A One Time Only Motion): Made by Lea Anne W, GR Dist. 7. Seconded by Bea J, GR Dist. 7

To accept the 2008 budget as amended.

Motion passed with 71 Yes votes, 1 No vote and 4 Abstentions.

Action Committee Breakouts were held. Reports backs will be given on Sunday.

Meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m. with the Al-Anon Declaration.

SUNDAY - November 18, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Bette R, Area Chairperson at 8:07 a.m.

The Concepts & Warranties were read by Per L, GR, District 17.

Housekeeping – District 17 – Carolyn H

Made clean up announcements and thanked everyone for participating.

Northwest Regional Delegates Meeting Drawing

1. Oregon Area sponsors a past delegate to attend the next Northwest Regional Delegates Meeting. They are encouraged to attend because they bring experience to the delegates meeting. Each, interested in attending, put their name in a hat for the drawing. The name chosen was Bea J's, Past Delegate – Panel 32.

March 2008 Assembly – March 14-16, 2008 – Beth T. – District 4 - Salem

1. Theme: Let The Winds of March Bring New Thinking

2. Location: Chemeketa Community College – 4001 Winema Pl. NE
3. Friday night Sharing meeting and New GR Orientation will be held at the First Baptist Church – 395 Marion St. NE at 7:00 p.m.
4. Volunteer Registration: \$10.00
5. Banquet Saturday night with Lorraine (WSO Trustee)
6. Banquet: \$15 (Meat Lasagna or Veggie Pasta Roma)
7. Send Pre registrations to: Helen M. 410 Byers Lane, Dallas OR 97388

GR Panel/Conference Summary Workshop

No Report Backs

Action Committee Written reports are on pages 7-10.

1. **Public Outreach:** Ginny R. (Coordinator) – Judy J., (PD) John O. - DR 12
2. **Membership Outreach:** Joanne C. (Coordinator) – Bunny G (PD) – Chris K. - DR 1
3. **Group Services:** Bonnie P. & Ruth W. (Coordinators) – Eileen B. (PD) – Carolyn H - DR 17
4. **Fellowship Communication:** Annie M. (Coordinator) – Bea J. (PD) – Beth T. – (DR 4)

RSS Report: Cindy E. DR for Dist. 6 reported on the Regional Service Seminar in Minot ND:

1. She thanked her district for their support and encouragement to attend and paying her expenses to go.
2. Lots of information was given in workshops about the opportunity to hold service positions.
3. Staff and Trustees from World Service Office shared their Experience, Strength and Hope bringing home the awareness, they too are members of the Al-Anon Fellowship, first and foremost, and are also trusted servants for the membership.
4. She met members from many different states. 8 in our region along with part of Canada.
5. She had personal growth in learning how to apply the concepts to her personal life from a workshop given by Ric B. the executive director at WSO.
6. Her enthusiasm was felt as she encouraged everyone to consider attending the next RSS and the International in PA in July of 2008.
7. "Discover the Magic in Service", is something she felt she had accomplished.

SSM April 25-27, 2008 Raffle – Cat

Raffle winners were announced. Many items were distributed.

SSM April 25-27, 2008 Report – Trudy S., District 5 – Full Report is on page 7.

1. Location: Shilo Inn – 3105 O B Riley Rd. Off Hwy 97 North – Bend Oregon
2. Phone Number for Reservations: 503-389-9600
3. Accommodations: Discounted Suites with court yard view @ \$99.00. River View @ \$105.95
4. Be sure to say you are with the State Speakers Meeting Group.
5. Registrations will be available soon.

Assembly Evaluation Forms – Roland

GR opportunity to bring their voice to the assembly. The information will be brought back to the AWSC by Billie L. She will compile the information and give a report back.

July 2008 Assembly – Jerry L-H. - Contact

There was a discussion on changing the date of the assembly. A motion was made to have the Assembly held the weekend of July 18-19-20, 2008. The motion passed by majority with one abstaining vote.

Jerry will go back to her district and reserve the school location for the assembly meeting place.

Bid for November 21-23, 2008 Assembly

District 2 and District 16 will co host the November Assembly to be held in cooperation with AA.

The location AA has chosen is Chinook Winds in Lincoln City.

Elizabeth volunteered to act as liaison to let AA know Al-Anon will be there with them.

Audit Budget Report:

Report given by Sue B. The Area records were audited and it was found that everything is in order for the Area Treasury and also for the State Speakers meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:36a.m with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully Submitted,
Colleen G.
Oregon Area Secretary

ASSEMBLY MOTONS

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ASSEMBLY REPORTS

DELEGATE'S REPORT

OREGON AREA ASSEMBLY
NOVEMBER 16, 17, 18, 2007
WELCHES, OREGON

NEW THINKING, NEW ENERGY, AN ABUNDANT OUTLOOK

A year ago I sat here as your Alternate Delegate listening to the votes being cast for the Panel 47 Delegate. Each time I heard my name called, I thought about TRUST. As I look back at the past year, I think about TRUST. Our Groups Trust us today.

Page 54 of the Al-Anon Alateen World Service Manual 2004-2006 states: "The Area Assembly is the business meeting where the groups send their representative to have a voice and vote on behalf of the group. During an Assembly the Delegate reports the activities of the World Service Conference." Now we all know why we are here.

I've given you the report of the Conference at the last Assembly. You have taken this information back to your groups. There is more. At the last AWSC (Area World Service Committee) meeting I passed out copies of the Conference Summary. This is like the minutes, and details all of those things I can't possibly tell you about. I would suggest every group purchase a copy...it's \$3.00. This is a World Wide Fellowship and what we do here today, can have an impact on what happens in Malaysia tomorrow. How's that for some NEW THINKING?

Now for a little of my "soap box." I've been thinking about this report for weeks. Part of this process has been with my Higher Power. I do some of my deepest thinking in the shower. This happened moments ago just before I began writing this.

Since I was a DR I've asked myself, how do we get more GRs to Assemblies? I've heard for months about the number of people coming to Welches. The answer is pretty obvious. Hold the Assemblies at a mountain resort and they will come. But that leads me to more questions. What about the Assemblies held in an Elks lodge? Aren't the issues facing our Program the same? Does the business of Al-Anon change as a result of the facilities? We all love to be in beautiful surroundings and my heart is filled with gratitude to be here, this resort, this weekend. But more importantly, it's filled with gratitude to be with you, no matter where we meet.

Our Conference theme this year was, as I know you've heard, New Thinking, New Energy and an Abundant Outlook. The AWSC spent time this year looking at an inventory we did over a year ago. We've reached some goals and we have spent time implementing them. More focus on the Spiritual nature of our Program, Education and bringing a member of the WSO/Trustee to our Area. Hoping this would bring about some New Energy. I believe we are seeing the fruit develop and this will provide an Abundant Outlook for Al-Anon in Oregon.

So now it's time to ask you. What is your New Thinking? I will offer some suggestions. Take the New Energy from this Assembly and provide the Abundant Outlook in your home group and, do it at every meeting. You are all leaders. Read Bill's letter in the Service Manual (Concept 9.) I know we have to be careful. New Thinking doesn't mean forgetting our Principles. Do you attend meetings where the Traditions are not talked about, or worse yet, are not applied? If you do, what do you do?

What is your New Energy? Work together in the Action Committees. Where is Al-Anon going to be in 5 years? Your Groups are sending you here to be their voice. Use their money wisely. Ask the questions or provide the answer. That's New Energy and why you are here.

Some of the time spent here will be devoted to how we use their Seventh Tradition. Spend time with your Higher Power before making the decision.

Bette, the Area Chair, and I know to have the Abundant Outlook we need you here. This is your Assembly. We need your voice to make it better and inviting. I'm passing out questionnaires. I want just the GRs to fill it out. We're going to provide more opportunity to do this tomorrow. Take your time and give us your input, your voice. Billie, the Alt. Delegate, will be giving the AWSC a report on the results so we can better plan and better serve.

I'm already making some plans for the Conference in April. I talked with the WSO yesterday and have

a phone call scheduled with a Trustee this coming Tuesday as well as with another staff member on Wednesday morning. Are there issues that you are facing in your home group you need help with? Talk to your DR or each other. If it can affect AI-Anon as a whole need to work together on it.

Look forward to seeing the 2006-2009 AI-Anon Alateen Service Manual arrive soon.

Finally, Thank You for all you do!!
Roland C., Delegate

SSM April 25-27, 2008 Report – Trudy S., District 5

Climb the Mountain of Experience Strength & Hope is our theme.

As of November 1st we have taken in \$5,139 from yard sales, district and individual donations, tee shirts sales and of course, seed money.

We had some great raffle items donated for this assembly and already have a few for March. Thank you everyone for donating and purchasing raffle tickets. Our tee shirt sales have been great and we did add a new color, pink and new sizes. There's still time to buy that new color.

The cookbook does need more recipes!

We've made up flyers with the contact name so don't leave without at least one and please get them out to your groups ASAP... Deadline to receive is 12/1.

Speakers – We're getting really close!

\$730 was donated by Dist 17 from the Pan Cake Breakfast fund raiser for the SSM. A very fun skit was presented with a fun recipe and ingredients for great SSM.

Action Committee Reports

Public Outreach: Ginny R. (Coordinator) – Judy J., (PD) John O. - DR 12

Recorder: Helen M.

1. Ginny and Gretchen opened the meeting and reviewed some of the goals we talked about in previous meetings. One of the goals was to get pens with AI-Anon web site and phone numbers. They distributed 220 of these to groups in packages of 10. We were urged to hand them out, not mail them. It was decided to order 1,000 more since they are not very costly and everyone can leave a pen somewhere.
2. We talked about major cities tend to have large conventions which AI-Anon can participate in. It was recommended that several districts could go together and sponsor them. If more funds are needed, there is budget to assist.
3. Had considerable discussion about outreach to Spanish community. Talked about having the pens in Spanish but decided not to do that, there is a telephone number on them, and a new setup fee would be required. We did, however, decide to order 100 pamphlets in Spanish on "AI-Anon Faces Alcoholism" as well as 400 in English. These seem to be a very good tool in outreach.
4. Calling cards seem to go over well, so it was decided to order more of those to be distributed to the groups as well.
5. We were asked to go to counselors or therapists and see if they would like a subscription to the Forum, this helps keep the dollars inside AI-Anon and provides up-to-date information on AI-Anon and Alateen.
6. Voted to order a case of "Hope for Today" in soft back for use by Columbia River Correction Center.
7. To review four challenges to follow up on:
 - Who would like a subscription to the Forum
 - Make plans on how you are going to use calling cards
 - Distribute pens and be prepared to report how they were used
 - Decide on how you will use "AI-Anon Faces Alcoholism"

Membership Outreach: Joanne C. (Coordinator) – Bunny G (PD) – Chris K - DR 1 - Barbara L - ch.

Recorder: Barbara S

3:15 call to order, sign in sheet passed around, everyone said their name, current service position & who they represent

OLD BUSINESS

Barb L read summary of survey. There was a 50-70% response. She didn't print hard copies because it will be on website. GREAT JOB of responding. Thank you all DRs and GRs.

She sent a sign-up sheet around for people who did not get the Survey. This represents a breakdown in communication, because this survey should have been forwarded to each GR by their DR.

Barb gave her feedback on the comments, especially the strong encouragement for Alateen participation in Communicator. She reminded us the Communicator is only a forum for OR Area, not designed to be a serial magazine but an educational tool. It is defined by guidelines in the Oregon Area Handbook and printed 3 times a year at specific times—BEFORE EACH ASSEMBLY. She noted the positive feedback she got for the color version online this month.

She reminded us all groups get 4 copies of the Communicator, and Bunny said that 4 copies are going to past delegates, which is not necessary.

Led off by question from the group: Is a Spanish version needed?

Teddi said there is a website called "Babblefish" that will translate anything at no charge. DR Cindy said it's not a direct translation so this action could be risky, also it could be endorsing an outside entity which would be a violation of our Tradition. Roland said we should start with small steps. He knows of active Spanish AI-Anon meetings in Oregon and wants us to reach out to these group. Has anyone asked Spanish groups what are their needs? Paula made more remarks about getting the Communicator in Spanish. Paula agrees to contact the Spanish community. Any members from other districts are encouraged to get in touch with her through the committee roster or by sending her an emailing using the Oregon Area Website <http://www.oregonal-anon.org/contact.htm> then click on AIS Liaison Portland.

NEW BUSINESS

Joanne handed out some neat Pee Chee folders with a few documents inside on what this particular action committee is about. She has a vision that these will be added to and can be shared with our replacement GRs coming on to this action panel. Bunny said the AWSC voted & established Action Committees as permanent and supports to the Coordinators. It is an important activity for attendees.

Then Joanne led us into some brainstorming on slogan/mission statement/hat ideas to make our group more focused, energized and effective.

Some suggestions were:

- CommUnicate
- Membership Outreach- Working Together to Communicate
- Members Reach Out
- Reaching Out to You
- Reach Out to You

Then members of this action committee voted for:

**COMMUNICATION IS OUR M.O.
Read On! – Log On! – Move on with Membership Outreach!**

Suggestion that our theme song could be "Reach Out (I'll Be There)" by the Temptations.

Barb L wants to communicate with this committee by email beyond our assembly sessions and asked for everyone's ok on that.

Joanne used the overhead projector for a quick overview of website. She urged GRs to promote the website in our meetings and gave us a flyer to hand out. Some groups have website info on their sign-up/phone lists, which is a fabulous idea. Included in our Pee Chee is an educational flyer for the website and it is posted on the Assembly Postings page of the Area website. The flyer is titled **oregonal-anon.org Connecting With AI-Anon Flyer**. She sees the Assembly Postings page as an electronic bulletin board for the Area business. <http://www.oregonal-anon.org/postings.htm>. It has the Oregon Area Handbook in PDF format, broken into sections and searchable format. She urged us to check it out as it has very useful content. She tracks all the hits and keeps data on what is being accessed.

Group Services: Bonnie P. & Ruth W. (Coordinators) – Eileen B. (PD) – Carolyn H - DR 17

Recorder: Sage S.

What we do:

1. Record
2. Invite
3. Archive

How do we support new groups?

1. E-mails to GRs
2. Show up as guests
3. Get them books on consignment
4. Invite to District Meetings
5. Ad in newspaper (?)
6. Help them with a fund raiser
7. Provide a "tool kit" to include the new Service Manual Excerpt @ \$1.00, flyer to announce new meeting to include who, what, why, where, and when and the brochure "This Is AI-Anon."

Alateens:

1. Have Alateen speakers at special events
2. Talk to school counselors
3. School permission slips
4. Meetings in Malls
5. Do a My Space website
6. Computer Meeting

Goals for next assembly

1. Cooperating with AA – have a group AA Liaison
2. Read flyers at each meeting (this would require a group conscience)
3. Roland is looking for a bi-lingual to translate a welcome letter
4. Need bi-lingual members/GRs to support Spanish speaking groups
5. Record group history using archivist form off the website. Ask members (long time) for information. Fill out form and return to Ruth (Archivist)

District helps register new groups. New registered groups receive a binder from WSO. If meeting does not have a binder, contact your DR.

Fellowship Communication: Annie M (Coordinator) – Bea J (PD) –Beth T – (DR 4)

Recorder: Cat H

Breakout opened with the serenity prayer and introductions. Cat H. volunteered to be the recorder for this session.

Annie passed out the minutes from the last assembly and action committee task sheets with thoughts and ideas from the AWSC. Someone asked what AWSC meant and it was explained it was an acronym for Area World Service Committee. Annie also had an agenda that was passed out.

We talked about what we do, as a committee, staying connected and setting goals as well as education within the body of AI-Anon. Beth read the Fellowship Communication Action Committee's purpose.

We talked about ways of reaching out, possibly making love gifts and passing them out to different groups.

Forums: Some groups don't have them. Maybe we can bring old ones in and pass them on to other groups or put one out with each newcomer's packet.

There is a need to promote E-Cal and new literature.

Possibly tie an event to what ever special month it is, i.e. November being gratitude month, etc.

We do have \$50 to work with to use for a purpose for this action committee.

We talked about the possibility of starting a book-on-line club. We also discussed doing a bookmark with websites, E-Cal and Forum information on it as well as the acronyms of AI-Anon.

Every group should have a subscription to the Forum as well as a copy of the new Service Manual excerpt.

We are going to set up a committee e-mail connection so we can stay connected between assemblies.

Challenges:

1. We want to continue the challenge of each district having a writing workshop.
2. Make sure every group has a Forum subscription.
3. We are going to make a cheat sheet/book mark of all acronyms, websites, E-Cal, etc.
4. We will also be coming up with a theme.

(It was pointed out during the report back to the assembly that a bookmark had already been created listing the acronyms and websites and it is available at the Oregon Area website.)

ASK-IT-BASKET QUESTIONS:

1. Bunny G (Past Delegate - Panel 38)

Q: Can a service position be created at the district level for an Alateen liaison/coordinator to assist Alateen sponsors with the process (background check, interview, receiving the card, etc.) instead of having the District Representative do it?

A: The Oregon Area Handbook, section 8, page 3 defines the District Representative as the Alateen Sponsor Candidate Process liaison person.

The 2004-2006 Service Manual, page 60 and page 64 in the New Service Manual, discusses the Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP). In Oregon the Alternate Delegate is the Area's designated Alateen contact with the WSO Group Records Department regarding Alateen forms. The AAPP collaborates with the Alateen Coordinator and the Group Records Coordinator as determined by the Area process concerning the distribution and submission of Alateen forms and WSO Group Records reports.

2. Bea J (Past Delegate - Panel 32)

Q: Can we add to the agenda for the AWSC meeting issues regarding people trying to become Alateen sponsors? They are backlogged.

A: Mail to Billie and she will take care of it. Billie could be invited to do a workshop for your district on how to complete the paperwork process.

3. Susan G (Past Delegate - Panel 44)

Q: Why is my district so separate? Can we encourage cooperation with AA

A: Susan gave history of cooperation within the district. In the 2004 – 2006 Service Manual pages 95 and 96 address ways to cooperate with AA, i.e., naming one or two members to act as liaisons between the district and the AA functions, and providing lists of group contacts for Twelfth Step referrals for speakers meetings or being on panels. If invited by AA to participate at a conference, assembly or convention, ask to sit in on planning meetings as a liaison and then carry pertinent information back to the district

4. Judy J (Past Delegate - Panel 41)

Q: Why can't GRs in each group have the procedure for becoming an Alateen sponsor? It seems to be a big secret!.

A: No secret!! It can all be found and copied for use in groups, districts or to answer personal questions, at the Oregon Area website at:

http://www.oregonal-anon.org/handbook/handbook_july_06_section_8.pdf Information can be found in the Service Manual and from the DR, the AAPP (Area Alternate Delegate, Billie L.)

5. Judy J (Past Delegate - Panel 41)

Q: Can I give out an officer's phone number if I am asked for it by a member.

A: Yes. The AWSC Roster isn't to be made available to everyone.

6. Jan M (Past Delegate - Panel 20)

Q: Now that we have a new service manual may we please have a workshop on the new

service manual in March or July? I love the manual workshops in the past.

A: Go to your DR and request this be to be brought up at AWSC. Use the links of service.

7. Susan G (Past Delegate - Panel 44)

Q: What do you do as a DR about an overwhelming amount of Dual Members in a group?

A: Have in the opening format, information on keeping the focus on the AI-Anon program and leaving other affiliations outside as in "AI-Anon Spoken Here," or on the Table Tents on outside affiliations.

8. Bea J (Past Delegate - Panel 32)

Q: How can we encourage new members and keep them coming to meetings or keep them coming back? In AA they give new members the Big Book and a temporary sponsor. How could we do the same or some new ideas! New Thinking!..

A: Groups can provide new member packets. Members can be friendly give hugs and invite back and pray you have planted a seed. Groups are autonomous. They can develop procedures that work best for them.

9. Jan M (Past Delegate - Panel 20)

Q: If two or more members qualify for the travel reimbursement in one car, do they both received \$\$ back?

A: Not from the Area Travel Fund. Only one person traveling in a car, shared by other members, is reimbursed from the ATF. Other members can contribute to the expense for gas and then can submit that expense to their home group or district for reimbursement.

10. Susan G (Past Delegate - Panel 44)

Q: How are we helping AI-Anon Area, District or Groups, by publishing their donations? Can this allow personalities over principles?

A: AI-Anon and Alateen members need to be accountable as to where the money comes from. Traditions 6 and 7 talk about affiliation and being fully self supporting declining outside contributions. Also, Page 77 of the 2004-2006 Service Manual discusses that AI-Anon and Alateen do not accept outside contributions. Listing groups, districts, activities (i.e. the SSM) and individual member contributions helps to determine this isn't happening. Also, in our Oregon Area Handbook, motion 50, states "to list contributing Groups to WSO in the Communicator with specified amounts." Motion 51 states "to list only the contributing groups with specific amounts in the October issue of the Communicator."

11. Judy J (Past Delegate - Panel 41)

Q: What is the panel each person refers to when reading an Ask-It-Basket question?

A: On page 145 of the Service Manual: # 8. "Panels and Delegates' Terms of Office." ".A third of the delegates, called a panel, are elected every three years for a three year term. The election of the three panels is held on each of three consecutive years. This staggered election and tenure of office is provided so that a Conference shall always include a panel of delegates with two years' experience."

Roland is our current delegate. His panel number is 47. Susan G is panel 44, Judy J is panel 41 and all the way back to Jan M whose panel is 20.

12. Bea J (Past Delegate - Panel 32)

Q: What is the status of cross talk?

A: Page 36 in the 2007 World Service Conference Summary. There are 7 bullets and a paragraph. "On the issue of "crosstalk" the following clarification is offered: "Crosstalk" is not an AI-Anon word. We don't need this outside term. We don't give advice or interrupt each other, but we do share what worked for us so we have loving interchange in the meetings. If we don't have loving interchange, what is the purpose of going to meetings? We need to stop using the term crosstalk, stop focusing on it, and instead talk about what we do because what we do is lovingly support one another by sharing what worked for us." There is more information to be considered in this article.

13. Bea J (Past Delegate - Panel 32)

Q: If someone is a past delegate from another state, do they have the same role in the state of Oregon as an Oregon Area Past Delegate?

A: No. The person would have to follow the Area procedure with the links of service. In Oregon service positions, other than coordinators, begins as a DR. A motion was made to encourage this to happen. It failed. WSO informed us, we are always a past delegate from the state we were voted in to hold that position.

14. Susan G (Past Delegate - Panel 44)
Q: At an Assembly, who may make a motion? Or does having a "voice" mean, you may make a motion?
A: OAHB, website or DR, nothing written/found. At assembly if you have voice you can present a motion. If you have no voice you ask your DR or GR if they will present it for you.
15. Jan M (Past Delegate - Panel 20)
Q: We have a member that is double dipping and then she puts in at assembly for extra. What can be done?
A: First make sure the understanding of the process is there. This is a program of trust.
16. Bunny G (Past Delegate - Panel 38)
Q: When making arrangements to rent a room for a new meeting, one of our groups was asked for insurance. The person making the arrangements called WSO and was told this is happening more and more across the nation. They also said we have choices.
 1. Ask church if we can be added as a rider on their policy.
 2. Ask District to obtain policy to cover all groups.
 3. Sign a "hold harmless" contract with the church to not sue them if something happens.
 4. Purchase insurance for the group.
 5. Ask area if groups can get on their policy.
 What are other groups or districts doing? What do you recommend?
 An Insurance agent quoted \$400 to \$500 per year unless we are on Oregon State's non-profit list. Does anyone know how to get on the list?
A: Oregon Area AFG cannot cover individual groups. We are not incorporated.... The Area's insurance covers AREA meetings only.
 Read the insurance discussion on page 40 in new service manual. Many meeting places require liability insurance and hold harmless" waivers from AI-Anon groups."
 Could this become a discussion topic and put on Agenda for the AWSC meeting in February?
17. Bunny G (Past Delegate - Panel 38)
Q: When you discover a meeting is not following AI-Anon guidelines (i.e. talking about the disease and not recovery), what can be done when it is not your home group?
A: Pg 47 2004-06 Service Manual "Group Policies... anonymity
 Pg 52 rededication to the primary purpose.
18. Bunny G (Past Delegate - Panel 38)
Q: How do people get on a committee at the area level? Getting new thinking with new people. Tired of waiting to be asked. I want to just sign up. Tired of hearing nobody will help!
A: Let It Begin With Me! Volunteer to be on the committee. Ask what you can do to help. Even if you do not have voice or vote, you can be on one of the action committees. If you want to be in service as an area officer, follow the links of service. If you want to become a coordinator, be active in AI-Anon and make yourself available to serve in that position at the election assembly. Coordinators are elected, but do not have to have served as a DR.....
 Check out the election procedures in the service manual.

ACTION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY AWSC AND MARCH ASSEMBLY

FROM THE NOVEMBER, 2007 ASSEMBLY MINUTES	RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS
<p>#1. JULY 4- 6, 2008 Al-Anon International – Pittsburgh Registration available on-line at www.al-anon.alateen.org. NEED A ROOMMATE? Many are going and some WANT to share hotel rooms. If interested, go to www.oregonal-anon.org and SUBMIT a blanket email to all AWSC members with your request. . And DON'T FORGET Pittsburgh will be great in 2008!</p>	Every interested Al-Anon member
<p>#2. Assembly Allowance and Travel Expense Discussion to be taken to groups for their input. See report in these Assembly Minutes on page 2.</p>	DRs and GRs
<p>#3. Ad-Hoc Host Committee for Trustee Lorraine From Canada Guest will arrive in Portland on March 14th. Committee Members are to coordinate schedules with Chair. Bette R.</p>	Bette R., Billie L., Helen M., Paula J., Danelda, Linda, Beth T.
<p>#4. March 25-27, 2008 Assembly - Salem Send Voluntary Pre Registrations to Helen M. in Dallas OR & also the Banquet Reservations for meal choice and to listen to our guest speaker.</p>	DRs, GRs, Visitors All AWSC members.
<p>#5. GR Assembly Survey: report for February AWSC</p>	Area Chair – AWSC Agenda Item Billie L., Alt Del. Report
<p>#6. July 18-20, 2008 Assembly – Klamath Falls Meeting Location to be determined</p>	Jerry L-H Contact for District 14
<p>#7. Read the Delegates Report (pages 6 & 7) for ideas to improve us in our service positions</p>	All Members
<p>#8. Roland will be attending WSC in April. Let him know if there are any issues you feel needed to be taken to the conference. Contact him through the website at www.oregonal-anon.org</p>	Members to GRs toDRs to Delegate
<p>#9. Thinking ahead... Love Gifts for the Delegate to take to Conference in April.</p>	All Members
<p>#10. The New 2006-2009 Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual is out and has been mailed to your home groups' current mailing address. If your group hasn't received it, check the mailing address with Bonnie, Oregon Area Group Records</p>	GRs to DRs to Area Group Records
<p>#11. Forum Writing Forms were distributed at the Assembly to take back to groups to encourage a writing meeting for submissions to the Forum magazine. We are the voices of Al-Anon.</p>	GRs
<p>#12. "When making arrangements to rent a room for a new meeting, one of our groups was asked for insurance." Could this become a discussion topic and put on Agenda for the AWSC meeting in February? AIB #16</p>	Chairperson Possible Agenda Item for AWSC