

Georgia Area 11 Assembly
Opening Session, Saturday, September 21, 2013

Welcome: Chairperson Cheryl K. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions were read and the purpose and goals of Assembly were reviewed.

Coordinators/Liaisons/Representatives:

Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP): Jennifer T. Annual AMIAS certification is complete with the addition of a one-time letter notifying all AMIAS of their status as Mandatory Reporters. A Task Force is currently working to determine the impact of the new law on the fellowship. Letters are being sent to all new applicants as well. All AMIAS are reminded of the requirement to perform 6 hours of service. Contact Jennifer for information on how to obtain the hours other than sponsoring a group. Alateen meetings are for teens and not to be used for gaining service hours unless you are a new group sponsor in training. All service hours must be completed by May 15, 2014. Certification is due to WSO by June. Service hours are being accepted by Jennifer from May 16, 2013-May 15, 2014.

Alateen: Jenny L. The AMIAS Handbook is now available on the area website on the Alateen page. WSO is looking for 3-5 teens to participate in a Work Group focusing on the current needs of Alateen and are now accepting applications. If selected, members of the WSO will come to the Area and work with the teens. Jenny will email the document to all Alateen group sponsors to pass on to Alateens who are willing to serve in this capacity. A district guideline is being developed for district Alateen Coordinators to offer clarity and direction. A list of district AMIAS' contact information will be sent to each DR or district Alateen Coordinator. An email requesting permission from each AMIAS to list their contact information will be sent prior to passing on their information. This procedure will allow AMIAS the opportunity to communicate with each other in sharing ESH. The suggestion was made to use Alateen literature to chair an Al-Anon meeting or invite an Alateen to come and chair a meeting etc., in recognition of October being Alateen month.

Archivist: Sulata L. Members have volunteered to help with the scanning process of documents when the time comes. A variety of archives on display included quilts from previous Alateen Conferences, Group Histories and past Area Newsletters. Please contact Sulata if you have a copy of the newsletter from 1982 or 1990.

Group Records: David B. DRs are requested to ask groups to reconsider listing their group as "closed" as the meaning is often misunderstood by newcomers in search of a meeting. New groups or those wishing to change their name are reminded not to reflect any affiliation when doing so. Please use the GR1 form available on the area website for all changes and send directly to your DR, who will send to Group Records. It is necessary to fill in only the data that is needed. DRs, please note in the body of the email, that the change affects meeting day, time and/or location in order to give top priority. A list of current and past Trustees has been added to the directory.

Literature: Erica L. The new workbook, *Reaching for Personal Freedom* which was released at the International Convention in July is now available for \$15.00. The 2013 World Service Conference Summary is also available for \$4.00 and the Conflict Resolution piece of literature is now available in a small flip chart format for \$4.00. Close to 40 sharings on Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships was mailed to WSO as a result of the May Assembly writing workshop. Thank You notes were sent from WSO to those who shared. Please let Erica know if you did not receive one. WSO has about 1,000 sharings at this time but needs at least another 1500. The Literature Committee is seeking sharings for Parents/Grandparents Pamphlet. Guidelines for

submissions were given to DRs. The current working title is *Parents and Grandparents of Young Problem Drinkers. How Al-Anon Works for Families of Alcoholics* is now available in audio book form as a downloadable MP3 file through all e-book reader outlets. This is made available through these outlets instead of directly through Al-Anon due to the password protection capability. The Amazon price is \$21.95. The “CAL Corner” in September’s issue of *The Forum* focuses on *Reaching for Personal Freedom* (B-92). October is the 40th Anniversary of *Alateen – Hope for Children of Alcoholics* (B-3). Articles about *Many Voices*, *One Journey* (B-31) and *Reaching for Personal Freedom* (P-92) are requested. Literature sales were below budget for the year.

Metro Atlanta Al-Anon/Alateen Information Service (MAIS): Karlyn M. Lynda P. is the new office chair. Volunteers for Alateen, Archives, Webmaster and Institutions are needed. New meeting schedules have been printed and are available at the office. Volunteers are needed to provide meeting information to callers and another group is being formed specifically to answer 12 step calls. 200 copies of 2014 AFA are available at the office and 200 more will be ordered for the second printing deadline of February 5th, 2014. There is a sufficient quantity of literature available for purchase. Order forms are available online at www.alanonatl.com. 45th MAIS Anniversary Party, Wednesday, December 4, 2014, Tucker First United Methodist Church, 5095 La Vista Road, Tucker, Ga.

Newsletter: Essie N. The current newsletter was published on the website July 15th. The deadline for the next issue is November 1, 2013. Suggestions for a strong newsletter are: Review previous newsletters online; DRs pass the link to your GRs; GRs be familiar with the activities in all districts gaining ideas for your groups and read the articles from officers, coordinators and DRs to better understand Area 11.

Public Outreach: Marie N. The committee’s focus for this term is diversity. A survey has been created to determine the current impact of public outreach efforts to determine changes that can be made for better results. This will be emailed to DRs with a request to forward to GRs for completion. The survey will not be listed on the website because it is not password protected. On page 31-34 of *The Best of Public Outreach* which is available online, there is a list of mental health organizations as well as federal and state agencies, many of which are outdated. The committee is working to update the list which will be sent to all DRs as well as to WSO.

Webmaster: Patrick B. The Thought Force for Leveraging Technology to Share AWSC and Assembly Information will be making a recommendation Sunday morning. The Webmaster committee is looking at how to maintain anonymity online. A recommendation has been made to have a Standing Committee chaired by the Area Webmaster to help make decisions in providing information to the Area. This would be done on a trial basis.

Business Meeting, Sunday, September 22, 2013

Welcome: Chairperson Cheryl K. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Twelve Concepts of Service were read and the Purpose and Goals of Assembly were reviewed. Roll call: 21 districts were represented with 130 voting members. 3 members stood willing to serve as Area Secretary and Kathy W. from District 1 was elected. Minutes from May Assembly were adopted with amendments. *Motion 1*

Delegate: Cathy O. WSO’s cost for group services support is \$252.00 per year. The average amount received from Georgia groups is \$132.00. The General fund recorded a loss of \$140,200.00 for the period ending June 30, 2013 compared to the income of \$29,000.00 last year. \$1.00 more per group per month would generate \$200,000.00 per year. The contributions this year were \$663,300.00 compared to \$674,000.00 last year resulting in a 1.6% decrease. GRs

are asked to remind groups of the spiritual connection by giving in gratitude. The newest version of the *Service Manual* is now available on the Members' website. The *Taking a Group Inventory Guideline* has been expanded and is now available in two parts; G-8a which includes additional questions for all Al-Anon and Alateen groups as well as special sections for Alateens and Alateen Group Sponsors. G-8b includes methods for taking an inventory and a section for reflections as well as a list of additional resources for groups. Guidelines are available online and DRs have a list of all that have been recently updated. Please submit your suggestion for Conference Agenda Items via e-mail to Cathy by October 25th. Be sure it is not something already addressed in the *Service Manual* or can be found in a previous Conference Summary. Suggestions need to be items that merit time on the Conference Agenda that could shape Al-Anon as a whole. District 3 has submitted a bid to WSO for "Meet the Board" event to be held in Area 11, July 2014. Area coordinators and/or officers are available to visit groups or districts and provide workshops. The 2014 World Service Conference theme is "World Service Conference: Our Spiritual Principles in Action".

Alternate Delegate: Renelle M. GRs are encouraged to subscribe personally to *The Forum* as representatives to their groups. Suggestions on how to promote *The Forum* are listed on the members' website under the Publications link. The June issue had an article by a Georgia member titled, A Mother Opens Her Eyes and Heart to Step Three. Send your name and contact information to Renelle if you would like to be added to the area Speaker list. Districts 10 and 11 were thanked for hosting registration and 12, 13 and 14 for hosting the Hospitality Room. January Assembly: Registration; Districts 15 & 16. Hospitality; Districts 17 & 18.

Treasurer: Levon C. Budget vs. Actual YTD; Total Income=\$11,523.04, Total Expense=\$13,142.22, Net Operating Income= **(\$1,619.18)** Funds Carried Fwd. =\$10,000.00, Total Funds on Hand=\$8,380.82. Balance Sheet; Bank Account=\$8,380.32, 1 year CD=\$10,657.01 renewed at 01% and 6 month CD=\$2,531.64 renewed at .035%, Money Market Account=\$2,746.55. Total Assets=\$24,316.02 Treasurer's Report Budget vs. Actual accepted by general consent **Motion 4 2014** Proposed Budget. There is no change for 2014 Income from 2013. Concerns were expressed regarding the message being sent to the groups by the Proposed Budget. It was suggested that the Area Budget increase the group contributions as well as the Area's contribution to WSO and that GRs communicate to groups that status quo is not meeting our responsibilities under Concept 1 and Tradition 7. The Chair suggested to the Treasurer to bring these thoughts to the Finance Committee and onto AWSC in November. The Finance Committee/AWSC will look at the suggestion and determine if the Area should make that change to the 2014 Budget. Proposed Area Budget adopted as presented. **Motion 5** Area contributions can be mailed to AFG of Ga. P.O. Box 7644, Macon, Georgia 31209-7644. Please provide your WSO# or district on the check. A form to be sent with your contribution is available online at <http://www/ga-al-aono.org/library/alalist.html> only individual contributions are tax deductible.

Central Services of Georgia: Debbie F. Volunteers needed to serve in the office as well as those willing to retrieve and return phone calls. The move of the office is complete. Levon C. presented the financial reports. Budget vs. Actual YTD; Total Income = \$23,929.23, COGS=\$14,466.47, Total Expense=\$7,943.43. Office Expense accounts for 83.5% of the total expenses. The items majority of the balance consists of old office space rental, telephone/internet and insurance. Net Income=\$1,520.03. Balance Sheet; Cash on Hand=\$23,959.31, Accounts Receivable=\$738.79, Inventory=\$13,607.62, Vendor Deposits=\$700.00, Total Current Assets=\$39,005.72, Liabilities; Accounts Payable=\$2,546.48, Sales Tax =180.96, Total Current

Liabilities=\$2,727.44. Financial Report adopted as amended by general consent. *Motion 2*. 2014 Proposed Budget –Total Gross Profit is being reduced from the original 2013 Budget by \$4,236.00. This is due to a decrease in expenses for 2014 mostly due to the move to a smaller office space and the reduced rent which results in a savings of \$3,810.00. 2014 Proposed Budget adopted as presented *Motion 3* Please send all GACS contributions and/or literature payments to 2733 Sheraton Drive, Suite F160, Macon, Georgia 31204. Levon will investigate making a revision to the online Area Contribution Form to offer the option of indicating a donation to GACS as well. Debbie F. and Levon C. will be working on transitioning the Area Office bookkeeping to Quick Books On-Line.

2013 Georgia Al-Anon/Alateen Convention: Lois B. 336 people=26 Alateens, 39 A.A. members and 271 Al-Anon members. Thanks to all who served on the committee and on location. \$8500.00 seed money passed on to 2014 Convention Committee and the profit of \$1125.00 sent to WSO, Georgia Area Assembly, the Georgia Central Service Office and the Alateen Conference in the amount of \$281.25 each.

2014 Georgia Al-Anon/Alateen Convention: Cynthia S. August 8-10, 2014 Unicoi State Park, Helen, Georgia. 75 registered. Rate is per person and includes meals. Cabins are not included in room allotment and do not include meals. Flyer with all information is available the Area website.

2013/2014 Georgia Alateen Conference: Amy G. The financial report for 2013 will be provided at January Assembly. 24 teens and 7-10 sponsors attended. 23 teens are registered for 2014 at this time with a goal of 100. May 30-June 1, 2014, Rock Eagle 4-H Conference Center, Eatonton, Georgia. The spaghetti dinner held at this Assembly generated \$800.00. Please send contribution checks payable to AFG of Georgia Alateen c/o Amy Gandolfi, 214 Highland Park Trail, Sandy Springs, Georgia 30350. Flyer is available online.

2013 A.A. Prepaid Convention: Dorothy N. 60th Georgia AA Prepaid Convention, October 17-20, 2013 Hyatt Regency, Atlanta. Call 1-888-421-1442 code GAAP for reservations. There are only a limited number of smoking rooms available. Al-Anon meetings will be held in the Dunwoody room. Schedule listed on www.ga.prepaid.com Contact Dorothy at Dorothy.an@hotmail.com if you would like to serve at the convention.

New Business:

- a. Due to the acceptance from the Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta, the motion from the Finance Committee for legal fees for the Restructuring Task Force is no longer needed.
- b. The Thought Force for Leveraging Technology to Share Assembly Information brought forth recommendations which were accepted as presented. *Motion 6*
- c. A motion was made to assemble a Task Force charged to design, document and recommend a detailed approach to implementing a Work Group per recommendation 3 of the Leveraging Technology to Share Assembly Information Thought Force. Motion accepted as presented. *Motion 7*

Summary of Motions:

Motion 1: Minutes of the May, 2013 Area Assembly were accepted as amended by general consent.

Motion 2: GACS Budget vs. Actual adopted as amended by general consent

Motion 3: GACS 2014 Proposed Budget Report adopted as amended by general consent

Motion 4: Area Treasurer's Budget vs. Actual financial report adopted by general consent

Motion 5: Area Treasurer's 2014 Proposed Budget adopted by general consent

Motion 6: Move that the report of the Thought Force on Leveraging Technology to share Assembly and AWSC Information be accepted. Motion passed unanimously

Motion 7: Move that a Task Force be assembled and charged to design a detailed approach to implement a Work Group per recommendation 3 of the Thought Force Leveraging Technology to share Assembly and AWSC Information Report. Motion passed with one abstention

Calendar Summary

2013 Georgia A.A. Prepaid Convention:	10/17-20/2013
AWSC	11/16/2013
MAIS Anniversary Dinner	12/4/2013
Area Assembly	1/18-19/2014
Alateen Conference	5/30-6/1/2014
Al-Anon/Alateen Convention	8/8-10/2014

Closing:

The cut-off date for Marriott hotel reservations for January 2014 Assembly is 1/3/2014.

Assembly survey forms can be submitted online at:

http://www.ga.al-anon.org/Librabry/1309_webFeedbackForumhtml

Respectfully submitted,

Linda G.

Interim Area Secretary

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