

Georgia Area 11 Assembly
Business Meeting Part I
Saturday, May 16, 2015

Welcome: Chairperson, Cheryl K. (In Cheryl's absence, Renelle M.) opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The purpose and goals of Assembly were reviewed. There was a reading from Alateen *One Day at a Time*.

Reports:

Alternate Delegate-Renelle M. Becky Croft, District 11 has agreed to be the Al-Anon liaison to the 2016 Georgia A.A. Prepaid Convention with Al-Anon Participation.

Once again Georgia has participated in keeping The Forum alive and well. In the April 2015 our very own Cheryl K. had a sharing that was published titled "Loving detachment is hard to do—a mother's struggle".

From the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, p. 104, "The Forum can be used, and is encouraged to be used, by all members and groups for meetings. The Forum, as a concept is Conference Approved."

Subscriptions are basically holding around 20,000 – down by approximately 4,000 since 2010. Currently, there is still, on average, only 1.4 subscriptions per group.

Georgia averages 2 subscriptions per group, however our count is down by 10.

Anyone looking for a speaker for a District Workshop, Anniversary Meeting, or other Al-Anon event may get a copy of the Speaker list from your DR or from me. Any Al-Anon member wishing to be added to the Georgia Al-Anon speaker list please send me your name, address, email, and telephone number.

May Assembly-Thank you to the following; District 9, Duncan, for hosting registration and Districts 6, Debbie, 10, Sherri, and 16, Lauren for hosting hospitality.

September Assembly – The following Districts are willing to serve our Registration Desk: District 17, Anne M. and District 18, Pat P. For Hospitality, the following Districts are willing to serve: District 19, Cynthia, District 13, Sorrell and District 12, Martha.

2015 A.A. International Convention with Al-Anon Participation-Renelle M. In just 46 days there is going to be an incredible spiritual happening occur in Atlanta. The excitement is beginning to build as Georgia A.A. and Al-Anon members begin to anticipate hosting 50,000 to 60,000 members of A.A. and Al-Anon from around the world; as they converge on Atlanta to celebrate 80 years of recovery. A.A.'s General Service Office is receiving emails from around the world. There are currently 94 countries registered, many of which this will be their 1st International Convention and they are excited about meeting their new friends in Georgia! For the very first time we have many countries from the continent of Africa attending. Committees are busy making flags to represent each country for the flag ceremony on Friday night in the Georgia Dome. It is a moving experience to see representatives from each country walk across the stage and realize that this message of hope and recovery that has spread to millions around the world was started by 2 men who came together and began to share their experience, strength, and hope with one another.

You don't want to miss this experience! I have attended 3 International Conventions and can tell you that there is a spirit that fills the city that is infectious. It is the joy, laughter and love that can be felt when 2 or more of us join together to share our experience, strength and hope, only now it will be multiplied 50,000 times.

The Marriott Marquis Hotel will serve as the Al-Anon Host Hotel where all of the Al-Anon/Alateen activities will be held. Al-Anon/Alateen members will have their own hospitality area and 100 workshop meetings, which will take place on Friday and Saturday.

Our job is to greet our guests warmly, help them to find their way around, and help them to feel welcome and at home throughout this entire convention. In order to do this we need to fill approximately 450 volunteer shifts. As Georgia Al-Anon members we have the unique opportunity to be of service by actually living the Al-Anon Declaration "*Let it begin with me*". We will be the ones who will be able to reach out the hand of Al-Anon and welcome the world to Georgia. There are many ways in which to be of service beginning Wednesday, July 1st thru Saturday, July 4th. Wednesday and Thursday we will need volunteers at the GWCC and the Marriott Marquis. Then on Friday and Saturday all volunteer positions will be at the Marriott. We have positions available as Hotel Lobby Greeters, Topic Meeting Greeters, Foreign Language Services, Information/Speaker Sign-in, and Hospitality Room Greeter. The main responsibility of each of these rolls is to welcome and help visitors get from one meeting location to the next.

We ask that you be willing to serve a minimum of a one 4-hour shift for one day. All service positions will allow plenty of time for you to be able to enjoy the convention programs and still be of service to others. One of the unique

opportunities serving will offer you is to increase 10 fold your opportunity to meet and enjoy other members. When visiting a convention many of us tend to stick with the people we came with and have limited interaction with others. As a volunteer, people will be seeking you out to say hi and ask questions. It will provide many opportunities to experience one on one the vastness of our fellowships as we meet thousands from the far corners of the world. You will have some unique experiences and great stories to share about the love and spirit of the fellowship and the convention. We need 450 volunteer shifts filled. Through May 13th we have 166 shifts or 28% of our shifts filled. If you are thinking they will have plenty, they don't need me, think again. We need each and every one of you and your friends and spouses.

43,000 have already registered for the convention. There are 2,500 Al-Anon's, which does not include A.A. members who are also members of Al-Anon and 90 Alateens currently registered.

There are still hotel rooms available. You will need to call housing at 844-804-9453 or email internationalconvention@eventshere.com.

Some of you have already received emails or may soon receive an email from housing informing you of a hotel change. For housing concerns call 678-704-8712.

For the 1st time A.A. will be having a convention app to assist in the needs of the attendees.

It will provide information about meetings, a video on how to use MARTA, shuttle information, how to navigate Hartsfield, special needs information and more.

To download the app, go to your app store and type in 2015 International Convention. An email will also be sent to all convention registrants with details about the app.

These International Conventions only happen once every 5 years. This is the first time Georgia has been privileged to host such an event, and this opportunity will not happen again within our lifetime.

When the convention closes on Sunday July 5th there will be a 1-½ hour ice cream social held for all the volunteers.

I urge each of you to return to your Districts and share the enthusiasm and excitement that is beginning to build and will culminate July 1st thru July 5th in Atlanta. Encourage all of your members to volunteer. We need each and every one of you. To volunteer go to: <http://www.ga-al-anon.org/2015hostarea.html>.

There you will find a brief description of the volunteer positions: a link to Volunteer Sign-Up/Login; a link to register for the Convention; a link to the Advance Program Guide and Frequently Asked Questions. Additional information will be coming soon! Remember the sooner you sign up the better your opportunity to select a shift that will best fit your schedule. Come join us and let's have fun!

GACS-Debbie F. Literature sales have been very good so far this year. The office employee has been in place for a few months now and orders are being processed in 1-3 days. She is in the office 2 days a week.

A friendly reminder: Payment for orders is due in a timely manner once the order is received. Being able to receive your literature before paying is a service the Area Office provides to you, so please be responsible so that we can continue to provide this service.

The Public Outreach Literature Fund is available for Districts or groups that would like to do a public outreach project or have the opportunity to participate in a health fair or other event but does not have the sufficient funds to purchase literature. All literature is public outreach pamphlets.

Treasurer: Levon C. Al-Anon Family Groups of Georgia, Inc. Financials;

2015 Budget vs. Actuals January 1 – March 31, 2015: Total Income = \$5,426.65,

Total Expenses = \$7,525.96, Net Operating Income = (\$2,099.31), Funds Carried

Forward = \$11,315.56, Total Funds on Hand = \$9,216.25. Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2015: Area 11 Operating

Account = \$9,216.25, 1 Year CD = \$10,715.78, 6 Month CD = \$2,535.39, Money Market Account = \$2,749.40,

Total Assets = \$25,216.82.

The AFG of Georgia Inc. Treasurer's Report was adopted as presented by general consent. **Motion 1**

AFG of GA Contributions Mailing Address:

AFG of Georgia, Inc. - P.O. Box 7644, Macon, GA 31209-7644

Treasurer: Levon C. Georgia Al-Anon Central Services (GACS) Financials;

2015 Budget vs. Actuals January 1 – March 31, 2015: Total Income = \$12,379.39, (Cost of Goods Sold)

COGS = \$8,332.36, Gross Profit = \$4,047.03, Total Expenses = \$2,759.29, Net Income = \$1,287.84.

Balance Sheet: Cash On Hand (Operating and Reserve Fund Total) = \$25,979.68,

Accounts Receivable = \$2,694.40, Inventory = \$10,490.06, Total Assets = \$39,164.14.

Total Current Liabilities \$193.61 (GA Department of Revenue-GACS Sales Tax Payable \$155.66, Federal Taxes 941/944 \$37.34.)

The GACS Treasurer's Report was adopted as presented by general consent. **Motion 2**

GACS Contributions Mailing Address:

Georgia Al-Anon Central Services or GACS - 2733 Sheraton Drive, Suite F-160, Macon, Georgia 31204

Public Outreach-Marie N. There are some exciting things happening with Public Outreach:

I will be ordering AFA's by the July deadline for the 2016 printing. If any Districts or groups want to be included in the order please let me know.

District 4 has an outreach project to place ads in movie theaters. Linda G. explains that they have lined up 3 multiple theaters that will be running the Al-Anon/Alateen ads in all theaters over a period of 3 months.

I have copies of the 2015 PSAs for TV for each District. Each ad is in English, Spanish and French. Although not broadcast quality, they may be used for workshops or public outreach. These PSA's will be released to stations in the fall 2015. I will be forwarding WSO's list of TV stations for district follow-up.

Public Outreach Committee is undertaking an Area-wide billboard project. District 9 proposed the project to coincide with AA International in July and has contributed \$2,000.00 initial funding. Outreach will include Alateen and Spanish ads. The goal is a six-month campaign. We estimate the cost between \$1,000.00-\$1,500.00 per month over a 6 month period. If each District contributed \$200.00-\$300.00, we would be well on the way to reaching the 6 month goal. I have visited MAIS and a committee member was able to attend District 13's meeting to ask for support and financial participation and we have an additional contribution from one Group of about \$140.00 just from passing a basket at one meeting. We are asking for support from the Area, Districts, GACS and Groups. The more funding we have up front the more ads we can run at once. We are exploring the use of all types of billboards, digital static and louvered and are looking into spreading the project outside the Atlanta area. We have quotes for Savannah, Hinesville, Columbus and Macon.

As a general rule the Area does not earmark funds. Therefore contributions for the Public Outreach Billboard Project should be made payable to AFG of GA and mailed to: Marie Neese, 1552 Brawley Circle NE, Atlanta, GA.

Webmaster-Patrick B. The new Georgia Al-Anon website is under construction and is being redesigned to include maps to the meetings. Our goal is to have the old website replaced with the new by June 1, 2015.

Newsletter-Essie N. It was recently discovered that a 1995 motion to include Assembly minutes in the newsletter had not been followed for quite some time, possibly since the procedure to distribute minutes electronically and before the newsletter changed over to electronic submissions.

You might have noticed in the Secretary's report that the minutes are now available on a password-protected site within the newsletter with instructions. Additionally, previous issues of the newsletter are available on the Georgia Al-Anon Website. Click on the following link for Secretary's minutes: <http://www.ga-al-anon.org/Library/newsletters.html>.

The deadline for submissions for the next Georgia On Track is July 1, 2015. Instructions, tips, and suggestions will be emailed to DRs on June 1, 2015. Thank you for your contributions in making our newsletter fun and factual on our journey of recovery.

All of the service e-mail addresses are on the "Contact Us" page of the ga-al-anon.org web site. Reminder for all submissions: Do not submit personal email addresses or telephone numbers in order to protect anonymity.

AAPP-Jennifer T. The paperwork deadline for AMIAS recertification passed on May 15. One of the reasons I must set that date is to allow for BOSMA to complete all their background checks before the WSO deadline. DRs, if you see that some AMIAS in your district have not been reactivated for the 2015-2016-service year, it is likely because we are waiting on background checks. So far I have re-certified 49 AMIAS and inactivated 4. I still have not heard from 14 current AMIAS. I have also sent emails to the DRs of AMIAS that I have not heard from or been able to contact through email or phone.

This is also a good time for DRs to remind AMIAS when the service year begins, ends, and what exactly constitutes service for Georgia Alateen. Because the recertification paperwork goes out in March, I have set the service year from March 1 to March 1. If you have special circumstances, please let me know, as there is room for discretion.

Ways to serve without being an actual group sponsor are to act as a fill in, help with transportation to area events, and help groups fundraise for the Alateen conference, serve as the district area coordinator, or serve as the Alateen contact for the Al-Anon Conference or district events.

District Alateen Coordinators, it is important for you to act as a liaison for the AMIAS in your district. You must be familiar with the certified AMIAS and Alateen meetings in your district. Group sponsors should be able to contact you to

find a sub when needed or to help with fundraising and transportation. I also depend on DRs and District Alateen Coordinators to check in on the Alateen meetings in your district.

Thank you for all you do to support Georgia Alateen. Please feel free to ask me any questions you may have.

MAIS-Karlynn M. An appeal letter has been sent out. A copy is in the current CenterPoint. Please make sure that this letter is read at your local meetings. A lease has been signed for a 5-year period at our current location. Elections will be held in November for MAIS chair, MAIS board chair, Alateen Chair, Office Chair, Liaison to the Area, Literature Chair, Secretary, Telephone Volunteer Chair, and Website Chair. These are 3-year terms. The duties of each of these positions will be in the CenterPoint this year, as well as in the Service Manual.

All area events have been updated on the website. MAIS meeting times are also listed. Any information you want posted on the website should be sent to website@alanonatl.com.

The office is well stocked with literature. If your group is planning an anniversary or a workshop, please remember that Sue is willing to bring literature for display, or to deliver pre-arranged orders. 2014 AFAs are still available.

The office will be closed Saturday June 6th, and will be open June 13th and 20th from 10am to 2pm. The office will be closed July 4th and open July 11th & 18th. MAIS is shipping orders on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and alternative shipping (other than UPS) is being explored for more cost effective rates.

There are 400 schedules remaining from the last printing. Another printing will be done in June. Please notify Mamie as soon as possible with any changes in your meeting times, venue, date, etc., to be reflected on the current schedule. Use schedules@alanonatl.com for notification purposes.

Telephone Volunteers are always needed. For an updated schedule contact the MAIS office @ 404-687-0467.

Elizabeth is starting to plan for this year's event. Save the first Wednesday in December as the target date.

Our Area Public Outreach Coordinator, Marie N., presented a possibility for digital billboards for Al-Anon PSAs in the metro Atlanta area during the upcoming 4th of July weekend. Funding sources are being sought for this opportunity.

Please let me or anyone involved with MAIS know how we can be of service to your groups.

Delegate-Cathy O. 2015 Conference Report - Before Conference officially began, the Task Force to which I was assigned last year met to discuss our presentation strategy and to rehearse. The name of our Task Force was: Create Ways to Raise Awareness of the Tools Available for Alateen. On Wednesday, we presented two skits and a power point presentation, which reminded us of the literature that is available and of the Alateen chat room that is available to teens.

This year's Conference theme was: Living Our Spiritual Principles- Expanding Our Vision. The leadership is really focusing on the future of Al-Anon and where it is going. We must keep up with a changing world, yet we cannot abandon our spiritual principles found in the Legacies.

We heard a report from a Thought Force: Create Strategies to Show Spiritual Connection of being a Registered Group. The list of spiritual principles or core values that the Thought Force felt were enhanced by being a registered group were: unity, participation, accountability, and responsibility.

In July 2011, the Policy Committee began the discussion in light of Tradition 5 and "giving comfort to families of alcoholics." In 2013, the Conference began a conversation on accepting memorial contributions from a non-member on behalf of his or her deceased family member who belonged to Al-Anon. The Conference wanted some safeguards and we asked in 2013 for some definitions.

The definition of "member" of Al-Anon is found in Tradition 3: "Anyone who feels his personal life is or has been deeply affected by close contact with a problem drinker is eligible for membership in Al-Anon/Alateen." In other words, anyone claiming to be a member is considered as such.

The definition of "family" is considered in the broadest sense. It is any person who plays a significant role in an individual's life. This may include a person who is or is not legally related to the deceased member. In this case, the donor defines his/her relationship with the deceased Al-Anon member.

The safeguards to ensure no outside influence: Do not solicit the contribution. Allow contributions from self-defined family members only, place monies into the general fund. No earmarking of funds by the donor. Allow non-members to make a one-time only contribution per deceased member.

The discussion will continue this year with the Board of Trustees about limiting or not limiting the dollar amount and about the maximum amount of the contribution.

We had a discussion about the Area Highlights publication that WSO sends to us. It started in 1965 as a newsletter to all Areas. People shared articles, ideas, and experience, strength and hope. In 1976, it was a means of communication between the Delegates, but a year later, it was mailed to all groups if they photocopied it. In 2001, they mailed 2710

copies of it, but they started posting it online, too. In 2011, the Area Highlights went totally electronic. At this time, only 159 people are reading that newsletter. WSO acknowledges that most Areas have their own newsletter, but they want me to share with them what you all think. How interested is GA in using Area Highlights? What would make Area Highlights more useful to members? What changes can GA make to contribute information to Area Highlights? If you would like to answer any or all of these questions, please send your answer to me and I will pass it along. We discussed a chosen agenda item: Is the current model of Alateen the best model for the future of both Al-Anon and Alateen? There is a lot of concern for Alateen. Only in very few Areas is Alateen thriving. Most Areas are struggling, some are maintaining and some Areas have no Alateens. During that one-hour conversation, we came to no conclusions. I would like to share a quote from Ric B that impacted me as to a possible reason that Alateen is not growing. He said, "Look at the minimum requirements that were passed 12 years ago. Those requirements were meant to protect teens. We are the ones who have added more to protect us! That's not what was intended!" It was suggested that our Area do an inventory of Alateen. I would like to present that as a possibility for our Area if some of the Alateen leaders would be willing to develop it.

We heard Ric's annual report and the budget and audit reports in detail. We approved all three reports. Ric's annual report can be found on the web site in the Archives folder.

Contributions by groups in GA were up by 20% last year. In GA, 68% of our groups gave to WSO with an average of \$167.45 per group. We are improving, but on an average, we are \$90 short per group in being fully self-supporting. WSO continues to transfer funds from the Reserve Fund to cover the projected \$52,000 deficit. The statistics from WSO about all 15,496 groups: 61% of all groups gave an average of \$119 last year. WSO spent \$257 per group.

We approved a motion brought to us from New Mexico/El Paso, which said, "Request that the Conference give permission to convert the VHS Format Copy Protected Conversion of Lois' Story and Lois and the Pioneers to DVD Copy Protected." These DVDs will be available in the future for Areas who wish to view a part of Al-Anon history to rent from WSO to show at events.

I want to encourage someone or a group of some ones to lead our Area in a TEAM event. If you think you could be interested in hosting this for GA, please go to the www.al-anon.org website, click on resources, then on TEAM event. A request for such an event must be made at least six months in advance.

Ric made a few announcements: www.al-anon.info/meetingsearch/al-anonmeetings.aspx will soon be on the Public Outreach website. You will find it under "go to meeting." Type in a city or zip code and the meeting location and directions to the meeting will pop up.

If you are an Officer, Coordinator, Past Delegate, or DR, very soon we will no longer use e-Communities. The new more user-friendly communication platform will now be called: "AFG Connects." This new platform will have a search capability. You will be able to create your own login and password, and the DR community will no longer be an announcement community. The new platform will have its own announcement community and the attachments will go with the announcements! WSO continues to work through this to expand the links of communication. We passed a motion that "requests that the WSO send out the AFG Connects announcements as soon as technically possible to any Al-Anon member who subscribes." Every member will be able to get updates from WSO in the future. They will still use the links of service to pass information, but some things will be available to all.

If you sponsor Alateens, share this news! WSO spent lots of money for the Alateen chat site to be updated this summer. Ric signed a contract during Conference week for teens to be able to use the chat site on their Mobile phones!

There were 95 members at Conference this year that had voice and vote. 5 names were brought to us for approval of Trustees at Large and four were approved. Those that will be serving are as follows: Trustees at Large: Tina B., Karen W., Sandi C., and John M. Regional Trustees: Therese S., Leona W. and Marilyn M. Board Officers: Paula B., Chairman, Joan S., Vice Chairman, and Jennie M., Treasurer. Executive Committee for Real Property Management: Carrie K., Chairman and Jeffrey K., member. Executive Committee: Bev A., Chairman, Roger C., (our own) JP M. and Barbara O., members. We approved the new descriptive text of Concept 8 on pages 196-198 in the current Service Manual. If you remember, I shared that with all of you many months ago.

The Forum Editorial Advisory Committee (FEAC) brought to us the possibility of developing a book based on sharings published in the past issues of *The Forum*. While stories included in this proposed book might be selected from any past issue of *The Forum*, each sharing must be deemed to have value to contemporary Al-Anon members—members who are working their program today. The committee will review sharings and will come to a consensus as to whether the article will be in the new book. After discussion, we gave conceptual approval for this book to be developed.

Last September and January, I encouraged all of you to participate in the membership survey. It was the 11th survey since 1984 and the surveys come every 3 years. For this survey, they had 8,517 responses, which is 5000 more responses than the previous time in 2012. Out of 50 states (plus Washington, DC), Georgia was the sixth highest state with the number of participants. One thing they found out that is interesting: 40% joined Al-Anon because of someone's drug use, but 85% later found an alcoholic in their life.

A Thought Force presented its report to create strategies to help the membership welcome new practices into the fellowship, like adopting the Al-Anon Declaration, having Al-Anon out there on Facebook and Twitter, and having telephone meetings.

Years ago, a request from the professional community came to us to create a definition of family recovery; this definition is not for our use. It does not define Al-Anon; it's not meant to define Al-Anon. It opens a door with professionals so that we can share our Al-Anon experiences. When I asked you for input about the definition, about 35-40 responses came from you about this topic. We approved definition #2. This is a statement from the Conference: "Family recovery is a process of healing and growth for family members affected by someone's drinking. This process helps these individuals make healthier life choices and develop relationships that are more positive and supportive." WSO continues to take on more and more responsibilities and duties, but they have less and less staff members.

The following positions are open:

Event and project manager who will coordinate international conventions, TEAM events, Meet the Board events, and the operational calendar.

An employee relations and human resources manager is needed.

Associate director of member services/groups; this person needs to understand the program and the service structure. They would help others with Alateen questions and concerns.

All three of those people will need to be able to relocate to live in Virginia Beach, VA.

They want to find an app developer or consultant. It needs to be someone who can draw. That person can live anywhere in the world.

If any of you are interested in any of these positions, please contact me.

The 2015 Meet the Board will be held in Edmonton, Alberta, with the day events scheduled at the Nisku Conference Center. The 2016 Meet the Board Event will be held in October, not July. The reason is that July is the first time new Trustees attend the Board meeting. They need to travel to the World Service Office for orientation and to meet the staff; otherwise, they would not connect with the WSO until October. I would love for Georgia to submit another bid.

The 2016 World Service Conference will be in Virginia Beach, VA on April 11th- April 16th. At that Conference, there will be a 65th Anniversary Celebration.

Al-Anon's next International Convention will be held July 5-8, 2018 in Baltimore, Maryland.

It was with a sense of sadness that I said "good-bye" to Virginia Beach. I firmly believe in service rotation, but I will have to admit, I could "do conference" every year. Because of Ric's leadership in creating the atmosphere to help everyone feel special and successful, it truly has been a blessing to be a member of the World Service Conference.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve with five panels in the course of three years. I've made memories of a lifetime and hopefully friends forever.

I came home emotionally and spiritually full. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for allowing me to be your Delegate and to serve you in this position.

For the Delegate's 2015 full report go to: http://ga-al-anon.org/area_newsletters/2015ConferenceReportII.pdf.

Roll Call: 21 districts were represented with 100 voting members.

January Assembly Meeting Dates-Cheryl K. There was discussion about whether to move all future January Assemblies to a different weekend in January due to the Marriott not being able to guarantee our check-in time because of another event being held at the hotel. It was decided by the majority of the Assembly members that we would keep the same weekend (3rd weekend in January) with the understanding that the members could choose to stay at another location.

Minutes: The January 2015 Assembly Minutes were adopted as presented by general consent. **Motion 3**

Alateen Thought Force Report-Lauren & Omari. After discussion with questions and answers concerning the report, the following motion was brought to the Assembly by AWSC:

That the AWSC Thought Force Report on Attracting New Members to the Alateen Program in GA a.) be approved and; b) a Task Force be appointed to implement the options in the report. **Motion 4** Passed unanimously.

Coordinator and Liaison Reports:

Group Records-Barbara T. Our latest updated version of the Area 11 Directory was sent as an email attachment to DRs in late April. GRs, please review your group's information and send any corrections to your DR on a GR-1 form. There have been questions on why a change was submitted in the past (1-2 years ago), but the information in the directory is still the old information. The Area Directory is now generated from an area database that is separate from the WSO database. In the past, the directory was a Word document that individual changes were made directly into. If a change was sent in before June of 2014, it may or may not have been entered into the area database. Also if a change were sent directly to WSO on an annual update form, it would not have been entered into our area database. WSO does not inform the area of any changes to existing groups it receives directly from groups. That is why I am now sending WSO group detail reports to DRs whenever a change is made. DRs, please send these WSO group detail reports on to the groups to verify that all the information is correct. GRs, please encourage your groups to send any group record changes through your DR on to me, not directly to WSO. This way our area database will more closely match what WSO has. Our website information comes through the Area Group Records Coordinator, not from WSO. In order to have your group accurately represented in our directory and on the website, it is important to send changes to me, the Area Group Records Coordinator, not WSO.

Archives-Sulata. DRs, thank you for continuing to check with your GRs to get them to send in updated histories. If anyone wants to know whether I have a particular group history, please just e-mail or call me. I am still working on digitizing the histories I do have. I have a checklist for you to consider using. It is from WSO and has more questions than the ones I've given you before. I will send it to the DRs. I will also send you copies of the shorter, easier formats I made up.

Please save hard copies of any district or group flyers (for anniversaries, picnics, workshops, etc.) and give them to me at AWSC or Assembly. These make colorful memorabilia. Thank you so much for allowing me to serve.

Literature-Erica L. News from WSO: 1,100+ sharings for Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships, 155 for the parents/grandparents pamphlet, 216 for the new daily reader (the goal is to release it at the 2018 International Convention). They are also available on the members' website. "Many Voices, One Journey" will be promoted in CAL Corner and on the back flap of the Forum. All 3 pieces of the Conflict Resolution kit are now available in Spanish and French. The Board of Trustees is holding the production of any more e-literature until there is greater demand. Conference Approved Literature is now available in multiple e-book formats which include: Alateen—Hope for Children of Alcoholics (eB-3), How Al-Anon Works (eB-22), and Having Had a Spiritual Awakening (eB-25). Audiobook versions of One Day at a Time in Al-Anon (eA-6) and How Al-Anon Works (eA-22) are also available.

2015 Georgia Al-Anon/Alateen Convention-Phillip W. The 37th Georgia Al-Anon/Alateen Convention will be held on July 31-August 2, 2015 in Macon, Georgia at the Macon Marriott City Center. The theme for this year's convention is Back to Basics. For hotel reservations and directions go to www.marriott.com or call 478-621-5300. For registration forms and more information go to <http://www.ga-al-anon.org> and click on area events.

2015 A.A. Georgia State Pre-Paid Convention-Bill C. The 62nd Georgia State A.A. Pre-Paid Convention will be held October 16-18, 2015 at the Columbus Marriott in Columbus, GA. The theme is Celebrating 80 Years of Recovery, Unity and Service-The Foundation of Our Future. The Marriott's address is 800 Front Avenue, Columbus, GA 31901. The phone number is 706-324-1800. When you call for reservations, please request the Georgia Pre-Paid Convention room rate. The Al-Anon speaker is Bo T., of Birmingham, Al who will speak on Saturday afternoon. For more information and a list of the speakers you can find the flyer and registration form at <http://www.ga-al-anon.org> then click on area events.

Alateen-Jenny L. Alateen Talk and the Alateen Facebook page are both used as an outreach tool for members and parents as well. The chat meetings will continue to look into mobile apps. Alateen literature, B-3 *Alateen Hope for Children of Alcoholics* is now being offered electronically in three languages.

2015 Georgia Alateen Conference-Carmen L. The 2015 Georgia Alateen Conference plans are coming along and we are excited. The Conference will be held at Rock Eagle 4-H Conference Center in Eatonton, GA on May 29-31, 2015. All contributions to the Conference can be mailed to Kay Dempsey, 2131 McFarlane Lane, Milton, Georgia 30004. Make check out to Georgia Alateen Conference. Please continue to spread the word to the teens in your district. For more information, flyer and registration form, go to the Georgia Al-Anon website and click on events.

New Business:

AWSC New Meeting Location Discussion on the cost of coffee and donation to the facility (\$100 3x a year) and in keeping with Tradition 7, to be fully self-supporting, a motion was brought forward: That the 2015 Area Assembly budget be adjusted by: a.) Assembly Facility Fee/Services increase by \$300.00 from \$4,000.00 to \$4,300.00 to b.) Treasurer: Contingency Fund decrease by \$300.00 from \$3,580.00 to \$3,280.00. **Motion 5** Passed with 1 abstention.

Calculate an acceptable range for the AFG of GA. Inc. Area Ample Reserve was discussed and a motion was brought forward: That the prior year's Annual Operating Expense Budget amount shall be used to calculate the acceptable range for the AFG of Georgia, Inc., Ample Reserve fund. Provided that the existing Ample Reserve Fund amount is not less than 35% and no more than 55% of the prior year's Annual Operating Expense Budget, no further action is required. **Motion 6** Passed with 1 abstention.

Job Description Task Force-Vicki L. Discussion on the Job Description Task Force report brought a motion: That the AWSC Task Force Report on Area Service Descriptions for Officers and Coordinators be accepted as amended. **Motion 7** Passed unanimously.

Public Outreach Project-Marie N. Proposed a motion to the Area Assembly regarding the Area-wide billboard project: To support an Area Public Outreach Billboard Project to start in July 2015 with initial funding of \$2,000.00 from the Area Assembly. **Motion 8** Passed with 6 nos and 2 abstentions.

Amendment to the 2015 AFG of Georgia Budget—Levon C., That the 2015 Area Assembly budget be adjusted by: a.) Public Outreach-Projects increase by \$2,000.00 from \$750.00 to \$2,750.00. b.) Treasurer-Contingency Fund decreases by \$2,000.00 from \$3,280.00 to \$1,280.00. **Motion 9** Passed with 3 nos and 2 abstentions.

Elections:

Georgia AI-Anon/Alateen Convention (Zone 1): Cheryl K. Since no one stood today, we will hold another election in September for this position. Please announce at your district and group meetings. Any AI-Anon member that lives within Zone 1 may stand. Please help get the word out.

Georgia Alateen Conference: Election of 2016 Alateen Conference Co-Chair: Elise M. was elected.

Summary of Motions:

Motion 1 The AFG of Georgia Inc. Treasurer's Report was adopted as presented by general consent.

Motion 2 The GACS Treasurer's Report was adopted as presented by general consent.

Motion 3 The January 2015 Assembly Minutes were adopted as presented by general consent.

Motion 4 That the AWSC Thought Force Report on Attracting New Members to the Alateen Program in Georgia a.) be approved and;

b.) a Task Force be appointed to implement the options in the report. Passed unanimously.

Motion 5 That the 2015 Area Assembly budget be adjusted by:

a.) Assembly Facility Fee/Services increase by \$300.00 from \$4,000.00 to \$4,300.00 to

b.) Treasurer: Contingency Fund decrease by \$300.00 from \$3,580.00 to \$3,280.00. Passed with 1 abstention.

Motion 6 That the prior year's Annual Operating Expense Budget amount shall be used to calculate the acceptable range for the AFG of Georgia, Inc., Ample Reserve fund. Provided that the existing Ample Reserve Fund amount is not less than 35% and no more than 55% of the prior year's Annual Operating Expense Budget, no further action is required. Passed with 1 abstention.

Motion 7 That the AWSC Task Force Report on Area Service Descriptions for Officers and Coordinators be accepted as amended. Passed unanimously.

Motion 8 To support an Area Public Outreach Billboard Project to start in July 2015 with initial funding of \$2,000.00 from the Area Assembly. Passed with 6 nos and 2 abstentions.

Motion 9 That the 2015 Area Assembly budget be adjusted by:

a.) Public Outreach-Projects increase by \$2000.00 from \$750.00 to \$2750.00.

b.) Treasurer-Contingency Fund decreases by \$2,000.00 from \$3,280.00 to \$1280.00. Passed with 3 nos and 2 abstentions.

Closing: The Lord's Prayer

Adjourned: 6:05pm

Business Meeting Part II
Sunday, May 17, 2015

Welcome: Chairperson, Cheryl K. Opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Twelve Concepts of Service were read.

Announcements:

AMIAS Training: 8:45-10:30

Workshops: 9-10:30

Links of Service - Char

Ask it Basket on Service – James

Participation, Break the Isolation – John

GR Basics – Jeanie

Closing: Al-Anon Declaration

Adjourned: 10:40am

Dates to Remember

May 16-17, 2015

Area Assembly

May 29-31, 2015

2015 Georgia Alateen Conference, Rock Eagle 4-H Conference Center, Eatonton, GA.

July 2-5, 2015

2015 A.A. International Convention with Al-Anon Participation, Atlanta, GA.

July 31-August 02, 2015

37th Georgia Al-Anon/Alateen Convention, Macon, GA.

August 15, 2015

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September 19-20, 2015

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October 15-18, 2015

62nd A.A. Georgia State Prepaid Convention, Columbus, GA`.

November 21, 2015

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Respectfully submitted,

Kathy White

Area 11 Secretary

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¹ Final May 28, 2015

Minutes were adopted as presented by general consent September 19, 2015