

Georgia Area 11 Assembly
Business Meeting Part I
Saturday, September 19, 2015

Welcome: Chairperson, Cheryl K. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Alateen Traditions were read. The purpose and goals of Assembly were reviewed. Cheryl read from the 2015 Conference Summary, page 96.

Officer Reports:

Delegate: Cathy O. The Board excitedly approved next year's Conference theme: ***World Service Conference 2016—Realizing our Spiritual Potential***. I look forward to hearing about Conference from our next Delegate!

Renelle, Vicki, and those of you who were members of the A.A. International Host Committee.... Would you please stand? Thank you for the many hours you gave to serve the worldwide fellowship of Al-Anon and Georgia Al-Anon so that the A.A. International Convention would be a successful experience. Our convention experience met and exceeded any of our expectations and we were blessed to have attended. We know you spent countless hours serving in your various positions. Thank you.

All World Service Conference members have been introduced to *AFG Connects*. Remember last May's report? I reported to you that because of many complaints about e-Communities and the difficulty that people had with it, and because Ric himself got frustrated trying to find something, WSO planned to launch a new communications tool. Three weeks ago, on August 31st, I was able to begin using *AFG Connects* and I have found it to be much easier to use! It replaces e-Communities.

DRs, Area Chairman and Treasurer, Past Delegates, Coordinators, and any remaining service positions that the WSO serves, the target date for you to be able to use *AFG Connects* will be this Monday, so make sure to check your email boxes on September 21st. You will receive an email post in e-Communities announcing *AFG Connects* with a video tutorial and a Quick Reference document, as well as a welcome from *AFG Connects*. I think you will like the new look and the simplicity of it!

One note: You will be able to access e-Communities a little longer, but it will soon be phased out.

This is very exciting! GRs, you and any Al-Anon member will be able to subscribe to "Announcements--WSO Structure" on *AFG Connects*. The announcements will include information regarding Group e-News, Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism, new/updated literature, to name a few. Per Motion #8 of the 2015 Conference, this will occur "as soon as technically possible." WSO is still in the process of setting up and rolling out the various communities. I'm not clear if WSO will let me know so that I can pass the information to the DRs, but your DR will let you know when you can subscribe.

In May, I told you that at Conference, we had a couple of sessions where we were asked to share our dreams for Al-Anon. I told you that I would share more at this meeting, so let me share directly from Conference:

"Living our spiritual principles and expanding our vision is not an easy task. First we are told that we are powerless over people, places, and things. Many of us felt that we were powerless over everything! Dreaming was always about what we thought would make us happy. While they were our dreams, our inability to achieve them seemed to undermine our ability to think bigger.

When we first come to Al-Anon we are mixed up about what we are powerless over and what we do have power over. In Al-Anon, we learn about spiritual principles like mutual trust, mutual respect, making sure that if we give someone a job, we give that person the power to accomplish it, and letting go. A spiritual principle like abundance seems so far out of reach that we aren't even certain that we can ever live our lives that way. The idea is that I can have what I need without having to take from someone else. I can celebrate what I am given instead of pining for what could have been. I can rejoice in someone else's success and not feel that the success of another somehow keeps me from what is meant for me.

This idea of lack based often in fear—what if..., stops many of us from even trying to expand our horizons. It limits our dreams to the immediate as opposed to opening our minds to the endless possibilities. Many of us lose touch with our ability to think abundantly beyond our wildest dreams.

The Board of Trustee's vision is: *"All people affected by someone else's drinking will find help and recovery in every community."*

So what do you think? Would you like to get on board? Are you ready to dream? If you plan to serve next term, I hope you will seek ideas that will move the Al-Anon fellowship forward based on our spiritual principles, empowering our

members to explore ideas that can be achieved. No dream is too big but actually no dream is too small if we view it as crucial to help realize that vision.”

We will have elections tomorrow and most of you have had your group and District elections. Whoever serves next term, I hope you all will be able to dream and to move Georgia forward helping everyone in every community find help and recovery.

It is Georgia’s tradition that those who are elected tomorrow will begin transitioning to serve in those positions, but WSO will continue to send communication through December 30th to this Panel. Panel 53 Officers, Coordinators, and DRs, please send the information that you receive from WSO to the newly elected Officers, Coordinators, and DRs. In other words, WSO will still recognize me as the Delegate for Georgia until December 30th; however, whoever you elect tomorrow, I will communicate with them and will immediately encourage the Delegate elect to send forward communications to AWSC members that I receive on AFG Connects. I hope all of you on Panel 53 will follow my lead whether using AFG Connects or e-Communities. It will help the new Panel as they prepare to serve at the next AWSC meeting in November.

Cathy thanked all of those who served during Panel 53’s term.

And lastly, I would like to thank all of you for electing me to be your Area Delegate. It has been a highlight in my life and it has been such an honor and privilege to serve in this position. I’ve really enjoyed it and for the most part, it’s been fun! It has been a true growth experience and I will treasure it for the rest of my life.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Alternate Delegate: Renelle M. The past 2½ years has been an incredible opportunity for me to grow in service and a deeper understanding of our Traditions and Concepts. I want to thank each of you for the love and support you provided me during this term. Whenever I called on you to help, each of you joyfully stepped up to be of service. You made working together fun and invigorating. Thank you for helping me to become more of the person my Higher Power wants me to be. Thank you for the phone calls, the one on one conversations at AWSC and Assemblies, the kind emails of support and most of all for supporting and helping me to accomplish all of my responsibilities in coordinating the hospitality room, registration, Saturday Assembly open discussion meetings, reading of the steps, traditions, and concepts on Saturday night, speakers and Alateen support. Without your leadership and cooperation I could not have completed my duties as Alternate Delegate. You truly taught me about what it means to be united and work together. Together we can make it and once again I experienced the “We” in Al-Anon.

Forum: Individual copies of *The Forum* are now available on Amazon and Kobo for \$1.49 and Apple iTunes for \$1.99. At this time, annual subscriptions are not available from these electronic bookstores.

An annual electronic subscription to *The Forum* continues to be available from Nook, the Barnes and Noble electronic bookstore. The cost of an annual subscription is \$11.00. Individual copies can be purchased for \$1.49.

This announcement is informational only and is not an endorsement of any electronic store, reader or other products sold by electronic bookstores.

I would like to encourage each of you to make *The Forum* a bigger part of your meetings. *The Forum* is the voice of Al-Anon recovery today. It can help us strengthen Al-Anon unity and build a stronger Al-Anon for the future. It is where members of our diverse fellowship share how they apply timeless Al-Anon principles to contemporary situations. The primary challenge is to enrich the quality of our shared recovery, not merely increase the number of subscriptions. There are still groups that base their meetings entirely upon a daily reader and their members are always asking for new daily readers for parents, grandparents, young adults, and others. *The Forum* is a powerful tool for fresher meetings. Of course, the daily readers continue to be a pillar of our personal recovery. But *The Forum* is an under-used tool that offers benefits that members will never know until they open its pages and share with other members.

Speaker list: 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 your name, address, email, and telephone number.

September Assembly: Thank you to the following; District 17 Anne M. and District 18 Pat P. for your willingness to host registration. Thank you Districts 19 Cynthia, District 12 Martha and District 13 Sorrell for your willingness to host hospitality.

Update from the 2015 International Convention – There were 3,140 Al-Anon members who registered for the convention. This number does not include those members who belong to both A.A. and Al-Anon and registered as A.A. There were 166 Alateens registered. About 10% of the Al-Anon members and 31% of the Alateens registered after June 22nd.

If you were a volunteer at the 2015 A.A. International Convention please stand up. Thank you for your service. The giving of your time and efforts were what made this convention a success. My heart was filled with joy to see these volunteers and so many other Georgia Al-Anon members' willingness to be of service. On behalf of the Georgia Al-Anon Host Committee I want to express our appreciation to District 18 for the monetary contribution made to the committee to help defray some of the cost for our committee members to meet throughout the year. I am so proud of Georgia Al-Anon! We could not have done it without you. Those who volunteered were blessed in a very special way.

Char and Denise, our Hospitality Room Chairs, wanted me to share with you their appreciation regarding the response they received from the groups throughout the Area. The beautiful "welcome" cards were the focal point of the Hospitality area and everyone that came remarked what a lovely, thoughtful gift they were. The groups worked hard to make these cards. The Hospitality Committee wants you to know how much of a difference it made in the convention experience of those who stopped by. The cards also seemed to allow all of our members who participated a way to get involved and contribute whether they were able to attend the convention or not.

There is an article in the August Group E-news Thanking Georgia for our hospitality in serving at the convention. The article reads:

"Thank you, Georgia, for your hospitality at the 2015 International Convention! Hundreds of Al-Anon volunteers serving on the Georgia Host Committee gave a warm southern welcome to Convention attendees in Atlanta! Al-Anon members from around the world were greeted, hugged and given local information by the "green shirts" at the Al-Anon Information Booth at the Georgia World Congress Center and the Marriott Marquis Hotel, where Al-Anon and Alateen workshops were held. WSO extends a special "thank you" to the Georgia Core Host Committee for organizing and training the volunteers and for your welcoming smiles."

After the convention I received many letters and cards from individuals who volunteered during the convention. I would like to share a few of their comments as they reflect the spirit of service.

- It was wonderful to be a part of something so big.
- I talked with a woman from Viadivostok, Russia, and a man from Scotland.
- I was enthusiastic and upbeat with everyone. I noticed, too, that all the other Al-Anon volunteers were unfailingly positive and pleasant.
- It was nice to meet a couple of people from WSO.
- My volunteer experience was the highlight of the convention for me. I loved getting to know my fellow volunteers all along the way. The attendees were so appreciative of any help given and it was a great way to practice "for fun and for free". It was a great weekend and I am so grateful I was part of it!
- I overheard a gentleman telling his friend about how the "Al-Anon's were amazing and to spread the word to his A.A. buddies to get over to the Marriott Marquis to experience one of their incredible meetings."
- The stories I heard were amazing and at times I found myself in tears.
- So many of the A.A.'s said they were going home to spread the word about Al-Anon to their family and friends. I was so proud of our fellowship and of the A.A.'s I was bursting with joy.
- I met so many beautiful people showing love and gratitude throughout the day.
- What an experience! I cannot even tell you how many folks came up to me and thanked me for my service during my volunteer shifts.
- Not once did I come across a cranky visitor. Some were tired but not one person was really cranky or upset.
- It was with immense joy that I participated in meeting and greeting the incredible group of people who came to Atlanta. I particularly appreciate being placed in my requested place at the front door of the hotel. Many years ago I was so shy I couldn't speak to people or carry on a conversation, and now? Oh boy! What a wonderful time I had! Thanks to life, and to Al-Anon, I have now learned how to live with great joy! Thanks again for such a special time.
- The theme for this event was so appropriate...we were all happy, joyous and free!
- Thank you again for allowing me to be of service to Georgia Al-Anon.

Area Secretary: Kathy W. Expressed gratitude and joy she received serving as the Area Secretary for Panel 53.

Area Treasurer: Levon C. Thanked the Assembly for the opportunity to serve and expressed the joy and gratitude she has received serving as the Treasurer for Panel 53.

Georgia Area Central Services (GACS): Debbie F. We will be closed for Inventory, year-end financials and the holidays December 21, 2015 –Jan 4, 2016. The shipping cutoff date will be December 18, 2015, so be sure to place your orders

prior to December 18th. We had a paid employee and due to unforeseen circumstances she will be unable to continue working at the area office. A replacement has been found and will begin soon. Her name is Laney. I am grateful to have served as your GA Al-Anon Office Chair. It has been very rewarding. As always, I want to thank all of you, for your continued support to the GA Area Central Service Office.

Chair: Cheryl K. It is a time to look back, review all that has happened in the last three years, evaluate my role, recognize my strengths and weakness and things I have done well and things I need to improve. As I have taken this journey in service, the image of the lone chair in a room waiting for the newcomer has been on my mind. When the disease forced me into the rooms, it was that lone chair I was seeking; you know, the one in the back of the room, near the door for a quick escape. Certainly, that was my first chair. Over time the chair began to creep closer to the circle and one day I realized I was sitting in the circle. Very slowly, I started doing small things for the group but don't you dare tell me I was in service. I still wasn't sure I wanted to belong. Then one day I was "volunteered" by a group to share the GR position. I thought I was the backup but the person I backed-up always had a Saturday commitment, so guess who reluctantly became GR.

Then I became DR because someone before could not finish the term. My very first Assembly as DR, at Mr. Patel's, I was told I had to put district signs on chairs to reserve places for my district. I arrived about an hour before Assembly started and bravely put my signs in the middle of the chairs, half way back in the room I was quickly told that positions just would not do for District 4. We are used to the front row. The next time, because I live in Macon, I went to Mr. Patel on Friday and pleaded to be allowed into the meeting room to put our signs on the front row. Mission accomplished, I thought. Of course, on Saturday when I arrived I was told I had put our signs on the wrong side of the aisle and had taken the spot that was traditionally reserved for District 9. (That's traditional with a small t.) Somehow, even with my missteps I was hooked, so I served as DR for 5 years. (I don't recommend that) Then at the end of the last term my Higher Power tapped me with a giggle and said, "Go to the front of the room" and I found myself in this chair up here. It has been such a ride being in this position-much learning, much love, many risks, some amends but a world of possibilities. In my review of these three years, all I will say is that I am at peace. I love GA Al-Anon and will always support this fellowship but now it's time for me to go back home. Heads up to Jeff, JP, Vicki-move over, I am coming back to my roots.

Coordinators & Liaison Reports:

AAPP: Jennifer T. AAPP is a continuous cycle of paper work that peaks during recertification time. The unusual occurrences are typically few and far between, confidential, and resolved within the safety committee. That being said, this has been the year for new groups. We currently have 22 active groups, which is four more than this time last year. I am so excited to see Alateen grow in our Area.

Serving as AAPP has been a wonderful experience. This position comes with a great deal of autonomy. You work closely with Bosma investigative agency and WSO. It is a paperwork and record keeping position. You must have Internet connection and basic data entry skills. I will spend the next few weeks scanning documents and uploading to Google drive so that they can be shared with the next AAPP quickly and easily. If you have any questions please come ask. I will be glad to help!

Alateen: Jenny L. We still have exciting things happening in Georgia Alateen. We have had 3 new groups register since last Assembly. There are at least 2 more in the works. Georgia Alateen is growing! We still need members willing to become certified AMIAS and willing to become committed Group Sponsors. Alateen is an incredible area of service for members. The gifts, such as fun, honesty in sharing, connections, healing and love are so much greater than I can ever put into words.

Our Area is committed to helping Alateen grow and encouraging members to bring their teenage relatives and friends who have been bothered by someone else's drinking. We are carrying the message of family recovery.

A Thought Force has just been launched to look at the service and support structure of Alateen and what we can do to support the efforts of the Alateen Coordinator in the future. I will be working closely with the next Alateen Coordinator to offer support and help carry out these efforts.

I cannot believe that it has been 3 years since I stood, willing to be the next Area Alateen Coordinator. I have been challenged, stretched, loved, supported, frustrated and excited. I have laughed, cried and ranted at God in the backyard over Task Forces. The whole time, I was constantly reaching out to the God of my understanding and other members. It has been an opportunity for these relationships to grow and these connections to become stronger.

I had no idea what twists and turns my life had in store. During my time in this position, I lost my mother. I was lifted up and loved on through it in a way that I never could have imagined. YOU ARE MY FAMILY. Thank you for loving, supporting and/or tolerating me through this term.

I love you all in a very special way, the way that you loved me the night that I walked in these doors, the way that you have taught me how to love.

Archivist: Sulata One of my most important jobs is to prepare a new Area Information booklet to give to the new trusted servants when their new panel begins in January. This booklet summarizes the history of Georgia Al-Anon, especially what we decided at Assembly. What I will add will be all the motions from our three years, as well as the new service descriptions for officers and coordinators. I am also putting in copies of the thought force and task force reports that led up to our decisions.

I will send this as an electronic copy to all the new DRs, and I will also send it to the current DRs from our panel. As well, you will see it on our new wonderful Georgia Al-Anon web site.

Thank you so much for entrusting me with the job of archivist. I haven't managed to do nearly all the things I planned at the beginning, but I have LOVED serving in this position.

Group Records: Barbara T. Our latest updated version of the Area 11 Directory was sent as an email attachment to DRs in late August. GRs please review your group's information and send any corrections or updates, as your groups hold elections this fall, to your DR on a GR-1 form. Please use the most recent version of the GR-1 form that has '11/14' noted in the bottom right corner. When sending in changes to the Current Mailing Address (CMA) or Group Representative (GR), it is important to accurately complete Section 7. This is the section to list the GR. Check the Group Rep box and if the CMA is also the GR, record 'Same as CMA' in the first name field. If there is no GR, record 'None' in the first name field. If there is a separate person who is the GR that is not also the CMA, complete Section 7 fully, including postal code. If Section 7 or any section on the form is left blank, that implies not to change what is currently listed in that section. The group email field is for groups wishing to create an anonymous email account that can be kept the same over the years as CMAs change, particularly if the CMA does not wish to use their personal email account. If a group does not wish to create a separate group email account, leave this field blank on the GR-1 form and group news will be sent to the CMA email account.

Newsletter: Essie N. A special thank you for all the support, assistance, and encouragement from Area 11, Panel 53 and all Georgia Al-Anon members. My service as Newsletter Editor is coming to an end and I am preparing to turn over the reins. With that in mind, I have a "how to" file to help the next editor. For those who are interested in being the next Newsletter Editor, please feel free to contact me.

The deadline for our final edition is November 1st. An email will be issued to all AWSC members on October 1st for submissions. Please include information about your service position to help in a smooth transition for the next person. We still solicit your announcements, anniversaries, workshop and all other news regarding the groups and districts you are involved with.

It has truly been wonderful to serve and to get to know many more Al-Anons; if not personally, by your willing spirits.

Literature: Erica C. Updates on CAL in the works:

New Daily Reader: A guide for conducting writing workshops for the new daily reader is available on the members website. I also emailed it to DRs so they could share it with their GRs.

The new daily reader has a publishing deadline of July 2018 (the next International in Baltimore) so we really need sharings.

Intimacy in Alcoholics Relationships: About 1,140 sharings have been submitted, but more are still needed. Also, WSO is now accepting proposals by Al-Anon members who are experienced, professional freelance writer/editors who are interested in working on this new piece of literature in development. You can submit a proposal through the members website: click on WSO, Inside the WSO, then Freelance Writers/Editors under Employment Opportunities. The deadline to submit a proposal is October 15, 2015.

Parents and Grandparents pamphlet: WSO has received more than 150 sharings, but they still need more. Specifically, as a parent and/or grandparent of an alcoholic, how do you apply the 12 Steps to the specific situation of being affected by a young person with a drinking problem? Freelance writers/editors are also needed for this project.

Sales information from WSO:

As of June 30, sales of CAL totaled \$1,851,530. That is a decrease of 10.51% from last year, when sales were \$2,069,065. Gross profit on literature sales was \$1,546,665 compared to \$1,639,391 last year. That's a decrease of 5.66%.

September Assembly: I am excited to add several pieces of CAL to our Area Literature Showcase in different languages, so we can all feel that we truly are a worldwide fellowship. I will also be working on more permanent signage for the showcase to pass on to the next Literature Coordinator.

Anyone who is considering volunteering for Literature Coordinator under the next panel, come talk with me please! It's a wonderful service position!

Public Outreach: Marie N. Those Districts that did not pick up their 50 AFAs at AWSC (no charge) please pick them up today. I also have AFAs in Spanish available, so if you have the need please see me and pick them up this weekend. The Public Outreach Billboard Project has now exceeded \$4,000 in contributions. The billboards are up and running and rotating among 10 billboards in and around the Atlanta area since July 2015. We will be going outside Atlanta area beginning October 2015. With the funds that have been donated so far, we will be able to fund this project through the end of the year. Thank you for your support.

Webmaster: Patrick B. I am pleased to announce the rollout of the newest web site addition - the "members" area. This area is accessed by adding "members" to the end of the web site name e.g. <http://ga-al-anon.org/members>. It will ask for a login and password. The login is pre-populated and does not need to be changed. The password for everyone is "afg." The menus will change and now you will be able to access pages such as the "Group Records Update / Change" page. The Alateen menu has new entries for Alateen Forms, AMIAS and Alateen Sponsors. There is also now a menu for Donations. This has a series of pages that tell groups where to send donations.

The beauty of the web site is mainly thanks to the efforts of Linda P., who is a graphic artist that is in our fellowship, and donated her time. She is the one who chose the colors, the theme, and most of the graphics. She made it look as good as it does.

2015 Georgia Alateen Conference: Thomas E. reported there were 38 Alateens and 12 AMIAS in attendance.

2016 Georgia Alateen Conference: Michaela G. The 17th GA Conference will take place at Rock Eagle, Eatonton, Georgia on June 3-5, 2016. The Registration Fee is \$15.00. The registration is separate from the lodging and meals fee, which is \$50.00 on or before May 22, 2016 and \$65.00 after May 22, 2016. Flyers are on the GA Al-Anon website/area events.

2015 Georgia Al-Anon/Alateen Convention: Phillip W. No report was given.

2016 Georgia Al-Anon/Alateen Convention: Kristen L. The Georgia 2016 Al-Anon/Alateen Convention will be held on August 12-14th, 2016. "Surrender in Savannah" will be held at the Hyatt Regency Savannah, 2 West Bay Street, Savannah, GA 31401. For reservations and directions: www.savannah.hyatt.com phone 912-238-1234. Room rate will be \$159.00 per night. When making reservations request the GA Al-Anon/Alateen Convention group rate.

Early registration through September 28th, 2015 is \$25.00. Regular registration through July 22, 2016 is \$35.00.

Late Registration after July 22, 2016 for entire weekend is \$50.00. Walk-in day rate Saturday is \$35.00.

Alateen Registration is free. For more information and the registration form go to the Georgia Al-Anon website/area events.

2015 A.A. Georgia State Pre-Paid Convention: Bill C. The 62nd Georgia Prepaid Convention will be held October 16-18, 2015 at the Columbus Georgia Iron Works and Convention Center in Columbus GA. There will be 5 A.A. Speakers and 1 Al-Anon Speaker. Lots of fun activities will be available to you throughout the weekend. There is no registration fee, but you will need to fill out a registration form. You can go to Georgia Al-Anon/area events for more information and the registration form.

MAIS: Karlyn M. MAIS met on September 9, 2015. Keith is working on an online order form for use with the MAIS office. Also, there was discussion about publishing CenterPoint on the website and if that would violate anonymity of members publishing reports, etc.

MAIS will be electing people to fill the following positions at the November 11 meeting: MAIS Chair, Secretary, Alateen Chair (2 year term), Liaison to the Area, Literature Chair, Office Chair (2 year term), Telephone Volunteers Chair and Website Chair. These are all 3-year terms, except the exceptions noted. The MAIS Chair must be a past or present MAIS Representative, and the Liaison to the Area may not be a dual member (also belonging to A.A.). Otherwise, all Al-Anon members in the Metro Atlanta Area are eligible for these positions. The duties of all positions can be found in both the Guidelines and the Frequently Asked Questions.

There will be an outreach project at Acorn Outreach October 21 at Southlake Church of Christ, Jonesboro, GA at 7:30pm. 46% of the Al-Anon members calling in said a professional referred them. Sue wants to remind everyone that she will bring orders to a MAIS meeting if the groups call ahead in a timely manner. Also, she is available to bring literature to

workshops, group anniversary parties, etc. Sue also said she had passed on members' suggestions that the next AFAs be identified by year.

Submissions for the next CenterPoint are due by October 23rd and should be sent to newsletter@alanonatl.com in a MS Word format. Please no pdf documents.

There are meeting schedules on hand in the MAIS office. There is a 200 minimum for reorder.

More telephone volunteers are needed. The office has had a higher number of callers in the last three months. They have also had more 12 step calls.

Restructure Task Force Report: Jeff G. The Georgia Area Restructure Task Force continues to move forward and is making progress. We don't have a report for your consideration at this point. We should have a report early next term for the next group to consider.

Chair: Cheryl K. The Purpose of Assembly debate and guidance of the rules of order is to reach an informed group conscience, make it easier to conduct its business in a timely manner and to carry out the will of the fellowship.

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Roll Call: 21 Districts were represented with 114 voting members.

Minutes: The May 2015 Assembly Minutes were adopted as presented by general consent. **Motion 1**

Treasurer: Levon C.

AI-Anon Family Groups of Georgia Inc. Financial Report: Levon C.

Budget vs. Actual January 1-July 31, 2015: Total Income = \$10,806.99, Total Expense = \$14,113.25, Net Operating Income = **(\$3,306.26)**, Funds Carried Forward = \$11,315.56, Total Operating Funds on Hand = \$8,009.30. Balance Sheet: Bank Account = \$8,009.30, 1 year CD = \$10,715.78, 6 month CD = \$2,536.64, Money Market Account = \$2,749.68, Total Assets = \$24,011.40. AI-Anon Family Groups of Georgia Inc. Budget vs. Actual report was approved as presented by general consent. **Motion 2**

AFG of GA Contributions Mailing Address: AFG of GA, Inc. P.O. Box 7644, Macon GA 31209-7644

Georgia AI-Anon Central Service (GACS) Financial Report: Levon C.

Budget vs. Actual January 1-July 31, 2015: Total Income = \$24,382.05, COGS = \$16,003.81, Gross Profit = \$8,378.24, Total Expenses \$6,004.19, Net Operating Income = \$2,374.05. Balance Sheet: Cash on Hand = \$27,508.69, Accounts Receivable = \$1,896.34, Inventory = \$10,856.10, Undeposited Funds = \$29.96, Total Assets = \$40,291.09, Liabilities = \$230.90. Current Liabilities = \$230.90.

GACS Budget vs. Actual report was approved as presented by general consent. **Motion 3**

GACS Contributions Mailing Address: GACS 2733 Sheraton Drive, Suite F-160, Macon GA 31204

New Business

Finance Committee:

- That the 2015 Budget be adjusted by: A) A new line item be added under Income-Other Contributions as "Public Outreach Support" and B) Add \$4,000.00 as the amount for this line item and C) Public Outreach Projects be increased by \$4,000.00 from \$2,750.00 to \$6,750.00. Passed with 1 abstention. **Motion 4**
- **Assembly 2016 Proposed Budget:** That the proposed 2016 Assembly budget be approved as amended at AWSC. Passed with 1 No and 2 Abstentions. **Motion 5**
- **GACS 2016 Proposed Budget:** That the proposed 2016 budget for 2016 GACS be approved as presented. Passed with 1 abstention. **Motion 6**

Marriott Contract: That Assembly approve signing four years of contracts with the Marriott City Center for the years 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 as presented. Passed with 2 No and 2 Abstentions **Motion 7**

Hospitality Thought Force Report: That the Alternate Delegate review the guidelines for provisions provided in the Hospitality room at a maximum cost of \$200.00 per Assembly total to hosting districts. Passed 3 no and 1 abstention.

Motion 8

Policy Committee Thought Force Report:

ThF Pending Motion: To adopt the working definition for the Georgia Area Policy Committee as written on page 1 and continues onto page 2 (ends mid page) of the report from the Policy Thought Force, submitted April 24, 2015.

A motion moved that the substitute motion be moved forward to a vote replacing the pending motion. Passed with 2 No, 9 abstentions. **Motion 9**

ThF Substitute Motion: To accept the report and adopt the working definition for Georgia Area Policy Committee (GAPC) as written on page 1 (bottom) and continues onto page 2 (ends mid page) of the report from the Policy Thought

Force submitted April 24, 2015 as follows:

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The foregoing notwithstanding, no decision or recommendation will conflict with any Tradition, Concept, policy, guideline, or current Service Manual direction, as available online, established at the World Service level where Area autonomy has not been explicitly or implicitly granted. Passed with 71 yes, 9 no and 19 abstentions. **Motion 10**

Summary of Motions:

Motion 1 The May 2015 Assembly Minutes were adopted as presented by general consent.

Motion 2 Al-Anon Family Groups of Georgia Inc. Budget vs. Actual report, Jan 1-July 31, 2015 was approved as presented by general consent.

Motion 3 GACS Budget vs. Actual report, Jan 1-July 31, 2015, was approved as presented by general consent.

Motion 4 That the 2015 Budget be adjusted by: A) A new line item be added under Income-Other Contributions as "Public Outreach Support" and B) Add \$4,000.00 as the amount for this line item and C) Public Outreach Projects be increased by \$4,000.00 from \$2,750.00 to \$6,750.00. Passed with 1 abstention.

Motion 5 That the proposed 2016 Assembly budget be approved as amended at AWSC. Passed with 1 No and 2 Abstentions.

Motion 6 That the proposed 2016 budget for 2016 GACS be approved as presented. Passed with 1 abstention

Motion 7 That Assembly approve signing four years of contracts with the Marriott City Center for the years 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 as presented. Passed with 2 No and 2 Abstentions

Motion 8 That the Alternate Delegate review the guidelines for provisions provided in the Hospitality room at a maximum cost of \$200.00 per Assembly total to hosting districts. Passed 3 no and 1 abstention.

Motion 9 To adopt the working definition for the Georgia Area Policy Committee as written on page 1 and continues onto page 2 (ends mid page) of the report from Policy Thought Force, submitted April 24, 2015. A motion moved that the substitute motion be moved forward to a vote replacing the pending motion. Passed with 2 No, 9 abstentions.

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Announcements:

6:00 – 7:30pm Alateen Spaghetti Dinner, Centenary Methodist Church
8:00 Panel Discussion-The Courage To Serve, The Joy of Service

Adjourned: 6:12PM

Business Meeting Part II
Sunday, September 20, 2015

Welcome: **Chairperson,** Cheryl K. Opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Twelve Concepts of Service/Warranties were read. The purpose and goals of Assembly were reviewed.

Roll Call: 21 districts were represented with 128 voting members.

Panel 56 Elections:

Delegate: Barbara T., Renelle M. and Cynthia S. stood for office. Renelle was elected with 86 votes.

Alternate Delegate: Marie N., Barbara T. and Kathy W. stood for office. Barbara T. was elected, after 2 rounds, with 87 votes.

Assembly Chairperson: Cathy O., Cynthia S. and Char F. stood for office. Cynthia S. removed herself after the 1st round and Cathy O. was elected, after 2 additional rounds, with 96 votes.

Secretary: Kathy W., Anne M., and Alecia C. stood for office. Kathy W. was elected with 89 votes.

Treasurer: Katherine N. and Marie N. stood for office. After 2 rounds, Katherine N. was elected Treasurer with 87 votes.

Chairperson, Georgia Area Central Services (GACS): Levon C. and Char F. stood for office. Levon removed herself after the first round and Char F. was elected with 80 votes.

2016/2017 Al-Anon/Alateen Convention Co-Chair/Chair Election: Joyce T., current DR from District 14, was elected as the 2016 Georgia Al-Anon/Alateen Convention Co-Chair and 2017 Chair.

Announcements: 2016 Alateen Calendars are sold out. To place a special order you can find a form online at Georgia Al-Anon/area events.

Closing: The Lord’s Prayer and The Al-Anon Declaration.

Dates to Remember

October 15-18, 2015	62nd A.A. Georgia State Prepaid Convention, Columbus, GA.
November 21, 2015	AWSC-Panel 56
January 16-17, 2015	Assembly-Panel 56

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy White
Area 11 Secretary
Panel 53¹

¹ Final -September 28, 2015/
Approved as presented/January 17, 2016