

Georgia Area 11 Assembly
Business Meeting Part I
Saturday, January 16, 2016

Welcome: **Chairperson,** Cathy O. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Twelve Traditions were read. The purpose and goals of Assembly were reviewed.

Coordinator and Liaison Reports:

Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP)-Alecia C. As your AAPP, I am the facilitator of the annual certification/recertification process for Al-Anon members wishing to serve Alateen. Once certified, an Al-Anon member becomes an AMIAS. WSO's records reflect 22 active Alateen groups in Georgia as of January 12th with a total of 73 active, registered AMIAS. If you are interested in serving Alateen and are not currently an AMIAS, please contact me. There is an AMIAS handbook on the Ga Al-Anon website with information about qualifications for serving and the certification process. The AAPP also maintains group records for the Alateen groups in our Area.

Alateen-Lauren M. The 17th Georgia Alateen Conference will be held June 3-5th at Rock Eagle. Registration is \$15.00 and is separate from lodging and meals. Lodging, including meals is \$50.00 on or before 5/22/16 or \$65.00 after that date. I'd like to encourage early registration so we can get an approximate count on the number of cabins and meals to reserve. The Georgia Alateen Permission/Medical forms will be required for all teens under the age of 19. I've made a distribution list of all current AMIAS and will be sending out a letter of introduction to them hopefully this week.

Archivist-Marie N. Coming to you by way of your DR will be a copy of the **2016-2018 Area 11 Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly Information and Archives Booklet**. This booklet will provide you with a tremendous amount of information so please be sure you get your copy from your DR. The booklet will include Officer's and Coordinator's Job descriptions, motions and recommendations from January 1983 through September of 2015 and the Policy and Procedure Manual for Assembly. I strongly recommend that you get a copy and become familiar with the information it provides to you. As your Archivist, I plan to continue where our outgoing Archivist left off in regards to putting all of our files into electronic format.

Group Records-Patrick B. GRs, please be sure to send all group changes to your DRs. Check your Group's contact names and numbers to make sure they are current/correct. A video explanation on filling out GR-1 Forms can be found by going to <http://bit.ly/gr-1video>. Every DR has an e-mail alias: **dr-districtn@ga-al-anon.org**. Replace the "n" with your District number.

Literature-Philip A. The primary duties of the Literature Coordinator are to insure the Literature Room at Assembly is available to display and sell Conference Approved Literature (CAL) and to share information about literature and writing projects with members.

We don't have the year-end report from WSO, but for the quarter ending September 30, 2015, total literature sales were \$2.6 million compared to \$2.9 million a year earlier. That's a decrease of nearly 10%. Gross profit on literature sales were down by 4%. WSO continues to make our literature available in electronic format. Courage to Change is now available as an E-book. Current E-books now include, *Having Had a Spiritual Awakening*, *How Al-Anon Works*, *Alateen-Hope for Children of Alcoholics*, and *The Forum*.

As of November 2015, WSO had received 1159 sharings for the upcoming book on Intimacy, 176 sharings from parents/grandparents for the upcoming pamphlet, and 515 sharings for the upcoming daily reader. Please consider adding your experience, strength, and hope on these topics. Go to the members section on the WSO website to find out more about submitting your sharings. I encourage all new GRs to purchase their own copy of the Service Manual. They are only \$5.

Newsletter Editor-Anne M. The Newsletter Editor's job is to publish and distribute a newsletter for Georgia/Area 11 three times a year. The newsletter is published in March, July, and November. It is published electronically and I distribute it to all of the Area Officers, Coordinators, District Representatives, past Delegates and Trustees. The DRs, as links of service, distribute to their Group Representatives, who in turn distribute within their groups. The newsletter is also available on the Area website.

In order to put together the newsletter, I reach out to all of the Officers, Coordinators, Past Delegates, Trustees, and District Representatives for articles about one month prior to publication. DRs sometimes reach out within their districts to further solicit information or articles to pass along. The Newsletter is a great example of how the links of

service work! It is a wonderful way to keep all of the groups and districts within the Area connected with each other. Not everyone can come to Assembly, but everyone can read the Newsletter.

Public Outreach-Lys H. In Lys' absence, Marie N. gave her report. Lys will be continuing with the Billboard Project that was started last term until all of the money that has been raised has been spent. At present, she is looking closely at Augusta, Columbus and Dalton as areas to expand into. The plan is to take this as far as the money will stretch. Also, Lys is working on putting together a committee. So if you are interested in getting involved in the Area Public Outreach you can contact Lys H. for more information. Lys' contact information can be found in the Area Directory.

February 3rd @5pm is the deadline for ordering the 2nd printing of the AFAs (Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism) booklets.

Webmaster-Open Position-No Report

2015 Al-Anon/Alateen Convention-Philip W. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served as your 2015 Al-Anon/Alateen Convention Chair. I am also grateful for the committee that went way over and beyond their positions to make this a successful Convention. Along with returning the seed money back to the Area, we have made contributions of \$240.00 to each of the following entities: Alateen, AFG of Georgia Inc., Georgia Al-Anon Central Services and WSO. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

2016 A.A. Georgia State Pre-Paid Convention- Becky C. In Becky's absence, Kathy W. gave her report.

The 63rd A.A. Georgia State Pre-Paid Convention will be held at the Marriott Augusta Convention Center, 2 Tenth Street, Augusta, GA. 706-722-8900. The theme is "Our Spiritual Way of Life: The Steps, The Traditions, and The Concepts".

The events will be a Golf Tournament, Disc Golf, Kayaking and Motorcycle Poker Run.

There will be a dinner Saturday evening of the convention at 5pm, Cost \$20 per person. Make checks payable to the 63rd Prepaid Convention by October 14, 2016. Register online www.aageorgia.org/prepaid.htm or mail in the form to the 63rd Prepaid Convention, District 12, P.O. Box 204044, Martinez, GA. 30917.

2016 Conference/Alateen Representative- Thomas E. The 2015 Georgia Alateen Conference had 35-40 teens with 11-12 AMIAS in attendance. This year, The 17th Georgia Alateen Conference will be held June 3-5, 2016. The registration form can be found on the Georgia Al-Anon website under Area Events. Financial support for Alateen can be mailed to 4115 Quinn Drive, Evans GA 30809.

2016 Georgia Al-Anon/Alateen Convention-Kristin L. Surrender in Savannah is being held August 12-14, 2016.

You can register online by going to the Georgia Al-Anon website under Area Events. Things for all GRs to take to their Groups:

- Boutique – We need donations of items to sell at the Boutique. District 3 is having a Craft Day February 6th to make book covers, book marks, and any other crafts that people bring to work on. Please contact me if you have items to donate.
- Recovery Baskets for a Drawing – We're asking each District to put together at least 1 "Recovery Basket" that we can sell tickets for a drawing at Convention. This has been a favorite at past Conventions, so start thinking now and putting your baskets together!
- Donations Needed! March 4th is Lois' birthday. In honor of her birthday, groups can take up an extra donation for convention. Send to our Convention Registrar, on the Registration Form.
- Sponsor a Registration for someone in need. We are taking Sponsorship fees from Districts, Groups, or individuals for those who cannot afford the registration. Pay for a registration and we will use sponsored registrations on a first-come, first-served basis. If you'd like to apply to receive a sponsored registration, contact our Registration Chairperson.

MAIS-Metro Atlanta Al-Anon/Alateen Information Service - Patrick B. MAIS is an Al-Anon Information Service that serves as an avenue for local public outreach that is channeled through the districts whenever possible. MAIS maintains a stock of Conference Approved Literature (CAL) and is registered with the WSO as a Literature Distribution Center (LDC). MAIS holds periodic meetings attended by all of the information service representatives, where activity reports which include financial updates and matters regarding the groups are discussed. MAIS prints and distributes its own newsletter (Center Point) of local Al-Anon/Alateen activities for the groups that support it.

Business Meeting Part II
Sunday, January 17, 2016

Welcome: Chairperson, Cathy O. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Twelve Concepts of Service were read. The purpose and goals of Assembly were reviewed.

Minutes: Secretary-Kathy W. The September 2015 Assembly Minutes were approved as presented by general consent.

Motion 1

Roll Call: Secretary-Kathy W. There were 21 Districts represented and 131 voting members in attendance.

Officer Reports:

Delegate-Renelle M. A volunteer from Georgia, Barbara Marin, has been selected by WSO to serve as an At-Large Member of the Public Outreach Committee. Barbara is seeking to learn more about Al-Anon meetings being offered in prisons and jails. If you have experience in this area, please contact her at 404-580-0269 or barbaramarin49@att.net.

WSO has annual vacancies. The number of positions available annually is as follows:

Three-Year Commitments; 3 at-Large Trustees, 3 Regional Trustees, 1 at-Large member, Executive Committee for Real Property Management. Résumés must be postmarked, faxed or e-mailed on or before 8-15-2016

One-Year Commitments; 1 at-Large member for Alateen Work Group (trial), 5 at-Large members for Forum Editorial Advisory Committee, 5 at-Large members for Literature Committee, 5 at-Large members for Public Outreach Committee and 2 at-Large members for Audit Committee. Résumés are due by the time of the Conference, which begins April 10, 2016. If anyone is interested in submitting a resume please contact me for details.

The 2016 WSO Meet the Board Event will be held October 22, 2016 in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Al-Anon's 65th Anniversary Celebration-All Al-Anons, Alateens, and A.A. members are invited to Al-Anon's 65th Anniversary celebration, which will be held April 16th in Virginia Beach, VA. There will be an open house held at the World Service Office from 1:00pm – 3:00pm followed by a banquet that evening at the Wyndham Oceanfront Hotel. A few members with over 50 years in the program are being invited to reflect and share their memories with us. Char's mother, Mary, who has been in Al-Anon for over 50 years and personally knew Lois and Bill W. will be one of the members sharing her precious memories. If you are interested in attending this celebration, information will be in the Forum and on the Member's Website for how to register.

New Member Survey-Beginning January 15, a survey will be available for all members on the Members' Web site. The purpose of this quick, 15-question survey is to get feedback from members about some of WSO's messages to the fellowship. GRs please share this information with your group and encourage your members to participate in this survey. This is our opportunity to provide WSO feedback on the information they share with us. It is important that as many members as possible participate in order to get a complete picture of how WSO's messages are perceived by the fellowship. Here's how you can participate: Log on to the Al-Anon Members' Web site, al-anon.org/members, from **January 15 – February 26, 2016**. Sign into the Web site using your group's name followed by the letters, AFG, without any spaces, e.g., serenityseekersafg. Click on "Surveys for Members" under the "Individuals" tab on the navigation bar at the top of the page. Click on the link titled "Al-Anon Program Survey."

New Text for the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual-The amended descriptive text for Concept Eight—approved by the 2015 WSC—is now available on the Members' Web site, al-anon.org/members under "groups" "Group Resources". The replacement pages may be downloaded, printed, trimmed to size, and inserted over current pages 198 and 226.

Chairman of the Board Letter Highlights-The WSO Web Architect reported that the new communication system, AFG Connects, is proving to be a significant resource for all service volunteers. The "Discussion" section has already provided a source for many questions, comments, and answers.

The Board continued discussions on Alateen by addressing the question, "What is needed to support our Al-Anon members so that teens are welcome in Al-Anon meetings?" The Board concluded that a review of "Groups at Work," use of a sponsor and courtesy may offer guidelines to help answer this question.

Continue to save up for Al-Anon's Sixth International Convention, to be held in Baltimore, Maryland July 6 -8, 2018. It will be an exciting time to meet friends and family from around the world, and hear the similarities in our stories of courage and wisdom.

The 2016 World Service Conference theme will be, "**Realizing Our Spiritual Potential.**"

The following update is based on the unaudited financial statements for the period ended September 30, 2015. The General Fund recorded a loss of \$176,337 for the period, compared to a loss of \$106,949 for the first nine months of last year. Literature sales are lower than last year by \$283,398 and contributions are higher by \$56,399. Forum subscriptions fell behind last year by \$8,202. In total, income is lower by \$157,881, compared to this period last year.

Contributions are \$1,138,805 so far this year, compared to \$1,082,406 at this time last year—an increase of 5.21%.

Income is falling behind projected income for the first nine months of the year. A Conference decision supported the

idea of working to increase contributions, rather than relying on transfers from the Reserve Fund. As of September 30, 2015, contributions are 67% of budget, falling below the 75% mark, as we are three-quarters of the way through the year. It is encouraging that contributions have increased compared to those received at this point last year. Literature sales appear to be in decline, which makes us more dependent on contributions.

Many of you shared with our outgoing Delegate, Cathy, tips for the Financial Health of AFG Inc. WSO compiled a list of the top tips from all the Areas. I suggest taking these ideas back to your groups and Districts and continue the conversation. It is important that these ideas be shared with all the groups. Time has expired to close the deficit for 2015 as the fiscal year ended on December 31st. However, the World Service Conference will be continuing this conversation in April and I would love to hear from you how some of these ideas have worked for you.

Encourage Groups to make the appeal letter message more appealing. Read it with enthusiasm. Always explain the purpose of the letter to newcomers. Show how a small increase in a group's contribution could have a significant impact. Encourage other avenues of showing gratitude with the use of the contribution envelopes, explaining that contributions weren't just a 7th Tradition matter, but also a form of 12th step work. Encourage District and Area to make contributions based on funds remaining over their ample reserves after events. Get members motivated via a "friendly competition" between districts with simple prizes for the winners. Continue to circulate in the Area an extra container each week for individual members to contribute directly to the WSO. Quarterly Appeal is called "Quarter for Quarter". Lighten your load by putting your change in the Q4Q container. Consider going to different groups and asking them outright to increase their contributions from "what they can afford" and to consider a contribution based on "what gratitude they have in their hearts". Stress that the Higher Power will provide, and that living by the spiritual principle is a long-term solution, not a temporary fix, like passing the basket a second time.

Emphasize spiritual abundance along with doing service, as our way of giving back. The financial abundance and/or increased contributions/donations will follow. Challenge groups to contribute \$250.00 to cover the cost of the group. Discuss "break the buck" and that all prices on everything have increased. Use the pie chart sent with the last appeal letter and let members know where to locate it on the website. Suggest the GR, DR, etc. set an example at meetings by giving to the quarterly appeal. Explain to members the importance of their contributions and how we use the money to take the message of the program to the people still suffering. Ask Areas, Districts and AISs to include a contribution to WSO as a line item in their budgets. Focus on key words in the Quarterly Appeal that speak to the hearts of members: gratitude, abundance, grateful for the ability to give, participation, belonging and unity. Challenge each group to increase donations by at least 10%. Encourage more active use of the birthday plan. (Page 95 of the Service Manual: Birthday Plan) In honor of their Al-Anon/Alateen birthday, members may express their gratitude by contributing an amount for each year's membership.

WSO contributions may be sent on line from the Al-Anon.org website or by mail to: AFG, Inc., 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA. 23454-5617.

Al-Anon has taught me to ask for what I need. What I need from you are your prayers and support while I am representing Georgia in Al-Anon's largest group conscious. It is a tradition for groups and/or districts within our Area to send love gifts to the Delegate to be shared with other Conference members. Should your group or district decide to send love gifts, it is suggested that you send 100 of the same item so that there is enough for all Conference members. It is okay if you can't send that many. The idea is to share the spirit of love and giving with those in attendance. I would also love to receive cards of encouragement. Cards and love gifts are to be mailed prior to the conference so that they arrive before conference begins. Plan to have them mailed so they arrive after April 7th. The hotel will hold them for us. Due to limited storage space they ask that we do not have anything arrive before April 7th. Mail cards and love gifts to: Renelle Mathis (Hold for WSC 4-11 – 4-15, 2016) Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront, 5700 Atlantic Ave., Virginia Beach, VA. 23451. In the event the mail is delayed, use my home address in the return address section: Renelle Mathis, 68 Timberlake Cove NE, Cartersville, GA 30121.

I am still looking for someone who would be willing to serve as our Area Webmaster. This is an extraordinarily important service role because so many people access our web site for information about Al-Anon in general and Georgia Al-Anon specifically. It is important that the site is kept current and accurate. If you are willing to learn new skills by volunteering for this exciting position please contact me and let's talk. If I can be of assistance to you in any way please contact me and I will be delighted to help.

Alternate Delegate-Barbara T. I want to thank Districts 1 (Romi R.) and 5 (Judith W.) for hosting registration and the Saturday afternoon discussion meeting this weekend, and Districts 6 (Debbie P.) and 10 (Donna M.) who will be hosting in May. Updated Al-Anon Acronym bookmarks will be available at the registration table for both Assemblies. New GR

Greeter cards and 'Happy, Joyous, and Free' button game to help encourage members to introduce themselves to new GRs will also be available at May's assembly, as long as supplies last.

Thank you to Districts 2 (Susie W.) and 4 (Jenny L.) for hosting the hospitality room this weekend and Districts 3 (Kristin L.) and 15 (Karen M.) who will be hosting in May. This Assembly is the first time the hospitality room has had a spending limit on snacks. Please complete the brief anonymous survey on the tables and place in the box. This will help in updating hospitality guidelines for the next districts, as well as giving us an idea about what are preferred snacks and beverages to help purchasing be as efficient as possible, given the \$200 spending limit. Please contribute to the donation cans provided. Following our 7th tradition and having the hospitality room become self-supporting through its own contributions will allow all districts to participate. The more districts that participate, the fewer times districts will be asked to volunteer to host.

WSO just sent out a letter announcing that starting in March 2016, they will discontinue sending free copies of The Forum to English-speaking groups for a one-year trial. This service provided by WSO costs over \$100,000 a year. Due to decreased literature sales and increased costs, the Finance Committee had a fiscal responsibility to make this necessary decision. Groups can continue to receive The Forum with a paid group subscription that costs \$11 per year. GRs, as your group's Forum Representative, please announce at your meetings that the Forum is a great tool for meeting topics (our service manual encourages this on page 44) and is also a great gift for another member. Encourage your groups to purchase a subscription and when it arrives, pass it around the meeting for newcomers to look at as well as copies of the order form on the back page. Give old copies of The Forum to newcomers. The Forum subscription can now not only be ordered on the WSO website, but can be renewed electronically on the website. Individual electronic copies can be ordered through most bookstore sites, but annual electronic subscriptions are currently available only from Nook at Barnes and Noble. At May's assembly, I am planning a tri-panel foam board display for the Forum. On it could be displayed information on how to submit a share for publication, order forms, Forum Writing Guidelines, a 'Spotlight on Georgia' section with articles written by Georgia AI-Anons, maybe a 'Forum Facts' section, or any relevant Forum news. The Georgia AI-Anon speaker list will be updated in February and sent out to DRs to forward on to groups in each district. Any member that wants to be added to this list can send me their name, address, email and telephone number. The speaker list will be sorted by name and city to help any group or district that may be looking for a speaker for a district workshop, anniversary meeting or other AI-Anon event.

Treasurer-AI-Anon Family Groups of Georgia, Inc. Financials-Katherine N.

2015 Budget vs. Actuals January 1 – December 31, 2015: Total Income = \$24,563.42, Total Expenses = \$25,412.40, Net Operating Income = **(\$848.98)**, Funds Carried Forward = \$11,315.56, Total Funds on Hand = \$10,466.58. Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2015: Area 11 Operating Account = \$10,466.58, 1 Year CD = \$10,715.78 6 Month CD = \$2,536.64, CY2012 Excess Depository = \$2,750.03, Total Assets = \$26,469.03.

The AFG of Georgia Inc. Treasurer's Report was adopted as corrected by general consent. **Motion 2**

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

Georgia AI-Anon Central Services (GACS) Office Chair -Char F. I would like to begin this report with Concept One: The ultimate responsibility and authority for AI-Anon world services belongs to the AI-Anon groups.

As the GA AI-Anon Central Services Committee begins our term, we will be working together to continue offering literature and customer service to the GA Area while looking at ways to think outside the box.

Although the GA AI-Anon Central Services Committee has authority to make day-to-day decisions, it is our goal to increase each member's awareness of why we exist and to include your voices in the conversation to help us think outside the proverbial *box*. To accomplish this, these are some ideas the committee came up with to get the conversation started:

Develop a "What is the GA AI-Anon Central Services" pamphlet, offer an Office Q&A workshop in Districts and at Assembly, host an Office Open House, form a GA AI-Anon Central Services Future Direction KBDM Thought Force, co-present with the literature coordinator a "little known" literature quiz/contest, showcase a piece of literature a month and suggest ways to do a meeting on the piece. Ultimately this is your Area Office and we need your input. I will have more information related to these goals and opportunities for your voices to be included soon!

We suggest that you purchase ODAT & CTC in sets because you can save \$2 on small sets and \$3 on large sets.

We want to remind groups/districts that if you would like to do a public outreach project but don't have sufficient funds for literature, the Central Services Office has a small budget to help groups. The only cost will be for shipping.

You can place orders via email or phone. Our email is: areaoffice@ga-al-anon.org. Our number is: Toll Free: 855-254-3414 and local: 478-254-3414. We have a paid employee, Lanie, who is at the Office on Tuesdays from 10:00am to 3:00

pm and one other (floating) day during the week. If you would like to visit the office or do volunteer work, please contact Lanie or me. We welcome all volunteers as well as monetary contributions!

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

2015 Budget vs. Actuals January 1 – December 31, 2015: Total Income = \$36,254.91, (Cost of Goods Sold) COGS = \$24,463.17, Gross Profit = \$11,791.74, Total Expenses = \$10,552.93, Net Income = \$1,238.81.

Balance Sheet: Cash On Hand (Operating and Reserve Fund Total) = 24,518.83, Accounts Receivable = \$980.82, Inventory = \$12,718.58, Prepaid Expenses \$400.00, Total Assets = \$38,618.23, Total Current Liabilities = \$162.41 (GA Department of Revenue-GACS Sales Tax Payable \$119.57, Federal Taxes 941/944 \$42.84.)

The GACS Treasurer's Report was adopted as presented by general consent. **Motion 3**

GACS Contributions Mailing Address: Georgia Al-Anon Central Services or GACS - 2733 Sheraton Drive, Suite F-160, Macon, Georgia 31204.

New Business:

Finance Committee:

- That effective January 16, 2016, the Summary of Motions in the *Area 11 Policy and Procedure Manual for Assembly* be corrected to reflect the language of the document: that "Table the motion" and "Reconsider the vote", only require a "Majority" to pass. Motion passed with 130 yes and 1 abstention. **Motion 4**
- Move that the 2016 Area Assembly Budget be adjusted by: A.) Other Funds-Funds Carried forward increased by \$1,361.00 from \$9,105.00 to \$10,466.00 and B.) Treasurer-Contingency Fund increased by \$1,361.00 from \$1,850.00 to \$3,211.00. Motion passed unanimously. **Motion 5**
- Move that the 2016 Area Assembly Budget be adjusted by, A.) Increase the Delegate's WSC expense \$250.00 from \$600.00 to \$850.00 and B.) Decrease the Treasury- Contingency Fund By \$250.00 from \$3,211.00 to \$2,961.00. Motion passed unanimously. **Motion 6**
- Motion is made to have the Alternate Delegate's Officer Allowance budget line item increased by \$600.00 and have the Treasury Contingency Fund budget line item be reduced by \$600.00 to purchase a set of 4 retractable legacy banners for Area use pending WSO approval of banners. Motion passed with 122 yes, 8 no's and 1 abstention. **Motion 7**
- Move that the Literature Coordinator's budget for Assembly Expenses be increased by \$385.00 to cover an extra night hotel expenses for 3 Assemblies and that the 2016 Treasurer's Contingency Fund budget line be reduced by \$385.00. Motion passed unanimously. **Motion 8**
- Move that any funds left at the termination of the Billboard Project Contract be placed into the Al-Anon Family Groups of Georgia Inc. Area Assembly general funds. Motion passed with 124 yes and 7 no's. **Motion 9**
- Move that any unused Public Outreach Projects budgeted funds be carried over from year to year. Motion failed with 116 no's, 9 yes, and 6 abstentions. **Motion 10**
- Move that the Finance Committee be allowed to make changes within the budget without AWSC/Assembly approval provided the changes stay within the approved total annual budget allowance and that there are no new line items. Motion was tabled. **Motion 11**
- Move that we have a special event and celebration of the 65th anniversary of Al-Anon at our May 2016 Assembly on Saturday night. Expenditures are not to exceed a maximum of \$300.00 and that A.) The 2016 Alternate Delegates officers allowance budget line item is increased by \$300.00 from \$900.00 to \$1,200.00 and B.) The Treasurer's Contingency Fund budget line item be reduced by \$300.00 from \$1,976.00 to \$1,676.00. Motion passed with 129 yes, 1 no and 1 abstention. **Motion 12**
- Move that the 2016 Budget be amended by, A) adding a new line item under Other Funds as "Public Outreach Billboard Project Support" and B) add \$2,338.00 as the amount for this line item and C) the Funds Carried Forward be decreased by \$2,338.00 from \$10,466.00 to \$8,128.00. Motion passed with 123 yes, 3 no's and 5 abstentions. **Motion 13**

Summary of Motions:

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Closing: The Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Adjourned: 1:15pm

Dates to Remember:

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April 16, 2016	AWSC
May 21-22, 2016	Area Assembly
June 3-5, 2016	Georgia Alateen Conference, Rock Eagle, Eatonton, GA.
August 12-14, 2016	Georgia Al-Anon/Alateen Convention, Savannah, GA.
August 20, 2016	AWSC
September 17-18, 2016	Area Assembly
October 21-23, 2016	A. A. Prepaid Convention, Augusta, GA.
November 19, 2016	AWSC

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy White
Area Secretary
Panel 56¹

¹ Final
January 23, 2016
Accepted as presented by general consent 5/22/16