

Georgia Area 11 Assembly
Business Meeting Part I
Saturday, September 17, 2016

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

Reports:

Area Alateen Process Person-Cynthia S. This is an exciting time to be serving Al-Anon and Alateen in Georgia. We have registered two new Alateen groups since our last Assembly and there are three Al-Anon members currently going through the process to become a certified AMIAS (Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service). We now have 19 active Alateen groups and 63 certified AMIAS.

The Area Alateen Coordinator and I are in the process of updating/revising the AMIAS Handbook and expect to have that completed and ready to present to the November AWSC and, hopefully, on to the January Assembly for approval.

Alateen-Lauren M. In June, the Alateens held their annual Conference at Rock Eagle (17th annual Conference) and we had a record number of teens attend.

On June 9th, I participated in my 2nd Area Alateen Coordinator's conference call with the WSO. Topics discussed were the results of the recent Alateen survey, the Power Point Alateen training modules and the Alateen service e-manual. Cynthia S. (AAPP) and I have been reviewing our existing AMIAS handbook looking for consistency, conciseness, correctness, and completeness (the 4 Cs!). Our current AMIAS Handbook covers Area 11's Minimum Safety and Behavioral Requirements, the certification, recertification and the compliance review process. This updated manual will be more complete with the addition of permission forms, flow charts, etc.

Another item being looked at is the training of prospective AMIAS. Currently, Assemblies are the only times AMIAS training is regularly offered (3x per year). Under consideration is the option to offer it more frequently (i.e. monthly) via phone conferencing and screen share technology for the Power Point presentation. This would eliminate prospective AMIAS from having to travel to Macon for training. Unless these prospective AMIAS are already planning to attend Assembly, trying to schedule time for travel and attendance can be quite challenging. As a reminder, we are always in need of AMIAS, especially male AMIAS.

Archivist-Marie N. I am still learning how to use OCR (Optical Character Recognition). We are not ready for prime time. I have just been informed that the GACS office has received a generous gift that will make scanning a breeze. As you may recall one of my goals was to make our Assembly Information and Archives Booklet searchable. I am happy to announce that the task is complete without help from me. I just learned that PDFs are searchable if you are using a PDF reader (i.e. adobe reader).

Group Records-Patrick B. We currently have 285 groups in Georgia with a total of 346 meetings. Fifty-six percent of the meetings are listed as open and forty-four percent are listed as closed.

I have officially resigned as your Group Records Coordinator due to my recent marriage to Lani and the fact that we will reside in Las Vegas, Nevada. I will be moving on Tuesday, September 20, 2016. Dan M., my replacement, is now officially your current Group Records Coordinator.

Literature-Philip A. We had successful sales at the May Assembly. For the first six months of 2016, sales of literature in the Literature Room at the 2 Assemblies accounted for nearly 25% of sales for the Georgia Al-Anon Central Services office.

Our fourth daily reader is in development. The World Service Office is seeking submissions for inclusion. It takes many submissions in order to create a robust reader. Please consider making a submission. Instructions are on the WSO website. Although WSO is referring to our "Fourth" daily reader, I was just reminded by Lauren M., our Area 11 Alateen Coordinator, that two of the Alateen books are also daily readers, so here's a shout-out of recognition to Alateen for their daily readers. That also reminds me that Al-Anon members could benefit from exploring the Alateen daily readers.

Newsletter-Anne M. It is my job to collect articles, edit and publish them in Georgia On Track, our area newsletter. I reach out to the area officers and coordinators for news about what is happening in their areas of service. I reach out to DRs for news from their districts and local groups. GRs, I encourage you to share with your DRs any special news you may have about your group, such as an anniversary, workshop, outreach effort or updates in who is taking on a new service opportunity. I welcome any flyers you may have and pictures are also welcome. In addition to articles about what is going on throughout the area, I also ask the AWSC panel for service related sharings on the topic of the

Newsletter theme. The theme for the upcoming newsletter will be "Free" taken from our 2016 theme of "Happy, Joyous, and Free!"

I will begin collecting articles the first week of October. Deadline for submission is November 1. Georgia on Track will be published November 15. This will be the third and final Georgia on Track for 2016. Newsletters are published 3 times a year in March, July, and November.

I encourage DRs to share the Newsletter with their district's GRs. While the newsletter is posted on the area website, it is distributed electronically through the links of service. GRs are encouraged to share the newsletter with group members.

Public Outreach-Lys H. We are in the process of finalizing the Public Outreach Committee and still have one spot available. We will communicate by conference calls and meet briefly on Assembly weekends. If you or someone you know is interested in serving, please contact me at Lysbeth@mindspring.com.

Public Outreach Billboard Project Update: This project began in July 2015. It has now reached Metro Atlanta, Augusta, and Columbus. The Dalton billboard is up and will run for approximately 8 weeks.

WSO is releasing new PSAs targeted to the professional community at the end of the year. They are called, "*Women Troubled by Her Boyfriend*" and "*Grandma*" Portraits IV PSAs. This coincides with our vision to reach the professional community for this panel's projects. We will play these at the September Assembly to encourage members to reach out to local radio & TV stations to request they be aired.

DR's, please ask your districts and groups what opportunities are available in your districts to reach therapists, psychologists, law enforcement, DFCS, private treatment programs and centers. Please email to me any additional projects that Districts would like to see for this year and term. Let's see how we can keep the momentum going to spread the message of recovery to those in need. Together we are a powerful example of this program.

Webmaster-Alecia C. The information and flier for the 2017 Al-Anon/Alateen Convention has been posted on the website. Patrick has been working on adding the capability to pay convention registration online. While there are still a few details to work out, we are a lot closer than we were at AWSC.

The two main topics I get emails about as Webmaster include being unable to find meetings on the website and being unable to find events and information pertinent to members. Please remember: If you need help while looking for a meeting on the website, there are instructional videos provided. Also, there may be a problem if you just use the default value of "An automatically chosen radius." It is best to include a realistic mileage distance from the place marked on the map to the location of the meeting in question. When you go to the Area website, you are entering as a sort of "Public" user seeking information about Al-Anon and you will only see certain general information about Al-Anon. As a member, there is more information for you if you go to the members tab and log in with the clues provided. After that if you click on the Events tab, you will see events that are relevant to Al-Anon "Members" such as AWSC and Assembly information.

Please remember to submit a pdf copy of your fliers for group and district events to me to be added to the website. Please make sure that there are no last names or personal phone numbers included on the flier.

Corrections have been made as required by WSO and permissions granted for another year to use the Steps, Traditions and Concepts on the Area Website.

Following discussion at AWSC regarding the removal of first names and personal phone numbers from the area website, I have used AFG Connects to reach out to other Area Web Coordinators to see how their area website provides a means for those in crisis to reach out to us while maintaining anonymity and protecting the personal safety of members. Though Patrick will be leaving Georgia as Group Records Coordinator, his thumbprint will still be seen on the Area website.

2016 A.A. Prepaid Convention-Becky C. The 63rd A.A. Georgia Prepaid Convention is being held on October 20-23, 2016 at the Marriott Augusta Convention Center, Two Tenth Street, Augusta, Ga. 706-722-8900.

Theme: "Our Spiritual Way of Life: the Steps, the Traditions and the Concepts"

A.A. Speakers: Misoon W., Jacksonville, Fl., Peter M., Boca Raton Fl., Mary T., Santa Fe, N.M., Paul Mc., Oceanside, Ca. Roger H., Seminole, Fl., Rebecca S., Augusta Fl. and the Al-Anon Speaker is Linda R., Ladson, S.C.

There will be a dinner Saturday at 5pm. Cost is \$20 per person. Please register for dinner by 10/14/16. Events taking place: Golf Tournament, disc golf, kayaking and motorcycle poker run. There will be a band and dancing Saturday night after the speaker meeting. The Al-Anon speaker will speak at 10 AM on Saturday.

Register on line: www.aageorgia.org/Prepaid.htm. Additional info: email: 63rdPrepaid@aageorgia.org for room rates, mention 63rd Georgia State Prepaid Convention.

2016 Alateen Conference/Alateen Representative-Thomas E. These teens are a huge part of my life and my recovery. It has been a true honor to serve as the 2016 Alateen Conference Chair. The 2016 Alateen Conference was a very successful conference. There were 50 Alateens in attendance, with two traveling from Alabama. It was the largest attended Georgia Alateen Conference to date. We continue to be grateful to all of you for your support and contributions. The conference closed out with just under \$10,000.00, which gives us the freedom to have more activities and meetings at next year's conference.

2017 Alateen Conference Announcement –Peter U. The 2017 Alateen Conference will be our 18th Conference and will be held at Rock Eagle, Eatonton, GA on June 1-4, 2017. We will be extending the weekend an extra day in order to include extra activities, an extra meeting and an additional workshop. The cost of registration, meals and lodging will be \$65.00 until May 21, 2017. After May 21, 2017 the cost will be \$80.00.

Teenagers anywhere in Georgia, which do not currently have an Alateen Group, are welcome to attend the Alateen Conference. Theme: Alateen-A Puzzle of Different Pieces.

If you are an AMIAS and you feel called to service, we have openings on the Alateen Conference Committee. If anyone has any questions, contact me through contacts on the Area website. The Alateen calendars are still available at \$15.00 each.

2016 Al-Anon/Alateen Convention-Kristin L. The 38th Annual Al-Anon/Alateen Convention at the Hyatt Regency in Savannah is in the books. We had 345 people registered, including 14 Alateens, with 275 people actually attending the Convention. We had approximately 50 walk-in registrations. The final figures came in better than expected. Total Income was \$25,115.00; expenses were \$22,305.00, leaving a surplus of \$2,810.39. It should be noted that the Convention Committee went above and beyond their job descriptions, spending endless hours working on items to sell in the boutique, running garage sales and selling items before the event, all of which helped defray some of the expenses. Donations out of the \$2,810.00 surplus funds are as follows: \$1,500 to WSO, \$300 to AFG of GA, \$300 to GACS, \$500 to the Alateen Conference and \$300 to the 2017 Al-Anon/Alateen Convention.

2017 Al-Anon/Alateen Convention-Joyce T. The 39th Georgia Al-Anon/Alateen Convention is being held August 11-13, 2017 at Pine Mountain Creek Inn, Pine Mountain GA 31822. Theme: "Sharing Recovery in the Gardens." The Room Rate is \$131.56 per night including tax & fees (this rate will extend 2 days before and 2 days after the convention for your vacation). If you stay at the Inn you will get free passes to Callaway Gardens. Early registration through September 25th is \$25. Regular registration through July 30th is \$35. August and walk-in registration is \$45. Alateen registration is free. For more information, flier and registration form, go to the events section of the GA. Al-Anon members website.

MAIS-Patrick B. MAIS has a new MAIS Area Liaison: Julia K. The MAIS positions that are still available are: MAIS Chair, MAIS Secretary, MAIS Alateen Chair and MAIS Office Chair. You can sign up to receive the MAIS Newsletter, CenterPoint, by sending an email to literature@alanonatl.com and ask to be placed on the mailing list.

The MAIS Anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 5575 Peachtree Pkwy, Peachtree Corners, GA. 30092. For more information/donations go to:anniversary@alanonatl.com.

Business Meeting Part II

Sunday, September 18, 2016

Welcome by Chairperson, Cathy O. Opening began 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.

Using the Area 11 Policy and Procedure Manual for Assembly, the following information was shared: Who has voice and vote along with the Assembly Operating Protocol.

Roll Call - Secretary - Kathy W. There were 20 Districts represented and 113 voting members in attendance.

Minutes - Secretary - Kathy W. The May 2016 Assembly Minutes were approved as presented by unanimous consent.

Motion 1

Officer Reports:

Delegate – Renelle M. The following Annual Vacancies are open at WSO for members. GRs please share this information with the members of your group and encourage interested members to submit their résumé.

The number of positions available annually is as follows:

- 1 at-Large member, Alateen Work Group (trial)
- 5 at-Large members, Forum Editorial Advisory Committee
- 5 at-Large members, Literature Committee
- 5 at-large members, Public Outreach Committee
- 2 at-large members, Audit Committee

The Work Group and other Selected Committees just mentioned are one-year commitments and run from May to April of each year. Résumés are due by the time of the Conference. Applicants are notified in May or June as the Committees are formed.

2018 AI –Anon’s 6th International Convention - AI-Anon’s International Convention is held every five years. Our next one will be in Baltimore, Maryland July 6-8, 2018.

AFG Announcements - Now members can sign up to receive news from WSO through a free subscription to AFG Announcements. All WSO needs is your email address. This communication system for individual members will deliver announcements from the World Service Office (WSO) right to your inbox. Some examples of announcements include: new literature, surveys, WSO employment opportunities and *Group e-News*, to name a few.

Group Records Coordinator-Dan M. has agreed to fill our Area Group Records Coordinator position.

Chairman of the Board Letter- The July 2016 Chairman of the Board Letter may be found on the WSO members website. Highlights from the Board letter are: The WSO Administrative Team joined Board and Executive Committee members in a Board development activity related to the Board’s Duty of Foresight: looking continuously toward the future. We had the opportunity to consider ways in which we can change our thinking; how to remain focused on forward thinking while the world around us is constantly in change; why foresight is vital and critical to our future and what societal transformations confront AI-Anon at this time and how these transformations necessitate foresight. The Board and staff are only beginning to consider how we can work together in developing a clear-eyed and focused discipline on our future. The Board continued our review of suggested language changes to the World Service Handbook. The Task Force has been diligent in their review and in bringing suggested changes to the Board for approval. Our goal is to complete the revisions for presentation during the 2017 World Service Conference.

2017 World Service Conference will be held April 24-28, 2017 at the Wyndham Oceanfront in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The Conference theme will be: **Our Members: Our Hope for the Future.**

Meet the Board Event –The 2016 Meet the Board will be held in Fayetteville, Arkansas on Saturday, October 22, 2016. Details on how to register will be posted in the near future on AFG Connects.

The meet the Board Work Group reviewed the suggested name changes received during this year’s conference. The Board approved the following as the new title for Meet the Board: **Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect.**

Web Architect- We are excited to share that the Meeting Search Web Application is allowing visitors to the Public Outreach site to find meetings quickly based on up-to-the-minute data from the WSO database. The office has added an update to improve the search for addresses that include words that can be spelled or abbreviated in different ways, such as: Saint and St., North and N, etc.

Team Event - A Team event is a partnership between an Area and the WSO, with the aim of providing an opportunity for AI-Anon and Alateen members to learn more about service and the AI-Anon program. The Area and WSO Task Force work together to plan an agenda of workshops and presentations that address the Area’s specific needs and expand members’ understanding of our worldwide fellowship. Team events are co-sponsored by the Area and the WSO.

Areas have been busy planning Team events for 2017. As of this writing, the following TEAM events have been approved for 2017: Minnesota North, Florida North, Saskatchewan, Montana/Idaho and Nevada. When considering possible TEAM events for your Area, please keep in mind there is a cap of nine TEAM events per calendar year.

I would like for our Area to consider if we would like to host a Team Event in 2018. If your District is interested in this please let me know so we, as an Area, can vote if we would like to submit a request and begin the process. Requests must be submitted, a minimum of 6 months in advance. The last time Georgia hosted a Team Event was in 2012. Those who participated enjoyed the event and learned a lot of new information about service and the AI-Anon program.

Finance Update - The following update is based on the unaudited financial statements for the period ended June 30, 2016: The General Fund recorded a gain of \$341,930 for this period, compared to a loss of \$54,971 this period last year. This is due in part to higher than budgeted literature sales and lower than budgeted expenses.

The investment income and transfer from the Reserve Fund totaled \$130,722 compared to \$25,255 in 2015. This left the fair value of investments in the Reserve Fund total at \$4,864,883 as of June 30, 2016.

Income: Literature sales were \$1,845,798 for this period, compared to \$1,851,530 at this time last year. Gross profit on literature sales was \$1,495,171 (81% of sales), compared to \$1,546,665 on June 30, 2015. This represents a loss in profits of \$51,494 in the 1st six months of the year.

Forum subscriptions were \$118,964, an increase of 3.16%. This reflects the additional subscriptions purchased due to the suspension of the complimentary group copies of the *Forum*.

The WSO budget for 2016 is \$1, 800,000. Contributions were \$918,718 for the first six months of 2016, compared to \$727,290 this period last year, exceeding our 2015 contributions by \$191,428 for the first six months of the year. Expenses: Operating expenses were \$2,321,645 for the period, compared to \$2,469,500 last year, a decrease of almost 6%. Expenses were below budget, due to some staffing changes and some timing differences for purchases year after year.

Outlook: As you can see by the revenue numbers, our members have responded, just as our cofounder Lois said we would. We have a long way to go to meet our budgeted projection of \$1,800,000 in contributions. We are more than half way there due to our collective efforts. June 2016 was our biggest month ever for contributions, far outpacing our previous best month. If we continue to express our gratitude and financial abundance in like manner for the rest of 2016 and beyond, the World Service Office will be able to support us well in our efforts to carry the message and reach out to those still suffering from the effects of someone else's drinking. As part of our duty to keep a watchful eye on expenditures, the Finance Committee continues to find places to cut expenditures while not affecting core services to the members.

The Board would like to thank our members for the overwhelming response to the last appeal letter. We also want to thank those members who have taken advantage of the updated "Contribute Now" button on our member's Web site. You can now set up recurring contributions with a simple click. The new on-line contribution feature was enabled on May 24th. As of June 30th we have received \$5,800 in contributions. That is comprised of 102 contributions, 17 of which have signed up to be recurring contributions.

I want to encourage members to join me in making personal contributions to the WSO on a yearly or monthly basis. You can do this through the WSO Members website by clicking on the "Contribute Now" button.

I also want to encourage groups to consider other ways to raise funds for WSO. My home group started a Quarter for Quarter project to raise money over and above our normal contributions. Each week we put a jar out for members to put in their spare change. We started this in April of this year and as of August 31st we had raised an extra \$195.19 to contribute to WSO. Many of our groups struggle to meet their needs and many individuals still put \$1 - \$2 in the basket. With the needs of the group, District, Area, LDC and AIS, this leaves very little for groups to be able to contribute to the WSO. WSO supports our groups behind the scenes in many ways. Without their help our groups would not continue to grow and thrive. Let's continue to think abundantly and support our World Service Office.

Policy Committee Update - The Policy Committee continues its work on incorporating spiritual principles into the text portion of the 'Financial Matters' section of the "Policy Digest," as well as revising the text of 'Convention and Other Events' formerly titled 'Conventions,' pages 85 and 86, of the *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*.

The Policy Committee continued its discussion of the terms "open" and "closed" meetings using KBDM, and considered strategies that might eliminate any confusion these terms cause for the public and even for Al-Anon members. At the Open Policy Meeting in April, the Policy Committee first discussed this topic in light of Tradition Five, the principle of being welcoming, and Tradition Twelve, maintaining anonymity of members.

More than one Al-Anon member has asked the Policy Committee whether or not the WSO accepts money from a program in which individuals can sign up to support their favorite non-profit organization, such as contributions derived from a percentage of shoppers' purchases from charitable foundations or retail merchant shopping websites. The Policy Committee unanimously agreed that Al-Anon does not accept contributions from any program like this because it is impossible to know whether or not the donations (percentage of the amount spent by the consumer) come from Al-Anon members. In addition, the proceeds donated are from outside entities, e.g., the charitable foundation of a business. Accepting any contributions of this type violates our Traditions.

Just for Today Prayer Discussion - Prior to my attending the April 2016 World Service Conference, I sent an email out to all the DR's asking them to share with the groups the recommendation of the WSO Literature Committee's recommendation. That recommendation was to ask the following question; Should the WSC give conceptual approval to remove the "Prayer for Today" from Conference Approved Literature?

The 2016 WSC had discussion on this topic with no vote. The consensus was to keep the conversation going, take it back to the Areas for discussion and bring it back to the 2017 World Service Conference. At this time I would like to take about 20 minutes for us to have a discussion on this topic.

Before opening the floor for discussion I want to give a little background on this topic. The complete discussion that took place at conference is in the 2016 World Service Conference Summary. One of the roles of the Literature Committee is to review suggestions that come from the fellowship regarding literature and possible changes. If a major decision is needed, it must come to the World Service Conference (WSC).

During its June 2015 meeting, the Literature Committee began discussing requests from two members in different Areas for changes to the "Prayer for Today." This prayer is included in the *Just for Today* Wallet Card (M-10) and Bookmark (M-12). It also appears on page 101 of *How Al-Anon Works for Families & Friends of Alcoholics* (B-22, B-32), as well as on page 103 in editions printed prior to 2008. The first member felt that although it is beautiful, it is clearly a religious prayer, and should be revised or discontinued. The second member requested that the words "O, Divine Master" in the second paragraph of the prayer be changed to "God." Because the prayer is included in the Newcomer Packet (K-10), she felt it could give many newcomers the idea that Al-Anon is a religious program.

ASSEMBLY DISCUSSION/JUST FOR TODAY PRAYER CARD: The floor opened for members to comment and offer feedback that Renelle will share at the 2017 World Service Conference next April.

Thank you for your input and thank you for the privilege to represent you at WSC.

Alternate Delegate-Barbara T. Thank you to Districts 7 (Joy C.) and 20 (Alecia C.) for hosting registration and the Saturday afternoon discussion meeting this weekend. Thank you to Districts 11 (Thomas E.) and 21 (Lucille S.) who will be hosting in January. Any GR that had a red circle sticker on the top of your name badge means that you aren't listed as the GR in the WSO database. Please pick up a GR-1 form, complete it and turn in to your DR to send to our Area Group Records Coordinator for processing.

Thank you to District 9 (Keith F. and Danica) for hosting hospitality this weekend. Thank you to Districts 14 (Angela M.) and 17 (Diane K) who will be hosting in January. Thank you also to District 3 for donating some snacks that were left over from the August Convention.

Forum: We have started a new activity to increase awareness and personal subscriptions to *The Forum*. Bring in a recent copy from your personal subscription to the registration table and get a gold star to wear on your permanent name badge! We will be running this throughout the entire panel, so hopefully by this time, two years from now, we will have a lot of Forum Stars. Please check out the new 'Let's Forum' tri-panel display out in the hallway next to the registration desk. There are some great ideas on the display for using *The Forum* as a recovery tool and encouraging subscribing. Since the complimentary copy of *The Forum* supplied by WSO to each group has been suspended this year, in May I extended a challenge to see if we could get Georgia's subscriptions up by 10% by the end of June, when the next report came out. Georgia had a 9.7% increase in subscriptions at the end of June! The Finance Update from the Board of Trustees report in July revealed a 3.2% increase in subscription income for *The Forum* as compared to that time last year. This means Georgia is running 6.5% ahead of the total average. Let's keep our theme for this Assembly in mind, "Free to choose recovery by building stronger groups" and continue to use and encourage subscribing to this valuable resource in our group meetings.

Al-Anon Family Groups of Georgia Inc. Financial Report - Katherine N.

January 1 – July 31, 2016 Budget vs. Actual YTD: Total Income = \$12,889.82, Total Expenses = \$11,727.30, Net Operating Income = \$1,162.52, Funds Carried Forward = \$8,128.58, Public Outreach Billboard Project Support = \$986.00. Total Operating Funds on Hand = \$10,277.10.

Balance Sheet: Bank Account = \$10,277.10, 1 year CD = \$10,737.24, 6 month CD = \$2,537.90 and Money Market Account = \$2,750.52. Total Current Assets = \$26,302.76

AWSC requested all future reports have the Ample Reserve noted on the Balance Sheet. The January 1-July 31, 2016 Al-Anon Family Groups of Georgia Inc. YTD Budget vs. Actual report was approved as presented by unanimous consent.

Motion 2

AMPLE Reserve Calculation per motion 501:

2015 year-end Budget was \$35,275.00

Minimum Amount of 35% = \$12,346.00

Maximum Amount of 55% = \$19,401.00

Current Ample Reserve Balance \$13,275.00

Mail AFG of GA contributions to: AFG of GA, P.O. Box 7644, Macon GA 31209-7644.

Georgia Al-Anon Central Services (GACS) Office Chair-Char F. The GACS Committee has been working to "think out of the box" on how we can propose a new direction for your Area Office. In that regard, a Thought Force of non-GACS committee members was formed, completed their work and submitted a great report. We will have more to share at the November AWSC.

I want to thank a member (who did not wish to be identified) for loaning us a very nice copier from her office that she recently closed. She was committed to a 3-year lease for the copier at a cost of \$3,600 for the next 2 years (thru 2018) so she loaned the copier to the Area Office at no cost, except to provide paper. It has fabulous features such as full

scanning, faxing, printing, stapling, etc. On behalf of the Office and Committee, I expressed my sincere gratitude to her for her generosity.

The deadline to submit literature orders: Orders received by 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday will ship by Friday of each week. In order for us to fill orders, we will need them to be on our GACS order form, not the WSO order form. We've been placing a blank copy of our form in orders we ship. You can also access the GACS form on the GA Al-Anon website member's area. Go to "Area Office."

Assembly Orders: Deadline to submit group orders to be picked up at Assembly is 5:00 p.m., Friday, one week prior to Assembly. Orders can be picked-up in the Literature Room.

Members/Groups can submit orders 2 ways: Email: Email with order form attached. Email all orders to: orderlit1@gmail.com. Please do not send orders to officearea11@gmail.com. U.S. Mail: Send with order form. Mail form to: Georgia Al-Anon Central Services, 2733 Sheraton Drive, Ste. F-160, Macon, GA. 31204.

Please make sure to include on all checks/money orders the name of the group or group number and a contact phone number.

Georgia Al-Anon Central Services (GACS) Financial Report-Levon C.

January 1-July 31, 2016 Budget vs. Actual YTD: Total Income = \$21,694.24, COGS = \$13,167.79, Gross Profit = \$8,526.45. Total Expenses = \$5,287.63. Net Operating Income = \$3,238.82.

Balance Sheet: Cash on Hand = \$27,428.07, Accounts Receivable = \$2,089.00, Inventory = \$12,304.17

Total Assets = \$41,821.24. Liabilities: Ga Department of Revenue-GACS (sales tax-July) \$123.66, Total Current Liabilities = \$123.66

The January 1-July 31, 2016 GACS YTD Budget vs. Actual report was approved as presented by unanimous consent.

Motion 3

Mail GACS contributions to: GACS, 2733 Sheraton Drive, F-160, Macon, GA 31264.

New Business:

A.A. Liaison Convention Job Description- After Assembly discussion, the original motion was amended by substitution, by consensus. The following motion was originated by Lys H. and seconded by Archie. Move that the drafted A.A. Convention Liaison Position Description (Draft V3 06-07-16 amended 08-22-16) be approved as amended by Assembly and be added to the Area 11 Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly Information and Archives Booklet. Passed unanimously.

Motion 4

AMIAS Training-The following motion was originated by the Alateen Coordinator and seconded by Angela Mc. After an Assembly discussion, the motion to move that prospective AMIAS will complete a one-time new AMIAS training within the 6 months prior to initial certification. Failed. ***Motion 5***

Alternate Delegate's Expense- After an Assembly discussion, the original motion, due to QuickBooks recognizing only whole numbers, was amended by substitution, by consensus. The following motion was originated by the Delegate and seconded by Karen M. Move that A) The Alternate Delegate's Officer Allowance be increased by \$186.00 from \$1200.00 to \$1386.00 and B) The Delegate's line item SE Delegate Meeting of \$189.98 be decreased by \$186.00, leaving a balance of \$3.98. Passed unanimously. ***Motion 6***

Public Outreach Funds-The following motion was originated by Public Outreach and seconded by Ashley C.

Move that the 2016 Budget be adjusted by A) The Public Outreach Project be increased by \$275.00 from \$750.00 to \$1,025.00 and B) The Treasurer's Contingency Fund line item be decreased by \$275.00 from \$1,376.00 to \$1,101.00.

Passed unanimously. ***Motion 7***

Alternate Delegate Attending Southeastern Regional Delegate's Get Together-The following motion was originated by the Delegate and seconded by Lyn D. Move that the Alternate Delegate attend the S.E. Regional Delegate's Get Together going forward and that the Area covers these expenses. Passed unanimously. ***Motion 8***

2017 Proposed Budget for Georgia Area Assembly-The following motion was originated by the Finance Committee and seconded by Valerie H. Move to approve the 2017 Proposed Budget for Area Assembly. Passed unanimously. ***Motion 9***

2017 Proposed Budget for Georgia Al-Anon Central Service (GACS)-The following motion was originated by GACS and seconded by Denise C. Move to approve the GACS Proposed Budget for 2017. Passed unanimously. ***Motion 10***

2023 Al-Anon International Convention-The following motion was originated by Renelle M. /Robyn P. and seconded by Noah S. Move that Area 11 submit to the World Service Office a bid to host the 2023 Al-Anon International Convention. Passed unanimously. ***Motion 11***

Summary of Motions:

Motion 1 The May 2016 Assembly Minutes were approved as presented by unanimous consent.

Motion 2 The January 1-July 31, 2016 Al-Anon Family Groups of Georgia Inc. YTD Budget vs. Actual report was approved as presented by unanimous consent.

Motion 3 The January 1-July 31, 2016 GACS YTD Budget vs. Actual report was approved as presented by unanimous consent.

Motion 4 Move that the drafted A.A. Convention Liaison Position Description (Draft V3 06-07-16 amended 08-22-16) be approved as amended by Assembly and be added to the Area 11 Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly Information and Archives Booklet. Passed unanimously.

Motion 5 Move that prospective AMIAS will complete a one-time new AMIAS training within the 6 months prior to initial certification. Failed.

Motion 6 Move that A) The Alternate Delegate's Officer Allowance be increased by \$186.00 from \$1,200.00 to \$1,386.00 and B) The Delegate's line item SE Delegate Meeting of \$189.98 be decreased by \$186.00, leaving a balance of \$3.98. Passed unanimously.

Motion 7 Move that the 2016 Budget be adjusted by A) The Public Outreach Project be increased by \$275.00 from \$750.00 to \$1,025.00 and B) The Treasurer's Contingency Fund line item be decreased by \$275.00 from \$1,376.00 to \$1,101.00. Passed unanimously.

Motion 8 Move that the Alternate Delegate attend the S.E. Regional Delegate's Get Together going forward and that the Area covers these expenses. Passed unanimously.

Motion 9 Move to approve the 2017 Proposed Budget for Area Assembly. Passed unanimously.

Motion 10 Move to approve the GACS Proposed Budget for 2017. Passed unanimously.

Motion 11 Move that Area 11 submit to the World Service Office a bid to host the 2023 Al-Anon International Convention. Passed unanimously.

Closing: Al-Anon Declaration

Adjourned: 12:45 PM

Dates to Remember:

October 21-23, 2016	2016 A.A. Prepaid Convention, Augusta, GA
November 19, 2016	AWSC
January 21-22, 2017	Area Assembly
April 15, 2017	AWSC
May 20-21, 2017	Area Assembly
June 1-4, 2017	Georgia Alateen Conference, Rock Eagle, Eatonton, GA
August 11-13, 2017	Georgia Al-Anon/Alateen Convention, Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA
August 19, 2017	AWSC
September 16-17, 2017	Area Assembly

Respectfully submitted,
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Panel 56ⁱ

ⁱ Final-September 23, 2016
Minutes were approved as presented by unanimous consent.