

Georgia Area 11 Assembly
Business Meeting Part I
Saturday, January 21, 2017

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.

Announcements:

New Coordinator Positions: Cynthia S. has resigned and Alan D. will be our new AAPP Coordinator, Dan M. has taken Patrick's place as our new Group Records Coordinator, Debi S., has taken Lys' place as our new Public Outreach Coordinator and Mike L. has taken Alicia's place as our new Area Webmaster.

Our 2017 Assembly Theme: "Recovery (January Assembly), Unity (May Assembly) and Service (September Assembly)"

Coordinators/Convention Representatives/Liaison Reports:

Area Alateen Process Person-Alan D. As of January 16, 2017 there are 62 Certified Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) in Georgia. There are currently eight Al-Anon members in the process of certification. Each prospective AMIAS has been contacted and the process is actively going forward. There are 19 active Alateen groups. This figure has not changed since the last report.

Alateen-Lauren M. This year is Alateen's 60th birthday (Started in 1957). After our last Assembly, I received an email from the WSO that they were going to be publishing sharings from many Georgia Alateen members in the Fall 2016 edition of *Alateen Talk*. As a result, I was sent 25 complimentary copies of the issue with the note that distributing these issues in our Area is one way to increase awareness and may encourage members to bring their own children to meetings. I will be giving each DR a copy to share with their District and distribute as they see fit. I would like to thank all the teens in our Area who submitted sharings. The AMIAS Power Point training presentation has been updated to reflect the new slides developed by the WSO. Any prospective AMIAS that will be sitting in on the training this weekend will experience my 1st run through of these new slides. Those wishing to become certified will need to attend both training sessions.

I know personally of an Alateen that recently took it upon herself to write and submit an article to her school newspaper. I encourage all teens to do the same.

Archivist-Marie N. My goal is to have Area Archives digitally accessible by the end of this panel. I would like to work on getting the AWSC and Assembly minutes digitally accessible by the end of this year. The Archivist budget will be used to get help in getting this done. I am also planning to do a complete and thorough inventory of everything we have saved and report back to you on what we have and make a decision on anything we think may not be necessary to keep.

Group Records-Dan M. Group Records website has been updated. The January 2017 version of the Area 11 Directory sent to DRs last week has a few updates. I will send an updated version of the January 2017 Area 11 Directory after this Assembly. In July 2016, WSO implemented a new procedure for Al-Anon Groups "Reported Not Meeting". It means that if one newcomer shows up at your meeting and cannot find it and they report it to WSO, your group status will be changed to "Reported Not Meeting". The group will be removed from WSO's toll-free information meeting line and from the Public Outreach Website meeting search results. WSO Group Records staff will follow-up by contacting the group to verify the status of the meeting and then updating the group information. If the group does not respond within 3 business days, the WSO Group Records staff sends a notice to the Area Group Records Coordinator. The coordinator verifies the status of the meeting. The group is updated on the WSO online Group Records application. If the Area Group Records Coordinator does not respond after 30-days, WSO will notify the DR or the Area Delegate to verify the status of the meeting. The status of the group is updated through the Area process or the WSO. WSO suggests all groups consider doing the following: Add signs inside buildings so the meeting can easily be found. Leave a note on the door if the group is not meeting on a specific day. Notify the Area or the WSO right away when the meeting location changes or the group no longer meets. Please continue to fill out the electronic GR1 form and send it to your DRs. The following are the current WSO group concerns in Georgia:

No mail status: District 1-Jasper AFG, Jasper GA., District 11-What about Me AFG, Augusta GA., District 18-Discovering Hope AFG, Cumming Ga., District 19-Killian Hill AFG, Lilburn Ga., District 20-Thomasville AFG.

Groups with bounced e-mails: District 6-Nahunta AFG, Nahunta Ga. If DRs have firsthand knowledge about the above groups please e-mail me at areagrouprecords@gaal-anon.org.

Literature-Philip A. My principal duties as Literature Coordinator involve setting up and running the Literature Room at Assembly as well as serving as a resource to Area 11 for all matters involving literature.

The new Paths to Recovery Workbook, P-93 is now available. The price of the workbook is \$10. The World Service Office (WSO) announced Thursday that our WSO website literature store will contain hyperlinks to take you directly to our digital literature page on the vendor websites of those vendors offering electronic/digital/e-books/audio versions of some of our Conference Approved Literature (CAL). Currently available are *Courage to Change*, *How Al-Anon Works*, *Having Had a Spiritual Awakening*, *Alateen - Hope for Children of Alcoholics* and the *Forum* magazine. WSO is still seeking individual sharings for the new daily reader, for the new pamphlet on Sexual Intimacy and for the new pamphlet on Grandparents of Alcoholics. Sharings can be sent electronically. Guidelines are available on the WSO Members Website.

Newsletter-Anne M. In Anne's absence, Kathy W. read her report. Starting in February I will begin asking your Area Officers, Past Delegates and Trustees, Area Coordinators and District Representatives to begin sending in articles, flyers and pictures for the newsletter. District Representatives: Please reach out to your Group Representatives for news they want to share. The newsletter will be finalized and distributed in Mid-March.

If you have not had the opportunity to read the latest newsletter, it is posted on the Georgia Al-Anon website. You can also ask your District Representative to pass it along to you as it is distributed along the Links of Service. Be sure to check it out. It is full of news and you might find a new idea for your group or district for a workshop or service project!

Public Outreach-Debi S. We have finalized the Billboard Project with the billboard in Dalton that ran for approximately 8 weeks. The remaining funds, approximately \$325, will be returned to the general fund and this project will be officially closed. Ashley C. from District 13, Martha B. from District 20 and Jeri G. from District 3 will be forming the Public Outreach committee. If you or any of your District's members or Alateens would like to participate on this committee, please contact me at debisappington@hotmail.com. We have 1200 copies of AFA's on order, to be received in April. I am willing to do personalized mailings to Certified Addiction Counsellors and Treatment Centres to include local meeting information. If you'd like a mailing done in your District, please contact me! If you have an Alateen meeting, please consider encouraging your groups to help grow it by announcing it at all meetings and making sure newcomers are aware! In 2 weeks, we are presenting Alateen info to all school counsellors and psychologists in Forsyth County. Check with your schools' counselling offices to see if they are willing to display Alateen literature! Please help me know your ideas or how I can help your efforts.

If your groups have not ordered AFA's for Outreach, please do so by the WSO deadline. Order by 5pm Wed. 2/8 for shipping by April 1. A new PSA (Public Service Announcement) campaign is launching. There are two PSA's, 1 Al-Anon and 1 Alateen, being sent to television stations. The PSA's should be posted to the WSO website by Feb. 1. I will be sending station info out over the next several months and requesting local contact be made, either to thank the stations for playing the PSA's or to request they be played. It's been reported that no station has ever declined to play a PSA when they were personally asked to do so by a member. Please talk to your groups about this important outreach!

WSO is broadening our Social Media Outreach to include Instagram. The primary objective is to reach as many people as possible that could benefit from the support of Al-Anon Family Groups. Instagram will allow us to reach the "Millennials" aged 18-35. There are roughly 85 million Millennials in the U.S. and Canada (24% of the population). We invite members to follow us on Instagram and feel free to 'like' our posts. Please remind members to protect their anonymity on social media by not making comments or using screen names that would reveal their Al-Anon membership."

Webmaster-Alecia C. In Alecia's absence, Renelle M. read her report. Information for Assembly dates and room rates for 2017 has been added to the website. To have your Al-Anon event posted on the website, please send the pdf copy of the flier to the Webmaster and don't forget to attach the flier.

At the Assembly we addressed consequences of removing first names and personal phone numbers from the meetings' information on the website. I was asked to reach out to other Al-Anon Areas Webmasters through AFG Connects to see how they handle personal contacts on their website. I have reached out to them and I have received 3 responses. The information from the responses has been reported to the technology work group, to be researched, and the results along with their input will be reported to the Assembly.

WSO has given permission to Area websites to link to their meeting's database. The technology work group has decided that since our Area serves people with various needs, the current map feature will remain on the website and the link to the WSO database will be added, as it offers information not included in the maps option.

Remember, when you go 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. Thank you for the opportunity to grow and serve as your Area Webmaster.

Since the middle of December, I have not had Internet service. My husband has been sick and I have not been able to research other Internet options. I feel I am being irresponsible in allowing work that needs to be done on the website to go undone. I felt like it was no longer appropriate for me to serve as Webmaster and after talking with several people, I asked Renelle to try to find another Webmaster. When I got the text from Renelle with the contact information for the new Webmaster, I knew all is well with Georgia Al-Anon. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

2017 Georgia State A.A. Prepaid Convention-Jenny C. The 64th Georgia State A.A. Prepaid Convention will be held October 12-15, 2017 at the Macon Marriott City Center, 240 Coliseum Drive, Macon GA 31217. When making hotel reservations, request the Georgia Prepaid Convention room rate. For more information and registration go to www.aageorgia.org/georgia-prepaid-convention.html.

2017 Alateen Conference-Peter U. The Alateen Calendar has an error. A flawed template gave an extra day this year in November (31st). This means that the December dates show on the wrong day of the week. Please inform your groups. The Spaghetti dinner held in September 2016 raised over \$1,200. Alateen Calendars have mostly sold out. We have received generous contributions from districts, groups and individuals. Thank You!

The 2017 Alateen Conference registration forms and flier can be found on the Georgia Area Website. Please get your registration in as early as possible so that we know how many to expect.

If you have teens, encourage them to attend. They are the future of Al-Anon. Spread the word to A.A. members. If a teen can't afford to come, help them fundraise or get your group to sponsor them.

The 2017 Alateen Conference will be held June 1-4, 2017 at Rock Eagle, Eatonton, GA.

2017 Al-Anon/Alateen Convention-Joyce T. The 39th Georgia Al-Anon/Alateen Convention will be held August 11-13, 2017. The theme is Sharing Recovery in the Gardens at Callaway Gardens, GA. Mountain Creek Inn 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 receive free passes to the Gardens. Regular Registration through July 30th is \$35, August & Walk-in Registration is \$45 and Alateen Registration is free. Our Al-Anon speakers will be: Barbara A. of Powder Springs, GA., Mary R. of Pennsylvania and Rick B. of Virginia Beach. A.A: Billy N. of Buford, GA. and Alateen: Emily T. of Monroe, GA.

MAIS-Julia K. The 2016 MAIS financial report from the recent meeting: 90 groups in the MAIS area contributed \$14,713.58. Sales of Literature totaled \$38,730.11. MAIS had a net profit of \$3,848.12. The Budget for 2016 was \$61,000.00. If you have specific questions, please find me during this Assembly or email me at: arealiaison@alanonatl.com. Each District 's Alternate DR in the 404,678,770 area codes is eligible to be a voting member on the Board. The next Board meeting is on February 8, 2017 at 7:30 at the MAIS office on 558 Medlock Rd., Decatur, GA., 404-687-0467. MAIS has vacant positions: MAIS Secretary, MAIS Rep Committee Chair, MAIS Office Chair, MAIS Alateen Chair and MAIS Archives Chair. One of my duties as area liaison is to communicate with member districts. I wish to speak with each district in the MAIS area about your involvement in MAIS, or if your group or district is not participating: why and why not?

Business Meeting Part II **Sunday, January 22, 2017**

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 105 voting members in attendance.

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

Motion 1

Officer Reports:

Delegate-Renelle M. Chairman of the Board Letter - The new Director of Finance for Al-Anon Family Groups, Inc. is Niketa Bailey.

2017 Team Events - WSO has received and confirmed their limit of nine TEAM events for 2017. Florida will be hosting one of those events in Altamonte Springs, Fl. The dates are May 6th and 7th. For more information go to our Area website. A flyer has been posted under the "Events" tab.

In the Board's discussion and consideration of planning needs for the 2018 International Convention, and in attempt to encourage member participation at the International Convention, the Board has made the decision not to hold TEAM events in 2018. TEAM events will continue in 2019.

2018 Al-Anon's 6th International Convention will be in Baltimore MD - The theme for the 2018 International Convention is: *Celebrating One Day at a Time*. The 2018 International theme has a multiple layered meaning: we are celebrating one of our slogans, "One Day at a Time; and we are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of our daily reader "One Day at a Time in Al-Anon." The dates for the convention are July 6-8, 2018.

Georgia's bid to host the 2023 Al-Anon International Convention-At the September Assembly, Robyn, DR for District 19 presented a motion, which passed unanimously, for Georgia to submit a bid for the 2023 Al-Anon International Convention to be held in Georgia. Due to several deaths in Robyn's family she needed to take care of herself and was unable to complete the bid process. Therefore Georgia did not submit a bid to host the 2023 Al-Anon International Convention. I want to thank Robyn and her District for the hard work they did and encourage them and others to think about the possibility of hosting a future convention.

2017 WSC - I will be attending the 2017 WSC April 23rd through April 28th. 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. 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 19th. The hotel will hold them for us. Due to limited storage space they ask that we do not have anything arrive before April 19th. Mail cards and love gifts to: Renelle Mathis (Hold for WSC 4-23 - 4-28, 2017), 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 look forward to the cards you will send, as I know I will be missing my Georgia Peeps while at conference.

Conference Agenda Items - For 2017, the Conference Leadership Team asked topics be submitted that relate in some way to our 2017 World Service Conference theme: *Our Members: Our Hope for the Future*. I submitted three topics from our Area for the Chosen Agenda Items to be considered for discussion at the 2017 WSC.

WSO Finances - WSO projected a contribution budget of \$1,800,000 for 2016! I am honored and thrilled to let you know we have surpassed \$2,000,000 in contributions! The part I love the best is that we each did a little and it amounted to a lot. It was all of us, as members, responding to the need, just as Lois said we would. This is evidence of a very sustainable plan for the future. As your Delegate, I have a Challenge to Georgia Al-Anon for Continuing WSO Financial Support. The challenge is for each group to make homemade piggy banks and collect small change between now and the May Assembly. Our challenge is

called *Change for Change/ Silver for Service*. All of the proceeds will go to our WSO to help continue support into 2017 ensuring that Al-Anon will be here for years to come, helping families and friends of alcoholics. Each group will bring the money they collect and their piggy banks to the May Assembly. I do ask the groups to count the change and write a check to AFG Inc. for the amount collected. Our Area treasurer will not look forward to counting all those nickels and dimes! Bring your checks to the May Assembly and Katherine will put all of them in an envelope and mail them to WSO. Or your group can mail a check directly to WSO. We just want you to bring us the total amount sent, so we can get a total of how much Georgia collected.

Then on Saturday evening we will raffle off the homemade piggy banks!! The monies collected from the raffle will be sent to WSO. "Participation is the key", so the challenge is on! GR's carry this challenge back to your groups and encourage the groups to make their piggy banks and collect the silver. Let's see how much additional money we can raise for WSO over and above what our groups give to be fully self-supporting. Most important, let's have fun in the process. One additional note, if you have a men's group you may want to make a hog bank as opposed to a piggy bank. All entries will be welcomed.

WSO Policy Committee Update - The purpose of the update sent each quarter by the Chairperson of the Policy Committee is to provide information and to report progress on the following:

Topics discussed by the Policy Committee that are generated by the fellowship and need clarification or interpretation in light of the Traditions and Concepts, Policy motions presented to the World Service Conference (WSC), Policy motions passed by the WSC.

The Policy Committee is finalizing its work on incorporating spiritual principles into the text portion of the 'Financial Matters' section of the "Policy Digest," pages 95-99, and the text of 'Conventions and Other Events' formerly titled 'Conventions,' pages 85 and 86, of the 2014 -2017 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/27). The goal of the Committee is to bring the revised text for both sections to the 2017 World Service Conference (WSC).

A Policy Committee Task Force has been formed to analyze information and suggest possible strategies to eliminate the confusion the terms "open" and "closed" meetings cause for the public and even for Al-Anon members. The Policy Committee first discussed this topic in light of Tradition Five, the principle of being welcoming, and Tradition Twelve, maintaining anonymity of members.

The Policy Committee also discussed other concerns raised by members, among them Al-Anon as it relates to prospective members seeking help for family members with addictions other than alcohol. Traditions Three and Five address the spiritual principles of welcoming anyone seeking help and allowing prospective members the right of decision about Al-Anon membership. Al-Anon's primary focus is helping those affected by alcoholism, but we do not decide who meets that requirement for membership.

WSO Job Openings - The WSO posted job openings for the following positions: Research Analyst, Communications Secretary (Bilingual Spanish) and Webmaster. Job descriptions for these positions can be found under the "WSO" tab on our Members' website. The link is: www.al-anon.org/members/wso/inside-the-wso/item/.

Annual Vacancies at WSO open for Georgia - GR's please share this information with your group and encourage interested members to submit their resume. The number of positions available annually is as follows:

3 at-Large Trustees, 1 at-Large member, Executive Committee for Real Property Management, 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 and Audit Committee.

Résumés for Trustees at-Large and at-Large member Executive Committee for Real Property Management must be postmarked, faxed or e-mailed to the WSO on or before August 15, 2017.

Committees: The Work Group and other Selected Committees are one-year time commitments and run from May to April each year. Résumés are due by the time of the Conference. Applicants are notified in May or June as the Committees are formed. If anyone is interested in applying for any of these positions I have the résumé forms for you to complete.

AFG Announcements - All Al-Anon members can now 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 eNews*, to name a few. Members in your group can go to the Members' website to sign up at www.al-anon.org/members.

I want to thank all of our DR's and GR's who are here this weekend. When Districts and groups are represented it promotes growth, and growth helps us to have healthy groups, Districts and Area. GRs are a vital link within our service structure. The World Service Conference Theme for 2017 is *Our Members: Our Hope for the Future*. GRs provide the important link between the members in your group to the District, Area, and ultimately WSO. Without a GR, our members would not be represented and their voices would not be heard. As stated in our Service Manual in Concept Four: *Participation is the key to harmony. Participation also responds to our spiritual needs. All of us deeply desire to belong. The Al-Anon ideal of a working partnership could never regard any member as second class. This is perhaps the main reason we have struggled to achieve participation at every level. The Right of Participation encourages us who serve Al-Anon to accept the necessary disciplines that our various tasks require.* Concept Four gives life to Concept Five: *The rights of appeal and petition protect minorities and insure that they be heard.*

GRs, you are the voice for your group. I appreciate all that you do to keep information flowing and keep Al-Anon healthy. Thank you for the honor and privilege to represent you this year at the 57th World Service Conference.

Alternate Barbara T. Thank you to Districts 11 (Thomas E.) and 21 (Lucille S.), for hosting registration and the Saturday afternoon discussion meeting this weekend. Thank you to Districts 12 (Dorothy N.) and 16 (Denise C.) who will be hosting in May. 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, Districts 14 (Angela M.) and 17 (Diane K.) for hosting hospitality this weekend. Thank you to District 18 who will be hosting in May. Funds and finding adequate volunteers to purchase supplies, stocking and manning the room are continuing to be concerns for districts in hosting hospitality. In a few minutes we will be discussing our Assembly Inventory this year. Any input members can provide concerning whether to continue to have districts host the hospitality room would be appreciated. It is an option to continue to have the room, tables and pitchers of water available and members assume responsibility to bring in their own snacks from home.

I will be updating our speaker lists this spring. Please let me know if you are on the list and wish to be taken off, or if any of your contact information has changed. If you are not on the speaker list, but wish to be added, please give me your contact information.

Please don't forget about our 'Be a Forum Star' activity that started last fall 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. Please check out the 'Let's Forum' tri-panel display out in the hallway next to the registration desk if you haven't yet. There are some great ideas on the display for using *The Forum* as a recovery tool and encouraging subscribing.

Georgia Area 11 Assembly Inventory 2017: Our Inventory Facilitator for 2017 will be Cindy Hansen, a Past Delegate from Tennessee, panel 49, 2009-2011. Cindy's contact information: Cindy Hansen, 13540 Old Stage Rd., Lenoir City, TN 37772. Email: tenn797@gmail.com I recently sent out an instruction email to all AWSC members, GRs, you will also be receiving this information from your DRs. The submission timeframe starts January 23rd and runs through March 31, 2017. Cindy will present the summary of your responses at our May 20th Assembly at 8:00 pm in place of a speaker meeting.

To participate in the inventory, send your responses to the following two questions to the facilitator:

1. What are we doing well at Assembly? 2. What can we do better? This is an inventory of how we run Assembly. It is not inclusive of other area events or activities outside Assembly weekends. Responses can be sent through email or postal mail by members individually or compiled by each District Representative and submitted as a district. Please include your district number in the response. If responses are being submitted for a whole district, please include the number of members participating in the responses. Please use GEORGIA INVENTORY in the subject line for responses sent through email or as a title for responses sent through postal mail.

Al-Anon Family Groups of Georgia Inc. Financial Report - Katherine N. January 1-December 31, 2016 Budget vs. Actual YTD: Total Income = \$24,754.50 Total Expenses = \$20,625.14, Net Operating Income = \$4,129.36, Funds Carried Forward = \$8,128.58, Public Outreach Billboard Project Support = \$236.00. Total Operating Funds on Hand = \$12,493.94. Balance Sheet: Bank Account = \$12,493.94, 1 year CD = \$10,737.24, 6 month CD = \$2,541.06 and Money Market Account = \$2,750.77. Total Current Assets=\$28,523.01. The January 1-December 31, 2016 Al-Anon Family Groups of Georgia Inc. YTD Budget vs. Actual report was approved as presented by unanimous consent. **Motion 2**
Current Ample Reserve Balance \$13,278.00

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

Motion-Originated by the Finance Committee and seconded by Karen M.

Matter under consideration: Adjust 2017 Budget to cover WSO Guest.

Move to adjust the Area 2017 Budget for the Alternate Delegate by adding a line item (WSO guest) for a \$700.00 increase to cover travel and expenses and decrease the Treasurer's Contingency Budget from \$2,100.00 to \$1,400.00. Passed unanimously **Motion 3**

Motion-Originated by Katherine N. (Area Treasurer) and seconded by Penny G.

Matter under consideration: Handling 2016 budget excess. 2017 Budget funds carried forward.

Move that the 2017 Budget be adjusted by: A) Other Funds-Funds Carried Forward increase by \$3728.00 from \$8765.00 to \$12,493.00 and B) Treasurer Contingency Funds increase by \$3,728.00 from \$1400.00 to 5,128.00. Passed with 1 abstention

Motion 4

Georgia Al-Anon Central Services (GACS) Office Chair-Char F. We have updated the literature order form to include the new Paths to Recovery workbook, P-93. The revised form is available on our website in the members area under the "Area Office" tab. A member offered a suggestion that we also put the order form under the "literature" tab, so you can download it there as well. Some people have expressed they had trouble downloading the form or it was blank after they completed and saved. If you have a problem, here are some suggestions: On the Area Office page: Download the form to your computer, print out, fill out manually, scan and attach as an email and return to orderlit1@gmail.com or you can mail the completed form via U.S. mail to the Office address. You can also download the form to your computer, click "save as" name the file, fill out, save again (re-open just to be sure all your info appears), then attach and email to orderlit1@gmail.com.

The Committee continues to seek ways to improve our service to you. In that regard, please take a moment to complete our brief "member satisfaction" survey. We will include the survey in the literature orders during the months of February thru April. You can return the survey either via U.S. mail to our address on the form or scan/screen shot and send via email on the form.

We are working on revising how we offer a limited amount of free pamphlets to groups and districts for public outreach projects. We hope to announce the new policy at the April AWSC. In the meantime, if a group or district is planning a public outreach event and would like to place an order, you can request the current Free Public Outreach order form via email to the area office. You can scan and return via email or via U.S. Mail. Keep in mind, although you may request certain pamphlets, we only send what we have in stock and in quantities of no more than 50 per item. Also, while you are not charged for the literature, we will send you an invoice for the shipping.

We welcome volunteers! We often need help with unpacking literature, shelving, preparing outgoing literature for Assembly and counting the incoming literature after Assembly. So if you're in the Macon area and you want to offer some service hours, please call the Office at 478-254-3414, and leave a message with your name, return number and when you would like to volunteer.

Regular Order Reminders: The deadline to submit orders is no later than 3:00p.m. on Tuesday of each week. We will ship all orders received on Tuesday 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, but you can also access the GACS form on the GA Al-Anon website members' area, go to "Area Office."

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

Ways to Submit Orders: Email with order form attached or U.S. Mail: Send with order 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 Group name, WSO number and a contact phone number.

Due to your ongoing support, we made a profit of \$3,047 in 2016. The committee met and voted to distribute \$3,000 to the following service areas: \$2,000 to WSO, \$500 towards purchase of public outreach materials to offer free to groups and districts and \$500 to Georgia AFG. Thank you for supporting your GACS Office!

Georgia Al-Anon Central Services (GACS) Financial Report-Levon C. January 1-December 31, 2016 Budget vs. Actual YTD: Total Income = \$35,312.99, COGS = \$22,672.17, Gross Profit = \$12,640.82. Total Expenses = \$9,593.58. Net Operating Income = \$3,047.24. Balance Sheet: Cash on Hand = \$29,080.69, Accounts Receivable = \$2,088.00, Inventory = \$10,769.43, Prepaid Expenses \$400.00. Total Assets = \$42,338.12. Liabilities: Accounts Payable-\$743.53, Ga Department of Revenue-GACS \$86.90, Total Current Liabilities = \$830.43. The January 1-December 31, 2016 GACS YTD Budget vs. Actual report was approved as presented by unanimous consent. **Motion 5**

Mail Georgia Al-Anon Central Services contributions to: GACS, 2733 Sheraton Drive, F-160, Macon, GA 31264. Please be sure you list your group's name, WSO number and contact phone number on your check.

New Business:

Barbara T., Chair of the AWSC Task Force on Past Delegate/Past Trustee Service Utilization opened the discussion by advising Assembly members that the motion that had been put forward by the AWSC needed clarification and she asked for approval to amend it before discussion of the Task Force recommendation.

Motion-Originated by AWSC 11/19/16. Matter under consideration: Expenses for Assembly Past Delegates and Past Trustees.

1) For a 3 year trial period, immediate Past Delegate, if expenses not covered by any other service arm or service position, be reimbursed for the first year up to \$100.00 per assembly/\$300 per year and 2nd and 3rd years up to \$65.00 per Assembly/\$195 per year. 2) Other Past Delegates or Past Trustees, if expenses are not reimbursed by any other service arm or service position and are asked to participate in Workshops, Panel Discussions, Speaker or assist with elections, be reimbursed up to \$100.00 per assembly/\$300 per year. 3) Other Past Delegates or Past Trustees be reimbursed up to \$50.00 per person per year. 4) Any unused funds at the end of the year be returned to the general fund.

Amendment by substitution as follows was unanimously approved:

For a 3-year trial period to begin in May 2017: 1) The immediate Past Delegate, whose expenses are not covered by any other service arm or service position, be reimbursed for the first year of the next panel up to \$100.00 per assembly/\$300 per year and the 2nd and 3rd years, up to \$65.00 per Assembly/\$195 per year. 2) Other Past Delegates or Past Trustees, whose expenses are not reimbursed by any other service arm or service position and are asked to participate in workshops, panel discussions, be a speaker or assist with elections, be reimbursed up to \$100 per Assembly/\$300 per year. 3) Other Past Delegates or Past Trustees, whose expenses are not reimbursed by any other service arm or service position, be reimbursed up to \$50.00 per person per year to attend Assembly. Budgeted amount not to exceed \$500.00 a year. 4) That a new line item be created by the Area Treasurer for this purpose to include budgeted amounts listed above and that any unused funds at the end of the year be returned to the general fund. Amended motion passed with 1 no vote. **Motion 6**

Motion-Originated by Katherine N. and seconded by Denise C.

Matter under consideration: New Line item for 2017 budget for Past Delegate/Past Trustee Assembly Expenses.

Add a new 2017 budget line item to cover Assembly expenses for Past Delegates/Past Trustees in the amount of \$800.00. The money for this new line item will be deducted from the Treasurer's Contingency Fund, decreasing the Fund from \$5,128.00 to \$4,328.00. Passed unanimously. **Motion 7**

Summary of Motions:

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

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

Motion 3 Move to adjust the Area 2017 Budget for the Alternate Delegate by adding a line item (WSO guest) for a \$700.00 increase to cover travel and expenses and decrease the Treasurer's Contingency Budget from \$2,100.00 to \$1,400.00. Passed unanimously

Motion 4 That the 2017 Budget be adjusted by: A) Other Funds-Funds Carried Forward increase by \$3,728.00 from \$8,765.00 to \$12,493.00 and B) Treasurer Contingency Funds increase by \$3,728.00 from \$1,400.00 to 5,128.00. Passed with 1 abstention

Motion 5 The January 1-December 31, 2016 GACS YTD Budget vs. Actual report was approved as presented by unanimous consent.

Motion 6 1) For a 3 year trial period, immediate Past Delegate, if expenses not covered by any other service arm or service position, be reimbursed for the first year up to \$100.00 per assembly/\$300 per year and 2nd and 3rd years up to \$65.00 per Assembly/\$195 per year. 2) Other Past Delegates or Past Trustees, if expenses are not reimbursed by any other service arm or service position and are asked to participate in Workshops, Panel Discussions, Speaker or assist with elections, be reimbursed up to \$100.00 per assembly/\$300 per year. 3) Other Past Delegates or Past Trustees be reimbursed up to \$50.00 per person per year. 4) Any unused funds at the end of the year be returned to the general fund.

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Motion 7 Add a new 2017 budget line item to cover Assembly expenses for Past Delegates/Past Trustees in the amount of \$800.00. The money for this new line item will be deducted from the Treasurer's Contingency Fund, decreasing the Fund from \$5,128.00 to \$4,328.00. Passed unanimously.

Closing: The Lord's Prayer

Adjourned: 12:05 pm

Dates to Remember:

April 08, 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
October 12-15, 2017	Georgia State A.A. Prepaid Convention, Macon, GA
September 16-17, 2017	Area Assembly
November 18, 2017	AWSC

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy White
Area Secretary
Panel 56¹

¹ Final 02/01/17
5/21/17-Approved as presented by unanimous consent