

**Georgia Area 11 Assembly  
Business Meeting Part I  
Saturday, September 16, 2017 @ Noon**

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

**Announcements:** Our 2017 Assembly Theme: "Recovery (Sharing Experience Strength and Hope), Unity (Participation is the Key to Harmony) and Service (Carrying the Message)." This weekend we will be celebrating Service (Carrying the Message.)

**Coordinators/Convention Representatives/Liaison Reports:**

**AAPP** - Alan D. We have a total of 52 certified AMIAS in Georgia, Area 11, as of the mandatory re-certification date of June 30, 2017. Consequently, all Georgia Alateen meeting information remains valid on the WSO website and phone information line. Five new AMIAS in Georgia have met all qualification and training requirements and have been issued their own AMIAS number by WSO during the spring. They are now eligible to serve as sponsors or to participate in other Alateen-related activities and are included in the total of 52 AMIAS for our Area.

There are another 12 "new" AMIAS applicants in various stages of qualification, going back to 2016. Some have not yet submitted their background check form to Bosma Investigations or did not get fingerprinted within the allowed time. Others still need training or are missing forms such as the Georgia AMIAS Supplemental Form. I have reached out to all of these individuals but have heard back from only a few of them so far. Some of the contact information may be out of date and I am trying to follow-up.

There are several other AMIAS applications going back to 2015 for which I have no recent contact. I will follow-up with those applicants shortly to find if they still have interest and what, if any, certification procedures they may have completed.

**Alateen** - Lauren M. All are invited to the annual Spaghetti Dinner Alateen fundraiser tonight at Fellowship Hall (1290 College Street). All proceeds go to the Alateen Conference. Please help support our Area teens by purchasing a calendar and/or attending their spaghetti dinner. The calendars and dinner tickets are being sold right outside these back doors for \$15.00 each.

Thomas E. (District 11 DR and an AMIAS) is presenting the 1:45 workshop God Willing & The Teens Don't Rise. I Can Be An AMIAS. You DO NOT need to be an AMIAS to attend. The WSO is calling on all Alateen/Al-Anon groups to send "Happy Anniversary" cards all this year to the World Service Office for a special display. They may be sent to AFG, Inc., 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23454 Attn: Groups

In preparation for the Spaghetti Dinner and some scheduling constraints, we will not have AMIAS training or the Sponsor-to-Sponsor Workshop.

I recently completed my 1<sup>st</sup> AMIAS phone training via "screen share" technology. We ran into a few technical issues initially but overall it went well. This form of training will allow us to reach more prospective AMIAS who may live too far from Macon to attend the training workshop held at Assemblies.

Please all join us in love and support at the 8:00 pm speaker meeting tonight. Alateen, Grace, and AMIAS, Thomas E. will be speaking.

No new Alateen groups to report yet, but there is one set to start within the next 2 months. More details later.

**Archivist** - Marie N. I have copies of group histories that were archived during the last panel. I will distribute them to the DRs on Sunday. The Georgia Al-Anon Central Services (GACS) Task Force is addressing the issue of space for storage and displays of archival materials, including making them accessible.

**Group Records** - Dan M. Seven groups have closed over the last month or two. Five new groups were started. Fifteen groups submitted changes. Currently we have 265 Al-Anon Groups in Area 11. Of the 265 Groups, 207 have GRs, 57 have no representation at Assembly.

**News from WSO:** DRs are now able to view group records on line. Janet O. is producing a power point presentation on how DRs can access the system. It is not available yet.

The District Representatives have read-only access to the WSO Online Group Records application. They can view the Al-Anon and Alateen group, as well as the AMIAS records for their district, in the WSO database and run reports on demand. DRs are asked to report any discrepancy between the Area and WSO records to the Area Group Records Coordinator or Alateen Process Person so records can be updated in a timely manner.

**No Mail Status:** If your group stays in this status, the meeting will be inactivated after two years.

WSO now verifies group communication when they send postal mail for quarterly appeals and yearly updates.

It will be assumed, if mail is returned undeliverable after a two-year period, that the group has stopped meeting.

After two years the group will be inactivated.

**Current WSO group concerns in Georgia are:** Groups in no mail status: Mail was returned to WSO from the Groups CMA - District 1 - Jasper AFG in Jasper, Ga., District 11 - Lunch Bunch ID #38725, District 19 - Vive GFA ID 3569295 and District 20 - Thomasville AFG.

**Groups with bounced e-mails:** District 6 - Nahunta AFG in Nahunta, Ga.

If anyone has firsthand knowledge (DRs) about the above groups please e-mail [AreaGroupRecords@ga-al-anon.org](mailto:AreaGroupRecords@ga-al-anon.org).

Area DRs please send GR1 Forms to: [AreaGroupRecords@ga-al-anon.org](mailto:AreaGroupRecords@ga-al-anon.org).

**Literature** - Philip A. There is a set of Legacy Posters available with the Steps, Traditions, Concepts, and Warranties. The set is available for \$20.00. It's great for your meeting space or clubhouse.

I'd like to recommend that you consider the new Al-Anon Focus Table Card for your group. It's helpful in keeping the focus on us and reminds us to avoid referring to religious beliefs, other publications, other 12 step programs and other philosophies.

Groups at Work are available for .75, the Service Manual, available for \$3.00 and the 2016 World Conference Summary, available for \$1.00. The new Newcomers packets are now a single combined document, including two bookmarks. The packets are available for \$1.40. The new Paths To Recovery Workbook is available for \$10.00. It's also available with the Paths To Recovery book for \$25.00, a savings of \$4.00 over purchasing the two separately.

**Newsletter** - Anne M. In Anne's absence, Kathy W. read her report. As your Newsletter Coordinator I am tasked with reaching out to the members of AWSC for articles for our Area Newsletter. Georgia On Track is published three times a year in March, July, and November. I begin requesting your submissions about a month prior to my work of combining them into the newsletter template. Each newsletter has a service theme related to the Assembly themes chosen by our Area Chairperson.

This past July the newsletter was published and distributed via the links of service, as well as on the Area Website. Many DRs, officers, coordinators and liaisons sent in contributions and I am grateful for the many articles, flyers and service sharings. The newsletter is a great place to find out about anniversary celebrations, workshops, new meetings, ideas for public outreach, information about CAL or the Area Website and to learn about what is happening with Alateen, the Area Office and WSO.

GRs, if you are wondering how you can help make Georgia On Track a truly Area-wide newsletter, you can let your DR know about what is going on in your groups. Consider sending in flyers for new meetings or workshops. Tell about public outreach experiences. Share about exciting group meetings, such as group inventories, speaker meetings or changes in meeting formats. Mention how you are supporting Alateen or cooperating with A.A. Since we use the links of service, DRs need to hear from GRs in order to have news to share.

The next newsletter will be published mid-November. I will begin contacting AWSC members in October. I look forward to everyone's contributions. Thank you for making Georgia On Track a great Area Newsletter and service tool.

**Public Outreach** - Debi S. The 2018 Al-Anon Membership Survey will take place online from January 10 to February 27, 2018. This survey is Conference Approved and has been conducted once every three years since 1984.

The purpose of the survey is to provide information to professionals about the effectiveness of our program. The survey will be posted on the WSO website and requires access to the internet on a computer, tablet or mobile phone. Members without access to the internet are encouraged to plan ahead by asking a member to be your ebuddy or finding a public location with a computer so they can participate in the survey. Watch for announcements to take back to your groups in *The Forum* magazine and "In the Loop" (formerly known as Group e-News).

Information from the survey is used in our Outreach efforts to the general public, as well as Professionals, including Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism magazine. Thanks to you, Al-Anon's message of help and hope can reach many more people who may or may not be aware that someone's drinking is affecting their lives.

The WSO is now accepting orders online or from downloadable order forms for the *AFA 2018* second printing. The deadline to order is February 7, 2018, 5 pm ET. Stop by the PO Info table in the Literature Room to see a sample of the 2018 magazine.

In support of groups and districts that don't have funds for Outreach pamphlets, the Central Services office has established a budget line for materials for Public Outreach. There is an order form specifically for this purpose, replacing the previous version of the Public Outreach form. The form can be obtained by request from the office at [orderlit1@gmail.com](mailto:orderlit1@gmail.com) or by contacting me. The office will now copy me on requests so I can be aware of and share Outreach activities. Shipping charges will still apply.

Just a quick shout out to the members, groups and districts, many for the very first time, who have jumped in to Outreach! Since our May Assembly, over 1,500 Professionals in the field of Substance Abuse, Mental Health and the Department of Corrections and Parole have been provided AFAs and other pamphlets. Most importantly, they have seen our 12th Step in Action through our willing members! There are too many individuals to name, so I will just say THANK YOU and please keep giving your program away so you can keep it for yourself.

Finally, if you or your members are hesitant about Outreach, WSO website reminds - We are *attracting* people to Al-Anon and Alateen when we tell them why we are, what we are, what we do and how. We let them know that we are available *if* and *when* help is needed. With that, I would like to add that each sentence begins with "We" for a reason - you never have to do this alone! Please join us on this journey of carrying the message!

**Webmaster** - Mike L. Recent fliers submitted for inclusion in the website have been posted.

The Event's page for Assemblies has been updated with new FAQ's. Please send PDF fliers for events via our Area 11 website. [www.ga-al-anon.org/contacts](http://www.ga-al-anon.org/contacts). I will ask you to confirm the posting is correct after it is posted. Our thanks that members have been scrupulous in assuring that personal contact information are excluded from the fliers.

The website has a problem related to the Contacts page, because one of our apps that was updated works very intermittently. We are rebuilding that functionality using a more reliable source.

We uncovered a more serious issue yesterday. WSO released a new version of their website. In doing so, they have changed many of the URLs. We had a notice that it was changing but not when. In doing so, they not only changed many page addresses, but they

have also eliminated other items. I am currently reviewing and trying to correct the broken links where it's possible. In some cases, our web pages may have to be changed to add new content and eliminate removed content.

The Technology work group suffered the loss of two valuable members. Please welcome Vicki L. and Philip A. as they have graciously volunteered to assist us.

The technology work group is still working to resolve the following:

Area 11 Telephone Hot-Line Service – This may be resolved through the GACS restructuring Task Force.

Can telephone service volunteers offer information about meetings with children? We explored, but did not get a definitive answer about liability concerns from our insurance agent. It was suggested we ask an attorney to determine our liability.

**2017 Alateen Conference** - Peter U. The 18<sup>th</sup> Georgia Alateen Conference lasted longer, had a greater variety of program related activities and had more teens attending than any previous Conference. For details, read my article in the last *Georgia on Track* Newsletter. The main items of income and expenditure were: Calendars-spent \$1,300.00 and received \$4,300.00, Spaghetti Dinner-spent \$500.00 and received \$1,600.00, buttons-cost \$100.00 and received \$500.00, Areas, Districts, Groups and Individuals provided about \$3,700.00 in contributions, Attendees paid \$4,500.00.

Rock Eagle cost over \$11,000.00 of which \$3,600.00 was for lodging and \$5,500.00 was for food. Our income was approximately \$15,000.00, the same as our expenditure. We were able to pass on the same \$10,000.00 in seed money, as we received, to the 2018 Conference Committee. My life has been changed by my service with Alateen. This position has made me more aware of working my own program. If I am not working it, I am no use to the Alateens. Thank you for giving me this gift.

**2018 Alateen Conference** - Anne C. We had an Alateen Conference meeting on Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup>. Peter U. and Thomas E. gave their report for the 2017 Alateen Conference.

Committee members were chosen for the 2018 Alateen Conference. The theme, "Alateen, Courage to Be Me" and the 2018 Conference dates, 4 days, Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> ending Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> was voted on by the committee members in attendance. We hope to be able to have the same activities we had at last years' Alateen Conference. The added activities, "Team Building" and "Canoeing" were a big hit with the teens. We will also have an "AMIAS" day set up for Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> where they can join us for lunch, view the area and watch the teens in action. If any "AMIAS" would like to join us for the 3 or 4 days they can, by registering for the Conference.

The Conference Fee: \$75.00 Early Registration. After May 21, 2018: \$90.00. This includes lodging, meals and all activities.

We do have the registration flyers at the Alateen table this weekend and also have our 2018 Alateen Calendars at \$15.00 each. The Spaghetti Dinner tickets are available at the table for \$15.00 each. These are our 2 big fundraisers for the Conference.

Without your support we would not be able to have an Alateen Conference for Georgia and the surrounding States for our Alateens to attend.

**2017 Al-Anon/Alateen Convention** - Joyce T. The 2017 Al-Anon/Alateen Convention at Pine Mountain Creek Inn on August 11-13, 2017 was a great success. It was our pleasure to be on this committee and plan our convention. We had a total of 296 registered and 266 attended. The next convention will have seed money of \$8,000 for their convention. We will report contributions after final totals.

**2017 Georgia State A.A. Prepaid Convention** – Jenny C. The 64<sup>th</sup> Georgia State Prepaid Convention will be held at the Macon Marriott City Center, 240 Coliseum Drive, Macon Ga 31217 on October 12-15, 2017. You can register online by going to: [www.aageorgia.org/64th-prepaid-registration.html](http://www.aageorgia.org/64th-prepaid-registration.html).

**MAIS** - Julia K. We currently have 202 meetings that support MAIS.

The MAIS Anniversary Dinner is set for Saturday, December 2, 2017 at St Martin in the Fields Episcopal Church in Brookhaven, Atlanta. The next Board Meeting is October 11, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. The next MAIS Committee Meeting is November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the NABA Club.

Rotation of Service will create new opportunities to serve Al-Anon. Please tell your groups about these opportunities:

CenterPoint editor and publisher, Meetings Schedule Chair, PO Chair, Secretary, Office Chair, MAIS Rep Chair and the Archivist Chair positions are still open and available.

### **Business Meeting Part II** **Sunday, September 17, 2017 @ 9 AM**

**Welcome** by Chairperson, Cathy O. Opening began with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Twelve Concepts of Service and the General Warranties of the Conference 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 19 Districts represented and 106 voting members in attendance.

**Minutes - Secretary** - Kathy W. The May 2017 Assembly Minutes were approved as amended by unanimous consent.

**Motion 1**

**Announcements:**

GR and DR Orientation Workshops will be scheduled for the 2018 January Assembly.

Alateen Spaghetti Dinner raised \$1,425.00 last night.

**New Business:**

**2018 Convention Election:** Zone 3-Districts 1, 9, 13, 15, 17, 21. No members from the districts in Zone 3 stood for Convention Chair, so the election was opened up for volunteers from any district across the state. Kathy M. from District 10 was elected as the 2018 Al-Anon/Alateen Convention Chair.

**Officer Reports:**

**Delegate** - Renelle M. At the 2017 World Service Conference, Georgia put forth a Conference Agenda Item titled "How can we more effectively cooperate with A.A., enhancing a relationship with those members and their friends and family who are already aware of the positive impact of 12-step recovery?"

In the spirit of "let it begin with me", I would like to personally invite the Georgia A.A. Delegate to our January Assembly and allow that person about 5 – 10 minutes to speak to us. According to the Service Manual on page 154, "Our Assemblies are comprised of the Delegate, Officers, DRs, and GRs. Per Georgia's Assembly Policy Manual page 4 All Al-Anon/Alateen members have voice." Since the A.A. Delegate is not a member of Al-Anon, I need to ask our members for a one-time approval to extend an invitation to the A.A. Delegate and allow them to address the Assembly.

Will all those in favor of having the A.A. Delegate address the January 2018 Assembly please raise your hand.

The Assembly Members agreed, by consensus, to extend an invitation to our 2018 January Assembly to the Georgia A.A. Delegate. If you have a Conference Agenda Item topic you would like to suggest for discussion at WSC, send the name of your agenda item in 50 words or less. In 100 words or less explain the importance of this CAI and how it could shape Al-Anon as a whole. Read pages 144-145 in the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, to ensure your request follows guidelines. Send topic suggestions to my email address [renellem927@gmail.com](mailto:renellem927@gmail.com).

On September 5<sup>th</sup> 2017, Vali F. began her tenure as our next Executive Director.

The WSO Administrative Team joined the Board and Executive Committee members in a Strategic Planning session.

In keeping with the Board's legal and fiduciary responsibilities, the Board met with the two Financial Advisors for an in-person review of AFG, Inc.'s investments in the Reserve and General Funds.

From this discussion came the realization that while the By-Laws have been updated to reflect changes as they have occurred, such as the amendment this past year to update the title of Director of Business Services to Director of Finance, the Board should also periodically review the By-Laws to ensure timely amendments when necessary. The By-Laws formalize the Board's structure and practices. The Board's needs evolve over time, as do the external circumstances within which the Board functions. The outcome of the Board development discussion is the forming of a new task force and thought force to review and update the AFG, Inc. By-Laws. This year's "Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect" will be held Saturday, October 21st in Aurora, Colorado. You can make plans to attend by registering early, as there are only 150 seats available. We will be meeting at the Radisson Hotel, 3155 South Vaughn Way, Aurora, Colorado. You may want to come a few days early or stay a few days after and enjoy Colorful Colorado. Registration forms can be located on the Members' website: [http://www.al-anon-co.org/images/A5\\_102117\\_Roadtrip.pdf](http://www.al-anon-co.org/images/A5_102117_Roadtrip.pdf).

Al-Anon.org has a newly designed website. I believe you will find the site fresh and exciting and reflective of our world today, the needs of our fellowship and those who have yet to find our help and hope.

Al-Anon and Alateen members from around the world will come together at the beautiful waterfront of Baltimore, Maryland on July 6 – 8, 2018 for Al-Anon's Sixth International Convention. On Thursday, July 5, 2018, an extraordinary "Day of Connecting" is planned prior to the weekend events.

The Day of Connecting is an opportunity to connect with staff members and volunteers (your Board of Trustees and Executive Committee) from the World Service Office in a variety of Al-Anon workshops, meetings and discussions. Seize the opportunity to share experiences and exchange ideas about Al-Anon service and leadership as we connect with others from around the world. Registration is now open, information is available to the fellowship on our Convention website [www.al-anon.org/international](http://www.al-anon.org/international) and will include information about the Day of Connecting.

Information will also be available in The Forum, In the Loop (formerly Group e-News), other Group mailings, AFG Connects: the Announcements Community for members and the WSO Members' website.

Look for reminders about registration in print and in electronic group mailings.

Remember, the 2018 International will have its own website for ease of registration: [www.al-anon.org/international](http://www.al-anon.org/international).

WSO Finance Committee Update: The following update is based on the unaudited financial statements for the period ended June 30, 2017: The General Fund recorded a loss of \$10,349 for this period, compared to a gain of \$341,931 this time last year. That represents a net negative of \$352,280 over this period last year.

This is mainly due to full staffing in the office this year, which was not the case last year. It is also reflective of the amazing bump in Contributions this time last year after the World Service Conference.

Revenue from literature sales was slightly above that of 2016, and is tracking ahead of budgeted expectations. Contributions are higher than this time last year, however they are a little short of budgeted projections.

Income: Literature sales were \$1,899,251 for this period, compared to \$1,845,798 at this time last year, Gross profit on literature sales was \$1,506,554 (81% of sales), compared to \$1,495,171 for 2016.

Contributions are at \$1,015,231 for 2017, compared to \$918,718 last year—an increase of 10.5% but falling a little short of budgeted projections. The General Fund investment income totaled about \$27,000.

We are hopeful that contributions and sales increases will allow us to grow the Reserve Fund by not transferring funds from the Reserve Fund to the General Fund.

Forum subscription income was \$134,767 for 2017, an increase of 13%.

Expenses: Actual operating expenses were slightly over budget.

Actual operating expenses were \$2,709,426 for the first six months of 2017, compared to \$2,321,645 last year and slightly over budget.

Full staffing, notably in the Digital Strategy Department, is reflected in the increased expenditure over last year.

Reserve Fund: The fair value of investments had an increase in value of over \$400,000.

Reserve Fund totaled \$5,585,360 at June 30, 2017, an increase in value of over \$400,000.

Outlook: While contributions dipped a bit in the month of June, we are hopeful that the abundance demonstrated in 2016 will carry on in 2017. That level of participation, along with some encouraging literature sales numbers will allow the World Service Office to continue to support all the members, carrying the message of help and hope. Last year Georgia groups gave abundantly and showed that we can be fully self-supporting. Let's continue that commitment and give from a place of gratitude for all that AI-Anon has done for us.

Policy Committee Update August 2017 -

The following topics were discussed at the July 2017 Policy Committee meeting: Group Autonomy: Tradition Four and Warranty Four Electronic Meetings

"Open" and "Closed" Terminology discussion continued: The Policy Committee agreed, by consensus, to remove the term "Closed" from the Policy Digest.

As always, members of AI-Anon are encouraged to submit questions or shared experiences to the Policy Committee for more interpretation according to our basic guides, i.e., the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts of Service. Consider how this issue might affect worldwide AI-Anon as a whole, remembering that AI-Anon policies are simply interpretations according to principles and not rigid rules.

The *2017 World Service Conference Summary* is now available free of charge to everyone in a digital format! Brief "Highlights from the 2017 World Service Conference" are also posted. The 2017 World Service Conference approved the updates and revisions to the *2014-2017 AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/27)* and they are now posted on line in the "Digest of AI-Anon and Alateen Policies:"

The Board is pleased to announce the approval of the 2018 World Service Conference theme: AI-Anon – There is no standing still! This theme, an excerpt from a statement made by our co-founder Lois W., is both a reminder and a call to action for every member. AI-Anon must continue to grow if it is going to fulfill its primary purpose of reaching millions who need AI-Anon's help but are not yet aware of the existence of our fellowship.

**Alternate Delegate** - Barbara T. Thank you to District 13 (Ashley C.) for hosting registration this weekend. Thank you to District 19 (Robyn P.) who will be hosting in January. Thank you to Districts 1 (Romi R.) and 5 (Ben T.) for hosting hospitality this weekend. Thank you to Districts 2 (Susie W.) and 20 (Alecia C.) who will be hosting in January. Please contribute to the donation cans provided if you have not already.

*The Forum* remains very short on sharings about the three Legacies, especially Steps 5 through 12 and all Traditions and Concepts of Service. The WSO has updated *The Forum* writing guideline (F-1) that gives more detail on length and type of sharings to be submitted. This can be found on the WSO members website under Featured Publications. Beginning in August, *The Forum* has been updated to give it a new, more contemporary look. They are experimenting with adding new design elements that they hope we will find interesting, fun, and inviting. Don't forget there is also an e-magazine version of *The Forum* available that can be ordered with direct links on the AI-Anon Online Store under the "Electronic Literature" category. The annual subscription is still only available through Barnes & Noble Nook Devices or the free Nook App. Individual copies can also be purchased through Amazon, Apple, or Kobo.

We will have Claire R., Associate Director-Professionals at the WSO, as our guest at next January's Assembly. Claire has agreed to do a workshop Saturday afternoon about 'Attracting Newcomers and Retaining Members in Service'. She will also be telling her story Saturday night.

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

AI-Anon Family Groups of Georgia Inc. Financial Report - January 1 – July 31, 2017 Budget vs. Actual YTD: Total Income = \$10,952.18, Total Expenses = \$14,084.18, Net Operating Income=(\$3,132.00), Funds Carried Forward = \$12,493.00. Total Operating Funds on Hand = \$9,361.00. Balance Sheet: Bank Account = \$9,361.00, 1 year CD = \$10,785.55, 6 month CD = \$2,544.26 and Money Market Account = \$2,751.11. Total Current Assets = \$25,441.92.

The January 1-July 31, 2017 AI-Anon Family Groups of Georgia Inc. YTD Budget vs. Actual report was approved as presented by unanimous consent. [Motion 2](#)

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

**Finance Committee Motions:**

**Matter Under Consideration: Full Expense for Delegate.**

Move that the 2017 Budget be adjusted by: A) Increase the Delegates "Full Expense to WSC" \$400.00 from \$2,100.00 to \$2,500.00 and B) Decrease the Treasurer's Contingency Fund \$400.00 from \$4,328.00 to \$3,928.00. Originated by: Katherine N. Seconded by: Penny G. Passed unanimously. **Motion 3**

**Matter Under Consideration: Increase of AWSC/Assembly Facility Fees/Services.**

Move that the 2017 Budget be adjusted by: A) Increase the AWSC/Assembly Facility Fees/Services \$400.00 from \$5,000.00 to \$5,400.00 and B) Decrease the Treasurer's Contingency Fund \$400.00 from \$3,928.00 to \$3,528.00. Originated by: Katherine N. Seconded by Lucille S. Passed unanimously. **Motion 4**

**Matter Under Consideration: 2018 Budget for the Area.**

Move that the 2018 Area Budget be approved. Originated by: Finance Committee and Seconded by: Danny M. Passed unanimously **Motion 5**

**Georgia Al-Anon Central Services (GACS) Office Chair** - Char F. Individual Donations: We recently received a very large donation from someone who we have been unable to verify if they are a member of Al-Anon or not. Our Committee Treasurer has attempted to contact the person to send a member donation form but we haven't received a response. After discussion, the Office Committee agreed that a member donation form for verification and for tax purposes must accompany all future individual donations. The form verifies the donation is coming from an Al-Anon member, complete with the member's contact information. A copy of the donation form will be kept in the GACS office records for auditing purposes. A copy will also be sent to the member for their tax purposes because donations are tax deductible.

A Thought Force was formed to look at the Georgia Area Central Service Office, what it is now and what it could be. The GACS Office Committee was not part of the Thought Force. The Thought Force has turned in a lengthy report with their recommendations. A Task Force is in place now, with a charge, to look at those recommendations.

I am asking for patience and prayers as we move forward. This is a process, to bring the best plan, as we allow our HP and Group Conscience to work for the future of our Georgia Area Central Service Office.

**GACS Treasurer**-Levon C. A donation was sent to GACS for \$500.00 and is being held until it is determined if the donation is from a member of Al-Anon. The donors name is Jason Z. and the check is from Abundant Union in Atlanta, GA. The GACS office asks if anyone knows this person, and if so, have him contact Levon by calling the GACS office at 855-254-3414 or 478-254-3414.

**Georgia Al-Anon Central Services (GACS) Financial Report** - Levon C. January 1-June 30, 2017 Budget vs. Actual YTD: Total Income = \$20,814.56, COGS=\$13,348.66, Gross Profit=\$7,465.90. Total Expenses=\$3,830.65. Net Operating Income=\$3,635.25. Balance Sheet: Cash on Hand = \$32,285.77, Accounts Receivable=\$2,422.54, Inventory=\$12,995.80. Total Assets=\$47,704.11. Liabilities: 2,562.07. Other Current Liabilities: Ga Department of Revenue-GACS (sales tax) \$509.18, Total Current Liabilities = \$3,071.25.

The January 1-June 30, 2017 GACS YTD Budget vs. Actual report was approved as presented by unanimous consent. **Motion 6**

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.

**Matter under Consideration: GACS 2018 Budget.**

Move that the GACS 2018 Budget be approved. Originated by Levon C., GACS Treasurer. Seconded by Kelley A. Passed unanimously. **Motion 7**

**New Business/Discussion:**

**Matter Under Consideration: Past Delegates and Past Trustees Expenses for SERDGT.**

Past Delegate/Past Trustee Service Utilization Task Force Report: Barbara T. presented an explanation of how the suggested motion was determined and then opened the floor for discussion.

For a 3-year trial period to begin in 2018:

- 1) The immediate Area 11 Past Delegate's expenses to attend the annual Southeast Regional Delegates Get-Together (SERDGT) be reimbursed up to the maximum amount approved by the Assembly. That a new line item be created by the Area Treasurer for this purpose to include an initial allocation of \$500.00 for the 2018 budget.
- 2) Other Area 11 Past Delegates and Past Trustees who reside in Area 11, who choose to attend the SERDGT, may be reimbursed, provided their expenses are not reimbursed by the SERDGT, up to the maximum approved by Assembly. Funds will be allocated equally among those attending. That a new line item be created by the Area Treasurer for this purpose to include an initial allocation of \$250.00 for the 2018 budget.
- 3) Any unused funds at the end of the year be returned to the general funds.

Originated by: Barbara T. and Seconded by Sandra K. Passed with 7 no's and 1 abstention. **Motion 8**

**Matter Under Consideration: Guidelines for Committees, Work Groups, Thought and Task Forces –**

Area Policy Committee and Delegate Recommendations: Renelle M. gave an explanation with the suggested motion and then opened the floor for discussion.

That the Assembly accept the document, "An Outline for the Process of Presenting and Pursuing a Great Idea and Guidelines for Committees, Work Groups, Thought and Task Forces ("groups")" and that it be added to the Area 11 Al-Anon/Alateen Information and Archives Booklet. Originated by: Renelle M. and Seconded by: Ashley C. Passed with 3 abstentions. **Motion 9**

**Summary of Motions:**

**Motion 1** The May 2017 Assembly Minutes were approved as amended by unanimous consent.

**Motion 2** The January 1-July 31, 2017 Al-Anon Family Groups of Georgia Inc. YTD Budget vs. Actual report was approved as presented by unanimous consent.

**Motion 3** Move that the 2017 Budget be adjusted by: A) Increase the Delegates "Full Expense to WSC" \$400.00 from \$2,100.00 to \$2,500.00 and B) Decrease the Treasurer's Contingency Fund \$400.00 from \$4,328.00 to \$3,928.00. Passed unanimously.

**Motion 4** Move that the 2017 Budget be adjust by A) Increase the AWSC/Assembly Facility Fees/Services \$400.00 from \$5,000.00 to \$5,400.00 and Decrease the Treasurer's Contingency Fund \$400.00 from \$3,928.00 to \$3,528.00. Passed unanimously

**Motion 5** Move that the 2018 Area Budget be approved. Passed unanimously.

**Motion 6** The January 1-June 30, 2017 GACS YTD Budget vs. Actual report was approved as presented by *unanimous consent*.

**Motion 7** Move that the 2018 GACS Budget be approved. Passed unanimously.

**Motion 8** For a 3-year trial period to begin in 2018:

- 1) The immediate Area 11 Past Delegate's expenses to attend the annual Southeast Regional Delegates Get-Together (SERGDT) be reimbursed up to the maximum amount approved by the Assembly. That a new line item be created by the Area Treasurer for this purpose to include an initial allocation of \$500.00 for the 2018 budget.
- 2) Other Area 11 Past Delegates and Past Trustees who reside in Area 11, who choose to attend the SERDGT, may be reimbursed, provided their expenses are not reimbursed by the SERDGT, up to the maximum approved by Assembly. Funds will be allocated equally among those attending. That a new line item be created by the Area Treasurer for this purpose to include an initial allocation of \$250.00 for the 2018 budget.
- 3) Any unused funds at the end of the year be returned to the general funds. Passed with 7 no's and 1 abstention.

**Motion 9** That the Assembly accept the document: "An Outline for the Process of Presenting and Pursuing a Great Idea and Guidelines for Committees, Work Groups, Thought and Task Forces ("groups")" and that it be added to the Area 11 Al-Anon/Alateen Information and Archives Booklet. Passed with 3 abstentions.

**Closing:** Moment of silence followed by The Al-Anon Declaration.

**Adjourned:** 11:55 AM.

**Dates to Remember:**

October 12-15, 2017	Georgia State A.A. Prepaid Convention, Macon, GA
November 18, 2017	AWSC
January 20-21, 2018	Assembly
April 21, 2018	AWSC
May 19-20, 2018	Assembly
May 31 – June 3, 2018	Alateen Conference
August 18, 2018	AWSC
September 15-16, 2018	Assembly
November 17, 2018	AWSC

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy White  
Area Secretary  
Panel 56<sup>1</sup>

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Approved as amended by unanimous consent 1/21/18

Amended - pg 3 - change 2017 Alateen Conference-Anne C to 2018 Alateen Conference – Anne C.