

**Georgia Area 11 Assembly  
Business Meeting Part I  
Saturday, January 20, 2018 @ Noon**

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

**Announcements:** Our 2018 Assembly Theme: "In Al-Anon: There Is No Standing Still."

**Georgia A.A. Delegate** – Rick M. Renelle M. introduced Rick to our Assembly. He is currently the A.A. Delegate for the State of Georgia. Rick is on Panel 68 of the General Service Conference. This weekend will be his first Assembly as Delegate. He shared on how he supports Al-Anon and Alateen by making it a point to encourage families and loved ones of his Sponsees to attend our meetings. He also said that he attends Al-Anon Open Speaker meetings every chance he gets and supports our program one hundred percent.

Rick expressed his desire to have Georgia A.A. and Georgia Al-Anon start doing things together in Georgia.

He shared that he would be giving a report to the Georgia DCMs today and would propose to the DCMs that every 1-2 years they have a combination meeting by having an Al-Anon and an A.A. Speaker on a night of their Georgia A.A. Assembly. Later in the day we heard back from Rick with great news. The DCMs voted on Rick's proposal and it passed unanimously!

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

**Webmaster** - Mike L. In 2017 we posted 43 events to the Area website. We have changed the meeting finder so it is easier to use. There is now a Public Outreach tab. On the Area website you will find meetings which includes all new meetings, District Events, Conventions, Georgia On Track Newsletters and Assembly Minutes. If your groups or districts are having a special event, please remember to send in the flier and I will post it on the Georgia Al-Anon Area website.

The future projects we will be working toward include adding the following to our Georgia Al-Anon Area website: Delegates Blog, AWSC Minutes, Thought Force and Task Force Reports.

**2018 Alateen Conference** – Anne C. The 2018 Alateen Conference will be held May 31- June 03, 2018 at Rock Eagle, Eatonton, Georgia. Activities scheduled are: Canoeing, Swimming and the Challenge Course. We will also have an "AMIAS" Day on Saturday June 2nd where you can come, have lunch, view the grounds, attend a workshop and enjoy swimming with us. Better yet, come join us for the entire weekend. A registration table will be set up in the hallway throughout the weekend. What better time is there to register yourself and your young person? Registration fee is \$75.00. After May 21st the fee will be \$90.00. This includes lodging, (8) meals and all activities.

We have a few 2018 Alateen calendars for sale. Once they are gone, we will not place a re-order.

The Conference Committee still has a few openings. The main position is for the 2018 Co-Chair and Chair for the 2019 Conference. If you are an "AMIAS", I encourage you to get involved in this service to our teens.

A Committee meeting is scheduled for next Saturday, January 27, 2018 at the NABA Club in Atlanta from 2pm to 4pm. This will give the new Co-Chair a chance to meet with us.

The "AMIAS" positions that are currently open for the 2018 Alateen Conference: Calendar Co-Chair and Fundraiser Chair.

**2017 GA Al-Anon Convention** – Joyce T. The 2017 Al-Anon/Alateen Convention proudly announces we had a surplus of \$1,460.00 left to distribute as follows: Assembly \$300.00, GACS \$300.00, Alateen \$430.00 and WSO \$430.00.

**2018 GA Al-Anon Convention** – Kathy M. The 2018 Al-Anon/Alateen Convention will be held August 10-12, 2018 at Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA. Registration forms are available at the Area Assembly registration this weekend or you can mail in your registration. The cost is \$35.00 through the end of July or \$45.00 on site. Alateens are free. Hotel cost is \$134.39, including tax and fees. We will have t-shirts on sale soon.

Our convention Area Chairs are: Co-Chair and 2019 Convention Chair, Sheri B., Immediate Past-Chair, Joyce T., Registration, Robyn P., Program, Adam R., Treasurer, Kay, Hospitality, Donna M., Entertainment, Clint M., Boutique and Fundraising, Vanessa B., Alateen Sponsor, Anne C., Alateen Rep, Lauren M. and AA Rep, Tom B. Open Positions: Secretary, Facility, Decorations and Literature. We are also looking for volunteers to help the chairs out. We have two speakers and one workshop confirmed already, with others in the pipeline, still seeking recommendations. We need one more Al-Anon workshop. We are seeking people who would be interested in performing in a variety show and also those who would be willing to share his or her memories/stories from early state conventions. We are also seeking ASL resources.

**2018 Georgia State A.A. Prepaid Convention** – Julia R. In Julia's absence, Barbara T. read her report. The 2018 Georgia State A.A. Prepaid Convention will be held October 26– 28, 2018 at the Classic Center in Athens, GA. The theme is "A.A.- A Solution For All Generations." Registration is open! Register online at <http://www.aageorgia.org/georgia-prepaid-convention.html> or you can mail in a Registration form to: The 65<sup>th</sup> Prepaid Convention, District 16B, P.O. Box 7082, Athens, GA 30604.

A link for the flyer/registration form can be found at the above web address. You can E-mail questions to

[65thPrepaid@aageorgia.org](mailto:65thPrepaid@aageorgia.org). We have confirmed an Al-Anon Speaker for the event: Lori G of Oklahoma City, OK. Lori is the wife of Cliff G. who is the Saturday Night A.A. Speaker. Lori will share her story on Saturday (October 27, 2018) at 10am.

There will be 5 A.A. Speakers: Cliff G. (Oklahoma City, OK), Korbyn B. (Springfield, MO), Tammy Z. (Humble, TX), Kristina W. (San Anselmo, CA) and Bill S. (Roswell, GA). We plan to have a literature table. We will possibly have a Workshop (Lori G. has agreed to lead one) if the schedule permits or an open Al-Anon meeting. Details have not been confirmed yet. The following

Events will be held: Golf, Poker Run, Fun Run, Open Mic, UGA/FL Game Viewing and a Halloween Costume Dance with a DJ on Saturday night!

**MAIS** – Julia K. MAIS is a vital part of Georgia AI-Anon. We provide a literature distribution office staffed by a part time employee, telephone answering service, website, newsletter and more. Please make note that the old information line is no longer in service; the only MAIS number is 404-687-0467.

CenterPoint is the name of the quarterly newsletter. It is sent out electronically. The latest issue was published in January. If you want a copy please give me your email address and phone number during Assembly.

An evening filled with fellowship and fun was held on the 1st Saturday of December at the 49th MAIS Anniversary dinner. Beautiful decorations brightened the dark winter evening as we listened to two speakers, an AI-Anon and an Alateen. We ate good food and celebrated Alateen's 60th Anniversary. Three AI-Anons who began the program in Alateen reflected on the benefits of Alateen during their teen years.

The MAIS website has been updated. Please visit [www.alanonatl.org](http://www.alanonatl.org). Remember, even if your group is not in the metro Atlanta calling area codes, check the MAIS website for flyers of upcoming events in the Atlanta AI-Anon area.

The MAIS office is stocked with CAL books and pamphlets. Our part time employee, Karen, packs and sends out literature. She is also taking calls for the answering service during open office hours. When the office is closed, calls are routed to the MAIS volunteers who answer calls from those in need of information. The challenge of the telephone service has been difficult since AT&T changed the format back in the early fall. With the MAIS Webmaster's help, the data has been reprogrammed and the new system seems to be functioning.

The MAIS Treasurer, Dixie, prepared the end of the year statement. Contributions totaled \$14,483.00 and sales of literature totaled \$44,029.00, for a combined total of \$58,512.00. Expenses were on budget except for literature purchases, which were 20% higher than budgeted, creating a \$2184.00 shortfall.

Alternate DRs in the Atlanta calling area can join the MAIS Board by video conferencing. All we need is your contact information. GRs, please remind your Alternate GRs to attend the MAIS Committee meeting. All information about meeting times and places can be found in our latest issue of CenterPoint.

**AAPP** – Alan D. In Alan's absence, Lauren read his report. We are up to 57 certified AMIAS in Georgia, Area 11, who are certified with WSO through June 2018. This total is still less than the number of AMIAS that Area 11 had at the time of re-certification in 2016. There are currently a dozen prospective AMIAS applicants in various stages of qualification. However, not all are currently actively seeking certification at this time. There are three recent applicants who are now undergoing background checks and will take the AMIAS training when available. Since the re-certifications for current Georgia AMIAS will begin in early spring, my goal is to complete as many of the pending AMIAS applications and then concentrate on the re-certifications, which will be due to WSO by June 2018.

**Alateen** - Lauren M. Georgia currently has 19 active Alateen groups and 57 certified AMIAS. I would like to remind everyone of the Alateen Electronic Service Manual on the WSO members' website. I would highly recommend that anyone interested in becoming an AMIAS to check out that website. WSO put that together and also put together the slides we use in Georgia for AMIAS training, so they are extremely similar. In November, I sent all certified AMIAS a copy of the Alateen Electronic Service Manual and had very positive results/remarks.

Barbara T. will be helping me finish the Area 11 AMIAS Handbook to post on the web.

We will be holding elections for the 2018 Alateen Conference Co-Chair who will then be the 2019 Chair.

Due to a number of workshops that we are all being asked to attend, there will not be an AMIAS training this Assembly.

We will have a Sponsor-to-Sponsor workshop.

**Archivist** - Marie N. I have begun preparations for the 2019 Area Information and Archive Booklet and am updating the Policy and Procedure Manuals for the Assembly and AWSC.

I have received several requests recently from GRs for their Group History. The DRs were given 2 sets of Group Records for the Groups in their District, one for the District and one to give to the Group. Most DRs received these copies last Assembly. Please check with your DR. DRs, if you haven't gotten them, please email me or see me this weekend. I will be sending electronic copies.

Stop in to see the Alateen Banners on display in the Literature Room. The Group History Archive is also on display. I encourage you to look through it. Please don't remove any pages from the notebook.

**Group Records** - Dan Mc. In Dan's absence, Barbara T. read his report. WSO suggests all groups consider the following: Add signs inside buildings so the meeting can be found easily. 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. Consider telling prospective members how to find your meeting room. The GR1 form has a spot for this information. It is called "Location Instructions". The January 2018 version of the Area 11 Directory sent to DRs last week has an update. District 13, Courage To Be Free meeting changed the time to 8pm and their name to Young People's AFG.

The Georgia Area 11 Website is up to date as of January 14, 2018. All Group changes including, Young People's AFG, should be correct. Please email or send me a GR1 form when you find an error.

Current WSO group concerns in Georgia: Groups in no mail status: Mail was returned to WSO from the Groups CMA: District 1 - Jasper AFG in Jasper, Ga., District 2 – Courage To Change AFG in Watkinsville, Ga., District 11 – Lunch Bunch AFG in Augusta,

Ga., District 15 – First Things First AFG in Carrollton, GA., District 19 - Vive AFG in Norcross, GA. and District 20 – Thomasville AFG in Thomasville, Ga. for the entire year 2017.

**Groups with bounced e-mails:** District 6 - Nahunta AFG – Debra H., District 9 – Thursday Hope AFG – Christie J., District 10 – Conyers Adult Children AFG – David S., District 15 – Kennesaw Due West AFG – Eddie L, District 16 – Help in the Pines AFG – Cathy P., District 18 – Choices AFG – Julia S. and District 20 – Thomasville AFG – Martha R.

Area DRs, send GR1 Forms to: [AreaGroupRecords@ga-al-anon.org](mailto:AreaGroupRecords@ga-al-anon.org). If anyone has first hand knowledge (DRs) about the above groups please e-mail [AreaGroupRecords@ga-al-anon.org](mailto:AreaGroupRecords@ga-al-anon.org).

**Literature** - Philip A. At the September Assembly, the Literature Room sold more than \$2300 in Conference Approved Literature. This is in addition to the pre-ordered literature that was picked up and paid for in the Literature Room.

We had been hoping to have our new Service Manual available for this Assembly. However, it has been delayed until spring, about the time of the World Service Conference. We will have copies available at our May Assembly. The new Groups at Work publication (first 75 pages of the Service Manual) will likewise be available at the May Assembly. The new Service Manual is available in English on the WSO website.

WSO has informed us that the hardcover, How Al-Anon Works (B-22), priced at \$15 will perhaps be permanently discontinued after current inventory is exhausted. The soft cover, How Al-Anon Works (B-32), with a substantially lower price of \$6 has cut into sales of the hardcover book. This decision will be revisited in 3 years for a final determination.

Newcomer Packets are now a single combined document with 2 detachable bookmarks. These are available for \$1.40. The second printing of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2018 can be ordered directly from WSO until February 7, 2018. Some districts order and give copies to their groups and some districts consolidate group orders to take advantage of volume discounts.

WSO is still soliciting sharings for the new Daily Reader and the Parents and Grandparents of Alcoholics pamphlet. See the WSO website for details and guidelines. As always, submissions for the Al-Anon Forum are also sought. Any sharings submitted for new publications are also considered for inclusion in the Forum. As a point of interest, the January 2018 edition of the Forum leads off with a sharing from Thomas E., a Georgia Al-Anon member.

If you have a collection of Forums that is gathering dust, come see me to see if we can make it available to other Al-Anon members as an archive/resource.

My term will continue through the May and September Assemblies. If you have any interest in exploring the wacky (and fun) world of the Literature Coordinator for the next term, come see me.

**Newsletter** - Anne M. My service position as your Newsletter Coordinator means that I am responsible for collecting articles, editing and organizing them and then publishing the completed newsletter. The newsletter is shared via the links of service. You can always find the current newsletter posted on our Georgia Area website.

The newsletter, *Georgia On Track*, is published 3 times a year in March, July and November around the fifteenth of each month. I reach out to AWSC members for submissions in the month prior to publication. GRs, if you would like to make sure your group news is included, please send your information to your DRs. We especially like to be able to share flyers and news about your new meetings, workshops and anniversary celebrations.

When compiling the articles for the newsletter I am seeking shares about service experience, strength and hope, particularly in relation to our assembly theme: *In Al-Anon: There Is No Standing Still*. I encourage all District Representatives to send in district and group news, celebrations and workshops. Please share about your outreach efforts, your experiences with cooperation with A.A., how your group or district handled a challenge and anything else you think other Al-Anon members would appreciate. I ask all the officers, coordinators, liaisons and convention chairs for articles about what is happening in their service arena. I even reach out to past delegates and trustees who often share their ESH about service. Finally, don't forget to send me your flyers for any events coming up after our publication date.

In closing, I would like to say a special word of thanks to everyone who contributed to the November 2017 edition of *Georgia On Track*. I look forward to connecting with you again in February and March for a March 15 publication.

**Public Outreach** - Debi S. Every member has the opportunity to participate in Twelfth Step Service Work by completing the anonymous 2018 Membership Survey! The data gathered helps others find our program by providing important information to professionals to educate them and aid in referring people to our Family Groups. Please encourage members in your group to participate between now and Feb. 27th. Stop by the Outreach table in the Literature Room for a flyer to take back. You can also find an electronic copy on the Area website under the Events tab.

This is the last call to order for the 2018 Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism (AFA's)! Please place your orders by 5pm February 7th for shipping by April 1, 2018. AFA's are our primary outreach literature. Order online thru the WSO website.

If you remember what it was like to be a newcomer, another way to do Twelfth Step work is to submit your story to WSO for consideration for the 2019 AFA's. Details are also on the WSO website.

What ideas do you have to educate your community about Al-Anon and Alateen? What are you personally willing to do?

At the September Assembly many of you received a list of activities and hopefully came up with some of your own. I'd love to hear about them. Maybe one of them is participation on the Outreach Committee. Maybe one is bringing AFA's to your health care providers or local library. You could use the templates for Meeting List Pamphlets and Posters on our Area website, customize them with your meeting info and post them on bulletin boards around the community.

Come and see me in the Literature Room and check out photos of some of our members participating in Twelfth Step Work! Work on your own "WHAT AL-Anon is, WHY it is, and HOW it works" words so that you are ready to tell people that are interested. Remember, you never have to do this alone. Please join us on this journey of carrying the message!

### **Announcements/2018 January Workshops**

1:45-2:55 pm – Attracting Newcomers and Retaining Members in Service - Claire R., WSO Guest-Magnolia Room.

3:15-4:25 pm – Restructuring the Area-Jeff G. - Magnolia Room

4:45-5:45 pm – Al-Anon Discussion Meeting - Magnolia Room

5:45-7:30 pm – Dinner Break

8:00 pm – Speaker Meeting – Barbara T., Chair, Claire R., WSO Guest speaker - Magnolia Room.

### **Business Meeting Part II** **Sunday, January 21, 2018 @ 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 20 Districts represented and 125 voting members in attendance.

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

#### **Motion 1**

#### **Officer Reports:**

Delegate - Renelle M. In September 2017, In The Loop replaced Group eNews and AFG Announcements. Sign up for In the Loop by visiting <https://al-anon.org/news-from-the-wso>.

The new 2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual is now available in English for a free download at <http://al-anon.org>. Printed copies are scheduled to be available prior to April.

Service Opportunities at WSO are as follows: 3 at-Large Trustees, 3 Regional Trustees (rotates depending on Region), 1 at-Large member, Executive Committee for Real Property Management, 5 at-Large members, Forum Editorial Advisory Committee, 5 at-Large members, Literature Committee, 5 at-Large members, Public Outreach Committee and 2 at-Large members, Audit Committee.

This year, we have an additional opening to fill the remaining two years of a three-year term for the following position: The Executive Committee for Real Property Management at-Large Member. Anyone interested in serving in these positions, contact me and I will send the details.

A Southeast Regional Trustee will be selected by the WSO Board in January 2019 and affirmed by the WSC in April 2019.

If you have vision, knowledge about Al-Anon/Alateen, courage to make difficult decisions, can speak your mind, even if you are the only one with that opinion, yet when the decision body finally makes a decision you are able to support it, then please consider submitting your name as a candidate for Southeast Regional Trustee.

Any Al-Anon member may submit a qualifying resume for consideration based on the minimum requirements as determined by the Board of Trustees. Minimum requirements are included on the resume form, which has been sent to all DRs.

Deadline to submit a resume is April 7, 2018. In order to meet the WSO deadline of August 15, 2018, email them to me.

Resumes will not be available electronically. They will be available at the April AWSC in order to maintain the confidentiality of the candidate(s) personal information. Copies will be collected at the close of AWSC for secure disposal.

Selection at AWSC will be by written ballot using the candidate(s) name(s). The nominee(s) are then presented to the May Assembly for their affirmation.

**Road Trip** – You and Your Board Connect events are an opportunity for local Al-Anon members to meet and interact with the 19 Trustees and the 3 Executive Committee members to discuss items of importance to the fellowship and to the organization of Al-Anon Family Groups.

The goal is that all participants will realize that we are all Al-Anon members, working in different capacities, for the good of the fellowship. The 2018 meeting site location has been made and will be announced later by the WSO. This event is on a trial basis that goes through 2019.

We have one District in Georgia that is considering submitting a bid for this event for 2019. I have a little more information to provide them before they make a final decision.

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.

**Registration for the 2018 International Convention in Baltimore is now open.** The online registration can be easily completed by going to [www.al-anon.org](http://www.al-anon.org) and clicking on the International Convention link in the top right hand corner of the website. Our Convention block of hotel and lodging options will be available once you complete your registration. Be sure to note your registration number, as it is required to complete your hotel reservations. Dates for the 2018 Al-Anon International Convention are Friday, July 6th–8th. Registration fees are \$165 January 1–May 31, 2018 and \$195 June 1, 2018 through the event.

Come a day early, July 5, 2018 and energize your program. The Day of Connecting registration is a separate fee of \$40 and will increase to \$45 after May 31, 2018.

An additional exciting piece of news related to the 2018 International Convention is the Board's approval of a 50th Anniversary One Day at a Time in Al-Anon (ODAT) commemorative edition, complete with gold lettering on the cover and gold ribbon book mark. A commemorative bookplate will be included only for those purchased at the convention. This special edition of the ODAT will be available at the 2018 International Convention and for the remainder of 2018 until supplies are gone. A limited number of books will be printed for a purchase price of \$15 US each.

If your group or District would like to send Spanish literature to Puerto Rico you may send them to Puerto Rico Al-Anon Area, PO Box 9423, Bayamon PR 00960. All donations are appreciated.

I will be attending the 2018 WSC April 16th through April 20th. 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 100 of the same item is sent so that there is enough for all Conference members. It is okay if you can't send that many or if you prefer, make a financial donation to AFG Inc., in honor of the Georgia Delegate. The idea is to share the spirit of love and giving with those in attendance.

Cards, donations 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 13th. Mail cards and love gifts to, Renelle Mathis (Hold for WSC 4-16 – 4-20, 2018) Renaissance Westchester Hotel, 80 W. Red Oak Ln., West Harrison, NY 10604. 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

**Alternate Delegate** - Barbara T. Registration: Thank you to District 19 (Robyn P.) for hosting registration and the Saturday afternoon discussion meeting this weekend. Thank you to District 3 (Kristin L.) and District 4 (Jenny B.) who will be hosting in May.

Hospitality: Thank you to Districts 2 (Susie W.) and 20 (Alecia C.) for hosting hospitality this weekend. Thank you to Districts 10 (Donna M.) and 21 (Lucille S.) who will be hosting in May. Please contribute to the donation cans provided if you have not already—let's keep our hospitality room self-supporting so all districts can participate.

Speakers: A special thank you to our WSO Guest Speaker, Claire R., for conducting the workshop yesterday on 'Attracting Newcomers and Retaining Members in Service' and telling her story last night. Thank you to Denise C. (DR, District 16) who will be telling her story at the Saturday night speaker meeting in May.

Forum: A just released *Forum* Sales report from the WSO showed paid *Forum* subscriptions for Georgia were down from 560 total copies in December 2016 to 464 this month. That is about a 17% decrease in paid subscriptions. We are entering our third and final year of this panel, so for a new year, I have a new challenge for you. In reflecting on our theme for this year, "In Al-Anon: There Is No Standing Still", to me this is about participation. My challenge to everyone here today and to take back to your groups, is to submit a sharing to *The Forum* using the updated Forum Writing Guideline (F-1) that can be found on the WSO members website under Featured Publications. Everyone that submits a share between now and May will be recognized at May's Assembly and everyone that submits a share between May and September will be recognized at September's Assembly. Anyone's share that gets published will be read out loud at Saturday night's speaker meeting in addition to being placed on the 'Let's Forum' tri-panel display out in the registration hall. By participating, hopefully we can increase awareness about *The Forum* and increase our subscriptions.

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

Al-Anon Family Groups of Georgia Inc. Financial Report - January 1 – December 31, 2017 Budget vs. Actual YTD: Total Income = \$21,806.76, Total Expenses = \$24,208.70, Net Operating Income=(\$2,401.94), Funds Carried Forward = \$12,493.00. Total Operating Funds on Hand = \$10,091.06. Balance Sheet: Bank Account = \$10,091.06, 1 year CD = \$10,785.55, 6 month CD = \$2,547.41 and Money Market Account = \$2,751.36. Total Current Assets = \$26,175.38.

The January 1-December 31, 2017 Al-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 Discussion/Motion:**

Discussion about increasing the custodian fee for the AWSC meetings was brought forth by Katherine N., Area Treasurer.

The following motion was originated by Katherine N. and seconded by Karen M.

Matter under Consideration: Adjust the 2018 Budget.

Move that the Area Assembly 2018 Budget be adjusted: A) Increase the AWSC/Assembly Facility Fees/Services by \$75.00 from \$5,400.00 to \$5,475.00 and B) Decrease the Treasurer's Contingency Fund by \$75.00 from \$3,528.00 to \$3,453.00. This motion is to increase the custodian's fee for the AWSC meetings. Motion passed with 2 no's **Motion 3**

**2018 Budget Discussion:** The January 1-December 31, 2017 AFGG Inc., Financial report brought forth a discussion concerning the \$2,401.94 Net Operating Income deficit. The following motion was originated by Beth G. and seconded by Penny G.

Move that the 2018 Area Assembly Budget be adjusted by: A.) Treasurer's Contingency Fund be decreased by \$2,257.00 from \$3,453.00 to \$1,196.00 and B) Other Funds-Funds Carried Forward decreased by \$2,257.00 from \$12,348.00 to \$10,091.00. Motion passed with 1 abstention. **Motion 4**

**Georgia Al-Anon Central Services (GACS) Office Chair** – Char F. We once again want to thank you for your continued support of your Area Office. The Committee continues to look for ways to increase our service to our members.

Reduced Literature-Limited Offer: WSO is offering 3 key pieces of our Literature at a reduced price and asked if GACS could match it and we have! So we will offer, until the end of January, Discovering Choices, the Classic Al-Anon Family Groups, and Many Voices One Journey at the reduced rate of \$5.99. We did not update our order form, so when ordering, we will invoice at the reduced rate thru January 31, 2018.

Part-Time Employee: After a lengthy “reasoning it out” which was again based on the question, how we can increase our service to our members, the Committee has voted to begin a search for a part-time employee. We decided to revise the job description and will offer an increased rate of pay starting at \$10 per hour (up to 10 hrs. per week). We anticipate (hope) having a person in place by May 2018. Having the employee in place will help ease the transition for the next Committee. If you or someone you know is interested in this paid position and who lives in the Macon area or surrounding counties, please see the Office Chair.

Member Contribution Form: As reported earlier, individual members who wish to donate to the GACS must now complete a contribution form. The form is available on the GACS page on our Website. Please be sure to complete and submit along with your individual contribution. Thanks!

Reminders: Our volunteer office worker, Cheryl, reported that we’ve experienced an increase in literature sales. Thank you! So we have or are almost sold out on some items. If you or your group recently submitted an order and something is missing, please email us. We hope to be fully stocked by late next week and Cheryl will get the items out to you. Thanks in advance for your patience.

Deadline to Submit orders: No later than 3:00p.m. on Tuesday of each week. We will ship all orders received on Tuesdays by Friday of each week.

How to Submit Orders: An order form must accompany each order. Order forms are available on the GA Al-Anon website under “Area Office” “Literature order options.” We will also mail members/groups forms with their orders. We ask that you make copies for future orders.

Members/Groups can submit their orders 2 ways:

Email: Email with order form attached. Email all orders to: [orderlit1@gmail.com](mailto:orderlit1@gmail.com) or U.S. Mail: Send with order form. Mail form to Georgia Al-Anon Central Services, 2733 Sheraton Drive, Ste. F-160, Macon, GA. 31204

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

Assembly Orders: If a group wants to pick-up literature orders at Assembly, we must receive the order either via email at [orderlit1@gmail.com](mailto:orderlit1@gmail.com) or via U.S. mail no later than 3:00 p.m. on the Friday the week prior. Groups/members can pick up orders in the literature room. Thank you so much for supporting your GACS Office!

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

January 1-December 31, 2017 Budget vs. Actual YTD: Total Income = \$38,651.95, COGS=\$24,705.90, Gross Profit=\$13,946.05. Total Expenses=\$8,479.13. Net Operating Income=\$5,466.92. Balance Sheet: Cash on Hand=\$29,596.44, Accounts Receivable=\$3,201.66, Inventory=\$11,597.54. Prepaid Expenses (January rent)=\$400.00. Total Current Assets=\$44,795.64. Liabilities: Ga Department of Revenue-GACS (sales tax) \$329.02, Total Current Liabilities = \$329.02.

The January 1-December 31, 2017 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/Discussion:**

**Election 2018 Alateen Conference Co-Chair/2019 Chair** – Susie W., from District 2 was elected. Susie will immediately begin the process of becoming a certified AMIAS.

**Policy Committee Recommendation/Motion** -Renelle M., brought the following recommendation before the Assembly for discussion and vote. Matter Under Consideration: KBDM vs Minority Appeal. Denise C. seconded the motion.

Add the following to the “Area 11 Policy and Procedure Manual for Assembly” following Knowledge Based Decision Making. “When to use KBDM vs. when to respond to a minority appeal - KBDM is used to address a new question, but to reconsider a previous action is a minority appeal. Issues that were previously discussed are not appropriate for a minority appeal unless facts not previously stated are contained in the appeal.” 2017 World Service Conference Summary, page 69.

Definition of Minority Appeal: “To reconsider a previous action is a minority appeal. The Rights of Appeal and Petition aim to protect and make the best possible use of minority feeling and opinion. In the principle of the Right of Appeal, all minorities should be encouraged to file minority reports whenever they feel a majority to be in considerable error. When any minority considers an issue to be so grave that a mistaken decision could seriously affect Al-Anon as a whole, it has the actual duty of presenting a minority appeal to the body that made the decision.” Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual 2014-2017, page 190.

Motion passed with 1 no. **Motion 6**

**Policy Committee Recommendation/Motion** – Renelle M., brought the following recommendation before the Assembly for discussion and vote. The Matter Under Consideration: Area Inventory Guidelines. Lyn D. seconded the motion.

Move that the updated November 2017 Area 11 Assembly Inventory Guidelines be adopted. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Motion 7**

**Summary of Motions:**

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

**Motion 2** The January 1-December 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 Area Assembly 2018 Budget be adjusted: A) Increase the AWSC/Assembly Facility Fees/Services by \$75.00 from \$5,400.00 to \$5,475.00 and B) Decrease the Treasurer’s Contingency Fund by \$75.00 from \$3,528.00 to \$3,453.00. This motion is to increase the custodian’s fee for the AWSC meetings. Motion passed with 2 no’s.

**Motion 4** Move that the 2018 Area Assembly Budget be adjusted by: A) Treasurer’s Contingency Fund be decreased by \$2,257.00 from \$3,453.00 to \$1,196.00 and B) Other Funds-Funds Carried Forward decreased by \$2,257.00 from \$12,348.00 to \$10,091.00. Motion passed with 1 abstention.

**Motion 5** The January 1-December 31, 2017 GACS YTD Budget vs. Actual report was approved as presented by unanimous consent.

**Motion 6** Add the following to the “Area 11 Policy and Procedure Manual for Assembly” following Knowledge Based Decision Making. “When to use KBDM vs. when to respond to a minority appeal - KBDM is used to address a new question, but to reconsider a previous action is a minority appeal. Issues that were previously discussed are not appropriate for a minority appeal unless facts not previously stated are contained in the appeal.” 2017 World Service Conference Summary, page 69.

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**Motion 7** Move that the updated November 2017 Area 11 Assembly Inventory Guidelines be adopted.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

**Adjourned: 11:45AM**

**Dates to Remember:**

April 21, 2018	AWSC
April 18, 2018	Marriott Cut-off date for GA Al-Anon rates
May 1, 2018	Candlewood Cut-off date for GA Al-Anon rates
May 19-20, 2018	Assembly
May 31-June 3, 2018	Alateen Conference, Rock Eagle, Eatonton, GA
July 6-8, 2018	Al-Anon International Convention, Baltimore, MD
August 10-12, 2018	2018 Al-Anon/Alateen Convention, Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA
August 18, 2018	AWSC
September 15-16, 2018	Assembly
November 17, 2018	AWSC

Respectfully submitted,  
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Panel 56<sup>1</sup>

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Accepted as presented 5/20/18