

Georgia Area World Service Committee Meeting

August 18, 2018

Welcome by Chairperson, Cathy O. Opening began with the Serenity Prayer. The purpose and goals of AWSC were reviewed. The Twelve Traditions, The Twelve Concepts of Service and The General Warranties of the Conference were read.

Chairperson – Cathy O. Using the Area 11 Policy and Procedure Manual for the Area World Service Committee, the following information was shared with the AWSC members: The purpose of AWSC, who has voice and vote and the AWSC operating protocol.

2018 Assembly Theme - “In Al-Anon: There is no standing still.”

Status of the current working Thought Forces/Task Forces - Cathy O. updated the AWSC members on the following:

- Ideas for a Presentation Designer Position Task Force – Charge date 2/2018 - Cheryl K., Chairman – Cheryl will give the TF Report today.
- How Georgia Assembly is Organized Thought Force – Charge date 2/2018 - Vicki L., Chairman-Cheryl K. will give the ThF Report today.
- Reorganizing to Separate Legal (Corporation) from Traditional (Assembly) Task Force - Charge date 12/30/2012 - Jeff G., Chairman. TF has completed work and disbanded.
- Alateen Task Force – Charge date 10/31/16 - Jenny B., Chairman. The TF are continuing to work into the next panel.
- GA Al-Anon/Alateen Area Convention Task Force – Charge date 2/02/17 - Danica C., Chairman. The TF are continuing to work into the next panel.
- GACS Task Force – Charge date 2/08/17, Lucille S., Chairman. The TF are continuing to work into the next panel.

Roll Call - 6 Officers, 7 Coordinators, 2 Convention Representatives, 1 Liaison, 2 Past Area Chairpersons, 2 Past Delegates, 1 Past Trustee and 15 DRs. 1 Past Delegate (Cathy O.), also serving as an Area Officer has one vote. 1 Past Trustee (Char), also serving as an Area Officer, has one vote and 1 Past Area Chairperson (Debbie F.), also a Past Delegate, has one vote. 1 DR, also serving as a Liaison (Julia K.), has one vote. 1 DR, also serving as a coordinator (Alecia C.), has one vote. Total voting members: 31.

Minutes – Secretary - Kathy W. The April 21, 2018 AWSC meeting minutes were approved as presented by unanimous consent. **Motion 1**

Policy Committee - Policy Committee Recommendation: In January 2017 the Area Assembly passed a motion, which approved the recommendation made by the *Past Delegate/Past Trustee Service Utilization Task Force*. In that report the TF referred an issue that was outside of their scope to the Policy Committee. The issue was to consider service options or reimbursement of expenses for immediate past Area Chairs who are not also Past Delegates.

Motion originated by the Policy Committee, seconded by Denise C.:

Matter Under Consideration: Expenses for Immediate GA Area Past Chair to attend Assembly.

Motion: For a trial period to run concurrently with the remainder of the trial period approved in motion #6 of the January 2017 Area Assembly which was a 3-year trial to begin May 2017. The immediate GA Past Area Chair 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 per Assembly/\$300 per year. Passed with 1 abstention. **Motion 2**

Officers Reports

Delegate - Renelle M. Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect event - October 14 -19, 2019

This event is an excellent opportunity for introducing and attracting members to service. It allows members the opportunity to get to know our World Service Trustees and learn more about carrying the message of hope.

The costs involved, should Georgia be able to host this event, would be transportation for WSO Board of Trustees to and from the airport, flyers and notifications for the event. WSO handles all the details. AFG of Georgia would be responsible for submitting a bid, registration and getting the word out. The

estimated transportation expense to the Area is between \$1,728 and \$1,920. If members are willing to transport Trustees to and from the airport, the cost may be lower.

The bid for this event is due to WSO by September 14, 2018, which is before our Area Assembly. I need to know if you would like to see our Area host this event and be willing to support it.

Discussion was held concerning AFG of Georgia's interest in sending a bid to host the 2019 Road Trip-You and Your Board Connect to WSO. After a show of hands, with majority interested in supporting the event in our Area, the following motion was brought forward:

Motion originated by Renelle M., seconded by Julia K.:

Matter Under Consideration: Proposal to Host 2019 Board Connect.

Motion: Georgia submit a bid to host the October 14-19, 2019 "Road Trip-You and Your Board Connect" and fund the cost for flyers and transportation should we win the bid - estimated cost \$2,000.00.

Passed unanimously **Motion 3**

WSO needs your help! They are looking for someone with five years continuous Al-Anon membership, with Webmaster expertise, to fill our "Webmaster" position at the World Service Office in Virginia Beach. This position is part of the Digital Strategy Team and an integral part of our Public Outreach efforts. For the job description go to: al-anon.org/pdf/webmaster.pdf.

At-Large Committee Resume Deadline Extended - Résumés are now due to the World Service Office (WSO) by January 1st. As a reminder, At-Large members can live anywhere in the World Service Conference Structure: United States and Canada. Selected Committees require one-year time commitments, which run from May to April each year. Anyone interested may contact me for a resume' form. The number of positions available annually is as follows:

- 5 At-Large members, Forum Editorial Advisory Committee
- 5 At-Large members, Literature Committee
- 5 At-Large members, Public Outreach Committee
- 2 At-Large members, Audit Committee

Conference Summary - The electronic version of the *2018 Conference Summary* is available in the Members section of the website. Printed copies will be available in late August or early September. The Area will be purchasing these for Panel 56 AWSM members.

"Do Not Refer" "Re-Refer" Our Al-Anon groups are spiritual entities, yet we find we are not immune to the same difficulties that affect the world around us. Over the past several years, our fellowship has reported an increase within their groups of the same behaviors demonstrated outside our meeting rooms: stalking, bullying, financial coercion and presentation of outside issues. Recent correspondence from members, conversations between the Executive Director and members of the fellowship, discussions at the 2018 WSC and increases in member use of the WSO online meeting search led to a robust discussion amongst Conference Staff and, subsequently, the Board of Trustees during our July meeting. The conversation centered on the potential legal and financial risk to Al-Anon Family Groups stemming from potentially dangerous and harmful situations.

Following a three-hour deliberation, which included review of past Conference materials, submissions from members presenting their concerns and considerations and review of those Areas that currently have "Do Not Refer" policies in place that appear to be fair and balanced, the Board of Trustees made, seconded and carried the following:

MOTION: That the Board of Trustees directs the World Service Office to send a statement alerting all registered groups on the importance of discussing and creating safety guidelines.

MOTION: That the Board of Trustees direct the WSO Staff to utilize the Policy Committee criteria presented at the 2012 World Service Conference to ensure that an Area has established a fair and balanced "Do Not Refer" and "Re-Refer" policy. These criteria allow the WSO to support Area "Do Not Refer" group conscience decisions and remove group meetings from the WSO meeting list. Groups not being referred by the WSO remain active and registered.

As noted within the motions, the Board, in their legal authority, has directed the WSO to send a statement alerting all registered groups on the importance of discussing and creating safety guidelines.

"Do Not Refer" and "Re-Refer" policies that Areas have put in place will be reviewed by the WSO to ensure they are within the spirit of being fair and balanced, as framed by the Policy Committee in the 2012 WSC discussion. If it is determined that these policies satisfy the spirit of that guidance, groups that are not being displayed on Areas' meeting lists will no longer be displayed on the WSO meeting search or given out on the toll-free meeting line. It is important to note that groups not being referred by the WSO remain active and registered. Areas determining the need to establish "Do Not Refer" and "Re-Refer" policies must submit their policies to the WSO for review. Further details outlining the process will be communicated through AFG Connects and *In the Loop*.

Alternate Delegate - Barbara T. September 2018 Assembly Hosting Districts: Registration: District 14 (Angela M.) and District 15 (Karen M.). Hospitality: District 6 (Thea J.), District 11 (Thomas E.) and District 12 (Dorothy N.). At our Saturday night speaker meeting, Renelle M. (Delegate) and Char F. (GACS Chair) will be sharing their service stories. Our other officers will also be sharing briefly on what have been their greatest successes and challenges in their service position this panel. We will also open the floor for questions if time permits.

Please remind members in your district of our Forum challenge this year. Everyone that submits a share to *The Forum* between May and September will have the opportunity to share their name, district, and say, "I participated" at the microphone on Saturday at Assembly and get an "I Participated" badge to wear. Any shares that are published will be read at Assembly and also posted on the 'Let's Forum' display. Current *Forum* numbers for Georgia have remained fairly constant throughout the year at around 480 total subscriptions.

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

January 1 – June 30, 2018 Budget vs. Actual YTD: Total Income = \$11,657.03, Total Expenses = \$13,181.45, Net Operating Income = (\$1,524.42), Funds Carried Forward = \$10,091.00. Total Operating Funds on Hand = \$8,566.58. Balance Sheet: Bank Account = \$8,566.58, 1 year CD = \$10,834.09, 6 month CD = \$2,550.61 and Money Market Account = \$2,751.70. Total Current Assets = \$24,702.98.

The January 1– June 30, 2018 Al-Anon Family Groups of Georgia Inc. YTD Budget vs. Actual report was approved as presented by unanimous consent. **Motion 4**

Reminder - Please remind the groups to put the following information on the check:

Your group name, district # and WSO# - It is very important for this information to be listed on their checks. Mail Checks to: AFG of GA, P.O. Box 7644, Macon GA 31209.

2018 May Assembly Coffee Funds – Fully self-supporting - We have funds for 4 gallons of coffee for the 2018 September Assembly and 4 gallons of coffee for the 2019 January Assembly.

Georgia Area Central Services – GACS - Char F. Current Updates: 50th Anniversary Edition of ODAT has been ordered. A limited number will be available for sale at the September Assembly.

Reminders:

- Deadline to Submit orders: No later than 3:00 p.m., 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.
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 either via email at orderlit1@gmail.com or via U.S. mail no later than 3:00 p.m. on the Friday one-week prior to Assembly.
Groups /members can pick up orders in the literature room.

Georgia Al-Anon Central Service (GACS) Financial Report – Levon C

January 1 – June 30, 2018 Budget vs. Actual YTD: Total Income = \$18,315.43, COGS = \$11,671.88, Gross Profit = \$6,643.55. Total Expenses = \$4,597.58. Net Operating Income = \$2,045.97.

Balance Sheet: Cash on Hand = \$31,330.80, Accounts Receivable = \$2,656.73, Inventory = \$13,700.18. Total Assets = \$47,687.71. Liabilities: \$2,658.38 (WSO invoice). Other Current Liabilities: Ga Department of Revenue-GACS (sales tax) \$463.56 and Payroll Tax - \$55.90 - Total Current Liabilities = \$3,177.84.

The January 1 – June 30, 2018 GACS YTD Budget vs. Actual report was approved as presented by unanimous consent. **Motion 5**

GACS 2019 Budget –Levon C. The 2019 budget will be the same budget we used for 2018.

Motion originated by Anne C., seconded by Marie N.

Matter under consideration: GACS 2019 Budget

Motion: Approve the 2019 GACS budget. Passed unanimously. **Motion 6**

Levon will email a copy of the 2019 GACS budget to AWSC members before the 2018 September Assembly.

AFG of Georgia 2019 Area Budget – Katherine N. presented the 2019 budget for the Area.

Motion originated by Katherine N., seconded by JP M.

Motion: Approve Area 2019 Budget as presented. Passed unanimously. **Motion 7**

Announcement: Cathy O – All Area Officers, Coordinators and DRs should send information they receive from WSO to the newly elected panel.

The newly elected panel will hold the 2018 November AWSC meeting.

Discussion Items

Technology Work Group re: Family Friendly Meetings - Barbara T. The Technology Work Group received a response from the WSO regarding questions we had concerning family friendly vs childcare meetings. Barbara opened the floor for discussion and asked the AWSC members if they thought we should have a definition of family friendly meetings noted on our Georgia Area Website, and encourage groups to discuss adding this to their Group records information, or do we want to leave things as they are. It was the general consensus to leave things as they are.

Presentation Designer Task Force Report – Cheryl K. Discussion held on the Presentation Designer Task Force Report, the options and recommendation. The following motion was brought forward:

Originator: Presentation Designer Task Force and a second by Julia K.

Motion: 1) Move that the Presentation Designer Task Force Report and the Job Description (Attachment A) be accepted. 2) That the Presentation Designer be converted from a trial position to a permanent position (with commensurate coordinator funding). Passed unanimously. **Motion 8**

AWSC Thought Force Report on How Georgia Assembly is Organized - Cheryl K.

Discussion - AWSC Thought Force Report - How Georgia Assembly is organized.

The purpose of this Thought Force is to review background information and resource materials, develop, document and evaluate options and provide any recommendations to increase the effectiveness of how Georgia Assembly is organized.

Georgia Assembly members participate in taking an inventory the second year of each term. For the last 3-4 inventories, members have made suggestions that we take a look at changing how often we meet and at the structure of the meetings. The following motion was brought forward from this discussion:

Motion originated by AWSC, seconded by Anne C.

Matter Under Consideration: Reorganizing Assembly Thought Force.

Motion: Accept the Organizing Assembly Thought Force report and move that the frequency and length of Assembly meetings remain the same; Greater Alateen participation be explored by reaching out to Alateen and AMIAS participation; The Assembly agenda consistently offer workshops to educate it's members about the Service Manual,

Al-Anon Legacies, GA AFG and Al-Anon worldwide; and the Assembly agenda include activities and workshops to expand and strengthen opportunities for the topics that are of the greatest interest to

members: 1) Attracting members to service 2) Service projects 3) More DR and GR workshops 4) More sharing and fellowship time. Passed with 1 abstention. **Motion 9**

Policy Committee Responsibilities/Concern - JP M – Reconsider why the policy committee is reviewing all reports - It was assumed by some members that this is how WSO operates. This is not the way WSO operates. What is appropriate for our Area? I believe this is beyond the scope of the Area Policy Committee. Moving forward, JP is recommending having a discussion regarding his concern at a future AWSC.

Area Coordinators and Liaison Reports

AAPP – Alan D. We finished with a total of 51 certified AMIAS in Georgia, Area 11, as of the mandatory re-certification date of June 30, 2018. All Georgia Alateen meeting information remains valid on the WSO website and the phone information line. That total is one less than at the same time in 2017. However, I was able to re-certify four additional returning AMIAS who didn't get their forms and background checks done until after June 30. Georgia has 55 returning AMIAS who have been re-certified.

Since June 30 four new AMIAS in Georgia have met all qualification and training requirements and have been issued their AMIAS number by WSO. They are now eligible to serve as sponsors or to participate in other Alateen-related activities, which bring the total of AMIAS in Georgia up to 59.

I have several AMIAS applications in various stages of qualification, going back to 2017. Some have not submitted their background check form to Bosma Investigations or did not get fingerprinted within the allotted time. Others still need training. Two of them are in the process of getting fingerprinted again because the national company that does background checks for us let the records lapse. They and several other candidates seem motivated enough to see the process through. Others have not responded to my emails and may be dropped as candidates if they don't respond.

We have added a new Alateen group to Georgia since June 30, making 20 in all. I am in the process of updating meeting information submitted via the GR-3 form and ensuring that each Alateen group has submitted an Annual Update Sheet. One of the Alateen groups has relocated and I have updated the WSO meeting information with the correct location.

Alateen – Lauren M. Alateen in Georgia has been quite busy lately. We had a very successful Conference at Rock Eagle this last May/June. 40 teens attended. Instead of doing a quilt like the teens usually do, we made a banner that one of the teens decorated, then all signed. This banner made it all the way to the International Convention in Baltimore, where it was carried in the parade. Just last weekend, we had 12 teens attend the Al-Anon/Alateen Convention at Callaway Gardens. In comparison, last year, we only had 5 teens attend. The Banner made at Conference also made an appearance at Convention.

Georgia registered a new Alateen Group this week, Keep It Simple Tybee Alateen (on Tybee Island), that will begin meeting on Thursdays @6:00 pm. We currently have a total of 20 Alateen groups registered and 59 Certified AMIAS.

There will be lots going on at September Assembly. For the 2 Alateen workshops, we will be having an AMIAS present: A 12 Step intensive sponsorship focus: We've Got TO Give It Away To Keep It.

The 1st workshop will be focusing on steps 1-6 and the 2nd workshop will be focusing on steps 7-12.

These two workshops will be promoting Peer-to-Peer sponsorship for Alateen. The last workshop of the day will be the Sponsor-to-Sponsor meeting. We will also be having AMIAS training during the 1st two workshops. To be certified, members must attend both workshops. Also, as a reminder, the teens will be hosting their annual Spaghetti Dinner at the September Assembly. The price will be the same as last year (\$15.00). All proceeds will go to help fund the 2019 Alateen Conference. A friendly reminder, anyone bringing teens to an Area sponsored event MUST present a permission slip for the teen. This can be found on our GA website.

I love that during a recent survey of Assembly, members expressed a huge interest in Alateen. With this being said, I'd like to clarify some terminology. AMIAS stands for Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service. Many times I hear members using the words AMIAS & Sponsor interchangeably. They are not the same. Not all AMIAS are sponsors. AMIAS are not sponsors of Alateens. Alateens have peer-to-peer sponsors like we do. Some AMIAS are *Group Sponsors*.

Archivist - Marie N. A copy of all Job Descriptions will go out to all DRs by email next week. Today I will be handing out a list of all motions from this term, Panel 56, (AWSC and Assembly motions). If you have not turned the group's histories in your district, please try to do so. I will also be updating the Archive Booklet that will go out in January 2019.

Group Records - Dan Mc. News from Area Group Records: Please welcome Area 11's newest group, "Peachtree AFG" meeting at "The Cathedral of St. Philip in District 13.

Area 11 Group Statistics: There are 314 Al-Anon/Alateen meeting per week in the state of Georgia. Sixty-nine meetings are Inactive, 16 are in no mail status (no CMA) and 2 were reported as not meeting Georgia has 314 meetings that are active. Since May 2018 Assembly 3 additional meetings closed. All active meetings have a CMA, 16 of them have bad postal addresses. Fifty-three meetings have NO GR. Two-hundred-sixty-two meetings have representation at Assembly, 53 meetings have no voice.

Reminder: Area DRs, send GR1 Forms to: AreaGroupRecords@ga-al-anon.org

Current WSO group concerns in Georgia.

Groups in no mail status: (6) Mail was returned to WSO from the Groups CMA

District 1 – Progress not Perfection AFG in Jasper, GA *NEW*

District 2 – Courage To Change AFG in Watkinsville, GA

District 11 – Lunch Bunch AFG in Augusta, GA

District 17 – Windwood Family AFG in Rome, GA

District 18 – Hope on Shiloh Road AFG in Cumming, GA

District 19 – Vive GFA in Norcross, GA

Groups with bounced e-mails: (6)

District 5 – Safe Harbor AFG – Judi M.

District 6 - Nahunta AFG – Debra H.

District 9 – Saturday Night Fellowship AFG – Sandy L.

District 19 – Vive GFA & Loganville AFG – Barbara A.

District 21 – Jonquil AFG – Angie H.

Groups status "No Mail List" In 2018: (16)

District 1 – Progress not Perfection (5/7/18) #30585613

District 2 – First Things First (8/10/18) #501819

District 2 – Courage To Change (11/20/17) #30577266

District 9 – The Way of Hope (8/13/18) #30655337

District 10 – Good Morning Discussion (6/20/18) #3252

District 11 – Lunch Bunch (4/16/17) #38725

District 13 – Young People's (8/10/18) #30685953

District 13 – Monday's Child (8/7/18) #36303

District 15 – Steps to Recovery (6/4/18) #30594989

District 16 – Just Us (8/10/18) #30510340

District 17 – Windwood Family (3/6/18) #3223

District 19 – Friday Night Serenity (8/9/18) #54034

District 19 – Killian Hill (6/20/18) #52776

District 19 -- Heart to Heart (5/22/18) #60798

District 19 – Vive (3/22/17) #30569295

District 21 – Johnson Ferry (8/7/18) #64151

If anyone has firsthand knowledge (DRs) about the above groups please e-mail AreaGroupRecords@ga-al-anon.org. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as group records coordinator. See you all at the September Assembly, with gratitude for all who will step up for service in the next panel.

Literature - Philip A. At the May Assembly, the Literature Room sold approximately \$2400 in

Literature. That's in addition to the pre-orders that were picked up and paid for at Assembly. DRs, please let your GRs know that literature pre-orders should be submitted by Friday of the week before Assembly.

At Assembly, we will have nearly every single piece of Al-Anon Conference Approved Literature (CAL) available for sale. We especially intend to have the newest pieces of literature. We will have a large supply of the new Service Manual (P-24/27)(\$5), the new "Groups at Work" (P-24) (\$1), the new book "Intimacy in the Alcoholic Relationship" (B-33)(\$11), the new commemorative 50th Anniversary "One Day at a Time" (B-6-50)(\$15) and the new pamphlet "Understanding and Hope for Parents and Grandparents" (P-94)(\$.75).

The new Literature Catalog (S-15) is now available. It contains a description and a picture of each piece of literature. You can download it from the WSO website. Please make your GRs aware that it is available and ask them to pass this information along to their Group Literature Coordinators.

The 2018 World Service Conference Summary is also available on the WSO website.

The WSO has approved a new bookmark in concept. It will be entitled "Just For Tonight" and will be similar to our long time "Just For Today" bookmark.

I'm holding up a copy of an old Al-Anon pamphlet. It's titled "Double Winners" and is directed to Recovering Alcoholics who are also members of Al-Anon. If you're interested, I'll have it on display at Assembly.

MAIS – Julia K. I have Raffle flyers for you to take to your Districts for the MAIS Anniversary Dinner on Dec 1, 2018. We need Raffle baskets!!

Vicki got a commemorative ODAT signed to raffle. Stories, documents, and mementos are being collected. Bookmarks are available and are being sent out with literature orders. There will be an Alateen-only raffle. Early arrival is encouraged. We are asking for cake sponsors for the 175-person cake. Cash can be donated. The date is Dec.1, 2018.

75 notebooks are in the MAIS Archives. There is an Excel spreadsheet that catalogs all the documents in them. This is available from Karen at the office. There are 4,331 documents in this file. The collection will be digitized in the future.

The MAIS website will be accepting online orders for literature soon. Order online and MAIS will ship literature to you.

There will be another reorder of the Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships. Already, MAIS has sold 100 of the Intimacy books, and 150 of the new grandparent pamphlets.

MAIS finances are in good shape. We have had a boost in contributions from the Appeal letter.

MAIS would like to ask the Area if we could include the MAIS Frequently Asked Questions brochure to the folders given out at Assembly to the new GRs.

Newsletter - Anne M. In Anne's absence, Renelle M. read her report. I'd like to say thank you to everyone who contributed to the July edition of Georgia On Track. There were many articles from officers, coordinators, liaisons, district representatives and a past delegate. It was full of public outreach news, Alateen news, information about workshops and conventions and reflections on service. The Newsletter was distributed via the links of service and Alecia has also posted it on our website. If you haven't already, please check it out.

While new officers will be elected in September, Panel 56 is still tasked with contributing to one more newsletter in November. I will begin reaching out to you in October for Panel 56 submissions for the last 2018 edition of Georgia On Track. This publication will be a great opportunity to reflect about your growth in service and also introduce your replacements. Feel free to ask them to assist you in writing your article for the newsletter.

It has been an honor to serve Georgia Al-Anon as your Newsletter Coordinator.

Public Outreach - Debi S. Public service announcements (PSAs) – Lists of receiving and playing stations have been sent to DRs. Please ask members and groups to contact their local stations to encourage playing the PSAs if they are a receiving station. If not on the receiving list, members are encouraged to

contact local stations to ask that PSAs be played. If stations are willing to play, there is a form in the Members section of the WSO website to submit the station information.

If you have stations in your District who are on the "Playing" list, please encourage your members to send a "thank you" note or call to thank the station for playing.

Members who may not be able or willing to get out into their community are sometimes willing to do this type of service.

Outreach to professionals: In our 2015 Membership Survey, a professional referred almost half the respondents to Al-Anon. During this panel, the Public Outreach focus has been on the professional community. By Districts, groups and members supporting the large professional trainings this year, we will reach approximately 1,200 professionals from treatment centers, private practice, Department of Corrections, religious organizations, etc. The Area has provided pamphlets and Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism (AFA) Outreach magazines and displays to ensure the message is reaching this important audience.

Outreach to family members – I am aware of six treatment centers throughout the state where, usually monthly, members bring informational meetings directly to family members. It's typical for an individual to be told or hear about Al-Anon 3-4 times before they actually come to a meeting. We will bring our message of hope and healing to over 2,000 family members throughout the state this year. I encourage you to continue to support these activities and, if you've participated, share your experience, strength and hope with me and other members. Personally, I know of two Group Reps who heard members speak at treatment centers earlier this year and decided to attend a meeting and are now giving back in service! **2019 AFAs:** The districts and groups, who have placed orders for the first printing, will receive them by Sept. 1st, if not already. Please take one back and discuss at your District meetings how important they are to Outreach. Consider bringing a meeting from one (they are CAL!) and encourage orders to be placed by Feb. 6 to be received by April 1.

If you have a fall District workshop or outreach event planned, please let me know how I can support you. Also, I'd be happy to speak with anyone interested in an Outreach coordinator role within your District or group.

Web Coordinator – Alecia C. This weekend is an exciting weekend for the Georgia Al-Anon Website. As reported at the May Assembly, the technology work group has been very busy this past year. Following a Request for Proposals to upgrade the website and the recommendation of Area Al-Anon members with a technical background to keep the flexible Word Press platform, the technology work group accepted the proposal of a technology professional to update and maintain the current website at a cost that is within the budget for the Area website. The Area Web Coordinator will serve as the liaison between the Area and the web service provider, but the service provider will maintain the website. Our new web service provider is actually working this weekend on updates to the website based on modifications the work group provided. This will be an ongoing process. If you have ideas for the website, please email them to me through the web coordinator's email on the website.

Please send any flyers regarding area, district and group events to me for inclusion on the website.

Please remember that no personal information can be included on the flyer in order to post it on the website. You cannot choose to break your anonymity at this level.

A trusted servant alerted me that she responded to an email from her personal email that was forwarded from the alias address on the website. Please be aware that if you respond from a personal address, the receiver will have access to any personal information you have available on that account. We recommend that you set up an alias email address to receive your Al-Anon emails so that your personal information is not passed on. In the case of this particular mentioned response, the receiver was not pleased with the response and became irate and made our trusted servant fearful when she realized he had her personal information. This affects all of us in this room.

Thanks to Renelle for the opportunity to grow through service and the dedication and service of the technology work group – Barbara, Vicki, Phillip and Patrick. In reviewing the past motions, it was discovered that the technology work group had never been made permanent. It is still in the trial stage.

In light of the importance of providing valuable feedback and experience to the Web Coordinator, the Technology Work group is hereby making a motion to make the work group a permanent part of the Web Coordinator's job description.

Motion originated by the Technology Work Group, seconded by Kristin L

Matter Under Consideration: Technology work Group

Motion: Approve making the Technology Work Group a permanent part of the Area Service Structure.

Passed unanimously. **Motion 10**

2018 Alateen Conference – Anne C. Our Conference was well attended this year. In May, I reported that we had only 8 Alateen registered. We had 42 teens and 20 AMIAS at this year's Conference. We have never had this many adults experience the Alateen Conference before and I really don't know who had the most fun, them or the teens. One of our planned activities, canoeing, had to be cancelled due to bad weather. I do know that we were all looking forward to this activity.

I did make mistakes, but through these mistakes, we will know how to handle these type situations for future Conferences.

Susie W., 2019 Chair, received her first "turn over" item on Sunday before the close of the conference, the Alateen walkies. Susie has done a great job so far with her planning and getting her committee together and had our official "turn over" meeting on Saturday, July 28th.

I would like to introduce the 2019 Alateen Representative, Hunter Y. from Macon, GA. I have known Hunter for about 3 years.

It has been an honor to serve the Alateens as their 2018 Conference chair.

All the adults that attended this year's Conference now know that in Alateen service, there is "No standing still".

2018 Al-Anon/Alateen Convention – Kathy M. The Convention was held last weekend and the total number registered was 243, with over 200 attending. The final financial report is not available today, but it looks like the Convention made a healthy profit and we should have money to distribute in September. Boutique had about 40 raffle baskets donated and we sold over 90 T-shirts at Assembly and the Convention. We also raffled off a vintage piece of Al-Anon literature signed by Lois.

We had 12 Alateens attend, including the speaker. The Alateens participated in running the Alateen speaker meeting.

The A.A. workshop went very well. We had about 30-35 people attend it. The A.A. meeting had about 20-25 attending.

The decorations that Barbara A., our decorations chair, provided were simply amazing! If you didn't see them, you missed out on seeing her wonderful creativity.

Callaway did waive payment of the unrented rooms and the facility fee because we were close to our stipulated number of room rentals.

Five Al-Anon and A.A. members performed at the open mic Saturday night to a small audience. A suggestion was made that next time the entertainment be somewhere closer to hospitality and with tables, rather than lecture seating, so that people can still eat and socialize while they listen, since so many of our members don't get to see friends from across the state that often.

2019 Al-Anon/Alateen Convention – Sherry B. The 41st Annual Georgia Al-Anon/Alateen Convention will be held August 9-11, 2019. The convention will be held at the Marriott Evergreen Resort, Stone Mountain Park - Stone Mountain, GA.

Al-Anon Speakers: Nell L. – Oklahoma, David B. – Atlanta and Maria S. – Los Angeles.

A.A. Speaker -Kristi C. – Boston

VIP Banquet Saturday Night with premium seating for speaker meeting is being offered this year.

Hotel room block has been reserved with a special rate of \$120 + tax per night. Call hotel directly to make reservations and indicate that you are with GA AFG – rooms are limited so reserve today by calling 770-879-9900. Registration forms can be found on our Georgia website events page.

<http://www.ga-al-anon.org/events/>

The first 100 registrations will receive a free gate entrance to the park for the weekend!

DR Reports - District Representatives that wished to share gave brief reports that included the district's and group's successes, projects and concerns.

Other Business/Announcements - Cathy O. September 2018 Assembly Agenda - Area business and all reports will be held on Saturday. Due to officer elections on Sunday, we will not have workshops at our September 2018 Assembly.

Summary of Motions

Motion 1 The April 21, 2018 AWSC meeting minutes were approved as presented by unanimous consent.

Motion 2 For a trial period to run concurrently with the remainder of the trial period approved in motion #6 of the January 2017 Area Assembly which was a 3-year trial to begin May 2017. The immediate GA Past Area Chair 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 per Assembly/\$300 per year. Passed with 1 abstention.

Motion 3 Georgia submit a bid to host the October 14-19, 2019 "Road Trip-You and Your Board Connect" and fund the cost for flyers and transportation should we win the bid - estimated cost \$2,000.00. Passed unanimously.

Motion 4 The January 1 –June 30, 2018 Al-Anon Family Groups of Georgia Inc. YTD Budget vs. Actual report was approved as presented by unanimous consent.

Motion 5 The January 1 –June 30, 2018 GACS YTD Budget vs. Actual report was approved as presented by unanimous consent.

Motion 6 Approve the 2019 GACS Budget. Passed unanimously.

Motion 7 Approve Area 2019 Budget as presented. Passed unanimously.

Motion 8 Move that the Presentation Designer Task Force Report and the Job Description (Attachment A) be accepted. 2) That the Presentation Designer be converted from a trial position to a permanent position (with commensurate coordinator funding). Passed unanimously.

Motion 9 Accept the Organizing Assembly Thought Force report and move that the frequency and length of Assembly meetings remain the same; Greater Alateen participation be explored by reaching out to Alateen and AMIAS participation; The Assembly agenda consistently offer workshops to educate it's members about the Service Manual, Al-Anon Legacies, GA AFG and Al-Anon worldwide; and the Assembly agenda include activities and workshops to expand and strengthen opportunities for the topics that are of the greatest interest to members: 1) Attracting members to service 2) Service projects 3) More DR and GR workshops 4) More sharing and fellowship time. Passed with 1 abstention.

Motion 10 Approve making the Technology Work Group a permanent part of the Area Service Structure. Passed unanimously.

Closing - Al-Anon Declaration

Adjourned - 5 p.m.

2018 Dates to Remember

September 15-16, 2018 Assembly –Elections held on Sunday

November 17, 2018 AWSC – New Panel

Rates and Cut-off dates for Hotel Reservations

Marriott - \$112 per night - August 25, 2018

Candlewood Suites - \$69 per night - August 27, 2018

Rates and Cut-off Dates for Hotel Reservations for 2019

Marriott: \$118 per night – December 28, 2019, April 26, 2019, August 30, 2019.

Candlewood Suites: \$69 per night in January; \$72.00 per night in May and September—December 28, 2018; April 26, 2019; August 30, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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Area Secretary

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¹ Revised and Final August 29, 2018