

Missouri Area Assembly Meeting Minutes Summary -November 5th & 6th, 2016

Area 31 Panel 54: Karen L. –Delegate, Sarah S.- Alt Delegate, Diane S. – Treasurer, Mary L. - Chair, Shelley S.B.- Secretary

Mary L. Area Chair opened the meeting with the serenity prayer at 10:00am

The Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts and General Warranties were read by Carol, Janet R. and Daryl

Mary reviewed that we still need DRs for 3, 7, 11, 12, 20, 23, 24, 27

Assembly attendance:

GR -Designated voting at Assembly: 82
Total Attendees: 149

Treasurer Report was read by Mary L. for Diane S. (See full report in Appendix A)

Linda G. moved to accept Treasurer report and Fay W. Treasurer report accepted.

Delegates Report was given by Karen L. (See full officer reports Appendix A)

Janet W. reviewed AMIAS Background Check information for a motion later to be voted on.

Alternate Delegate's Report was given by Sarah S. (See full officer reports Appendix A)

Mary reviewed all motions to be voted on Sunday (See full motions later in minutes)

Motion 3 & 4 held for further discussion before voting

Motion 1 & 2 voted in block and passed

Mary L. reviewed Area Inventory results and suggestions that was conducted earlier in the year. Mary opened the floor to the Area for additional suggestions: (The full Area inventory results and suggestions can be found on the Missouri Area Al-Anon and Alateen Family Groups website: <http://www.missouri-al-anon.org/area-reports.html>)

- Member shared idea of holding a New Comers meetings before Assembly to help acclimate them to Assembly
- A Member asked about the word moratorium that was used in the Area Inventory– What was it meant by that. Other Members shared what they felt it meant. Possibly once something is voted on and decided don't need to bring back up. Others felt it means in the middle of conflicts we need to be ok to take a "time out" to pray and regroup.
- Member suggested we should do more education on Concepts and Warranties
- Member shared it is a good idea for Districts to vote for GR's and new offices before
- Member shared always remember Group Conscious. Once we vote I will at least wait to see if it works versus come back to next meeting to try and convince others it was not a good vote. It means I accept the will of the Group whether I like it or not.
- Suggested Training on what the difference between gossip and reason things out. Conduct Training on the Area Inventory areas we need to improve to make it a safe place to share.

ELECTION of new Officers, Coordinators and positions

81 GR's were present to vote (1 GR left before voting). For Delegate and Alternate Delegate, we need 54 yes votes to = 2/3. All other positions are simple majority.

Chair reviewed all positions being voted on for the new Panel 57. Mary reviewed list of eligible Members to take the positions to see who was eligible and willing to hold the office.

Results:

Delegate	Sarah S.	
Alternate Delegate	Sue K.	
Chair	Lynn C.-R.	
Secretary	Karen C.	
Treasurer	Lori H.	
Alateen Coordinator	Marilyn M.	
Area Alateen Process Person	Janet W.	
Serenity Patrol Coordinator	Sherri E.	
Alateen Intern	Ben B.	
Archivist	Sarah M.	Alt - Loretta R.
Convention Coordinator	Melanie E.	
Registrar	Donna S.	

Group Records Coordinator	Janet O.
Forum/Literature Coordinator	Sue B.
Literature Depot Coordinator	Mary L.
Public Outreach Coordinator	Sandy M.
Newsletter (round Robin) Coordinator	Cheri H.
Speaker Coordinator	Geneva D.
Web Page Coordinator	Jodi O.

(See full reports in Appendix's)

Reports given by: Area Alateen Coordinator – Janet W., DR 13 – Sue K., DR 21 – Ann H., AAPP Coordinator – Geneva D.

Break for Dinner /Room Check In

Raffle & celebration for Panel 57

Reconvened Sunday morning

Mary L. opened meeting with Serenity Prayer

Financial Committee report was shared by Donna S.

District reports were given by: District 15 – Amy G., District 25 – Cheri H., District 9 – Flo W., District 17 – Karen C., District 8 – Lynn, District 28 – Karen F.

Coordinator Reports given: New Letter Editor - Betsy M., Convention - Marilyn M.,

MOTIONS *(GR's vote at Assembly. A Majority vote is needed to pass the Motion)*

Chair Mary reviewed Motions to be voted on Sunday. Area Members who had questions and or comments on the motion can hold for discussion. *(This is the step of Knowledge Base Decision Making, if Members have questions or Members feel there is more information on the background of the Motion the Area should know, they can bring it to the floor to offer context to the Motion. At this point, we should stay away from opinions. The Chair facilitates the discussion)*

Vote on Motions Sunday *(This is the step of KBDM where we give Members 2 min at the microphone to state points either for or against the Motion before voting. After Members share we vote on the Motion... OR ... Anywhere in the process the Area Chair may suggest that the author rewrite for clarification, the author may want to withdraw motion or the Chair may suggest we take it to a Committee to review to gain more information before voting on the motion)*

MOTIONS #1 & 2 (passed @ August AWSC, needs to be ratified)

Motion 1 & 2 - Motions for Delegate's 2017 Equalized Expense

Background:

The following is an excerpt from a letter from WSO, received by the Panel 54 Missouri Area Delegate on August 19, 2016:

The Finance Committee and Board of Trustees reviewed the costs of the 2017 World Service Conference (WSC). After careful consideration, the Equalized Expense amount for the 2017 WSC has been set at \$1,260 (U.S.). The Full Amount for a Delegate to attend the WSC has been set at \$1,909 (U.S.). Last year nine Areas gave amounts greater than the Full Amount; 44 Areas contributed the Full Amount; three Areas contributed amounts between the Equalized Expense and the Full Amount; and eleven Areas gave the Equalized Expense to send their Delegates to the Conference.

A copy of this letter will be mailed to your Area Treasurer, as well as posted to the Area Treasurer community on AFG Connects, with a request to forward payment to the World Service Office (WSO) **as soon as possible, but no later than December 31, 2016**. This date allows the WSO to reimburse travel expenses to the Delegates in a timely manner. Delegates' Equalized Expenses are explained on pages 145-146 of the *2014-2017 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*.

The 57th Annual World Service Conference has been scheduled for Monday, April 24 through Friday, April 28, 2017 in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Per the Missouri Area Procedures Digest (04/2016),

II. Al-Anon Procedures

Q. Expenditures

2. The Area Assembly will vote each year to approve the Delegate's equalized expenses for the World Service Conference, the advance to the Delegate for purchase of literature, photographs, tapes, or other expenses incurred, and an extra night's lodging, if necessary.

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In previous years, the Missouri Area has paid the full amount for the Delegate to attend World Service Conferences.

Motion #1: The Missouri Area will pay the full amount, \$1,909.00, (as determined by the World Service Finance Committee) for our Delegate to attend the 2017 World Service Conference.

Motion #2: The Missouri Area will advance \$300.00 to the Delegate for incidental expenses at the 2017 World Service Conference.

Motion 1 & 2: Passed in block

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MOTION #3 - Alateen Contact Information

Background:

It has been brought to our attention that the Alateen Intern contact information was listed in the Round Robin. It is highly suggested that Alateen contact information not be published. Similar situations came up in 2014 concerning publication of Alateen contact information at the AIS and District levels for Alateens wanting to fulfill service positions

Having also spoken with Mary Lou at WSO at that time, she suggested that Alateen Contact information not be published and to use an AMIAS as a contact person depending on the situation. What is written below could also be applied to this situation at the Area Level. The information below is now on Page 34 of the current paper service manual below Phone contacts.

Jan 2014 (Discussion and Decision)

Per our conversations today I found this in the new online service manual:

"Phone contacts and Alateen group CMA's are Alateen Group Sponsors or other Area-certified AMIAS." Page 32

This is in the new online service manual page 34 and old manual on page 31: **Alateen Safety Note: To protect our Alateens, only Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS), certified through their Area process, can be listed as an Alateen group CMA or as the Alateen group phone contacts*

In applying this to District or AIS secretary or other positions held by minor Alateen members, the discussion of having another adult (Al-Anon member) handle the email and phone communication for the position would seem to protect the Alateens. This would allow the Alateens to participate in these type of service positions and still be protected. As we talked, the way it is actually handled would be a decision of the district or AIS as long as the Alateen is protected. Per current Missouri Area Procedures Digest the following motion to be inserted in Section IV. H. Communication With Alateens as item 4. on page 28 .

Motion #3: Insert in the Missouri Area Procedures Digest the following: To protect our Alateens, only Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS), certified through the Missouri Area process, can be listed as an Alateen contact (phone or email) in any publication and/or contact list. Alateen personal contact information is not to be listed.

Motion 3 passed with majority vote

MOTION #4 -AMIAS Background Check Motion

Background:

After suggestion from the Missouri attorney who helped with review of the Alateen Procedure revisions, survey of Missouri Al-Anon members, reports and discussion at AWSC and Assembly, the consensus is that additional background checks need to be done for those Al-Anon members applying to be certified as Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) and at the time of recertification. The Family Care Safety Registry (FCSR) has been the favored entity to use in addition to Watchdog.com (currently being used) to provide additional background checks at this time. The current cost for the FCSR background check is \$13.00 mail in registration and \$14.25 online registration. Both are a onetime/life time fee for registration. There are no additional costs for multiple reports no matter who the organization/employer is that requires a copy. It was suggested that the registration cost would be eligible for reimbursement by the Area if not reimbursed/paid by another level of service (i.e. group, district etc) or individual once the Al-Anon member is certified. Expense form would need to be submitted to the Area Treasurer for reimbursement. It has been indicated to require both New and Recertification applicants to have these background checks. Research and consultation with Missouri attorney indicates annual background checks with a retention time of five (5) years after termination of applicant's association with Al-Anon Family Groups of Missouri would be appropriate, reasonable and recommended.

Considering all information received, use of the FCSR background checks in addition to our current practice of using Watchdog.com is highly recommended.

As there is not a written procedure in the Missouri Area Digest for the current background check practices, the following motion will include the current practice along with the additional FCSR background check. Per current Missouri Area Procedures Digest the following motion to be inserted in Section II. B. as 6.

Motion #4:

Insert in Section II. B. as 6. The following:

~~6-~~To help ensure the safety of the Missouri Area Alateens, the Area requires background checks for all Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) applicants (New and Recertifications):

- a. The Al-Anon member applying to be an AMIAS must be registered with the Family Care Safety Registry (FCSR). Registration must be done by the individual member through the Family Care Safety Registry.
- b. New applicants must attach a copy of their initial FCSR background report to the Missouri Area AFG Candidate Profile for AMIAS application form.

- c. For Annual Recertification an AMIAS will attach an updated copy of the FCSR background report or provide the necessary personal information (which would include social security number) for the Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP), Alternate AAPP or other approved Area AMIAS to retrieve an updated background report.
- d. The onetime registration fee is eligible for reimbursement (once the AI-Anon member is certified) by the Area if not reimbursed/paid by another level of service (i.e. group, district, etc.) or individual. An Area expense form is required to be completed and submitted to the Area Treasurer for reimbursement.
- e. New and Recertification of AMIAS will also be run through Family Watchdog by the AAPP, Alternate AAPP or other approved Area AMIAS.
- f. Background report concerns will be reviewed by the AAPP according to the Missouri Area Procedures “Review and or Removal of AMIAS (AI-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service)”.
- g. Background reports will be kept with the AMIAS application/recertification forms by the AAPP in a secure environment (secure file, safe, or locked file cabinet). Only AI-Anon members who have been approved by the Missouri Area Chair and have a need to examine such reports may have access to the background information. Appropriate precautions must be taken to protect the visibility of these reports at all times from unauthorized persons.
- h. When background reports are no longer needed, reports must be disposed of in such a way that the information contained in the report cannot be retrieved (shredding, incineration, etc.).
- i. Background reports will be kept with the AMIAS application/re-certification forms for a period of five (5) years after termination of the applicant’s association with AI-Anon Family Groups of Missouri and then disposed of in the manner described above.

Motion 4 Passed with majority vote

Motion #5: (Convention Excess Funds)

Background:

Page 12 of Procedures, V. Reserve Fund, item 2. States:

The Missouri Area will contribute 50% of any excess funds realized from the Convention to WSO when financially feasible as determined by the Assembly and deposit the other 50% in the reserve fund.

The 2016 Missouri Area Convention had \$(to be determined) more income than expenses.

Motion #5:

Contribute \$ (to be determined) of 2016 Missouri Area Convention excess funds to WSO and deposit the balance of funds to the Missouri Area Reserve Fund.

Motion Withdrawn

District Reports given: District 14 – Janet R, District 18- Marilyn F, District 5 – Loraine H, District 2 – Donna S, District 4 – Melanie E

Coordinator Reports given: Website – Kathy G, Speaker – Alternate Judy J given for Sandy M, Public Outreach – Fay W, Group Records – Mary Lee B, Serenity Patrol – Audrey J, Literature Depot – Dora J, Archives – Sarah M, Alateen Intern Report – Kendra P

Ask It Basket

Question The Service manual says that AA Members can't be GR's because of voting on Al-Anon issues. Does that apply to all dual Members like NA, OA, CODA or just AA Members?

Answer: Answer provided by Karen L. The Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual (P24 /27) refers only to Members of AA in this instance; not to members of any other 12 step program. Further concerns would need to be addressed to the World Service Office.

Question: The Treasurer report said what the Miscellaneous income for 3rd Q. What was it for the 1st and 2nd Quarter?

Answer: Diane S. 1st quarter income: Area AMIAS Training Weekend registrations, Expense: AMIAS weekend expenses & master bill. 2nd quarter income: DIS shirt sales and P.O. Billboard project. Expense: bank service charges and 2017 AMIAS Training Weekend deposit

Question: What actions will be taken in reference to the Alternate Delegates reports about her experience with the AA convention involvement?

Answer: Sarah S. provided answers. I suggest the upcoming Panel 57 address by using KBDM.

Question: Answer provided by Janet W: What has been the total cost for the attorney used for the Alateen to date and what is the budgeted amount moving forward?

Answer: At the beginning of the Ad Hoc committee I spoke with the Area Chair who spoke with the officers. The officers agreed for me to see if there was a charge and how much. After receipt of the information they would make a decision of how to address the cost. The two attorneys that information was received from did not charge a penny. One was in recovery and one was not. This practice is done by both attorneys with our type of organization for whoever they help. We were not special. As for the budget; the Area does not have one at this time. This item may need to be considered not only for Alateen, but for any Area legal matters.

Open Mic Time

Adjourn with AI-Anon Declaration

Appendix A – Officer Reports

Delegates Report – Karen L.

Let's begin this report on a positive note: After all the talk about deficit budgets, below average literature sales, smaller contributions, etc., Jennie M., Treasurer of the Board of Trustees at WSO, shared this message in a recent article on **AFG Connects**:

"We're in the final quarter, with the finish line in sight for this year!"

"You have all done such a great job of spreading the message of hope to families and friends of alcoholics. In addition, you have spread the message about the need for financial support for the services provided to the fellowship by our World Service Office."

"If this response continues, we are poised to meet or exceed our projected contribution budget of \$1,800,000! This is very exciting news and the credit goes to you. Thank you for hearing and passing on the message from the Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee. Thank you for believing in and supporting the Mission and Vision of the Board of Trustees and the work of the World Service Office."

"Stay tuned for the final numbers!! Thank you sincerely for your service and your support. Please pass on our gratitude and this message to members in your Area."

Isn't that wonderful news? You and the members of your groups get all the credit. I'm so proud of Missouri Al-Anon and Alateen members!

Now on to business. Actually I don't have a lot to report. I am still participating in the Task Force on "Spirituality in Group Money Discussions". I, personally, had never really thought about Spirituality in the same sentence as Money Discussions - group or personal - but I've found this to be a fascinating, challenging topic. So far we have an idea for a skit and one for a pamphlet. I hope we will have both available to the fellowship soon after next year's WSC.

I attended the Meet the Board event in Fayetteville, AR two weeks ago with eight other members from Missouri. There were also representatives from Arkansas (of course), Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma, and even Bermuda! This event has been re-named "Road Trip! You and Your Board" and is a wonderful way to get to know members of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee. I had met most of these folks before at WSC, but hearing them share snippets of their personal stories, which reflected many of the ways I had spoken, acted, and reacted before recovery, helped me realize that they, too, are Al-Anon members just as we are. I also learned more about the various Trustee, Committee, and Board positions than I had known before; it was a little more in-depth look at how we are served by these dedicated members. I would recommend this event to anyone who has the opportunity to go. What a wonderful weekend it was!

I have also had the privilege of being invited to speak at different functions in Overland, MO, and in Districts 8, 14, and 15. I appreciate the opportunity of sharing my personal E, S, and H, as

well as the information I was able to bring back from WSC. My sincere thanks for these wonderful invitations.

I would like to congratulate, in advance, all our new Missouri panel members: Officers, Coordinators, Alternates, District Representatives and Groups Representatives. I hope your service helps you grow in recovery as much as mine has helped me.

I'd like to finish by saying thank you to all Missouri Al-Anon and Alateen members for the love and support they have shared with me during this panel. As I leave this service position at the end of this year and the state of Missouri sometime early next year if all goes well, I will carry all of you in my heart and my prayers as my true, loving, guiding, caring, sharing family.

It has been my honor, my pleasure, and my privilege to serve you, as well as a wonderful personal learning experience for me. No, I didn't agree with everyone and I didn't always get my way, but the lessons I learned, through your vigilance and encouragement, are lessons I will carry with me no matter where I go.

May your Higher Power keep you well and safe in Al-Anon Family Groups and in life in general.

As always, with love in service,

Karen L.

Panel 54 Missouri Delegate

Treasurer - Diane S.

Beginning Balance - Jan. 1, 2016 \$14,600.36. Ending Balance - Nov. 1, 2016 \$18,713.95. Area contributions are doing great. Federal and State "Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax" forms were completed and mailed in July. Fee was \$150. Misc. amount for the 3rd quarter is for DIS shirts. On the back side of this report covers Convention 2016 totals so far. It has been a privilege to serve the area!

**Missouri Area Al-Anon Quarterly Report
YEAR END, 2016**

Income	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR	Total
Alateen	\$ 2,395.00	\$ 505.00	\$ 629.50	\$ 135.00	\$ 3,664.50
Assembly	\$ -	\$ 1,448.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,448.22
AWSC	\$ 102.57	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 102.57
Contributions	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

	4,756.22	4,452.93	3,911.44	1,752.41	14,873.00
Convention	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,929.00	\$ 752.00	\$ 8,681.00
Day in Service	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 443.00	\$ -	\$ 443.00
Literature	\$ 3,864.11	\$ 5,919.08	\$ 4,770.20	\$ 4,185.23	\$ 18,738.62
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,387.50	\$ 949.00	\$ 636.70	\$ -	\$ 3,973.20
Round Robin	\$ 503.00	\$ 507.50	\$ 540.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 1,610.50
Income Total	\$ 14,008.40	\$ 13,781.73	\$ 18,859.84	\$ 6,884.64	\$ 53,534.61

Disbursements	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR	Total
Area Group Records	\$ -	\$ 207.45	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 207.45
Alateen	\$ 2,865.07	\$ 1,968.02	\$ 1,579.66	\$ -	\$ 6,412.75
Archives	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Assembly	\$ 400.00	\$ 4,712.31	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 5,512.31
AWSC	\$ 2,148.90	\$ 150.29	\$ 2,018.50	\$ -	\$ 4,317.69
Convention	\$ -	\$ 309.55	\$ 3,812.10	\$ 3,181.97	\$ 7,303.62
Day in Service	\$ 225.00	\$ 289.66	\$ 1,544.92	\$ -	\$ 2,059.58
Literature	\$ 3,453.36	\$ 3,776.28	\$ 5,805.58	\$ 3,081.66	\$ 16,116.88
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,409.38	\$ 388.80	\$ 1,056.16	\$ -	\$ 3,854.34
Alt. Delegate	\$ -	\$ 67.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 67.20
Chairperson	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Delegate	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,909.00	\$ 1,909.00
Secretary	\$ -	\$ 500.28	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.28
Treasurer	\$ 132.16	\$ 29.01	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 311.17

Round Robin	\$ 1,187.24	\$ 1,085.57	\$ 864.18	\$ 283.23	\$ 3,420.22
SCRDM	\$ 338.69	\$ 510.36	-	-	\$ 849.05
Public Outreach	\$ -	\$ 750.00	-	-	\$ 750.00
The Forum Coord.	\$ -	\$ -	-	-	-
Web Page	\$ 188.28	-	-	-	\$ 188.28
WSO	\$ -	\$ 294.24	-	-	\$ 294.24
Disbursements Total	\$ 13,348.08	\$ 15,039.02	\$ 16,831.10	\$ 8,855.86	\$ 54,074.06

Income - Disbursements	\$ 660.32	\$ (1,257.29)	\$ 2,028.74	\$ (1,971.22)	\$ (539.45)
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Reserve Fund	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR
Beginning Balance	\$ 8,968.78	\$ 8,972.13	\$ 8,975.51	\$ 8,978.90
Interest Income	\$ 3.35	\$ 3.38	\$ 3.39	\$ 1.10
Deposits	\$ -	\$ -		
Ending Balance	\$ 8,972.13	\$ 8,975.51	\$ 8,978.90	\$ 8,980.00

Convention Financial Report

Income	16-Apr	16-May	16-Jul	16-Aug	16-Sep	16-Oct	16-Nov	
Registrations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 520.00	\$ -	\$ 2,952.00	\$ 470.00	\$ -	\$ 3,942.00
Banquet	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 460.00	\$ -	\$ 1,380.00	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ 1,960.00
Hospitality	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110.00	\$ -	\$ 266.00	\$ 162.00	\$ -	\$ 538.00
Raffles-basket, lit, quilt, 5/50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,938.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,938.00

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TOTAL	\$75.50	\$234.05	\$2.30	\$450.00	\$3,359.80	\$438.43	2,743.54	7,303.62

Appendix B Coordinator Reports

Website Coordinator – Kathy G.

The Missouri Area Web Page continues to be well utilized.

This month 4,409 people have visited. Some details: 1,537 of them searched for a meeting, 413 of them looked at an event on the calendar, 287 wanted information on contacting the AIS or WSO, 200 were looking for information about Al-Anon and Alateen in general, and 135 browsed through the Area reports.

This month there has also been one request for information via the Professional Outreach form.

Thank you for the opportunity to take on this service position. It's allowed me to grow in my program, meet *so many* wonderful people, and learn quite a bit about the 'nuts and bolts' of maintaining a webpage. I've had some suggestions for improving the site, which I will share with the new coordinator.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at area31website@gmail.com.

Kathy G.

Newsletter Editor – Betsy M.

Round Robin Subscriptions

Subscription Type	Complimentary	Not Paid	Paid	Grand Total
Complimentary	3			3
Group		152	101	253
Extra Group Copies			2	2
Personal			75	75
Exchange	1			1
Totals	4	152	178	334

We have started to highlight the expiration date on copies we mail so that groups will know when it is time to send in payment for their group subscriptions. I hope that is helpful. As you can see, there are 157 copies of the *Round Robin* that are subsidized by the Area. If Area finances are tight, can the Area continue to afford this expense? Some possible cost-saving solutions could be to have online subscriptions only, or cut back to an every other month or quarterly issue. This is just food for thought.

At this time, a yearly *Round Robin* subscription of twelve newsletters is only \$10.00. If you don't get a chance to read your group copy, you might consider subscribing to your own personal copy and/or giving a gift copy to a friend in the program. Spread the word about the great things happening in our Area!

Subscription order forms can be found in the *Round Robin* or on the Missouri Al-Anon website in the Member section under *Round Robin*. There are also order forms and sample copies of the *Round Robin* available on a table in the registration area. For now, subscription orders should be sent to Karen Cox, 3401 Elm Street, St Charles, MO 63301-0517 with a check or money order made payable to MO Area AFG.

I hope that one of you will have it in your heart to stand for the position of Newsletter Editor. You will not be sorry if you do. It has been such an opportunity for growth for me in my recovery. Karen and I promise to be there to help you with the transition into the position, as Richard was there for us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy M.,
MO Area Panel 54 Newsletter Editor

ROUND ROBIN SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT SCHEDULE

Responsible Person	What	Due to	Publication
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		Newsletter Editor	Date
Chairperson	Monthly Article	10th of Previous Month	All Months
Convention Coordinator	Inform and arouse interest in Convention as needed	10th of Previous Month	All Months
Delegate Article	Bi Monthly Article J, M, M, Jul, S, N	December 10	January
Secretary	Assembly Ask-It-Basket Questions	December 10	January
Treasurer	Appeal Letter	December 10	January
Treasurer	Updated "Guidelines and Addresses for the Group Treasurer"	December 10	January
Alternate Delegate	Bi Monthly Article F A Jun A O D	January 10	February
Group Records Coordinator	AWSC Lists	January 10	February
Delegate	Bi Monthly Article	February 10	March
Convention Publicity Chairperson	May Assembly Flyer	February 10	March
Alternate Delegate Article	Bi Monthly Article	March 10	April
Chairperson	Assembly Agenda	March 10	April
Treasurer	Year End Financial Report (AWSC Report)	March 10	April
Convention Publicity Chairperson	Updated May Assembly Flyer	March 10	April
Group Records Coordinator	AWSC Lists	March 10	April
Delegate Article	Bi Monthly Article	April 10	May
Treasurer	Appeal Letter	April 10	May
Secretary	AWSC Ask-It-Basket Questions	April 10	May
Alternate Delegate	Bi Monthly Article	May 10	June
Treasurer	Year-To-Date Financial Report (Assembly Report)	May 10	June
Group Records Coordinator	Current Al-Anon Registration / Group Records Change Form	May 10	June
Group Records Coordinator	AWSC Lists	May 10	June

Delegate	Bi Monthly Article	June 10	July
Secretary	Assembly Ask-It-Basket Questions	June 10	July
Group Records Coordinator	AWSC Lists	July 10	August
Alternate Delegate	Bi Monthly Article	July 10	August
Convention Publicity Chairperson	Convention Flyer	July 10	August
Delegate	Bi Monthly Article	August 10	September
Treasurer	Appeal Letter	August 10	September
Convention Publicity Chairperson	Updated Convention Flyer	August 10	September
Convention Publicity Chairperson	November Assembly Flyer	August 10	September
Alternate Delegate Article	Bi Monthly Article	September 10	October
Chairperson	November Assembly Agenda	September 10	October
Secretary	AWSC Ask-It-Basket Questions	September 10	October
Convention Publicity Chairperson	Updated November Assembly Flyer	September 10	October
Treasurer	Year-To-Date Financial Report (AWSC Report)	September 10	October
Group Records Coordinator	AWSC Lists	September 10	October
Delegate	Bi Monthly Article	October 10	November
Alternate Delegate	Bi Monthly Article	November 10	December
Treasurer	Year-To-Date Financial Report (Assembly Report)	November 10	December
Group Records Coordinator	AWSC Lists	November 10	December

Literature Depot – Dora J.

I have reported before that sales have been slower this year, so once again I will report the figures, forever these figures go back to when I took over this position. 8/27/13 to 10/31/16 gross profit 1,028.97 1/02/16 to 10/31/16 gross profit 4,884.40 11/10/12 to 10/31/16 gross profit 23,234.55 So you guys , groups and public outreach have done a great

job getting the Al-Anon message out. Thank you so much. I was asked at Convention about changes to an Alateen that I knew nothing about. It is part of my position that I know these things. So I begin to find out the answer And the answer is there are no changes to B-3 Alateen Hope for Children of Alcoholics. I am glad to report and thankful for the question. I have another to answer before my term is up. It has been fun to work for you since I have had this position. Thank You.

Appendix C - District Representative Reports

District 4 – Melanie E.

OVERVIEW - District 4 covers the Southwest Missouri Region going as far as West Plains. District 4 had 21 documented groups, 2 active Alateen groups and continues to host a noon meeting 365 days a year, and night meetings are available 7 days a week.

GENERAL - District 4 carries a healthy balance of over \$5,500.

Special Events. Our annual chili supper will be held Feb. 4 at St Elizabeth Ann Seton in Springfield. Keep checking the calendar on the website.

PUBLIC OUTREACH - Our district takes a meeting to the psychiatric hospitals once a month, treatment centers weekly, Greene County jail weekly, and we continue a 24 hour answering service.

ALATEEN - We have 2 active Alateen groups and we have our teens here today. We are very proud of them for their dedication and participation.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie E. DR, District 4

District 5 – Lorraine H.

District #5 is on the northwest side of the Lake of the Ozarks and consists of Benton, Henry, Johnson, Morgan and Pettis counties. There are six groups; Betterview AFG in Sunrise Beach, Gift of Hope AFG in Warrensburg, Monday Night AFG in Clinton, Sedalia AFG in Sedalia, Truman AFG in Warsaw and 12x12 Serenity Seekers in Sedalia with a total of 9 meetings. Betterview, Monday Night AFG and Gift of Hope have two meetings each.

Our groups continue to support each other and newcomers by sharing their experience, strength and hope by using CAL approved literature, the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts. The two Sedalia Groups and Warrensburg do outreach at Pathways and The Light House Rehabilitation Facilities. Other groups provide pamphlets to mental health facilities, doctors' offices and where they think they would be useful. Gift of Hope attended the AA Longtimers Meeting where Family Recovery was a recurring theme. They also provided Al-Anon flyers and cards for community members at "Project Community Connect" a day of service for the community of Johnson County, MO.

Elections were held at the Group and District levels. We have three new GRs, Scott U. of Gift of Hope AFG, Norma B. of Betterview AFG, and Beverly D. of 12 x 12 Serenity AFG. At the District level: Lorraine H. stays as DR, Sonja G. is the new Alternate DR, Sandy D. is the new Treasurer, and Norma B. is our new Secretary.

Because of the size of our district, we have decided to have our districts meeting in Sedalia and only three times a year. Winter is a bad time for us to be driving long distances.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine H.,
District Representative

District 8 – Lynn C.-R.

Wow, Panel 54 is almost over. It's been an amazing three years of supporting Al-Anon's primary purpose through service within District 8. Our membership has accomplished so much these past three years in and outside of our monthly district meetings, it would take pages and pages to share it all and I'd still miss things.

At our meetings, we laughed, shared experience strength and hope and learned about our roots through sharing's from our Archivist. We grew through a monthly presentation by a different member about one of our Guidelines and had important discussions and when necessary decisions about group, district, Area and WSO business. We nibbled on treats, made Love Gifts for our Delegate to share at the World Service conference, occasionally stubbed our toes, said goodbye to several a dear friends and hugged a lot.

We've held at least a dozen pot luck speaker events we call Flings. Our latest was in October with the theme of "Storing Up for More Serenity". Our final event of the year and this panel will be this month, a potluck and workshops we're calling "Chow and Chat". In addition, our "Big Event" this past spring was a fabulous success. We got in the car to attend the Day in Service, South Central Regional Delegates meeting, the Conflict Resolution Workshop, Conventions, AWSC and Assembly meetings and the Meet the Board event.

Public Outreach has distributed hundreds of "Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism" to doctor's offices, libraries, churches and schools over the last three years. They've had volunteers speak at a women's treatment center close to 300 times over this panel and at a second center a dozen or so times. They've had booths at Universities and High Schools in town, taken literature to our local jail. We now support Vandalia Women's prison with literature as well as their Al-Anon meeting once a month on Sunday mornings. We've served as the Al-Anon liaison for the regional Circle of Unity AA conference each year providing an Al-Anon speaker, Al-Anon host, holding mini meetings and providing literature and helped with Al-Anon meetings at the state AA convention.

Words are too small to express my gratitude for the experiences of the last three years. Thank you for this opportunity to learn, grow and serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn C-R

District 9 – Flo W.

District 9 encompasses Maryland Heights, Overland, & Bridgeton in St. Louis County. There are 6 Al-Anon meetings & 1 Alateen meeting. There are: 1 Adult Child meeting, 1 parents' meeting, 2 literature study meetings, & 3 speaker meetings.

District 9 had a potluck on Oct. 15, 2016 which was enjoyed by about 90-100 people. There were AA & Al-Anon speakers who shared powerful stories of their lives & how alcoholism affected themselves & their families.

Members of District 9 participated in the 2016 Day in Service by buying & preparing the food for lunch. Although we spent much of the time with food preparation, the Day in Service was enjoyed by many Al-Anons who participated.

District 9 is hosting a Winter Workshop entitled "Steps to a Brighter Future" on Jan 6-7, 2017. Sue from Yorba Linda, CA will speak on Fri. night & Sat. morning & afternoon. There will be break-out sessions on Sat. morning & afternoon & a soup & chili luncheon with donations accepted to Alateens.

Respectfully submitted,

Flo W., District 9 Rep.

District 13 – Sue K.

District 13 is in the West County Area of St. Louis County and includes Eureka Missouri. We have ended Panel 54 with 18 Groups with GR's listed for 12 of those groups and 9 of those groups are represented here at this assembly. Of those 18 groups seven have already elected their GR's for panel 57 and some of the incoming GR's are here in attendance as well. I am excited to report this Assembly we have the largest attendance at assembly of District 13.

We held our Elections for Panel 57 and our Panel 57 officers are as follows
District Representative-Kathy G from our Choices and Change Group
Alternate District Representative Rob G-Men's Path to Serenity
Secretary-Chuck F-Alanooners
Treasurer-Trish L-FROG group.

This has been a panel of building and solidifying for District 13:

- We established a prudent reserve
- Set policies regarding the handling of the prudent reserve, cash management, elections and duties of officers.
- We have held an Annual Potluck and Workshop each year of the Panel.
We have our Potluck Date set for 2017-February 25 please pick up a Save the Date flyer...more information will be posted on the Area web site soon.
- In our Workshops we have covered, Abandonment, Letting Go and Using our Tools of Recovery. At our Election Meeting we elected a Workshop Coordinator, Sue K, for a 3 year term to insure that this valuable tool of recovery continues. Again watch the Area Web Site for Details.
- Our public outreach to Edgewood Treatment Center continues. We alternate months with Everyday Grace from District 15 and send volunteers to the weekly meeting held for family members of patients at Edgewood. We have elected a Public Outreach Coordinator, Janet O. for Panel 57 and have established a budget for Public Outreach.
- Our Pearls of Wisdom Calendar Fundraiser continues to not only be a successful fundraiser but has also become a valuable recovery tool for many.
Each year the Calendar is a collection of favorite sayings from previous years and new sayings are added each year. We are already collecting new sayings for the 2018 Calendar. If anyone is interested in purchasing a 2017 calendar please talk to any of our district 13 members here today. The cost is 6.00 per calendar.

These are big steps forward for District 13 considering we held our first District meeting on September 28, 2010 after being inactive for 9 years. I recently read through the minutes of that meeting. There were 9 in attendance and 5 groups were represented. At our recent Election Meeting 9 groups were represented and there were 14 in attendance. Of the 14 in attendance 4 of us were in attendance at the meeting in 2010.

I would be remiss if I didn't also share a sad time for our district we lost a long time Al-Anon member and GR of Back Door Adult Children group and our Alternate DR for panel 54, Mike Gay. It was honor so serve alongside of him.

To say that I leave my time as District Representative a more rounded Al-Anon member would be an understatement. Serving as District Representative has spurred me to further study the Traditions and Concepts to insure Al-Anon principles guide my service work and decisions. I have learned what it is to be a part of the Group Conscience and to understand that Group Conscience is the leader of the District not me, Most of all it has been an act of gratitude as I have endeavored to give back to this fellowship which has given me so much and to serve the members of my District as I would like to be served.

Janet R. – District 14

District 14 Report to Fall Assembly, November 2016

District 14 is comprised of the City of St. Louis, Clayton and Richmond Heights. There are 24 meetings, which includes two newcomer's meetings and one institutional Alateen meeting.

This will be my last report as District Representative. I have seen some meetings close, and others combine over my term in Panel 54. The district has remained strong financially, continuing our annual events: a Family Picnic in June and Fall Festival in October.

This year's Fall Festival was held on October 8th, for a luncheon gathering. Laurie K. brought a bingo game which was based on the World Service Office. We learned about the different departments, and what service each one offered to members. The winner of the coverall won credit at the jewelry sale, which was once again sponsored by Southside AFG. The district provided sandwiches and members brought the rest of the goodies for lunch. Everyone in attendance shared many smiles as we enjoyed the stories of our speakers Roy P. and Karen L.

Several district members who are Group Representatives will be continuing in service as treasurer and secretary, and the tradition of our newsletter will continue with Ellen B. as editor. I am hoping that the other offices will be filled soon. Some future efforts that have been discussed are a workshop in the spring and more public outreach through the display of banners at meeting sites or neighborhood businesses. I would like to see more visits to groups that are not represented by a GR.

I personally have moved to Illinois, about 20 miles across the river from St. Louis. I will be working fewer hours in St. Louis, and hope to become more active in meetings and service closer to home. I feel that I could possibly link more of those members with their Al-Anon neighbors to the west.

I am very grateful for the experience, strength and hope of the many people I have met and worked with in Missouri Area service.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet R.
DR District 14

District 15 – Amy G.

Hello, my name is Amy G. and I am the District Representative for District 15. District 15 covers eighteen cities and villages in southwest St. Louis County. We have twenty-five Alanon Groups, one Pre-Alateen Group, and one Alateen Group.

First things first, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new GRs who are attending their first Area Assembly, Michele H. and Mary R. Always remember that this is your meeting. Alanon cannot function without participation from its GRs. I hope you find the weekend to be as energizing and exciting as I always have.

District 15 held elections at our October district meeting, and I am so excited to congratulate our incoming DR, Mary R. (not to be confused with our new GR, Mary R.) and our new Alternate DR, Cindy S. District 15 is still in need of a District Secretary and a District Treasurer.

I'm excited to announce that District 15 is planning to hold its sixth annual Holiday Workshop on Saturday, November 12 from 10:00 a.m. until noon at Concordia Lutheran Church in Kirkwood. Our Holiday Workshop is one of my favorite events of the year. We enjoy lots of fun and energy and holiday spirit. Lunch is provided by the district. Please see the flyer for more information. We hope to see you next Saturday!

Our final District meeting on December 3, 2016 will be our annual year-in-review and holiday luncheon. This is a wonderful way to thank our members for all of their hard work and enthusiasm throughout the year.

It has been an incredibly busy 3-year panel in District 15. It has been an honor to serve as the District Representative. I look forward to District 15's continued success.

Respectfully,

Amy G.
District 15 DR

Hello everyone -

District 17 covers Saint Charles county, which includes many cities and towns, with the biggest being the cities of St. Charles, St. Peters, O'Fallon, and Wentzville. There are 13 Al-Anon meetings, and two meetings for young people - one an Alateen meeting and one functioning as a Pre-Alateen meeting, and one Beginners meeting. We are fortunate to have at least one meeting every day of the week.

Our district meetings are the third Saturday of even-numbered months. We held our District elections at the October meeting and the results were very disappointing to me. We were not able to elect a District Representative or anyone to take the positions of Public Outreach or Activities. Since I began in Al-Anon there have always been picnics, workshops or other activities and outreach to the treatment facility in St Charles. I don't know now if those things will continue. And that makes me very sad; those things have helped to make this program attractive to me. The recovery I get from this program is only possible because of the fun and fellowship I found here. I have asked all in my district to prayerfully consider the future of our district and if they decide they would like to serve in one of the open positions to bring it to our December meeting. Along with my current panel of officers and committee chairs, I will

continue to do what I can to serve and encourage others, and leave the rest in the hands of our Higher Power.

The past two years we have started one small activity that will continue - a Thanksgiving gratitude walk. This is a fellowship event and not a meeting. It is a very informal gathering on Thanksgiving morning to share a little bit of Gratitude with each other, and work up an appetite with a walk along the St Charles Riverfront. I promise to be there as long as the temperature is at least 38 degrees with no precipitation. 9am at the Lewis & Clark Boathouse parking lot at the south end of the St Charles riverfront.

Respectfully submitted: Karen C. District 17 DR

District 18 – Marilyn F.

District 18 is composed of six counties in mid-Missouri – Cole, Moniteau, Miller, Osage, Gasconade and Maries.

We have six active Al-Anon groups and one Alateen group.

Several from our area attended the convention and enjoyed the speakers and the camaraderie.

A District meeting was held at which each group had an opportunity to report on how their group is going and to see if any help was needed.

At this time all of the groups have their GRs for Panel 57, and a DR for our District. We are planning to have a get-together to welcome the new GRs and thank the outgoing.

I have enjoyed my term as DR and want to thank all on this panel who have helped me in anyway. I admire all of you for your knowledge and your ability share this to further enhance the Al-Anon program.

Respectfully Submitted

Marilyn F., DR
District 18

District 26 – Cara S.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for being able to serve my district in this capacity. I am so humbled at what I am already learning and how I am growing in so many ways from this opportunity.

My district consists of Camden, Laclede, Pulaski, Phelps, Crawford and Dent counties in Missouri.

I am quite pleased to report that we have a new meeting called the Wednesday Night Al-Anon Meeting and it is on Wednesday evenings in Rolla, MO. This gives District 26 a total of ten Al-anon meetings. I am also happy to report that our district meetings are well attended by Group Representatives and members from our district and that officers of District 26 for the next panel were voted on and approved.

Recently, we went through the process of revising District 26's Guidelines and we are now more in alignment with the Al-anon Service Manual as well as our Missouri Area Al-anon/Alateen Procedures Digest.

Currently, we are in the process of deciding what District 26's Outreach Goals should be. We are doing this by asking all of the members of District 26 for input on new ideas about outreach and how best to get the message out. We will be doing this by using KBDM in deciding how best to approach outreach.

While we as a district are re-thinking outreach, some groups have continued doing Outreach on their own by setting up displays of Al-anon literature in their county library for thirty days at a time and rotating the display to a different location and library. They are also providing free Al-anon book marks for the libraries to hand out and to give away. This has been a great and inexpensive Outreach as the books were donated by various groups specifically for the display as well as the soft literature used in the display. For the month of September, which is known as Recovery Month, the display was at the Camdenton Missouri Library. It has been such a wonderful tool at getting the message out that the Library has extended the time we could use the library and that the display was still up at the time of this writing.

District 26 is also collectively coming up with new ways to enrich our district and by thinking of how best to get others involved in service.

Also, District 26 was pleased to donate a basket to be raffled for the Convention this year as well as for the Spring Assembly. I do need to amend my Spring Assembly report as I had left out two of the groups that had donated to the basket. Those groups were Sharing Serenity and Monday Lunch Bunch to which we are grateful for their participation in donating for the basket.

We are so excited about our changes and growth because we know either we are moving forwards or backwards, but there is no standing still!

Gratefully Submitted with Love in Service

Cara S.
District 26 Representative