

Minutes Fall Assembly November 3-4, 2018 Osage Beach, MO

Area Chair Sue K. opened the meeting at 10:00am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Officers in attendance: Sue K, Area Chair; Sarah S, Area Delegate; Lori H, Area Alternate Delegate; Janie F, Area Treasurer; Karen G, Area Secretary

Traditions were read by Dallas J., Concepts of Service including Warranties were read by Alicia H.

Sue K, Area Chair, explained Ask It Basket procedure and location of the basket for questions. She announced that our Area does not have District Representatives for Districts: 1, 3, 7, 10, 11, 12, 22, 24, 26, 27 & 28. She then presented a Welcome segment that outlined the purpose of the Assembly and the plan for the weekend. The evaluation for the Assembly meeting was explained.

Group Records Coordinator, Janet O. reported: 72 voting members (Group Representatives) present for Saturday. 69 voting members remained for voting on Sunday morning.

Officers Reports: (See Appendix A for full reports)

- Minutes from May 2018 Assembly were read by Karen G, Area Secretary. Michael C motioned the minutes be accepted, Sherri E seconded. Motion passed.
- Treasurer's report was presented by Janie F, Area Treasurer. Lynn CR motioned to accept the report as read, Geneva D seconded. Motion passed.
- Alternate Delegate report presented by Lori H.
- Delegate Report was presented by Delegate Sarah S in two parts. Part 1 focused on the Member Survey conducted by WSO. Sarah and Literature/Forum Coordinator Sue B also collaborated on a presentation regarding the The Forum in part 2 of the Delegate's Report.

Workshops, Discussions and Presentations (See Appendix D for more detail on some presentations):

- Group Representative Workshop by Lori H., Sarah S. and Laurie K. - Training and Resources for GR's Alternate GR's and those considering becoming a GR
- Passing the Baton of Service by Sue K, Karen G, Janet O - For DRs, Coordinators, their Alternates and other attendees
- Discussion regarding Round Robin - using Six Thinking Hats format.
- Budget Committee presentation of 2019 Budget by Janie F. (See Motions)
- Convention discussion presented by Melanie E, Michael C, and Lori H.

Motions:

(Motion 1 was passed at August 2018 AWSC. The Assembly was asked to ratify this motion)

MOTION 1: To strike the "three year trial basis" from the Area Alateen Intern Motion and make the position permanent.

Modification of 2015 Trial Basis motion on Missouri Area Alateen Intern position.

EFFECT: After passage of this motion, the 2018 modified motion would read:

Create the position of Missouri Area Alateen Intern. The Missouri Area Alateen Intern would become an elected member of the AWSC with expenses reimbursed consistent with Coordinator expenses. The person will make reports to the AWSC and Assembly and Super Sunday in the same manner as coordinators. The duties will be assigned at the discretion of the Area Chair. The Intern will serve a one year term on a calendar year basis. The position will be available to any Alateen with eighteen months consecutive Alateen membership.

Motion Ratified

MOTION 2: The Missouri Area will pay the Full Amount, \$1972, (as determined by the World Service Committee) for our Delegate to attend the 2019 World Service Conference.

Motioned by Janie F, Seconded by Amy G. **Motion Passed**

MOTION 3: The Missouri Area will advance \$500 to the Delegate for incidental expenses at the 2019 World Service Conference.

Motioned by Janie F, Seconded by Geneva D **Motion Passed**

MOTION 4: Motion to accept the 2019 Budget presented by Janie F on behalf of the Budget Committee.

Motioned by Jodi O, Seconded by Barb D. **Motion Passed**

MOTION 5: Continue the Round Robin electronic trial period through November 2019 assembly.

Motioned by Dallas J, Seconded by Sarah M. **Motion Passed**

MOTION 6: Move to Permanent posting of Round Robin online, while continuing to mail requested printed copies at full cost.

Motion by Mary L, Kenneth seconded. **Motion rendered null by passing of previous Motion (#5).**

Election:

Per the ratification of Motion 1, a new Alateen Intern was elected for calendar year 2019.

Nominees: Kenneth

Kenneth presented his service experience and was elected to the position of Alateen Intern by acclamation.

Reports: (NOTE: The person listed with the Report is the person who presented at the Assembly.)

Coordinator, Liason and Committee reports: (See Appendix B for full reports)

Area Alateen Process Person - Janet W	Alateen Coordinator - Marilyn M
Alateen Intern - Carissa	Archivist - Sarah M
Convention - Melanie E	Group Records - Janet O
Literature Depot - Mary L	Literature/Forum - see presentations list
Newsletter - Jodi O (for Cheri H)	Public Outreach - Sandi M
Registrar - Donna S.	Serenity Patrol - Sherri E
Speaker Coordinator - Geneva D	Webpage - Jodi O
Procedures Committee - Amy G	St Louis AIS Liaison - Stephanie K
KC AIS Liason - Michelle T	Convention Thought Force - Michael C
Do Not Refer Task Force - Jodi O	AMIAS Leadership Support Task Force - Audrey J
Review of Alateen Procedures Thought Force - Sherri E	

District Reports: (See Appendix C for full reports)

2 - Bonnie M	4 - Jenny F	5 - Lorraine H	8 - Elaine M	9 - Debbie S for Flo W
13 - Kathy G	14 - Ruth S for Connie L	15 - Mary R	17 - Barb K	18 - Mary N
19 - Robyn Q	21 - Ann H	23 - Michael C	25 - Diane S	

Additional notes, reports, and discussions (See Appendix D for full reports):

Prison outreach: Geneva D

SCRDM 2019 in St Louis: Geneva D

Due to additional Hotel issues during the weekend, the officers, Convention Coordinator and Alternate Convention Coordinator met with hotel's General Manager on Sunday morning. Referencing Concept 9, Delegate Sarah S announced the decision to "seek, advice and recommended directions from the WSC or other qualified sources" (pg 191 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual) regarding our contract with the hotel. These issues sparked a discussion among members, and the decision by Area Chair Sue K to announce a one day special assembly to be held in March 2019 in Jefferson City in place of AWSC meeting.

Meeting adjourned prior to 12noon with Serenity Prayer and Al-Anon/Alateen declaration.

Appendix A: Officers Reports

Delegate's Report

Greetings Missouri Area Assembly,

I can't believe how fast time flies by. This time next year we will be electing our Panel 60 trusted servant. I can't believe we are at the end of the 2nd year of this panel. I've had a busy summer. It seems like most districts were very active during the summer. I've been privileged to attend some of your events and they have been well represented and an awesome program.

Today, my report will consist of a power point on the 2018 Membership Survey and the Forum. I will also be updating you on the most recent information from the August 2018 Chairman of the Board letter. So, let's just get down to business

2018 International Convention:

Did you attend the 2018 International Convention held in Baltimore, Maryland? I believe Missouri had 10-15 attendees. The convention was an unbelievable, unforgettable experience. Do yourself a favor and start saving NOW for the 2023 International convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico. It will be epic! You do not want to miss it!

The International Convention had 4,044 attendees composed of 49 Alateen Members, 271 members of Alcoholics Anonymous, and 40 guests. This convention broke a record for attendance. The convention spanned over the 4th of July holiday. It was magical sitting on the roof of our hotel with hundreds of other members watching the sky lit up with beauty!

The convention included over 131 workshops, speaker meetings, Panel discussions, and big meetings on Friday and Saturday night! The Friday night meeting highlighted our international speakers! It was humbling listening to members from all around the world carry the very same message we carry in Missouri – our primary purpose – to help families and friends of alcoholics. Saturday night's big meeting highlighted an A.A, Alateen, and Al-Anon speaker.

I would like to give a special shout-out to Michelle T. from Kansas City. She was Missouri's lone representative in the language of love parade. It's amazing how different our perspectives can be. I was disappointed that we only had one member in the parade and Michelle stated, "She felt like a queen". She wore a t-shirt that represented Missouri and proudly waved as she represented us in the Language of Love parade. Watching this parade was an emotional experience for me! Over 500 members represented the countries and Areas! On Saturday night Debbie G., Chairman of the Board, presented the General Manager of Alcoholics Anonymous, Greg T., and the chairperson of the General Service Board, Michelle G., with a framed Resolution of Gratitude and a commemorative edition of the *One Day At A Time in Al-Anon*.

The International Convention was a culmination of over six years of hard work by our WSO office Staff and Board of Trustees. They did a phenomenal job! If you get an opportunity send them a letter of card and thank them for their hard work!

2019 World Service Conference:

The dates selected for the 2019 World Service Conference are Saturday, April 13 through Wednesday, April 17, 2019. Delegates are scheduled to arrive on Friday, April 12 and depart on Thursday, April 18. The Conference will be held at:

**Sheraton Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel
3501 Atlantic Ave.
Virginia Beach, VA 23451**

The theme for the 2019 World Service Conference:

“Action is Attraction – There is No Growth in the Comfort Zone”

Have you or your groups started thinking about sending love gifts? Love gifts are small items that can be made or printed that represents Missouri. All gifts are sent to the hotel prior to the World Service Conference. The Delegate's will open their boxes and proudly display the items that are sent to them. This is another opportunity to carry the message. I will be bringing back love gifts to share with you. Consider bringing this up in your next business meeting. Maybe your home group or district would like to have fellowship while making love gifts.

Also, I can't thank you enough for the greeting cards you have sent the last 2 years. Please continue to send cards. Every day I am overwhelmed with gratitude when I check my mailbox and see the cards you have sent me. They have been filled with words of love and encouragement. At times the Conference can be emotionally exhausting. I draw strength from the words in the cards. 2019 will be bittersweet. I can't believe this will be my last World Service Conference.

Interim Action of the Board Regarding 2019 World Service Conference:

Over the past year a Task Force of the CLT was charged with discussing the possibility of offering professional interpretation in Spanish and French during the WSC. The CLT and the Board of Trustees recognize that, while the WSC is English speaking, our WSC Structure serves three languages: Spanish, French and English. The Board realized that to remain true to its Mission and Vision Statements and Strategic Plan Priorities, it needed to look at interpretation during the WSC and how offering or not offering interpretation could impact the WSC Structure and Al-Anon as a whole. After lengthy discussion, scrutinizing of costs by our Finance Committee and seeking of guidance from our Higher Power, the Board of Trustees approved the following:

MOTION: to approve a special project to provide professional interpretation, when required, to support Spanish- and French- speaking Delegates who attend the World Service Conference. The project will start in 2019 as a three-year trial, with the annual net Conference cost of over \$100,000 to be transferred from the Reserve Fund.

DO NOT REFER AND RE-REFER UPDATE:

"Excerpt taken from the 2018 July COB letter:

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 around the potential legal and financial risk to Al-Anon Family Groups stemming from potentially dangerous and harmful situations.

Following the recommendations of our WSO Staff—the frontline workers who, on a daily basis, deal with members seeking assistance—the Board of Trustees identified the need to take proactive action to encourage Al-Anon Family Groups to discuss safety (which may entail the distribution of service materials regarding safety to all groups), and to support Areas who have created robust "Do Not Refer" policies, particularly in matters where safety and affiliation with outside entities are involved."

In 2011 and 2012, the WSC held two policy discussions related to Area "Do Not Refer" policies. Many ideas and good practices can be extracted from these conversations. The 2012 discussion offered encouragement for Areas to create these policies:

"If the Areas have a process in place and the WSO sees it as fair and balanced, then the Policy Committee would discuss whether they would have a 'Do Not Refer' policy. We may consider not referring, but not delist." (pg. 50)

Since then, several Areas have acted to create thoughtful and balanced policies and have removed meetings from local listings while maintaining their rights as groups. However, those meetings remain accessible to current or potential new members through the WSO meeting search and toll-free number.

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. This will be communicated through AFG Connects, *In the Loop* and other modes of communication as defined by the WSO.

"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*.

It is the hope of the Board of Trustees that the actions taken during our July meeting will encourage the growth of new groups and the continued strength and diversity of our current meetings. The decisions of Board of Trustees were made with the utmost of care, consideration of all factors and information and ultimately, with the guidance of our collective Higher Power.

We look forward to the discussion these decisions may bring forward within this WSC Members community and within your respective Areas.

I will post the documents regarding this history of the Do Not Refer (DNR) at the end of this report. - Sarah

Bylaws to the Corporation:

As stated in the January 2018 Chairperson of the Board Letter, while our By-Laws have been updated to reflect changes as they have occurred, the Board should also periodically review our By-Laws to ensure timely amendments are added when necessary. Our By-Laws formalize the Board's legal structure and practices. The Board's needs evolve over time, as do the external circumstances within which the Board functions. In July, the Board spent four hours reviewing recommendations from the By-Laws Task Force regarding updates and changes to the AFG, Inc. By-Laws. Our goal is to complete this review in October and approve the changes in January. A presentation of changes will be brought to the 2019 WSC.

Finance Update from the July 2018 Finance Update:

Excerpt taken from the 2018 Finance Update attached to the COB Letter:

Finance Update July 2018 Joyce B., Treasurer

“The following update is based on the unaudited financial statements for the period that ended June 30th, 2018: Change in net assets in the General Fund resulted in an operating deficit of \$59,612. The deficit is related to sluggish literature sales and expenses that only occur in the second quarter, like Conference costs and audit fees. Literature sales are expected to pick up in the third quarter.

Income:

Gross literature sales through June 2018 were \$63,800 (3%) less than sales through June 2017 and \$104,000 (5%) below budget. Contributions through June 2018 were \$68,000 lower (6%) than June 2017 but tracking \$15,000 above budget. Forum subscriptions are \$128,966; when compared with last year’s subscriptions of \$134,767, they show a decrease of 4.3%.

Expenses:

Actual operating expenses have decreased by \$47,800; they are down 1.76% from last year due to unfilled positions at the World Service Office and general timing of invoices.

Reserve Fund:

The Finance Committee Investment Philosophy is one of growth and income with a moderate risk tolerance; the Board seeks to balance potential risks with higher potential returns. We believe equities should make up a significant portion of the Reserve Fund. In keeping with the Finance Committee Philosophy of meeting at least semiannually with its investment managers, the Finance Committee met face-to-face with the investment managers in July to review its investments. Following the review, the Finance Committee agreed that its current investments are in keeping with AI-Anon’s Investment Philosophy as a whole: No changes were recommended to the Board.

Investment income includes a monthly transfer of \$17,300 from the Reserve Fund. The fair value of investments in the Reserve Fund totaled \$5,714,509 at June 30th, 2018, which represents a \$129,000 increase in value over this time last year.

Outlook:

The Finance Committee conservatively estimates each year’s income. It scrutinizes the annual budgets of estimated income and expense that are submitted by the WSO and makes revisions when necessary. With this responsibility in mind, the Finance Committee reviewed the 2018 Revised Budget as presented by the Director of Finance/Operations. While the budget was revised to demonstrate changes in expenses, the bottom line remains as presented and approved during the 2018 World Service Conference. The Finance Committee also scrutinized the recommendation from the Conference Leadership Team for estimated interpretation costs for the 2019 World Service Conference; it found the proposed costs to be financially feasible. The expectation is to have a strong year for literature sales, with new literature being introduced in July. Contributions are tracking as expected. With a very successful International Convention, the outlook is positive for the last half of the year.

Policy Committee Update from the July 2018 Committee Meetings:

Excerpts taken from the Policy Committee Update attached to the July 2018 COB Letter:

Policy Committee Update July 2018

Norm W., Policy Committee Chairperson Joan S.

Policy Committee Co-Chairperson

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

- Topics that are generated by the fellowship and discussed by the Policy Committee, along with issues or concerns that need clarification or interpretation in light of the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service
- Progress of the work done by Policy Committee Work Groups, Task and Thought Forces;
- Policy motions that will be presented to the World Service Conference (WSC) and
- Policy motions that have been passed by the WSC.

The Policy Committee approved a request from the Executive Director to invite the Associate Director—Digital Strategy to attend the Policy Committee as a resource for a trial period of one year, beginning in July 2018.

Progress was made in reviewing revised language that had been proposed for the Alateen section of the “Digest of Al-Anon/Alateen Policies” (Policy Digest). The proposed revisions reflect spiritual principles and the Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements set forth in the 2003 Board of Trustees Alateen Motion. It is hoped that this section will be completed in time for the revisions to be presented to the 2019 WSC.

Additionally, the Policy Committee continued its review of the “Membership and Groups” section of the Policy Digest. After considering recommendations from the Task Force, the Policy Committee made progress in determining which provisions should remain, which could be removed because they are strictly procedural, and which procedural sections should be revised to reflect policy. The Policy Committee’s changes will also describe the spiritual principles upon which the provisions are based.

The Electronic Meetings Work Group, previously the Electronic/Virtual Meetings Work Group, is operating under an interim charge to review existing archival material about this topic. The charge includes brainstorming ideas about how to improve our understanding of the needs and wants of electronic meetings and discussing the role the World Service Office can play in helping the members in these meetings achieve Al-Anon’s primary purpose. The Work Group will initiate its discussions in the coming weeks; its goal is to deliver a presentation of its findings at the 2019 WSC. Given the enormity and breadth of this subject, the Electronic Meetings Work Group will continue to focus on gathering additional information about electronic meetings.

The Policy Committee was provided with copies of correspondence from members raising policy issues or questioning current policy statements.

2018 Membership Survey:

THE RESULTS ARE IN FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SURVEY!! I HAVE ALSO ATTACHED THE POWERPOINT TO THE END OF THIS REPORT THAT WAS PRESENTED IN THE FIRST SESSION OF THE DELEGATE’S REPORT.

Listed below is a letter from our Executive Director, Vali F, regarding the results of the 2018 Membership Survey:

Dear World Service Conference members,

The 2018 Membership Survey responses from a record-breaking 13,395 Al-Anon members have been tallied.

Attached is the final report. We are grateful to the Al-Anon members who took the time to complete the World Service Office’s (WSO’s) twelfth membership survey.

As you review the results, please consider:

- A survey is a snapshot or environmental scan of its participants for a specific period of time (January 10, 2018 to February 27, 2018).
- The purpose of the survey is to provide professionals with evidence-based demographics and data about Al-Anon members. This information can increase their awareness of the effectiveness of our program and encourage them to refer clients and patients to us.
- Some questions were asked in a new and different way in the 2018 study. Comparison of results and responses to the same questions in previous membership survey reports would not be statistically accurate.
- Members who participated in the 2018 study are predominantly English speaking.
- The average age of female Survey participants was 61; women accounted for 85% of all Survey respondents.
- The report is only available in English because its results are primarily relevant to professionals serving English-speaking clients.
- The 2018 Survey study is designed to present a big picture of the Al-Anon fellowship.

Examples of new information:

- 76% of the members with 0 to 1 years of continuous Al-Anon attendance report improvement in their mental health
- 56% of the Survey participants were 25–48 years old when they first attended Al-Anon
- Approximately 7 in 10 members have been affected by alcoholism that spans 2 or more generations
- 58% of the members reported attending 2 or more meetings per week
- More than 1 in 4 members first heard about Al-Anon from a professional
- 78% of the Survey participants have sought professional counseling or therapy

Feel free to contact the WSO Associate Director—Professionals, claire@al-anon.org or WSO Associate Director—Digital Strategy, scot@al-anon.org if you have any questions about the report or a specific finding.

Thank you for the communication you provided to members in your Areas. Your assistance encouraged the fellowship to participate in the 2018 Membership Survey.

Yours in fellowship,

Vali F
WSO Executive Director

POSITION AT THE WSO – Group Services Specialist - Meetings:

Have you ever thought about working at Al-Anon's World Service Office? The WSO has added a new position-- Group Service Specialist - Meetings.

"Group Services Specialist – Meetings," a vital role within the Group Services Team. Group Services is information central for Al-Anon and Alateen members and potential members. The position requires 5-7 years continuous Al-Anon membership with service experience at the District or Area level and the ability to work onsite at the World Service Office in Virginia Beach. Please click on this link to see the job description al-anon.org/employment-at-al-anon.

If you enjoy answering member and potential member questions, and meeting the qualifications listed above, SEND IN YOUR RESUME!

FINAL THOUGHTS – REGARDING MISSOURI AREA ASSEMBLY:

Excerpt from pg. 198 "Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual 2018-2021":

"Now we come to the all-important attribute of vision. Vision is, I think, the ability to make good estimates, both for the immediate and more distant future. Some might feel this to be heresy. But the valuable principle of "one day at a time" really refers to our mental and emotional lives and means that we are not to repine over the past nor daydream about the future.

As individuals and as a fellowship, we shall surely suffer if we cast the job of planning for tomorrow on a fatuous idea of Providence. God has endowed human beings with considerable capability for foresight and evidently expects us to use it. Therefore, we must distinguish between wishful fantasy and thoughtful estimate. This can spell the difference between future progress and unforeseen woe.

Of course, we shall often miscalculate the future in whole or in part, but that is better than to refuse to think about it at all. The making of estimates has several aspects. We look at past and present experience to see what we think it means. From this we derive a tentative idea or policy. First, we ask how it might apply under differing conditions in the longer future. If an idea seems good, we try it experimentally, when that is possible. Later, we evaluate the situation and ask whether our estimate is working well.

At this stage, we may have to make a critical decision. Maybe our policy or plan still looks fine and is apparently doing well. Nevertheless, we ought to ponder carefully its longtime effect. Will today's advantages boomerang into liabilities for tomorrow? The temptation might be to seize the immediate benefits and forget the harmful precedents or consequences that might result.

We have found we must use these principles to estimate constantly, especially at World Service levels, where stakes are high. We must think about our service needs as they relate to general economic conditions, group capability, and willingness to contribute. We often must try to think months and years ahead.

Such is the process of estimating for the future. Responsible world leadership must be proficient in this vital activity. It is an essential ability, especially in our Trustees. Most of them should be chosen on the basis they have already demonstrated foresight in their activities for the fellowship and in their own careers.

Thank God that so many of our service leaders at all levels of operation are blessed with the attributes of tolerance, responsibility, flexibility, and vision.

Dear Missouri Assembly Members,

Concept 9 states, "Good personal leadership at all service levels is a necessity. In the field of world service, the Board of Trustees assumes the primary leadership."

This weekend we will be charged with making many decisions that will affect Missouri Al-Anon as a whole. I have spent a considerable amount of time in thought and prayer regarding some motions that will be presented to you this weekend. In my meditation time, the page above was revealed to me. I challenge you to do what my Higher Power challenged me. Insert the word Area in the place of WSC and the word Officer and Coordinator in the place of Trustee. As I replaced the words, the excerpt in this Concept immediately become much more relevant and personal.

The Panel 57 Officers and Coordinators has been charged with responsibility to make good estimates on behalf of the Missouri Area. Our Panel 57 Officers and Coordinators were elected based on our ability to make good estimates, have vision and foresight, and to be the very best trusted servants that we know how to be.

The Group Representatives are charged with the responsibility to make decisions at the Assembly for the Missouri Area. But, what happens when more information is revealed in between Assembly meetings? I believe this is where the term "trusted servant" would be applicable. The officers and coordinators have gathered more information that will be presented to you this weekend. The decision was made to gather information with the process of estimating for the future in mind. Sometimes its imperative that we have information ahead of time, so the Assembly can have the best possible chance of making an informed decision.

I can assure you the current officers and coordinators understand the process and would never do anything to intentionally harm the Missouri Area or disregard the voice of the Group Representatives. I challenge you to trust your trusted servants. It will be very clear to many of you why information was gathered as we get into the presentation about the Missouri Area convention.

The spiritual principles of our legacies continue to guide the Missouri Area officers and coordinators. I have spent several years being of service to this Area and I am privileged to serve with all the Panel 57 Officers and Coordinators. We are dedicated trusted servants who take our positions very seriously in addition to respectful financial stewards of Al-Anon's money.

Our Service Manual challenges us to be guardians of the traditions. Are you a guardian of the Traditions? Every decision has been made with this concept in mind. We have a responsibility to protect Al-Anon Family Groups of Missouri.

Thank you for your continued love and support. It is truly an honor and privilege to serve as your Panel 57 Missouri Area Delegate.

Love In Service,

Sarah S
Panel 57 MO

Support Material for Do Not Refer (DNR):

Policy Discussion – Do Not Refer (2011 WSC) Extract from the 2011 World Service Conference Summary

The Policy Committee Chairperson opened the session by stating, "Several Al-Anon districts, Al-Anon Information Services, or Areas have made the decision to discontinue listing a group that has been determined not to reflect Al-Anon principles or procedures. For purposes of this discussion, the term 'delist' is defined as 'remove from a printed or electronic meeting list as published by an Area.' The delisted group would still actively participate in all links of service, with voice and vote.

"The Policy Committee discussed whether or not the World Service Office (WSO) should get involved in an Area's dispute with a group, when the Area maintains that the group is acting in violation of Al-Anon's Traditions. The Policy Committee has discussed the issue, including what the Al-Anon entity has done or might do to eventually relist the group.

"The WSO's philosophy is to provide meeting information for all 'active' status groups in the WSO database to callers on the toll-free meeting line. In 1996, when the WSO moved to Virginia Beach, the toll-free meeting line was for members to call for meeting information when they were travelling, etc. (The meeting information was formerly published in the World Directory that was sent to groups.)

“Districts, Al-Anon Information Services, and Areas provide local meeting information in hard copy formats and on their Web sites. The WSO Public Outreach Web site provides a link to Area Web sites, most of which contain local meeting information. Persons using the WSO Web site would be referred to the meetings listed on those Area sites.

“The topic of removing a meeting from a list (and eventually reinstating it) has been referred to the Conference for discussion, in order that we can all gain a better understanding of what Areas have done and what the philosophy behind such decisions might be.”

Conference members focused on three sets of questions. If your Area has a delisting criteria and procedure, please share that with us. Specifically, what principles were discussed when making the decision to delist?

Who makes the decision not to list or refer members to a group? How does your Area feel about this decision/process? For everyone present, please share your feelings about deciding not to refer to a group?

Comments:

- District Representatives visited the groups and discussed the Traditions. Groups that changed their name and/or agreed to abide by the Traditions were reinstated.
- My Area has a couple of very strong high-pressure groups, four of which were delisted by the Intergroup. These groups control everything in your life. The groups were given a list of violations and a list of things to do to correct the violations. It is unfortunate that there is no policy in our Area. Rather than address the list of violations, the groups filed an appeal. Area Do Not Refer & Re-Refer Policy Development Resources Page 7
- A group is using adult children literature. The District Representative (DR) requested to delist the group, but instead the Area sent the DR to talk with the group and offer an option of being an adult child group outside of Al-Anon or an Al-Anon group. The group held a group conscience and decided to comply and remain an Al-Anon group. While traveling once, I called the WSO’s toll-free number and went to a meeting where the only literature used was the A.A. “Big Book.”
- Our Officers and Coordinators are trying to come up with a process so that the Assembly can vote on this.
- We have no official procedure, but a District Representative brought this concern to the Area World Service Committee. It was suggested that the DR go back to the group. The group did not comply; the Area decided to delist the group.
- The district is informed of the problem and the District Representative visits the group three times, attempting to educate and talk with members, and encourage the members to have a group conscience. After three visits, the group is told that if they do not comply, they will be delisted.
- Our current panel went to the high-pressure meetings and became “regulars.” After three months, we began to talk and encourage them to reconsider. We have drafted criteria created by the Group Records Coordinator and we sent these to the groups. We have invited these members to the district meetings to have a direct conversation with them.
- We found that reaching out to the group and bringing the members back to the Traditions works. We need the support at the WSO to deal with the problem.
- One individual who made up the actual meeting directory on her own refused to list a particular meeting based on her own opinion. I find it very scary and do not feel we can survive governing our groups.
- We are moving toward electronic group registration and we ask District Representatives to contact groups that are inactive to see if they are still active. One member in another group took it upon herself to delist a meeting and process it through the WSO. I

If your Area has criteria and procedures for relisting a group that has been delisted, please share that. How are the principles applied? Who makes the decision? Have you worked through this process? What was the result? What are your Area’s thoughts about this decision/process? Then everyone, please share your thoughts about a process to relist a group that has been delisted.

Comments:

- We keep the channel of communication open with the Group Representative. The Group Records Secretary (Coordinator) is the link to that group. In order to be re-listed, the Officers and Coordinators write a letter listing the changes needed and ask the group if they are willing to change. The Group Records Secretary visits the group to observe and check to see if the Area Do Not Refer & Re-Refer Policy Development Resources Page 8 group is in compliance with the Traditions. In order to get the meeting re-listed, there is a process of visiting the meeting and keeping in contact with the Group Records Secretary.

- There is a concern surrounding an Al-Anon group that has decided to rewrite the preamble and Steps. A District Representative visited and spoke to the group, but then she resigned. Several Area Officers spoke with the Group Representative, but there have been no changes. There seems to be a lot of fear involved in taking the group off the list. We need to establish guidelines at the Area and have WSO as a backup.
- The fulltime person who works in the (AIS) office probably uses her discretion in referring a member or newcomers to meetings. We do tell newcomers to try six to 12 different meetings. I have a concern about the Al-Anon police image that may be created by such a process.
- I changed home groups due to my schedule. When deciding on a new group, I looked at what group really needed help. I began to attend that group regularly. "Let It Begin with Me."
- Sometimes Past Delegates think they can "fix it," but they are really the "big thumb." I would like guidelines, so I don't go from one end of the spectrum to the other. I am looking for balance. I believe we should give the group an opportunity to vote, define what they want to be, and move forward.
- When there is a problem in an Alateen meeting, I have a clear set of guidelines to follow. I don't have this when dealing with Al-Anon meetings. I need this so my personality is taken out of it and I can refer to the Service Manual. I need action steps to take when groups are in violation of the Traditions. The Alateen process was hugely painful for our Area, but we passed it unanimously. Are we not just as important? When I came into Al-Anon, I was a walking 13 -year -old in a 30 -something -year -old body. Do we not deserve the same respect?
- We are trying to encourage people who are using the Traditions to stand for service positions.

What, if anything, might the World Service Office do to support Areas in regards to referring members, newcomers, and professionals to groups that an Area has determined do not follow Al-Anon's principles?

Comments:

- I would like it inserted in the "Digest of Al-Anon/Alateen Policies." The WSO sends a letter of welcome to every group. A letter could be composed by WSO stating that a group is not following Al-Anon principles, therefore, the group has been marked as "Do Not Refer."
- We need a Task Force to draw up guidelines.
- I suggest members study Warranty Four under Concept Twelve because there is great information that does empower local entities.
- The sponsorship bookmark worked really well; maybe one could be created for this topic.
- I need clarification. When someone goes on the WSO Web site looking for a meeting, they are forwarded to an Area Web site. If they phone WSO, does WSO look on-line? Area Do Not Refer & Re-Refer Policy Development Resources Page 9
- If WSO makes up guidelines, could they take this information about delisting only from one person in the Area?
- My Area does not have the resources to follow up. If we have guidelines, who is responsible for checking up on these groups within the Area? I am concerned that there needs to be clear definition of how to relist this group.
- Personalities are driving some of these decisions and deciding what is "good" Al-Anon. Some objective criteria would be valuable.
- I like the idea about guidelines, but I prefer a Thought Force appointed to provide information and maybe a PowerPoint presentation for the Delegates to use. If I have tools, then my job as Delegate is to help people understand that this is a collective group conscience, not a WSO tool.
- Sending a letter to the group seems to create more of an "us and them" atmosphere and this affects Al-Anon/Alateen as a whole, as well. The Traditions are about "obedience to the unenforceable," so we have to be careful of our motives, when we do it, how we do it. I would appreciate a tool that helps me walk through this.
- This does affect us all and Al-Anon as a whole. Delisting does not mean the group is not registered as an Al-Anon group, it just means the meeting is not referred to newcomers. I would like to see WSO support the Areas that have had to delist. If we are the Al-Anon police, then so be it. It's our name and program we are protecting. I've seen too many of these people ruin people and ruin Al-Anon. This is an urgent issue and an incredibly important issue. Please support those entities that have had the courage to take a stand.
 - In regard to talking about the development of a guideline, let us remember that sometimes those closest to the group can be part of the problem.
 - I am hoping that the WSO will look at the broad picture that these people are doing something right, that they are attracting people for some reason. When I was a newcomer, I was grateful for the person who told me what

to do because I couldn't make a decision to save my life. We didn't call them Al-Anon police, we called them "oldtimers." I don't mind reflecting back and taking my own inventory. Why is this successful? We're trying to better understand why this is working.

- We decided in our Area that the District Representative would get a buddy and visit these groups. This is everyone's responsibility, not just WSO's. If something seems wrong, it needs to be addressed.

Area Do Not Refer & Re-Refer Policy Development Resources Page 10 Policy Discussion – Do Not Refer (2012 WSC) Extract from the 2012 World Service Conference Summary

The Policy Committee Chairperson opened the session by stating, "At the 2011 World Service Conference, Delegates shared their Areas' experiences with, and concerns about groups that the Areas believe are operating outside of the Legacies. This discussion was about groups that do not use Conference Approved Literature, high pressure groups, groups with only dual members, etc. Some Areas have addressed their concerns about these groups and the potential impact on newcomers by delisting them from Area, Al-Anon Information Service, or district meeting schedules. As a result of the delisting, some Areas have requested that the World Service Office support their decision by applying a code so that callers to the toll-free meeting line would not be referred to these groups. This topic is designated as 'Do Not Refer.'

"It is important that Area policies concerning these groups are based on the Al-Anon principles, the Twelve Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of Service. This is best accomplished through a group conscience with the input of the groups, districts, and Assemblies. Through this dialogue we allow a Higher Power into our deliberations by listening to everyone's viewpoints. We are all important voices when it comes Area Do Not Refer & Re-Refer Policy Development Resources Page 11 Conference members focused on these topics from the worksheet: The principles Areas can use to discuss and develop policies for groups not adhering to the Legacies. The principles the Area can use to support groups to successfully follow the Legacies.

- Principles above personalities. Groups that set themselves above the group conscience of Al-Anon Family Groups as a whole are acting as a personality rather than abiding by the principles. There's an ego factor when a group says, "We can do whatever we want."
- There needs to be a neutral, clear guideline so there isn't a subjective method of making such decisions. Example: you have to use CAL. Once you're in grey areas of interpretation, you have opened the door to people to impose their personal views and personalities get involved.
- Presume goodwill. Use dialogue; we're not the Al-Anon police.
- Tradition Four allows a group to continue to operate outside of the Traditions as long as they are not using the Al-Anon name.
- While it's important to presume goodwill, groups in our Area have been given the option of registering with the WSO within six months. We need to educate the groups about our policies and Traditions.
- We struggle with dual members and sponsorship. We had some groups delisted. Our solution is to look at cooperation with A.A.
- It would be very difficult to define what affects Al-Anon as a whole. Look at the Three Obstacles to Success and study the Four Primary Ideas. I need to change my attitude, my actions. We keep gifts by sharing them with others.
- Tradition Ten suggests that A.A. is an outside issue at Al-Anon meetings. When our singleness of purpose is compromised, this creates a lack of unity and dilutes my program, it erodes my spiritual base. Always remain democratic in thought and action, unless effecting Al-Anon as a whole.
- I refer to Concept Four. I began attending an Al-Anon Adult Children meeting and got to know the members of this very weak group. We held a business meeting because people were changing the words when reading the Steps. I became a part of the meeting before suggesting changes. I like the word "inform" rather than "educate."
- I use Warranty Three, Warranty Four, and Tradition Five. Whenever a group problem appears, it should not be one person who takes a look at that and throws it out. Those of separate opinions should review the actions. We do not set ourselves up as judge/punisher.
- I use Concept Four. I would recommend not cutting off these groups but continue to communicate with and visit the groups. Otherwise, we'll never know if they changed.

- An Area needs to be careful how it approaches a meeting that is breaking a Tradition. If the Area is laying down a law and trying to control, the Area may come off as being something the members of the meeting do not want to be a part of. Area Do Not Refer & Re-Refer Policy Development Resources Page 12
- Our district is in the process of doing an inventory because of the use of outside literature in meetings. Using A.A. literature is really an endorsement of A.A. in our meetings. I need to be willing to be uncomfortable.
- I visit the meeting and attempt to reason things out with one another. I may say, "What you're doing is lovely, just don't call it Al-Anon." I try to provide a clear, concise, and kind explanation on what I perceive as the problem and I let them know what they need to do in order to be relisted.
- Warranty Five states that no member can be expelled from our fellowship.
- The spiritual principle that comes to mind is the sharing as equals. I didn't know how to be an equal. The act of dominance is what strikes me. People find their voice in service, some more than others. Combining that with the responsibility of being a trusted servant reminds me it is sharing as equals.
- I need to use all the Traditions, and all of each Tradition. Anything that the group does that affects one or more member, affects Al-Anon as a whole. If I use the Tradition to judge them, I need to also use the Traditions to judge my response.
- The Group Services Department hears about the groups' problems. We need to consider all of our Legacies. We need to not be personally punitive as stated in Warranty Four. We need to remember anonymity. There was a problem with an Alateen Group Sponsor and there were members who wanted the WSO to ban that Alateen Group Sponsor from ever being allowed to sponsor an Alateen group again. The WSO suggested those members share the name of the Alateen Group Sponsor with the Area, so that the decision could be made locally, and not by the WSO.
- Are we supposed to be creating a "Do Not Refer" policy in our Area? That is up to your Area's autonomy to decide.
- Weren't there talking points in the works for Delegates to take to their Area? Yes, that's what this discussion is about. We jumped ahead of ourselves last year and realized we needed to look at the principles of the policy before composing talking points. This discussion will help us to look at what those should be to help the Areas.
- It is important to avoid public controversy. Don't get so focused on correcting the bad meetings. Remember our Higher Power and have faith that even the bad meetings can't ruin Al-Anon and even bad meetings have a Higher Power.
- The Policy Committee is asking you to take this discussion back to your Area and have a discussion on how to handle groups operating outside of the Legacies. To clarify for those who weren't here the last few years, this is a topic that came from the Delegates, not the WSO. We asked what practices did the Area have in place to delist the groups and what the groups need to do to be relisted. If the Areas have a process in place and the WSO sees it as fair and balanced, then the Policy Committee would discuss whether they would have a "Do Not Refer" policy. We may consider not referring, but not delist. The WSO was trying to get the talking Area Do Not Refer & Re-Refer Policy Development Resources Page 13 points for the Areas that need help to develop a policy, but the WSO is certainly not demanding anything. At this point, the WSO does not have a policy in place. The WSO continues to serve all groups.
- How does the WSO find out when a group is not registered? The Area notifies the WSO. Some Areas have a policy that the meeting won't be put on a meeting schedule until they are registered. This is a question of local autonomy.

Alternate Delegate Report:

Hi, I'm Lori H, Missouri Area Panel 57 alternate delegate . . .

I cannot believe we are here at November Assembly already. I've really gotten involved in the Alternate Delegate duties this whole year and have enjoyed every minute of it.

First topic I'd like to share is the Road Trip with your Board that I attended in Houston just a few weekend ago. This is not an official duty of the Alternate Delegate, and I do that trip personally, but really feel better acquainted with the WSO getting to attend the Meet the Board events. There were two of us attending, myself and Laurie Kleen. The topics covered by the Board at the one day meeting were:

- Overviews of the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee
- Spiritual Breakouts of various topics like non-English speaking group challenges, best ways for groups and Areas to encourage cooperation with AA, use of literature in group meetings, personal and service sponsorship and the table where I was sitting discussed the challenges of underrepresented groups and rural area groups.
- In the afternoon there was a demonstration of the WSO website, a KDBM session on work groups, thought forces and Task Forces.
- Throughout the all-day meeting it was awesome to hear sharings from trustees and board members remembering that they too are members just like all of us.

Next subject for information to the Assembly is the need for a district or districts wanting to sponsor the Day in Service for 2020. This is the first year of the new panel and for the Alternate Delegate walking into the position behind me, it's my intention to have the district in place to work with as that was done for me. Please think about and vote at your district meetings to sponsor the Day In Service. This last year's event was fun and I'm ready to help and ease the burden. I'll run the meetings and coordinate so that all needed will get done. I have a handout to take home to your district and groups with all of the information. I look forward to working with District 3 to plan and execute the Day in Service for June 2019. More to come on that.

This last summer over the July 4th holiday, I did attend the international convention in Baltimore, MD, and what fun I had. The convention was enormous in attendance and I really felt the power greater than all of us in the international speaker meeting after the Love Parade in a room with 4,000+ people. It was awesome! I plan on attending the internationals in the future. The next convention is in five years, so stay tuned. It would be great to have all of us attending from the Missouri Area take part in the Love Parade and represent our Area as the "Show Me State."

I also was a part of the planning committee for the AA Convention held in August at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. We had a great AI-Anon Speaker and a few other mini meetings. If you're going next year, we have Geneva that will be speaking at the Saturday AI-Anon meeting. It was fun being a part of the planning committee and as alternate delegate that is part of the duties and to have fun while you're doing it. 😊

My husband and I did attend the AI-Anon convention here in September and there will be more to come on the situation at hand, but the speakers were great and a big thanks to the whole convention committee who put on a great convention.

Thanks for allowing me to be your alternate delegate.

Grateful in Service,

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori H, Your Alternate Delegate

Missouri Panel 57

Treasurer's Report

Hi Fellow Al-Anon Members, I'm Janie F, your current Area Treasurer. Thank you for allowing me to be of service to you and all Al-Anon members in the Missouri Area.

The treasurer's report copies are on the table when you first come in. The Quarterly Year End for 2018 is on the back of the report. October financials are complete.

The beginning balance on January 1 was \$10,418.76 and the ending balance at the end of October was 16,159.95. The \$4,500 was transferred from the checking account to the reserve fund in September. Reserve Fund, beginning balance on January 1 was 8,997.73 and ending balance October 31 is \$13,527.86.

The correct address for contributions is listed the Round Robin. If you have any questions, my contact information is at the end of this report. When your group, district, or AIS office makes a contribution to the area, they are published monthly in the Round Robin which serves as your receipt. If your group/district wants a separate receipt, please include this information when sending a contribution and a receipt will be mailed or emailed to you. Thank you groups, districts, AIS offices and individuals for your contributions and continue support. This is your area and it serves you.

An appeal letter for Area Contributions will be forthcoming in January either through email or Round Robin per the Procedure Digest, ***P 17 under General Duties for Officers and Coordinators, the Treasurer writes an appeal letter for Area contributions from groups for January, May and September.*** I am so grateful to the groups and districts that continue to contribute to the area on an ongoing basis.

A Financial Audit of the Treasurer's Books will be scheduled and conducted in 2019 by the Financial Audit Committee.

Expense sheets are on the table next to me if anyone needs them for reimbursement. Please try to get them to me as early as possible as I will try to process them before the end of Assembly on Sunday. If the area treasurer receives an expense from 2018 in 2019, it is documented against the 2019 budget. If you can provide those expenses or income to me before end of December, they will be part of the 2018 financial report. Once all expense and income are documented, the 2018 actuals can be reviewed against the 2018 budget amount.

The 2018 Convention Synopsis Financial Report is listed below. The convention had a deficit of \$282.40; the deficit would have been larger if all approved expenses had been reimbursed.

2018 Convention Synopsis:				
Income:				
Registrations, Banquet, Hospitality Donations:				\$7,178.00
Raffle Income				\$ 1,431.00
Total Income:				\$ 8,609.00
Expenses:				
Hospitality expenses				\$671.63
Speakers & Conv Cmtee Transportation & Meals				\$3,896.72
Hotel expenses				\$934.45
Other Expenses:				\$3,388.60
Total Disbursements:				\$ 8,891.40
Profit/(Deficit):				\$ (282.40)

I look forward to the 2019 convention and seeing you there. Remember, the convention is your convention and it is supported by the area members.

Respectfully submitted, Janie F, MO Area Panel 57 Treasurer, email: area31afgtreasurer@gmail.com; cell:
(phone removed for Web version)

Appendix B: Coordinator, Liaison and Committee Reports

Alateen Intern

Presented, not submitted

Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP)

Since we met at the May Assembly:

All Alateen Group updates were returned. It was exciting to once again see the 100% return. All updates were completed. There are 2 groups who moved location and that has been changed on the web sites. There are currently 12 registered Alateen groups in Missouri comprised of 8 regular Alateen groups, 2 younger age Alateen groups, and 1 Alateen institution meeting.

AMIAS recertification for 2018 was completed by the WSO deadline keeping Alateen active in the Missouri Area. The Missouri Area has 76 current AMIAS.

If any AMIAS has any personal information such as address, phone, name change etc, during the rest of this year please remember to submit a new WSO form (form with the boxes) with the changes and send directly to me.

2019 Annual AMIAS re-certification will start the end of March. All current AMIAS will receive an email sometime in March from me with re-certification information. If you have questions on re-certification or background check reports, get with me during this weekend or contact me later. If you do not re-certify by the recertification deadline you are moved to inactive status. If you wish to become active again you would apply as a new AMIAS.

Background checks: At the August AWSC my report addressed and gave the information on the current background checks done in the Missouri Area. This information was also in the Round Robin. Feedback was requested for the following questions: 1. Are we satisfied with the current process used by the Missouri area for background checks. 2. Is it sufficient to comply with the 2003 Motion? 3. Is additional information needed/wanted to be researched and brought to the Nov Assembly to be reviewed by the assembly concerning National background checks and cost?

Feedback received indicated that we as an area are taking every reasonable effort to be as efficient as we are. The current methods are also cost effective for our members. So at this time, no further research done.

The third Missouri Area **SMA-ART** (Supporting Missouri AMIAS-Annual Recommended Training) Weekend will be held Feb 15-16-17, 2019. It is a great way to sharpen up your knowledge and share experience, strength and hope with other AMIAS in the Area. You do not have to be a current AMIAS to attend. Registration flyers are on the tables in the foyer and is posted on the Area Web Site and will be in the Round Robin. So, mark your calendars and come join us in supporting our Missouri AMIAS.

Thank you to the Kansas City AIS for providing the AMIAS training held at Blue Springs on Sept 9th. If your District, Group or combination of those would like to host an AMIAS training this next year, please let me know.

Remember new AMIAS are always needed. If you are not currently certified and would like to know more about how you can be of service to the Alateens at the group, district and area levels, contact me. There are many ways to serve.

If anyone has any questions, my contact information is in the Round Robin.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the Missouri Area.

Janet W

Missouri AAPP Panel 57

Alateen Coordinator Report

The second year of our panel is ending with a recent request to start an Alateen group in Branson. The request is the result of communication from WSO who had met an employee of Cox Hospital in Branson at a conference. She is a community contact who has received requests from local schools saying that Alateen is a need they

identify. An Al-Anon member from Branson has talked to this professional and to District 4 representative Jenny. At the next district meeting of in November, they will discuss ideas to start an Alateen meeting in Branson. I will pass along some information on starting Alateen meetings in schools to Jenny to help start that discussion. At this time there are no AMIAS in the Branson area who are certified AMIAS so that will be step one of the process.

For those of you who attended the 2018 Al-Anon Convention in September, you know how much the teens were involved in the program. We hope you all enjoyed their participation as much as they enjoyed interacting with all of you. At the convention the annual Step Eleven fundraiser was started. If your group or district did not get any fliers for the fundraiser, please let some of us AMIAS help you get some. The money collected helps pay for our annual camp called CBAT, meaning Come Be a Teen, in April.

At CBAT each year we have a writing workshop where the teens write or draw pictures about their Alateen experience. These are then sent to WSO for consideration in the quarterly publication called Alateen Talk. The summer edition had sharings from several of our Missouri teens. There are a few out on the registration table for you to pick up to see how valuable Alateen is in the lives of our teens.

I would like to end this report by thanking all of you for supporting the Alateens during the year like you do. The contributions of the white elephant gifts for CBAT; financial support through the Step Eleven Fundraiser; serving as AMIAS in Alateen groups, fundraisers, Serenity Patrol; donating to our craft table at Day in Service; and even contributing unused banquet tickets at Convention so that all the Alateens at Convention could attend the banquet, we thank you. Missouri Alateens really feel part of Al-Anon.

If you have any questions or suggestions, you can find my contact information in the Round Robin every other month, most recently in the October issue.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn M, Area 31 Alateen Coordinator

Archives Report

A few months back, I was asked about the One Day at a Time slogan...Where it came from and when it first appeared in our literature? (The member had been to a memorial service where the words were changed to "For today Only" and then our exact wording from each saying on our bookmark.)

I thought it was a great question.. I knew it was in *Alcoholism, the Family Disease* Booklet early on, although the wording is different. Also when I first came in 1978, it was in our first book, *Al-Anon Family Groups*, first published 1955. Though I wondered if that book contained the slogan chapter in 1955 when first printed. So, I checked the Classic edition, and found that the slogan chapter was added in 1960.

Next, I e-mailed the WSO, with my unanswered questions. I might have just referred the member to the WSO for the answer, but since I was so personally curious, I decided to do it myself.

(This was the first and only piece of literature I received in my first meeting, and I was so impressed with just this small introduction to the program.)

I got a very nice, quick response from Joe T, WSO Archivist. I was then asked to fill out a long questionnaire on the web site regarding specific information needed, and how it would be used as well as how my request served Al-Anon as a whole.

After giving even more information, I got an e-mail back saying he had coordinated the work with the Associate Literature Director, Tom C. The work would be completed at a certain date—in less than 3 weeks.

In less than a week, I got an email response saying the research had already been done in 2009 by Associate Director-Literature and used in Dec. Forum.

In 2009, the slogan had its 55th anniversary, so next year in 2019 it will be **65 years** in our use.

It is significant that we have also celebrated this year our first daily reader book: ODAT at 50 years!

I have a slide of this information from that Forum issue.

We are also working on researching by request, some information for the Convention Thought Force.

Loretta says hello, but is sadly unable to be here this weekend.

Sarah M
Archives

Convention Coordinator Report

Hello everyone. I would like to begin my report by saying, despite some obstacles we are deeming this past Convention a success. The evaluations and personal comments to the committee are greatly appreciated, and we are grateful for being able to bring you a fun-filled weekend of recovery.

What I want to accomplish with this report is to give you some background as to why we are presenting new bids. Back in May when we were trying to get bids, according to the Procedures Manual we were limited to a 50 mile radius. Many hotels wouldn't respond or were so far out of our price range it would not have been feasible to present them. In May you voted to open up the opportunity to get bids from around the state. Due to what we observed at Convention this year, Michael and I shared our concerns with the officers. A conference call was arranged immediately following Convention, and the decision was made to have a meeting with the management at the hotel. After this meeting we thought it might be a good idea to try and obtain bids from around the state and present them to you.

We are only talking of moving the Convention, not Assembly. In order to do this we would have to redo our Contract with Grand Glaize and that cannot be done without a motion voted on by you.

We are in no way attempting to override a previous vote. The ultimate decision is yours and yours alone. If you wish to stay at Grand Glaize that is wonderful. We just wanted to present options to you.

We are working hard to bring you great Conventions by giving you the choices because you are Convention.

The committee will be voting on the theme for the next convention. There is a box in the foyer, with slips for your ideas. We will announce the winner tomorrow and that person will receive a free registration to next years Convention.

The committee is also looking for a entertainment chair and a decorations chair. If you are interested please let Michael or know.

I know there is a lot being thrown at you. Please take the time to read over the information. Talk to others, reason things out, ask the hard questions and know that our higher power will guide us.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie E, Convention Coordinator

GROUP RECORDS COORDINATOR

Hello Missouri Area,

Following the May Assembly, group record updates were not very busy until at the end of summer, when the World Service Office sent all the groups in Missouri their "Annual Update" request. Many groups have already sent their updates to WSO.

However, the "Annual Update" can also be sent back to the Area Group Records Coordinator, instead of the WSO, for updating. As a matter of fact, the WSO would prefer that the group's "Annual Update" be returned to the Area Group Records Coordinator for updating. Therefore, I'm asking the District Representatives and Group Representatives to let your group(s) be aware of this option. And, if your group has NOT returned their Annual Update to WSO, please send it to me at my address set forth below.

(Address removed for Web Posting)

Please keep your group's information as current as possible for the Newcomer seeking an Al-Anon meeting—especially during the upcoming Holidays.

As of October 28, 2018:

- The Missouri Area has 221 registered active Al-Anon groups and 11 active Alateen groups. With some of those Al-Anon groups meeting more than one day a week, the Area has 284 Active Al-Anon meetings every week. There will be 1 new meeting in District 2 starting December 6, 2018.
- Of our 26 districts, 15 (58%) have DR's.
We are still looking for DR's in districts: 1, 3, 7, 10, 11, 12, 22, 24, 26, 27 and 28.
- Of our 221 Al-Anon groups 142 (64%) have registered voting GRs.

Submitted by: Janet O.

Literature Depot

I don't have a lot to report since we were last together at Convention. I have had very few mail orders since Convention, however, sales at Convention were great. We took in \$2992.93. \$608.43 of that was from credit card sales. I felt that the credit card process went smoothly and I want to thank Janie for all of her to get that taken care of. Sales from the AA Convention in Jefferson City in early August brought in \$656.84. Another thank you to everyone who stopped by the table to chat or to help sell, set up or tear down. I really appreciate all of the help. Also, I need to thank Michelle for taking care of bringing the literature orders to AWSC in August. My husband and I had an opportunity to spend some very needed quality time together and Michelle didn't hesitate when I asked her to fill in.

The cutoff date for the 2019 Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism magazine has been set by WSO at 5 p.m. ET, on February 6, 2019. The magazines will be shipped by April 1, 2019. If you would like to order your AFAs through me and have me bring them to Assembly in May, please contact me prior to Feb. 6.

Prior to the end of the year I am going to ask my inventory elves to help me count inventory and switch over to a new, internet based sales system. As I've mentioned before, our software now is saved on a flash drive and is between 10 & 15 years old. I don't foresee any issues, but if you have any questions, please contact me.

I appreciate the privilege to serve you. Thanks

Mary L Missouri Area Literature Depot Coordinator

area31litdepot@gmail.com

Literature/Forum (presented with Sarah S as part of Delegate report):

Summary of presentation:

The Forum began as a monthly newsletter in 1954 titled *Al-Anon Family Groups Forum*. In 1978 it expanded into a magazine with its current title. The title was the result of a request to the fellowship from Cofounders Lois W. and Anne B for suggestions. It was adapted from the title of a newsletter for early family groups, *The Family Forum*, that Ruth G. of San Francisco began in the 1940s and discontinued shortly after the Clearing House (our first World Service Office) began.

As it states on page 113 of the *2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*, “*The Forum* can be used, and is encouraged to be used by members and groups for meetings. *The Forum*, as a concept, is Conference Approved...” Due to time constraints, it is not possible for each issue of *The Forum* to follow the full procedure that our Conference Approved Literature does, but each sharing received is reviewed by a volunteer committee for fidelity to the Al-Anon program and principles. Articles from *The Forum* make excellent meeting topics and can generate a lively group discussion!

In *The Forum*, Al-Anon and Alateen members share their challenges, insights, and progress along their paths of self-discovery and spiritual growth. It has been a vital part of recovery for many members. As the monthly magazine of Al-Anon Family Groups, *The Forum* serves as a reflection of the current state of the fellowship. It is often the first place where members share about breakthrough topics, like the effects of having grown up with alcoholism (first included in the 1970s), alcoholism and sexual abuse (first included in the 1980s), as well as alcoholism and grief (first included in the 1990s).

Your Group Representative is also your *Forum* Representative. As your group’s *Forum* Representative, your Group Representative encourages individual members and your group to subscribe to *The Forum*, as well as to submit sharings and photos to the magazine and to use it for meeting topics. For more information, read *Tips for GRs as Forum Representatives* (F-2) at al-anon.org/pdf/F2.pdf.

The Forum shares stories from members at all stages of recovery and all walks of life. It also keeps us informed about new literature, policy changes, valuable resources for carrying our message, and ideas for keeping our groups strong and thriving. The *Talk to Each Other* section is a way for members to receive feedback from other members regarding topics that concern them.

Social Media is the new wave of communications used to reach potential Al-Anon members. *The Forum* provides approximately 70% of the content on our Facebook pages, so it’s very valuable in terms of our public outreach efforts. Additionally, three *Forum* sharings are posted on Al-Anon’s website, al-anon.org, each month to attract newcomers. It helps spread our message faster than conventional methods previously used. Our Al-Anon social media platform is available in English, French, and Spanish. Our Alateen platform is currently English only.

Stories in *The Forum* come from our members. Have you considered submitting a sharing?

The Forum magazine is always in need of sharings, particularly those aimed at newcomers, as well as sharings about the three Legacies (Twelve Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of Service), and from Alateen members and Alateen Group Sponsors. Readers are encouraged to send in not only articles, but photographs, as well, to al-anon.org/forumshare

On our website, al-anon.org, you can order *The Forum*, Conference Approved Literature, submit sharings, and photos to be considered in future *Forum* issues. Our many great departments make *The Forum* possible along with Group Representatives, who are representatives of the magazine, so it is important that we discuss it and encourage readership, subscriptions, and submissions.

How has *The Forum* helped you with your recovery?

Respectfully submitted,

Sue B, Literature/Forum Coordinator

Newsletter

Hello everyone sorry I could not be with you this weekend, I am home sick. At the May Assembly I made a motion and based on those passed motions the following changes have been made to how the Round Robin will be published and distributed for a six-month trial period which the of the trial is the November Assembly.

- The Round Robin will no longer be mailed to the groups and subscribers via bulk mailing.
- The Round Robin will be posted on the Missouri Area Website on the first of each month behind a password-protected page. Articles should be submitted by the 15th of the previous month.

I had been experiencing many issues with bulk mailing the newsletter, which led to the motions. Prior to the May assembly, I experienced issues with the United States Post Office and the Missouri Area's bulk mailing contract was cancelled. They said that I filed manually and not electronically which was a breach of the contract, I had been going on the web site and doing the same thing I had always done, so I thought. The only option was to pay the post office an additional \$250.00 to mail the May issue. Which would have reinstated our contract with the bulk mailing system. Rather than pay the fee the May Issue of the Round Robin was picked up from the Post Office and distributed at May Assembly. The Assembly was asked to decide on how to move forward.

I reported this at the May assembly and the following decisions were made by a vote of the Group Representatives. Below are the motions as they appeared in the May Assembly minutes:

- *MOTION 4: This Missouri area approves the creation and use of a password protected page on the Missouri Area website.
Moved: Sarah S Secoded: Jill F Passed
- *MOTION 5: For a trial period until November 2018 Assembly we will post the Missouri Area Round Robin on the website behind the password protected page.
Moved: Sarah S Secoded: Michael C Passed

At the August AWSC Meeting, I reported using the KBDM process and received some good feedback. One member shared that she had not been getting her hard copy of the newsletter as she had requested. Others shared that they would like an email letting them know that the newsletter has been posted on the website as a reminder.

As of now I snail mail 9 copies a month.

I have not getting the newsletter to the Web Page Coordinator by the first of the month but that will be done from now on, and I have been mailing a hard copy to the 9 whom have requested it to be mailed to them. As for the web site Jodi the Missouri web coordinator sent me, updated information about what how Missouri Newsletter is doing as of November 1, 2018. Starting May 7, 2018 the day after she posted the password page through November 1 2018 to the same time period last year, there has been a large increase in visits to the Round Robin page. Traffic is up 66%.

Therefore, what that looks like in actual numbers is:

May 7, 2017 to November 1, 2017, the newsletter had 253 visits.

May 7, 2018 to November 1, 2018, the newsletter had 420 visits.

Why the May Assembly decided on a password protected page?

The Round Robin includes information that would break members' anonymity. By creating the password protected page all this information is protected from the public.

For those of you who may not know how to access the Newsletter:

- Go to www.missouri-al-anon.org
- Select "For Members" on the home page
- A drop-down box will appear select "Members Information: and then select "Round Robin Newsletter".
- When you click on "Round Robin Newsletter" a password will be requested

- The password is **moafg**.
- PLEASE NOTE-this password should be shared only with members do not publish this in any public forums.

Therefore, another topic the WSO is already working on the 2020 issue of the Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism magazine. The WSO is asking for sharing's and they accept AFA sharings from members throughout the year. Look for further information about this in the December Round Robin.

Respectfully Submitted

Cheri H Round Robin Editor

Email: roundrobin57@yahoo.com

Public Outreach

This year is going by so fast! I want to share with all of you that there is a list of television and radio stations that received our psa's in 2017 and also a list of those that have received a list in 2018. To find the list go to the Missouri Area Website For Members section and you will find the three page document under March 25, 2018 AWSC Public Outreach Distribution. Be sure to scroll all the way to the bottom of the instruction page for the tabs that will take you to the two lists. If you want to have a local television or radio station that is not listed call that station and talk to the manager and ask if they will play it if we get them a free psa. If they are willing send their call letters and complete address to me. I will then be able to have WSO send them the correct psa for their station. Also if you hear one of our psa's please call, write or email the station anonymously and thank the for airing it as a public service

I am happy to share that my home group has decided to hold an open meeting for police, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians from Holts Summit, New Bloomfield and Fulton in Callaway County. We will be sending out invitations to those agencies in the near future. It will be held on December 14 at the Noon AFG meeting in Holts Summit. We hope that this will put Al=Anon in these helping professionals mind during the holidays when things tend to get difficult for families and friends of alcoholics.

I was invited to speak about Public Outreach at District 18's District meeting on October 23. They seemed very interested in ideas they could use to do more public outreach in the district. Thank you to them for inviting me.

I spoke with Daryl, the public outreach person from District 8 and they participated in a very successful health fair in Fulton recently. The District 8 report will probably have more on that.

With Gratitude In Service,

Sandi M

Area 31 Panel 57 Public Outreach Coordinator

Registrar

Now that the Convention has come and gone, I can give you the registration results. We had 174 paid registrations totaling \$3,637 this year, sold 108 banquet tickets and collected \$536 for Hospitality and other convention costs. As usual, we had several (41) members register at the door on Friday and Saturday.

For this Assembly, I currently have received 59 registrations as of October 28, 2018. Four of those were mailed after the cut-off date of October 19th for early registration, but the members in question only paid the \$6 pre-registration fee. Where a donation was made for Hospitality, I recorded the full \$10 registration fee and adjusted the Hospitality donation. Two of the four had no other donation to adjust from. Please honor the pre-registration dates listed on the registration forms. The fees are based on approved Assembly votes of the Area GR's and, as I have stated, many times, I will honor those discounted fees if the envelopes are postmarked by the cut-off date. However, it is unfair to other members to pay the pre-registration, discounted fee when you send it after that date.

Please fill out the registration form completely. I honor postmarks to determine on-time registration until the point when I have to print the badges. Once I start to print the badges, any others received are collected unopened until the Area event and then are treated as registrations at the door. A badge will not be pre-printed for door registrants.

As always, the Hospitality Chair relies on the figures that I gather to plan the food for our Hospitality room at all of our Area events, so early registrations are very helpful and much appreciated.

Thanks to everyone who helps at the Registration table at each event. Don't forget if you plan to register at the door, clipboards with the forms attached will be available to walk away from the registration table to complete so we don't have a traffic jam at the table.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna S

Serenity Patrol

I am deeply honored to be able to stand before and talk about the wonderful parts and challenging portions of this position. I love that it provides all of us, as AMIAS participants, the honor of helping our teens be involved at the Area Level.

I would like to recognize my Alternate, Audrey J, and all volunteers who help make this weekend's Serenity Patrol possible – Debbie J, Linda F, Bonnie M, Katie C, Marc B, Melissa W, Jenny F, and Geneva D.

So, the next time you fill out your paperwork to recertify as an AMIAS, checked that box at the bottom of the form that states you want to serve on Serenity Patrol...then, when the opportunity presents itself, raise your hand and be prepared to be astonished at what involvement with the Alateens provides!!!

Thank you again for your service and your support as I serve as Serenity Patrol Coordinator for Panel 57.

Respectfully submitted.
Sherri E, Serenity Patrol Coordinator

Speaker Coordinator

I sincerely hope you enjoyed the speakers at this year's convention. I have heard very favorable comments, so I hope all of you who were there were happy with their message.

We have the speakers lined up for next year's convention. All but one are from our own Area. The one who will be flying in is from Albuquerque, New Mexico. I have been trying to get him here this whole panel and he can finally make it next year.

Another way we are trying to cut costs is to have one less speaker. At the Convention Committee meeting, we discussed how we might use the time the sixth speaker would have used, but came up with so many options, we just need to think about it a little more.

Also, even though I have lined up all the speakers I need to for my panel, if you have suggestions for future speakers, I can make multiple copies of their CDs and have them ready for the next coordinator and committee to listen to in order to make their selections.

Geneva D

Webpage

We really need Calendar entries for 2019. I know this area is hopping, let's get the word out on events!

The number of visitors to our Area website has remained about the same or increased slightly. The top pages - as always - are meetings, the calendar page and the home page. One interesting item to note, the number of pages viewed on the site has decreased 15% in the past year which is enough to make me pause and want to investigate. In my experience, a drop in page views w/o a drop in visitors indicates that users get frustrated trying to navigate the site or find the content they want. So... I'll be looking into this more and considering our options on how we can improve. Expect more to come.

Now for the interesting part of my report...

You may remember that a task force and charge were created to: "Examine if the area Do Not Refer (DNR) policy can be enforced given current technology being used by the World Service Office."

At the time of the charge, WSO was not observing DNR policies from any area. In addition, their meeting tool is so fancy and nice that most people bypass the Area site and use that directly.

We started to discuss the viability of even having a DNR policy because of the situation but luckily, my HP stepped in and the WSO had a Trustee meeting. At the July 2018 meeting of the Board of Trustees, two motions were passed; these are on page 4 of Sarah's Delegate report for your review.

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.

What now? What are next steps?

- WSO already sent out Materials to Support Areas in Developing Fair and Balanced Do Not Refer & Re-Refer Policies
- We are waiting for WSO to send out info regarding safety guidelines
- The Area 31 DNR policy does not include safety guidelines nor much on re-refer
- The Area 31 DNR policy will need to be reviewed by WSO before they will observe it
- If a meeting is de-listed on WSO search, it will remain active and registered

KC AIS Liaison

Hello, my name is Michelle T and I am the Liaison carrying information from the Kansas City Al-Anon Information Service. The KC AIS continues to cover 4 districts covering Jackson, Cass, Clay, Platte and Ray counties.

Our recent activities include hosting a potluck lunch and Serenity Walk in Lee's Summit, MO on Saturday, October 20. There was a non-walking option at a fire pit, along with the 0.6 mile loop with periodic baskets of rocks that if participants wished they could pick up in exchange or in addition to their original serenity rock from the basket which was passed around prior to the walk. There were about 20 participants and it was a GORGEOUS fall day! We had a meeting following the self-directed and paced walk (including any desired off-shoots) around the fire pit.

Additional activities include continued public outreach. We participated in a new event this year, the VA Mental Health Summit held at the Kauffman Conference Center on Wednesday, September 12, which was manned by a member with a father who is a Veteran. KCAIS continues to coordinate public outreach at SATOP and serve as a conduit for meeting requests at inpatient psychiatric units, treatment centers, and residential programs which are generally staffed by volunteers from either groups and/or districts where the facility is located.

The KC AIS financially supported the AMIAS training held in September in Blue Springs. We also provide financial support for public outreach which includes literature for institutional meetings.

Our next workshop event is in April 2019 and is planned to be a Step 11 workshop on Prayer and Meditation. These typically follow a KC AIS meeting and are in conjunction with a potluck. The date has not yet been settled as we have run into some potential schedule conflicts and will keep you informed.

We are blessed to have all AIS trusted servant positions filled, although one of our districts is unrepresented due to not having a DR. We had a group in this district host the July AIS meeting who hadn't hosted for many years. Thank you for your attention!
Yours in Service, Michelle T.

STL AIS Liaison

My name is Stephanie and I am giving the Liaison Report for the Al-Anon Family Groups of Greater St. Louis, Inc. (AFG). The AFG has been directing potential newcomers to over 177 groups in the Greater St. Louis and Southern Illinois areas. Here are the statistics for the period of June, July and August, 2018:

Phone Calls and E-Mails	881
Literature Sales	\$9,761.57
Contributions	\$6,020.14
Dollars & Sense	\$851.46

The AFG office serves St. Louis metropolitan area and adjacent cities including Illinois Districts 14, 17 and 18. The AFG office hours are 9:00am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday. The Al-Anon office is also opens Wednesdays 9am to 7pm to serve individuals/groups that cannot get in during the day hours. The first Thursday of every month, the office is open from 1:00pm to 7:00pm for groups wishing to make literature purchases and contributions before the 7:00 pm Intergroup Meeting. Your AFG office has two part-time staff members: Lin B. and Mary B., and many volunteers that donate their time and talents in the office.

The 2019 Alapet Calendar has Al-Anon member's adorable pets, quotes from various Conference Approved Literature pieces and important Al-Anon/Alateen dates. The 2019 calendar can be mailed out to your home/office or you can pick up at the Al-Anon Office in Maplewood, MO for holiday gifts to family and friends.

You can call the AFG office or order on our website and have orders mailed to your home/office with a credit card, save gas and time!!! Our website, www.stl-al-anon.org is up and doing great. We have now received the new and improved "pocket booklet" format of the Al-Anon Meeting Directories.

The *Sincerely Al-Anon* newsletter is now in a 4-page tabloid style, so we can get all the news to you monthly! If you would like an electronic copy sent to you please phone the office at 314-645-1572. The *Sincerely Al-Anon* publication is asking for your group history, how it started, what keeps it growing and how your group carries the message. You can send to www.aisoffice@stl-al-anon.org.

The current Al-Anon Board consists of Donna S., Annette K., Jennifer C., Helga H., Kevin H. and new Board members William B., and Cindy S. Marc B. has rotated off the Board October, 2018.

The Public Outreach is currently seeking a Co-Chair for the AIS Public Outreach. Our enthusiastic Public Outreach Team meets approximately once a month on the first Monday, 6:30pm at Central Services. Please join the Public Outreach Team and be part of carrying the message of hope! Here are events Public Outreach has participated in:

- IBEW, Local No. 1 Health Fair
- Am. Foundation for Suicide Prevention-STL Out of the Darkness Community Walk
- When Mental Illness Hits Home Conference
- 10th Annual Community Health & Resource Fair

Thank you for the opportunity to be trusted servants and to carry the message of hope to others!

Respectfully submitted by Your AFG Office.

AMIAS Leadership Support Task Force

Task Force Topic:

To act on recommendations from the
AMIAS LEADERSHIP SUPPORT TASK FORCE

Task Force Members:

Audrey, Kristina, Marc B, Sandi M and Geneva

Sarah S will serve as ex-Officio member

Lori H should be used as a consultant as she was part of the Leadership Support Task Force.

BACKGROUND:

Since the revision and passing of new guidelines for Alateen and in particular AMIAS (Al-Anon member involved in Alateen Service) there has been consistent feedback from membership in the Missouri Area that additional work on the Review and or Removal of AMIAS section of the Missouri Area Al-Anon/Alateen Procedures would be beneficial to the Area in providing additional leadership support for AMIAS's. A Thought force was formed at the Beginning of Panel 57 the Thought Force Reported at the November 2017 Assembly and its recommendation was to follow up with a Task Force.

TASK FORCE CHARGE:

To fulfill the recommendations and to present a change to the Procedures to reflect the recommendation. The chair adds to this charge that all changes be grounded in and reflect the spirit of our traditions, concepts and general warranties. This Task Force should insure that Warranty 2 "that no Conference Member shall be placed in unqualified authority over other members" and Warranty 4 "That no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy" are reflected in their recommendation

Charge 1. We recommend that the Review and or Removal of AMIAS be a standalone document within the Digest.

Charge 2. We recommend that the document above be incorporated into the Leadership Support and Concern of nonperformance of Area Officers and Coordinators on page 28-29 of the Missouri Al-Anon/Alateen Procedures Digest by expanding it to include Al-Anon member serving as AMIAS.

Charge 3 is covered under Charge 2.

Charge 4. We recommend that the Traditions and Concepts of Service be followed and that the wording to incorporate these recommendations be done by a task force as per the current Al-Anon/ Alateen Service Manual

pages 68-69 but including the following word change recommendations which were said to be considered non spiritual by many in our program:

Change complaint ,violation, accusations, controversy, and allegation to concern and suspected violation to possible concern.

To leave in the word appeal as Concept 5 insures the right of appeal and petition etc.

To leave in the term non-conformity as conformance is used in guideline G34, however, the term non-compliant would be another term that could be used as compliance is used in the Service Manual on page 87 and in the original board motion of 2003.

Thought Force references (if any):

Original Charge given to the Thought Force:

The thought force is charged with evaluating pages 3-5, item C. titled Review and or Removal of AMIAS (Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service) for the purpose of clarifying the purpose of this section and recommending what could be included, amended or changed to further develop leadership support for AMIAS. This includes but is not limited to the following questions:

1. Does the Review and or Removal of AMIAS (Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service) section of the Missouri AlAnon/Alateen Procedures Digest need to be a standalone document within the Digest?
2. Could the Leadership Support and Concern of non-performance of Area Officers and Coordinators on page 28-29 of the Missouri Al-Anon/Alateen Procedures Digest be expanded to include Al-Anon members serving as AMIAS's?
3. If it is determined the standalone document named in item #2 is preferred, what recommendations does the thought force have for a leadership support section to be included?
4. What recommendations for changes/corrections/updates to the current procedures for removal of AMIAS does the thought force have to help it more align contextually and in practice with our principles?

Task Force Timeline:

Please meet and use whatever technology works for all of you.

Focus on the Charge. Complete the task as best you can.

Please have an initial meeting and if possible a second meeting before November Assembly. The Task Force Chair should present an outline of how this charge will be completed by the May Assembly.

Create a proposal with recommended changes that can be discussed at the March 2019 AWSC meeting. At May 2019 Assembly hopefully we will have a motion for recommended changes to the Review and or Removal of AMIAS

Report:

We've had one meeting and discussed Charge 1. We currently have 4 more meetings planned over the next 2 months. We have decided to work from the perspective that we will recommend that the Review and or Removal of AMIAS section of the Missouri Area Al-Anon/Alateen Procedures be removed from the Alateen portion of the Procedures but are unclear yet where to recommend it belongs. We hope to start work on Charge 4 at our next meeting with regards to the content of this section. We plan to have a recommendation ready for review at March's AWSC meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey J.

Task Force Chair

Budget Task Force

The Budget Task Force report is to update the MO Area on the task force activity provided under each charge.

Background: The Financial Review Committee completed its work as charged by Area Chairperson Lynn Carruth-Rasmussen and made the following recommendation “The Area have an annual budget. *“A budget is the numerical expression of an organization's dream that serves as a guide or measure of acceptable financial performance”* – Judy Blazek, Financial Planner for Non-profit Organizations. We believe that a budget would be beneficial to our Area and that a task force be put into place to look into this further. We further recommend that the budget be reviewed quarterly if possible to insure that we stay on track”

Further discussion was held at the 2017 November Assembly and a motion was made from the floor and passed to form a Budget Task Force to create a budget and present it at the May Assembly.

Composition of the Committee: The committee will consist of 5 members: chaired by current treasurer Janie F. Lori H, Connie L, Margret A have been asked to serve on the committee and accepted it is recommended one other person possibly a GR be asked to serve on this committee.

Response: Committee members consisted of 3 members: Janie F, Lori H and Margaret A. Communication was conducted via email due to member location in the area.

Charge:

The committee is asked to form a preliminary budget using the information gathered by the Financial Review Committee. This budget should be created in a way it can serve as a template from which all future budgets can be derived. The budget should be for 2018 taking into account expenses already occurred and projected expenses for the rest of year. The committee is also asked to come up with a Missouri Area Guideline for creating a budget including best practices. The main point of this budget is to give a clear picture of what the costs are for taking care of Area business. It should also include projected contributions needed to meet said budget.

The committee will choose a secretary from the committee members. The Area Chair requests to be notified of all meetings called for the Committee. Also, the secretary of the Committee is expected to send a short report to the Area Chair detailing each meeting. Reports should also be prepared for and presented at each AWSC & Assembly meeting throughout the year until the Charge has been completed.

The committee is asked to use any and all information available from WSO and other Areas that may assist them in their charge. Please consult members of the Financial Review Committee as needed. Also, confidentiality within the committee must be understood. Any questions related to the charge can be addressed to the Area Chair.

Charge Response:

1. The committee is asked to form a preliminary budget using the information gathered by the Financial Review Committee. This budget should be created in a way it can serve as a template from which all future budgets can be derived. The budget should be for 2018 taking into account expenses already occurred and projected expenses for the rest of year. The main point of this budget is to give a clear picture of what the costs are for taking care of Area business. It should also include projected contributions needed to meet said budget.

Response: The 2018 Projected Budget was presented to the 2018 May Assembly. The projected budget included Panel 54 average actuals, 2017 actuals, 2018 budget and 2018 actuals to date. The projected budget format followed the detailed report for familiarity and simplicity. These are addressed in the proposed guidelines. The 2018 Projected Budget was voted and passed at the May assembly. Once all financials have been completed for 2018, a comparison between actual, budget and projection will provide a clear accounting picture of the Missouri Area.

2. The committee is also asked to come up with a Missouri Area Guideline for creating a budget including best practices.

Response: Missouri Area Guideline for Creating A Budget have been completed and will be voted on at this assembly. While these guidelines were developed with the 2019 projected budget, they may require updating or change in the future as accounting practices evolve.

Observation: The charge did not include the creating of any future proposed budgets for the Missouri Area. A 2019 Proposed Budget has been completed. The assembly will need to determine how this will be completed and if motion needs to be made for any future proposed budgets for the Missouri Area.

The committee chair takes responsibility in failure to communicate or reach out to the committee members in processing some of its charges; all it takes is to ask for help. The committee chair would like to thank its members for all their help and assistance.

The Budget Task Force has completed its work as charged.

Respectfully Submitted, Janie F, Budget Task Force Chair

MISSOURI AREA GUIDELINE FOR CREATING AN AREA BUDGET:

Background: A motion at the 2017 Missouri Area November Assembly was made to create a Budget Task Force to create a budget and present it at the 2018 May Assembly. The Task Force was also to come up with Missouri Area Guidelines for Creating a budget including best practices.

Missouri Area Proposed Budget Spreadsheet was created to provide visibility of the area's past and present financial status with cost displayed side by side. The area detailed report was used as a template to combine line items together for reduction and simplicity. Financials on self-supporting and some other events may be completed before the next proposed budget is created. Self-Supporting events are held: AMIAS Training Weekend-February; CBAT-April; Convention-September. Area Operating events: Assembly-May & November; AWSC-March & August; Day-In-Service-June.

Proposed Budget Spreadsheet will calculate Income/Expense Totals

Processing for Creating Budget:

1. Use actuals from previous two years or actuals from previous year and current budget year as a baseline for developing new propose budget.
2. Review and compare current year detailed report items with the Missouri Area Proposed Budget report to ensure all categories/line items are listed. If not listed, add under appropriate category/line item.
3. Total current year actual items together as noted on spreadsheet; (For example: Alateen CBAT Income: Registrations; Expense -Lodging, Hospitality, Supplies, copies, etc). Enter amount on spreadsheet. Income/Expense totals will calculate automatically.
4. Compare Current Year Actual income/expense totals with current year detailed report totals for accuracy/discrepancies.
5. If there are discrepancies, verify each income/expense amount for its inclusion on both reports until both report totals agree. Review current year actuals against current year budget amount (for example Assembly: Copy/Printing, Supplies, Misc) for variance.
6. Highlight these categories/line items for future reference.
7. Project current yearend totals for area events not completed. Method used will be determined by Treasurer.
8. Review current budget amounts, current year actuals and current yearend projected totals. Highlight any current yearend projected amounts that are lower than current budget amount. (For example: Literature: WSO Cal was projected lower than budget amount; current year budget amount was used as next year's budget.)
9. Use the following for Projecting Next Year's Proposed Budget:
 - a. Add 10% inflation facture to actuals or projected yearend amount whichever is applicable.
 - b. If current yearend projection is lower than budget amount, use current year budget amount or add 10% inflation facture to budgeted amount.
10. Round off amounts to nearest dollar.
11. Input new proposed budget amounts on spreadsheet.
12. Review proposed budget for completeness and make necessary adjustments.

Best Practices:

Round off amounts to nearest dollar.

Use budget practices familiar to current area treasurer in creating proposed budget.

Trust area treasurer to make projections as needed based on available data.

Updates or changes to guidelines may be required as budget practices evolve.

In event assistance is needed in creating the fiscal year proposed budget, the area treasurer may utilize members familiar with budgets and who are geographically accessible in the completion of this task similar to the following procedure: Procedures, page 19, F. Duties of the Treasurer, 9. May form a committee of several members who are geographically accessible for the purpose of meeting to review monthly expense and income and to assist Treasurer in completing his/her monthly report.

Missouri Area Al-Anon 2019 Proposed Budget Information Backup

RECAP: At the 2017 November Assembly, a motion was made and passed to form a Budget Task Force. The Missouri Area 2018 Projected Budget was presented and approved at the May 2018 Assembly. The Budget Task Force was also charged with developing a Missouri Area Guideline for Creating a Budget. The motion did not include creating future budgets for the Missouri area. A Budget Task Force report will be presented at this assembly.

To continue to provide the Missouri area with visibility of its present and future financial status, a 2019 projected budget was created.

The 2019 projected budget is similar to the one presented in May 2018. It contains Panel 54 average, 2017 actuals, 2018 budget, 2018 to date, 2018 yearend projection, and 2019 budget amounts. With costs displayed side by side, it provides visibility of the area's past, present and future financial status. The 2019 Proposed Budget was calculated as follows: The self-supporting events' budget used 2018 actuals and adding a 10 percent inflation factor; the Area Operating Budget used 2018 yearend projections and adding a 10 percent inflation factor since most 2018 operating financials are not completed at this time. In some cases, other costs were used and is explained below. The budgeted amounts were rounded off to the nearest dollars for planning purposes only

The area's self-supporting events and the area's business operations are separated to provide area members exactly what are the Area's business expenses.

Procedure Digest, Pg 17, Financial Management and Reporting, 7, Conventions and other Area events (Area Convention and Missouri Area Alateen Convention) are to be self-supporting in as far as possible. Procedure Digest, Pg 5, D. Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) Education and Training Weekend, 6. Finances: The AMIAS Weekend is to be self-supporting in as far as possible. The AMIAS Weekend event has been added to the self-supporting events of the 2019 Proposed Budget.

The first portion of the budget is Alateen CBAT, AMIAS Weekend and Convention. The budget part of these events is up to the perspective Committee and Alateen to do enough fundraising/registrations to support the events. In the event there is not enough money to cover the event cost, the area pays those expenses. 2018 CBAT and AMIAS Weekend expenses are actual for 2018 and does not contain income/expenses from 2017. The event budget starts over with the day after the event. Income for CBAT begins in one fiscal year and ends in another and overall was self-supporting even though it appears there was a deficit. To date, all Convention financials have been completed and a financial report will be available at the November Assembly. Each self-supporting event has expenses that were either donated or not reimbursed and are not listed in this budget.

The next part is the Area Operating Budget. Alateen costs are part of Al-Anon and all costs are to be included in the Area just like the business such as AWSC and Assembly. Categories/Items are broken out separately: Assembly, AWSC, Day In Service, Literature, Round Robin; included are both income and expenses. Assembly, AWSC, Literature income/expense are 2018 to date activity. Day in Service is actual.

Round Robin (RR) costs have been minimal since June. In May, the area voted to post the RR on the Missouri area website for a trial period. The income/expense for the RR could increase if the area changes its procedures of the round robin. RR discussion is on the November assembly agenda.

Contributions are 2018 to date and includes a large contribution received in March. The 2018 budget was used for 2019 and provides a realistic projection.

A miscellaneous item on the 2018 to date was a voided expense check never cash. These funds were added back into the checking account.

The next portion of the budget contain items that are expense only items to the area.

The Alateen expenses were moved to this portion since any income/fundraisers for Alateen are noted under CBAT. The Serenity Patrol expenses to date are lower than budgeted; Super Sunday in March did not require Serenity Patrol presence. There may be outstanding Serenity Patrol expenses for Super Sunday in August and the Convention; the November assembly serenity patrol and outstanding expenses have been projected for the remainder of 2018. The 2018 budgeted amount is used for 2019. The Alateen Coordinator expenses are listed here. Super Sunday to date expenses have exceed the 2018 budget and additional costs have been projected for the remainder of 2018. When the Alateen Intern attends Sunday Super, their expenses are part of the Super Sunday expenses.

The miscellaneous expenses are just that any thing that is not listed in any of the other categories. The budget amount is calculated a little over 2 percent of the total operating expenses. The Ad Hoc committee mileage and MO Non-Profit Registration is paid per the procedures digest. These have been budgeted for 2019. Listed in the miscellaneous is the \$4,500 that was transferred from the checking to the reserve account and hotel contract expenses. These are not in the 2019 proposed budget.

The SCRDM expense – the procedures state that the area will pay the delegate and alternate delegate expenses to attend this meeting. Expenses for 2019 should be lower since the meeting will be held in St. Louis, March 2019.

The officers' expenses are provided and totaled. The procedures digest matrix shows that all officers have a \$100 miscellaneous expense per year if needed; Alt Delegate to attend the AA convention, the Delegate to attend WSC, plus incidentals; Secretary to print the Procedures Digest; Treasurer to get area taxes filed. Some of the 2018 budget amounts was used for 2019. The Full amount to send delegate to World Service Conference has decreased since the conference will be held in Virginia Beach, VA.

The coordinator expenses are also provided. The procedures digest matrix also shows that all coordinators have a \$75 miscellaneous expense per year if needed. A few exceptions are: (1) the Public Outreach has \$500 per year if needed; (2) the Group Records printing of the Area Business Cards; and (3) Webpage for the Internet Domain Name.

Bank expenses are included. The processing of credit cards is a new expense; to date expenses include one-time application and device fees with other credit card processing fees. 2018 yearend projection and 2019 proposed budget are listed.

The operating income and expenses are totaled; the totals from Self-Supporting events are then added to the operating totals. When completed, a comparison between actual, budget, projection and proposed will provide a clear financial picture of the Missouri Area.

Some areas we can focus as an Area: increase contribution; pass additional basket at AWSC, etc. We look to the Area to come up with ideas as well as ways that the area can increase our operating funds or decrease our expenses, if there is a deficit.

Missouri Area Al-Anon 2019 Proposed Budget						
AREA SELF SUPPORTING EVENTS	Panel 54 Average	2017 Actuals	2018 Budget	2018 ACTUALS	2018 YEAREND PROJECTIONS	2019 BUDGET
ALATEEN - CBAT						
INCOME						
- Registration	\$ 3,512.00	\$ 2,950.00	\$ 3,245.00	\$ 2,895.00	\$ 2,895.00	\$ 3,185.00
- Fundraisers (T-shirts, 11th Step)	\$ 2,107.97	\$ 2,971.60	\$ 3,269.00	\$ 847.84	\$ 847.84	\$ 933.00
						505 raised in 2018
EXPENSES						
- Lodging	\$ 4,089.17	\$ 4,348.80	\$ 4,784.00	\$ 3,239.00	\$ 3,239.00	\$ 3,563.00
- Hospitality, Supplies, T-shirt, copies	\$ 880.60	\$ 1,222.72	\$ 1,345.00	\$ 391.18	\$ 391.18	\$ 430.00
- Alateen Coordinators				\$ 506.20	\$ 506.20	\$ 557.00
- Insurance	\$ 204.17	\$ -		\$ -		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 5,619.97	\$ 5,921.60	\$ 6,514.00	\$ 3,742.84	\$ 3,742.84	\$ 4,118.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 5,173.94	\$ 5,571.52	\$ 6,129.00	\$ 4,136.38	\$ 4,136.38	\$ 4,550.00
Variance	\$ 446.03	\$ 350.08	\$ 385.00	\$ (393.54)	\$ (393.54)	\$ (432.00)
AMIAS TRAINING (SMART-WEEKEND)						
INCOME						
- AMIAS Training	\$ -	\$ 2,025.00	\$ 2,228.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,475.00
EXPENSES						
- AMIAS Training	\$ -	\$ 1,909.47	\$ 1,293.00	\$ 2,198.05	\$ 2,198.05	\$ 2,468.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ -	\$ 2,025.00	\$ 2,228.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,475.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ -	\$ 1,909.47	\$ 1,293.00	\$ 2,198.05	\$ 2,198.05	\$ 2,468.00
VARIANCE		\$ 115.53	\$ 935.00	\$ 51.95	\$ 51.95	\$ 7.00
CONVENTION						
INCOME						
- Registrations, Banquet	\$ 5,041.34	\$ 5,644.00	\$ 6,209.00	\$ 6,287.00	\$ 6,287.00	\$ 6,916.00
- Hospitality,	\$ 1,111.67	\$ 749.00	\$ 824.00	\$ 751.00	\$ 751.00	\$ 826.00
- Raffles	\$ 1,784.00	\$ 1,508.00	\$ 1,659.00	\$ 1,431.00	\$ 1,431.00	\$ 1,574.00
- Reimburse back to convention				\$ 140.00	\$ 140.00	
EXPENSES						
- Speakers (Mileage, Air Fare, Meals, Gifts)	\$ 1,456.51	\$ 1,709.06	\$ 1,880.00	\$ 1,080.71	\$ 1,080.71	\$ 1,189.00
- Hospitality, Supplies, etc	\$ 1,004.02	\$ 819.68	\$ 902.00	\$ 1,507.23	\$ 1,507.23	\$ 1,933.00
- Master Bill-Hotel, Banquet, Mileage	\$ 5,169.38	\$ 6,275.30	\$ 6,903.00	\$ 6,303.46	\$ 6,303.46	\$ 6,934.00
- Convention Cmtee Coordinators	\$ 15.52					
- Expenses not reimbursed in 2018						\$ 860.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 7,937.01	\$ 7,901.00	\$ 8,692.00	\$ 8,609.00	\$ 8,609.00	\$ 9,316.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 7,645.43	\$ 8,804.04	\$ 9,685.00	\$ 8,891.40	\$ 8,891.40	\$ 10,916.00
VARIANCE	\$ 291.58	\$ (903.04)	\$ (993.00)	\$ (282.40)	\$ (282.40)	\$ (1,600.00)

AREA OPERATING BUDGET	Panel 54 Average	2017 Actuals	2018 Budget	2018 ACTUALS	2018 YEAREND PROJECTIONS	2019 BUDGET
ASSEMBLY						
INCOME						
- Registrations	\$ 1,011.67	\$ 1,085.00	\$ 1,194.00	\$ 505.00	\$ 1,010.00	\$ 1,194.00
- Hospitality Donations	\$ 1,050.37	\$ 846.00	\$ 931.00	\$ 723.00	\$ 1,446.00	\$ 1,591.00
- Raffles	\$ 1,106.54	\$ 967.37	\$ 1,065.00	\$ 364.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 1,065.00
EXPENSES						
- Master Bill-Hotel, Lodging, Mileage	\$ 7,981.42	\$ 5,496.88	\$ 6,047.00	\$ 3,677.25	\$ 7,354.00	\$ 8,090.00
- Copy/Printing, Supplies, Misc	\$ 1,529.92	\$ 518.49	\$ 571.00	\$ 809.76	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,540.00
- Hospitality, Supplies	\$ 990.67	\$ 1,449.84	\$ 1,595.00	\$ 976.86	\$ 1,157.00	\$ 1,273.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 3,168.58	\$ 2,898.37	\$ 3,190.00	\$ 1,592.00	\$ 3,106.00	\$ 3,850.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 10,502.01	\$ 7,465.21	\$ 8,213.00	\$ 5,463.87	\$ 9,911.00	\$ 10,903.00
AWSC						
INCOME						
- Hospitality Donations	\$ 98.61	\$ 49.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00
EXPENSES						
- Lodging, Rent, Mileage	\$ 3,843.51	\$ 3,235.88	\$ 3,560.00	\$ 3,577.39	\$ 3,677.00	\$ 4,045.00
- Hospitality,	\$ 32.69	\$ 150.34	\$ 166.00	\$ 262.40	\$ 262.40	\$ 289.00
- Supplies, Copy/Printing	\$ 464.51	\$ 299.62	\$ 330.00	\$ 268.30	\$ 338.00	\$ 372.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 98.61	\$ 49.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 4,340.71	\$ 3,685.84	\$ 4,056.00	\$ 4,108.09	\$ 4,277.40	\$ 4,706.00
DAY IN SERVICE	Panel 54 Average	2017 Actuals	2018 Budget	2018 ACTUALS		2019 BUDGET
INCOME						
- Contributions	\$ 154.17	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ 507.32	\$ 507.32	\$ 558.00
EXPENSES						
- Room Rent, Mileage, Hotel	\$ 844.07	\$ 69.60	\$ 77.00	\$ 567.20	\$ 567.20	\$ 624.00
- Supplies/Copies	\$ 188.28	\$ 50.30	\$ 56.00	\$ 95.20	\$ 95.20	\$ 105.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 154.17	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ 507.32	\$ 507.32	\$ 558.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,032.35	\$ 119.90	\$ 133.00	\$ 662.40	\$ 662.40	\$ 729.00
					2018 YEAREND PROJECTIONS	2019 BUDGET
LITERATURE	Panel 54 Average	2017 Actuals	2018 Budget	2018 ACTUALS		
INCOME						
- Sales	\$ 20,751.40	\$ 16,663.75	\$ 18,331.00	\$ 19,291.05	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 22,000.00
EXPENSES						
- WSO CAL	\$ 16,785.07	\$ 22,775.14	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 15,699.50	\$ 18,880.00	\$ 20,000.00
- AA Convention, Mileage (Actual)	\$ 223.10	\$ 149.83	\$ 165.00	\$ 140.80	\$ 141.00	\$ 165.00
- Supplies/Postage/Misc	\$ 436.41	\$ 292.35	\$ 400.00	\$ 374.67	\$ 450.00	\$ 550.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 20,751.40	\$ 16,663.75	\$ 18,331.00	\$ 19,291.05	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 22,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 17,444.58	\$ 23,217.32	\$ 20,565.00	\$ 16,214.97	\$ 19,471.00	\$ 20,715.00

ROUND ROBIN	Panel 54 Average	2017 Actuals	2018 Budget	2018 ACTUALS	2018 YEAREND PROJECTIONS	2019 BUDGET
INCOME						
- Subscriptions	\$ 1,846.54	\$ 1,571.00	\$ 1,729.00	\$ 630.00	\$ 630.00	\$ 630.00
EXPENSES						
- Printing/Copying	\$ 3,227.89	\$ 2,380.66	\$ 2,619.00	\$ 993.00	\$ 993.00	\$ 500.00
- Postage/Supplies/Misc	\$ 1,013.20	\$ 102.09	\$ 190.00	\$ 129.77	\$ 130.00	\$ 190.00
- Mileage	\$ 4.02		\$ -	\$ 19.50	\$ 20.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,846.54	\$ 1,571.00	\$ 1,729.00	\$ 630.00	\$ 630.00	\$ 630.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 4,245.11	\$ 2,482.75	\$ 2,809.00	\$ 1,142.27	\$ 1,143.00	\$ 690.00
CONTRIBUTIONS						
INCOME						
- Group/District/Individual/AIS Donations	\$ 15,562.43	\$ 17,536.81	\$ 19,291.00	\$ 20,867.77	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 19,291.00
MISCELLANEOUS						
- Voided Expense Checks Deposited	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 948.49	\$ -	\$ -
AREA EXPENSE ONLY	Panel 54 Average	2017 Actuals	2018 Budget	2018 ACTUALS	2018 YEAREND PROJECTIONS	2019 BUDGET
ALATEEN						
- Serenity Patrol	\$ 2,061.66	\$ 2,062.80	\$ 2,270.00	\$ 898.99	\$ 1,470.00	\$ 2,270.00
- Alateen Coordinators Copy/Printing/Postage	\$ 161.60	\$ 334.68	\$ 369.00	\$ 36.97	\$ 60.00	\$ 83.00
- Alateen Coordinators Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 225.00	\$ 427.51	\$ 450.00	\$ 521.00
- Super Sunday	\$ 145.27	\$ 266.31	\$ 293.00	\$ 298.37	\$ 325.00	\$ 360.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 2,368.53	\$ 2,663.79	\$ 3,157.00	\$ 1,661.84	\$ 2,305.00	\$ 3,234.00
MISCELLANEOUS						
EXPENSES						
- Budget % of Operating Budget	\$ 343.44	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,053.00
- Ad Hoc Committee Miles	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 56.70	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00
- Check Adjustments	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 24.97	\$ 25.00	
- MO NP Reg	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.00
- Previous Year Exp	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 168.94	\$ 169.00	\$ -
- Transfer to Reserve Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -
- Hotel contract expenses				\$ 415.02	\$ 415.02	
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 343.44	\$ -	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 5,165.63	\$ 5,184.02	\$ 1,178.00
SCRDM	Panel 54 Average	2017 Actuals	2018 Budget	2018 ACTUALS		2019 BUDGET
- Delegate	\$ 525.88	\$ 511.74	\$ 839.00	\$ 838.41	\$ 838.41	\$ 420.00
- Alt Delegate	\$ 338.59	\$ 188.17	\$ 543.00	\$ 542.60	\$ 542.60	\$ 259.00
TOTAL EXPENSES -	\$ 864.47	\$ 699.91	\$ 1,382.00	\$ 1,381.01	\$ 1,381.01	\$ 679.00

OFFICERS-Expenses	Panel 54 Average	2017 Actuals	2018 Budget	2018 ACTUALS	2018 YEAREND PROJECTIONS	2019 BUDGET
ALT DELEGATE						
- AA Conv	\$ 217.27	\$ 495.39	\$ 545.00	\$ 436.18	\$ 437.00	\$ 480.00
- Supplies/Copy/Printing			\$ 100.00	\$ 21.99	\$ 22.00	\$ 100.00
- Mileage		\$ 75.00	\$ 83.00			\$ 50.00
ALT DEL - TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 217.27	\$ 570.39	\$ 728.00	\$ 458.17	\$ 459.00	\$ 630.00
CHAIRPERSON						
- Supplies/Copy/Printing/Postage	\$ 21.04	\$ 72.69	\$ 80.00	\$ -		\$ 80.00
- Mileage, Misc	\$ 27.97	\$ 138.15	\$ 252.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 150.00
CHAIRPERSON - TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 49.01	\$ 210.84	\$ 332.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 230.00
DELEGATE						
- WSC Full Amount/Incidentals	\$ 2,407.00	\$ 2,843.00	\$ 3,128.00		\$ 1,972.00	\$ 2,719.00
- Supplies, Misc		\$ 72.68	\$ 180.00	\$ -		\$ 180.00
- Mileage	\$ 33.33		\$ -	\$ -		\$ 50.00
DELEGATE - TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,440.33	\$ 2,915.68	\$ 3,308.00	\$ -	\$ 1,972.00	\$ 2,949.00
SECRETARY						
- Printing Procedures	\$ 351.64	\$ 661.43	\$ 728.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 728.00
- Supplies, Misc	\$ 2.00		\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
- Mileage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
SECRETARY - TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 353.64	\$ 661.43	\$ 828.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 828.00
TREASURER						
- Audit Expenses	\$ 176.04	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 100.00
- Tax Prep	\$ 175.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 192.00	\$ 227.00	\$ 227.00	\$ 250.00
- Supplies/Postage/Copy/Printing	\$ 153.59	\$ 70.25	\$ 178.00	\$ 82.19	\$ 125.00	\$ 178.00
TREASURER - TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 504.63	\$ 220.25	\$ 370.00	\$ 309.19	\$ 352.00	\$ 528.00
OFFICER'S TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 3,564.88	\$ 4,578.59	\$ 5,566.00	\$ 842.36	\$ 2,958.00	\$ 5,165.00
COORDINATORS-Expenses						
ACHIVES						
- Supplies/Mileage	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 75.00
ACHIVES TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 75.00
GROUP RECORDS EXPENSE						
- Business Cards/Supplies	\$ 171.22	\$ 147.73	\$ 163.00	\$ 225.72	\$ 226.00	\$ 249.00
- Miscellaneous			\$ 75.00	\$ -		\$ 75.00
GROUP RECORDS EXPENSE	\$ 171.22	\$ 147.73	\$ 163.00	\$ 225.72	\$ 226.00	\$ 249.00

Respectfully submitted,
J. Michael C, Convention Thought Force Committee Chair
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Do Not Refer Task Force

Included in Webpage Coordinator's report

Procedures Committee

PROCEDURES COMMITTEE REPORT

Assembly November 2018

My name is Amy G, and I am the chairperson of the current Procedures Committee. The original committee was established on a four-year trial basis, but the committee never was officially put into practice. We were re-established at the beginning of 2018 as a four-person committee. Those members are myself, Karen G., Kathy G., and Sue B.

Our committee meets monthly, and we are making slow but steady progress revamping our Missouri Area Procedures Digest.

Some of our duties include:

Adding clarity to existing wording

Reorganizing parts to improve accessibility of various topics

Recommend removal of information that is no longer pertinent

Improve Procedures by adding clarity to and modifying content of the Duties section of the Procedures

We distributed a questionnaire at August AWSC for our officers and coordinators to fill out and return. The feedback we received was overwhelmingly receptive to having the committee re-structure the Procedures Digest to be more like our Al-Anon Service Manual. The goal of the committee is to have the current sections I and II of our Procedures Digest revised and ready for discussion/approval at Spring 2019 Assembly.

We welcome input from all of our Assembly members. Please feel free to contact any one of the committee members with questions or comments.

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Respectfully submitted, Amy G

Review of Alateen Procedures Thout Force

This Thought Force has been charged with investigating the impact that Procedures changes approved at Assembly in November 2015 have had on the Alateen/Al-Anon fellowship. I would like to thank its members for their service and dedication to task at hand – Larry H, Cindy S, Steve V, Carissa (Outgoing Alateen Intern), Kenneth (Incoming Alateen Intern), and Sue as our Ex-Officio.

Our preliminary meetings have provided us with a direction for our focus and a motivation for our charge. We are discussing a survey that will assess the feelings surrounding the direction of the Alateen involvement and guidelines.

We want to make sure that we uphold the 2003 Motion and its minimum requirements. We want to incorporate the kind and gentle spirit of Al-Anon by focusing on the Traditions, Concepts and Warranties as a standard for our actions. We are focused on addressing unnecessary overlapping of directives and instructions. We are charged to create an environment of growth and trust for all participants, Alateens and Al-Anons together in a working relationship that is not complicated by restrictions and develop a mutual balance of safety and trust within the Alateen/Al-Anon activities.

Thank you for the honor to pursue this endeavor and we hope to have a recommendation by Assembly, Spring 2019.

Respectfully submitted.

Sherri E, Thought Force Chairman

Appendix C - District Reports

District 2

Not a lot to report, but what I have is exciting for the District.

District 2 has a new AFG that will have its first meeting on December 6, 2018. Live Again – AFG. It will be held simultaneously with the AA meeting at the Hillsboro United Methodist Church at 7:00 on Thursday nights. This will be the first Al-Anon AFG to meet at the same time and location as an AA meeting. It is our hope to encourage families to seek recovery together as we make this meeting available in Hillsboro, MO.

District 2 hosted its Annual Picnic and Serenity Walk in September 30, 2018, at the Kirkwood Park. It was a well-attended event. Panel 57 Treasurer Janie F. was the Al-Anon Speaker and Bryan S. was the AA Speaker. We had very good feedback from the members for each the speakers. Area Chair Sue K. able to make an appearance as well. The District sold chances for a single gift basket full of a variety of gift cards. The value of the cards was nearly \$300 and covered most of the cost of the event.

Although we have added AMIAS' to our District Membership, we do not have an Alateen meeting at this time. It is still the vision of the District to make an Alateen meeting available in the future.

As the DR, I continually look for ways to be an encouragement and available to the AFGs members in the District. I continue to be concerned about the lack of GR throughout the District. It is my desire and passion to be instrumental in helping others develop a thirst for service work and participation at all levels of Al-Anon and am forever grateful for my own recovery and the opportunity to serve as the District Representative

Respectfully submitted.

Bonnie M, DR District 2

District 4

_District 4 made a decision to change our Annual Chili Supper from January to October and we are pleased to say that it was a success. This is our fundraiser for our district. On October 6th, we had chili and various side items, a silent auction, a live auction and Marc B. Was our Al-Anon speaker for the event. A great time was had by all.

We continue to carry the Al-Anon message to 2 Treatment Centers and to the Greene County Justice Center. We are no longer going into the psychiatric units at our local hospital due to lack of available volunteers. We continue to provide literature to the community, including the 3 college campuses and are considering mailing a letter to professionals in our district about who might benefit from Al-Anon.

This weekend, District 4 is represented at Area Assembly, by 5 Group Representatives, 2 Alateen Group Representatives, 2 Alateen members and 2 AMIAS.

Blessed to Be in Service,
Jenny F
District 4 Representative

District 5

Presented, not submitted

District 8

Greetings! I am Elaine M, DR for District 8.

District 8 has 8 active meetings in Holt Summit and Columbia. We hold a District meeting every other month on Sunday evening from 6 to 8 pm. We have very active members and groups in our District. We meet as a District 6 times a year. Our next meeting is December 2 at St Andrews Lutheran Church on West Blvd., all are welcome to attend. At each district meeting are archivist shares a bit of history and a member shares on a guideline or other service related topic from our literature.

Two groups began inventories this summer and another group started theirs in September. A couple groups experienced a lighter attendance through the summer. Two groups reported that membership has increased, and one group is reaching out to older members that they have not seen in awhile to say hello and let them know they are missed.

The Day in Service (Give Yourself a Gift) on June 16 was a success, with an estimated 80 in attendance which was more than expected. Lori, our Institutions Coordinator, reported that she received good comments after she spoke at the Day in Service. That it generated interest from other members. The day offered fellowship, an opportunity to learn about service and a good feed.

Our Public Outreach committee continues arranging speakers for two treatment facilities and recently distributed pamphlets to the Public Library. Public Outreach met the representative of the Columbia Veterans' Center and have added the center to our list of places for literature distribution. Their representative stated that they do a lot of referrals and would be referring Al-Anon to those in need straight away.

Public Outreach volunteers attended the Fulton State Hospital health fair for the first time this year. We will be including it in our itinerary of yearly events as we received a great response.

They also met with Royce L, CEO of Heartland Health Events. His organization is a non-profit corporation that provides health events and fairs for the DOC employees as well as the Probation and Parole employees across the state; there are 22 correctional facilities across the state. They are currently working on a calendar of events for the next two quarters.

We believe the above is a fantastic opportunity to all the districts in Missouri to get involved with their events for obvious reasons. If other districts in Missouri wish to be involved in these outreach events, please provide us with your contact names, e-mail address and/or phone numbers - we will pass them on to Royce and he will be able to send you their future schedule. A list of the Missouri Dept of Corrections facilities is attached to this report and a copy of same will be forwarded to our Area Public Outreach Coordinator.

The 2019 AFA's arrived and our groups distributed them to doctor offices and health clinics in September.

Our last fling of the year will be November 17, at Fairview Road Church of Christ in Columbia beginning at 6 pm. All are invited. A Big Event in 2019 is in the planning, so watch for updates on the Area and our local website - midmissouri-al-anon.org . We invite you to join us.

Yours in Service,
Elaine

Missouri DOC Facilities:

ACC	Algoa Correctional Center	Institution	8501 No More Victims Road	(573) 751-3911
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			Jefferson City, MO 65101 United States Map This Address	
BCC	Boonville Correctional Center	Institution	1216 East Morgan Street Boonville, MO 65233 United States Map This Address	(660) 882-6521
CCC	Chillicothe Correctional Center	Institution	3151 Litton Road Chillicothe, MO 64601 United States Map This Address	(660) 646-4032
CTCC	Cremer Therapeutic Community Center	Institution	P.O. Box 70 Route O Fulton, MO 65251 United States Map This Address	(573) 592-4013
CRCC	Crossroads Correctional Center	Institution	1115 East Pence Road Cameron, MO 64429 United States Map This Address	(816) 632-2727
ERDCC	Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center	Institution	2727 Highway K Bonne Terre, MO 63628 United States Map This Address	(573) 358-5516
FCC	Farmington Correctional Center	Institution	1012 West Columbia Street Farmington, MO 63640 United States Map This Address	(573) 218-7100
FRDC	Fulton Reception and Diagnostic Center	Institution	1393 Highway O PO Box 190 Fulton, MO 65251 United States Map This Address	(573) 592-4040
JCCC	Jefferson City Correctional Center	Institution	8200 No More Victims Road Jefferson City, MO 65101 United States Map This Address	(573) 751-3224
KCRC	Kansas City Reentry Center	Institution	651 Mulberry Kansas City, MO 64101 United States Map This Address	(816) 842-7467
MTC	Maryville Treatment Center	Institution	30227 US Highway 136	(660) 582-6542

			Maryville, MO 64468 United States Map This Address	
MECC	Missouri Eastern Correctional Center	Institution	18701 US Highway 66 Pacific, MO 63069 United States Map This Address	(636) 257-3322
MCC	Moberly Correctional Center	Institution	5201 South Morley Moberly, MO 65270 United States Map This Address	(660) 263-3778
NECC	Northeast Correctional Center	Institution	13698 Airport Road Bowling Green, MO 63334 United States Map This Address	(573) 324-9975
OCC	Ozark Correctional Center	Institution	929 Honor Camp Lane Fordland, MO 65652 United States Map This Address	(417) 767-4491
PCC	Potosi Correctional Center	Institution	11593 State Highway O Mineral Point, MO 63660 United States Map This Address	(573) 438-6000
SCCC	South Central Correctional Center	Institution	255 West Highway 32 Licking, MO 65542 United States Map This Address	(573) 674-4470
SECC	Southeast Correctional Center	Institution	300 East Pedro Simmons Drive Charleston, MO 63834 United States Map This Address	(573) 683-4409
TCC	Tipton Correctional Center	Institution	619 North Osage Avenue Tipton, MO 65081 United States Map This Address	(660) 433-2031
WMCC	Western Missouri Correctional Center	Institution	609 East Pence Road Cameron, MO 64429 United States Map This Address	(816) 632-1390
WRDCC	Western Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center	Institution	3401 Faraon St Joseph, MO 64506 United States	(816) 387-2158

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WERDCC	Women's Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center	Institution	1101 East Highway 54 Vandalia, MO 63382 United States Map This Address	(573) 594-6686
1	District 1 - St. Joseph Community Supervision Center	Probation and Parole Office	3305 Faraon Street St. Joseph, MO 64506 United States Map This Address	(816) 271-3131
2	District 2 - Cameron	Probation and Parole Office	207 East McElwain Suite B Cameron, MO 64429 United States Map This Address	(816) 632-3781
3	District 3 - Hannibal Community Supervision Center	Probation and Parole Office	2002 Warren Barret Drive Hannibal, MO 63401 United States Map This Address	(573) 248-2450
4	District 4 - Kansas City	Probation and Parole Office	1730 Prospect 2nd Floor Kansas City, MO 64127 United States Map This Address	(816) 482-5882
4B	District 4B - Kansas City	Probation and Parole Office	615 E. 13th St. Ste. G7 Kansas City, MO 64106 United States Map This Address	(816) 889-7420
4C	District 4C - Kansas City	Probation and Parole Office	8800 Blue Ridge Blvd. Kansas City, MO 64138 United States Map This Address	(816) 889-3322
4W	District 4W - Kansas City	Probation and Parole Office	1330 Brush Creek Kansas City, MO 64110 United States Map This Address	(816) 753-8320
5	District 5 - Warrensburg	Probation and Parole Office	505 N Ridgeview Suite D Warrensburg, MO 64093 United States Map This Address	(660) 543-7920
5B	District 5B - Belton	Probation and	836 North Scott	816-322-1166

		Parole Office	Belton, MO 64012 United States Map This Address	
6	District 6 - Columbia	Probation and Parole Office	1903 N. Providence Columbia, MO 65202 United States Map This Address	(573) 441-5862
7B	District 7B - St. Louis	Probation and Parole Office	1114 Market Street Room 200 St. Louis, MO 63101 United States Map This Address	(314) 340-6999
7C	District 7C - St. Louis	Probation and Parole Office	111 North 7th Street Room 150 St. Louis, MO 63101 United States Map This Address	(314) 340-7240
7S	District 7S - St. Louis	Probation and Parole Office	3101 Chouteau St. Louis, MO 63103 United States Map This Address	(314) 256-4888
7S	District 7S - St. Louis	Probation and Parole Office	3101 Chouteau St. Louis, MO 63103 United States Map This Address	(314) 256-4888
8C	District 8C - St. Louis	Probation and Parole Office	9441 Dielman Rock Island Industrial Drive St. Louis, MO 63132 United States Map This Address	(314) 340-3801
8E	District 8E - St. Louis	Probation and Parole Office	4040 Seven Hills Road Florissant, MO 63033 United States Map This Address	(314) 475-7977
8N	District 8N - St. Louis	Probation and Parole Office	8501 Lucas and Hunt Boulevard Jennings, MO 63136 United States Map This Address	(314) 877-2602
8S	District 8S - St. Louis	Probation and Parole Office	7545 South Lindbergh Suite 120 St. Louis, MO 63125 United States Map This Address	(314) 416-2884

9	District 9 - Joplin	Probation and Parole Office	1919 North Rangeline Road Joplin, MO 64801 United States Map This Address	(417) 629-3200
10	District 10 - Springfield	Probation and Parole Office	2530 South Campbell Suite H Springfield, MO 65807 United States Map This Address	(417) 888-4203
10N	District 10N - Springfield	Probation and Parole Office	2442 N. Bolivar Rd. Springfield, MO 65803 United States Map This Address	(417) 572-2114
10R	District 10R - Springfield	Probation and Parole Office	1735 West Catalpa Suite A Springfield, MO 65807 United States Map This Address	(417) 895-5700
11	District 11 - Rolla	Probation and Parole Office	1105 Kingshighway Rolla, MO 65401 United States Map This Address	(573) 368-2233
11S	District 11S - Steelville	Probation and Parole Office	101 South 1st Street Steelville, MO 65565 United States Map This Address	(573) 775-3311
12	District 12 - Farmington Community Supervision Center	Probation and Parole Office	1430 Doubet Road Farmington, MO 63640 United States Map This Address	(573) 218-5006
13	District 13 - West Plains	Probation and Parole Office	1580 Imperial Center West Plains, MO 65775 United States Map This Address	(417) 256-6178
14	District 14 - Sikeston	Probation and Parole Office	102 Arthur Street Sikeston, MO 63801 United States Map This Address	(573) 472-5353
14A	District 14A - Charleston	Probation and Parole Office	305 South Cooper Charleston, MO 63834 United States Map This Address	(573) 683-3673

14B	District 14B - New Madrid	Probation and Parole Office	350-C U.S. Highway 61 New Madrid, MO 63869 United States Map This Address	(573) 748-2464
15	District 15 - Hillsboro	Probation and Parole Office	4621 Yeager Road Hillsboro, MO 63050 United States Map This Address	(636) 789-3393
16	District 16 - Union	Probation and Parole Office	#3 Truman Court Union, MO 63084 United States Map This Address	(636) 583-8933
17	District 17 - St. Charles	Probation and Parole Office	211 Compass Point Drive St. Charles, MO 63301 United States Map This Address	(636) 940-3333
18	District 18 - Moberly	Probation and Parole Office	1150 South Morley Moberly, MO 65270 United States Map This Address	(660) 263-3762
18SK	District 18S - Kirksville	Probation and Parole Office	516 South Main Kirksville, MO 63501 United States Map This Address	(660) 785-2430
18SM	District 18S - Macon	Probation and Parole Office	1716 Prospect Drive Suite A Macon, MO 63552 United States Map This Address	(660) 385-5731
19	District 19 - Liberty	Probation and Parole Office	910 Kent Liberty, MO 64068 United States Map This Address	(816) 792-0793
	District 20 - Camdenton	Probation and Parole Office	409 West US Highway 54 Camdenton, MO 65020 United States Map This Address	(573) 346-2878
21	District 21 - Branson	Probation and Parole Office	2720 Shephard of the Hills Expressway Suite A Branson, MO 65616 United States Map This Address	(417) 334-5613

22	District 22 - Cape Girardeau	Probation and Parole Office	3463 Armstrong Cape Girardeau, MO 63703 United States Map This Address	(573) 290-5820
23	District 23 - Kennett Community Supervision Center	Probation and Parole Office	1401 Laura Drive Kennett, MO 63857 United States Map This Address	(573) 888-4900
24	District 24 - Independence	Probation and Parole Office	14440 East 42nd Street Independence, MO 64055 United States Map This Address	(816) 795-6055
25	District 25 - Poplar Bluff Community Supervision Center	Probation and Parole Office	1441 Black River Industrial Park Drive Poplar Bluff, MO 63901 United States Map This Address	(573) 840-9555
26	District 26 - Fulton Community Supervision Center	Probation and Parole Office	1397 State Road O Fulton, MO 65251 United States Map This Address	(573) 592-4061
27	District 27 - Jefferson City	Probation and Parole Office	2705 West Main Jefferson City, MO 65109 United States Map This Address	(573) 751-4949
29	District 29 - Sedalia	Probation and Parole Office	205 Thompson Road Sedalia, MO 65301 United States Map This Address	(660) 530-5530
30	District 30 - Nevada	Probation and Parole Office	330 South Prewitt Nevada, MO 64772 United States Map This Address	(417) 448-1250
31	District 31 - Caruthersville	Probation and Parole Office	915 Highway 84 West Caruthersville, MO 63830 United States Map This Address	(573) 333-2809
32	District 32 - Lexington	Probation and Parole Office	1102 Main Street Lexington, MO 64067 United States Map This Address	(660) 259-3465
32S	District 32S - Marshall	Probation and Parole Office	1239 Santa Fe Trail Suite 300	(660) 831-5238

			Marshall, MO 65340 United States Map This Address	
33	District 33 - Neosho	Probation and Parole Office	1845 Laquesta Drive Neosho, MO 64850 United States Map This Address	(417) 451-5322
35	District 35 - Lebanon	Probation and Parole Office	300 South Jackson Lebanon, MO 65536 United States Map This Address	(417) 532-6224
36	District 36 - Potosi	Probation and Parole Office	23 Southtowne Drive Potosi, MO 63664 United States Map This Address	(573) 438-3448
37	District 37 – Dexter	Probation and Parole Office	1003 Wildwood Suite A Dexter, MO 63841 United States Map This Address	(573) 624-9434
38	District 38 – Troy	Probation and Parole Office	311 Travis Boulevard Troy, MO 63379 United States Map This Address	(636) 528-5821
39	District 39 – Trenton	Probation and Parole Office	1601 East 30th Trenton, MO 64683 United States Map This Address	(660) 359-3222
39S	District 39S – Brookfield	Probation and Parole Office	301 Burnham Brookfield, MO 64628 United States Map This Address	(660) 258-7916
42	District 42 - Nixa	Probation and Parole Office	301 East CC Highway Suite 4 Nixa, MO 65714 United States Map This Address	(417) 724-1344
43	District 43 - Aurora	Probation and Parole Office	27 West Locust Aurora, MO 65605 United States Map This Address	(417) 678-0832
44	District 44 - Cassville	Probation and	3200 County Farm Road	(417) 847-0015

		Parole Office	Suite B Cassville, MO 65625 United States Map This Address	
EP	District EP - St. Louis	Probation and Parole Office	220 South Jefferson St. Louis, MO 63103 United States Map This Address	(314) 877-1000
ERA	District ERA- St. Louis	Probation and Parole Office	220 South Jefferson 2nd Floor St. Louis, MO 63103 United States Map This Address	(314) 877-1176
KCCRC	Kansas City Community Release Center	Probation and Parole Office	651 Mulberry Kansas City, MO 64101 United States Map This Address	(816) 842-7467
TCSTL	Transition Center of St. Louis	Probation and Parole Office	1621 North First Street St. Louis, MO 63102 United States Map This Address	314-877-0300

District 9

District 9 had their annual potluck on Sat., Oct. 20th. The food was delicious, and the Al-Anon & AA speakers were inspirational and thought provoking. Their sharing moved everyone & demonstrated how the Al-Anon & AA program work well.

On Jan. 4th & 5th, 2019, we will have our annual workshop entitled "Roadway to Recovery with the 12 Steps & 12 Traditions." Carollyn G. from Garland, Texas will tell her story on Fri. night. On Sat., Carollyn will speak 2 more times focusing on the 12 steps and traditions in recovery. There will be break-out sessions and a chili/soup luncheon with salads & desserts. Donations will be given to Alateen. We hope to see everyone in January.

Respectfully submitted,
Flo W District 9 Rep.

District 13

District 13, located in the Southwestern part of the St. Louis metropolitan area, continues to provide opportunities for Al-Anon recovery. There are 20 meetings, at least one every day of the week. Our District meeting is the third Saturday of the month from 11:30 am-1:00 pm.

Our Alateen meeting is small but mighty, with a solid core group of teens. We have a group of six AMIAS that take turns attending the meeting as sponsors, and I have been working to increase the size of the AMIAS pool.

Our sixth annual workshop, entitled *Spiritual Principles-Unlocking the Mystery* was a success. The speaker was Sandy W. from Chicago, Illinois. Eighty eight people attended, and 40 of those were first time attendees. Based on the feedback from the evaluation forms, attendees seemed to enjoy the breakout sessions, basket raffle, and sandwich buffet lunch. The Alateen soda and bake sale was a successful fund raiser for them. We are still looking for a chair for next year's event.

We are in the middle of distributing our 'Pearls of Wisdom' calendar for 2019. Our tenth annual potluck is scheduled for February 23, 2019. There are save the date flyers out in the lobby, and it is also posted on the Area website. More information will be coming soon.

On October 24th our Public Outreach coordinator participated in a Rockwood School District Red Ribbon Week presentation, a drug/alcohol awareness program for teens and their families. She reported that the two Al-Anon members at their booth were able to talk with many parents and students, and the sponsors indicated they were happy to have an Al-Anon presence. The Family Education meetings at a local treatment center in our district have been temporarily discontinued, but a member still makes sure their office is stocked with literature. The Public Outreach coordinator has reached out to the colleges and universities represented in our district but there has been little interest on their part.

~~Kathy G, District Representative

District 14

Greetings. I'm under the weather and can't be with you all today. This is a report for District 14 which covers St. Louis and Richmond Heights, MO. My thanks to (Ruth???) for braving the mic today.

Sunday, October 14, our D14 Al-Anon family met at St. John the Baptist Parish Center in South St. Louis for our Annual Fall Festival. Our Al-Anon speaker, Marian C, and Bob C. the AA speaker, shared their experience, strength, and hope with us all. And we extend gratitude for their service to our membership. District 15 'Dreams Become Reality Alateen' partnered with us once again to supply beverages for a requested voluntary contribution to the D15 Alateens. We appreciate the opportunity to help support Alateen in our Area. My thanks to Marc B, Steve and Mary for keeping us nicely hydrated and for their service and participation. I'm grateful to everyone who attended and participated. The baskets and other raffle items were lovely and creative. The food was plentiful and delicious. It was a lovely AFG afternoon.

Despite a Saturday morning monsoon that settled over Tower Grove Park, our July picnic was a success. Members drove through the big yellow and red blobs on the weather maps to hear our speakers - Lisa T from Al-Anon and Ed T from AA. D15 Alateen partnered with us that day too.

Sarah S, our Delegate, visited our District meeting in July and gave a lovely synopsis of her WSC trip for those who weren't able to attend the May Assembly. Our GRs were interested in WSO finances and wanted that info to take back to their groups. We appreciate her willingness to share with our small group.

We have a new meeting in our district - Stay in the Moment AFG meets at 9:00am Sunday at the Union Church of St. Louis on Waterman.

In May, Laurie K coordinated our district's PO event at Mt. Bethel Missionary Baptist Church community -health fair. Loretta R, Chris G, and Mary B, distributed CAL and answered questions. We continue to rotate service at the Harris House Treatment and Recovery Center in South St. Louis. Members attend a meeting once a month and share their experience, strength, and hope. They also distribute CAL pamphlets.

I recently made a change to our District meeting agenda by adding a slot to discuss GR concerns and/or positive events. I 'borrowed' that idea from another DR at AWSC. And I borrowed the 'time limit' idea from our AWSC and Assembly leadership. Both of these changes help us stay on topic and allow everyone a voice at the meeting. As a whole we struggle with getting boots on the ground for some activities. And we don't have an active Alateen group in our District.

Our Area has an abundance of events and workshops. I encourage my home group and GRs to attend these events, mainly because it enlarges our community and links us to each other. We are separate meetings and districts, but we are one large family. Thanks to all the meetings and districts in our Area for inviting us into your 'homes' and for visiting ours in District 14. Thanks for sharing your experience, strength, and hope. Al-Anon abides in our District and Area.

Respectfully submitted, Connie L, District 14 Representative

District 15

District 15 continues in its public outreach to members with sponsored activities. Our Holiday Workshop is scheduled on November 10, 2018 at Webster Groves Christian Church. Flyers are out on the table.

We will host a mini workshop in January 2019 entitled Coffee Talk on Sponsorship. It will begin with a brief business meeting, then a workshop and sharing entitled "The 12 Steps in 15 minutes". Exact date is forthcoming.

We will schedule a Serenity Walk in April 2019 consisting of a Step 11 talk, silent meditation and walk at Kirkwood Park.

We are discussing Public Outreach in District 15 and performing outreach to other members to participate in service work.

I cannot believe that it is almost 2 years since Panel 57 began.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary R, DR 15

District 17

Our district remains active in Bridgeway Treatment Center sharing experience, strength and hope to family members. We also participate with the Lincoln County district by contributing financially in support of their prison visits. We had a table at a health fair at the St. Charles Community College. The activities committee plans and holds a spring workshop and fall picnic. This December at our bi-monthly meeting, we are having an "Open House" which we hope attracts members for potential service positions on the next panel. There will be a breakfast pot-luck, speakers sharing what they have gained from serving the district, attendance prizes and an overall festive atmosphere. Service to the district can be as fun and rewarding as we make it. We welcome members from all districts to this Open House on December 15.

As it was reported at the AWSC meeting in August, District Seventeen is conducting a District Inventory. The written survey questions were distributed in August. As the results are collected by the GR's, the District Secretary is compiling them and we hope to have them to present at the next AWSC.

Alateen is offered at two meetings. The AMAIS are noticing a trend of attracting mostly younger teens. Hoping to continue to provide Alateen recovery, we are open to learn new ways to maintain attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara K

District 18

District 18 is in central Missouri

We have six active Al-Anon meetings and one Alateen Group. Still needing a GR for one meeting.

Sandi, the area Public Outreach Coordinator, was kind enough to join us at our last meeting and talk with us about public outreach and answer questions. She had literature to share with us and recommended items that

are available on the WSO website. She also suggested places to leave information. She reminds us that you never know how a pamphlet we leave or something a person hears can help or bring them to a meeting. Our goal is to have healthy meetings for them to come to.

Respectfully Submitted
Mary N, DR

District 19

District 19 is in the Kansas City area, north of the Missouri River. We have 10 groups registered, with 24 meetings per week, including 1 Alateen group.

We are meeting once per quarter as a District. Our attendance has been up (around 9 people) at our past 2 meetings and we are working on rebuilding our participation as a District and figuring out what that means to us. Several of our groups host annual events and we participate in KCAIS, so we are still working on gathering input from our groups on what they want to participate in at the District level.

Respectfully submitted, Robyn Q., District 19 DR

District 21

District 21 includes 9 groups the south of KC area. We have a total of 14 meetings each week, three of which are daytime meetings. We also have one Alateen meeting a month at Crittenton Center, which is a residential school for troubled youth. Crittenton is geographically in our district but is sponsored by District 19. We remain grateful for that District's service.

Our District meets twice a year for business meetings and hosts an annual picnic each summer, with great food, fellowship and speakers. This year's picnic was held in August and it was a huge success, with wonderful food and fellowship and brief talks by an AA member and by an Al-Anon member who is also one of our District GRs. This simple picnic is only two hours long and our membership seems to appreciate the simplicity of that arrangement. We had about 60 people present!

As part of the Kansas City AIS, we are happy to be doing some Public Outreach at a residential facility for single moms and children, Amethyst Place, in mid-town KCMO. We will be carrying an informational meeting whenever there is 5th Thursday.

At our last District meeting we discussed the possibility of having a vinyl banner made to display at local ball fields, beside the other sponsor banners. We later learned that the banner would not be expensive but the placement of the banners would be cost-prohibitive. We will continue mulling over Public Outreach, as we agree that getting additional membership is a common concern in our District where 10 attendees is considered a large meeting.

In addition, District 21 hosted a potluck and Serenity Walk on October 20. Thanks go to a small committee that includes Mary C., John H., Barbara M., and Janet W., and the weather, it was a great success. I believe it was the first Serenity Walk in the KC locale. About a dozen members attended.

Our next business meeting will be held in February and at that time we will begin to look ahead to the new panel and elections, probably in August. That way the incoming DR can attend the August AWSC meeting in 2019.

I am honored to serve the wonderful groups and members of District 21.

In gratitude,
Ann H, District 21

District 23

The four groups in District 23 continue to be disinterested in participating at the District or Area level, as evidenced by the lack of Group Representatives. I remain the only active Group Rep currently involved in service.

As DR, I continue to publish newsletters and to make myself available to support the groups. Between now and the end of the year, I plan to visit each of the groups in the District to maintain an "in-person" presence.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Michael C., District 23 DR
jmichael.afg@gmail.com

District 25

District 25 includes six counties. We have four active groups; currently three of them have a GR. Our district meetings are bi-monthly, averaging 4 members in attendance. We continue to read and share on a concept if time allows. The Montgomery meeting has folded due to no newcomers. Possibly we can try again in the future. Our public outreach is going strong. Geneva continues to carry the Al-Anon message at the women's prison in Vandalia. Ms. Linda is spreading the word to different organizations and community fairs; including the Warren County Safety Festival, Heroin Rally in Troy, Railroad Days in Truesdale, and Montgomery County Health Fair. We had our annual district picnic and Serenity Walk. There was low attendance at both, but we still had wonderful time. It's a privilege to be of service in District 25.

Diane S District 25 District Representative

Appendix D: Other reports

ROUND ROBIN DISCUSSION: How can the Round Robin adapt and become a more useful resource for the Area

Using Six Hats method

WHITE HAT (Information known or needed):

How many people are going to the website for the past few months?
How many people are affected because they don't have the internet?
Round Robin contains sensitive information
We are saving money
Mobile devices
Keep forgetting to print it
No complaints - are we hearing complaints?
Round Robin is important
I get it now and I didn't before
Need email to remind of posting
I look at it now
Use of internet by all ages is high
I don't know how to get it
I print for meetings - reimbursed for ink and paper
People outside our area subscribe
What is the Round Robin?
I forward the notice to those in my group that it is available
Constraints of when I can submit info is an issue
Is it provided through our social media accounts?
Gave group the info to log in and see
What is cost for copies that are being mailed
Out of state are not receiving their Round Robin through the mail
Password protected on line
People paid for their subscriptions
Using first class mail to send out paper copies
How many hard copies were being mailed out?
\$200 bulk mailing permit
Will we be reimbursed for subscriptions not being mailed?
Mailed copies remained unopened at some groups
How much money is wasted with paper copies?
11% of adults do not use internet at all and 34% have no interest, 32% thought internet too difficult
Anonymity not protected when left out in meeting rooms

RED HAT (Emotions):

Frustrated
Overwhelmed
Angy
Ambivalent
Optimistic
Excited
Sad
Discouraged
Confused
Hunch few people outside of service care
Guilty

Abused
Nervous
Miss the paper
Old
Loss
Left Behind
Conflicted
Like it
Uninformed
Unprepared
Resentful
Energetic
Held back
Saving money
Bored
Powerless, unheard
Pissed off
Positive
Grateful
Relieved
Responsible
Irresponsible

GREEN HAT (Creative, possibilities):

Double up on flyers?
Refunds
Password can be sent to out of state
Remove names and sensitive and put Round Robin out in the open
Keep digital AND do paper for those who want it
Email pdf to all GRs
Are we tied to monthly?
Offer a choice - paper or online?
Group autonomy on how they distribute to members
Change frequency, but still do paper
GR/CMA receive email that it is available each month
Method for those without internet access to receive it
Secretary gets it online and prints for the group
More attractive, more blingly online
Video Round Robin
Newsletter concept as a blog?
Go back to mailing
Previous copies online
Public Outreach page
Make it More Accessible

BLACK HAT (Logical negative):

Blog - have to check it constantly - how do we know when there is something new?
Lose archive
Volunteer must have skills to manage it
Some solutions leave out those who do not use internet
I don't like the name Round Robin
I don't think as many people are seeing the Round Robin

I don't think my group misses the copies
Meetings don't have a computer in them
I think there is no point in paper copy
Electronic doesn't help with service - if they aren't interested in it with paper, they won't care with electronic either
Some just prefer paper copy
It didn't ask me for a password when I returned
If it's online, it's out there
Password not secure enough
Put it online to get it printed
Groups didn't want to pay
Fear that we're missing a giant demographic if we can't get the info out there timely

YELLOW HAT (Logical positive):

Newsletter as email
Bad addresses issue fixed
Round Robin editor job more attractive
Environmentally friendly
Online easier to access
Paper for some, online for all
Opens up opportunities for interactivity
Can still be printed out and shared with digitally challenged members
Print any size you want
Color could help remember
Tech savvy can help those who are not
Saving Space
Flashdrive archiving
Remember to subscribe
Saving Money
Infographics
Might attract a more diverse crowd of service people
Read out loud
More attractive name, that says what it is
Diversity within language
More people can access at the same time
Appeal to the younger people coming in

BLUE HAT (Process, steps):

Extend the trial another six months - need more data
Survey to find out how many are interested in web site/paper copy
Round Robin quarterly instead of monthly
Paper or online - subscriber choice - but have it sent to our mailboxes
Newsletter quarterly - the week before assembly - it was outdated by the time we got info
Make it more fun and attractive - in email
Six months - would like to see more financial data
Do we have to limit to one time frame

2019 South Central Regional Delegates' Meeting

The South Central Regional Delegates' Meeting (SCRDM) is held each year on the first weekend in March. There are seven Areas in the South Central Region, so each year one Area hosts the event. The hosting schedule is set up on a rotating basis and it is our turn to host the 2019 event.

The dates will be March 1 – 3, 2019. We will be at the Hilton Frontenac Hotel in St. Louis. The address is 1335 S. Lindbergh Blvd. (at the intersection of Highway 64 and Lindbergh).

Anyone who would like to come may attend, so know you are invited. We are looking for people who are willing to help. Primarily, I need people to take care of the Hospitality Room. This would take some planning and preparation ahead of time, so it will involve more time than just the weekend. There are food restrictions imposed by the hotel, so I can pass that information on to you if you are interested. The hotel is within the District 13 boundaries, but near Districts 9 and 15. There is easy access from almost anywhere in the St. Louis vicinity.

On the weekend of the event, I would like help at the Registration table to give attendees their badges and programs. I would also like a couple of people familiar with the neighborhood to give folks directions to places of interest should they ask.

Submitted by Geneva D.

Prison Outreach

Even though I have loved taking an Al-Anon Meeting into the women's prison in Vandalia, MO for over 14 years, the time has come for me to step down. At this point, Lori C from District 8 has been helping me out by going in for me once or twice a month. She does not want to take this on as a weekly commitment, so I am asking you to search your hearts and see if you would like to experience this kind of service.

The whole idea of taking a meeting inside prison walls was scary to me. Fortunately, in my case, my husband was already taking A.A. meetings in, so I had the benefit of his experience and scheduled the Al-Anon meetings to coincide with his A.A. meetings. I am going to continue for the rest of this year, so if you would like to fill out the paperwork involved, you could go in with me once or twice to see how it is.

Anyone interested in becoming a Volunteer in Corrections (VIC) (necessary to take the meetings in on a regular basis) must first fill out an application, go through a background check, and then take a class put on by the Department of Corrections. I warn you, they do try to scare you away from this during the class, but I can assure you I have never experienced the terrifying scenarios they describe.

Vandalia is in Audrain County, near the border of Pike County. It is technically in District 8, but next door to District 25. That really doesn't matter, they don't locate prisons anywhere that is convenient for anyone. For instance, it is about an hour's drive from my house and slightly longer than that from Jeff City or Hannibal, so at least some folks from Districts 12, 17 or 18 would be in the same travel range.

The address is: 1101 US-54, Vandalia, MO 63382
(573) 594-6686

There is also a Women's prison in Chillicothe, MO. That address is: 3151 Litton Rd, Chillicothe, MO 64601. As far as I have heard, there is no Al-Anon meeting in Chillicothe at this time, but that is another service opportunity waiting for someone closer to that location.

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