

Rhode Island Al-Anon Family Groups (RI AFG)
Area Meeting (AWSC) – January 14, 2017

Area Officer/Coordinator Attendees

David G, Area Chair; Barbara H, Literature Coordinator; Tami K, Area Treasurer; Shawn J., DR 1; Megan B., Alateen Coordinator; Terry L, DR 3; Jane A., Office Coordinator; Ann Marie, AA Liaison; Kathi, Archives Coordinator.

Opening

Moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer; reading of the Traditions, Concepts, and Warranties;

Introductions, by AWSC position and home group(s).

Minutes

Upon motion duly made, the minutes for the November 12, 2016 AWSC meeting were approved.

Reports

Treasurer's report – Tami reviewed with the Committee the 2016 status of the income and expense reports, group donations, and appeal. Final 2016 Summary for each will be finished by early Feb. when the Finance Committee meets. She will provide final 2016 reports to the AWSC at the next meeting. The area office is now making deposits, keeping copies, and the summaries of each are sent to the Treasurer.

Delegate report – David reviewed the schedule of the Conference and Regional Conference.

District 3 – Terry provided status report.

District 1 – Shawn reported the date of the next District 1 Meeting.

Alateen Coordinator – Megan updated the Area on the status of the Alateen groups, both in school and out of school. She will be having Alateen sponsor meetings after the Area meetings in the future. She gave everyone Alateen posters and asked the Area members to pass them along and post where they can. There are several new sponsors.

Website Coordinator – David updated the Area members on the status and content of his communications with the new Webmaster. David will be his point of contact to provide website changes to him. For the time being, anyone needing any matters updated on website, please send to David, and he will pass them on to Mike.

Officer Coordinator – Jane updated the Area members on the status of the office. There is a new volunteer that is being trained. If anyone knows of anyone that wants to volunteer, either at the office, or from home as a phone call monitor, please have them call the office and talk with Jane.

Literature Coordinator – The year-end report was distributed. Barbara was thanking for creating this document. She also reviewed the new *Paths to Recovery Workbook* and status of the publication. The Committee discussed the new approach for 2017 of Literature expenses coming from the Literature account and recorded on the monthly report. The Finance Committee will work out any procedural questions as to implementation of this.

Group Records – David updated the Committee on the status of the transition in this position.

AA Liaison – Ann Marie updated the Committee on the status on the upcoming Convention in Newport 3/24-3/26, and the role of Alanon. She is working on the meeting topics and she will be asking for chairs for the meetings. She is also hoping for more Alanon publicity of the event and attendance. She described her position duties and the convention planning.

Archives Coordinator – Kathi updated the archives status. Kathi then announced her resignation due to other matters, and this was accepted by the Committee, who thanked her for her service.

2017 Dates

David updated the Committee on the likely AWSC and Area schedule of meetings and events for 2017. The Workshop is currently reserved for Oct 7 at Ray Hall. It was requested of Barbara H. that she check if the date of 9/23 is available, and if so, she will notify David who will informally poll the Committee for a final date. The final dates and locations for the Area Assemblies in June and November/December have not yet been set.

Vacant Positions

David updated the Committee on the vacant positions and if anyone knows of someone that would be interested, please have them contact any Committee member. Current vacancies: Alternate Delegate, Secretary, Public Outreach, Newsletter, Forum Coordinator, Archives and Workshop chair.

Thought/Task Forces

David reviewed with the Committee what Thought/Task Forces are and the process. They are based on knowledge based decision making (KBDM). Thought force is “what do we know” about the topic. Task force is “what do we do” about the topic.

After discussion, Megan felt a Thought Force was not needed to review the BCI requirements and the needed changes could be drafted by a group of the Alateen sponsors. The revised guidelines for this will be presented at the next AWSC for approval. If approved, then to be posted on the Website.

Discussion took place on implementation of the communication thought force approved by the AWSC on Nov. 12. The consensus of all was this was important, improved communication is needed, and the committee agreed to move forward with the Thought Force. The committee will be: Shawn & Barbara M., Co-Chairs; Denise C; Jane A; Megan; Mike; and Terry. David will provide all members email and phone contacts, and materials on KBDM and possible ideas for the scope and issues for the Committee.

The Next Meeting will be March 4, 2017 at 10am.

CLOSING

Motion to adjourn, so carried.

The meeting closed with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb H.

Reports and other attachments are available at the office.