

**RI Al-Anon Family Groups (RIAFG)  
Area World Service Committee (AWSC) Meeting  
March 21, 2024  
7:00-9:00 PM  
Zoom Meeting ID 8934328 4197  
Minutes**

**Attendance:**

Linda Marie (Website Coordinator), Maggie (Group Records Coordinator), McKenzie (District 1 Representative), Beth (District 3 Representative), Claudia (Group Representative for Courage & Hope), Cindy Brimmer (Area Delegate)

**Opening:**

Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, Read Traditions, Concepts and Warranties, Introductions of attendees including name and AWSC positions.

**Minutes:**

Vote to approve January 18, 2024 minutes was unanimous.  
Beth will take minutes for the March 21, 2024 AWSC meeting.

**Old Business:**

- June Spring Assembly – Assembly Planning Committee (packet delivery date)  
Discussion included: There is no Assembly Planning Committee yet. District 1 is hosting and there is a \$400 budget for the Assembly. Hosting includes decorating venue, confirming venue (ideally wall space for projection), food planning and help with the transport of materials. AWSC has projector. AWSC Officers develop the packet for Assembly. District and Group Representatives will discuss possible agenda items with their groups. The Assembly packet must be out by May 9, 2024 to get the word out 6 weeks prior to the Assembly date of June 1<sup>st</sup> or June 8<sup>th</sup> (preferred date for Delegate's Report for 6 weeks to process the WSC and prepare the Delegate's report). Flyers need to have the venue information on it. Packet should be finalized by May 1<sup>st</sup> or May 2<sup>nd</sup> to get the packet contents confirmed and out by May 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - Need help connecting technology at Assembly.

- Need another cofacilitator for the Assembly.

Discussion of agenda items included time for Group Representatives to meet. Length of Assembly was discussed and concluded with an agreement that 9-1pm did not work at the last Spring Assembly. Items were too squeezed into an abbreviated day. Delegate quoted Service Manual for Assembly requirements. Assembly will be held 9am-3pm.

- Love Gifts for World Service Conference (WSC)  
Delegate discussed Love Gifts and our Area not having Love Gifts at WSC for 2 years. Our World Service Delegate has not had anything to hand out. Items need to be light and packable like pins, keychains, magnets or bookmarks. Pins have been very popular with Delegates at WSC. Share with groups about need for Love Gifts for Area 49 and let our World Service Delegate, Cindy Brimmer know. At the last AWSC a fellow was going to check with RI Tourism and there was no update available. There are approximately 100 Delegates.
- Technology Position  
The RIAFG hybrid workshop was a huge success and the North East Regional District (NERD) hybrid meeting worked well too. Having hybrid Assemblies may be possible in the future and a new Area 49 Technology position may be helpful. Service Manual guidance was sought to develop a job description for a new tech position. Other areas have a technology position. Adding a Technology position to the Assembly agenda was discuss. Job description will be discussed in detail later.

Motion was made by Linda Marie and seconded by Maggie.

- Add agenda item of possibly creating a Technology position for Area 49 with guidelines from the Service Manual.

Vote was unanimous in support of the motion. Motion passes.

### **New Business:**

- Bank Account/Literature Account  
AWSC has two bank accounts: an operating account and a literature account. We need to update and make current the signatures on both accounts with serving AWSC members as signers. The AWSC Chair has typically signed on both accounts in the past. The position of AWSC Chair is

vacant. Currently only the AWSC Treasurer, Terry Lewis can sign for the operating account which has delayed reimbursements. There is no one able to sign the Literature account currently because the Literature Coordinator position and the AWSC Chair is vacant. This doesn't work. Also, the past serving AWSC Chair's name must be removed. Given the vacant service positions it would be prudent and fiscally responsible to add the Treasurer, Terry Lewis and the World Service Delegate, Cindy Brimmer to both accounts to improve RIAFG functioning of our fiscal responsibilities. The new signers will need to go to the bank and discuss the situation with a copy of these minutes.

Motion was made by MacKenzie and seconded by Maggie.

- Add Cindy Brimmer, World Service Delegate and Terry Lewis, AWSC Treasurer as signers to both the operating account and the literature account for RIAFG. Remove former AWSC Chair from accounts.

Vote was unanimous in support of the motion. Motion passes.

- Position Responsibility/ Attendance at AWSC Meetings

At the Fall Assembly 5 of the 9 vacant positions were filled. Unfortunately, some service positions are filled in name only. For instance, very few folks show up for the AWSC meetings. There were numerous challenges with the transition of email accounts and responsibilities. Showing up AWSC members get a voice and a vote. Discussion of previous and new AAPP communicating about recertification process. Discussion also included: Asking people more questions. Would you like to step down? What do you need? Want some help? What has worked in the past and what hasn't been successful about getting the word out about open service positions? What else could the Area do? Let's help them find solutions.

- Communication, Outreach and Participation of Area Members

This item was placed on the agenda by someone not in attendance. Website Coordinator reported that last month website had 1011 hits with a 2.5 average page view. Mostly people were looking for meetings. Please promote the webpage at meetings and add to the calendar of events.

Motion was made to Adjourn. Vote was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 8:58pm

