

\*\*\*\*\***DRAFT VERSION # 2**\*\*\*\*\*

Minutes of the RIAFG Assembly  
Held on October 5, 2024

In Attendance:

GR's District One: Barbara W., Dean H., Barbara G.

GR's District Two: David G., Sally K., Elaine H., Claudia P., Christine E., Kim C.,  
Scott M., Hillary T.

GR's District Three: Maggie W., Anna P., Jeannie O., Brian F., Brandon H. AWSC:  
Linda Marie, Cindy B., Terry L., Christine E., Anna P., Maggie W., Elaine H.

Members of RIAFG: Maggie A., Jackie W., Holly R., Francisco P., Hilda E.

I. Opening/Welcome

- A. Cindy B., our RIAFG Interim Delegate, and Terry L., our RIAFG Area Treasurer, shared the job of chairing the assembly. At 9:00 AM Cindy opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Al-Anon's Twelve Steps, Traditions, Concepts of Service and General Warranties were read.
- B. Introductions of the AWSC and the Group Representatives were made. Assembly etiquette and house keeping issues were given. Also noted was the availability of Love Gifts that were on the back table.

II. Area Business

- A. The minutes of the November 4, 2023 Assembly were accepted as submitted.
- B. The Spring Assembly has a scheduled date of June 14, 2025 and will be hosted by District 3.
- C. Terry explained how the staggered dates for the various service positions works. Cindy and Terry shared going over the requirements for the open service positions. It was noted that the officer positions; i.e., Area Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chair are the only positions that require that a member currently holds or has held a service position in the Area. The other positions can be held by active Al-Anon members. There are only three positions, Alateen Process Person, Email Coordinator, and Workshop Coordinator, that can be held by members also in AA.
- D. Information about the responsibilities of the open service positions were discussed as well as how the voting process will be done in the afternoon session. Currently the AWSC meetings occur via Zoom and there are approximately 5-6 meetings per year.

III. Delegate's WSC Report

- A. Cindy reviewed what the Area Delegate position involves. The WSC (World Service

Conference) was held from April 18 through 21, 2024. The theme of this conference was our path toward grace, unity and understanding. The importance of Concept 6 and Al-Anon's principles were stressed. 68 delegates from the US, Canada, Bermuda and Puerto Rico attended the conference.

- B. New Al-Anon literature, "Healing in Our Alcoholic Relationships," has been released and is now available. It has 48 pages and costs \$4.00. A new booklet, "Finances in Al Anon Recovery" has received approval and will be available soon. World Service is now requesting sharing on sponsorship both personal and service. Conference Approved Literature (CAL) is now available in 37 languages.
- C. The online service manual has been updated regarding choosing a group's name. It is available now on the al-anon.org website.
- D. A task force has been created to address adding Delegates to the Conference Leadership Team.
- E. Miscellaneous WSO items:
  - 1. In January of 2024, Al-Anon's audit of its finances was found to be clean.
  - 2. The new daily reader, A Little Time for Myself, generated \$1M in revenue.
  - 3. Continuing the Delegates' visit to Stepping Stones during the WSC is currently under review.
  - 4. Only 61% of Al-Anon groups make donations to WSO. The amount per group required to provide services is \$330.09. The quarterly appeal from WSO is in addition to the \$330.09.
  - 5. 58 areas now support electronic groups. RIAFG is one of them.
  - 6. The WSC will be extended from 4 to 5 days.
  - 7. AA International Convention with Al-Anon participation will be held in Vancouver, BC. from July 3 through 6th, 2025. The 2028 AA International Convention will be held in the June to July timeframe. Exact dates and location are TBD.
  - 8. Cindy discussed what a "panel" is. Panel 64 are the incoming new Delegates. The outgoing delegates for 2024 are Panel 62. The "sweet spot" middle are Panel 63. Each new incoming group of Delegates has a unique panel number, so for 2025, they will be Panel 65.

#### IV. Treasurer's Report: Terry L.

- A. 2024 will be the third year that RIAFG expenses will exceed income. 2023 ended in a loss of \$1600.00. The forecast for 2024 is a loss of \$2100. The area has been using money from the bank account to make up for this short fall. The prudent reserve is still in tact at about \$4K There will be an annual appeal letter sent via email to the CMA's and GR's.
- B. At the group level, if every group contributed \$273.00 this year to the Area, the budget would be balanced. This is in addition to the \$330.09 contributed per group to the WSO. Only about 70% of our RIAFG groups donate to the Area.
- C. Terry presented the 2025 proposed budget, which reduced most of the coordinator budgets to \$0.00. Historically this money does not get utilized. There was discussion

about reducing the budget amount for the AA Liaison, but it was ultimately agreed to leave this amount as the proposed. A motion was made by Scott M. and seconded by Maggie to accept the 2025 budget as submitted. This was approved by the voting members of the Assembly.

D. A motion was made by Chris, seconded by Brian, and approved by the Assembly to form a 2026 Budget Task Force to develop operational/financial strategies for a balanced budget. Terry L. will be the chair of this task force, and the members will be Scott, Brian, Kim, and Cindy.

V. New Technology Position & Task Force: Cindy discussed this new position. There was some confusion as to if this was approved at the previous Assembly in November, but there was no mention of this in the minutes of that meeting. The job description is already available in the service manual. A motion was made by Maggie to create a Task Force to work on adding this position to our Area. This was seconded by Barbara and passed with a 9 pro, 8 con vote. However no one stepped up to chair this task force, so it is tabled for now.

VI. Voting on Area Service Positions: During the lunch break, districts 1 and 2 elected their District Representative: District 1 is Barbara W. and District 2 is Scott M. The District 3 representative is filled. The Assembly proceeded to request members to stand for the various open Area positions. The following are the results of those elections shown by position, candidate, and result of voting:

1. Area Chair: Christine E.: Approved
2. Area Delegate: Cindy B.: Not approved
3. Alternate Delegate: no candidate
4. Area Secretary: Anna P.: Approved
5. AA Liaison: Dean H.: Approved
6. Alateen Coordinator: Brian F.: Approved
7. Alateen Process Person: Sally K.: Approved
8. Archives Coordinator: Claudia P.: Approved
9. Email Coordinator: Holly R.: Approved
10. Forum Coordinator: Kim C.: Approved
11. Lifelines Editor: Brandon H.: Approved
12. Literature Coordinator: Jackie W.: Approved
13. Public Outreach Coordinator: no candidate
14. Office Coordinator: no candidate
15. Workshop Coordinator 2024: no candidate
16. Workshop Coordinator 2025: no candidate

VII. Spring Assembly, 2025: June 14, 2024 is the date for the RIAFG Spring Assembly. District 3 will be in charge of the arrangements. The tentative location is YANA.

VIII. The Assembly was adjourned at 3:55 PM and the closing prayers were the Serenity Prayer and the AI-Anon Declaration.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Elaine H., RI Area Office Coordinator