

**Rhode Island Al-Anon Family Groups (RI AFG)  
Fall 2014 Assembly  
Thundermist Health Center**

**AREA OFFICER ATTENDEES:**

Barbara M., Area Chair; Barbara H., AA Liaison; David G., Delegate; Dean H., Webmaster; Deb E., Literature Coordinator; Denise C., Group Records Coordinator; Denise A., Forum Coordinator; Marguerite, DR 3; Nancy S., Treasurer; Phyllis H., DR 2; Rose, Alateen Coordinator

**GROUP REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDEES:**

**District 1** – Dan, Keren P., Denise C., Ann-Marie C., Sandra C., Denise A., Mark C.; **District 2** – Dean H., Tami K., Linda D., Debra E., Monique C., Heather M., Helen S., Melissa P., Heather B.; **District 3** – Sheila B., Nancy h., Sandra M., Joy C., Meg D., Catherine H., Alicia M.

Barbara M., reviewed the Assembly package with the Group Representatives.

**MINUTES**

Barbara M. asked the Assembly to review and accept the May 2014 Assembly minutes.

Upon motion duly made, and seconded the May 2014 Assembly minutes were approved.

**AREA BUSINESS**

Next year's assembly was voted to be in District 1 on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Ann Marie C., from district 1, will Chair the Assembly Planning Task Force.

Barbara M. reviewed the Area open service positions.

Phyllis H. reviewed with the GRs the Assembly Guidelines, page 6: the requirement that the candidates for Area Chair, Area Secretary, and Area Treasurer must be "an outgoing or current AWSC member or former AWSC member who has remained active in service at the Area level". Since that is a very limited pool of candidates, we are asking the GRs to vote to suspend the requirement for this Assembly only. The next panel will bring it before the next Assembly to possibly modify the requirements.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was approved to suspend the requirement of being a current or former AWSC member for the Area Chair, Area Secretary, and Area Treasurer.

**AREA OFFICE/COORDINATOR REPORTS**

The Area Officers and Coordinators gave their reports to update the GRs on the past and present accomplishments throughout the past 3 years.

**DISCUSSION SESSIONS**

Deb E., Literature Coordinator, reviewed with the members the WSO request sent out titled "Please share for our new daily reader". She asked for suggestions from the group on how to get new sharings for possible publication. This reader will cover a wide range of topics from a variety of members throughout our fellowship.

Some suggestions were to have writing workshops, send announcements to the email list, lead a meeting and then encourage writing submissions, or set up a special writing workshop. The GRs were encouraged to take these ideas back and share them with their groups.

Phyllis H. reviewed with the Assembly members the proposed Guideline for GR Terms. The

recommendation is: “The Group Representative and Alternate Group Representative are elected by the group for a one-year term that is renewable up to 3 years. Each group may choose its own method of electing its Group Representative and Alternate Group Representative.” A copy of the proposal was circulated for review prior to voting.

Nancy S., reviewed with the Assembly members the Area Budget. She then reviewed the budget proposal. The Assembly discussed questions and concerns prior to voting.

### **WORLD SERVICE OFFICE (WSO) TRUSTEE PRESENTATION**

Jennie World Service Trustee, presented to the Assembly. She gave the Assembly her background and told her story. She reviewed with the Assembly her years in service, the World Service Board, and the different types of Service.

Barbara M. called for a vote on the proposed Guideline for GR Terms.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was approved to adopt the Guideline for a one year GR Term.

Barbara M. called for a vote on the 2015 Area Budget.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the 2015 Area Budget was approved.

The following District Representatives were elected by their respective districts:

**District 1** – Mark C.; **District 2** – Monique C.; **District 3** – Meg D.

### **VOTING NEW AWSC OFFICERS/COORDINATORS**

Barbara M., reminded the GRs that they have approved a one-time suspension of the current Assembly Guidelines requirement that the Area Chair, Area Treasurer, and Area Secretary be “an outgoing or current AWSC Committee member or former AWSC member who has remained active in service at the Area level”.

The Area elections were held and the following members were elected to fill the open AWSC Officer/Coordinator positions effective January 1, 2015:

Area Chair, 3 year term: **David G.**

Area Delegate, 3 year term: **Phyllis H.**

Area Alternate Delegate, 2 year term: **OPEN**

Area Treasurer, 3 year term: **Tami K. / Monique C.**

Area Secretary, 1 year term: **Deb E.**

Officer Coordinator, 1 year term: **OPEN**

Public Outreach Coordinator, 2 year term: **Heather M.**

Literature Coordinator, 3 year term: **Barbara H.**

Lifelines Editor, 1 year term: **OPEN**

Alateen Coordinator, 3 year term: **Megan B.**

Alateen Process Person, 1 year term: **Lisa B.**

Archives Coordinator, 1 year term: **OPEN**

AA Liaison (Coordinator), 3 year term: **Ann Marie C.**

Workshop Coordinator Co-Chairs 1 year term: **Nancy H. & Heather F.**

Phyllis H. reviewed changes to the Assembly Guidelines with the GRs. The changes were a result of the implementation of staggered terms for the AWSC which had been approved at the last Assembly and a few

other typos that needed correcting. Per the Assembly Guidelines, a two-thirds vote of the Assembly is required to amend the Guidelines.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was approved to amend the Assembly Guidelines as presented.

It was requested that there be a motion to remove Nancy S. and Deb E. from the Literature Bank Account and to replace them with Barbara H. and David G. on the account.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was approved to remove Nancy S. and Deb E. and replace them with Barbara H. and David G. on the Literature Bank Account.

Barbara M. called for a motion to adjourn.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Assembly was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Barbara H.*