

**RI AI-Anon Family Groups (RIAFG)  
Area World Service Committee (AWSC) Meeting**

**Location: 106 Rolfe St., Cranston and via Zoom**

**In Attendance:** Barbara H., Ann H., Jackie W., Wendy, Terry L., Ashley, Phyllis, Julia, Kim, Cindy, Eden, and Elaine.

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm. Minutes of the January 6, 2022 were approved as submitted by all present.

**New Business:**

**Spring Assembly:** Draft of proposed June 4 Spring Assembly was sent out in advance by Barbara. The Assembly is expected to be 100% in person. Still to be decided is the agenda for the Assembly and the exact timing. Location of the Assembly is still being finalized. Ann H and Terry discussed several possible locations and a final location should be secured very soon.

**Open Area Positions:** Ann H. questioned when her term was up as Email Coordinator. Barbara explained that no retirement/conclusion date is needed because Ann's position as email coordinator is not official. This is because person cannot hold two voting-level area positions at once.— can have one as a voting position. But since Ann has not been voted in as email coordinator by the GR, she can have one voting-level position and one that is below voting-level.

At the Spring Assembly, email coordinator will be listed as an open position. Ann indicated she would continue to volunteer as email coordinator until the GR assembly takes a formal vote on filling the position. Ann H's current voting-level position is Forum coordinator, through December 2022, and she indicated that she will retire from the position of Forum coordinator at that time.

**Workshop Development:** Julia G. proposed that Workshop Chair and responsibilities be rotated among the three Rhode Island districts, to mimic assembly rotation through the districts. The AWSC members pointed out that while this was a welcome idea — especially after the past couple of years — there are currently there are no active District Representatives. Julia will work on a proposal to present at the Spring Assembly. Julia will also take minutes at the Spring Assembly. The Assembly would have to vote on that change of coordination. Julia will bring it up. But without DRs that could be difficult.

**Electronic Group Task Force** — no update. Elaine is at the start line. Julia indicated she would like to be part of it this task force.

Treasurer's report

**Lifelines Newsletter:** Eden C. Is the new coordinator/editor. She will email a midmonth check-in to RIAFG admins. Submissions deadline is 5 days before end of the month.

**Literature:** Wendy is new literature coordinator for RIAFG.

Discussion: Eden was given some links for service manual flow charts listing various WSO/ASWC members and their activities. She will start to include more education about these positions in Lifelines. Jackie will send a poster of the service positions tree to Eden for Lifelines.

**Forum Coordinator:** Wendy shared that it's now possible for the Literature Coordinator to bank in the name of Al-Anon. WSO is out of stock of major books like "How Al-Anon Works" — literature is checking all the time to see if the books are back in stock. Bank account is healthy. Just made end of year contribution to general operating fund from literature.

**Office Coordinator:** Elaine asked everyone to mention at meetings that we need office volunteers either in person or online or check phones at home.

**Outreach:** On behalf of Jackie, Barbara suggested public outreach and service and free public outreach bookmarks. Drop off bookmarks everywhere you go. Libraries, police stations, restaurants, school offices. They have a QR code too.

**Treasurer:** Terry misplaced a flash drive, but reports will be delivered soon — not ready tonight. Not surprising, last year there was less income, and no quarterly or annual appeal either. More details by next time. Thank you, Elaine for sending deposits regularly.

**Alateen:** Unfortunately, Ashley needs to step down from Alateen position. Circumstances of her life have changed. She would like to stay as a group sponsor and her home group is very strong. She will write something for Lifelines. AAPP Susan will stay until there is someone else. The board thanked Ashley for her service.

Meeting adjourned 7:48PM. Next meeting is March 17.

Respectfully submitted by Eden C., Lifelines Coordinator