

**MINUTES**  
RIAFG  
AWSC Meeting  
September 15, 2018

**In attendance:** Phyllis H., Area Chair; Barbara H., Area Delegate; Dennis S., Email Coordinator; Jane A. Office Coordinator; Joel B., Alternate District 2 Rep; Jackie G., AA Liaison; Shawn J., District 1 Rep; Ashely B. , Alateen Co-Coordinator; Ann-Marie C., Literature Coordinator, Elaine H., Lifelines Editor; Tami K., Treasurer

Motion to accept minutes of last meeting made, seconded, and passed.

All officers now have a Service Manual.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Income/Expense Report through August presented.
- Annual Appeal Letter was sent out. Concern has been expressed by District 1 about a dollar amount suggestion being in the Appeal letter; it was suggested to reword in the future.
- Alateen: can funds be earmarked specifically to them on Group donations as done in the past? Alateen and Al-Anon are one entity and Alateen has a line item in the budget for expenses related to Alateen.

**Workshop**

- Still needs volunteers – please share at meetings
- Room 3 not available for use this year. Alateen usually uses this room. They may move to Main Hall or have Alateen move to one of the rooms and an Al-Anon breakout can move to the Main Hall.
- AA has Workshop information on their website and with treatment coordinator.
- There is still a need for meeting chairs, unsure how many.

**Fall Assembly Agenda**

**Open Service Positions**

- Concerns related to how to promote open service positions were discussed. There was a suggestion for a clothesline set-up with descriptions for each open position hung for people to read. Another suggestion was for 1:1 solicitation for anyone we feel may be good in a certain position. We can discuss how service deepens our level of recovery. Offer the value/necessity of the position, that it takes a team effort to keep our Program healthy.
- Ann-Marie will provide posts for the presentation and Barbara will bring clothespins. Will need someone to make “flags” with job descriptions on colorful papers.
- Secretary and Lifelines Editor have served only partial terms and are eligible to stand again.
- Elaine said she is open to standing again as Lifelines Editor.
- Dennis and Jane will share their experience in their positions.
- Area Alateen Process Person position is open and must be filled to have Alateen in our Area.

**Do Not Refer/Re-Refer Policy**

- Barbara explained what this policy involves from discussion at World Service Conference.
- WSO will honor only if the Area has policies of its own.
- Discussion on practice and Traditions supported Group Autonomy as long as it does not affect Al-Anon or AA as a whole.

- Add "See attachment" to Agenda to reference WSO policy statement to generate discussion.
- Open for Assembly to decide if they want to form a Thought Force, Task Force, or no action at this time.
- Ohio's policy available to review.
- Discussion felt it falls under our stated goals for the year.

#### **Internet and Meeting Safety Issues**

- Concerns have been expressed about the use of first and last names, phone numbers and other personal identifying information on-line.
- There is thought/concern about the safety and liability to Area and WSO.
- An option is social media secret groups.
- There is also some concern related to personal safety as well as potential liability.
- This discussion is important in the continued protection of AI-Anon as a resource and serving the spiritual principles/ traditions/ concepts of the Program.
- Discussion of safety issues in some meetings.

#### **Service Task Force Report/Discussion**

- There is a task force meeting coming up.
- Time allotted at the Assembly will be left as is.

#### **Interactive Game**

- Interest was expressed in having a "speed dating" type of game to encourage interactive exchange amongst the participants. Phyllis will put something together.

Assembly Action Items were accepted as listed.

#### **Area Level Group Inventory**

- When was the last Group Conscience held at the Area level? It was agreed it was probably 10-12 years ago, moderated by someone outside the Area.
- It was agreed that this AWSC should consider having one. Shawn will send the group a sample inventory from another Area.
- Discussion to continue at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be Saturday, November 17, 2018.

Motion for adjournment made, seconded, and passed.

**Reports and other attachments are available at the office.**