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AWSC Meeting
September 7, 2019

In attendance: Phyllis H., Area Chair; Barbara H., Area Delegate; Elaine H., Lifelines Editor; Ann H., Forum Coordinator, Jane A., Office Coordinator; Kim C., incoming Website Coordinator; Jackie G., AA Liaison; Lisa G., incoming Group Records Coordinator; Terry L., District 3 Representative; Tami K., Area Treasurer

Motion was made to accept the minutes of the May 29, 2019 meeting was made, seconded, and passed.

Old Business:

1. Filling Vacant Positions: Three members have stepped up to fill the following vacant positions:
Website Coordinator – Kim C.
Area Secretary – Cindy B.
Group Records Coordinator – Lisa G.

Our Guidelines allow the Area Chair to fill the positions on an interim basis with input from the AWSC. After discussion of each position/candidate, the AWSC agreed to appoint all 3 on an interim basis which will be affirmed at the November Assembly.

2. Workshop update: Phyllis reported that the Workshop Committee is doing a great job at organizing and getting others to volunteer to help out.
3. Fall Assembly Update: District 1, which is hosting the Assembly, does not have a DR. Therefore, district members are working as a committee to organize the Assembly. Their next meeting is on October 2nd. Barbara will forward information to Jane regarding Butler facilities. Jane will email that information to the the other District 1 people.
Ann presented a draft Fall Assembly flyer. Phyllis will add the map to the back of the flyer and email it out to the AWSC and DRs for distribution to the groups.
4. Assembly Guidelines Revision: Barbara presented a draft revision of the Rhode Island Area Assembly Guidelines. She provided the group with her revised document and asked for feedback. She will email the revised document to the Committee.

In particular, changes were proposed to allow AI-Anon members who also are members of AA to serve in some of the Coordinator positions “with voice but no vote”: Currently we have 3 positions that are open to AI-Anon members who are also members of AA: Email Coordinator, Workshop Coordinator, Area Alateen Process Person.

Those present decided that more time needs to be allowed for review and editing before taking it to the Assembly for review and vote.

Barbara will bring the edits and other comments/ideas to the November AWSC.

New Business:

1. Temporary Officer Coordinator Appointments: see Old Business item 1.
2. Electronic Donations via PayPal: This is a work in progress. Once Esme gets moved and settled in to his new home, we will resume working on this project.
3. Fall Assembly Agenda: Phyllis presented a draft agenda and asked for our input. Items that must be on the Agenda: Officer/Coordinator Elections and 2020 Budget.

After much discussion, the group agreed to include an Ice Breaker activity to be chaired by Phyllis and Barbara, two breakout groups: (1) Forum/Lifelines/CAL writing activity to be chaired by Ann and Elaine (Phyllis will check with Ann-Marie to see if she wants to help too) and (2) Area public outreach ideas/brainstorming to be chaired by Terry.

4. Spring 2020 Assembly: Terry asked about booking the date for the Spring Assembly, hosted by District 3. World Service Conference is 4/19-26/2020. Barbara needs at least 2 weeks to prepare her report. Preferred date is Saturday May 30, 2020; 2nd choice Saturday June 7, 2020.

Reports: Phyllis gave the Email Coordinator report and Jackie gave the AA Liaison report.

Motion to adjourn made, seconded, and passed.

Reports and other attachments are available at the office.