

**FINAL APPROVED**  
**Rhode Island Al-Anon Family Groups (RIAFG)**  
**Spring Assembly – June 4, 2022**  
**Amicable Congregational Church, Tiverton**

**Voting Members:** (GRs & Proxies; 11 present in the morning; 9 present in the afternoon)

District 1: Pamela T., Tedi D., Hope B.

District 2: Phyllis H., Martha R., Claudia P., Julia G., Ann H., Barbara H.

District 3: Joe R., Elizabeth P.

**Non-Voting Al-Anon Members:** Dayna C., Barbara G., David G., Barbara M., Maggie W.

**Area Officers/Coordinator Attendees:** Cindy B. (Area Delegate), Barbara H. (Area Chair), Terry L. (Area Treasurer), Phyllis H. (Group Records Coordinator), Wendy H. (Literature Coordinator), Elaine H. (Office Coordinator), Jackie W. (Public Outreach Coordinator), Kim C. (Website Coordinator)

### **Assembly Opening**

Barbara H. called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. She asked for a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, the Steps, Traditions, Concepts and Warranties. Barbara H. asked Terry to go over the housekeeping items, introduced the Area Officers and Coordinators, then asked Phyllis to complete roll call. Barbara H. reviewed “What is an Assembly”, the “Assembly Etiquette”, and “KBDM” that was included in the packet.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Barbara H. asked the Assembly members to review the minutes from the November 15, 2021 Fall Assembly.

- Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve the November 15, 2021 Fall Assembly minutes as presented with one change — amending “Fall Assembly will be hosted by District 3” under “Area Business” to **Spring Assembly**.
- 11 voted YES; 0 voted NO; 0 Abstentions

### **Fall Assembly**

After Assembly members discussion and vote, Saturday November 19th, 2022 was selected as a primary date and Saturday November 5th, 2022 as a secondary date for the Fall Assembly. It will be held and hosted by District 1.

### **Workshop Idea Presentation**

Barbara H. asked Julia to begin her presentation concerning an idea of having the Workshop hosted by a District instead of a Workshop Coordinator.

- After the presentation and discussion, it was decided to form a Thought Force to continue the conversation about ways to incorporate the Workshop back into the annual schedule in lieu of the Workshop Coordinator position remaining vacant since 2020. Julia volunteered to head the Thought Force.

- Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve starting a Workshop Thought Force with Julia as the Chair.
  - 7 voted YES; 4 voted NO; 0 Abstentions

### **Affirmation of Interim Officers and Coordinators**

Barbara H. presented the Coordinators that had been appointed during the interim of the Fall Assembly.

- Lifelines Editor - Eden was unanimously voted in as Lifelines Editor
  - 11 voted YES, 0 voted NO, 0 Abstention
- Archive Coordinator - Anna was voted in as the Archives Coordinator
  - 10 voted YES, 0 voted NO, 1 Abstention
- Group Records Coordinator - Phyllis was unanimously voted in as Group Records Coordinator
  - 11 voted YES, 0 voted NO, 0 Abstention

### **Open Area Positions**

Barbara H. presented the current open positions that will be voted on later in the day — AA Liason, Alternate Delegate, Secretary, Alateen Coordinator, Alateen Process Person, Email Coordinator, Workshop Coordinator for 2022. She asked that everyone review them and consider standing for a position. She encouraged members to talk to other Area members if they have any questions.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Barbara H. asked Terry to present the interim treasurer's report to the members. There was discussion and questions were asked but no changes or action items needed to be made.

### **Delegate's Report**

Barbara H. asked Cindy to present her report to the Assembly. Cindy talked about her experience there, the motion passed by the World Service Conference (WSC) to form the Global Electronic Area (GEA), Physical Groups vs. Electric Groups, the World Service Office (WSO) Budget and Finances, the support needed by Alateen, and a few other miscellaneous items. She emphasized the support needed by WSO for donations or literature purchases and asked that members take this information back to their groups. Cindy answered questions about the GEA and shared her biggest takeaway from the conference was the fellowship she received there.

### **District Election Caucuses**

Barbara H. asked if any of the districts had nominees for district rep. No one did.

### **Area Elections**

Barbara H. presented the open Area Positions and asked for nominees.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following nominees were approved.

- AA Liaison - No one stepped up
- Alternate Delegate - No one stepped up
- Area Secretary - One person stepped up but had to withdraw. No one voted in for this position.
- Alateen Coordinator - No one stepped up
- Alateen Process Person - Elizabeth was voted in with a unanimous vote
  - 9 voted YES, 0 voted NO, 0 Abstention
- Email Coordinator - No one stepped up
- Workshop Coordinator 2022 - No one stepped up

Barbara H. asked GRs to please let their groups know which area positions are still open and need to be filled.

### **Electronic Group Task Force**

The Electronic Group Task Force presented the information they have obtained regarding Electronic Groups. The Assembly members discussed the options and it resulted in the following:

- Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was approved to accept electronic groups to the Rhode Island Area.
  - 9 voted of YES, 0 voted NO, 0 Abstentions
- Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve starting a Task Force to work on creating policy around accepting electronic groups into the Rhode Island Area with Phyllis as the Chair.
  - 9 voted of YES, 0 voted NO, 0 Abstentions

### **Coordinator Reports**

The Coordinator Mid-Year reports were included in your Assembly packet. Jackie presented her Public Outreach report and suggested that each group create a public outreach position for their groups so that public outreach can be done at the group level. She provided a list of inexpensive literature items that can be purchased. Our Delegate shared that the prices of paper have skyrocketed and as such WSO will be raising the prices of literature in the near future. Ann drew the raffle winners for the free subscription to the Forum. Our winners were Joe R. and Phyllis H.

### **Closing**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was closed with the Al-Anon Declaration and adjourned at 3:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia G.  
District 2 Email Contact Person