

RI Al-Anon Family Groups
Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting
September 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes (AMENDED 11/9/22)

Attendance: Barbara H., Wendy, Ann, Barbara G., Cindy, Kim, Eden, Elaine, CHR

Minutes:

Barbara H. asked the Committee to review the attached minutes from the August 2, 2022 meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the AWSC minutes from the August 2, 2022 meeting were approved as presented.

Fall Assembly Agenda

Discussion and Action – After a brief discussion, the committee agreed as follows:
The Draft Fall Assembly Agenda with addition of AA Liaison approval request.

Area Policies

Discussion and Action – After a brief discussion, the committee agreed as follows:

To accept the new template and have them converted into PDF and posted on the website.

Discussion included questions about necessity of clarifying which documents should be termed “policies”, which should be termed “guidelines”, etc. Though vote to accept template passed, it was not clear that the Area felt that these were ready to be posted on the website. There was discussion for the need for a possible task force to re-visit these policies overall, for possible enhancement, amendment, or elimination. Such actions would require Area Assembly vote, so task force work would need to be done for the 2023 June Assembly, or possibly later.

AWSC Meeting Guidelines

Discussion and Action: This issue was tabled until the next meeting

Assembly Guideline

Discussion and Action – After a brief discussion, the committee agreed as follows:

To present the Assembly Guidelines for approval at the Assembly with the suggested changes.

Area Position Guidelines

Discussion and Action – After a brief discussion, the committee agreed as follows:

Agreed to the Area Position Guidelines being separated out for each position.

Area Meeting Format

Discussion and Action – A lengthy discussion was held. The Area Chair offered her perspective on the email sharing that had taken place prior to this meeting in regards to Area Members’ preferences regarding in-person or Virtual Area Meetings, in anticipation of a decision to be made tonight at this meeting about how to continue. The Area Chair chose to step down as Chair after offering her thoughts, and left the meeting. The Delegate shared her perspective on the process of gathering Area members’ opinions, and difficulties with coming to the point of having a discussion about in-person or Virtual meetings put on tonight’s agenda. Additional members contributed opinions on the issue. After discussion, the committee agreed as follows: To hold Area meetings Virtually. In addition, continued exploration of obtaining robust and reliable internet service at the office, in order to do business efficiently and to offer Hybrid meetings will continue.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjured at 8:45 (?)

Respectfully submitted by Cindy B, (from Barbara H.), and amended by Wendy H.