

Ontario South Assembly
October 25, 26, & 27, 2013
Holiday Inn and Suites
1855 Huron Church Road, Windsor, ON

The Spiritual Journey of Changing "Me" to "We"

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2013 (evening session)

The *meeting opened* with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to this Assembly and asked those members who were attending Assembly for the first time to stand and also acknowledged Alateens in attendance and those just curious to see how the process works. Introduction of the OSA Executive, Advisors and Coordinators followed.

The Alateen Traditions, Concepts and Warranties were read.

The 2013 Assembly Host Committee Chairperson extended a welcome to this Assembly and made some housekeeping announcements relating to the location of the Literature room and Hospitality Suite and gave the hours of operation.

The Chairperson then dealt with housekeeping items (use of post-it notes, water stations, etc.)

Supportive Al-Anon Member (SAM) Workshop & Alateen Workshop - 26 members attended.

Conflict Resolution Workshop - 90 members attended.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2013 (morning session)

The *meeting opened* with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to this Assembly and asked those voting members who were attending Assembly for the first time to stand and also acknowledged Alateens in attendance and those just curious to see how the process works.

The Alateen Traditions, Concepts and Warranties were read.

Introduction of the OSA Executive, Advisors and Coordinators followed.

The 2013 Assembly Host Committee Chairperson extended a welcome to this Assembly and made some housekeeping announcements relating to the Literature room and Hospitality Suite and gave the hours of operation. She reminded everyone that there is a list of area restaurants.

Our Chairperson provided information about post-its, lit sales room and times and times/locations for the Ask It Basket committee and the Alateen GRs meeting. A member volunteered to be the Time Keeper.

The **Voting Procedures** were explained by reading pages 9 and 12-13 from the pre-Registration package and **KBDM** (Knowledge Based Decision Making).

Motion 1: Moved and seconded that "the voting procedures as explained be accepted." Carried.

Items for Consideration are topics, which affect members at the Area level requiring a decision beyond group or district autonomy. An Item for Consideration submitted will be taken up by the Executive at an upcoming meeting (November). These items are clarified as needed, that is, if it is deemed to be administrative in nature, the Executive will deal with it, and if it is a substantive issue requiring a motion to come to a future Assembly, it would be brought forward at AWSC (see Concept 3, pages 177-180 of the Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual).

Ask It Basket questions are questions where the answers have not been found in the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual or Ontario South Policy and Guidelines Manual. Four members volunteered to answer the questions.

Motion 2: Moved and seconded that "the Assembly 2012 Minutes be accepted as presented." Carried.

Delegate's Report – The Delegate gave a PowerPoint presentation which is available on the Ontario South website at www.al-anon.alateen.on.ca. She thanked members who sent cards to her at WSC (World Service Conference). The Area is looking for a Public Outreach Coordinator - please let the Delegate know if you are interested by November 6. The World Service Office spends \$252 to service each Al-Anon Family Group. Sixty percent of North America groups contribute an average of \$111. Fifty eight percent of groups in Ontario South contribute an average of \$132.54.

Treasurer's Report – The interim Treasurer reviewed the 2012 financials and the Oct 20, 2013 financials .

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2012 (afternoon session)

Reconvened at 1:30 with a Moment of Silence and the Serenity Prayer.

The Chairperon confirmed the seating arrangements and reviewed the election process. Eligible voters 178, simple majority 90

Motion 3: Moved and seconded that "the election process be accepted." Carried.

Elections

Treasurer (*simple majority required*) There was only person who submitted a resume according to the Area Policy and Guidelines Manual. *That person was elected Treasurer.*

REPORTS

The **Forum** Coordinator reported that there is a new posting on the Coordinators Corner of the Ontario South website (www.al-anon.alateen.on.ca).

The **Area Alateen Process Person** Coordinator reported that there are now 37 registered Alateen groups.

The **Alateen** Coordinator thanked SAMs and members who donate to Alateen. She asked every Al-Anon group, in every District in OSA to display our Alateen Table card ("Has Al-Anon helped you, why wouldn't you want the same gift for your child") at your meetings. It speaks volumes to Al-Anon newcomers, without anyone having to say a thing. Also having a couple of Alateen newcomer packages and Alateen pamphlets on your literature table can make a big difference to Alateen. WSO is constantly reminding Area Alateen Coordinators that young people are welcome at Al-Anon meetings, especially when there are no Alateen meetings available. Information regarding this can be found in the Alateen Policy section of the Al-Anon/Alateen Service manual (P24/27).

The **Ontario South Alateen Advisory Committee (OSAAC)** Chairperson reported that she will chair her final OSAAC meeting today where Alateens will elect their new executive for 2014.

The **Archives** Coordinator asked Districts who do not have an archivist, where their "stuff" is. Do they need to know what to do with it? Simply e-mail or phone her and she will help guide you. If your district does have an archivist, and has any questions on what to keep, again, e-mail or phone her and she will help guide you. Do you think you have any items of value to contribute to Area Archives? Give her a call or e-mail her.

The **Group Records** Coordinator reminded GRs that when they want to report group changes, they need to inform her and she will then inform the WSO (World Service Office).

The **Literature** Coordinator reported that our newest workbook, "Reaching for Personal Freedom", is a fabulous tool for a meeting. WSO is trying to put together a pamphlet for parents and grandparents of alcoholics - please send in sharings on this topic.

The **OpenLines** Coordinator asked members to please give her some feedback on what they want to see in the newsletter.

The *Website* Coordinator asked members to note her new email address.

Literature Distribution Centre (LDC) – the financial information in the report in the package picked up at Registration is incorrect - the Area Secretary will resend the correct one. There were 31 pre orders for a total of \$5800. Ann asked groups to pass on the paperback version of *How Al-Anon Works* to newcomers and suggested that groups consider coming together for literature orders to get discounts on bulk orders. The LDC office will close on December 23rd and reopen on January 6th.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Proposed Budget 2014

Motion 4: Moved and seconded that "we accept the 2014 budget as proposed. " Carried.

2. Literature Distribution Centre Charter Changes

Motion 5: Moved and seconded that "we accept the changes to the LDC History and Charter as proposed with an amendment to the date." Motion defeated.

Motion 6: Moved and seconded that "the LDC Charter be amended to remove the term BOD Board of Directors and add Literature Office Committee (LOC) the change be dated Assembly 2013." Carried.

Meeting closed at 5:10PM.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2013 (evening session)

Workshop on Sharing Group Highlights and Challenges - 120 members attended.

Entertainment followed.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2013

Chairperson and Secretary were absent Sunday. Chairperson duties were covered by the Alternate Delegate and Secretary duties were covered by the District 14 Representative.

The meeting opened with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and reading of the Traditions, Concepts and Warranties.

The *2013 Assembly Host Committee Chairperson* thanked everyone for coming.

Ask-It-Basket: Answers were provided to the questions and will appear in the December issue of *OpenLines*.

Delegate's Update – The Delegate presented the most recent PSAs (Public Service Announcements) and answered questions from the floor..

An ***Open Mic*** followed.

The meeting ended at 10:15 AM with the Al-Anon Declaration and the Lord's Prayer.