

ONTARIO SOUTH ASSEMBLY
AWSC – MAY 26, 27, 28, 2006
Durham College – Oshawa, Ontario

Friday, May 26, 2006

Welcome: The OSA Chairperson, (Jo-Anne) opened the meeting with a moment of Silence and the Serenity Prayer. Jo-Anne presented us with a very warm welcome. Introduced the Executive and the Coordinators.

The Secretary completed roll call.

Jo-Anne then passed on announcements regarding the facilities and meeting housekeeping suggestions.

The “Motion” basket and “Ask It Basket” were introduced to the group and 4 DRs along with Gail and Joan R. (Advisors) were chosen to deal with the Ask it Basket questions Saturday night.

Jo-Anne presented the DRs with an invitation to fill a position on the LDC board for a three-year term. Bob T. volunteered.

Speaker meeting opened with traditional opening, Traditions and Concepts. Sharing on Shared Leadership, Confidence, Clarity & Collaboration in Service.

Open mic sharing

Closed the meeting with the AI-Anon Declaration.

SATURDAY MAY 27, 2006

The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Traditions and Concepts were read.

Welcome: Chairperson Jo-Anne gave a warm welcome to everyone attending.

Roll Call: Secretary Heather P. It was determined through the roll call that 43 members were eligible to vote. Districts 11, 17 were not represented. Several alternate DR's were in attendance as well as Jo-Anne L. (Regional Trustee).

APPROVAL OF VOTING PROCUDURES:

Jo-Anne explained that we loosely follow Roberts Rules. The process of presenting, discussion and voting on motions was explained. There were no objections to voting procedures.

Approval of Minutes: 2005 AWSC in Scarborough

Motion to accept the minutes – moved by Marianne Dist.#4, seconded by Jane, Dist.#23. Motion carried.

Delegate's Report – Joan P. Written report is in her package and we were also XXX to a power point presentation

Trillium Convention Report – Presented by Ruth H. Program Chair

Trillium is ready to go! All speakers and chairpersons are in place. AA and Alateen have full programs with special time for hugs for healing. Numbers are low and we need your help. There was a glitch with the hotel's booking agency, which is now cleared up. There will be sandwiches and soft drinks available for lunch Saturday at a reasonable rate. The 2007 "team" has now joined us. We have requested from districts to donate a basket to be raffled off Saturday night.

Break: 10:00 – 10: 30

REPORTS:

LDC REPORT – Lyn & Gail

Gail - There are two changes in the sales of literature. WSO shipping and handling costs have increased and WSO prices are increasing as of June 2, 2006 by twenty percent.

The good news is, we are able to keep the prices the same in Ontario South due to the great US exchange rate.

Lyn - report on the Ontario South LDC financials that are in the packages. Vacation time for office closure will be from July 24 to August 15, 2006. The new public outreach magazine can be ordered through Ontario South LDC. Orders need to be in before July 14th. Every district representative receives a copy of the World Service Summary. Additional copies for other interested members can be ordered through Ontario South LDC.

2006 BUDGET REPORT

Due to the absence of the OSA Treasurer, there was no 2006 budget report presented. Jo-Anne G. will be making available, via e-mail, a copy of the 2006 budget report within the next couple of weeks. Any questions regarding the budget are to be directed to Jean B. your Ontario South Treasurer.

AREA MANUAL UPDATE – Joan R. & Bob

The updated Section 9 for LDC and Section 11 for Alateen was handed out. The front page is the revision history. Updates will be available on the web site. You will be able to track changes through the revision history on the web site. A paper copy of revisions will be made available once a year at AWSC. District representatives are to make Group Representatives aware of the manual at district level, and that it is also available on the web site.

DISTRICT/AIS/ALATEEN REPORTS:

DR's gave reports from Districts # 1,2,3,4,5, AIS Hamilton/Burlington, AIS Ottawa, and Alateen Liaison

CO-ORDINATORS REPORTS:

All reports are contained in your packages, including "Prescription Al-Anon" from Carol P. The updated/revised Literature report and Alateen report were to be picked up from the Sharing Table.

SKIT – Presented by coordinators and volunteers.

Lunch Break – 12:45 – 2:00

The meeting was reconvened.

MOTIONS: AWSC 2006 Motions:

#1 – Approval of the Proposed 2007 Budget.

Moved by the treasurer Jean B. that the 2007 budget be approved. It was carried unanimously.

#2 – Closing Prayer at Assembly:

It is moved that “Assembly use Serenity Prayer or Al-Anon Declaration in closing as Al-Anon is not allied with any sect, denomination, political entity, organization, or institution. The Lord’s Prayer is from the Christian Bible Matthew 6:9-13.” Motion moved by Pat M, (Dis.21) Seconded by Carolyn F. There was discussion to this motion. Motion Defeated.

#3 – OSA Request for Contribution to Groups:

It is moved that “OSA send requests for contributions from each group on an appropriately regular basis (as does WSO).” Motion moved by Jacqueline K. Seconded by Linda Y-B. There was discussion to this motion.

Amendment to motion #3 at AWSC 2006: moved that “OSA sends requests for contributions to the District Reps to filter down to their Group Reps on a regular basis”. Moved by Marianne and seconded by Isabel. Discussion to the amendment was held. Vote was called to amendment. Motion for amendment is defeated.

Original Motion was put to a vote. Motion was defeated.

Break: 3:35 – 4:00

Discussion: Growing Alateen in Ontario South presented by Kristine and Shireen. There was sharing by members on glads, sads, and mads. Discussion on moving forward with confidence, clarity and how do we collaborate to make this happen.

Meeting closed with the Al-Anon Declaration and the Serenity Prayer.

Dinner 5:00 – 6:15

Meeting reconvened.

DISTRICT REPORT from District 32

Discussion: OSA Web site development presented by Don. Highlights – asked for suggestions on how the fellowship would best like to utilize this tool.

Meeting Closed at 7:00 with the Al-Anon Declaration and the Serenity Prayer.

SUNDAY- May 28, 2006

The Chairperson, Jo-Anne G., opened the meeting with a Moment of Silence, Serenity Prayer, Traditions and Concepts.

Announcements were made as well as closing housekeeping information.

Evaluations: Attendees were asked to complete the forms and hand in or mail to the Secretary.

Delegate's Update: Joan P. – report is in your package

District Reports:

DRs gave reports from Districts 28, 29, 30, and 31.

ASK-IT-BASKET- (these question and answers are as they appear on the pink Ask It Basket Sheets)

1. What do you do if someone does knitting during a meeting?

Answer: Group autonomy decides what is acceptable behaviour at your meeting. It could be an opportunity for a group conscience at your next business meeting if it is an issue.

2. Are phone lists with names and phone numbers at group level legal? A member said that giving out these lists is against the law, even if the people on the list gave permission.

Answer: We have no knowledge whether or not this is legal. – we are not lawyers.

3. What are the differences among the following: AIS liaison, AIS chairperson and PIC chairperson?

Answer: AIS liaison is the AWSC term for AIS person attending. AIS chairperson is the local chairperson. PIC chairperson is now Public Outreach. They do have different responsibilities. **Note:** AIS liaison and AIS chairperson can be the same person.

4. On the bottom of the Group Records change form, what is the information service office and where is it located. Also, why is it necessary to have a choice of District Rep or Group Records coordinator? Could we simplify this form?

Answer: AIS is AI-Anon Information Service. Not all Districts have an AIS, only Toronto, Ottawa and Hamilton/Burlington. We are not asking for you to choose either District Rep or AIS. The process is Group Records Coordinator sends a copy of the change form to the DR. So, if you can send the information to your District Rep, he/she will get the information sooner. Refer to section 2C (GR point 8) of the Service Manual. The form has been simplified as much as possible. Each section is to capture pertinent information that is passed onto the District Rep.

5. Is it possible to get a list of all the DR's and ADR's in Ontario South? Could it be mailed out? I do not have Internet access.

Answer: Yes. Group Records Coordinator will be asked to produce and mail AWSC list to all AWSC members. It will need to be added to the Area Manual under Group Records job description and has been given to Alternate Delegate to address.

6. How do people feel about AI-Anon countdowns where we do not have a specific date? Example: some of us have come and gone for long periods so, is my first meeting my date?

Answer: It is up to you. This is a personal issue.

7. Why do DR's not receive a free copy of the Service Manual, the same as the GR's do?

Answer: Cost should be District expense.

8. What is our requirement, as a group rep, concerning insurance coverage for our meeting place? Are their different ways of dealing with such a request?

Answer: There is no AI-Anon requirement for insurance. The group may have to meet the condition for renting the facility. Some groups have a secured "rider" on a church policy. Some groups do not use the word "rent" as this changes the relationship. Just say "donation".

9. How long should District minutes be stored by the District?

Answer: Optional "suggestion". District minutes will be sent into archives, if your District wants. In other words, District group autonomy. As a DR, however, you could pass on your three years worth of minutes to the incoming DR and the three years of your predecessor can go into Archives.

10a. How was the equalization payment for groups in districts established? It seems unfair that a district, which has groups struggling to stay alive with only 2 or 3 members, has to pay the same as large healthy groups. Our whole district has fewer members than some individual groups in the GTA.

10b. For us first timers: Could we get some background on the purpose and reason for equalization payments, please?

Answer: In the past, districts paid for their DR mileage. Some districts with few groups, travelling the farthest were bearing a large expense. The equalization was presented and approved by Assembly. The Executive determines the amount based on economic factors.

11. Are we expected to encourage the use of the new AI-Anon Welcome as well as the new introduction for the Steps, Traditions and Concepts?

Answer: Yes. Please refer to page thirty eight and thirty nine for suggested welcome. For Steps, see page nine. For Traditions, see page 11 and for Concepts, see page thirteen.

12. If you start an Alateen group, do you have to meet in the same place as your town's AI-Anon group? Can you meet in a different place, day, and time as long as you meet the other requirements and guidelines to be an Alateen group?

Answer: YES

13. Who is responsible for keeping tabs on the yearly update of Alateen sponsor's police checks? Do we need to complete all the forms each year? Who sends in any of these forms?

Answer: These questions will be passed onto the Area Alateen Process Person.

OPEN FORUM: The meeting was opened to personal sharing on the weekend and additional comments. Expressions that although it was a business weekend, there was the element of fun and excitement.

The meeting was closed with the AI-Anon Declaration and the Lord's Prayer (10:45)