

ONTARIO SOUTH ASSEMBLY
AWSC – MAY 25, 26 and 27, 2012
Durham College
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Friday, May 25, 2012

Welcome

The OSA Chairperson opened the meeting with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Traditions, Concepts and Warranties were. A warm welcome was given to all by the Chairperson and the Executive and Co-ordinators were introduced.

Announcements followed regarding cell phones, scent sensitivities, availability of bottled water, expense forms, LDC orders for pick up, paper for messages for the Chairperson, location of washrooms and elevators, group announcements and meal tickets. The Delegate's package was handed out.

The Area Secretary completed the roll call.

A member was elected as the District Representative to sit on the LDC Board for this term.

Coordinators/OSAAC Chair Reports

Alateen - There are 33 Alateen groups in Ontario South not all of these groups have Alateen members attending. If each District had certified Al-Anon members they could open an Alateen Group. If we open the groups they will come. Public outreach starts in Al-Anon/AA. Most of our Alateen members live in our families. In the mean time, each Al-Anon group could have Alateen literature for newcomers to pick up and take home to the potential Alateen. Many Districts have the newly designed table card on display in each group for Al-Anon members to encourage potential Alateen members to attend Alateen. If you have no Alateen meetings it is a little harder to share this message. Districts, Groups or members can make a donation to Ontario South Alateen Advisory Committee (OSAAC). Contact the Alateen Coordinator (contact information at the back of Open Lines) to find out where to send the donation. We were reminded that our whole area is responsible for the safety of Alateen, and making Alateen groups available throughout the entire Area of Ontario South.

OSAAC - Alateens don't have any historical information on what went on pre 2005 - please send what you have to the Alateen Coordinator. The Committee is working on a survey on obstacles to getting teens coming to meetings. A report on OSAAC funds was given.

Area Alateen Process Person - the recertification report has been mailed to WSO. 26 of 33 Alateen groups are now completed.

Archives - changes are coming to the OSA website, Coordinators Corner. The Archives Coordinator challenged each group to interview a long-timer in their group. She wants to set up a data base of what is in the Archives and may need some help.

Group Records - There are now 387 registered groups in Ontario South .

Literature - The WSO is developing a new book on *Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships* and they are still looking for sharing submissions. CAL sample chapters are available on the WSO website. The WSO is in the process of building a skit and workshop collection, so if you've developed any please share them with the WSO. We were reminded that "Miracles come in 'cans' - I can". She is encouraging members to send her quotes from CAL which she will put in a can - her goal is to fill the can with quotes by the end of her 3 year term.

Open Lines - the August edition will be sent out via email to everyone who has provided a valid email address. DRs were asked to let all their GRs know. Those email addresses should be sent to the Group Records Coordinator first and then the information will be given to the Open Lines Coordinator.

Public Outreach - a copy of *A Resolution of Gratitude* from AA to Al-Anon was given to each DR present. *The Best of Public Outreach* is available on the members site of the WSO (www.al-anon.org/members) as a download. DRs were reminded to include their District number when sending her copies of their Public Outreach meeting minutes. She offered to help Districts set up Public Outreach Committees.

Website - when members send a flyer to be put on the OSA website, please provide an address for the event.

The meeting closed at 8:25PM with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Saturday, May 26, 2012

Welcome

The OSA Chairperson opened the meeting with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Traditions, Concepts and Warranties were read. A warm welcome was given to all by the Chairperson and the Executive and Co-ordinators were introduced.

It was determined by the Area Secretary, through the morning roll call, that there were 45 members in attendance, 43 eligible voters and that 22 votes would constitute a simple majority. Those unable to attend were Districts 3, 5, 9, 15 and GTAIS.

Four members volunteered for the *Ask-It Basket* Committee .

Approval of voting procedures

Review of Knowledge-Based Decision Making (KBDM), the writing of and voting on of motions was explained to the members. The Chairperson indicated that if a new motion is submitted during this AWSC pertaining to a matter which is not included in the Items for Discussion on our Agenda, it will be reviewed at the next Executive meeting and if appropriate, may be tabled for a future AWSC meeting.

It was moved and seconded “that we approve the voting procedures as explained”. Motion carried.

Approval of 2011 AWSC Minutes:

It was moved and seconded “that we approve the 2011 AWSC Minutes as presented”. Motion carried.

World Service Conference Report

The Delegate expanded on the handout that was given to DRs and Coordinators. The handout, along with some skits, will be posted on the Ontario South website. DRs were asked to share the information with their GRs. Remember to send District Minutes to the Delegate.

Trillium Convention Report

The 2012 Trillium Chair reported that there are 280 people pre-registered, which is double the number ever pre-registered before. Of those pre-registered, 185 are from outside the GTA. Historically, the majority of attendees register at the door. Room nights booked to date are 105. We need another 45 room nights to get a better price on meeting rooms.

Literature Distribution Centre (LDC) Report

The LDC Office Manager reported that the LDC will now be open 30 hours a week, on a trial basis, - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9AM to 3PM and Wednesday from 2PM to 8PM. DRs were reminded that orders can be paid by email bank transfers. The LDC Office Manager brought 24 orders with her to AWSC which resulted in a savings of \$300 in shipping costs.

Alternate Delegate Report

Members were encouraged to subscribe and write sharings for *the Forum*. Information about *The Forum* can be found in the Coordinators Corner of the OSA website. Revisions to the Area Policies and Guidelines Manual are now highlighted by a line on the right side of the change.

Financial Update for 2012

The Interim Treasurer reviewed the 2012 financial information. He highlighted the need for group donations. At this point in time, Ontario South is at 32% of what was budgeted from group donations. In 2011, we were about \$6500 under what we needed from groups. Fortunately, the Area received a large bequest and that helped our overall financial position. We can't count on getting bequests every year, so we need donations from groups in order to meet our budget forecasts.

Break at 11:45AM for lunch and fellowship.

The meeting resumed at 1PM with Serenity Prayer.

Discussion Items

Trillium 2013

It was moved and seconded by that "the Area proceed with Trillium 2013". Motion carried.

2013 Budget

It was moved and seconded that "the proposed budget for 2013 be forwarded to Assembly 2012 for approval." Motion carried.

District Reports

The reports will be on the Ontario South Website.

Break for Supper at 4:50PM with the Al-Anon Declaration.

The evening session began at 6:30PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer

Workshops

1. Service Tool Kit
2. SAM certification and recertification

The meeting closed at 8:15.

Sunday May 27, 2012

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The OSA Chairperson opened the meeting with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Traditions, Concepts and Warranties were read.

AIS Reports

The reports will be on the Ontario South Website.

Delegate's Update

Coordinators and DRs were encouraged to get on e-Communities. WSC Summaries will be available for sale through the LDC. A PowerPoint presentation of Stepping Stones and the new PSAs (Public Service Announcements) were shown.

Ask-it-Basket Answers

The volunteers read their findings. All Ask-It-Basket questions answers will be printed in Open Lines.

The meeting closed at 10AM with the Al-Anon Declaration.