

ONTARIO SOUTH ASSEMBLY
AWSC – May 31st, June 1-2 2013
Durham College
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Friday, May 31, 2013

Welcome

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

Announcements followed regarding cell phones, scent sensitivities, availability of bottled water, expense forms, LDC orders for pick up, post-it-notes for messages for the Chairperson, location of washrooms and elevators, group announcements and meal tickets.

The Area Secretary completed the roll call.

Coordinators' Reports

Alateen - The Alateen Coordinator asked for a show of hands for District s with Alateen . She asked DRs to make sure that the Alateen information from OpenLines gets to groups. There will be another Alateen survey at Trillium (not enough Alateens repsonded at Assembly 2012). One of the biggest problems is when a new Alateen shows up and there isn't another teen at the meeting - don't give up on Alateen, keep putting on the Alateen meetings. Name tags for SAMs at Assembly needs to be better for identification purposes. The Unity Conference is planned for Sheridan College - we need adult help. There are some Al-Anon members who are not happy with the safety and behavior guidelines and they are trying to go around the system by calling it something other than Alateen (Teens for Teens, Teens for Recovery) - please don't do it.

Area Alateen Process Person - The AAPP Coordinator reported that she is waiting for paperwork on 18 SAMs; 25 of 35 groups are complete; recertification should be complete by June 15th.

Archives - nothing new to report.

Forum - The Forum Coordinator encouraged members present to look at the new *Forum* story board and the binder with *Forum* articles written by Ontario South members. The reprint of articles from parents of alcoholics is at the display too.

Group Records - The Group Records Coordinator is changing the way the printouts are coming out for Districts. There are new groups starting up and 16 groups have disbanded - 376 groups now.

Literature - nothing new to report.

Open Lines - The Open Lines Coordinator reminded DRs that address changes for Open Lines are tied into Group Records and change requests must go to Group Records first.

Public Outreach - The Public Outreach Coordinator reported that she is trying to get Al-Anon in the MERC manual - this is a medical manual. (This information was provided on Sunday morning.)

Website - The Website Coordinator reminded DRs that address changes for group meetings on the website must go to Group Records first .

Qs &As

Will Districts know which SAMs have not been renewed? A list will go out once the process is complete.

What's the date for Unity? The plan right now is August 22 to 25.

Would the Alateen Coordinator come to a district meeting? Yes.

Is The Forum considered Conference Approved Literature? Yes - see page 120 of the Service Manual.

Groups don't know what's already on record so they don't know what needs changing. Groups in that situation should send an email to Bonnie and she will let them know.

The meeting closed at 8:35PM with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Saturday, June 1, 2013

Welcome

The OSA Chairperson opened the meeting with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Traditions, the Concepts and the Warranties were read. A warm welcome was given to all by the - she asked those who were attending their first AWSC to stand and then the Executive and Co-ordinators were introduced.

It was determined by the Area Secretary, through the morning roll call, that there were 48 members in attendance, 41 eligible voters and that 21 votes would constitute a simple majority. Those unable to attend were Districts 3, 9, 24, and 30.

The Chairperson explained Motion forms, Items for Consideration and Ask-It-Basket forms.

The Chairperson asked for volunteers for the *Ask-It Basket* Committee.

Approval of voting procedures

The Chairperson reviewed Knowledge-Based Decision Making (KBDM). The writing of and voting on of motions was explained to the members. Michele 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.

Motion 1: It was moved and seconded “that we accept the voting procedures as explained”. Motion carried.

Approval of 2012 AWSC Minutes:

Motion 2: It was moved and seconded “that we approve the 2012 AWSC Minutes as presented”. Motion carried.

World Service Conference Report

Our 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. She asked that DRs share the information she is giving them here with their GRs.

She asked DRs to provide feedback from GRs on non-member memorial contributions/donations (p18 of the Delegate's report)

Trillium Convention Report

The Trillium 2013 Chair reported that room night bookings were at 200 - we need members to honour their room bookings to ensure a lower rate for meeting rooms. There are currently 231 pre-registrations - some districts don't have anyone pre-registered. June 14th is the last day for on-line registrations. She had a package for each DR - registration forms, hotel info, volunteer forms. She had some fundraisers with her and more are available.

Literature Distribution Centre (LDC) Report

The LDC Office Manager, reviewed her written report. She brought with her 22 orders for pick up at AWSC. Ann asked DRs for remind their GRs to please use the most recent order form (available on the Ontario South website) - old forms have the wrong price on them. Ann will be on holidays June 7 and July 3 to July 15. She is trying to cut back overhead/operating costs of the LDC - she suggested groups coming together to order a bulk order - this saves on shipping costs and if a box of books is purchased there's a 15% discount.

Financial Update for 2013

The interim Treasurer reviewed the 2012 financial information. Group donations are lower than last year at this time.

Break at 11:40AM for lunch and fellowship.

The meeting resumed at 1PM with Serenity Prayer.

Discussion Items

2014 Budget

Motion 3: It was moved and seconded that "we adopt the proposed budget for 2014 be forwarded to Assembly 2013 for approval." Motion carried.

It was suggested that we get clarity on Alateen Advisory Committee (OSAAC) expenses - higher in 2012 (\$1500 in 2014 and \$2124.68 in 2012). The former Treasurer to send the old OSAAC budget to the interim Treasurer.

DRs need to let their GRs know that Ontario South could have a financial shortfall if more donations don't come in.

It was suggested that we consider a pie chart for the OSA budget.

DRs Item 1 for Discussion Only [Discuss strategies for DRs to carry out duties (page 149 Service Manual) as it relates to communicating with Groups. Specifically to those Groups who do not have or choose not to have a GR or representative attend District or Area Assembly, make no financial contribution to either or offer no member service support for any of the various District Activities.]

- on a rotation, go to each group and have the District meeting
- have a District meeting every month
- DR go to each group meeting (once a year)
- share District funds with groups that can't afford to go to Assembly

- consistent date and place in a central location for District meetings
- get minutes of every District meeting to every group whether attending or not
- attend each group's business meeting once a year
- send reminders (email or phone) of District meeting
- take a car load of members to the meeting that isn't participating
- bring guidelines for being a GR
- offer to be a service sponsor
- ask each group to contribute every month at the District meeting
- set tone for District meetings - thank GRs, encourage GRs, greet GRs, set up early for the District meeting
- create information sheets on what group positions are and do
- delegate some DR things to GRs so they don't just come and sit there

Literature Distribution Centre Charter

Motion 4: It was moved and seconded "that the proposed changes to the Literature Distribution Centre be forwarded to Assembly 2013 for approval." Motion carried.

Trillium - *How do the members of Area 86 want to proceed with the Trillium Thought Force Information?*

Motion 5: It was moved and seconded "that the AWSC membership agree to move forward from a thought force to create a task force with the Trillium thought force information." Motion carried.

Break for supper at 4:55PM.

The evening session began at 6:30PM with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

DR's Item 2 for Discussion Only [What are Al-Anon Family Groups (Members, Groups, Districts, Area and WSO) responsibilities to Alateen and how can/should we be support to the Alateen program (Members, Groups, Public Outreach efforts, Initiatives, etc.)?]

- DR become a SAM and sit in on an Alateen meeting
- get Alateen to participate at a District meeting even if as a visitor
- Public Outreach can go to various centres and schools to talk about it
- remind members that there is Alateen - works real well at beginner meetings
- joint meetings with Alateen
- keep the Alateens safe - DR involved in where meetings are, who SAMS are, consider having an Alateen Coordinator position - the teens need someone other than the SAM to go to if they are having a problem at a meeting

- Public Outreach in schools with Guidance Counselors, etc - no stigma attached to attending a meeting after school (4:30)
- need to keep Alateen meetings open even if no Alateens are coming
- need Alateen Public Outreach initiatives from WSO
- consider having a pizza night for Alateens
- give Alateen literature to school libraries
- put the Alateen card out on the meeting table
- have some Alateen literature at Al-anon meetings to give to newcomers
- open meetings to Alateens even if it is not an Alateen meeting
- have an Alateen meeting where there is an AA meeting
- bring an Alateen to Trillium
- Alateen table cards at AA meetings
- consider funding SAMs to go to outreach activities
- ask AA groups, through their Intergroup, to read a prepared Alateen statement at their meetings
- offer transportation to an Alateen by a SAM to an Alateen meeting
- keep the faith - the Alateens will come

District Reports

The reports will be posted on the Ontario South Website.

Workshops

1. E communities
2. QR Codes

The meeting closed at 8:30PM.

Sunday, June 2, 2014

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AIS Reports

The reports will be on the Ontario South Website.

Delegate's Update

WSC had a positive tone based on our Al-Anon Traditions and principles. The 2013 WSC Conference Summary will be sent to all AWSC members this summer, please take the time to look it over and share it with your GRs. Our Delegate is willing to participate at District meetings - she went to Dist 21. The Members website is being redesigned. An Integrated Voice Recognition System (IVR) will be available 24/7 . It will provide meeting information within a 25 mile radius 1-888-4ALANON (425-2666). There is a Member Survey about service on the WSO website. WSO has issued an invitation to meet the Trustees in the summer of 2014 - are we interested?

Ask-it-Basket Answers

There was one question. The questions and answer will be printed in the August 2013 issue of Open Lines.

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