

ONTARIO SOUTH ASSEMBLY
AWSC – MAY 28, 29, 30, 2010
Durham College
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Friday May 28, 2010

Welcome: The OSA Chairperson, Sue G. opened the meeting with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. A warm welcome was given to all by Sue and the Executive and Co-ordinators were introduced. The acting Secretary, Heather P. completed roll call.

Announcements followed regarding the availability of bottled water, location and use of meeting rooms, the Durham College facility as it applies to our use, cafeteria meals, meeting guidelines, registration packages and some housekeeping suggestions.

Speaker meeting chaired by Michele, and was opened in the traditional manner. Denyse K. shared on *My Service Journey*. Meeting closed with the Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration.

Time for fellowship was available immediately afterward.

Saturday May 29, 2010

Morning Session:

OSA Chairperson Sue G. opened the meeting with a Moment of Silence followed by The Serenity Prayer. An AWSC count down was done and we have eight first time members to AWSC today. The Traditions, Concepts and Warranties were then read.

It was determined by Heather through the morning roll call, that there are 46 members in attendance, 42 eligible voters and that 22 votes would constitute a simple majority. Those unable to attend were Jacqui K., Joan P., Districts 5, 9, 11.

Sue welcomed everyone to the day and repeated the announcements regarding the facility, meals, housekeeping rules and a review of the agenda was given.

The baskets for “Item for Discussion” which is now called “Item for Consideration” and “Ask-It-Basket”, and their suggested forums were presented to the members and it was noted where these were available.

A request was made for Discussion Items note takers/reporters for after the lunch break. Michele and Ruby volunteered.

A request was made for four volunteers to sit on the Ask-It-Basket committee. They are Achim, Neil, Suzanne, and Rena.

Approval of voting procedures:

Review of Knowledge-Based Decision Making (KBDM), the writing of and voting on of motions was explained to the members. Sue 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. The members were asked by show of hands if they had any objections to these procedures. There were no objections.

Discussion was held with regards to eligibility of voters. Confirmation was given by referral to our WSO Service Manual. Refer to page 149, first paragraph, page 156 special note and page 59 in the short version of WSO manual, second paragraph.

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

Approval of Minutes: 2009 AWSC in Oshawa

It was moved and seconded “that we approve the minutes of the 2009 AWSC”. Motion Carried

World Service Conference Report – Claire D.

Techno Glenda (a.k.a. Claire) was introduced. A verbal report along with power point presentation was presented and a written report is in the package that was handed out at time of registration. Members were advised that the new WSO manuals coming out this fall and will cost \$5.00 to purchase, rather than \$3.00 as was the past cost.

Chairperson asked members to read Page 59 second paragraph of the supplementary WSO service manual, Page 149 first paragraph and page 159 special note of the WSO service manual. Also Section 4 page one of five item two and section 4 page four of five item 18 during break. Chairperson met with Advisor to clarify eligibility of voters.

Break: 10:15 – 10:30

Clarification: Exceptions to voter eligibility are Chairperson unless there is a tie vote, Advisors, Past Delegates, Trustees, Alternate District Representatives unless they are standing in for their District Representative, and the LDC Manager. It was confirmed that the Alateen Advisory Committee Chairperson has a voice and a vote. It was confirmed that total number of members attending AWSC 2010 is 46. There are 42 eligible voters and that 22 votes would constitute a simple majority.

REPORTS:

Treasurer – Marianne

Review of 2010 Budget from January 01 to May 25, 2010. Amendments were announced to the report in package. Questions from the floor were answered.

Trillium 2010 Convention Report – Lise W. (Report in package) Lise gave further details to report in package. Lise is available for registrations to Trillium today as well as registrations for the Long Timers luncheon.

LDC Report – Lyn and Gail C.

Lyn: Sales are decreasing significantly by \$1,000.00 per month. Although our cash flow is good, currently we are in a deficit. The new HST will be applicable to postage cost from the LDC office to your location. Options were shared on how to save on the postage cost. US exchange has been an influx issue and lately it has been very favourable. Summer closure is August 02 to August 24, 2010.

Gail: (Advisor to LDC board also filling in for Joan P.) Marianne, Jean, Corinne, Lyn, Gail, and Claire. As mentioned by Lyn, the LDC is running a deficit. A decision was made by the board to use KBDM process to make the decision if the LDC should continue or be closed. **The information will be compiled and sent out to the AWSC members only (not AIS) by June 15, 2010. We need your response by June 30, 2010.** It will then be tabled at the next Executive meeting scheduled for July 23-25, 2010, then on to the Assembly agenda for a final discussion and decision. Another factor has entered the equation in that Lyn has given notice that she will retire in May 2011.

Mary Jane – Archives (Report in package) There is a big push for our Area project called Pass It On. Mary Jane gave details of the project. Mary Jane has examples should you wish to add to the project.

Alateen Advisory Committee – Tary I. (Ont. South Advisory Chair) and Leslie P.

(Alateen Co-ordinator) (Report in package) Leslie has invitations that require a commitment once a month. Dist Two Al-anon day had a workshop on 'pick an Alateens brain'. Had an Alateen Quorum and completed draft of Alateen Charter that needs to be passed at Assembly. Tary has reached the age and would like to move on to Al-Anon and the dilemma now is to find a replacement Chairperson for Alateens. Tary's concern is the new Alateens are not as strong and committed to service. Tary has asked that all Al-Anon members encourage Alateens to be a part of service. As there are no bids for an Alateen conference, there will be no Unity conference this year. Trillium will be used as the vehicle to be a conference, which will include voting in of the new Alateen committee. ***Please, please encourage Alateens to attend meetings and to step up for service.***

As no bids for Unity 2010, efforts are being made to ask members to become available for 2011. The Alateen on line chat meeting has 3 teens on line, and there are 12 registered. The volunteer SAMs for this pilot project are losing enthusiasm. Leslie will make one more push for the pilot project to the end of June. If the chat line is not used,

Leslie will ask WSO to stop the project. There may then be an opportunity to start up in the fall should there be more interested Alateens. So, Al-Anons, please help get the word out to the Alateens that this vehicle is available. Unless the Alateens step forward to plan and co-ordinate, Unity and on line chat room will disappear.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP 12:00 – 1:00

Saturday May 29, 2010

Afternoon Session:

Meeting was reconvened with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Co-ordinators reports continued throughout the discussions and motion presentations.

Discussion items for AWSC 2010:

#1 - Rental of a central post office box for use by OSA Treasurer – background information given by Marianne. Discussion was held by the membership and questions/concerns were answered/clarified by Marianne.

It was moved and seconded that “the rental of a central post office box from Canada Post for use by the Ontario South Assembly treasurer be adopted.” Motion carried.

#2 – Amendment to 2010 Budget

Marianne clarified the decision point for this year’s budget and discussion was held by the membership.

It was moved and seconded that “a budget line be added to the existing budget to reflect the cost of a central post office box.”

Further discussion was held and two similar amended motions were put forth. Our Chairperson put forth the following amended motion.

It was moved and seconded that “A budget line item be added to the 2010 budget for the total cost of a central post office box and related services, ie. Re-direction of mail.”
Motion Carried

The original motion has become null and void.

#3 – Proposed 2011 budget

Marianne presented the figures for the proposed 2011 budget. Discussion was held by the membership. Any questions and concerns were answered by Marianne.

It was moved and seconded that “the proposed 2011 budget is forwarded to Assembly.”
Motion carried.

Break 2:55 – 3:15

Meeting reconvened with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

#4 – Trillium Charter

Discussion was held by the membership and questions were answered Jane and Lise.

It was moved and seconded that “the proposed amended Ontario South Assembly (Area 86) Section 7: Trillium Convention Committee A: Charter, Pages 1 & 2, 2010 be forwarded to Assembly for approval.” Motion carried.

#5 – Ways to raise contributions from Groups/Districts to support Area Budget

Gail read the background notes and discussion was held by the membership. Referral was made to use the WSO service manual. The general consensus is: this a group autonomy matter.

Jane – Group Records (Report in package) Jane asked that all DRs check their lists supplied by Jane and ensure that all groups are accounted for and advise if any groups have folded. Jane also shared on how to fill out the group records form. No group will be added to web site without a WSO registration number. Registration numbers are now an eight digit number beginning with numerals 30.

Denyse – Website (Report in package) Denyse shared a power point presentation on how to navigate the Area web site.

Sharon – Open Lines (Report in package) Sharon shared on the importance of a properly filled out form. Re-iterate that if you have an address change, you send them to Jane. Only personal subscriptions are to be sent to Sharon.

Jean – Literature (Report in package)

Michele – Public Outreach (Report in package) Michele asked DRs who have PO members working in your district, to please send in their reports to Michele. The 1,000 acts of PO are at 600 acts. Peterborough ladies are leading the pack with Waterdown hot on their heels.

Nick – AAPP – (Report in package) there are 30 Alateen groups 147 SAMs re-certified. Submissions are being prepared for WSO. AAPP administrative requirements are 60 percent complete. Of the \$2,000.00 budget, \$1,300 has been spent.

Area Policy & Guidelines and Other updates – Heather P. For those who have not received their divider 12, they are available up front. If have not received the paper copy of Section 12, please go to web site and print a copy for your binder. Heather asked if there is anyone available who could deliver the Secretary box back to Jacqui at the end of the weekend and if anyone can hand deliver the packages for Districts 5, 9 and 11. As you have previously heard from Claire, *The Forum* subscription numbers are slowly rising. And needless to say, after this weekend, there will be another update coming out for the Area Policy & Guideline manual.

District Reports:

The following District Representatives gave their reports from #s 12,13,15 and 16.

Meeting was dismissed with the reminder that evaluations on the golden rod coloured paper were to be handed in before leaving the conference and that the box is over on the sharing table. Also, any extra envelopes not being used to take your paperwork home may be placed in the same box.

Food and Fellowship 4:30 – 6:15

Meeting was reconvened with Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Gail spoke to the subject of the first workshop on the Area World Service Committee inventory with all members participating. Gail shared how the inventory came to be and how the workshop was going to progress. Once a cross section of answers were shared with those assembled, all the AWSC inventories were collected and then Gail will review all answers and prepare a report/analysis in time for the next Executive meeting in July.

The second workshop was chaired by Jane and Jean for all members and was held on “Traditions and Concepts”. Scenarios were handed out and discussion was held on using our resources such as service manual, traditions and concepts.

Meeting closed with Serenity Prayer.

Sunday May 30, 2010

Morning Session:

Meeting was opened with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Traditions, Concepts and Warranties were then read. Final announcements were made and members were asked to hand in their evaluations before leaving. They may also be mailed to Jacqui – OSA Secretary, address is on the form. Area Chairperson Sue G. advised that the Assembly packages would be out late August or early September. A gentle reminder to all AWSC members that you can ask for help if needed.

District Reports:

District Representatives gave their reports from #s 14, 17, 18, 19 and 21.

AIS reports were given for Toronto (GTAIS) by Jo-Ann M. and Ottawa by Miranda.

Delegates Update: Claire D.

Claire continued with her report from WSC, shared on how to find the building information on the WSO website. Then volunteers were called for to present a short skit on the Second Tradition that was well received. Claire then continued with her final reporting on the documents supplied in the packages handed out in the morning.

Ask-It-Basket Answers – Gail C. and volunteers read their findings. All Ask-It-Basket questions and answers will be printed in the following issues of Open Lines as written. Area Chairperson Sue clarified a question regarding Alateen Form C. Clarification was also given to a question regarding a member who is not in AA but calls himself or herself an alcoholic, can they serve above what is stated in the manual. Clarification was made as to when or how they qualify.

The meeting was closed with the Lords Prayer and Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration

Thank you for your participation!