

**Ontario South Assembly
Area World Service Committee Meeting
May 29 – 31, 2026**

MINUTES

FRIDAY, MAY 29

7:00 - 7:15

Welcome, Serenity Prayer - Deb F.
Traditions, Concepts & Warranties
Introductions
Housekeeping & Announcements

7:15 - 8:00

Coordinators / OSAAC Chair Reports and Q&A

- Open Lines – This is her 5th year as she took over from Sue MacV., who took on another position. One of her first tasks was to edit the manual and do a “standard operating procedure”, which is what is in the Ontario South Policy Manual now. This position can be done from anywhere in the world (except Mainland China). Open Lines is published 3/year. She welcomes reports from D.R.s, Coordinators and the Executive. It is done via Google, which is blocked from China. This is why there was an edited version sent out in April. She has a shadow, Jenny.
- Alateen – She’s on her way out and looking for whomever is interested. Opened 6 meetings in March, due to a new position called “Alateen Organizer”. This person in this role finds the place, registers the group, finds AMIAS’, organizes insurance. Alateen is in growth mode. The only one of her goals not reached is to get Unity running again (Unity is an Alateen conference). Alateen awareness days held at St. Mary’s and Windsor.
- Group Records – She has been challenged and stretched. A group records service meeting on May 9/26. The topic was Links of Service. Several members from different districts participated and gave summaries of what the links of service means to them. These are hosted by the WSO at least 3/year and she found it helpful. Christina finds it very important that we all understand the links of service, from the Delegate, Area, District and at the group level, as well as WSO. It was highlighted several times that each district have a DR, otherwise the groups feel isolated. CMA are important as well, especially for mailings from the WSO, such as the quarterly appeal letters and the annual update forms. Correct email addresses are also important, right now she has 8 bounced back emails and 4 groups in no mail status. Up to date information for groups is vital, esp. for newcomers to find our meetings. DR., please go over the group details list with your GRs, any changes can be made on the Ont. S. website. Most groups have not updated their annual update forms which were mailed out mid Feb.
- Archives – Joan R. is here in Valerie’s stead as she has been working with her for the year. The clean-up day happened on Feb. 6. As noted in Val’s Open Lines report, all materials were moved into plastic totes with lids, which are not too heavy to be lifted. They are stacked in such a way as to reduce the need to climb on a ladder. Paperwork was also filed into separate files that day and boxes of supplies (there were numerous) were assessed and decisions were made to remove these from storage. The committee continues to discuss other parts of the collection and hopefully with some discussion and direction from the Area Executive there will be more clarity on what to keep. The Executive have been very supportive and Valerie and the committee members value their input. The committee appreciates the work done on LDC and Trillium boxes which were reviewed by other members linked to those committees. GTAIS continues to work on their boxes. These tasks are time consuming and tedious. So big thanks to those who have done this work. Together We Can Make It. A project has started to review district binders. Input will be sought from districts as that project progresses. Summer is here and Archives is more about Winter. Progress not perfection is a good mantra.
- Literature – Sue’s role as literature coordinator has been an amazing journey. Part of what she’s done is try to guide people to get into using the literature. It’s exciting to get to work with groups. She tries to come in and do activities WITH groups, rather than FOR them. She has participated in helping with a few writing workshops and book studies. WSO has asked for writings about sponsorship, personal and service, and the date for these shares to be submitted is

June 30. Hopefully to get ready for the AI-Anon conference in 2028. There is a great guideline which can be used with your groups or district.

- Website – She has done slightly more than a 3-year term. If you know of anyone who is interested, have them reach out to her. The website coordinator position is called upon to stay on slightly after the term end to be a support for the incoming person. She is no longer supporting pdf district meeting lists as they were using FileMaker and they no longer have the capability to make them. If you want a pdf meeting list published, you need to send it to her and she can provide a template to help you do this. She will be taking them down after AWSC (except for the ones that have been sent to her). Kathleen is starting to use something called QR redirects. This is where a QR code can track how many times it has been scanned. Right now, we have 2. A 3rd will be put on posters that are available from the WSO, which will track directly to the website (Ont. S.). The first one is tracking the GTAIS TTC campaign and the second is tracking the D8 website merge that was just done. If your district or group is interested in having a QR code, reach out to her, she will create it and send it to you. This can provide data on various district events such as AI-Anon Days, etc.
- AAPP – Crystal started in the 2nd year of the term and she feels comfortable. The 6 new groups registered was a challenging but exciting task. In Feb. we had 67 active AMIASs, and 4 were reactivated. 12 new AMIASs have registered. Normally the process would be finished on Monday, June 1st, but we have 2 weeks (due to WSO website down for 2 weeks in April). There is only 1 left to do, which leaves us with 75 AMIASs. 13 groups all recertified, except 1. 3 new groups certified and 3 pending at WSO. New groups are in: Toronto, Campbellville, Queensville, Pembroke, Trenton and Guelph.
- Forum – The subscriptions #'s are unchanged, it is the same # each time. She checks every month and sees nothing from Ontario. She has a PowerPoint presentation available for the asking. There is a box full of Forums which will be brought to Assembly. Get a subscription and give one as a gift.
- Technology – Take back to your GRs, they are trial running some of the equipment needed for hybrid assembly. Ask GRs and members at large if they would like to come to Assembly and see how it is done. The skills are out there, if there are theatre types, like, you hooked up your blue ray to your screen, those are the types of things needed. The equipment is here. Anthony did some theatre work some time ago in Ottawa, some tech stuff. This is like putting on a show, so that the event can be seamless. Kathleen is the tester on the back end. Tomorrow one of the task force committee members will be online to see how it is being received. This is his last year in this role. Sometimes tech people want to remain in the background and are shy, so you may have to announce that Anthony will be a service sponsor in this capacity if that is desired. At Assembly, the task force will decide how it goes. Lots of cables create a tripping hazard, so wireless equipment is better, i.e., webcam. This is still being fleshed out, but so far, the equipment that is here has been maybe \$50-\$60. Some we already had in the area.
- OSAAC – not present.

Questions:

- Joan (D1) – question for Kathleen – wanted to confirm that Kathleen is taking down the pdf meeting lists, is that correct? Joan is trying to compile old meeting lists into one document that will be easily accessible. Kathleen confirms that they will still be available, but she won't be maintaining. Up to now, it has been updated automatically with any meeting changes, but this is what cannot be done any longer.
- Gwen (Advisor) – has a comment – brought to the attention of everyone about the box and list of questions for the workshop tomorrow night. Put them in the box behind them. Don't confuse it with the Ask-It-Basket.
- Linda (LDC Manager) – Sue – as a follow-up to the deadline for the sponsorship sharings, has there been such a date for the sharings on Finances? A: No.
- Loretta (Open Lines) – what is the guideline # that Sue referenced in her report? It's not a guideline per se, but a document called Please Share in Writing on Sponsorship and Service Sponsorship is the title at the top.

8:00-9:00

Workshop: Smooth Moves - Christina L.

Rotation of Leadership and Tips for a Smooth Handover

Christina shared her experience on service and then invited 6 members to come up and share their ESH.

Debbie E. (D31) – looked up a couple of readings and shared a few quotes “putting love into action” is one way of describing service. Without love in service, there would be no AI-Anon program. From Service Sponsorship, Working Smarter Not Harder. “Participation also responds to our spiritual needs. All of us deeply desire to belong.” Paths to Recovery: We are spiritually nourished when we participate. Reaching for Personal Freedom: If I am not truly

participating and only listening to my own voice, I can't give to the experience of others. What is service to me – it is putting love into action and being in the center of the herd. Her own service has been sponsoring, has just become the treasurer, isn't her favourite but it was needed, is the DR, and last fall coordinated the assembly, which could not have been done without Deb, our Area Chair. She is an AMIAS, she works every year on their Day of Al-Anon committee. She has been on the Trillium committee, has spoken at conferences. She gets to meet great people like Deb., Jason, Linda, Don. It's a pleasure to be surrounded by people like you so come on down and do some service.

Donna P. (D33) – Her first tip on service, is Keep it Simple. What has service done for her? Has learned Life Skills. Memorized things such as the Serenity Prayer. Has learned that conflict is OK. At the district level, there is lots! She has learned to recognize her own limits. She gets over-involved. She's learned to take risks. She needs to ask for help; she doesn't have to do it all. Teamwork is imperative. Together we can make it. She learned how to listen. She has a voice, she matters, she is loved and can give love. She can be a role model. She started as a greeter, then secretary, then AGR, then GR. Then DR, then GTAIS chair, has also chaired Day of Recovery for GTAIS and is now the first DR for D33, our electronic district. Her concern for Al-Anon is that there are not enough folks stepping up for service. So she keeps it real simple. She just states there are just a few things to do to be done, rather than giving the guideline, which would potentially deter people. They don't have a problem getting people as a result.

Deb F. (Area Chair) – when she was new in Al-Anon she was invited to the district table as the GR was on vacation. Together they attended and then Deb attended in her absence. Deb didn't know it was an election year, but the outgoing GR did. She got elected as incoming GR. Then she wanted to expand her understanding of Al-Anon as it operated world-wide so stepped up to be DR. The transition was a parking lot transfer due to Co-Vid, and she took possession of a few tote bins of information which she poured over. Our district had an email address so the information was historical and will continue to exist. Her first AWSC in person was in 2023, and she was blown away by the fellowship. She was not very happy about how it was being run as it wasn't running on time. She was sandwiched in between two people who told her she could do a great job. A really "smooth move" was an email she received from someone who told her she would be a great Chair. She hopes that as we are thinking about our next moves that we will trust the nudges we receive from other members as they see us as we don't always see ourselves. There are multiple USB sticks with templates of documents and a calendar of events that keeps her on track. The outgoing chair acted as her service sponsor in the role for a time and of course the other members of the executive are there for her, we are a team. She was told that every executive meeting she chaired was good practice for the AWSC and Assemblies and they were right. She is so appreciative of the unconditional love and support she receives after each of these meetings; it touches her heart, so thank you.

Loretta (Open Lines) – Loretta was the only person who volunteered for Open Lines. She doesn't understand this. Her service journey started with her first sponsor. The program saved her life. She was told she would do this with someone else and she wanted to. Studying the steps is where her service life began. All of her sponsees do service, from wherever they are in their step journey. Christina read part of the Forum sharing that Loretta had published in the October Forum.

Colleen K. (D6) – started service on the website committee as that was something that she felt comfortable doing. After that, a number of small committee service positions were done, which were more short-term positions. As she became more comfortable in her program, she did more. Service keeps her in her program. She would continue to come but wouldn't get as much out of it. She is in awe by how much she has been able to change. She's already thinking about her next service role. She continues to share how important service has been to her recovery to people in her district.

Crystal (AAPP) – Has been an AMIAS for 20 of her 22 years in Al-Anon. It is definitely one of her favourite places to do service. It has changed her life to listen to Alateen members share and has been a privilege. Her first sponsor was her first example of service. Within 6 months she became secretary. This foray into Ontario South Area has been interesting as she has learned that if other people are seeing her this way, as perhaps she hasn't seen herself, she should believe them. She is very busy as this time of year, she's exhausted, not just from the AAPP role, as the certification process is just wrapping up. She retired 6 years ago, didn't like it and went back to work. With work, AAPP, 9 children and 1 new grandchild, it's busy. She started a concept study recently (as she's not got enough to do) and recognizes that it starts from the service in our groups and putting our program into practice in their service. It's her privilege to give as much as she can and as freely as she can.

Christine read out of the manual about service sponsorship.

We then broke up into small groups and answered the questions and shared the answers after.

- What do I do now?
- What's next?
- What scares me?
- What was provided to me that was successful?
- What can I provide to the next incoming servant?
- How has service helped my recovery?
- What does the Area Manual say about the Handover meeting?

Members shared at the mic some of the answers, not minuted.

SATURDAY, MAY 30

8:30-9:00

Welcome, Serenity Prayer - Deb F.

Traditions, Concepts & Warranties

Introductions

Roll Call – Total members in attendance at this time – 39

Housekeeping & Announcements

Timekeeper – Donna (D33)

Four Volunteers for the Ask-It Basket Committee – Christine (D16), Debbie (D16), Diana (D14), Ann (D8)

Explanation of Voting Procedures and Motion Process – process was read out by Deb F. (Chair).

Questions about the voting procedures, Deb F. (Chair) were requested.

- No questions voiced, Area Secretary clarified that the # of members present is **39**.

██████ (D31) moved (verbal motion) that we accept the voting procedures as explained, seconded by ██████ (D33).

Voting: All in favour. Carried unanimously.

Explanation of the concepts of making an informed group decision – read out by Deb F. (Chair)

Questions about the Principles of making an Informed group decision, Deb F. (Chair) were requested. None.

Approval of 2025 AWSC Meeting Minutes

Call for errors & omissions: One – Page 3, Diana (D14) – clarified that the Hamilton **Alateen** meeting is not closed permanently but is just on hiatus and they are hoping to get it back.

Motion, by ██████. (D22), seconded by ██████ (D23) That we “accept the minutes of the 2025 AWSC as amended.”

Voting: All in favour. Carried unanimously.

9:00-10:00

Delegate's Report - Jason W. (Note that the full report (with photos redacted) will be posted on the Ont. South website, what is minuted is a portion of that report. Note this is the report of Jason's attendance at the World Service Conference - WSC)

- Our World Structure includes Canada, the U.S. and Bermuda.

- All of the photos containing people that were in the report presented at AWSC will be removed from the report posted on the Ont. S. website. At the beginning of each week of the conference, a group conscience decision is taken to allow (or not) photos to be taken during the week.
- Finances: Auditors issued a “clean” opinion
 - 2025 projected deficit of \$170,000 USD
 - 2025 actual surplus: \$132,011 USD (this is approx. 2% of total budget)
 - Total annual budget of \$6.6M
 - **Consistent giving is the key**
 - **2026 cost per group \$357.97 USD = \$495.05 CAD (as of May 23, 2026)** – this is the cost to provide the services that the WSO does. This is not a FEE, as we do not *have* dues or fees. We give what we can, when we can.
 - Sources of contributions shown, Group contributions are the highest. This is the largest source of revenue.
 - Second highest source is literature sales. Other income (investments, income transfers, etc.) is third and smallest source is magazine sales.
 - **Literature sales are growing, but slowly. Forecast to grow this year by approx. 6%.**
- Electronic Alateen groups were recognized at the WSC. This will be discussed more in one of the items for discussion this afternoon. 8 members asked to volunteer to be part of some skits this afternoon.
- Choosing a group name discussion. At issue is whether “identifiers”, i.e., adult children, parents of, men, women, etc., can be in the names of groups. There was no clear consensus from the town halls that Jason conducted in our Area, prior to his attendance at WSC, on whether identifiers belonged in group names. WSO approved: 1. Allow community identifiers such as, men, women, parents, adult children, young adults, other gender identification/sexual orientation, etc. in group names. 2. Consistently notify Area Delegate and Area Group Records coordinator whenever a group submits a registration for a name change containing a community identifier, to request that these area trusted servants have a conversation with the group, to ensure that their group conscience is to welcome anyone affected by someone else’s alcoholism, in accordance with Tradition3. And then advise the WSO of the result of the decision whether to register the group. 3. Develop a plan to increase education opportunities to share experience, strength and hope with Area trusted servants, on how to be welcoming to newcomers, especially those who do not match the group’s community identifier and to have conversations with group members regarding ensuring that your group is being welcoming and group names. When the WSO notifies the D Delegate and Group Records coordinator about a new group with an identifier in the name, if those Area trusted servants do not respond to the WSO within 2 weeks, then the WSO will contact the group to make sure that they will welcome everyone affected by alcoholism. If the group says “no, we won’t welcome people who don’t match our identifier, then the group will not be registered.
- Single Trustee Process was the third discussion. This was reviewed at Assembly 2025 and there was a brief summary in the report at AWSC 2025. The WSC approved; A Single Trustee Process for a 3-year trial; Option #1 but with regional considerations; Trial begins in 2028.
- Chosen Agenda Items: How Al-Anon can responsibly use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to carry the message while preserving and honoring the spiritual principles in our legacies. The WSO is aware of the desire of some sort of service tool around the use of AI. A service tool is in development, with no detail yet on when we might see it. It will be similar to “Let’s Talk Safety in Al-Anon Meetings” – no estimate of when that will be published.
- New service manual has a statement about copyright and AI. “Feeding” *any* of our literature into AI tools violates copyright.
- “If you aren’t paying for the product, you are the product.” AI information fed into the tools are then used to become the model.
- AI can “hallucinate”; summaries can be inaccurate; you must validate the source content.
- Second chosen agenda item: Passing It On. A 7-person task force was charged to create study guides and toolkits for service. They are looking for content developers. There will be an application open later this year. Candidates submitting will be interviewed and 3 members chosen.
- Al-Anon International Convention July 20-23, 2028; registration opens Sept. 2027; estimated cost solo: \$1,776. Estimated cost with a friend: \$1,278 each.
- New AFA in development (Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism)
- International Services: Latvia preparing to translate, Ukraine translating 5 books, Nepal & Georgia opened general service offices.

- Core Systems overhaul – funded by excess reserve fund; selected and licensed new system in March, completion expected in 2028.
- Task Force: Applying Step Four to Encourage Area Inventories (1:10 for the actual charge) – Jason is happy to email you a copy of the presentation and skit given upon request.
- Contact: OntarioSouthDelegate@hotmail.com 613-884-4491, 58 Windsor Road, Georgetown, ON, L7G 1T3

10:00-10:30 Break

10:30-10:50

Delegate's Report, cont'd

Question & Answer Period – focused on the material presented today.

- Linda (LDC Manager) – the figure to save for the international convention – was in \$US.
- “ - what happens when there is a group with an identifier in their name currently who do not welcome other people not part of this identified group? A: most of our groups are pretty good about understanding. Jason asked a member of a Men's meeting he attends occasionally what would happen if a woman showed up? That happened, and the person was welcomed. Perhaps the DR would have a role and you can also reach out to Jason.
- Ann (D8) – has a sponsee whose language is Punjabi. She contacted the WSO to inquire and found out that they don't have literature in Punjabi. They took it and put it into an AI tool, and since today's presentation she now sees this could be wrong. A: putting it into an AI generator is an infringement of copyright. Nothing is free, there is a cost somewhere. Jason is not sure if there is a general service office in India, but that would be their responsibility as they are not part of our service structure.
- Diana (D14) – there is an adult children meeting in her district which she has visited. All of their meetings acknowledge Traditions 3 & 5. Her question is about the Passing It On content requests. Is there any sort of guideline on the WSO website yet about what kinds of content is wanted? A: The task force is still developing the syllabus but there is nothing yet and Jason doesn't have any information on it yet.
- Deb B. (GTAIS Chair) – on the topic of AI, is it possible to summarize the minutes of a business meeting? In the Zoom app, specifically, which is a paid for account. A: Jason is not familiar enough with the Zoom app to answer that but a quote from a reader which states something along the lines of any group that cannot fulfill their service positions is not a fully self-supporting group. This speaks to having an app do our minutes for us. Where does the information go and how is it used? Is this AI? If it is, and is listening to your entire zoom meeting, then how is this information being used?
- Sue G. (Advisor) – on the group naming issue – if they have not yet registered, can they be registered with an identifier? A: The 1-year pause was to allow for more conversation on this. As of WSC 2026, group names with identifiers are being allowed/registered. In new, and existing groups, which want to change their name.
- Joanne G. (D17) – what was the celebration for the 75th anniversary like? A: More to come on Sunday a.m.
- Don V. (Trillium) – Will the WSO be allowing interac contributions from Ont. South or other geographical areas? Currently we must send a bank draft or cheque. Ont. S. alone may be paying about \$10k yearly (by his calculation) to banks to send these contributions. A: Jason thinks there is a way to contribute by credit card. In the US you can contribute by PayPal, but because we are a different country and Interac is just a Canadian thing. He is open to raising the issue but hasn't heard of any plans to expand that option.
- Linda (LDC Manager) – confirms that the US doesn't have Interac and has no intention of getting it. If your group wants to donate, you can send it in Canadian \$ to the Canadian office in Ottawa. If you have someone who is a senior, they can get bank drafts and cheques for free. Jason confirmed that someone in his group who is a senior and gets these services for free collects the donations for WSO from the individual members and sends a cheque.
- Deb F. (Chair) – was treasurer for her group and was sending donations to the WSO via PayPal using the link on the WSO web site and then in the message portion, adding the group number/name. She has a PayPal account and this is how she did it. Her group has a bank account.

10:50-11:15

Literature Office Committee (LOC) Report - Gwen D. – Last night, the LOC met, as they do each year at AWSC and Assembly to discuss the business of the LOC.

Summer closure dates: 1:00 pm July 23 – Aug. 24, 10:00 a.m. (re-opens).

Assembly pre-orders for pick up at Assembly – can be continued to be ordered during that time but will not be processed until the LDC Manager returns.

Date to pre-order for Assembly is 1:00 pm Sep 21 and must be paid for by 1:00 pm by Sep 28 (after they have been confirmed by Linda, LDC manager)

Please take the message back to your membership that we have an LDC. The WSO doesn't want individual orders if possible. Please order your literature from the LDC not the WSO, not Amazon, or anywhere else you can find literature. This is the second highest form of Al-Anon's revenue.

Literature Distribution Centre (LDC) Report - Linda P. – The LDCs and AIS meet with the WSO online quarterly. The WSO have asked that we destroy the old manuals, they are very different. The new ones are now in stock in the LDC. If you want to have literature at an event, Linda will not do this for you, this is not part of her role as LDC Manager. You may have a consignment order. You pay ½ the amount, it gets shipped out, at the end of the event, you send it back. If it is in good condition, you get the refund for what was not sold and returned. An Al-Anon Day committee member reached out to her recently asking for advice as to how to sell literature and Linda suggested certain pieces of literature and even went as far as to make packages/bundles which went with the theme of the day. They sold out. Note that pre-made bundles that are broken up cannot then be returned. As your service position changes and literature person changes, please inform your LDC of this so she can update her information and send literature orders to the right person. She cannot extend the dates for pre-orders for Assembly as she cannot get literature in stock in time otherwise. A challenge: a few groups expressed finding out more about CAL – they have picked a month that is now that CAL topic and done meetings on the pieces of literature that fit that topic.

Trillium Chair Report - Don V. – Things are going very well. Registrations to date 273 – 15 are AA, 13 are Alateen. There is still a month to go, they're hoping to top the 300 mark this year. There are a few flyers on the table, pls take a picture. One of them has the GPS coordinates so definitely take that. 1 Gzowski Way. Please continue to announce Trillium at your group meetings, and pass the word at AA meetings also, if possible, it would be great to get the level of AA and Alateen participation up. Volunteers are needed on the weekend itself for hospitality table and merchandise sales. If interested in giving an hour or so, contact Don (info. is on the AWSC contact list). There is some unique merchandise this year, bracelets, neckties, scarves, floor mats, slogan pencils, bags, pencil cases and notebooks. The committee is fantastic, there are some members who have been involved before, but a lot of the committee members are new to this kind of service. He has met some amazing people throughout this service journey and really connected with his HP. It gives some wonderful growth in this fantastic program.

Questions on reports:

Barb (D28) – a suggestion that she is doing in her district with Trillium and Alateens – don't just announce to the Alateen, announce to the parents/members of Al-Anon groups.

Louise (D18) – Does Trillium have a process of having shadow chairs? A: the shadow chair for Trillium is chosen at the start of the current Chair's term. So, this person has been in place for his entire term and gets a tremendous amount of exposure and what the needs are, the contact information, etc. The following year, Don is still in place as past Chair to provide guidance.

Gwen (Advisor) – asked if Don would be able to provide his contact information on the screen at some point for members to be able to contact him. It is on the AWSC contact sheet, but the email is different: Donvillnev@hotmail.com

Sandy (D23) – found it quite hard to find the times when meetings start on Friday and Saturday – she used the QR code to ascertain the start time on Friday but no info. on Saturday. What time? Registration starts Sat. 7:00 am – 11:30 am. After this there will be a contact # left on the registration table to contact the registration coordinator who will come down and help with the process.

11:11 - 12:00

Treasurer's Report - Janet B.

- Housekeeping – banks are getting very strict on how information is made out – Ontario South Assembly – do not shorten – ensure it is not torn, will also be refused for this. Janet prefers e-transfers but some groups forget to include

their district number and only add their group name, so she must go through a list of 400 groups. District numbers are important, please use the memo box to add this. If it is a personal donation, also note this. More information is fine, not enough is not good. There is a donation form which can be used, which is good, as it contains the information, but it is not necessary.

- 62% of groups donated in 2025 – she will have more precise information in the actual statement overview.
- 30% have donated so far in 2026, but some groups wait until they have more \$ and do it later.
- Reviewed the Income Statement which was sent out with the package.
- Total Income \$54,752.53 (forecasted \$60k) \$38,882.64 – Group / District contributions
- Total Expenses \$49,896.47 / Net Ordinary Income \$4,856.06
- Balance Sheet – total liabilities and equity - \$84,034.08
- Reserve Fund – At end of Dec., Total operating funds \$62,430.29 against Budgeted operating costs for 2026 \$69,780.
- “ “ – as of April, Total operating funds \$6,790, total Reserve Funds \$65,064, Total Funds \$71,853.
Budgeted costs 2026 \$69,783 = Excess \$2,070.
- Year to date – Income Statement as April 30 – total income \$18,271.79
- Net Ordinary Income \$12,850.95
- Balance Sheet as of April 30 – we changed the type of account (per discussion at the Executive meetings) to a digital account as we don't need to maintain a balance. Total cash is \$62,999.83. Total liabilities and equity \$96,083.85.

Questions:

Kathleen (Website Coord.) – The Alateen Safety and Behavioural requirements are being updated by a committee currently and this will require a lawyer, which is being investigated. She has a printed copy of what will be reviewed by the lawyer if anyone is interested. It will be minimum several hundred \$.

Anthony (Technology Coord.) – was there an item for the equipment purchase for Assembly? A: The budget will be discussed this afternoon.

Carolyn (D26) – noticed there is an advance for Trillium each year. Is there any way that we can see the accounting for Trillium? Do they make a profit? A: Janet is not given an accounting from Trillium. The \$10k is returned, but then it goes out again the next year. Loretta (Open Lines) – was a previous Treasurer for Trillium a couple of years ago and confirms that the Trillium committee information contains a Charter, which is included in our Ontario South Policies & Guidelines Manual, and this is followed. Every year there is a new committee. Any excess funds from the \$10K is also returned and shown as a line item in the Balance Sheet (as was shown in this year's). Trillium is not permitted to make a profit. A final report is submitted to the Executive. Jason (Delegate) offered some additional information – the Trillium has autonomy, however, there is a member of the Executive Committee who acts as the liaison which does keep the connection and accountability.

Judith (Alateen coordinator) – for the Alateen Behavioural Requirements process, she wanted to invite anyone who could do that.

Andrea (D10) – the net profit of \$5,000 for 2025 and then we had a deficit of \$7,000 – can we clarify that? A: this was due to the difference btw total operating funds and 12 months of Operating funds budgeted.

1:00-3:00

Discussion Topics

Discussion Topic #1

Proposed Budget for 2027

Presenter: Janet B.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

OSA Policies and Guidelines Manual, Section 8 Finances: Ontario South is self-supporting through contributions from the Groups in the Area. OSA manages the income, expenses, and many costs centres of the Area (AWSC, Assembly, Trillium and OSAAC) in an accounting software application. A proposed budget is approved **one year in advance**.

The Area Treasurer prepares the draft budget for review at the Executive Committee meeting preceding AWSC. At AWSC in May, the proposed budget for 2027 is presented for review and discussion by the AWSC members. The proposed budget for 2027 is then forwarded to Assembly for approval, in October 2026.

The *2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*, page 163, Finances, guides us that the anticipated expenses of the Area will be shared by each group and District as they each recognize their individual and collective responsibility.

The proposed budget for 2027 is a zero-based or net-even budget. **It is a balanced budget.** Expenses are balanced by the groups' contributions, and those contributions are defined on a per group cost to support the annual budget. As of January 2026, there are 270 groups in Ontario South. It will take an average annual contribution of \$186 from each group to support the proposed budget. This amounts to \$15.50 per month for each group. For a group with 8 members, this represents approximately \$1.94 per member per month to support the Area's proposed budget.

It is worthwhile to focus on sharing information and educating our members through the links of service. It must be recognized that there is a role for all our trusted servants, at all levels of service, to share the importance of contributing to all the service arms, and why it matters. Historically, only around half of our groups contribute to the Area. Therefore, for those groups that can contribute more than the budgeted amount per group, your contributions are needed and greatly appreciated.

The *2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*, page 102, highlights the Spiritual Principles of Al-Anon's Self Support which include Abundance, Anonymity, Gratitude, Responsibility, Trust and Unity. We trust that we will be provided for, and that awareness will lead to abundance.

In order to prepare for a discussion regarding the 2027 budget, please read and have copies available of the following reference documents:

- Proposed Budget 2027
- Income Statement – Actual vs. Budget (January 1 to December 31, 2025)
- Balance Sheet (December 31, 2025)
- Reserve Fund (as of December 31, 2025)
- *(Current Income Statement – Year to Date, to be emailed closer to AWSC)*
- Warranty One – Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual 2022-2025 version 2, pg. 217

Budget 2027 Highlights:

Assembly Revenues	9,000
AWSC Revenues	7,006
Misc. Income	100
Group Donations	50,103 (to break even = \$186)
TOTAL INCOME	66,209
Proposed 2027 Budget	
Assembly Expenses	18,000
AWSC Expenses	19,364
Conferences	5,250
Coordinator Expenses	2,500
Delegate Expenses	2,000
Executive Meeting Expenses	6,200
Handover Expenses	5,060
OSA Operational Costs	2,185
Other Expenses	5,650
TOTAL EXPENSES	66,209

NET INCOME	\$0

***Number of groups is 270 (February 2026), so estimated donation by group to cover 2027 - \$186 / year.**

Questions:

- Linda (LDC Manager) – Budget \$900 for OSAAC, why is this part of the budget when they have \$5,000 of their own? A: because we have always done this. There have been no expenses but we're hoping.
- Sue G. (Advisor) – she understood that the archivist had changed their storage so was there a change in cost? A: the unit was changed but only in shape but not size, so no change in cost.
- Kathleen (Website) – for the electronic Alateen requirements, there will be more police checks – every 2 years rather than 3. Would that budgeted cost be too low? A: Jason shared that we did not have that information when making this budget. Typically, the districts bear the cost of police checks and if they cannot bear it, then they come to the Area. The other end is the lawyer's cost.
- Deb B. (GTAIS Chair & D20) – a message from a small group in D20 – “if each member of Ont. S. paid a certain equal amount, the total number needed from the groups would be provided”. We have in D20, small, medium and large size groups. If every member paid \$16, the small groups would submit \$80, medium groups would submit \$160, and large groups would submit \$320 for the total \$1,688. A: Janet added that this concept makes sense to her, that we average out / member that way, it's a good way to think about it.
- Diana (D14) – noticed that the amount for travel reimbursement for travel to AWSC and Assembly has not been increased. The per km rate of .50 is below the national average rate of .65. Is there a way to revisit this? A: it was increased a couple of years ago from .40 to .50. Usually, the km rate pays for more than a tank of gas. 2 years ago, it seemed right, but maybe it needs to be revisited. We hope it will cover at least your fuel.
- Joan (Archivist stand-in, D1) – Coordinators expenses – what is the cost set up for? It is listed as Administration. A: the administration listing and titles are just listed that way; it doesn't happen that way specifically.
- Donna (D33) – What is the process to change any of the figures in the budget? A: it has been amended per the AWSC discussion in the past. The membership needs to motion and approve it.
- Anthony (Technology Coord.) – Regarding Assembly costs, he is concerned about the 2027 budget amount b/c we don't know how many people will attend in person, and how many will attend online. Usually meeting room costs are based upon the # of hotel room nights booked. Is there some sort of process or discussed to take place to get a feel from the membership as to what this split (in person/online attendance) will be? Is this number accurate for 2027? A: Numbers are only as accurate as what we know now. And it makes the treasurer's role more difficult. So, the answer is, we don't know.

Continued with DR reports while waiting for motion to be made.

Judy (D13) – Judy is new to the DR position; their previous DR was a long-timer who temporarily took over as nobody else would but then stepped down. She is finding herself overwhelmed with the amount of information and is just trying to pass it along. She has great intentions, to just be a good supporter to their district's groups. She is trying to visit each one and show her support. She feels like the members who have been serving for a long time feel discouraged. She is reminded of the gift of group conscience, which means she is not alone, is part of a team and doesn't have to do these things herself. Participation is required. She won't push through with her ideas if there is no desire to do them on other's parts. Going from GR to DR has grown her. She came here with some concerns of some of her members and has been able to get some ES&H from some of the people here. She feels very inspired by being here.

Christine C. (D12) – in the last year of her 3-year term. 7 groups, each one varying in membership size. Their district meetings are held approx. 5/year around prep for AWSC and Assembly and a spring AA round-up. The meetings are hybrid and the in-person part is held in the library. A successful best-practice – one of the GRs lived close to her so she asked her to be the Alt. DR., and they have developed a great working relationship, getting together for coffee, and when she became ill the Alt. DR took over, knowing what to do. Their main activities are the Al-Anon fall day and the AA Spring round-up. They have a few informal step studies going on Zoom. That is where the growth happens. They are finding that service beyond the group level is hard to get, she feels b/c it's the unknown. At the group level, it's not hard to get all the positions filled, and for the Al-Anon Day and Spring Round-up, but beyond that, it's hard.

DECISION POINT:

Should the proposed budget for 2027 be forwarded to Assembly 2026 for approval?

██████ (D14), seconded by ██████ (D6) that the fee per km on the 2027 Budget be increased from \$0.50/km to \$0.60/km.

Discussion to the motion:

Diana (D14) – this was a discussion that came up with the members in her district in wanting to align what reimbursement looks like as they travel in staying in line with what the area does. She struggled with the arbitrary amount. Rising gas prices factor in, but it's more than just a tank of gas, it's the wear and tear on her car, it's the potential for putting in an insurance claim should someone cause an accident. She is aware that this will increase the area costs which will also increase the need for group contributions. It is uncomfortable to ask for something more and she would suggest looking at Concept 11 and in her concept study they just reviewed this and paid employees are appropriately compensated for the work that they do. Being reimbursed for mileage to be appropriately compensated for what we volunteer to do every year when we come to AWSC aligns with Concept 11.

Louise W. (D18) – her car is very fuel efficient – she submits the costs for gas not km. Whatever makes the most sense could be a decision per individual rather than charging per km if it is not needed.

Louise McF. (D22) – the motion has the position as GR. This was corrected.

Sandy (D23) – the CRA mileage rate for 2026 was \$0.73/km for the first 5,000 km and \$0.67 for any additional kms after that, but she doesn't think anyone travels that far, so \$0.60 seems reasonable.

Jason (Delegate) – shared information in section 6A of our Area Manual, lists our current motions (which are motions currently in effect). A motion from Oct. 2001, "5. Equalization payments to continue being contributed "per group" for mileage. That the dollar amount to be set by Ontario South Executive." The past practice has been that the treasurer announces the mileage rate at the AWSC and that mileage rate has typically been arrived at has been arrived at by discussion around the Executive table. He remembers when it went from \$0.40 to \$0.50 and the long conversation that was had and the research that was done, e.g. what he paid, what the CRA and CAA rates were. This is something that has been on his mind to raise at our next executive meeting and hoped that the cost of gas will go down if the situation in the world changes.

Donna (D33) – shared what Chat GPT says.

Voting: Defeated (exact numbers not counted, but not unanimous)

Motion on the budget from the floor:

By ██████ (Literature Coordinator), seconded by ██████ (D23) moved to forward the proposed 2027 budget to Assembly 2026 for approval.

Discussion to the motion:

Sue M., mover, invited to speak first. Nothing to add.

Deb (GTAIS) – only comment is Thank You Janet.

Motion Carried – 1 opposed.

Discussion Topic #2

Travel Equalization for AIS Chairperson(s) to Attend AWSC

Presenter: Janet B.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

MOTION AWSC 2024: “That Ontario South Assembly will cover the costs for accommodation and meals (accommodation package) for AIS Chairperson(s) to attend AWSC, consistent with what is done for all voting members. The Registration fee and meals required to travel are paid by the Districts the AIS serves. AIS(s) will contribute to the travel equalization amounts, the amount to be determined by the Executive, and mileage costs will be reimbursed by OSA.” Carried.

As discussed, and agreed by the voting members of AWSC 2024, the understanding was that the AIS Chairs would be treated similarly to the DRs.

The *OSA Policies and Guidelines Manual*, Section 4.10, AWSC, and Section 8.6, Finances, provide the following clarification on how travel equalization is calculated: “For DRs travel, all groups in Ontario South (except Alateen meetings in schools and Al-Anon meetings held in institutional settings) contribute to the equalization travel fund. An amount is first calculated to cover the cost of travel for all DRs to the AWSC location. From this cost, an amount is determined and paid by each group to cover the costs. Districts are expected to pay the equalization amount whether their DR attends or not.” Equalized travel for the DRs makes it fair regardless of the actual travel distance. A District with more groups pays more than a District with fewer groups.

Similarly, to cover mileage reimbursements for AIS Chairpersons, the mileage costs for the GTAIS Chair driving from Toronto to Oshawa and the Ottawa AIS Chair driving from Ottawa to Oshawa were calculated. That amount of money, based on the current mileage reimbursement rate, is \$452. In 2025, this amounted to \$5.25 per group paid by those groups supported by an AIS (72 groups in the GTAIS, and 14 groups in Ottawa). This would be **in addition to** the \$13 paid per group toward the DR equalization travel amount. These dollar amounts, and the cost per each group supported by an AIS, were included in the proposed budget for 2025 which was discussed and approved by the membership at Assembly 2024.

In preparing the AWSC package for 2025, the travel equalization amount requested from GTAIS was \$378 and from Ottawa was \$74, based on the number of groups supported by each AIS. The amounts requested were paid in 2025.

An appeal letter from the GTAIS was received in May 2025: “The GTAIS has a concern with line 4185 in the budget regarding the travel equalization costs for the GTAIS Chair to attend AWSC. We feel the equation used to determine these costs is not valid and results in an unfair and inequitably high cost to the GTAIS. Ottawa AIS pays \$74 and the GTAIS pays \$378.

This is the first year this cost has been applied to the GTAIS, and it arose from a motion that passed at AWSC last year that allows the costs for the AIS Chairs to be covered to attend AWSC, similar to all other voting members. At the time of the motion, it was too difficult to try to figure out how the costs for travel for the AIS Chairs would work, so it was left up to the Area Executive to determine. The Executive decided to use the same travel equalization equation as they used to determine the DRs travel costs, which is determined by the number of groups in one district. While the Ottawa AIS is made up of just one district (14 groups) the GTAIS is made up of 8 Districts (72 groups), so this equation doesn’t work. For the past 3 years the GTAIS only paid \$81 in travel costs based on the .50 cents/km equation used by the Area for the Executive members, this year our cost was \$378. An increase of almost \$300.

The equation also charges the GTAIS \$5.25 cents for all 72 groups in its catchment, but not all 72 groups support the GTAIS. Last year only 24 groups financially supported the GTAIS. Page 66 of the Service Manual states: “Any local Al-Anon or Alateen group may agree to support an Information Service but joining is purely voluntary.” Since joining is voluntary the GTAIS shouldn’t be financially penalized by having to pay for the 48 groups that don’t support it. The groups covered by an AIS are essentially being charged twice: once based on their District (\$13) and once based on their AIS (\$5.25). This can clearly be considered double dipping.

If the members vote to pass this budget, we want them to be aware of our concerns regarding this item, and we'd like to ask that this item be put on the agenda to be discussed further at next year's AWSC meeting."

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND:

The equalization travel amount is a mathematical calculation only; how it is calculated and who pays for it is a separate issue from past budgets and the proposed budget in 2027. The amount is shown in the budget as both a plus and a minus meaning there is no impact on the bottom line and no impact on the average amount needed from each group.

The *2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*, page 54, states that groups support all levels of service by contributing to their District, AIS, Area (structures that serve the group) and the WSO (structure that serves all members, groups and service arms).

It is unfortunate that significantly less than half of the groups supported by the GTAIS provide financial contributions to the GTAIS. While it may be cost prohibitive to send both the AIS Chair and the Alternate AIS Chair to AWSC, many Districts are likely unable to send both their DR and the Alternate DR for the same reason. More discussion from the broader membership appears to be warranted, including a conversation amongst the GTAIS and the Ottawa AIS and other members of the AWSC.

AIS COSTS TO ATTEND AWSC 2025

COSTS FOR GTAIS			COSTS FOR OTTAWA AIS		
ITEM	PRE-MOTION	POST-MOTION	ITEM	PRE-MOTION	POST-MOTION
Registration	\$50.00	\$50.00	Registration	\$50.00	\$50.00
Accommodation	\$112.94	\$0.00	Accommodation	\$112.94	\$0.00
Meals^	\$94.98	\$0.00	Meals^	\$94.98	\$0.00
Mileage*	\$80.00	\$378.00	Mileage*	\$400.00	\$74.00
Total	\$337.92	\$428.00		\$657.92	\$124.00

*Mileage pre-motion assumes 160 km round-trip for GTAIS, and 800 km round-trip for Ottawa, reimbursed by the AIS at \$0.50/km. Mileage post-motion is based on Equalization Travel Amounts, and reimbursed by OSA.

^Meals include those as part of the accommodation package (\$64.98) and the \$30 meal voucher for Saturday night.

Item for Consideration received in November 2025 from the GTAIS:

"The GTAIS would like to offer these three possible options for making the Travel Equalization payments for AIS groups more equitable:

- Give the AISs the choice to pay their own travel costs.
- Group contributions from the 272 groups could be equalized to \$15 (an increase of \$2 per group) and that would cover the travel costs for the DRs and AIS Chairs (\$3,988) to attend AWSC.
- Give the Ottawa AIS the opportunity, if they wish, to be treated as a District. Group costs would rise to \$14.00 per group. GTAIS covers their own travel costs.

Thank you very much for taking this item into consideration."

DECISION POINT:

How can the travel equalization for AIS Chairpersons be calculated equitably and who will bear the expense?

Discussion to reach an Informed Decision:

- Deb (GTAIS) – thanks the Executive for their thoroughness for sharing all the information. The travel equalization was created to equalize travel costs to attend AWSC whether the member lives close or far. It was designed to ensure fairness and goodwill as diverse needs are met. GTAIS feels the current formula for AIS chairs is not equitable and needs to be changed. The current formula charges AIS groups and extra \$5.25 on top of the \$13 for a total of \$18.25/group, and this doesn't seem fair from their perspective. They believe the fairest solution would be option B as then all groups would pay the same amount. This is the easiest to understand and is sustainable into the future.
- Janet (Treasurer) clarified how she came up with that calculation – the groups in Ottawa are now sending 2 members to AWSC the groups in GTAIS, the 8 districts/72 groups, are sending 2 people. The rest of the AWSC don't have an AIS, although they could have, and could send another person as well. Based on how the DRs were calculated, # of groups/district. GTAIS has more groups that they cover compared to AIS Ottawa.
- Louise (D18) – GTAIS believes the most equitable solution is Option B, which is also the simplest to implement and understand. Option B considers DRs and AIS chairs as one group, because they are all voting members. Group contributions would be equal and cover travel equalizations for everyone not covered by Ont. S. The 2027 proposed budget shows that \$3,962 is needed to cover the combined DR & AIS travel & equalization cost. With the 270 groups paying \$50 each, the amount would be \$4,050 \$88 over the required amount. GTAIS supports Ont. S. in several ways, not just the groups we serve. 1. The Telephone answering service receives calls for all over Ontario and provides supports members. 2. GTAIS is responsible for appointing the Al-Anon and Alateen Chairs and shadow Chairs for the ORC. Without this 2-year commitment, there would be no Al-Anon program at the ORC. We also provide the only Al-Anon Hospitality Suite at the ORC.
- Kathleen (Website) – read the paragraph from the service manual, pg. 66, (which was referenced in the b/g info). She can relate to the GTAIS having an income problem and is happy to brainstorm fundraising ideas. They do not have a choice in her district about where the Pri-Med conference is held, it is always in the Toronto area (her district is not).
- Jeanette (D8) – while GTAIS feels like the equalization is double dipping, D8 feels that they get double-voting, as all districts in Toronto get a vote along with the GTAIS. D8 feels that increasing the equalization cost by \$2/group goes against Traditions 3, 7, 12 and concept 1. This affects the area as a whole by not being fully self-supporting and placing personalities above principles.
- Barb (D28) – They do not have a rep from Ottawa AIS here. Ottawa AIS is a long-standing part of D28. It was established when there was a D29, which there no longer is (it was amalgamated). There are less groups and less members, that's just today's reality. Everyone on the AIS committee have now stepped down as their terms are down, although they are keeping the service going, but the committee is on pause.
- Jason (Delegate - but JAM for this comment) used to the DR for Ottawa. Then, a bunch would carpool to the AWSC so only one person paid for mileage. Wonders if the fairest way to deal with it is to rescind the 2023 motion and go back to the way it used to be. There is a way to do this within our existing practices that is within our spiritual principles and is the Al-Anon way.
- Sue G. (Advisor – D6) – the Executive were asked to suggest a way to handle this, it was done and a suggestion made that we thought would be acceptable. It feels like we were asked to do something and now it is not liked so we're being asked to do something else.
- Donna P. (D33) – this discussion has been going on for a long time. What she loves about AWSC is that we hear each other. GTAIS doesn't just serve the Toronto area. They also coordinate the Pri-Med conference.
- Loretta (Open Lines Coord.) – they discussed supporting Pri-Med. Their group is close to Ottawa and as a group they recognized the amazing work done through this conference, so they supported it. The travel issue is separate from that.
- Carolyn (D26) – it seems like there are many groups that do not support their district but still are required to pay the equalized travel amount. They understand that it seems like double-dipping, but you want to be treated as DRs, but you cannot have separate rules made. All in or all out.
- Janet (Treasurer) – prior to 2 years ago, the Area didn't reimburse Ottawa for travel costs, so she did not see travel costs. The year that she did see them, the AIS Ottawa person travelled with the Ottawa area DR so there were no travel costs. In reality, the Area only had to reimburse the GTAIS person for travel costs. We do expect all the DRs to share a room. If you want one to yourself, you must pay extra. The Area would expect the AIS person to carpool with the DR. If you don't that is your decision and either the AIS will reimburse you. There is another choice, if we just don't pay for the travel portion.

Continued with DR reports while waiting for motion to be made.

Diana S. (D14) – 13 active Al-Anon groups, including 1 electronic. Any hybrid meetings post-Co-Vid have now gone back to in person full time except for 1 electronic. They had 3-4 AMIAS and now they have 1 ready to go. They just need teens. 10 of the 13 groups have GRs and those that don't have a group contact to ensure that information flows to the groups. DR meetings occur over zoom and take a break over Christmas. They have made a commitment to meet once/year in person. They are still looking for a district secretary, and institutions coordinator and an Alateen coordinator. They have 1 Al-Anon member and one dual member who go into the institutions and put on meetings. This past year they took on a P.O. project to put out business cards. They are fortunate to have a good relationship with AA in their district. Every spring they host a round-up. They are also part of the Fall AA Round-up where Al-Anon opens on Friday night. As outgoing DR, it has been her honour to serve. She wanted to be the Alt. DR and have a term to prepare and train but nobody else was willing so she took it on. She is very grateful for the GRs in her district. They are looking to welcoming all of Area 86 to Assembly in the Fall 2026 as they are organizing Assembly.

Announcement: Alateen skit players please see Jason at the break to get your props.

Announcement: thank you for all the boxes, I'm sure the LDC is well stocked for a while.

Christine T. (D16) – 9 groups, 1 zoom, 2 hybrid, 1 Polish language. In the past year she has been able to visit all the groups except the Polish one, but she plans to this summer. They meet every month. They have dealt with some difficult situations in the past few years, including bullying, cross-talk and keeping the focus on ourselves. Last Year they reestablished their Day of Recovery which had not happened since pre-Co-Vid. It was so successful they did it again this year. With both Al-Anon and AA speakers and this year included Alateen speakers. Somehow, they always seem to steal the show. She would like to thank her ADR who has served as DR before and was so helpful. They just re-opened Hope Prevails Alateen. It was previously online and is now in person in Oakville. There is a large group of AMIASs and it's so great to see it starting to take off.

Joanne (D17) – from Woodbridge to Acton, includes Milton, Brampton, Nobleton and XX – 9 groups, 1 Alateen and all have either a GR or contact person. Their district meetings are 5/year. Not July or Aug. Face to Face in the fall and Spring, in the winter on Zoom. A celebration for the 75th anniversary was had as a district in the spring, where they viewed the movie "Love is Not Enough" you can borrow it from a lot of libraries. They have 6 AMIASs serving 1 Alateen group. Their finances are healthy. They participate in a joint Al-Anon AA Recovery Day in Brampton. They recently designed and purchased a vertical banner through a member who did the artwork. She went through our Delegate Jason, to approve the artwork. Milton hosted a recovery day in April. Challenges are replacing service positions. She has been the DR for 5-6 years so needs to step down.

Motion on the floor:

██████ (D18), 2nd by ██████ (D22) – AIS pay their own mileage costs.

Discussion to the motion:

Louise W. (D18) – came earlier to the mic to speak about option B as they thought it best. Upon listening specifically to Jason about carpooling, she remembered how wonderful it was having those other members in the car to talk with. She thinks that this motion, for each AIS to pay their own mileage costs, will do that. Jason suggested that a DR, coming could travel with the AIS chair.

Kathleen (Website coordinator) – is not in favour. It creates a two-tier system and is not equitable. The GTAIS mileage cost is not equitable with the one borne by an AIS in Ottawa, which although not active right now, might become active in another geographical district.

Sue G. (D6 as a JAM) – for clarification, states the mileage for GTAIS would be \$80, if that is the case, and Ottawa did have an AIS, their mileage would be \$400. Is the intent for the Area to also pay for the GTAIS' meals and accommoda-

tion? As pre-motion, we were not. Janet clarified (as Treasurer), we were happy with the fact that AIS wanted to be included like a member and wanted to pay the equalized travel. She would think that the motion on the floor is still OK, but we are amending the portion about the equalized travel only. The Area would pay for the hotel and meals as they do for the DRs, but GTAIS would pay mileage only, rather than equalized travel as it stands, post-motion. So, then Sue clarified that we were still going to be paying Accommodation \$112.94 and meals \$94.98.

Deb (GTAIS) – AIS is supported by groups. She did travel with a DR this time and will be settling the expense with that DR and only 1 will be claiming for it. A group is a group, and a group pays what it has to pay.

Carolyn (D26) – her understanding with this motion that the AIS want to pay their own mileage. For Ottawa this would be \$400 vs. \$80 for GTAIS. This doesn't seem fair. Is this correct? Yes, this is a correct understanding.

In favour – 19

Opposed – 17

Motion is carried

Discussion Topic #3

Electronic Alateen in Ontario South

Presenter: Jason W.

The Board of Trustees and the World Service Conference have been discussing potential electronic Alateen meetings hosted by the Areas. Ontario South needs to decide whether we would like to opt in as an Area. If Ontario South proceeds with electronic Alateen meetings, they must be done in accordance with the World Service Conference Structure Electronic Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements (WSC EASBR).

This conversation around electronic Alateen groups stretches back to 2020, when the Board of Trustees began studying the feasibility of electronic Alateen groups. A project team collaborated with Al-Anon's international structures to better understand global legal implications around adults interacting with minors. The 2022 World Service Conference discussed a potential solution to support electronic Alateen groups.

The Board of Trustees was provided with a comprehensive report and proposed course of action for the project team to pursue. This was presented to the 2023 World Service Conference, where additional feedback allowed the Board to define the next steps.

2024 World Service Conference members were provided with a conceptual framework for what would be required to support electronic Alateen groups and were asked for additional feedback from their Areas. This contributed to new terminology in support of electronic Alateen groups in the WSC Structure:

- World Service Conference Structure Electronic Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements, or WSC EASBR
- Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service serving electronic Alateen groups or AMIAS-E

The topic was discussed at the 2025 World Service Conference, and delegates were asked to gather information from their Areas. Background information was included in the 2025 Delegate's Report to the AWSC and Assembly, where feedback was invited. The topic was also discussed with Ontario South's Alateen Co-ordinator and the then-Area Alateen Process Person about the feasibility, as well as potential effects and implications.

Delegates were provided with a draft copy of the World Service Conference Structure Electronic Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements (WSC EASBR). Because teens attending electronic Alateen meetings could come from any Area, this document sets the minimum requirements for electronic Alateen across the entire World Service Conference structure and needs to meet the most stringent requirements of any jurisdiction within that geography. If an Area opts in to hosting electronic Alateen meetings, the document must be accepted by the Area, as-is. **No changes can be made to the document.**

The earliest potential rollout date for electronic Alateen meetings hosted by the Areas is July 1, 2026.

As Ontario South considers this topic, there are some points to remember:

- If Ontario South decides not to have electronic Alateen meetings, our Area would still be able to have in-person Alateen groups, meetings and events that comply with Ontario South's Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements.
- The AMIAS-E minimum requirements (be mandated reporters, passing a criminal background check) align with existing requirements for current AMIAS in Ontario South.
- The World Service Conference Structure Electronic Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements (WSC EASBR) go beyond Area autonomy and **no changes can be made to the document**.

Jason added points to the b/g info. learned at WSC (after the AWSC package was distributed). There was an updated version of the WSC EASBR document distributed by email by the secretary, on Monday, May 25, which is the one that was voted on at the WSC. A skit was performed which outlined the steps involved in certifying as an AMIAS-E.

Scenario 1: Serving as an AMIAS-E in the same Area where you reside.

- The member must first certify as an AMIAS. Once certified, you certify as an AMIAS-E. Ontario south will always be responsible for the recertification even if this member serves in different Areas.

Scenario 2: Serving as an AMIAS-E in a different geographical Area from the one where you reside.

- The member must certify in the Area where they reside. The Area in which the service is occurring must verify with the geographical Area in which the member resides that they are certified as both AMIAS and AMIAS-E.

Scenario 3: Serving as an AMIAS-E in the Global Electronic Area.

- The Areas in which the members reside must be responsible for the annual certification and recertification. The GEA confirms with each geographical area's AAPPs that all members have been certified as an AMIAS and an AMIAS-E in that geographical Area in which they reside. Also reminds that background checks must be resubmitted every 2 years.

What happens now? Today we decide as the Area World Service Committee whether to forward this matter to the Assembly for discussion. If we decide yes, then the group reps would decide whether Ontario South opts in to the WSC structure Electronic Alateen Safety and Behavioural Requirements (WSC EASBR). If they decide yes, then the Area's trusted servants would develop processes and procedures to support implementing that and would begin training Ont. S. members who want to be AMIAS-Es.

DECISION POINT:

Does the Area World Service Committee want to place this discussion item on the agenda of the 2026 Assembly meeting?

Discussion to reach an Informed Decision:

Kathleen (Website coordinator) – really supports electronic Alateen meetings. In Ontario, our geography and limited transportation means that for some Alateen members online meetings may be their only means of support. As she reviewed the final EASBR several questions came to mind about how these requirements would work in the OSA. The requirements include new expectations around participant screening, identity verification, information collection and record keeping. She is not suggesting that these requirements are right or wrong. She is suggesting that we need to better understand their impact before Assembly is asked to make a decision. In Ontario, vulnerable children and youth may not have access to identification documents or guardian information or they simply may not feel comfortable providing this. We also know that there are youth under 13 currently participating in Alateen. I believe we need to understand what these requirements mean for accessibility in OSA. We need to consider how the EASBR aligns with our own laws and the

ASBR, which are currently being updated, and I believe we need to understand the assumptions underlying these requirements. The EASBR was developed to meet legal requirements across the U.S., Canada and Bermuda from a risk assessment perspective. Before OSA makes a decision, I think it's important to understand how the requirements affect us. We should also carefully consider the role of the AMIAS-E. In Ontario, our responsibility is not to investigate, assess or determine whether a youth is safe; that responsibility belongs to child protection authorities and law enforcement. The role of an AMIAS is to provide a safe and supportive meeting environment and to report concerns of abuse, neglect and the risk of harm to the appropriate authorities when required. I believe it's important to understand where those responsibilities begin and end as we consider electronic Alateen meetings. We also need to understand the privacy implications of collecting and maintaining Alateen member's personal information. Before Assembly makes a decision, members should understand how that information will be collected, stored and protected and ultimately destroyed.

Linda (LDC Manager) – how do teens provide photo id? School or bus passes? A lot of schools do not issue them. Would this mean they were unable to attend? How is the emergency contact information received? Is it received from the kids, who could make something up, or the parents/guardians? There are a lot of teens whose parents don't want them to attend, and those are the ones who really need it. If the kids can't meet the threshold for electronic Alateen, but they can't get to an in-person meeting, do we then suggest to them that they attend an electronic Al-Anon meeting, as they can walk into any in-person Al-Anon meeting without having an AMIAS in the room. Does this mean that they could attend an electronic Al-Anon meeting?

Jason (Delegate) offered some clarification – minimum age under legislation set it at 13. You might then be in High School which might provide ID. Emergency Info. question is interesting – he hasn't thought about that and is not aware of how this would be verified. Will try to find out. In the doc, it states that teenagers must be 13 to participate.

Joanne G (D17) – what do they mean by a reporter.

Jason – if you are aware of a child being abused you must report it. That is what is meant by mandated. Kathleen also added that you are mandated to report, but it can be done anonymously. If it is a youth 16 – 17 they are not technically covered by the mandate, but you are encouraged to report.

Sue G. (Advisor) – WSO is setting the minimum requirements. Would we then have to create our own? A: is no, we cannot make any changes, although he is not aware of anything that says we cannot make additions to the requirements, i.e., add our own information, not take anything away, do less than the minimum requirements. What happened years ago is that the Ont. S. Assembly decided to not accept the WSO Safety and behavioural requirements and as a result, we lost Alateen in Ontario South. A: If we decide no to electronic Alateen, this means we will not have electronic Alateen meetings. This will not affect in person Alateen meetings.

Barb (D28) – it is important to hear from all members in the Area so it should go to Assembly. She sees 2 security gaps in the skit. She is pretty sure someone could pass a Police Record Check (PRC) in one country and fail it in another country as they don't communicate. The other gap is that she didn't see the GEA AAPP talking to the Area AAP; do they? This was a misunderstanding – the GEA AAPP speaks to the Area AAPP plus, they speak every year to confirm continued respect of the WSC EASBR.

Donna P. (D33) – loves the intent but it seems very bureaucratic, but then again, how different is it from a regular Alateen meeting – she doesn't know. For an in-person meeting, the member just shows up. This is for interacting with teens online.

Jenny (Alt. DR – D26) – has an Alateen now who would not have done any of this. As to the need to have parents involved, her parents would have balked. Do we have any idea what the pre-interview is like. A: the intent is that the teen becomes known to the AMIAS-E in the meeting. The processes of this, i.e., how the Area does it, is up to the Area (to his knowledge currently). If we agree to this, which needs to be at Assembly, we would be responsible for training the other AMIAS's in our Area.

Judith (Alateen coordinator) – this doesn't affect the hybrid meetings. A: the comment from Sarah Smith from the WSO is that the people who are being told to close the hybrid meetings right now is not the case. In the future, for Hybrid

meetings, we need an AMIAS-E in both in-person and electronic meetings as they are Hybrid. Judith – her understanding is that we are voting to bring this to Assembly or not. If we don't bring it to Assembly what happens. A: if we do not vote to bring it any further, i.e., Assembly, then it is status-quo. Judith then added that Area 86 is vast, and she believes that some teens cannot access meetings in-person. Her big question to the requirements is how does what is set out here meet our program Traditions of anonymity? A: Jason reiterated an earlier slide – But what if we say no? Alateen members living anywhere in the World Service Conference structure can attend any electronic meeting that is part of the WSC structure.

Gwen (Advisor) - If our teens want to attend and Ontario South electronic Alateen meeting we must follow these guidelines. We forget that we are dealing with teens and they tend to bring each other. If you have a child living in an unstable environment, the chances of them providing information is going to be sketchy. Jason reiterated that for the mobile app meetings, they still need to do all of this. Gwen added that her Alateen meetings often had members younger than teens, i.e., 10, 11 and 12. They continued to come and she had one call her to take them to their first AA meeting. She wants to have it be open and inviting to them and not say, you can go to an Al-Anon meeting.

Jeannette (D8) – A student in high school would only have a student ID if their birthday was in July, she started in grade 8 at 13. Student ID only showed her name, not her age. There was active alcoholism in her home, and she wouldn't have shared that information with anyone as it could be reported and she would fear being removed from that home.

Sharon (Alt. Delegate) – we have AAPPs and currently do police checks every 3 years which is the 2nd year of their term. If we must do it every second year, how are we going to keep track of who needs the checks. A: we are recertified every year but PRCs occur only every second year. He is aware that the vulnerable sector screening is how we do it. He is not aware of how it will be managed at this time.

Debbie E. (D31) – this seems overwhelming but as an AMIAS there are no teens coming and the AMIASs are dropping out b/c there are no teens. She has 2 grandkids now who would be 13 next year and both qualify. Teens go on their phones and come online, and we need to work through the challenges and figure it out even though it will be hard.

Joan (Archives) – there seems to be some confusion about the proof of identity and the photo. Pg. 8 states that the Area process will determine acceptable photo ID. This needs clarity. A: Jason is not aware of anything that says it needs to be on one piece of ID, but you just need to prove your age.

Continued reports:

Deb (GTAIS) – She is so proud of the members who show up to GTAIS every month. They make good decisions, hard decisions, based on principles, they follow the guidelines. As a leader they have done a lot of talks about how you step into a position. She had some tests on her heart last year when deciding, turns out her heart was just fine. GTAIS was the answer to her taking a catapulting leap into her recovery. She has memorized the Traditions. She has memorized the principles from the Conflict Resolution pamphlet as they had some when she came in. This has really helped her in her own relationships in her family as well. To work the principles of honesty, integrity, mutual respect and common goodwill.

Motion:

Moved by [REDACTED] (Website coordinator), seconded by [REDACTED] (D26) that AWSC place the discussion of Electronic Alateen meetings in OSA on the agenda for the 2026 Assembly and further, that a Thought Force be established in advance of the 2026 Assembly and be composed of the Alateen Coordinator, AAPP, Alateens, AMIAS, and trusted servants to explore implementation considerations of electronic Alateen meetings in OSA.

Discussion to the motion:

Kathleen (Website Coordinator) – the goal is that we could have a Thought Force be established prior to Assembly to answer questions raised at Assembly by the GRs. As a member of the EASBR committee we are getting information as recently as Monday this week. We seem to all be in favour and who is not in the room with us is the Alateens. A Thought

Force would include them to help us look at the implications related to this decision and so we have that information prior to Assembly for the GRs.

Louise W (D18) would the intent of the Thought Force be to report to Assembly in October, as it is a very short timeline.
A: Yes, that is the intent. Yes, it is a short timeline, but it has been done before. Judith has been on the committee, and Crystal is also helping on this committee, there are so many people in this Area to help with this process.

Judy (D13) if we are agreeing to a Thought Force, do we not need the members who are being motioned to do that, agree to it? Kathleen asked them at the mic if they want to be on a Thought Force? She got positive responses from all.

Jason (Delegate) to explore implementation considerations – could he get some information about what this Thought Force would be seeking. He would like to confirm with the WSO that the ID can be 2 pieces and how this contact information can be verified. Because this document is coming from WSO and we can't make any changes, he wants clarification on what implementation considerations involves. Kathleen – how we are going to make the training available etc. Jason reiterated that b/c this is coming from WSO, we need to align with the most stringent requirements, this research has already been done by the WSO. His questions are as already said and also, what does this interview process look like. He is happy to contact the WSO with any questions we have. He is not convinced of the need for a Thought Force at this moment.

Sandy (D23) – would like to make a friendly amendment to the motion, to split it into 2 motions. To forward to 2026 Assembly and then have the 2nd part be a separate motion.

Donna (D33) – Agrees that it should be split as if this motion is defeated, then the second motion which she put in, cannot be put on the floor. Deb F. (Chair) clarified that this is not her understanding and the second motion can be placed on the floor.

Vote:
In favour 3
Opposed the rest
Motion is defeated.

Announcement – please add your questions to the box for the workshop tonight.

Announcement – if you are leaving this evening, please place your lanyard on the corner of the first front table where Janet (Treasurer is sitting).

4:54 –6:30 Food and fellowship

Motion 2 related to discussion Item #3:

██████████ (Alt Delegate), seconded by ██████████ (D33) that the 2026 AWSC place the discussion item on the agenda for Assembly 2026.

Sharon (Alt Delegate) we were given all the background information and as said in that information, there is still information coming from WSO. She feels the best way forward is to keep going and discuss at Assembly. We need to wait for the full discussion with all of the information and then we can make an informed decision at Assembly.

Jason (Delegate, speaking as a member) has been reflecting on the comment earlier about hearing from the people affected, i.e., Alateens. He would love to see multiple Alateens at Assembly this fall to be part of this discussion. He would encourage everyone who is involved in Alateen to consider who could be represented from their groups.

Judith (Alateen Coordinator) – can get the Alateens to Assembly but needs people to billet them. Please let her know if anyone can do that. She doesn't like the processes but feels there is no choice but to vote yes or we won't have electronic Alateen.

No further comments or opinions on the motion.

Vote: Carried unanimously.

Motion 3 related to discussion Item #3:

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Sandy (D23) knows it was part of the original motion, but we thought it should be separate so that we have more information to give the GRs at Assembly. The rules have been established, but how it will be implemented need to be sorted out. Alateens will know what ID is available.

Kathleen (Website) appreciated Jason's willingness to provide more information and maybe he could be the Executive on the Thought Force. It would be great to have Alateens at Assembly. If we wait until Assembly, it makes the matter more complicated and the Alateen Coordinator will be new to the role, vs. the ones who have been in the roles for the last 3 years. Progress over perfection. On the safety and behaviour requirements committee they got the requirements down to one document (from 5).

Steve B. (D3) honestly don't know what he is going to ask his group reps to vote on, the recreation of these rules on the EASBR. The sense he gets is that we all want Alateen online, but we don't get it without these requirements. Jason (Delegate) clarified that the Draft requirements document was what was sent with the original AWSC Package. What was sent on Monday, is the final document which was voted on at WSC. Online Alateen meetings and Hybrid meetings will need to be compliant with these requirements. Steve clarified if we don't opt in, we won't have electronic Alateen meetings without complying with the requirements. We can opt out now and do them at a further date, if we comply.

Diana (D14) – do we know what the timeline is for hybrid meetings to shift and do we currently have hybrid meetings in Ontario South? A: there is a grace period of 18 months following the passing of the WSC motion. By October 31, 2027, any hybrid meetings will need to transition to solely in person meetings.

Joan (Archives) – a comment that in 2004 we went through a lot with the behavioural requirements for what were called SAMs in those days. This feels like the same trepidation. This is the law, it isn't Al-Anon, it's the law in the U.S., and as this is electronic meetings we are discussing, we need to comply with that. We got over our anxiety in 2004, and we will get over this.

Vote:

In favour: 24

Opposed: 9

Motion carried.

7:30-8:30

Workshop: Ask Me Anything - Gwen D.

Q&A Session with the Executive Committee – not minuted.

SUNDAY, MAY 31

8:30-8:45

Welcome, Serenity Prayer,

Traditions, Concepts, & Warranties

Confirm Timekeeper & Announcements

8:45 – 9:15

District Reports, continued

Louise W. (D18) – this district has shrunk over the last few years. Some years ago there were 13 groups, but over the last 2-3 years they shrank down to 5. Now there are six. They have a room for an Alateen meeting but don't have two AMIAS's to hold it. They have people who want it for their teens.

Districts D19 & 21 not represented, no reports.

Deb (GTAIS & representing D20) – they are looking for a new DR. Attendance at district meetings is up and down. They are looking for a new treasurer, and she is feeling the nudge as this is something she has never done before. She's learned to loosen her grip and let it go, and knows that somehow, they will work it out.

8:44 - 9:09

Delegate's Update

Jason W.

Update on Electronic Alateen and what comes next.

- Thought Force invitations, updating background information for Assembly, receiving updates from the WSO and sharing with the AWSC.
- Please have your district secretary send the delegate the district minutes to OntarioSouthDelegate@hotmail.com
- The WSO would prefer for us to order our literature from the Literature Distribution Centre (LDC). Our LDC is a found on the Ontario South Website at <https://al-anon.alateen.on.ca/>
- What is your district doing to mark Al-Anon's 75th anniversary? You can talk to our Archives coordinator about Ontario South's history and work that in.
- Spiritual take-away: "There's more respect here when we disagree than in most other places when they're in agreement" shared by another Delegate at the WSC.
- Homework:
 - Encourage another member to serve next term
 - Tell them the reasons why you think they'd be good at that service role
 - Consider what your next service adventure might be

"Al-Anon is a program of Love, and Love is the primary motive in all our activities."

Lois W. (Many Voices, One Journey)

Ask-It Basket committee answers:

Sue G./Gwen D. & volunteers

Please encourage your members to find and reference the Ontario South Policies and Guidelines Manual.

Debbie (D16) –

1. How does Ont. S. assembly select the chairperson for Trillium? Ont. S. Manual, Section 2A, 7. Chairperson, #3. Trillium – find it and put it here
2. Do you need to qualify when chairing a meeting? It is not written anywhere that this is required.

Christine (D16) –

1. What takes precedence, the WSO Manual or the Ontario South Policies and Guidelines Manual? – the Ontario South Policies and Guidelines Manual. It states that if there is a conflict between these procedures and the WSO Service Manual, the OSA approved policies and guidelines documented in this manual will take precedence.
2. How do I write a service resume? This is outlined in 10. I of the Ontario South Policies and Guidelines Manual. for coordinators, section 2B, eligibility criteria. Additionally, Deb F. (chair) has a printed copy of the resume if anyone wants it.

Diana (D14) –

1. Is there any information in the new service manual about using "free" QR codes as ways to announce local events/open meetings? A: No.

- Currently our district's open public outreach speaker meeting is registered as an Al-Anon Family Group. This is a public outreach activity, not a meeting. Was the "outreach activity" registered in error? Should it be de-registered? If so, it would not appear on the WSO and OSA lists but would appear on Ottawa's local list. A: Need to clarify if this is an ongoing meeting or a one-off. If it's a regular meeting, then it should be registered as a group and would need a GR and at least a CMA. We don't register activities.

Ann (D8) –

- Why do we pay a lawyer to check the Police Records Checks for AMIAS certification? – Pg. 234 of the Service Manual outlines in the minimum safety and behavioral requirements states that.

Announcement – a couple of districts are planning to join up to put in a bid to host Assembly 2027 – great news! The Executive Committee looks forward to receiving the bid.

Open Mic
Reflections & Personal Growth

Closing: Al-Anon Declaration

AWSC Meeting Highlights:

Technology – Take back to your GRs, they are trial running some of the equipment needed for hybrid assembly. Ask GRs and members at large if they would like to come to Assembly and see how it is done.

██████ (D31) moved (verbal motion) that we accept the voting procedures as explained, seconded by ██████ (D33).
Voting: All in favour. Carried unanimously.

Motion, by ██████. (D22), seconded by ██████ (D23) That we "accept the minutes of the 2025 AWSC as amended."
Voting: All in favour. Carried unanimously.

Delegate's report:

2026 cost per group \$357.97 USD = \$495.05 CAD (as of May 23, 2026) – this is the cost to provide the services that the WSO does. This is not a FEE, as we do not *have* dues or fees. We give what we can, when we can.

Consistent giving is the key

Literature sales are growing, but slowly. Forecast to grow this year by approx. 6%.

Literature Office Committee (LOC) Report

Summer closure dates: 1:00 pm July 23 – Aug. 24, 10:00 a.m. (re-opens).

Assembly pre-orders for pick up at Assembly – can be continued to be ordered during that time but will not be processed until the LDC Manager returns.

Date to pre-order for Assembly is 1:00 pm Sep 21 and must be paid for by 1:00 pm by Sep 28 (after they have been confirmed by Linda, LDC manager)

DECISION POINT:

Should the proposed budget for 2027 be forwarded to Assembly 2026 for approval?

██████ (D14), seconded by ██████ (D6) that the fee per km on the 2027 Budget be increased from \$0.50/km to \$0.60/km.

Voting: Defeated (exact numbers not counted, but not unanimous)

Motion #1 on the budget from the floor:

By ██████ (Literature Coordinator), seconded by ██████ (D23) moved to forward the proposed 2027 budget to Assembly 2026 for approval.

Motion Carried – 1 opposed.

***Number of groups is 270 (February 2026), so estimated donation by group to cover 2027 - \$186 / year.**

DECISION POINT:

How can the travel equalization for AIS Chairpersons be calculated equitably and who will bear the expense?

Motion on the floor:

██████ (D18), 2nd by ██████ (D22) – AIS pay their own mileage costs.

In favour – 19

Opposed – 17

Motion is carried

DECISION POINT:

Does the Area World Service Committee want to place discussion item Electronic Alateen in Ont. South on the agenda of the 2026 Assembly meeting?

Motion 1 related to discussion Item #3::

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Vote:

In favour 3

Opposed the rest

Motion is defeated.

Motion 2 related to discussion Item #3:

██████ (Alt Delegate), seconded by ██████ (D33) that the 2026 AWSC place the discussion item on the agenda for Assembly 2026.

Vote:

Carried unanimously.

Motion 3 related to discussion Item #3:

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Vote:

In favour: 24

Opposed: 9

Motion carried.