

Oregon Area World Service Committee (AWSC)
June 15, 2013 Beaverton Oregon Draft Minutes **version 2**
Host District 10

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by Roland C, Chairman. Dawn K read the traditions. Roland C encouraged those who wish to speak to a topic to get in line at the microphone, rather than waiting until the previous speaker sits down. He reminded the group that time at the microphone is limited to two minutes and one time only per topic. Roland then announced a re-ordering of the agenda. Assembly Structure / Preliminary Discussion was moved to the morning and the Literature Raffle, NW Regional Delegates Meeting report and Writing Workshop were moved to the afternoon.

Continuing on, Roland announced that there is still a vacancy for the Public Information Coordinator position. He encouraged people to mention this in their Groups and hopes we would have a candidate for the position at the July 2013 Assembly. In addition he announced that there are two vacancies on the Flyer Approval committee and asked for volunteers from the AWSC membership, indicating that he would like a third person to take the spot he now holds. Melissa P, Barb L and Donelda H volunteered for this committee.

Roland reminded us that only AWSC members have voice at today's meeting.

Roll Call:

No DR	District 1:	not represented;
Avette G	DR District 2:	excused;
No DR	District 3:	not represented;
Michelle W	DR District 8:	absent;
Nancy P	DR District 14:	excused, represented by Melissa P;
Sue E	DR District 15	absent;
Kay S	Audit / Budget	absent.

Minutes: Minutes of February 2013 AWSC meeting were approved with clerical corrections.

Treasurers Report: (see Attachment #1) Cash on hand is \$12,296.63. Fellowship Communication Action Committee budget, line 44, is incorrect, as they had requested a larger amount. \$200.00 will be moved from the contingency fund to line 44 to correct the funding. Mileage reimbursement for today's event is 19 cents per mile. Audit / Budget will move the amount in line 40 (\$76.20) to the Alternate Delegate's budget, line 34. A question was asked, what was the \$76.00 for Assembly Workshops used for? The answer was that the money paid for GR Handouts and toner.

Area Travel Fund/Expense Request Forms: Sue B explained the new expense report and noted that receipts need to be attached for reimbursement.

Delegate's report: (see Attachment #2) The Conference theme was Changing Me to We. Colleen received \$239.00 in love gifts for WSO. The WSO has begun accepting credit cards and debit cards as payment. Oregon might want to consider doing the same.

There are vacancies for NW Regional Trustee, Trustee-at-Large and ECRPM (Executive Committee for Real Property Management). Resumes have been sent by e-mail and eligible individuals are encouraged to apply. The deadline for application for Regional Trustee is August 15, 2013, so please have your resume submitted to Roland or Colleen by July 12, 2013 for discussion at the July 2013 Assembly. All other resumes are sent, by the individual, directly to WSO, and do not need to go to Roland.

The WSO has issued invitations to Areas to bid on a **Meet the Board of Trustees** all day event in July 2014. The Board of Trustees (BOT) and the Executive Committee will meet in a location selected through the bid process. This creates an opportunity for AI-Anon members to meet the Trustees, and the Executive Committee and participate in different sessions and meals. The Area is responsible for researching the location and publicizing the event. There will be approximately 25 Trustees and Executive Committee members from WSO plus members of the fellowship who choose to attend at their own expense. Total participants could be 100 - 300 individuals. In Oregon, Portland, Salem and Eugene are likely locations although any District may submit a proposal. Roland has the applications / bid proposals, which need to be submitted in the near future.

By consensus AWSC members indicated they are willing to submit a bid to be considered as the location for **Meet the Board of Trustees** and that this event would be held in conjunction with the July 2014 Assembly. AWSC sets the agenda for Assembly. The July 2013 agenda will include the opportunity to bid for the July 2014 Assembly the **Meet the Board of Trustees** event in July 2014, if the Oregon bid is chosen by the WSO.

If Oregon wins the bid for this all-day **Meet the Board of Trustees** event it will be considered the July 2014 Assembly with the same funding available as if it were a regular Assembly. The Oregon Area and the District, while housing the **Meet the Board of Trustees** event, *will not* be considered the host of the event. In the event that Oregon fails to win the bid for **Meet the Board of Trustees**, the District will then be responsible to host and conduct the July 2014 Assembly as usual.

Districts interested in having the July 2014 Assembly and, potentially, the **Meet the Board of Trustees** event should be prepared to make a presentation at the July 2013 Assembly and should notify Roland in advance of the '13 Assembly how much time they need on the agenda for their presentation. Colleen will e-mail **Meet the Board of Trustees** packets to allAWSC.

Colleen offered a correction to her article in the June 2013 *Communicator*. She wrote that the WSO staff are paid at about half of what is paid for similar work elsewhere. Using comparative salary analysis data she found there is a 17% discrepancy between what is paid at WSO and what is paid elsewhere.

There is money in our budget to invite the Regional Trustee to visit Oregon once during Panel 53. Penny R is currently the Regional Trustee and her term will be ending soon. Since she has a wealth of experience and members are anxious to hear her speak, a motion was made and seconded to invite the Regional Trustee Penny R to the March 2014 Assembly. **Motion #1** passed unanimously.

Speaking about donations Colleen reported the following. If each group in the structure of WSO who does not now donate would donate \$12.00 there would be an increase in income of \$75,000.00 annually. AND if those groups who already donate would add \$12.00 a year to their current donations, the increase in income would total \$113,000.00 annually. She proposed a plan to ask each group in the Oregon Area to collect \$12.00 in pennies, convert the pennies to a check for \$12.00 and have those checks to hand to Penny R when she visits our Area in March 2014. The money will go to WSO, but the campaign will be known as ***Pennies for Penny***.

The WSO is asking for writings about how Al-Anon members use the program with children and grandchildren, teens and young adults who struggle with alcoholism.

Ask-it-Basket Question # 1

Why do we have a writing workshop at AWSC? (or Assemblies) ASWC members know how to conduct a workshop and they have written before - writing workshops should be done in district - groups.

Reply: A call for agenda items was sent out. The request for a writing workshop came in response. There was time on the agenda so the writing workshop was scheduled.

Assembly Structure / Moderator: Fran A

Fran introduced the discussion by mentioning some of the concerns and suggestions she has heard from GRs in District 9.

- We should have a survey at each Assembly;
- Need to do an Assembly Inventory;
- Less "face time" would save time and money;
- District hosting event can address logistics;
- Sound system doesn't work well;
- Need a mentoring system for new GRs;
- Use a timer and hold people to the time limit;
- Skits need to be visible to be valuable;
- There should be less down time between sessions;
- Use Power Point presentations;
- Use more electronic communication;
- Need breakout time for ideas and brainstorming;
- Suggest requiring each group to have an e-mail address and a tech person to manage it.

There was then time for AWSC members to express their ideas.

- I love the program and I love service;
- I was on the group that suggested changing from four Assemblies per year to three Assemblies per year and I think that two Assemblies per year would be good;
- My past experience was in AZ where they have only two one-day Assemblies per year. They hold a two-day Assembly only for elections;
- I come from a long distance away but Assembly helps my recovery by allowing me to take things back and run District meetings more efficiently;
- My past experience was with two Assemblies per year;
- Agree with District 9; we do not need skits; we need to help people use electronics to communicate and we need to be more welcoming;
- In the history of AI-Anon skits are used to help interject some fun into the day;
- Had concerns but kept coming;
- E-mail is good but we need to be together with other people, know and support each other; we also need to mentor newbies;
- There are ways we could increase our efficiency;
- Service Sponsors used to be available but aren't any more; Action Committees are good;
- Stay with three times a year;
- Action Committees need continuity and continuing activity, not just a 'gear up' 10 days before Assembly; there needs to be an alternate if a DR can't attend;
- I pre-judged Assembly before I even attended, then had a service awakening. We could use an evaluation form and ask committees to discuss efficiencies;
- At Assemblies we learn from each other, we should view Assembly as a learning opportunity. Stay with three Assemblies per year so the Action Committees can continue their work. E-mail should not be required to serve as a GR;
- We worked together as a team when there were four Assemblies per year and I was disappointed when we went to only three. We got to know our leaders by seeing and working with them, we kept momentum. Business Services did a survey and we need feedback. Use smaller groups;
- This is where I'm supposed to be, doing networking and fellowship; this is where I grow, the heart of the program. It helps me avoid isolation. E-mail can be impersonal and sound rude;
- I prefer a one-day Assembly over 1 ½ days;
- What we have works and requires commitment;
- I have a different attitude; we conduct business and also get information to disseminate. Experiences at Assembly, meeting and getting to know each other are wonderful;
- Love Assembly because of the fellowship, new ideas. Keep three Assemblies. Even if we had one day Assembly it still requires two nights in a motel, I learn new things;
- Concept 4 - participation in the key to harmony;
- Prefer one day rather than 1 ½; have it 8 am - 6 pm;
- Have shorter break-out sessions;
- Shorten the Delegate's report and keep it to business not social;
- Have more reports from DRs and GRs but keep them short;
- Practice rotation of leadership;
- Try Hot Topics;
- Have a thought Force on What it means to be a Trusted Servant;
- Keep reports to five minutes;
- Everyone has busy lives, those who have served before us and those who are currently serving, not just those who are new to service.

Following these comments Roland C announced that he would appoint a Thought Force to consider Assembly Structure and asked that those who are interested in serving on the Thought Force let him know about their willingness. He said that the Thought Force would use the KBDM (Knowledge Based Decision Making) format, would do the work by e-mail, that the work would be inclusive rather than exclusive and would be time sensitive. He explained that this is about process, not outcome and part of the process is to learn KBDM; it is essential to begin without a preconceived outcome in mind. In response to a question Roland said that the Thought Force would have GRs as members, not be confined to AWSC members. He reminded us that the Delegate and Chairman are ex-officio

members of committees and Thought Forces. No motion is necessary because the Chairman has the authority to appoint committees, etc.

“A Thought Force is a temporary unit of people established to research ideas and possibilities on a single defined task or activity. Sometimes they offer recommendations resulting from their findings. They are ‘thinkers’, not ‘doers’.”

Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual pg 64

NWRDM:

Judy J gave a report about the Northwest Regional Delegates Meeting (NWRDM), the purpose of which is to prepare a new Delegate to attend the World Service Conference (WSC). Oregon Area also sends a Past Delegate to this meeting, which is put on by Past Delegates. Next year the NWRDM will be held in WA. She announced that the WSO would continue to print the paperback copy of *How Al-Anon Works*, although there is a price increase. She also said that only 29% of Al-Anon’s income comes from contributions, the rest is from sale of literature. 3600 people are already registered for the International Convention. One other thing Judy mentioned is that the WSO has received only a few writings on intimacy. If we want a publication on intimacy we need to write about it and encourage others to write about it.

Fellowship Communication Action Committee:

The Fellowship Communication Action Committee conducted a raffle and distributed pieces of Al-Anon literature to members.

Action Committees:

Action Committees met for 45 minutes to create agenda for the Action Committee meetings at the July 2013 Assembly.

November 2014 Assembly:

Linda C, DR, District 13, spoke to us about the November 2014 Assembly. Oregon Area Al-Anon has the option of co-locating with AA for November Assemblies. AA planning for the 2014 Assembly is well under way and they have included Al-Anon leadership from our District 13. The Assembly will be held in Roseburg at Umpqua Community College (UCC). Normally the Al-Anon District that covers the same area as the AA District has the first opportunity to bid for the Al-Anon Assembly for that November. In this instance the Al-Anon share of the cost will be \$720 and AA requests at least half of that amount up-front. This creates some difficulty because Al-Anon does not normally pay expenses outside of the current budget year. However since this issue arises from time to time perhaps we should establish a policy to deal with it when it does. It would be possible to use the funds in our contingency and / or transition fund for this purpose. It could be handled as a one-time exception. We will discuss the November 2014 Assembly at the July 2013 Assembly and have the GRs vote on this issue. If we have the initial discussion at the July 2013 Assembly we could discuss it again at the October 2013 AWSC and consider making a permanent change to our policy. This plan was supported by substantial unanimity.

OAH Section 7 / Alateen Procedures:

Per Roland, there will be a task force put together to add and/or revise items in Section 7 of the Oregon Area Handbook regarding Alateen procedures. It will be chaired by our AAPP representative, Barbara S. Roland is asking for AMIAS members to address their concerns and join a task force to help with the revision. Please contact him if you are an Al-Anon member in Alateen Service and interested in being on the task force.

Barbara S., our Alternate Delegate, advises that her position description is out of date. The AAPP process and current instructions can be very confusing. Forms to be completed are not clear and helpful and may not tread lightly on members’ anonymity. Service at the Alateen sponsor and AMIAS positions may require less anonymity than some folks may be comfortable with.

Barbara advises that she is very grateful for the DRs that are teaching her about her new position as Alternate Delegate/AAPP person. She will send a card to each new AMIAS when they become certified. There is a new process for AMIAS procedures coming out from WSO, which she is hopeful will be helpful.

Alateen Coordinator Report:

Carolyn H, Alateen Coordinator, stood with OAC (Oregon Alateen Conference) Committee members to report on the August 2013 OAC.

- Abby is Co-Chair of OAC this year.
- Nirvana was OAC Chair for 2012.
- Mike, Alateen sponsor, said thank you to all for their support. He appreciates the new Alateen sponsor procedures. His opinion is that attending Alateen conferences helps the teens in their future lives.
- Cathy, Alateen sponsor, OAC Treasurer, described this year's OAC T-shirts.

Envelopes were passed out to AWSC members for contributions to OAC. The fee for each teen to attend OAC is \$95. The love gifts passed around to AWSC members are love gifts from the teens.

Carolyn H, went to a California Alateen conference in District 7 in Northern California this year. The conference is for Alateen sponsors. The cost was \$150 plus airfare. She asked for financial support from the Area to attend next year.

Literature Writing Workshop:

Carol M, the Area Literature Coordinator, brought CAL brochures for parents and grandparents of alcoholic children and grandchildren. She conducted a writing workshop for those with children and grandchildren who are afflicted by the disease of alcoholism.

Ask-it-Basket Question # 2

Q.: Could the return of web software be addressed? Who is assigned (via the Oregon Area Handbook) to keep this? Do we need both? If not, how to dispose of (sell?) the unnecessary one?

A.: This software in question may not be able to be returned. Roland has this piece of software and will bring it to Assembly and give it to the Web Coordinator. It cannot be returned. The parties that have been involved with this, current and past Web Coordinators, plus other interested parties, will resolve this issue.

Ask-it-Basket Question # 3

Q. How do we know when to make a written Motion or a verbal one at Assembly or AWSC? Please clarify.

A. Per Roland, not every suggestion or recommendation requires a motion. However, some things need to be added to the Handbook. A group conscience can spark a change in the Handbook, but not every suggestion and approval needs to be in a motion form. However, all changes to the Handbook are noted in Section VII so we know the history of the change.

SSM 2013 Report – Melissa – District 14:

The 2013 Klamath Falls State Speakers Meeting was held in downtown Klamath Falls May 17-19, 2013.

Melissa advised:

- The Committee received a half price discount from the Klamath Falls venue owner due to the owner's familiarity with Al-Anon.
- The food catering was also a great deal, but the committee lost a little bit of money on the food because too much food was ordered.
- The decorations used were a great success – some hung from the ceiling and lights, and there were decorations on the tables.
- The directions to the venue could have been better.
- We made \$615 on one particular dessert item during the auction!
- Ashley, our out of town speaker, did a fabulous workshop on the origin of words we use in the program, and her story was also wonderful.
- There was a God Box burning after those participating shared and then burned their God Box submissions.
- Bunny and Glen from District 7 (S.O.L.D.) came with their Literature Depot, so there was literature available for sale.
- Total income was \$12,364.74. Expenses were \$8,574.99. The balance was \$3,789.75.

July 2013 Assembly in Tualatin– Fran A:

- The flyer for the Assembly is now available. Make your hotel reservations ASAP.
- Any participant that will be making a PowerPoint presentation, please let Phil, our tech expert from District 9, know so he will know how to better serve everyone.

- The Assembly will be located at Meridian Park Hospital in Tualatin. There won't be Al-Anon signs as the hospital won't let us display them **but** the hospital will have tent signs out to provide directions. The meeting will be held at the Education Center.
- A 10-minute yoga stretch break will be available.
- There will not be a hospitality room but District 9 is providing snacks.
- Boxed lunches will be available for purchase. Each person will be able to order and pay for a boxed lunch. Information will be provided at the Registration table. If you have dietary needs that require other food, the cafeteria in the hospital is available and will be open.
- The Assembly will start at 8:30 a.m.

Per Roland, Chair, all AWSCs and Assemblies will start at 8:30a.m.

Eileen Blakely:

Per Bunny, former Delegate Eileen Blakely will not be returning to her home and will stay at the nursing home where she is currently residing. Because of this, friends and program friends are helping gather her household belongings. Over her decades of faithful Al-Anon service, she has many Al-Anon books and records. She has agreed that her current Service Manual be given away to a current member. Accordingly, her current issue of the Service Manual was raffled off to a grateful member today.

Agenda Items for July 2013 Assembly:

Roland requested that AWSC members that wish to make a presentation not mentioned below to please send him an email.

- 2014 Assembly – Money and voting
- Entertaining bids for the 2015 State Speakers Meeting
- Action Committee breakouts
- Coordinator Reports (5 minutes maximum each). (Per Section vii, pg. 11, Oregon Area Handbook). A copy of each report to be given to the Area Secretary.
- 2 Audit Budget reports
- 30 minutes for a literature writing workshop
- CAL presentation from the Fellowship Communications Action Committee
- 2014 SSM skit and raffle (District 6)
- Alateen presentation – Carolyn H.
- Election of new Public Outreach Coordinator
- Action Committee time
- Delegate's Report
- Conflict Resolution Presentation, as part of the Delegate's Report
- DR Breakout – Accessing Group Records Data Base (DR's – bring your passwords)
- GR Orientation
- International Conference Report

Submitted by Rita B and Paula J.

Motions June 2013 AWSC

Motion #1:

A motion was made and seconded to invite the Regional Trustee Penny R to the March 2014 Assembly. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Also Decided

- By **consensus** AWSC members indicated they are willing to submit a bid to be considered as the location for **Meet the Board of Trustees** and that this event would be held in conjunction with the July 2014 Assembly.
- We will discuss the November 2014 Assembly at the July 2013 Assembly and have the GRs vote on the issues of co-locating with AA and a one time exception to fund that Assembly from this year's budget. This plan was supported **by substantial unanimity**.

Attachment #1 / Treasurer's Report

	Jan 1, 2013 to Jun 30, 2013	2013 Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Income			
Group Contributions	\$7,189.55	\$12,200.00	(\$5,010.45)
Assembly Registrations	\$850.00	\$2,000.00	(\$1,150.00)
State Speaker Meeting	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	(\$4,000.00)
Advances	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$62.00	\$0.00	\$62.00
Cash Carried Forward	\$12,256.74	\$12,322.00	(\$65.26)
Total Income	\$21,858.29	\$32,022.00	(\$10,163.71)
Expense			
Delegate Fund			
WSO ETF	\$0.00	\$1,968.00	(\$1,968.00)
Extra Day	\$175.28	\$250.00	(\$74.72)
Delegate Meeting	\$789.16	\$800.00	(\$10.84)
Delegate Travel	\$523.93	\$800.00	(\$276.07)
Delegate Miscellaneous	\$156.74	\$250.00	(\$93.26)
Total Delegate Fund	\$1,645.11	\$4,068.00	(\$2,422.89)
Working Fund Expense			
Archive Rent	\$693.00	\$703.00	(\$10.00)
Area Travel Fund	\$766.85	\$2,500.00	(\$1,733.15)
Communicator	\$1,134.70	\$1,200.00	(\$65.30)
SSM Advance	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	(\$1,500.00)
Assembly/AWSC Rent	\$517.85	\$3,300.00	(\$2,782.15)
Insurance	\$0.00	\$760.00	(\$760.00)
Total Working Fund Expense	\$3,112.40	\$9,963.00	(\$6,850.60)
Assembly Allowance/Meal/Lodgi			
Officers	\$888.82	\$1,680.00	(\$791.18)
Audit/Budget	\$32.73	\$1,080.00	(\$1,047.27)
Coordinators	\$462.97	\$2,430.00	(\$1,967.03)
Past Delegates	\$357.66	\$1,440.00	(\$1,082.34)
Regional Trustee	\$0.00	\$500.00	(\$500.00)
Total Assembly Allowance/Meal/Lodgi	\$1,742.18	\$7,130.00	(\$5,387.82)
Officers Expenses			
Alternate Delegate	\$69.40	\$100.00	(\$30.60)
Chairperson	\$27.99	\$150.00	(\$122.01)
Secretary	\$10.84	\$100.00	(\$89.16)
Treasurer	\$231.37	\$250.00	(\$18.63)
Total Officers Expenses	\$339.60	\$600.00	(\$260.40)

Assembly Expenses			
Assembly Workshops	\$45.79	\$50.00	(\$4.21)
Business Services A.C.	\$30.42	\$100.00	(\$69.58)
Membership Outreach A.C.	\$0.00	\$350.00	(\$350.00)
Group Services A.C.	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)
Fellowship Communication A.C.	\$91.35	\$100.00	(\$8.65)
Public Outreach A.C.	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	(\$4,000.00)
Audit Budget Extra Day + Exp	\$101.08	\$300.00	(\$198.92)
Total Assembly Expenses	\$268.64	\$5,000.00	(\$4,731.36)
Coordinators			
Alateen	\$30.86	\$200.00	(\$169.14)
Archives	\$0.00	\$300.00	(\$300.00)
CPC	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)
Forum	\$0.90	\$50.00	(\$49.10)
Group Records	\$1.52	\$100.00	(\$98.48)
Literature	\$8.40	\$200.00	(\$191.60)
Public Information	\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)
Web Coordinator	\$116.98	\$120.00	(\$3.02)
Total Coordinators	\$158.66	\$1,120.00	(\$961.34)
Delegate Meeting			
Alternate Delegate	\$839.78	\$840.00	(\$0.22)
Past Delegates	\$775.15	\$800.00	(\$24.85)
Total Delegate Meeting	\$1,614.93	\$1,640.00	(\$25.07)
Other			
Ad Hoc/Special Projects	\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)
Alateen Sponsor Workshop	\$363.28	\$400.00	(\$36.72)
Contingency Fund	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)
Equipment Supplies	\$316.86	\$600.00	(\$283.14)
Handbook Update	\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)
Transition Fund	\$0.00	\$442.00	(\$442.00)
Total Other	\$680.14	\$2,542.00	(\$1,861.86)
Total Expense	\$9,561.66	\$32,063.00	(\$22,501.34)
Cash on Hand as of 06/30/13	\$12,296.63	(\$41.00)	\$12,337.63
Reserves	\$7,682.80	\$7,387.00	\$295.80
Cash Available as of 06/30/13	\$4,613.83	(\$7,428.00)	\$12,041.83

Remember to put all three items on checks:

Group Name
District Number
WSO Group Number

Donations Payable to Oregon Area AFG

Send to: Sue Beacham
551 Trollview Road
Grants Pass, OR 97527

Attachment #2 / Delegate's Report

DELEGATES REPORT TO AWSC: June 15, 2013

The Spiritual Journey of Changing "ME" to "WE"

1. I was so glad to represent Oregon Area at Conference. Thank you for sending me it was a great experience.

Thanks for all the Love Gifts and cards you sent. It was wonderful distributing them to the other Delegates, and having the cards to read after long days of exciting new experiences.

Money donated as love gifts: Oregon Area's contributions, through groups, districts or as individuals contributed **\$239.00** to the 7th Tradition at Conference to WSO in love gifts.

This was the first conference that credit cards were used for donations. This probably happened because we were given the new envelopes and able to donate using our credit card information. I have samples of the new birthday envelop and the new SHOE envelope to use for personal or group donations. there is a new Memorial Contributions envelope too. More will be distributed at Assembly.

2 Resumes for Northwest Regional Trustee (NRT), AND OTHERS

The resumes for Northwest Regional Trustee (NRT) need to be back to Roland or me by **JULY 12th for review and presentation at the July Assembly. Please submit electronically.**

Tustees At Large (TAL), the Executive Committee for Real Property Management (ECRPM), AND Al-Anon/Alateen World Service Office Committee Resume for **COMMITTEES WITH AT-LARGE MEMBERS.**

Copies of these Resumes were emailed out last night and a printed copy was placed in your mail box today. All Resumes need to be received at WSO by **August 15th for consideration. Please encourage participation in your groups and districts. Remember there is an opportunity for Alateens to participate in some At Large Committees.**

3 **Meet the Board - Thinking Outside the Box** due to low resolution problems, the power point I was planning to use isn't available. So please put on your creative visual thinking eyes and ears as I read this invitation from WSO to you!

THIS IS A FIRST TIME EVER EVENT!

Cost: Registration Fee

No set registration fee at this time. That will be determined when the WSO meeting planner talks to the hotels that have been suggested by the Area.

Meals

It is all day Saturday, so could be breakfast, lunch, and dinner with different sessions so members will interact with WSO people in those sessions and the meals. Again this would be determined when WSO meeting planner talks to the hotels.

You do not work with hotel. Only give WSO the name(s) of hotels that have space for a meeting of 25 or so WSO people along with the number of members you think will come from the area to have an all day event with catered food.

How much time will be allocated for fellowship with the Board and Executive Committee members? Members will interact with WSO in the scheduled sessions and at mealtimes.

DISCUSSION: THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

introduce idea of having the assembly in Salem, Eugene or the Portland area. Suggestions would be: District Rep: #9 – Fran A., District Rep: #11 – Brenda B. – District Rep: #12- Dave B. - District Rep: #6 – Donelda H. - and Dawn K. District Rep: #4 -

Washington Area would be interested in promoting attendance from their area too.

Invite the DRs from these districts to participate in finding a possible location (or Have Roland assign Thought Force Committees) to report back at Assembly with hotel availability etc.

4. Inviting our Regional trustee here in November 2013 or March 2014

In a conversation with Penny R, the following information was covered: Airfare is about \$250. to fly from Seattle to Medford. The ECRPM meets in November, but if we set your date early, WSO could probably do ECRPM the previous wkend.

If we do March, Penny would fly if our dates piggy back with Board Week – but our Area would just pay the one way fare.

Once we get settled on where and when, we need to make our actual request through the WSO office.

5. NEW PAMPHLET IN PROCESS:

Parents and grandparents whose children (teenagers and young adults) are problem drinkers.

Also, more submissions are still needed for the intimacy book that is being developed.

6. Finances (brief report as listed in the Communicator).

7. PSA -We have a new PSA out. The copy is not ready for distribution, and only for review here at Area events. I have asked Marvalee from the Public Outreach Action committee to Share the new PSA with us. Thank you Marvalee.

Colleen G.

Delegate