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Area World Service Committee Meeting
Oak Grove United Methodist Church
14700 SE Rupert, Milwaukie, OR 97267
Host: District 17
June 16, 2018

8:30 am

Welcome, Serenity Prayer, Announcements: Bunny G., Chair

Traditions: Dawn B., DR District 6, Group Records Coordinator

Concepts of Service: Donelda H., Communicator Editor

Housekeeping: Brenda G., DR District 17

Roll Call: Mary Lynn J., Secretary. Excused: Elaine R., DR District 8; Cynthia N., DR District 12; Kay S., Liaison Portland AIS; Jan D., Archives Coordinator; Pam M., Forum Coordinator; Judy J., Literature Coordinator.

Approval of Minutes of March 2018 AWSC Meeting: Mary Lynn J., Corrections to minutes: In heading, District 09 should be District 10, as well as in the statement under Housekeeping. Minutes were accepted with corrections by motion, second and show of hands.

Treasurer's Report: Dawn K., Treasurer. Mileage rate is 17 cents. Following the request for additional funds, contributions came flooding in. We are now in good shape. Contributions have been received that are missing group numbers and names. Make sure all information is included, Group Name, District Number, and WSO ID Number. Questions: What is miscellaneous income? Pins purchased by Membership Outreach. Items that are over budget are highlighted on the report. Equipment Supplies Line 65 was paid twice, will be voiding check. Available cash is \$5,000+. There is no line item for Tech Coordinator. Any supplies needed by the Tech Coordinator will be put in supplies line item because they would be general Assembly equipment. AMIAS income is for expense in 2017 that was paid in 2018.

Updates to Handbook: Sue B., Alternate Delegate. Sue has been working on changes for Section VI, sent in by Group Services. A Worksheet Proposal to Host Area Assembly was sent to all AWSC. More changes needed, for example, the space does not need to accommodate 150 people. Copies of revised form will be sent out. Will take questions later. Job Description for Insurance Procedure will be included in same place as Audit/Budget procedures. There was a fragrance discussion in 2013, introduced by an Ask-It- Basket question. There was substantial unanimity, but not a motion. Do we want to make a motion so it can be included in motion section of handbook? Or, do we want to include it in information about hosting assemblies. It was decided that no motion is needed. The form will go into the handbook and will send suggestion about where it will be in handbook. No updates on website, but it will be done soon.

Group Record Changes by Members, Dawn B., Group Records Coordinator. New system for entering group record changes and new groups has been implemented by WSO. There have been a lot of comments on AFG Connects about the new system. Has anyone gone to a meeting and it wasn't there? WSO is trying to avoid this from happening by using the new system where changes are entered immediately. WSO has discontinued the GR1 Form. The new system is now the preferred method for processing group records encouraging areas to use it. It is a form

anyone can use to change or register meetings. A report is always available to Group Records Coordinator and DRs. Does this include registering new groups? Yes. Can areas link to WSO change form? Yes. 14 group records have been changed through the new system and 28 made by Dawn in last 30 days. Cindy E., Area Delegate, said Areas get to be autonomous. We need discussion about how we want group changes to be made. How do we want to use the new system? More areas are using “Do not refer” list and not listing these groups on their websites. Use of WSO website bypasses these Area websites. Will the July change form still be sent to groups? Not sure. Is there an email address provided to Group Records Coordinator for new groups registering through this system? Yes. A concern was expressed about double headed management. Primary goal is to reduce time for changes. WSO wants to give the right information. Page 34-35 in new service manual has information on starting a new group. Website Coordinator makes changes according to changes made by WSO. Considering just putting a link to WSO meeting information. Suggest creating a Thought Force. The group information access in the system is available only by GR, DR, and Group Records Coordinator. Thought Force was appointed: Regis P., Dawn B., Barb B., and Mary Lynn J. Direction to the Thought Force: What do we want our group changes in Oregon to look like?

Break.

Thought Force Oregon Area Events Planning Committee: Cindy E., Thought Force Chair. Deanna, Brenda, Donelda are Thought Force members. There are six pages of information gathered using KBDM questions. They will have one person work out the details. The Thought Force is close to having options that they will try to finish up through a conference call and present in July. Later discussion on this topic noted by Brenda and Deanna that there was no clear direction on the charge of the Thought Force. Some thought it was to present options for having one person responsible for AWSC and Assembly meetings while others thought the options should be for whether to hold meetings in one or more centralized locations.

AMIAS Recertification Task Force: Joanne C., Task Force Chair. Recertifications for Area AMIAS was just finished. The new process was a little more work. Comments: One person was overwhelmed with number of emails and doesn't look at them anymore. The new process validates the position and the desire to continue. One on one interaction was a good experience.

Will the update be added to handbook under Section VIII? By a show of hands, it was approved to put into handbook.

Task Force on Alateen Safety Requirement: Nancy N., Task Force Chair. Nancy read the proposed changes to the Alateen Safety Requirement in Section VIII of the OAH. This information will be discussed and voted on by Assembly. #9 was questioned. The State of Oregon encourages every adult to report child abuse, but there are some people that are mandatory recorders. Nancy will send out copies with changes and will be discussed at next AWSC. Cindy will check with the attorney who reviewed the original safety requirements for review of the legal aspect by the end of August. It will then be sent on to WSO by end of September for approval. We will approve at October AWSC.

Action Committees: Bunny G., Chair. Should we continue or not? Some do not like Action Committees and would like workshops instead. The major problem we have is attracting new people. Workshops might help with that. Some discussion followed including taking the word “action” out of Action Committees because some groups do not take any action. Some groups struggle at each Assembly. There is not enough information on the backstory. We still need to get business done. The committees need strong leadership. Many felt we are better off doing workshops. Service manual says committees may be created. Some thought we could ask for volunteers, rather than dictating which committees GRs serve on. Regular workshops would take the place of some of the items that Action Committees are now handling. Ad hoc committees could be formed. Concern was expressed that some coordinators may feel isolated and that they must handle all the work currently being accomplished by Action Committees.

Action Committees were designed so that someone from each district would be on each Action Committee and share with district information from their committees with the district. Feelings are mixed. Action Committees are valuable, but structure is not working. Not consistent. Sometimes there are as few as 5 or as many as 20 in the same Action Committee. First word is Action. Thought Force and Task Force could be used. Too many emails. Action that takes place at Assembly might not take place. We have to learn first so we can present workshops. We need to know what we’re getting into. Lots of options. What would we like to do? Trial period? Give Action Committee ideas for action.

Talk about how Action Committees could end. Area could have one goal and each Action Committee could have a piece of that goal. Is there a right solution? We will be talking about it in our Action Committees in July. Send ideas to Bunny. We need to make a decision in October. Like the idea of goals, but they must be attainable. In October we will be reviewing the budget, so Action Committees need to come up with budget requests as though they will continue.

Insurance Update: Brenda G., DR District 17. No requests for insurance have come in since March.

Delegate’s Report: Cindy E., Area Delegate. Cindy reported on her final conference as a Panel 56 Delegate. If the Area would like to place a bid on the 2019 Road Trip to host a Board Meeting, the bid must be in by September. From the Chosen Agenda Items sent in by Areas, five were selected to be discussed, two on the floor of the conference and three in breakouts. The question came up of whether former members of AA who are no longer attending AA could serve above the group level. This is causing controversy in both the AA and Al-Anon programs. 68.4% of groups are contributing to WSO. Oregon was number one a few years ago, but we have gone down to 26th or 27th. There are 226 registered groups in Oregon. Average contribution is \$137.50 per group. WSO spends \$283 worth of service per group. She will have presentations at the July Assembly. Financially Al-Anon is doing well. The new Director of Finance, Nakita who is not an Al-Anon member, is doing a good job watching budget items. There were 8 men out of 22 delegates serving on Panel 56. Some areas with Hispanic members are using translating equipment. Do we want to have translating equipment to encourage more participation of Hispanic members? We need to expand our vision. We are not inviting to others. We need younger members. Are we biased? The visit to Stepping Stones was an amazing journey! Trustees – anyone in Al-Anon can be a trustee; it is not necessary to have served as a delegate. Cherie from Washington was elected the Northwest Regional Trustee at Conference. In 2013 there were 8,500 responses to the members’ survey. In 2018, the number increased to

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13,000 responses. Results will be available in September. DeBonos Hats was introduced at Conference as another method of resolving issues along with KBDM. We will be discussing the Trusted Servant Profile at Assembly. Service is our way of saying thank you. Service is our way of growing.

Job Fair: Cindy E., Area Delegate. Areas were designated for officers, coordinators and district representatives to answer questions about their current positions. The body was divided so all had an opportunity to visit any other position. Cindy suggested calling anyone whose position you would like to discuss that you did not get to.

Website Update: Regis P., Website Coordinator. There was an interruption in service. Hosting vendor was purchased by another site and the site got frozen while migrating. There was not much advance notification. No information of how to update website was received. Emails were not working. The new system is more complicated than the old version. Please respond when you get an email marked “test”. Dawn, as treasurer, paid for website so the company had her contact and financial information. Regis suggests that in the future the web coordinator’s financial information be used so that person would be the contact the web host would have.

DR/Coordinator/Officer Breakout

Items for July Assembly Agenda:

Goals for Area: Can Action Committees come up with goals that will support Area goals? These should be attainable goals.

July Assembly Workshops: Financial, Job Fair, Trusted Servant Profile

Action Committee Breakouts: Prepare agenda for July Assembly and discuss budget needs.

2018 SSM: Deanna M. 170 registered in advance, but more than that number attended. Read article in Communicator.

Book Reports

2019 SSM, District 6, Susan B. Chairperson

2018 International Convention Report

Coordinators and AIS Liaison Reports

Membership Outreach Photo Contest

Audit Budget Report

Forum Drawings; Fellowship Communication Action Committee Bookmark Project

Elections Skit

Delegate’s Report

OAC Report

Action Committee Reports

Business Services Action Committee Rap

Upcoming Events:

July Assembly, July 20-22, 2018. Agate Beach Inn Newport/Districts 2 & 16

Oregon Alateen Conference (OAC), August 3-5, 2018, Molalla Retreat Center, Molalla; seeking funds to help with half scholarship registration (\$45)

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October AWSC, October 13, 2018. Gilham Community Church, Eugene, Hosted by District 7 in District 6

November Assembly, November 16-18, 2018. Seven Feathers Casino, Canyonville. Lunch Buffet \$17, If 40 people register for lunch, meeting room rate will be reduced. Friday night sharing meeting. Thinking about Saturday night game night. Several restaurants downtown; 3 restaurants in casino; Serenity Prayer bags \$5 fundraiser.

February 2019 AWSC - will be determined at October AWSC

March 2019 Assembly, March 16-18, 2019, District 7, Location TBD

2019 State Speakers Meeting, May 17, 18, & 19, 2019, Springfield, District 6, Theme may be "Journey to Serenity", think travel.

Family Recovery BBQ/Potluck, District 6, Eugene, August 25, 2018

Writing for Recovery Workshop sponsored by District 10. WSO process for literature; must be submitted in English; rated by volunteers in English; highest rated writings are sent on to translators to be translated to French and Spanish for publication in those books. Spanish speaking meeting had anniversary meeting that was translated into English; English speaker translated to Spanish.

Donelda H. is asking for more articles for the *Communicator* written about service positions.

4:55 pm. Closing

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lynn J.
Oregon Area Secretary Panel 56

MOTIONS:

There were no motions.

REPORTS

**Oregon Area Al-Anon Family Groups
Expense & Income vs. Annual Budget
January 1 through June 13, 2018**

		Jan 1 - Jun 13, 18	Budget	\$ Over Budget
1	Income			
2	Revenue			
3	Group Contributions	\$ 9,889.16	\$ 16,000.00	\$ (6,110.84)
4	Assembly Registrations	\$ 711.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (1,289.00)
5	State Speaker Meeting	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ (3,500.00)
6	Advances	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
7	Miscellaneous	\$ 242.05	\$ -	\$ 242.05
8	Cash Carried Forward	\$ 15,131.62	\$ 11,246.00	\$ 3,885.62
9	AMIAS Expense Reimbursement	\$ 326.00	\$ -	\$ 326.00
10	Total Revenue	\$ 27,799.83	\$ 34,246.00	\$ (6,446.17)
11	Total Income	\$ 27,799.83	\$ 34,246.00	\$ (6,446.17)
12	Expense			
13	Delegate Fund			
14	WSO ETF	\$ 2,443.00	\$ 2,443.00	\$ -
15	Extra Day	\$ 157.59	\$ 300.00	\$ (142.41)
16	Delegate Meeting	\$ 923.35	\$ 923.35	\$ -
17	Delegate Travel	\$ 469.66	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (530.34)
18	Delegate Miscellaneous	\$ 228.42	\$ 700.00	\$ (471.58)
19	Total Delegate Fund	\$ 4,222.02	\$ 5,366.35	\$ (1,144.33)
20	Working Fund Expense			
21	Archive Rent	\$ 456.00	\$ 456.00	\$ -
22	Area Travel Fund	\$ 570.38	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (2,429.62)
23	Communicator	\$ 55.66	\$ 200.00	\$ (144.34)
24	SSM Advance	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
25	Assembly/AWSC Rent	\$ 1,264.48	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (1,735.52)
26	Insurance	\$ -	\$ 1,700.00	\$ (1,700.00)
27	Total Working Fund Expense	\$ 3,846.52	\$ 9,856.00	\$ (6,009.48)
28	Assembly Allowance/Meal/Lodging			
29	Officers	\$ 702.76	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (2,297.24)
30	Audit/Budget	\$ 178.18	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (1,021.82)
31	Coordinators	\$ 711.19	\$ 3,500.00	\$ (2,788.81)
32	Past Delegates	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ (300.00)
33	Total Assembly Allowance/Meal/Lodging	\$ 1,592.13	\$ 8,000.00	\$ (6,407.87)
34	Officers Expenses			
35	Alternate Delegate	\$ 9.50	\$ 75.00	\$ (65.50)
36	Chairperson	\$ 313.00	\$ 400.00	\$ (87.00)
37	Secretary	\$ 8.82	\$ 50.00	\$ (41.18)
38	Treasurer	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ (200.00)
39	AAPP Expenses	\$ 81.52	\$ 100.00	\$ (18.48)
40	Total Officers Expenses	\$ 412.84	\$ 825.00	\$ (412.16)

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			Jan 1 - Jun 13, 18	Budget	\$ Over Budget
41	Assembly Expenses				
42		Assembly Workshops	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ -
43		Business Services A.C.	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ (50.00)
44		Membership Outreach A.C.	\$ 231.28	\$ 500.00	\$ (268.72)
45		Group Services A.C.	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ (300.00)
46		Fellowship Communication A.C.	\$ 316.87	\$ 700.00	\$ (383.13)
47		Public Outreach A.C.	\$ 8.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ (7,992.00)
48		Audit Budget Extra Day + Exp	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ (50.00)
49	Total Assembly Expenses		\$ 636.15	\$ 9,680.00	\$ (9,043.85)
50	Coordinator and Other Expenses				
51		Alateen Coordinator Expenses	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ (400.00)
52		Archives	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ (75.00)
53		CPC	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ (50.00)
54		Forum	\$ -	\$ 80.00	\$ (80.00)
55		Group Records	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ (50.00)
56		Literature	\$ 13.14	\$ 75.00	\$ (61.86)
57		Public Information	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ (150.00)
58		Web Coordinator	\$ 145.51	\$ 200.00	\$ (54.49)
59	Total Coordinator and Other Expenses		\$ 158.65	\$ 1,080.00	\$ (921.35)
60	Delegate Meeting				
61		Past Delegates	\$ 836.30	\$ 836.30	\$ -
62	Total Delegate Meeting		\$ 836.30	\$ 836.30	\$ -
63	Other				
64		Contingency Fund	\$ -	\$ 763.36	\$ (763.36)
65		Equipment Supplies	\$ 346.99	\$ 346.99	\$ -
66		Handbook Update	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ (150.00)
67		AMIAS Background check fee expenses	\$ 244.50	\$ -	\$ 244.50
68	Total Other		\$ 591.49	\$ 1,260.35	\$ (668.86)
69	Total Expense		\$ 12,296.10	\$ 36,904.00	\$ (24,607.90)
70	Cash Balance as of 6/13/18		\$ 15,503.73	\$ (2,658.00)	\$ 18,161.73
71	Ample Reserve		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
72	Available Cash as of 6/13/18		\$ 5,503.73	\$ (12,658.00)	\$ 18,161.73

Recertification Report AWSC June 2018

I want to thank all the DRs for the hard work they did for this year's recertification.

As you know this year we tried a new process for recertification. The changes were made for multiple reasons including keeping it safe for both the Alateens and the AMIAS. We wanted more than a phone call to recertify the AMIAS. The Task Force created a new questionnaire for AMIAS and asked them to sign the Safety Guidelines. Recertification is completed and we have 70 AMIAS in the Oregon Area.

The problems I heard about from the DRs regarding this year's recertification were the same ones I have encountered in previous years. Such as AMIAS not communicating with their DRs after receiving a first email asking them to participate in recertification or not returning multiple phone calls and DRs not understanding why they have to recertify the AMIAS. Also, as in previous years, there were a few DRs that missed their deadline. I do understand the DRs can't meet their deadline if the AMIAS are slow to get back to them. I worked around the DRs having problems meeting their deadline.

I am sure the DRs understand I also have a deadline from WSO to get the entire Area recertified. If one single AMIAS is not recertified or marked inactive by the deadline or if one inactive AMIAS is listed as a group sponsor the WSO has the option to inform the entire Area it cannot use the Alateen name.

The Task Force created a new form, a questionnaire, tailored to the recertification process. I did not receive any feedback regarding this form, having the AMIAS sign the Safety Guidelines or the entire new process except from one DR. The Task Force needs to hear from you. Please tell us how the new process worked for you.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne C., AAPP

Oregon Area Alateen Safety Requirements Task Force Report

The Oregon Area considers the safety of Alateen members and Al-Anon members who do service in Alateen of vital importance. Therefore, we strongly endorse the suggestions and recommendations provided in the Safety and Behavioral Requirements in the following documents: [Alateen e-Manual](#), [Al-Anon Guideline #G-34](#), [Al-Anon Guideline #G-16](#) and the [Alateen Policy Digest](#).

While Oregon Area Al-Anon/Alateen recognizes and respects that each Alateen group is autonomous, the Area believes that matters of safety and behavior affect Al-Anon/Alateen as a whole, and therefore offers the following recommendations for the minimum requirements for Al-Anon Members In Alateen Service (AMIAS) to be active in the Alateen Program:

1. Every adult working with Alateen in Oregon must have successfully completed the AMIAS Candidate Procedures process, as outlined on the previous page.

This process begins with the local District Representative (DR), who will process your completed application and send to the Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP), and concludes with registration with the World Service Office (WSO), which issues a current AMIAS Identification Number. All AMIAS cooperate with the Oregon Area AAPP in keeping their current contact information up-to-date, especially in responding to the DR for Annual Recertification.

In brief, to be considered to serve as an AMIAS, the candidate must:

- a. Be an Al-Anon member regularly attending Al-Anon meetings, who has made a commitment to be of service to Alateen on a regular basis.
 - b. Be at least 21 years old.
 - c. Have at least two years in Al-Anon, in addition to any time spent in Alateen.
 - d. Not have been convicted of a felony; not have been charged with child abuse or any inappropriate sexual behavior; and not have demonstrated emotional problems which could result in harm to Alateen members.
2. There must be at least one AMIAS at every Alateen meeting; however, two AMIAS at each meeting are recommended.
 3. The Area prohibits overt or covert sexual interaction between any adult and Alateen members before, during, and after any Alateen meeting or activity.
 4. Any conduct contrary to applicable law is prohibited.
 5. **Parental Permissions:**
 - a. Written parental permission must be obtained prior to an Alateen attending any Al-Anon/Alateen-sponsored function, other than an Alateen Home Group meeting (the meeting that the Alateen regularly attends).
 - b. Written parental permission must be obtained prior to providing transportation for an Alateen to all Al-Anon/Alateen-sponsored functions, INCLUDING Alateen Home Group meetings.
 - c. Written parental permission to treat an Alateen for emergency medical necessity must be obtained prior to an Alateen attending any Al-Anon/Alateen-sponsored function, other than an Alateen Home Group meeting.
 - d. Written parental proof of insurance or statement of financial responsibility for medical treatment must be obtained prior to an Alateen attending any

Al-Anon/Alateen-sponsored function, other than an Alateen Home Group meeting.

6. **Roles of Alateen AMIAS:** Al-Anon Members in Alateen Service may serve in several roles, such as Group Sponsors or Substitute Sponsors, Drivers, Chaperones, or other roles as may be determined by Area. *AMIAS do not serve as personal sponsors of Alateen members.*

7. **Conferences, Conventions, and other Alateen Events:** Special safety and behavioral guidelines are recommended for participation in Alateen events. Oregon Area suggests that AMIAS familiarize themselves with the appropriate sections of Al-Anon [Guideline #G-16](#) (Alateen Conferences), with *The OAC Guidelines* (Oregon Alateen Conference guidelines (contact the Area Alateen Coordinator for more information).

8. **Alcohol/drug use:** While alcohol or drug use by Alateens is specifically prohibited at Alateen events, Oregon Area strongly suggests that each Alateen group consider this issue as it applies to its Alateen group as part of their Alateen-developed group guidelines and applying group conscience principles.

9. **Reporting suspected child abuse:** Oregon Area strongly recommends that each Alateen group follow the guidelines outlined in the *Alateen Service e-Manual* (p. 37) and the *Al-Anon Guideline #G-34* (p. 4), which use the exact same language to address this issue, as follows:

- a) Where reporting is required, there is no choice but to comply with the law.
- b) Alateen Group Sponsors and AMIAS who are required by law to report cases of suspected child abuse should let the Alateens know, up front before sharing begins, that they will disclose such incidents that are discussed at the meeting or event.
- c) Prior to reporting to the authorities, the Alateen Group Sponsor or AMIAS should discuss their intentions with:
 - a) Area Alateen Coordinator, District Rep., or another Area-designated trusted servant;
 - b) with the Alateen member;
 - c) follow legal advice re anonymity; and
 - d) report as an individual, not as member of Al-Anon.

10. **Email, texting and social media:** Oregon Area recognizes that Alateens respond best through electronic communication. That being given, Oregon Area strongly recommends that AMIAS confine their communication to the sharing of necessary information that concerns Alateen meetings.

Oregon Area recommends that AMIAS refrain from sharing personal contact information, such as social networking websites, personal e-mail or home addresses and phone numbers, unless required by an emergency situation.

Al-Anon clearly states, in the [Social Media Guidelines for Areas and General Services Offices](#), that the purpose of social media is for public information about the program:

From an Al-Anon perspective, Facebook, Twitter, and other social media are a public outreach opportunity—but not an opportunity for individual members to share their personal experience, strength, and hope in the public media. Members maintain the principle of anonymity and do not speak for Al-Anon as a whole, and take care not to appear as if they are speaking for Al-Anon as a whole. Al-Anon members guard with care their own and others' anonymity, and avoid any actions or behaviors that could draw Al-Anon into public controversy (p. 3).

Alateen does have a presence on social media. See links to Instagram and Twitter at: <https://al-anon.org/newcomers/teen-corner-alateen/teens-get-connected/>) and Facebook at [Alateen WSO](#).

Please note that the Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) and the Area Alateen Coordinator (AAC) are available to answer any questions about Alateen service that members might have. You may contact them via the Oregon Al-Anon and Alateen Contact page at <http://www.oregonal-anon.org/contacts.html>

DELEGATE'S REPORT

Good morning,

I can't believe this was my last Conference to go to. I was sad and happy, up and down. I mentioned this in my article in the Communicator if you had a chance to read it.

I don't have a formal report written for today, but I do want to share a few things with you.

Stepping Stones – how many of you have been there? Isn't it the most spiritual place you've ever known. To actually sit at the kitchen table where Ebby and Bill talked – created the 12 steps from 6 oxford tenets

- A friend, Joan offered a home – 1.7 acres 40/month - 6500

Lois set all of her things out in her house for us to see. When we first drove up, many people were surprised at how peaceful and serene it was – I could relate to wanting a place like this – Peaceful vs chaos

Trustees – How many of you remember Cherie from the TEAM event? She was my right hand.

- Cherie – schedule a visit

Meet the Board – how many of you would like to Meet the Board? It is amazing to be able to identify with the members of the Board, that they are just like me. They do all the work.

International – Get the party started

Celebration time – come on

3294 registered as of the last day of Conference, ahead of 2013 attendance by 5.5%

1295 have registered for the Pioneer Luncheon

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Literature to be released:

- Grandparents and Parents
- Intimacy
- 50th Anniversary of ODAT

Website

Resulted in 70% fewer phone calls

Literature - Grandparents and Parents pamphlet already for sale. Sex and Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships will be available in July at the International.

Mega Issue

- Backlog of Spanish and French

8 out of 22 people in Panel 56 are men

RCT

- Look at all service positions
- Communication
- Do not have to be a delegate
- More focus from Board to group
- Delegate suggest to members to stand for
- Wording of Links of Service going to BOT and not just to Delegate
- Guidelines, podcasts
- Recovery is more than my meetings
- WSO needs to ask for help
- Request delivery
- Change thinking about abundance and time
- RDM's are weak
- Proactive – let it begin with me
- Concept 9
- Are areas having workshops on RCT-RT

Individual groups contributions

Oregon – 68.4% 137.50

Minimum per group - 283

Survey results

WSO's new Data Analyst prepared questionnaires. Survey findings are used for the WSO's communication with professionals who seek data that quantifies the effectiveness of the Al-Anon program and improvements in members physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. There were 8500 surveys returned in 2013 and 13,000 in 2018. Questions were used to give validity of Al-Anon to other mental health and medical groups.

Group Records question – what do we want to do since WSO website will post any meeting?

CAI's

11 – fear of AA takeover –

- i. Thought Force requested
- ii. handle at group level
- iii. No interference by WSO

Some members may have gone to AA since it is so well known, more so than Al-Anon and find they don't need their program and are referred to Al-Anon.

- Disrupts unity of every Service Area
- Self-honesty if we are truly working our program
- We kicked ourselves by telling them NOT to – so of course, they will
- Everything cannot be in the Policy Digest – need to have the conversation – Conflict Resolution kit
- Autonomy used as a tool, not a weapon
- Don't defend it, just read it – Many Voices, One Journey
- Bill W said, "Once an alcoholic, always an alcoholic"
- If alcoholic is standing for a position -
 - If you stand for this position, it will create controversy
 - Group inventory to find out why no one else wants to stand for the position
- Unity is everyone saying the same thing in the same way – this is guarding our Legacies
- We have gotten too nice
- Autonomy is self-governing

I have created some conclusions from all the conversations I've had with Delegates from all over the United States and Canada as well as talking to several employees at the World Service Office. Some of these I'm happy to share here today with you, but for a lot of my ideas, I'm happy to come to your District and give you in depth information on a variety of topics.

- **Stepping Stones**
- **Public Outreach**
- **Finance/Audit**
- **Annual report**
- **Trustees**
- **CAIs**
- **Bookmark**
- **International**
- **Open policy meeting**
- **Virtual Meetings.**
- **Strategic Plan** – Al-Anon becoming known as THE resource
- **Website**
- **Alateen -**
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Report to June 2018 AWSC from the Website Coordinator

Re: Website Disruption and Email Complications

You may have noticed interruption in the mail flow for all OregonAI-Anon.org email addresses. Talk about denial...that is an understatement. Let me shed some light on how this occurred.

Our vendor that hosts our website on the internet, provides our email service was sold to another company. On January 2, 2018 Dawn K forwarded to me a letter from IX Web Hosting that explained that they were acquired by Site5. It explained that our website would be migrated and that they would send another email letting us know when the transition is expected to begin.

On April 11, Dawn forwarded the April 10 letter that stated "now happy to announce that this transition will happen over the next couple of weeks." I wrote a letter about the transition to AWSC on April 15 but was unable to send as our transition was already underway and mail service stopped working. At that time, things began to go awry. I read through the FAQ's and Transition information, "Until you hear from us, please continue to manage your account(s) as you normally do ... etc. When the time comes, we'll email you with more information."

I don't always wait well, but I remembered "don't force a solution". At one point I did the live chat, but the automated voice told me that I was not the person on the account and wouldn't be able to continue without her personal information. I hung up. I told myself that perhaps it was because we are such a small portion of their service. This new company has services that would suit large corporations. After 6 weeks of no email service and no updates to the website, I gave tech support another try. They couldn't help me without Dawn K's information, but I was able to get Dawn on the phone and together we tackled the lack of service. Tech Support had to fix something in the background to make the mail work. They could only send the log-in information to Dawn. Dawn couldn't reach me by email (it was trapped by spam and virus blocker on my mail hosting server). Honestly it took hours but we finally got in and could update the website. Still the mail issue was not resolved.

I found the software much more complex and more difficult to set up than the last vendor. While this is true, they do offer much more complex services. Not much comfort when I have difficulty setting up our simple services. There was so much to study and so much to learn. The mail distribution lists after migration were a new forwarding email address for every person in the list. There were hundreds of lines. Instead of one line for AWSC and whole list it is sent to, there were multiple lines each going to a different address. Managing it would have been a nightmare. Dawn and I were having difficulty testing the email, so checked out a new service called Mailing Lists. First I built them of our distribution lists as Private Mailing Lists...literally hours of work. They didn't work right. So I deleted them and built them all as Public Lists. Again they didn't work right yet. These were moderated lists. I couldn't find the setting to make them wide open, unmoderated. I called tech support, and they didn't seem to be able to help, so they created a trouble ticket. Someone was supposed to call. Maybe they called Dawn, I don't know, but I didn't receive a call. Then I deleted these moderated lists and rebuilt them once again as single line forwarded lists but made the larger lists pointed to the smaller lists which are made up of individual entries. Instead of many hundreds of lines it is more like 150 lines. I've sent out testing emails and will continue to do so.

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Please excuse the constant request to respond to my tests. It does help to get these responses. I hope to have the mail forwarding working well for us all soon. In the meantime, my Gmail account has been receiving some of the email in the FORUMS inbox. Please check all of your inboxes for incoming mail forwarded to you from OregonAI-Anon.org.
Thank you! From Regis P. your website coordinator.

Email Modifications Made to Some Addresses

Since we did need to reconfigure our email addresses with a new vendor, I took this opportunity to simplify some addresses. All of our email addresses (see the contacts page on our [website](#)) end in @oregonal-anon.org. Most of the starting words make good sense, some using dashes between words like Oregon-Delegate@oregonal-anon.org, while other have words smashed together like flyerapprovalcommittee@oregonal-anon.org and some use dashes and smashed words like AlternateOregon-Delegate@oregonal-anon.org . But there were some that had a word followed by a dash like secretary-@oregonal-anon.org . For all these with a dash before the @ sign, they have been recreated without that dash. Please make note of these changes and update your contact lists:

1. alateen@oregonal-anon.org (formerly alateen-@oregonal-anon.org)
2. archives@oregonal-anon.org (formerly archives-@oregonal-anon.org)
3. communicator@oregonal-anon.org (formerly communicator-@oregonal-anon.org)
4. cpc@oregonal-anon.org (formerly cpc-@oregonal-anon.org)
5. eugene@oregonal-anon.org (formerly eugene-@oregonal-anon.org)
6. forum@oregonal-anon.org (formerly forum-@oregonal-anon.org)
7. literature@oregonal-anon.org (formerly literature-@oregonal-anon.org)
8. portland@oregonal-anon.org (formerly portland-@oregonal-anon.org)
9. publicinfo@oregonal-anon.org (formerly publicinfo-@oregonal-anon.org)
10. salem@oregonal-anon.org (formerly salem-@oregonal-anon.org)
11. secretary@oregonal-anon.org (formerly secretary-@oregonal-anon.org)
12. treasurer@oregonal-anon.org (formerly treasurer-@oregonal-anon.org)
13. website@oregonal-anon.org (formerly webmaster-@oregonal-anon.org)
14. alldr@oregonal-anon.org (formerly all-dr@oregonal-anon.org)
15. allcoordinators@oregonal-anon.org (formerly all-coordinators@oregonal-anon.org)
16. flyerapprovalcommittee@oregonal-anon.org (formerly flyer-approval-committee@oregonal-anon.org)
17. allpastdelegates@oregonal-anon.org (formerly all-past-delegates@oregonal-anon.org)
18. salem@oregonal-anon.org (formerly salem-@oregonal-anon.org)