

**NEW YORK NORTH AREA 39
AWSC MEETING
Aug 19, 2017 12:00 PM**

1. **Call to Order:** By Susan A. at noon with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
2. **Traditions:** Nancy P. D21 **Concepts & Warranties:** Leslie C.– NYNAC Coordinator
3. **Announcement:** Gwenne R. Alternate Delegate -Time keeper
4. **Roll Call:** Note: Some people were representing more than 1 position.

<i>District #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>District #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Officers & Coordinators</i>	<i>Name</i>
1	Tim G	15	Cathy W.	Alateen	Walt S.
2	Not present	17	Not present	Archives	Kevin M
3	Patti M.	18	Louise F.	Convention	Nancy H
4	Not present	19	Not present	Group Records	Lynda S
5	Linda A.	20	Not present	Alt Del/Forum/Literature	Gwenne R
6	Not present	21	Not present	Newsletter	Not present
7	Not present	22	Not present	NYNAC	Leslie C
8	Kevin M.	23	Sandy A.	Presentation Committee	Not present
9	Susan A.	24	Not present	Public Outreach	Pat H
10	Cerise H.	25	Not present	Website	Molly C
11	Not present	26	Mike R.	Web Technical	Not present
12	Molly C.	27	Not present	Delegate	Diane C.
13	Not present	28	Not present	Imm. Past Del	Ruth S.
14	Not present	29	Kristine	Chairperson	Susan A.
				Secretary	Pam A.
AIS REPS	Name			Treasurer	Linda A.
Western	Not present			Past Delegate (s)	Anne F, Connie D, Elaine R,
Rochester	Not present			Trustee/Past Trustee	Anne F
Syracuse	Ruth				

5. **Secretary's Report:** Minutes from May 19, 2017 AWSC read by Pam A. M: to accept as presented: Mike Dist. 26, 2nd Kristine Dist. 19. Passed by voice vote.
6. **Treasurer's Report: Linda A.**
 - **Balances are:** Checking \$19,321.13 - Reserve \$10,375.20 -Mutual fund \$2,994.17
 - **Proceeds from the Spring Assembly Convention:** \$6,284.94.

- **Treasurer reported that she is being asked to send receipts for donations. – Comments follow:**
 - Treasurer stated that the information is reported in Northern Hi-Lights for all to see.
 - Suggestion, those that want a receipt supply a self-addressed stamped envelope with donation.
 - Advise them check their bank statements.
7. **Delegate: Diane C.**
- Has had some personal issues since mid-June. Thanks for the support.
 - WSO announce the new Executive Director, Vali F. over 15 yrs. as active Al-Anon member and panel 53 delegate.
 - 2018 WSC: West Harrison, NY. Full conference to visit Stepping Stones. Theme: ***Al-Anon - There is no standing still!***
 - New WSO website design - Led by Digital Strategies Team.
 - Meet the Board 2017 in Colorado.
 - 2018 Int'l Convention. Baltimore, MD July 6-8 with "A Day of Connecting" on July 5th. Separate registration fee.
 - Diane talked about a Leadership seminar she attend at an Intl. "What's Holding You Back? Many in this room today are eligible to stand for delegate. "What's Holding YOU Back"?
 - Conference Summary is no longer free for AWSC members. Diane can order. See her with your \$5. Hopes to have by the Fall Assembly
8. **Immediate Past Delegate & NY State Fair: Ruth**
- 85% of volunteer spots filled. Most of the 19 unfilled spots are for the 7-10 pm shift.
 - Do not bring any pamphlets to distribute at the NY State Fair. Anything being distributed needs prior approval by the Fair and has already been completed.
9. **Two Minute Hot Topic Reports: Officers & Coordinators:**
- **Alateen: Walt S:**
 - After the AMIAS recertification - 84 active AMIAS in NYN.
 - 18 Alateen Groups listed on WSO records only 6 responded to Walt's request to confirm information.
 - 5 Alateen groups in NYN have teens attending. Sydney & Rochester attendance is occasional.
 - Committee working on updating NYN Alateen Guidelines continue to meet via conference calls and are investigating the cost to perform background checks.
 - **Archives: Kevin M.** Deferred to the Assembly
 - Q. Will a display be brought to the Fall Assembly? A. Not planned at this time.
 - **Convention: Nancy H.**
 - Spring 2018: Dist. 5 & 26 May 4-6 lake Placid
 - Fall 2018: Dist. 15. Syracuse
 - 2019 Spring: Dist. 29 volunteered - need to approve
 - 2019 Fall: Dist. 21 volunteered -need to approve
 - Please have the hotel reservations in for Fall Assembly by 8/20/17. Hotel expects a sell-out due to concert.
 - Nancy expressed that when she gets an email with a problem/question looking for a solution she usually copies others so they can share their ESH. She has learned that in Al-Aon we are never alone.

- **Forum/Alternate Delegate/Literature: Gwenne R.**
 - Welcomed 6 new groups this year.
 - New position at WSO – WSO Magazine Coordinator – provided a letter.
 - New contemporary look for the forum beginning in August/Sept.
 - Need Forum sharings on the 3 legacies, specifically Steps 5 -12 and all the Traditions and Concepts.
 - Hasn't been receiving any Literature information from WSO. Will call WSO to inquire.
 - There was a new, newcomer packet that came out. It is still ok to use additional pamphlets.
 - **Group Records: Lynda S.**
 - Explained the manual process for updating meeting information for the NYN & AIS websites.
 - Suggested updating the Service Position description for Group Records and Web Coordinator to reflect the manual process.
 - **Newsletter: Not present** Since the Spring Assembly published 2 issues and mailed out 48 hard copies.
 - **NYNAC- Leslie C:**
 - 15 attendees. Stated that with low numbers registration fee to be higher without support from AI-Anon groups and individuals.
 - Received inquiries from groups that want to donate and has provided name of payee and the mailing address of NYN Area Assembly.
 - Unexpected expense, insurance. Was required last year, however Vanderkamp thought NYN Area Assembly had issuance. Vanderkamp provided an insurance agency they work with. Cost will be \$178.00 for weekend.
 - Date set - Oct 13, 14 &15.
 - Will take orders for T-shirt @ \$15.00 – Artwork not done so it will be sight unseen.
 - 4 different committees make NYNAC happen. 3 are filled - Entertainment remains open.
 - Some teens felt that last year's NYNAC had so many adults they didn't know, they really didn't feel comfortable sharing and are reluctant to attend this year. They didn't mind the sponsors but were overwhelmed by the AMIAS's.
 - Teens asked for more free time to just sit and talk.
 - See below for discussion related to NYNAC report.
 - **Public Outreach: Pat H.**
 - Sept. is National Recovery month.
 - See the August, Group e-news for suggestions on how to host an Open Public Outreach meeting for professionals.
 - Pat gave someone the French Bookmark which is being shared in France with professionals.
 - **Presentation: Not present**
 - **Web: Molly C.**
 - Manually updates meeting info on website for meetings not listed on any meeting schedule.
 - Responds to "NYN Contact Us" email inquiries. 49 inquiries Year-to-date.
10. **AIS Reports and Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:**
- **AIS Western:** not present
 - **AIS Rochester:** not present
 - **Syracuse:** no report

- **Insurance: Walt S.**
 - Looking into liability and coverage for improper sexual contact.
 - National background checks available via the insurance agency are very cheap.
 - Expects quote by the Fall AWSC meeting.
- **Finance: Elaine R.**
 - Met prior to AWSC meeting.
 - A donations was received and earmarked, “to take care of missing NYNAC funds”.
 - Committee determined unable to accept funds that are earmarked.
 - Working on the NYNAC financial policy-guideline document.
 - Q. What’s the status of the personal check that was issued to NYNAC and deposited into an account that was not NYNAC.
 - A. There’s a process the issuer of the check needs to complete with their bank and the issuer’s bank researches.
 - Q. What is the process since the vote regarding pursuing small claims court for missing NYNAC funds was invalid due to number of votes?
 - A. Will need another vote.
- **Web:** none
- **Policy Review:** working on revisions & will meet after AWSC meeting @ 4:30 pm.
- **AWSC Restructure: Tim G.**
 - Have a few more items on agenda to complete and expect to continue at least another year.
 - Will create a turnover document for the next panel.
- **AMIAS Thought Force:** Meeting after AWSC meeting @ 4:00PM.
- **Reduce # of Newsletters per Year - Thought Force:** No report just getting organized.

11. **Review of 2018 Budget: Presented for \$22,550.00**

- C. Need to increase IPD by \$350 for 2018, to attend NERD the first year of new panel with incoming Delegate. After first year, funds for IPD to attend NERD are part of the NERD line item. Per policy.
- Q. Why is Alateen Coordinator higher? Attends Assemblies & NYNAC.
- Q. Does Delegate get funded to go to International Convention? A= No.
- Q. Why is there a budget item for Spanish Liason? Haven’t seen anyone in that for years? A.= Instituted as a support position/contact person. Funds were intended for travel, public outreach, etc.
- C. District 23 has a Spanish speaking member.
- C. Does not feel this should be a line item unless it is defined what the funds are for.
- C. Recommend title be: Spanish Outreach
- C. Motion to title line item: Non- English Speaking
- Q. How much and who to ask to use the funds.
- Q. How many Spanish group in area? A. = None that Group Records are aware of.
- **Chairman appointed Pat H. (Public Outreach) to write a description about what the funds are to be used for.**
- **Motion:** By Walt S. Alateen Coordinator 2nd by Tim G. D1. **To change line item on the budget from Spanish Liaison to Non-English Speaking Outreach.** Passed VV.

12. **The following motions were made to place items on the Fall Assembly agenda and passed by VV.**

- By Ruth S. IPD 2nd Linda A. Treasurer: **To make a donation to the WSO based on the proceeds from the 2017 Spring Assembly/Convention.**
- By Lynda S. Group Records 2nd by Diane C. Delegate: **Recommend that the Assembly make the Electronic Devise Usage policy permanent.**
- By Pam A. Secretary 2nd by Diane C. Delegate: **To make the Presentation Committee a permanent position of the Assembly.**
- By Nancy H. Convention Coordinator 2nd Connie D. Past Delegate: **To approve District 29 to host the 2019 Spring Assembly/Convention.**
- By Nancy H. Convention Coordinator 2nd Connie D. Past Delegate: **To approve District 21 to host the 2019 Fall Assembly.**
- By Walt S. Alateen Coordinator 2nd by Leslie C. NYNAC Coordinator: **To take a vote at the 2017 Fall Assembly to pursue Small Claims Court for missing NYNAC funds.**
- It was noted to set Substantial Unanimity at the start of the assembly by taking a general consensus.

13. **Breakout Sessions - District Representative Determined Topics:**

- Dual Members in service
- Rotation of Service
- Newcomers -How to get them to the rooms and how to keep them coming back.

14. **Adjournment:** Motion to close at approx. 4:00 - 4:15 PM Passed: VV.

Closing: Al-Anon Alateen Declaration – Let it begin with me. When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be there and let it begin with me.

Questions & Comments related to NYNAC report

Q. = Question A. = Answer C. =Comment

- Q. Who made the decision on the insurance for NYNAC? I ask because the cost for the entire 13 days of the NY State Fair for a \$1M liability policy was \$116.00.
- A. NYNAC Coordinator
- C. Never need to do anything alone or make decisions alone. Don't be afraid to ask for help.
- Q. Why does NYN need to know about this? A. Alateen is Al-Anon
- C. Group wants to donate \$200.
- Q Why is the NYN PO Box being used to receive donations?
- A. Doesn't have time to get a P.O. Box and would cost too much around \$150.
- Q. Of the 15 attendees how many are Alateens? A. 10 are Alateens.
- Q. What is the fundraising for that was mentioned in report? A. To defray the cost so the teens can afford to go.
- Q. Can you elaborate on the statement about the AMIAS overwhelming the teens at NYNAC?
- A. Teens didn't feel comfortable speaking in meetings with the AMIAS there.
- C. I don't think the issue is that too many AMIAS/ adults are attending, I think it's too few Alateens are attending. Get the Alateens to bring more teens to meetings and increase the meeting attendance.
- Q. Have you considered having separate meetings for AMIAS and have a few in the meeting room with the teens.
- A. Was tried and was not well received.
- C. Jim explained the premise of NYN Officer & Coordinators attending. It was to have the support of the Area. To allow the Area to see what NYNAC was all about and what the Area was supporting. This year is 39th year for NYNAC.
- Q. Why so many AMIAS attending? A. They come with the Alateen groups.
- C. Educate the AMIAS on how to interact/ behave toward Alateens at NYNAC.
- C. Delegate comment: Alateen is Al-Anon. Some of the decisions made in the past were because they needed to be made. Al-Anon's name (NYN Area Assembly) is on the contact and the Al- Anon's are responsible not the Alateens. Understands how Alateens feel and how hard it is to grow up that way. Adults can also get recovery from attending NYNAC. Try to do the best we can this year. The issues aren't helping our recovery. If can't have it this year then so be it, have another year.
- C. Chair: More support to NYNAC Coordinator.
- C. There are 4 components that Alateen groups work on for the weekend. 3 are assigned. But needs to keep following up with Alateen groups for updates.
- C. Stress to the Alateens that Participation is the Key to Harmony.
- Q. What is the largest expense of NYNAC? A. The rental of the venue.
- Q. What about other venues?
- A. Vanderkamp is the least expensive. Looked at Alverna Heights for a different w/e. Booked 2 yrs. in advance. There is a place between Rochester & Buffalo it costs 2x's as much.
- C. Walt & Leslie plan to email the Groups and AMIAS by Labor Day about limiting 2 AMIAS in every workshop and if not signed up, the AMIAS will go to another workshop. Want to do a Hands-On for all.
- C. I went and there is value for Adults to hear teens share. Maybe have 1 workshop for all to attend and Hands-on and then sharing.