

**3.28.2009 AWSC Meeting      APPROVED**  
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**Chair: Connie**

- 1) Call to Order: 11:05 AM by Connie D.
- 2) Moment of silence and then the Serenity Prayer by all.
- 3) Traditions: read by Joanne District 6
- 4) Concepts: read by Paula District 25
- 5) Welcome and Information items:
  - i) New DRs:     D6        Joanne  
                     D19        Kathy  
                     D25        Paula  
                     D29        Pat
  - ii) New people: Gwenne thinking about being DR for D22
  - iii) 2 Minutes Rule when speaking
  - iv) Notebooks for all DRs and Officers and Coordinators. These will hold the Policies, By-laws and Guidelines for NYNorth. 3 handouts can be placed in the notebooks, Explanation of the 2 minute Rule, current Action Committees and Voting Procedures
  - v) Updates to the Service Manual can be downloaded from the WSO website and pasted into manuals.
- 6) Roll Call:
  - i) Districts present: 2 3 6 7 8 14 15 17 18 19 22 23 24 25 26 27 29
  - ii) AIS Reps: Rochester and Syracuse
  - iii) Coordinators: Convention, Public Outreach, Literature, Newsletter,
  - iv) Officers: Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Immediate Past Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairperson
- 7) Minutes: AWSC meeting of September 20, 2008 read by Ruth S. / corrections taken.  
M: accept Sylvia D27 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kathy D19
- 8) Treasurer's Report ready by Louise F. We received a Thank You note from WSO for the donation of \$400 from the 2008 Spring Convention. Treasure's Report attached  
Q: What are the current balance? Checking \$2670.48, Reserve Fund \$4566.14, Mutual Fund \$1787.28  
M: accept: Bob C 2<sup>nd</sup>: Carol D26
- 9) Delegate's Report: Copy attached.  
Q Could the policy manual be on the website? Will check with Homepage Coor.
- 10) Alt. Delegates Report: Copy attached  
Q: When will subscriptions to Forum stop? Renewal letter to group will tell you.
- 11) Alateen Coordinator Report: Copy attached
- 12) Achieves: Joanne M not here. She still needs to meet with Gina.
- 13) Convention Coordinator Report: copy attached.
- 14) Group Records Report: copy attached
- 15) Homepage Coordinator Report: copy attached
- 16) Public Outreach Coordinator Report: copy attached
- 17) Literature Coordinator Report: copy attached
- 18) Newsletter Coordinator Report: copy attached  
Q: Why does hard copy come so much later than the electronic? Nancy will check.  
Q: How much do we save by bulk mail? \$50/month.  
Q: Could we do away with multiple copies?
- 19) NYNAC coordinator Report: copy attached  
Q: Can a group from PA attend NYNAC? A number of issues to look at. Action committee will work on answers to this.

- 20) AIS Reports: Syracuse: copy attached  
 Rochester: Recent Tureen Supper earned over \$1000.
- 21) Action Committees will meet. Will need to select a chairperson and a recorder. Until new agendas are developed use old ones. Each committee should create a list of participants contact information so that they can keep in touch between AWSC and assemblies.

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12:25 – 1:25 Action Committees will meet, recorders will then give a 2 minute report to the AWSC. They are asked to send a typed report to the Secretary and Homepage Coordinator within 3 weeks.

Action Committee reports. Copies attached.

22) Items to be placed on Assembly Agenda:

- 1) Host for 2010 Fall Assembly. Districts 6 & 19 had been considering. District 6 does not feel ready at this time. Districts 19 does not yet have a definite answer, will know by May. Connie went through districts to poll interest.
 

District 8	Fall 2009	District 24	interested in Spring 2011
District 14	Spring 2009	District 25	maybe with 19 for Fall 2010 will
District 21	Spring 2009		know by May
District 22	Fall 2009	District 29	will bring to district

 Maybe districts 19, 25 and 29 for 2010 Fall Assembly
- 2) Host for 2011 Spring Assembly and Convention: District 24 stood to host. District 17 stood to host 2012 Spring Assembly and Convention.
- 3) Regional Trustee/Committee Applications: Elaine R. There are vacancies for both Trustees-at-large and Regional Trustee for North East Region. There has been a change in the time line for filling these vacancies. There are also positions on the following Advisory committees; Alateen, Public Outreach, Forum and Literature and ECRPM – Executive Committee for Real Property Management. She has guidelines for all positions, and information on resumes and applications. Anyone interested can contact either Elaine R. or Connie D.
- 4) Discussion of Knowledge Based Decision Making: Bob C. did a presentation on KBDM. This was presented at the 2006 WS Conference. Connie, Elaine and Bob would all like to see this in use in NYN. There was discussion around this procedure including the need to get information out to all, as quickly as possible. To continue to insure that the minority position is heard. DRs are asked to take back KBDM back to groups to talk about this process for future use.
- 5) Website committee and use of site: Committee to include past Homepage Coordinators, current Homepage coordinator, Connie D., Marion, Bob C. Committee will look at what will be on website, guidelines for the Homepage coordinator. Also should include someone who has no connection to website, someone who may not have many computer skills.

- 6) 2 Minute Hot Topic reports: It will take a little time to get use to this process. Handout given explaining the 2 minute Hot Topic process. The idea is what needs to be addressed right now; full reports will still be included in the secretary's minutes and on the website. There was discussion if this was enough time for action committee reports. The suggestion was made that maybe should be 3 rather than 2 minutes. Again it was noted that full reports, including action committees would be available on website. Connie hopes that people will give it a chance and all concerns and comments will be noted.
- 7) Motion: "To extend to 3 minutes the Action Committee reports" Motion made by George 2<sup>nd</sup> Linda D8 Vote by show of hands to place on Assembly agenda
- 8) Committee to update NYN policies: committee will consist of NYN Secretary, Chair, Gina Alt. Delegate, Lynda D 22, Heather D 5, Pam D3, Kathy D 19 & Marion D21. Elaine will provide the committee with current policies will have to go through past minutes to see what has been voted on since last update and needs to be added or deleted.

23) Additional items:

- 1) Ad Hoc committee on spending guidelines: Will continue from last year. Meeting time to be set. Pam will continue on committee.
- 2) Committee to redo Action Committee Agendas/Report Form
- 3) Other issues: Gina has spoken with both George and Nancy about the Hi-Lights appearing on NYN website, Rochester AIS website, also other information being posted in more than one location. Discussion followed; does repetition cause confusion? Along with this the problem of duplicate mailings of newsletter, the problem of excess paperwork, old records etc. These are all issues that should fall under the policy committee.

24) Announcements were taken from districts and groups present of upcoming events and news to share.

25) Closing:

- a) M: to close meeting George
- b) 2<sup>nd</sup> Paula D25
- c) Passed by voice vote
- d) Closed 3:25 PM

Respectfully submitted; Ruth S. Secretary