

NYN AREA 2025 SPRING ASSEMBLY MINUTESMAY 30, 2025

NYN Area 2025 Spring Assembly Meeting Minutes May 30, 2025

NYN Secretary Molly C

Session 1 – Friday May 30, 2025

6:16 PM – 7:17 PM

Call to Order 6:16 PM

- Moment of Silence / Serenity Prayer – all present
- The Traditions read by DR Julie B D02.

Welcome & Informational Items

- Voting
 - There is a copy of the NYN Assembly & AWSC Voting Procedures on each table.
 - Who is eligible - Group Representatives, their Alternate or Designee only - *cannot not be a dual member; one vote per group; one vote per person.*
 - How to vote – Please sit with your district. The numbers are on the tables.
 - By hand count - raise your hand and the designated person will report the count when called.
 - By Ballots – There are scraps of white paper on the table to write our vote. Please place into the envelope
 - Abstentions are not considered as votes. Therefore, the number of voting members will vary from motion to motion.
- Timer- Alternate Delegate – Betty GM
- Meeting etiquette reviewed
 - Before speaking, please introduce yourself by first name, last initial and district number so the secretary can take accurate minutes
 - Two minutes at the microphone per person, once per topic
 - If someone before you says what you want to say, sit down
- Please keep cell phones off or silent

Roll Call See Attachment A

- Call Roll completed. In person – 33 voters
- Substantial Unanimity - See Attachment B
 - A poll was conducted to determine substantial unanimity for this assembly $\frac{2}{3}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$.
 - $\frac{2}{3}$ was determined by a 27 to 3 count per poll.
 - $\frac{2}{3}$ of 33 votes is 22.

Secretary's Report - Molly C

- Minutes of the 2024 Winter Fall Assembly are posted on the NYN Website for review. Are there any additions, corrections or deletions? Doc title should be listed as Assembly not AWSC.
- A motion was made to accept the 2024 Fall assembly Minutes as corrected by Connie C D19 and 2nd by Laura D D . Motion was carried unanimously by hand raises 33 yes. See Attachment B

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Treasurer's Report - Kathi D

- Treasurer's report is posted on the NYN Website for review. Kathy D fielded questions about the documents posted and listed below.
 - 2024 Financial Statement
 - 2025 Financial Statement
 - 2025 Budget vs Actual Expenses
 - Financial Statement as of 04/30/202
- A motion was made to accept the treasury report as read by Janet GR D15 and 2nd by Carissa W D 25, Motion 2 was carried 32 yes to 1 abstention by hand raises. See attachment B.

Announcements: Ellen V, Chair.

- Tomorrow's session will begin promptly at 8:00 am.
- There are informational displays next to the registration on the area level service positions in NYN.
- On the agenda for tomorrow there are vacant coordinator positions to be filled - Alateen, Public Outreach and a newly created Technology Coordinator. Also discussed will be open positions on Task Forces and standing committees, and the process for the Regional Trustee Nominations.

Speaker – Vali F, Executive Director of the WSO (World Service Office)

- Vali F shared her own experience, strength and hope as a member of Al-Anon on her service from the group level through the WSO as Executive Director

Close – Ellen V

Meeting at closed at 7:16 with the Al-Anon Declaration

Session 2 – Saturday March 31, 2025

8:00 – 9:00 AM

Call to Order: 8:00 AM

- Moment of silence /Serenity Prayer – All
- Concepts and Warranties – Carissa D D7

Welcome & Informational Items

- Table Handouts
 - There is a copy of the NYN Assembly & AWSC Voting Procedures on each table.
 - Who is eligible - Group Representatives, their Alternate or Designee only - cannot not be a dual member; one vote per group; one vote per person.
 - How to vote – Sit by district, the numbers are on the tables. Pick a leader, not a voting GR if possible who will add and report the counts.
 - By hand count - raise your hand and the designated person will report the count when called.
 - By Ballots – There are scraps of white paper on the table to write your vote. Yes, No or Abstain Please place into the large manilla envelope.
 - Abstentions are not considered as votes. Therefore, the number of voting members will vary from motion to motion.

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- Timer- Alternate Delegate – Betty GM
- Meeting etiquette reviewed – see details in Session 1.

Roll Call

- Call Roll completed. In person– 43 registered GRs , 41voters present in room
- Substantial Unanimity - See Attachment B
 - A poll was conducted by raised hands to determine substantial unanimity for this assembly today. $\frac{2}{3}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$.
 - $\frac{3}{4}$ was determined by 41 hands out of 43.
 - 2/3 of 41 votes is 28

Task Force - Technology Coordinator Position

- A report is on the NYN website and includes a suggested job description. Items included in the discussion that followed included if the position could be open to a dual member, or whether the position could be shared by 2 members. A motion was made to establish the Technology Coordinator position according to the job description presented. There was no second and the issue was tabled so members could reevaluate the wording, requirements and actions of the service job description.

NYN Open AWSC positions:

- Alateen Coordinator: Chair, Ellen V asked for eligible members to stand for this service. No one stood and the position remains open.
- Public Outreach Coordinator. Chair Ellen V asked for eligible members to stand. Laura C. D 17 Public Outreach Coordinator for District 17 stood for the position and made a statement of her experience and then left the room. A hand raise vote was taken on accepting Laura C D17 as the NYN PO Coordinator See attachment B. Results were 39 in favor and 4 abstained. Thank you Laura C D17, our new Public Outreach Coordinator in the AWSC of the NY North Area.

NYN Policy Task Force: Brenda L, DR D25

- Brenda L gave a short report on the progress and future work of the Policy Task Force. This work group meets regularly and will have a report ready for the Fall Assembly.
- The Policy Task Force began work after the Fall 2024 Assembly.
- Work has included:
 - meeting regularly and discussing the purpose and layout of existing documents, ease of use, and location on the website
 - reviewing the original policy document and looking for redundancies
 - identifying information that should be put into different, already existing documents.

Technology Coordinator Position :

- Discussion was resumed and changes made to the job title and description. See attachment C.
- Motion was made by Linda P D19 and 2nd by Carol P D08. To accept the Technology Support Coordinator position as described by the job description.
- Motion was carried by secret ballot - 43 yes to 0 no.
- Members are encouraged to bring information to their groups in search of a qualified candidate.

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- A brief review of the makeup and responsibilities of the NYN AWSC members to inform the GRs and bring GR concerns to the WSC.
- Treasure Kahti D pointed out the person and work of this new position needs to be supported by the Area.
- A motion was made by Wendy L, Newsletter and 2nd by Kathi D, Treasurer. The Technology Support member will have a budget line and be supported to attend assemblies and AWSC meetings regardless of their AWSC status – coordinator or non-voting support.

Break: taken for 15 minutes.

Session 3 - Saturday, May 31 - 9:15 - 10:15 am

Discussions:

- **Format of 2025 Fall and Spring 2026 Assemblies**
 - Both assemblies are currently scheduled to be online only for Panel 64 and Panel 67 format voted during the 2023 Fall Assembly. Some AWSC members propose that they be held hybrid or in person only to foster fellowship and increase communication. Consider the cost, time spent, volunteers to plan and execute a change.
 - See Attachment B for the motions on this topic.
 - A discussion was held. A motion was by Linda P D19 and 2nd by Betty GM D23 to change the NYN guidelines to rotate the location of the Fall Assemblies around NYN instead of held in the Syracuse Area in the future. The motion was determined as “off topic” so it was tabled.
 - Motion: To have the 2025 Fall Assembly be In Person only. This motion was defeated with 3 yes and 40 no votes.
 - A motion to hold the 2025 Fall Assembly Hybrid was made by Kathy B D02 and 2nd by Carissa W D05. It was defeated by 16 yes and 32 no votes.
 - A motion was then made to have the 2025 Fall Assembly held virtually, noting that NYN districts may organize to gather for their fellowship within this virtual environment. This motion was carried by a 40 yes, 1 no vote.
- **WSO Road Trip** - Carol C, NYN Delegate
 - Carol C, Delegate proposed a discussion about a WSO Event called “**Road Trip!** You and Your Board Connect.” It is one of the quarterly weeklong board meetings. Saturday’s events are open to AI-Anon members. It is hosted and held in an area annually that is chosen by lottery through bids submitted. There are certain requirements that must be met on transportation, hotel accommodations, meeting rooms and volunteers for the Saturday event. NY North has 3 cities that meet these requirements.

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- Linda P D19 volunteered to be the Contact to WSO. Julie B D02 agreed to work on a committee to submit a bid for the 2026 WSO Road Trip.
- A poll was taken by Ellen V, Chair. Should NYN Area submit a bid to WSO for the 2026 Road Trip. Matter was carried by a 39 yes to 0 no vote.
- In 2025 it will be held in Omaha, Nebraska Saturday October 25, 2025. Registration opens on the WSO website on August 28th

2026 Election Assembly

- This assembly is already set to be in person only. A convention committee with a chair is needed now to plan this assembly. It does not have to be district sponsored. It can be a committee made up of individual NYN AI-Anon members like this assembly. The convention guidelines are in the Area Information tab of the NYN website. Please consider planning this event and following the primary spiritual purpose of our fellowship – to help families of alcoholics.

Announcements:

- Area Calendar - <https://nynafg.com/calendar.html>. Please let us know of events going on in your district - email them to: web@nynafg.com to post on the event calendar and to newsletter@nynafg.com to publish you event in our Northern HighLights.

Break: 15 minute

Session 4 - Saturday, May 31

- 10:30 - 11:30 am

Open

- The meeting opened at 10:32 with the Serenity Prayer

Delegate Report: Carol C, Delegate

- Carol C reports via slide a presentation that will be posted to the NYN website with this assembly's files. Statements made include :“AI-Anon is a circle of equals... There are no rules, only guidelines. We use a group conscience to make decisions... We use KBDM - knowledge based decision making. We are non-professional... We are obedient to the unenforceable... We widen the aperture of our perspective....
- See the WSC Summary available on the WSO website for details of the conference.
- Items to note and may need further discussion:
 - Only one AFG Area has a meeting publishing policy approved by WSO. Do our published meeting lists follow the principles and traditions of our fellowship? Do they only list AFGs recognized by WSO? Are they accurate and show the same information as the listing on WSO web site?
 - Is the name of your group welcoming to all people who are affected by someone else's drinking or are they exclusionary or community identifying like Adult Children. Parents of, Women, Men or Gays only?
- The 2028 International AI-Anon Convention will be held in Minneapolis, MN.

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- Al--Anon's 75th Anniversary Celebration was approved by the Board and announced the Conference. The Celebration will take place on April 25, 2026, with a tour of the WSO and dinner. All Al-Anon members are welcome.

Close -

- The meeting was closed at 11:31 AM with the Al-Anon Declaration "Let it begin with me. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, let the hand of AlAnon and Alateen always be there, and – let it begin with me."

ATTACHMENT A

Position	Time: 9:20 AM	Time: 2:15 PM	Time:
<i>Coordinators</i>			
Alateen	** Mary S	** Mary S	
AAPP	Vicki D	Vicki D	
Archives	Janet	Janet	
Business E meeting	Maggie G	Maggie G	
Convention	Jim M	Jim M	
Group Records	Connie C	Connie C	
Literature	Renee S	Renee S	
Newsletter	Wendy L	Wendy L	
NYNAC	Mary S	Mary S	
Presentation	Mike R	Mike R	
Public Outreach	Maria S	Maria S	
Web			
<i>Officers</i>			
Delegate	Carol C	Carol C	
Alt Delegate	Betty G-M	Betty G-M	
IPD	Kathi D	Kathi D	
Secretary	**Molly C	**Molly C	
Treasurer			
Chairperson	Ellen V	Ellen V	
Past Delegates			
Past Trustees			
<i>AIS Representatives</i>			
W. New York	Corrine	Corrine	
Rochester	Loron O	Loron O	
Syracuse			
Voting Members			
Subtotal	0	0	

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ROLL CALL**NYN Area Spring Assembly****May 18, 2024**

Group Representative	Time: 9:43 AM	Time: 2:15 PM	Time:
01	7	6	
02	3	3	
03	1	2	
04	0	0	
05	1	1	
06	0	1	
07	1	1	
08	5	4	
09	2	2	
10	3	4	
11	0	0	
12	4	4	
13	0	0	
14	1	2	
15	1	1	
17	0	0	
18	2	2	
19	3	3	
20	0	0	
21	0	0	
22	2	1	
23	2	2	
24	0	0	
25	2	2	
26	0	0	
27	12	1	
28	0	0	
29	2	2	
Subtotal	43	44	
TOTAL Voting Members	43	44	

2/3 is **29**2/3 is **30**

Count was checked prior to each vote. See Attachment B.

MOTION LOG

ATTACHMENT B

Poll Vote by raised hands	# Voting: 33. Originator: Ellen V, Chair Matter of Consideration: Substantial Unanimity Topic: Choose one : Substantial Unanimity shall be 2/3 of voting members present. 2. Substantial Unanimity shall be 3/4 of voting members present.	1. 29 2. 2 ABSTAIN 2	Substantial Unanimity Is 2/3 2/3 of 33 is 22
MOTION #1 Vote by raised hands	# Voting: 33 Originator: Connie C D19 2 nd Laura D D10 Matter of Consideration: 2024 NYN Fall Assembly Minutes Motion: To accept the 2024 NYN Fall Assembly Minutes as corrected.	YES 33 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 VOID 0	CARRIED ✓
Motion #2	# Voting: 43. Originator: Ellen V, Chair Matter of Consideration: Public Outreach Coordinator	YES 39 NO 0	CARRIED ✓

Vote by raised hands	Motion: To accept Laura C D17 as the NYN Public Coordinator for the rest of Panel 64.	ABSTAIN. 4 VOID 0	
Motion #3 Vote by ballot	# Voting: 43. Originator: Linda P D19. 2 nd Carol P D08 Matter of Consideration: Technology Support Coordinator Motion: To accept Position of Technology Support Position as defined in the job description.	YES 43 NO 0 ABSTAIN 9 VOID 0	CARRIED ✓

MOTION #4 Vote by Ballot	# Voting: 41 Originator: Wendy L, Newsletter 2 nd : Kathi D, Treasurer Matter of Consideration: Technology Support Position Motion: The Technology Support member will have a budget line and be supported to attend assemblies and AWSC meetings regardless of their AWSC status – coordinator or non-voting support.	YES 40 NO 1 ABSTAIN 0 VOID 0	CARRIED ✓
MOTION #5	# Voting: 43 Originator: Laura C D17 2 nd : Carissa W D05 Matter of Consideration: Format of 2025 Fall Assembly	YES 3 NO 40	DEFEATED

Vote by Ballot	Motion: To have the 2025 Fall Assembly be In Person only.	ABSTAIN 0 VOID 0	✓
MOTION #6 Vote by Ballot	# Voting: 48 Originator: Kathy B D02 2 nd : Carissa W D05 Matter of Consideration: Format of 2025 Fall Assembly Motion: To have the 2025 Fall Assembly Hybrid.	YES 16 NO 32 ABSTAIN 0 VOID 0	DEFEATED ✓
MOTION #7 Vote by Ballot	# Voting: 41 Originator: Wendy L, Newsletter 2 nd Cindy E D01 Matter of Consideration: Format of 2025 Fall Assembly Motion: To have the 2025 Fall Assembly shall be held virtually. NYN areas may organize to gather for their fellowship within this virtual environment.	YES 40 NO 1 ABSTAIN 0 VOID 0	CARRIED ✓
POLL #2 Vote by raised hands	# Voting: 39 Originator: Ellen V, Chair. Matter: to submit a bid to host the 2026 WSO Road Trip – You and Your Board Connect.	YES 39 No. 0	CARRIED ✓

NYN Technology **Support** Coordinator Job Duties**Responsibilities:**

In addition to following the General Responsibilities of all New York North Officers and Coordinators, found in the *New York North Area Assembly Service Position Descriptions* the Tech Coordinator will:

- Collaboration: Ensure the venue can support technology needs and provide a list of audio-visual requirements to the AWSC/Assembly planning team
- Coordination: Work with the NYN E-Meeting host to coordinate hybrid meetings and troubleshoot technical issues.
- Setup and Testing: Arrive early to set up and test audio-visual equipment.
- Purchasing and Maintenance: Work with officers and coordinators to maintain equipment, contracts, and accurate records.
- Inventory Management: Create/maintain inventory list ; store and transport necessary equipment.
- Suggest updates to these responsibilities as the position evolves.
- Transition: Turn over equipment and resources to the successor and continue as a service mentor.

Qualifications:

- Technical Skills: Familiarity with computer equipment, systems applications, laptops, printers, projectors, and credit card equipment.
- Meeting Experience: Experience in facilitating hybrid meetings.
- Knowledge: Understanding of the Twelve Steps, Traditions, Concepts, and relevant sections of the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual.
- ***Must be either an Al-Anon member in good standing or a Dual Member. A Dual Member will have Voice but No Vote at the AWSC.***