Montana AFG Spring Assembly Meeting Minutes

Action is Attraction – There is No Growth in the Comfort Zone

Belgrade, April 6, 2019

Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 3009 W. Madison Avenue

Assembly began at 9:00 am



* Serenity Prayer,
* Steps,
* Traditions,
* Concepts, Warranties,
* Area Assembly Etiquette
* Montana AFG Vision and mission Statements
* Announcements see announcement page
* Introduction: Name/Position at Area

Announcements:

* Shannon selling God Boxes and Quilt raffle tickets for Helena Alateen group. Goal is to go to the Alateen Conference in Washington State.
* New G.R’s meet with Pam Alt Delegate at lunch
* committee meeting at lunch
* Speak Meeting tonight, with fellowship at 6:00 pm am dinner at 6:30 pm, followed by the speakers.
* Tabletop folders-contain assembly etiquette, participation sheet, knowledge based decision making, Al-Anon acronym. Please use, and return to the table for use at future assemblies. Pennie will send this information out in and email to districts.

**Secretary-Minutes**

* Fall 2018 Fall AWSC and Fall Assembly minutes were passed as presented.
* November 4, 2018 had a date change from November 4, 2019 to November 4, 2018. Minutes passed with correction.
* February 10, 2019 Conference call-File name to be changed to the date of the call, also requested number of participants be added to the minutes which were 18. Minutes passed with corrections.

**Treasurer Report-Presented with projector**

Review and Approval of the Budget for years 2019-2021 – Deb L, treasurer – Passed with unanimity

See budget below.

Some discussion on group, and district donations to area. Who contributes? How much?

Dear members of Al-Anon,

I have prepared some financial data for the Al-Anon groups, districts and individual members, which I am asking you to review and discuss. The donation rates of personal members, groups and districts to the area has been declining [or remaining static.] Whether or not members, groups and districts donate to the area, the rate of expenses continues to increase from year to year. Inflation alone raises the price of travel, lodging and our operating expenses. Even with marginal increases in expenditures, the overall financial status of the area will slowly erode without healthy donations from members, groups and districts. As detailed on page two of this document, the average donation per group needed in our area is $104.00 to maintain the suggested 2019-20-21 area budget.

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Thank-you for your service to our great fellowship. You-the individual member of the fellowship-are our greatest resource.

In service, Deborah L. Montana AFG, Inc. Treasurer

What is my Group's responsibility for Area expenditures? These calculations are based on the 2019-20-21 budget which is to be approved at the spring assembly in April 2019 ~AND~ the number of active groups in MT which is 111 [as of January 2019.

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|  | ***2019-20-21 Montana AFG [Area 32] Budget Worksheet*** | | | | | | | | |
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|  | ***2016-17-18 Actual Income Detail*** | | | |  |  | ***2019*** | ***2020*** | ***2021*** |
|  | ***INCOME Category*** | ***2016*** | ***2017*** | ***2018*** |  | ***INCOME Category*** | ***SUGGESTED*** | | |
|  | District Donations | $1,945.00 | $1,806.00 | $1,680.00 |  | District Donations | $2,000.00 | $2,250.00 | $2,500.00 |
|  | Group Donations | $7,265.76 | $6,617.21 | $6,824.27 |  | Group Donations | $7,000.00 | $7,500.00 | $8,000.00 |
|  | LDC Donations | $425.00 | $350.00 | $0.00 |  | LDC Donations | $300.00 | $300.00 | $300.00 |
|  | Personal Donations | $40.00 | $60.00 | $5.00 |  | Personal Donations | $50.00 | $50.00 | $50.00 |
|  | Assembly Registration | $1,395.00 | $1,215.00 | $1,490.00 |  | Assembly Registration | $1,375.00 | $1,400.00 | $1,425.00 |
|  | Coffee Basket | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |  | Coffee Basket | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
|  | Fundraiser | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |  | Fundraiser | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
|  | Interest-Savings | $0.85 | $0.90 | $0.91 |  | Interest-Savings | $0.93 | $0.97 | $1.00 |
|  | Pass-Thru Income | $108.00 | ($23.15) | $0.00 |  | Pass-Thru Income | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
|  | Speaker Meeting | $169.63 | $285.56 | $0.00 |  | Speaker Meeting | $175.00 | $175.00 | $175.00 |
|  | TEAM | ($200.00) | $336.08 | $0.00 |  | TEAM | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
|  |  | ***$11,149.24*** | ***$10,647.60*** | ***$10,000.18*** |  |  | ***$10,900.93*** | ***$11,675.97*** | ***$12,451.00*** |
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|  | ***2016-17-18 Actual Expenses Detail*** | | | |  |  | ***2019*** | ***2020*** | ***2021*** |
| ***Operating Expenses*** | ***Expense Category*** | ***2016*** | ***2017*** | ***2018*** | ***Operating Expenses*** | ***Expense Category*** | ***SUGGESTED*** | | |
| Business Registration fee | $20.00 | $20.00 | $20.00 | Business Registration fee | $20.00 | $20.00 | $20.00 |
| Check Returned Unpaid fee | $12.00 | $12.00 | $0.00 | Check Returned Unpaid fee | $12.00 | $12.00 | $12.00 |
| Transactions fee | $12.50 | $3.00 | $4.00 | Transactions fee | $8.00 | $10.00 | $12.00 |
| Area Officer Computers | $0.00 | $0.00 | $856.43 | Area Officer Computers | $1,000.00 | $1,000.00 | $1,000.00 |
| iContact/News 'n Views | $73.08 | $73.08 | $73.08 | iContact/News 'n Views | $75.00 | $75.00 | $75.00 |
| Website/Domain Hosting | $90.05 | $95.88 | $116.05 | Website/Domain Hosting | $120.00 | $125.00 | $130.00 |
| Anti-virus subscription(s) | $0.00 | $0.00 | $39.99 | Anti-virus subscription(s) | $80.00 | $120.00 | $160.00 |
| Postage; mailing services | $146.00 | $155.90 | $105.90 | Postage; mailing services | $150.00 | $160.00 | $170.00 |
| Printing and copying | $174.09 | $210.84 | $223.75 | Printing and copying | $225.00 | $250.00 | $250.00 |
| Supplies | $7.44 | $46.38 | $75.67 | Supplies | $75.00 | $100.00 | $100.00 |
| Assembly Expenses | $853.00 | $483.00 | $1,604.69 | Assembly Expenses | $1,500.00 | $1,550.00 | $1,600.00 |
| Coffee | $34.50 | $0.00 | $30.00 | Coffee | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
|  | TEAM | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | TEAM | $0.00 | $0.00 | $200.00 |
|  | Miscellaneous | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | Miscellaneous | $50.00 | $50.00 | $50.00 |
| ***Officer & Cooordinator Expenses (not copying expenses)*** | Area Alternate Delegate | $0.00 | $0.00 | $168.79 | ***Officer & Co-ordinator Expenses (not copying expenses)*** | Area Alternate Delegate | $50.00 | $50.00 | $100.00 |
| Area Chairperson | $0.00 | $0.00 | $196.88 | Area Chairperson | $50.00 | $50.00 | $100.00 |
| Area Secretary | $205.47 | $0.00 | $28.88 | Area Secretary | $50.00 | $50.00 | $100.00 |
| Area Treasurer | $50.36 | $0.00 | $493.47 | Area Treasurer | $50.00 | $50.00 | $100.00 |
| Area Archivist | $0.00 | $0.00 | $470.00 | Area Archivist | $50.00 | $50.00 | $100.00 |
| Alateen Co-coordinator | $18.55 | $0.00 | $0.00 | Alateen -Coordinator | $25.00 | $25.00 | $25.00 |
| Archives Coordinator | $100.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | Archives Coordinator | $25.00 | $25.00 | $25.00 |
| Forum Coordinator | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | Forum Coordinator | $11.00 | $11.00 | $11.00 |
| Group Records Coordinator | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | Group Records Coordinator | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| LDC Coordinator | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | LDC Coordinator | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| News & Views Coordinator | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | News & Views Coordinator | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Past Delegates | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | Past Delegates | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Web Coordinator | $311.25 | $87.40 | $0.00 | Web Coordinator | $75.00 | $75.00 | $75.00 |
| Area Archivist | $132.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | Area Archivist | $300.00 | $300.00 | $300.00 |
| ***Officer & Co-ordinator Travel*** | Alateen Coordinator | $362.00 | $197.00 | $123.00 | ***Officer & Co-ordinator Travel*** | Alateen Coordinator | $300.00 | $300.00 | $300.00 |
| Archives Coordinator | $301.80 | $311.55 | $301.45 | Archives Coordinator | $300.00 | $300.00 | $300.00 |
| Forum Coordinator | $232.04 | $199.25 | $265.90 | Forum Coordinator | $300.00 | $300.00 | $300.00 |
| Group Records Coordinator | $98.50 | $232.00 | $126.00 | Group Records Coordinator | $300.00 | $300.00 | $300.00 |
| LDC Coordinator | $634.00 | $272.90 | $284.00 | LDC Coordinator | $300.00 | $300.00 | $300.00 |
| News & Views Coordinator | $186.00 | $161.00 | $271.95 | News & Views Coordinator | $300.00 | $300.00 | $300.00 |
| Past Delegates | $277.00 | $251.01 | $332.00 | Past Delegates | $300.00 | $300.00 | $300.00 |
| Public Outreach Coordinator | $298.00 | $295.00 | $789.90 | Public Outreach Co-ordinator | $300.00 | $300.00 | $300.00 |
| Registration | $0.00 | $57.87 | $162.20 | Registration | $300.00 | $300.00 | $300.00 |
| Web coordinator | $77.65 | $137.86 | $351.78 | Web Coordinator | $300.00 | $300.00 | $300.00 |
| Delegate's Travel/Assembly | $67.65 | $539.12 | $241.92 | Delegate's Travel/Assembly | $300.00 | $300.00 | $300.00 |
| Full Equalized Expense | $2,000.00 | $2,443.00 | $1,972.00 | Full Equalized Expense | $2,200.00 | $2,300.00 | $2,400.00 |
| NWRD | $0.00 | $451.30 | $0.00 | NWRD | $500.00 | $500.00 | $500.00 |
| Area Alternate Delegate | $739.86 | $471.70 | $158.76 | Area Alternate Delegate | $300.00 | $300.00 | $300.00 |
| Area Chairperson | $294.30 | $410.20 | $237.90 | Area Chairperson | $300.00 | $300.00 | $300.00 |
| Area Secretary | $218.42 | $344.58 | $119.32 | Area Secretary | $300.00 | $300.00 | $300.00 |
| Area Treasurer | $197.45 | $200.00 | $437.78 | Area Treasurer | $300.00 | $300.00 | $300.00 |
|  |  | ***$8,224.96*** | ***$8,162.82*** | ***$10,683.44*** |  |  | ***$11,201.00*** | ***$11,458.00*** | ***$12,115.00*** |
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|  |  | ***2016*** | ***2017*** | ***2018*** |  |  | ***2019*** | ***2020*** | ***2021*** |
|  | INCOME total: | $11,149.24 | $10,647.60 | $10,000.18 |  | Projected Income/Budget | $10,900.93 | $11,675.97 | $12,451.00 |
|  | EXPENSE total: | $8,224.96 | $8,162.82 | $10,683.44 |  | Projected Expenses/Budget | $11,201.00 | $11,458.00 | $12,115.00 |
|  | ***Difference:*** | ***$2,924.28*** | ***$2,484.78*** | ***($683.26)*** |  |  | ***($300.07)*** | ***$217.97*** | ***$336.00*** |

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| **CHART 2: Expense Summary** | **2019** | | **2020** | | **2021** | |
| Operating Expenses: | $3,315.00 | 29.6% | $3,472.00 | 30.3% | $3,779.00 | 31.2% |
| Officer & Co-coordinator Expenses: | $686.00 | 6.1% | $686.00 | 6.0% | $936.00 | 7.7% |
| Delegate/Alt. Delegate Travel: | $3,300.00 | 29.5% | $3,400.00 | 29.7% | $3,500.00 | 28.9% |
| Officer & Co-coordinator Travel: | $3,900.00 | 34.8% | $3,900.00 | 34.0% | $3,900.00 | 32.2% |

***Chart 2: shows the four major expense categories and what percent of the budget they contain.***

***Operating Expenses includes News 'n Views software [iContact], website hosting [Godaddy], computers and anti-virus software [Delegate and Treasurer] and future purchases of computers and software for Chairperson and Secretary and printing and copying for all officers and coordinators. Operating expenses are approximately 30% of the budget annually.***

***Officer & Co-coordinator Expenses are those expenses incurred while fulfilling the duties of their position. This does NOT include printing and copying expenses, as that is a category by itself [in Operating Expenses]. This is approximately 6% of the budget annually.***

***Travel Expenses are divided into two categories. The expenses for the Delegate or Alternate Delegate to travel assemblies and the World Service Conference in Virginia Beach, VA is approximately 30% of the budget annually. The other travel catagory is officers and coordinators travel to assemblies; it is approximately 34% of the budget annually.***

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| ***Each MT group's responsibility*** *for Area 32 expenditures is an average of* ***$104 per year*** *for the 2019-20-21 budget.* | **2019** | | **2020** | | **2021** | |
| $11,201.00 | **$100.91** | $11,458.00 | **$103.23** | $12,115.00 | **$109.14** |
| *calculations based on the proposed 2019-20-21 budget and the number of active groups in MT [111]* | | | | | |
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**Old Business**

* Pennie presented on the fall evaluations; what we learned from them.

***Changing the things we can. Evaluation Report***

* 1. *People want less information on introductions*
  2. *There are table folders with information in them(Acronyms, definitions, participation, KBDM paper to write notes questions for the floor or pass a note to the person next to you)*
  3. *Where are the different Districts? There are is a Map on the Wall with the district info*
  4. *If you have a problem with facility please let them know.*
  5. *Overcrowding is a problem and we try our best to get big enough spaces sometimes we have to compromise.*
  6. *Speak up come to the mic*
  7. *Workshops – Training DR Leadership (Training last night)*
* Need for Wireless Mic? We would like to get a Thought Force together. Gerrad, Theresa G., Traci D. & Deb L. have volunteered to be on this thought Force.
* Road Trip – you and your board connect – Carol S. – Seattle Oct. 19th. 2019. Will be sending out applications to all D.R.’s to complete if their district would like to apply for this event. Applications are pulled out of a hat. Will get from Carol within the next month. Application needs to be sent in by Sept. Need to be submitted to the Area Chair by August; needs to be done by snail mail. Application needs to be signed by applicant, Area Chair, and Area delegate. Delegate will send application to WSO.

**Task/Thought Forces/ Committee – Reports**

**Area Committee Speaker Guidelines**: **AWSC/Area Assembly Meeting - Spring**

**Speaker committee: Lori Chair, Pennie, Cindy, Mike, Jennie Area Speaker Meeting & Dinner Committee Guidelines (draft) These will be finalized and sent out for the fall assembly.**

**Draft Guidelines**

The Area Speaker Meeting & Dinner was created at Fall Assembly, 2014 with the first Speaker Meeting at Miles City, MT - spring 2015. It is currently held in conjunction with Spring Area Assembly. The hope is that this will become a standalone Al-Anon event.

Speaker Committee meets at Fall Assembly to start planning Spring Speaker Meeting.

Report given at both spring & Fall Assembly

Select 2 Al-Anon Speakers, Registration chairperson, and someone to prepare a flyer.

Registration: Takes all registrations, makes meal tickets if needed and gives final count for meal. Handles all the money. Second person verifies.

Arrange for facility & caterer if needed - Typically committee members living in the host city arrange.

Flyer emailed out end of January through Area Secretary, submitted to *News & Views* and the Area website. Ask Area Secretary to resend reminder about 2 weeks before meal count due.

Registration: RSVPs by a certain date for meal count for caterer.

Facility for approx. 75-100 people - arrange a space for people to sit who do not wish to have dinner

Sound system with microphone and podium.

Dinner Meal - Establish cost for meal. (Cost 2019 & before w/tip $25/per person)

Include gluten free meal option

In past meal has included desert & beverages

Caterer contract - Run by Area Chairperson before signing.

Gifts for speakers - Budget: $50

Financial wrap up report by chairperson

Prepare written report

Email out to Speaker Meeting Committee and Area Chairperson. Area Secretary to distribute.

Collections of registrations: Registrations are made payable to Montana AFG and sent to registration chairperson. Funds collected and given to the Area Treasurer to be deposited; are paid out by Area Treasurer.

Speaker Meeting & Dinner Budget:

Income: Expenses:

Registrations Facility

Other Caterer

Gifts for speakers

Certain # of extra tickets Cost of meals for speakers?

Cost to print tickets

Other

Is your district is interest in having the Area Assembly come to your home town? We will be rotating Spring Assembly every three years to a different location around the state. The next spring change will be in spring 2021.

Questions:

Do we want to pay for speaker meals? Do we want to budget for a few extra meals to sell at the assembly?

Some adjustments made since last one was sent out to the AWSC committee, adjustments are being made and will be ready by fall assembly. We will bring recommendations to the fall assembly. New member volunteered to be on the committee.

Is the speaker meeting a district function or part of the area? It is a function of the Area, hopefully this will transition into a standalone meeting once a year for the Area.

Does it have to be the DR that takes on the role of Chair for the speaker meeting? No, any Al-Anon member who is planning to be at Assembly. Hopefully, within the district to work with the hotel and caterer.

Anyone can come hear the speakers, they do not have to eat dinner. We set the room up so there are chairs for those who come later.

**Task Force AMIAS/Alateen background checks - Shannon**

*Task force charge:* ​ Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) Background Check. Task Force Members: ​Shannon S., Libby G., Libby M., Theresa G., Carol W., Aimee. Background/Historical Info: WSO has the following requirements to become an AMIAS:

1. You must be an Al‑Anon member regularly attending Al‑Anon meetings, working with a sponsor.

2. You must be at least 21 years old.

3. You must have at least two years in Al‑Anon, in addition to any time spent in Alateen.

4. You must complete a background check process verifying that you have not been convicted of a felony and have not been charged with child abuse or any other inappropriate sexual behavior.

5. You must not have demonstrated emotional problems which could result in harm to Alateen members.

**Current Area requirements to become an AMIAS are** (From the current Montana Allied AFG Al​-Anon/Alateen Family Groups Safety and Behavioral Requirements document):

1. Each AMIAS agrees to submit and keep up to date the required registration documentation and processes, as listed under the “Required Documentation and Processes” section, below.

2. An AMIAS must be at least 21 years of age, regularly attending Al​-Anon meetings and an active Al​-Anon member for at least two years in addition to any time spent in the Alateen program.

3. An AMIAS must never have been convicted of a felony, have pending charges/have been charged, or have been convicted of child abuse or any other inappropriate sexual behavior. An AMIAS must not have demonstrated emotional problems that could result in harm to members.

4. Overt and/or covert sexual interaction between any adult and an Alateen member is strictly prohibited for both AMIAS and Alateen members.

5. It is suggested that Alateen members and AMIAS become familiar with more depth of the Alateen program and AMIAS/Alateen member responsibilities by reading Alateen Conference Approved Literature to include the Al​-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P​24/27) and online resources to include G​1, G​5, and G​7, G​19, and G​34 found on the WSO members’ Web site at www.Al​Anon.alateen.org/members.

● The Area Alateen Process Person currently performs the following checks on incoming and renewing AMIAS: ○ Check that the person is not registered as a Sexual, Sexual/Violent, or Violent Offender on the ​ https://app.doj.mt.gov/apps/svow/ ○ Check that the person is not currently listed on the Montana Department of Correction website - ​ https://app.mt.gov/conweb/​ - This search will show persons who are convicted felons.

● Tim Fox’s (Montana Attorney General) office stated that Montana did not require volunteers that worked with vulnerable populations to have a background check for felonies.

Thought Force references (if any): There was a Thought Force for this subject. The Thought Force comments were: AMIAS Felony Background Check Tim Fox’s (Montana Attorney General) office stated that Montana did not require volunteers that worked with vulnerable populations to have a background check for felonies. WSO requires that AMIAS do not have a felony. I requested what other states were doing. There are states that do not require federal background checks. The three that I learned about do various things like requiring letters of recommendations from Al-Anon officers who vouch for AMIAS, and having the potential AMIAS swear that they don’t have a felony in front of notary. KBDM Questions from Thought Force: Are we doing our best to protect Area Alateen from predators and/or mentally unstable members?

**Summary of Thought Force***: It is important to the health of our Alateen groups that we as an Area do our best to protect our Alateen members and ensure they have a safe environment for their meetings. It has become a concern to AWSC and Area members that we may not be doing enough to ensure that Al-Anon members involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) are meeting the guidelines that the Area has set. Al-Anon members have voiced their concerns with the lack of any kind of background check on those Al-Anon members wishing to become certified as an AMIAS.*

**Task Force Summary / Findings: What we discussed and discovered:**

● May need to ask people to provide the states that they have previously lived in, in order to know if the check we are performing actually provides information from the state(s) they have lived in.

● 63 Current AMIAS in the Area as of this date.

● May not be necessary to perform background checks annually with certification vs just once with the initial request to become an AMIAS

● The State of Montana, Department of Justice - Criminal Investigations Division provides different types of background checks for a fee. https://media.dojmt.gov/wp-content/uploads/Criminal\_Records\_Fees\_as\_of\_201 60301.pdf.

● Discussed whether to ask Area to cover the expense of a background check or ask the member to cover the expense themselves.

● Libby M. will do some research on how a person can get their fingerprint card completed. See Appendix A

● Theresa G. will do some research on the background checks that are performed at the State of Montana Department of Justice - Criminal Investigations Division. See Appendix B

● Shannon performed research of other Area Alateen Guidelines - Area guidelines used in research were from Alberta, Washington, Colorado, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. There was no standard for any kind of background checks found, some did full background check, some did nothing more than what our Area does, and some did less.

**Task Force Recommendation**: The Task Force is recommending the following:

● An Additional Data Sheet will be collected from Al-Anon members requesting to be certified. This new Data Sheet will collect the following information: ○ States member has lived in in the last 20 years. ○ All names the member has used. ○ Social Security Number of member ○ Birth Date of member

● The Area Alateen Process Person will do the following in this order upon receiving a request from an Al-Anon member to become an AMIAS: ○ 1. Search the National Sexual Registry - <https://www.nsopw.gov/en/search/verification/>

■ This site contains all sexual offenders across the nation. Data is sourced from public data sources. Each state can be searched individually if needed. Site will provide information where the data was sourced as well as links to navigate directly to other state’s sexual registry websites.

■ If the member is found on this site, the remaining steps will not be taken.

A Name-Based background check will be performed. The member’s name, ssn, and date of birth will be submitted on the Criminal History Online Public Record Search at ​ https://app.mt.gov/choprs/​ under the Public Users option. Each search costs $20.00.

■ The Area will pay the $20.00 fee for the search.

■ The Search can be paid via electronic check, so the Alateen Coordinator will not need to be reimbursed, but will need the checking account information

■ The Search Results will be available immediately in most cases and some will be pending no longer than 3 days.

■ The Search Results will be available for 14 days after the search.

■ Social Security Number is required to have a thorough search and to verify the information received is for the Al-Anon member.

■ A mail-in option for this search is also available.

■ Results received go as far back as the 1950s, Montana State Prison and the FBI maintained arrest fingerprint cards. In 1979, the Montana State Legislature established the central repository. Records maintained by the prison and the FBI have been transferred to the repository. Per MCA 44-5-212, unless required by federal law, expunging, purging, or destroying of criminal justice information is not required based on the length of time such records are held.

■ Where does criminal history record information come from? Most criminal history information originates with local law enforcement and criminal justice agencies such as the courts. These local agencies forward qualifying criminal record information to the state central criminal history repository. This central repository is where criminal history record information is stored and disseminated.

■ What is criminal history record information? Criminal history records contain information\* that is collected by criminal justice agencies. This information may consist of:

● Identifiable descriptions and notations of arrests

● Detentions

● Complaints, indictments or information filed and any related dispositions.

● Sentences

● Correctional status

● Release It also includes identification information such as fingerprint records or photographs, unless the information is obtained for purposes other than the administration of criminal justice. The definition in its entirety is found in Montana Code Annotated 44-5-103(4)(a). \*Not all information is available as public criminal history information.

● The Area Behavioral and Safety Guidelines will need to be revised to add the following:

○ Collect the new data sheet from Al-Anon members wanting to become an AMIAS.

○ Al-Anon members will need to agree to the name-based background check.

○ The Area Alateen Coordinator will need to perform the search and review the results in a timely manner.

○ The Area Alateen Coordinator will need to determine whether or not the results meet this Area requirement: That an AMIAS never have been convicted of a felony, have pending charges/have been charged, or have been convicted of child abuse or any other inappropriate sexual behavior

**Summary of Proposal**:​ *The Area Alateen Behavioral & Safety guidelines be revised to collect additional information on Al-Anon members seeing to become an AMIAS. That Al-Anon members agree to a name-based background check. That the Area Alateen Coordinator performs an additional sexual offender search on the national sexual offender network and if member is not found in that registry that a name-based background check is performed with the State of Montana Department of Justice - Criminal Investigation Division prior to submitting their information to the WSO. That the Area pay for the name-based background check. The current price for this service is $20.00 per search and can be paid via electronic check or credit card.*

* Proper background checks-need past states of residence. If approved, revise the Montana Behavioral Guidelines (get office names), need to review the results in a timely matter. Coordinator will have to determine if applicant should be an AMIAS. Have applicant front the application cost. Discussion: Can reimburse them if passes? Have money set aside if they don’t have money can reimburse them. Proposing to do on initial application, and then again every other year.

Discussion ensued about the use of background checks, who should pay for them, who should receive the information ie; AARP or committee of 2-3. This Thought force is ongoing, will have additional information in the spring. See motion.

**Thought Force Future AWSC and Agenda Topics**

Committee members: Chair-Cindy C., Carole D., Sylke L., Doreen, Connie W., Pam C.

**Charge**: Come up with ideas for future AWSC and Assembly Topics

Five KBDM Questions

1. **What do we know about our membership’s needs, wants and preferences that is relevant to this topic?**

* We find members want more break -out sessions in Assembly, also in the AWSC
* More service workshops and training for DR’s and GR’s.
* Not repetition of AWSC material at Assembly ● Time to discuss to build stronger districts and communication preferences.
* Liked a fast- moving agenda following area Assembly Etiquette guidelines.
* ​More education is needed on
* KDBM
* GR and DR training
* How to use the Al-Anon/Alateen Service manual
* There was a mention in the evaluations about needing more paper copies of reports. Some paper copies were available, do we need to have more?
* More D.R. training at the area level. Then D.R’s will have the ability to train G.R’s at the district level. Right now the Alt. Delegate does the new G.R. training at the area level, if this could be done at the district level, then G.R’s coming in would be better prepared for what their roles at both the district and area levels. Our Alt Delegate has various pieces of literature that is used in the G.R. training, she will need to see what she has and perhaps send out what she can scan, and then send out numbers of the pamphlets being used so D.R’s can get pamphlets. Perhaps doing a training at assembly for all in attendance, and splitting out into smaller groups using the past delegates to hold smaller trainings.

***● VERY IMPORTANT FOR D.R’S TO PASS ON THE INFORMATION COMING OUT OF THE AREA TO THEIR G.R’S. G.R’S WILL BE MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT WHAT TOPICS ARE BEING DISCUSSED, AND CAN DISTRICT WITH THEIR GROUPS PRIOR TO COMING TO ASSEMBLY***.

2) **What ​do we know about our resources (finances, member participation, etc) that is relevant to this topic?**

● -P and L sheets show that some groups do not donate money to the area-​This information is covered through the treasurer’s report.

● -It takes hours to drive across the state. Some people have jobs and/or children and need to be wide awake Monday morning

. ● -Accidents are caused from fatigue.

● -Groups have limited financial resource.

● -Surveys indicate that repetition is not helpful.

● -Resentment develops attitudes that are poor when members are tired and/or hungry.

● -Side bar conversations create distraction.

3**) ​What do we know about the current realities (membership, culture, etc) and our fellowship’s environment (technology, geography, demographic, etc.) that is relevant to this topic?**

● Membership- not all participate because there may be some not knowledgeable about importance of AWSC. ● Technology- conference calls are free and most members have cell phones.

○ Role of AWSC and Assembly

○ Explain the purpose of AWSC, who may attend, who has voice and who has voice

○ Explain the purpose of Assembly, all may attend, who has voice and who has vote.

● G.R’s coming to Assembly don’t always have the minutes from the assembly prior.

4**) What are the ethical implications of our choices – what are the pros and cons? Will our decision be consistent with our spiritual principles**?

○Member may be more apt to share the message with others when they receive new ideas ○ Our spiritual principles on page 118 of our Al-Alanon/Alateen Service Manual is very explicit. ○ Al-Anon is cooperating when it works with others, rather than alone (page 123) Al-Alanon/Alateen Service Manual.

○ A conference call setting the agenda

○ is it possible to go over the agenda at the end of the Assembly and then the conference call is only for new business?

○ how can we get members to attend? To submit topics?

● Possibly schedule the next conference call at the end of the Assembly?

○ Or do the people who attend set the agenda and then the AWSC is used for leadership training.

○ I liked when we had a conference call after the last fall assembly. It helped clear up some questions. Reminds Chairpersons of committees of their commitments. We can set up the agenda for the next conference call.

○ Conference call prior to the assembly, we could finalize our committee reports and get those out to the assembly. Makes time in the assembly for questions.

5) **What do we wish we knew, but don’t?**

● Will regular members be more apt to attend assembly if they know that they will receive valuable training and a chance to participate in fun activities?

● Can we replace AWSC time at Assembly with conference calls? ○ Not sure, this is the only time the DR, Past Delegates, and officers are face to face. This is a good time for leadership training for D.R’s, past delegates and Officers. G.R’s & other members, are welcome to come and listen. If last minutes new business is discussed, G.R. in attendance will have the ability to hear it first hand, and have time to process it prior to assembly.

● Thought Force regarding AWSC and Assembly agenda topics from 9/16 2018 in Kalispell: Discussion concerning the restructuring the AWSC committee, and pre-conference call. If we can use the conference call to remind people of their service commitments, help with preparation of the assembly agenda, the maybe we can let go of the AWSC meeting, start the conference sooner and have more fellowship, leadership, and sharing of experience sharing of hope to support members of the conference.

● At this time only a small portion of the AWSC committee takes part in the conference call, members would need to make the conference call a priority,

* DR’s need to share information with their GR’s so they have the information needed to make informed decisions.
* How to encourage new G.R.’s D.R.’s, members to attend assembly. How to get them there.
* .If unable to be on the conference call either get an alternate to take the call, or listen to the recording of the call that the Secretary has.

● The D.R. is the link between Area and the district.

**Recommendations:**

1. Remind people there is a way to get help financially through the area for help in attending assembly

2. Continue to encourage scholarships, and donations from fellowship to help those who are unable to afford the cost of assembly. 3. Encourage members to write down their questions, and chair ask or questions at set times at the assembly. (Connie will bring pieces of scratch paper for people to ask questions on.)

4. Continue GR. training; only at District level-This is improve knowledge at the district level as well at the area level.

5. D.R. training at the areal level at least every 3 years.

6. D.R.‘s are the liaison between G.R’s and area.

7. Importance of the conference calls

8. Fun ways on learning the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual; as well as Area Guidelines.

9. More education at area level, through skits, trainings, and use of Al-Anon/Alateen materials.

10.Though the use of conference calls, passing out information prior to the assembly; the AWSC and Assembly should be shorter allowing time for trainings, questions, and sharing of experience strength and hope through breakout sessions.

11. Also to help with sidebar conversations, maybe change seating right after assembly starts, maybe number of 1-4, and have all the ones in an area, all the 2’s, and so forth. That will also encourage new friendships, or renewal of old friendships.

12. Maintain ask it basket at Assembly, also add ask it basket to the AWSC meeting

13. Service sponsorship

14. As always encourage members attending to share rooms, if you are going and don’t have a roommate, let the Area Secretary know, and she can send out a mass email letting other members know.

15. When it comes time to vote on moving the assembly, we might look at cutting off edges of the state and keep it within a certain distance to travel. We would like talk about this further.

16. Not all members have email accounts-Email buddies, Can set up account at Public Library and get information that way.

17. Not districts have D.R’s who participate in assembly, AWSC, or conference calls. Therefore those members may not have knowledge of what is going on in our area.

18. If G.R’s that are at Assembly don’t have a D.R., give us your email account and we will send you the information. 19. Have a conference 2-6 weeks after assembly to wrap up any questions that are remaining by AWSC. This will give time for Area Secretary to send out preliminary minutes. Also this will help remind committees of what their purpose is and who their members are. Schedule that call prior to the end of current Assembly.

There seems to be quite a few recommendations. Some of them are being implemented now. Others will take time. Please be sure and share with your fellow Al-Anon members and/or districts. Our committee will look forward to your comments when we meet.

Respectfully submitted

Cindy Caldwell, Chair of Thought force on Changing Area Assemblies.

Questions: Do we need to continue on as a thought force? Do we need to be converted to a Task Force? AWSC will

Meet and decide if we need further discussion. Also, the survey from this assembly might have further information we need to consider. Also, new charge-Look at the length of time both assemblies meet. Do we need to lengthen or change the time frame that we meet at this time? This thought force will remain in effect for the time being.

**Thought Force LDC** –-New Guidelines for the LDC coordinator.

Presented by Carole D.

New forum had article about starting your own LDC. These guidelines will be added to the Montana Area Guidelines.

**Literature Distribution Center (LDC) Coordinator Guidelines**

Presented by Carole D. our LDC coordinator.

When she got the position, found out that Area was no longer designated a LDC. She went through the process, we are now a LDC with full privileges. The new Forum gave out how to get a designated LDC set up. Please support your local LDC. These are the guidelines the thought force have updated. The LDC coordinator will bring literature to Assembly and also to roundups if asked. Her opinion is that bringing literature to the area assembly is very important. She has a helper, and they are very busy. It is a good service.

*Updated 2019*

Term length: 3 years (beginning January 1, after election)

Duties - Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual / Al-Anon Guidelines

Literature Distribution Coordinator duties:

The Literature Distribution Coordinator has applied for and received from the WSO a LDC number in 2017 it allows the LDC to receive a discount when ordering books and pamphlets. This number needs to be passed on to the next Coordinators. The LDC keeps a separate bank account from Montana AFG, they will need to give a treasurer report at Area Assemblies.

1. Serve as a resource on Conference Approved Literature to Montana AFG Assemblies, Area Events, and Round Ups (when invited, the inviting District will pay the expenses)
2. Manage and store Conference Approved Literature inventory. Transport or arranges for transport of the inventory to Montana AFG Assemblies.
3. When a Coordinator has been elected and their district does not have an LDC they may use the Area LDC and the discount to stock up on books to start an LDC in their District. They will need to apply for their own LDC Number.
4. Order Literature books and pamphlets for inventory.
5. Participating in conference calls with Montana AFG Area World Service Committee.
6. Report at each Area Assembly about any new Conference Approved Literature, the LDC treasure

(C26) - Concerns over how to disperse our stockpile of literature that is not moving should be at the discretion of the Literature Coordinator.

(C149) - Area 32 shall apply for an LDC designation from WSO.

(C155) – Matter under consideration – LDC phase out as a clearinghouse. Propose Area LDC be phased out as a clearinghouse.

(C165) - That Area 32 continue the position of Area Literature Coordinator; thus continuing the sale of Conference Approved Literature (CAL) at the Area Assembly.

(C192) - Financial Review – A yearly financial review of all banking accounts be performed by a committee that consists of Area Treasurer, an AWSC member and 2 GR’s.

**Thought Force on Archives**

Presented by Chris K.

Question is: Do we want to get rid of the items that do not pertain to Montana? Question: If we decide to get rid of it, can Jeannie keep it. If kept at Jeannie’s no access, will have access if area archivist has it. All have been digitized except Forums. Digitized copies are stored on thumb drives, we have another one, and also stored on Pennie’s computer. If new technology comes out, then can use new technology. Can it be stored on “the cloud”, drop box”, google drive, google docs. Do want to keep the paper? Important to list the items we are talking about. Will table and bring back to the fall. What is the format is the digitized copy? PDF not search ready.

***Archives Task Force Minutes January 2019***

The Archives Task Force met by Conference Call on January 27

Open with the serenity prayer

Present were

Pennie K, Chris K, Donna E, Kathy J.

The Charge for this task force was to figure out what we want to keep as an Area in Archive

We answered the following Questions

What do we want to keep in as an Area?

* Things that pertain to Montana Al-Anon, including Agendas, Minutes, Financial Statements and Reports, News and Views , Correspondence, Longtime Members Histories, Group Histories , Flyers From Al-Anon and Al-Anon Participation.
* One copy of each book and pamphlet that is published by The World Service Office
* Scrap Books that have been donated to the Area

What to do with Forums?

* We will scan the stories that have been printed from Montana Authors.
* The ones we already have will be turned over the Forum Coordinator.

What to do with photo albums?

* Display them with the book display

What to do with old service manuals?

* not save them

What to do with News and Views?

* not keep paper, they have been digitized
* dispose of them properly

What to do with paper minutes?

* Not keep paper, they have been digitized
* Dispose of them properly

What to do with Book display

* Keep a copy of the earliest edition of books and buy new books as they are published by the World Service Office
* Keep the earliest printing of pamphlets by the newly published pamphlets that World Service Office publish

What to do with Area Highlights?

* Don’t keep the paper dispose of it properly

What to do with old delegates reports?

* Don’t keep paper, dispose of it properly

What to do with conference summaries

* These are available at the World Service Web Site.
* The ones we have will be brought to the Area and Kathy J will give them a home

The past Archivist hand archive coordinator have done a wonderful job of finding and digitizing all the information.

**Purposed motion**

1. That the two positions of Archive Coordinator and Archivist be rolled in to one position.
2. The Area keep a digitized copy of all minutes, Agendas, financial statements, reports, News and Views, correspondence, Long Timers information, group histories, Al-Anon or Al-Anon Participation flyers, speakers from Montana Area that speak at Montana Area Conventions. One Copy of each book and pamphlets that are published by the World Service Office.

Do we need to rescind the following motions C24, C173?

Letter read to the assembly in response to the motions by the task force: *See below*

To: Montana Area 32 Assembly

From: Jeanne H.

Dear Area Assembly (Group Representatives, Officers, Coordinators, District Representatives, Delegate and Past Delegates),

I had the honor of serving Montana Area as Archives Coordinator and Archivist for 7 years.

Recently an Archives Task Force determined that it was no longer necessary or feasible to retain historically original materials. The consensus of the task force is that digital preservation is sufficient.

The Society of American Archivists states there are many ways to preserve archival content, but the artefactual and intrinsic value of the originals cannot be captured in the reproduction.

With that said I am prepared and offering to store the originals that have artefactual and intrinsic value at my residence for Montana Area 32 AFG rather than “disposing of it properly” whatever that might entail, if the recommendations of the task force are ratified by the voting members at assembly.

Love and service in Al-Anon,

Jeanne H. 211 Belt Creek Road Belt, Montana 406-277-4125

*Discussion ensured, tabled until fall assembly.*

**Task Force Evaluations on line** – Survey Monkey (No report sent out) Carol – Evaluations will be on google forms. Responses come back with no names, so it is anonymous. Presented as a power point, questions that will be the evaluations. One for AWSC meeting, one evaluation for Assembly. D.R.’s please send to G.R. either by email or printed for them. This can be an evolving evaluation. If question doesn’t apply to you, don’t answer.

**Delegate Report** – Carol S presented -Power Point Presentation: see below her report.

Delegate report:

I reported on the following: 2018 Annual financial report ending Dec 31, 2018 emphasizing the Core Values: Spiritually based: adhering to our Legacies Honest: treating all equally, with integrity and respect. Transparent: sharing process, content, and information. Self-supporting: refusing outside funding. A few topic changes and updates that have been made at WSO this last year:

1. Let’s Talk About Safety in Al-Anon Meetings and Do Not Refer policies: (1)
2. *Al-Anon/Alateen Behavioral Guidelines and Policies are being streamlined. No changes in policy but changes in wording and ordering of ideas that reflect more unity.*
3. Just for Tonight bookmarks are available to order M-81
4. *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism (AFA) can now be ordered throughout the year.*
5. Digital Strategy - resolved server errors, new website, In The Loop, Meeting Search 2.0 features a map, and search by radius, zip or city… and more.
6. *Membership Survey -  results confirm that, like me, other members are experiencing the joys of recovery and improvement in their lives because of*
7. Strategic Plan is on a big sticky. (2)
8. Next International Convention is in Albuquerque in 2023.
9. *As a new Delegate I am on a Task Force at* WSC *- Service is Relation to Roles, Terms, and Possible Roadblocks.*

\_\_\_**WSO Strategic Plan states**: The currently updated Strategic Plan continues to focus on our organization’s ideology In our planning, we identified three Goals—for Members, for the Public, and for the Organization.

**GOALS (2022-2024)**

* Goal: Members
* AFG, Inc., provides universal access to tools for recovery from the family disease of alcoholism
* Goal: Public
* Both the public and professionals recognize alcoholism as a family disease, and Al-Anon as the universally available effective, and sustainable resource for those affected.
* Goal: Organization
* AFG, Inc., has one global structure, increasing access to knowledge, resources and the program.

**ENVISIONED FUTURE (2024-2029)**

* AFG, Inc., is a global organization with technology-based operations that support the delivery of on-demand, barrier-free access to the program information, meetings and Sponsors.
* The research-validated effectiveness of the Al-Anon/Alateen program in addressing the family disease of alcoholism is recognized by professionals, schools, and religious leaders. Their recommendations to this program increase membership and expand its outreach.
* Society as a whole benefits from reduced healthcare costs, lower levels of incarceration, and increased graduation rates.
* Families and friends of alcoholics benefit from greater connectedness to support no matter their location or language.

**BREAKOUT SESSION**: Topic: 2019 WSC Chosen Agenda Items (CAI). All 8 CAI were posted on stickie notes and the Assembly broke into groups to comment and answer the questions of why they were important. Each group read their answers and then we voted on our top three: As a group we voted 1st choice #6, 2nd choice #2, 3rd choice #3. WSC Delegates will be have breakout discussions as well.

**Topic #1**

**Value of Service in Recovery**

·      Why has participation in service fallen?

·      What are some ways can we support one another in understanding the value of service in our recovery and our fellowship?

Why these “Value of Service in Recovery” CAIs are important:

Though members go to meetings, contribute financially, and read our literature, that doesn’t necessarily mean that they are committing to a home group and filling service positions at the group, District, local, or Area levels. Sometimes, it seems that calls to contribute sharing’s for our literature (submissions to *The Forum*, etc.) fall on deaf ears, even though our enthusiasm seems abundant at the World Service level. What more can we do to share that service is not only fundamental to personal recovery, but also fun!?

Nowadays it appears that some of us have such busy schedules. As members in recovery, we are one of our most valuable resources.

**Topic #2**

**Encouraging Service**

·      Back to Basics—Supporting Group Growth: The group is fundamental; it is the basic unit of our fellowship. What are some ways we can support group growth?

·      How to encourage service in your Area: How can we encourage older and newer members in our Areas to participate in service?

·      What are some ways we can increase new member participation?

·      How can we address the issue of gaps in the links of service?

Why these “Encouraging Service” CAIs are important:

The group is the basic unit of our fellowship. Sometimes, there is a disconnect in the link from the group to the District, which might account for some dark (inactive) Districts throughout the WSC Structure. This might affect Al‑Anon as a whole. What can we do as a Conference to support these disconnected groups?

In my Area, there is a growing number of open District Representative positions as some people move from District Representative to positions in the Area. Why is this? I wonder why some people say "no" when asked to consider a new role in service.

How can we encourage new generations (younger members) to participate in service in the group, District, and Area, and on service boards? The volunteering or commitment to participate seems strong in those older than 60. Is it a generational issue? How do we get more participation, even a small amount, from younger members?

There are some Districts without District Representatives. We are looking for constructive ways to meet the needs of groups and members when there are gaps in the links of service structure. What responsibility does the Area/WSO have in these situations? Are there ways to fill these gaps?

**Topic #3**

**Self-Supporting**

·      If groups purchase their literature from Amazon, is that a violation of our Traditions?

·      How does a Delegate aid Districts that have excess funds in their treasury and that are not contributing to any of the service arms?

Why these “Self-Supporting” CAIs are important:

Although books may be more expensive, there is free shipping with Amazon Prime, and the literature may be delivered much faster. Should groups support our Information Services and WSO rather than buying from Amazon? Is it an affiliation with Amazon to purchase books from them?

This can be an uncomfortable area, however, we cannot grow as a fellowship if we ignore the situation. If Al‑Anon is to be fully self-supporting, we need the donations of all groups and Districts.  
**Topic #4**

**Electronic/Virtual meetings**

* 1. How can we step out of our comfort zone-in this case face to face district and area business meetings and incorporate electronic participation?

Discussion

* + - Is this important/or necessary for all districts?
    - Setting up video conference for Area may serve rural districts not in in attendance.
    - Protocols for anonymity (limited audio only?) video conference software to not display full names, email addresses, passcodes for voting? Protocols would need to be worked out prior to doing any conferencing.
    - Not sure if this would encourage attendance at the district level, would need devices, software, maintenance of web with proper link, storage of audio files on website. Would need new position.
    - Waste of half the time, “can you hear me”
    - Could this actually discourage people from sharing – who is on the other side?
    - Isolate older participants? Require computer savvy to set up?

**Topi**c #5

**Alateen**

1. **How can we revitalize Alateen?**
   * 1. **Work through the schools**

**B) Talk to counselors**

**C) Family nights at school-disperse literature**

**D) Posters in schools (literature)**

**2) Announce needs for AMIAS at meetings (people wo can serve during day))Invite Alateens to Al-Anon meetings.**

**3) Encourage online meetings (G.R.s announce) Montana Chat line Wed evenings**

4) More PSA’s

5) Alateen APP

Topic #6- was not photographed for copying-our apologies.

**Topic # 7**-

Cooperation with AA

1. **Building bridges between Al-Anon and AA; what do we need to establish and maintain links of communication that can foster cooperation and respect between our two recovery programs?**
   1. **Coordinate w/AA meeting to hold your Al-Anon meetings in the same building. “kitchen & livingroom”**
   2. **Couple meetings**
   3. **Social events**
   4. **Have a aa liaison in your district.**
   5. **Virtual meetings**
   6. **Workshop on 4th & 5th steps as it relates to your own awareness, acceptance, and actions.**
   7. **Combined book study**
   8. **Conference approved literature “bridging the gab”**

**Topic #8**

**Al-Anon resources**

1. **In today’s Al-Anon how can we reintroduce our service material to the fellowship as a valuable foundational resource for service-related concerns and questions?**
   1. **Utilize it as part of group topic**
   2. **Reference the manual**
   3. **Put it in the hands of each GR**
   4. **Utilize as reference with service position rotation**
2. **Do we need to define “service arms” in the Service Manual? If so how should we describe it?**
   1. **We are still learning**

District Representative Reports-

**District 1**)

Hi,

I'm Bev O., DR for District 1 which includes Flathead and Lincoln Counties in the NW part of the state. Our District meetings have been lively and fun. We have a fine mix of newcomers to service and seasoned veterans as well as those in-between. There is enthusiasm for the program with good ideas and willing helpers. We currently have 9 registered Al-Anon groups holding 12 weekly meetings in our District. We have a new group starting in Bigfork that will meet in the morning and provide babysitting. That group held its first meeting this week, and we hope it will register soon. Alateen now has three groups meeting regularly - one at the Alano Club and two at the Columbia Falls Junior High. A new group will start in a couple of weeks at Linderman Alternative High School, and the Browning school system has been in touch with us also. Carol W. is our Alateen Chair. She has been to Browning and has committed to going there until the end of the school year to facilitate nine groups in the various schools. These will be every two week meetings, and she is finding local Al-Anon help also. On March 16, we had our annual A Day in Al-Anon fund raiser for the District. Among the 38 attendees were several people who are newcomers to the program. We enjoyed an icebreaker game, two Al-Anon speakers, a circle meeting and delicious lunch and had a net profit of $450.00.One main focus for us right now is the Spring Roundup "Our Path to a Common Solution". In addition to our Al-Anon speaker, we will have a Friday afternoon Al-Anon meeting, Saturday morning panel discussion on "Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships", and a Saturday afternoon workshop "The Surprising Gift of Powerlessness". Flyers are available, and I want to point out that April 15 is the deadline for early-bird registration. We hope to see many of you in mid-May! Thank you for listening!

**District 2**) no DR

**District 3**) District 3 Report. Havre, MT

Gerrad B. DR

Number of active groups in our District: 4

New group on Sunday mornings, 6 months old.

No District meetings held.

Alateen Information- We have one certified sponsor, no meetings currently held. 1 ACOA meeting held Monday evenings. Increased public outreach and institutional activity. Greater distribution of pamphlets, other CAL materials to college. Ongoing meetings with local college campus counselor and an increase of referrals from college campus to Al-Anon. No special events to report other than Al-Anon participation with AA for the annual mini conference held in August. -Attendance has quadrupled in all Havre meetings. Some attribute this change due to Al-Anon members attending open meetings for AA and NA and sharing their experience strength and hope, which has made Al-Anon attractive. The starting of the new meeting also brought in a new format which has been well attended and well liked as it is a different format from the other two meetings. This has increased service participation as well. Greater cooperation among other fellowships has also had a positive impact on Al-Anon membership.

**District 4**) no DR

**District 5**) no DR

**District 6**) District 6 DR Report Spring 2019

District meetings have been held **the 2nd Saturday of each month** unless weather prevents travel. We hold the monthly meeting as soon as possible.

**Group reports:**

Broadus: 3 attendees weekly

Colstrip: 3-4 attendees weekly

Miles City Monday 10-12 attendees weekly

Miles City Hope 11-13 attendees weekly

Miles City Thursday 10-12 attendees weekly

**Special events past and upcoming:**

March-Movie and Wendy’s salads to celebrate Lois Birthday

Writing workshop for Forum and/or Daily reader in May, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Jill M., Alt. DR

**District 7*)*** Nicole B.

We meet the 2nd. Monday of every month at 5:30 pm and try to keep it to a hour.

We are having AMIAS training after our next district meeting with Shannon.

We have 16 groups registered

12 groups with GR's5-10 GR's that show up for district meeting.

There 14 district positions 13 which are filled.

March 2nd we had a birthday party for Lois.

Love in service

Nicole B., DR

**District 8***)* To: Al-Anon Family Groups, Montana Area Assembly From: AFG District 8, Bozeman Date: April 6, 2019 RE: Report to Area

Hello Members of the Al-Anon Fellowship! My name is Jill J and I serve as the Alternate DR for Montana District 8 which encompasses a swath of Southwest Montana including Bozeman, Belgrade, Big Sky, West Yellowstone, Manhattan, Livingston, and Big Timber. Our new District Representative, Katie T, and I, as Alt DR, were recently elected at the February District meeting. This is a first time service position for me at the District level. Katie T has served in years past at the District level and looks forward to serving again. Our District is vibrant with only two service positions vacant – Treasurer and Alateen Coordinator. Carol J has generously offered to maintain the books as Interim Treasurer until a new Treasurer is found. Our District recently added a new meeting in Big Timber. The Big Timber group meets every Tuesday at noon. A group of Al-Anon members from Bozeman is planning to attend the meeting this coming Tuesday to support the start of the meeting and provide some literature. In the spirit of cooperation, not affiliation, District 8 Al-Anon is helping to organize the Al-Anon participation at the 2020 AA Spring Roundup in Bozeman. More to come on that as we get closer to the event. Bozeman has an Al-Anon meeting 7 days a week, and District wide there are several meetings a day. We are very blessed to have such vibrancy in our recovery community. Katie and I share a goal of continuing to foster this vibrancy in our recovery community in District 8, as well as grow our contribution at the Area level.

Love in Service, Jill J, Alt DR Katie T, DR

**District 9** Report for Spring Assembly 2019

District 9 has been having fun the past 6 months. We had a Halloween Party/Dance with AA . We had a taco bar and wore costumes.

December we had a Christmas Party with AA which was a potluck and music by the AA band. Santa brought presents for all the children.

Last weekend we had our annual Italian Dinner with pastas, chicken and desserts. Our speakers were first time speakers and both shared very powerful recovery.

We have a Wednesday Alateen at one of the Churches and have 2 Alateen members that are 10 and 11 years old. We have 4 AMIAS and we trade off every other week attending the Alateen meeting. If they do not show up then we go to the Al-Anon meeting that is scheduled at the same time.

It has been 1 year that we started our Institution meetings at MCDC. They are very appreciative of our meetings. The men have 20 to 30 and the women have 10 to 20. They don’t have family in this setting but do take our pamphlets home. I am encouraging them to connect with Al-Anon and direct them to the online listings for meetings.

Our groups are seeing newcomers that are coming back and staying. Some are double winners. They have been coming for 6 to 12 months now and ask when they can do service work. Monday night will be voting for a new GR this Monday so now all the Groups are represented in Butte. The smaller Groups in the District tend to stay in their corners but are invited to the events we plan. Anaconda members do come to some events in Butte. They express their meetings are still active.

I am trying to fill the District secretary and public outreach positions. I am so grateful for the commitment that the Groups have for their Program. I love Al-Anon and all the beautiful people I have met through these rooms. Members of Area 32,

This past few months has been routine for District 9. We had our Italian Dinner which was well attended by AA and Al-Anon. We have our Hotline phone which is passed to Group members. We receive some calls but they are fewer since most information is online. In April we started an institution meeting at MCDC and it is going well. We have an Alateen meeting at the Gold Hill Lutheran Church on Wednesdays at 730 pm. We have one male member. We had a summer potluck picnic at Father Sheehans Park and it was fun for the families of both programs to have fun together. My greatest challenge is getting people to step up to service. We have 8 Groups in our District and 2 Group Representatives. I offered to be Alternate Group Representative but no one has come forward to be District Representative and I may have to accept a third time. My goal this year is to increase members of our Alateen Group. I am appreciative of your support and I am so grateful to belong to this life changing Program. Peace to all of you and thank you to all the Area Coordinators for your hard work these past three years.

In service, Chris Ketchum D.R. 9.

**District 10**: District 10 Report Spring 2019

Statistics: We currently have 21 Al-Anon meetings in our district, 12 of which are in Missoula.

Alateen; we currently have one active Alateen Meeting in our district. This meeting is on Thursday evenings at 7:30 at the same time and place as an Al-Anon and an AA Meeting. 235 S. 5th Street Missoula, MT. We have some AMIAS participating in the Wednesday Chat. We currently have 14 trained AMIAS in the Missoula Area.

Public Outreach Our public outreach coordinator is mainly focused on distributing pamphlets and ensuring there is awareness of Al-Anon within the health community. We have planned some larger campaigns with newspaper ads & radio spots. Two Al-Anon members spoke at Hellgate High school at an assembly for freshman and sophomores. Three other members spoke at the College of Nursing on Mar 21st. Several members spoke at Meadow Hill Middle School on Wed, April 3rd during their health class.

Scholarships; last year we had some surplus money that we decided to set aside as scholarships for Assembly Travel and Childcare Support. That money carried through 2019. We decided to continue allocate the funds that carried over from last year to continue to provide scholarships both for Assembly Travel and for Childcare Support. So far, we have received no applications. .

2019 Fall Roundup Planning for Roundup is moving smoothly along. A survey was distributed to District 10 GRs and they were asked to share this survey with their groups. The purpose was to collect input and ideas. Lots of great feedback was received and then used to guide the committee as they planned the Al-Anon portion of the event. Workshops, panel meetings, Jam Circles, Dances, tons of fellowship & Al-Anon and Alateen speakers (Friday night Emily L. from Stevensville, Saturday afternoon there will be an Alateen speaker, and Saturday night Barbara A. from Atlanta, GA. Online registration is available at www.missoularoundup.org. Hotel Reservations can be made at the Holiday Inn Downtown by calling 406-721-8550 or following the link provided at the registration link I mentioned above. Babysitting will be provided and there will be a full Alateen program as well. I have flyers with me for you to take back to your groups. Please come for recovery and fellowship.

Submitted by

Robin Kendall, District 10 Representative Presented by: Warren M., District 10 Alternate DR Missoula, April, 2019

**District 11**

District 11 currently has 12 regular meetings (2 meet twice a week and one meeting is in Townsend.) One of these meetings takes place at a sober living facility for women. There is also a weekly Alateen meeting with regular attendance of 6 with another 3-4 who attend when they can. The District holds a business meeting once a month. There is also a monthly 1st Friday Speaker Meeting. The District holds two events each year in cooperation with AA. One, in March, is Pockets of Enthusiasm. The other, in November, is the Attitude of Gratitude. At that event a silent auction is held and the proceeds are divided with 25% going to WSO, 25% to Area and the remainder to the District. In 2018 the Fall Round-Up was held in Helena. In August the District hosts a summer picnic at a local lake. The last business meeting of the year is a holiday party with are invited. This year the District created a new position to help coordinate and support these events. The Helena District has a Literature Distribution Center. A couple of years ago the center, which is operated in cooperation with AA, moved location. Expenses were higher and the District committed to supporting the center by paying rent and utilities. Today the center is self-sufficient and no longer needs this support

Libby Goldes, District Representative, District 11

**District 12***:* April 6, 2019 Area Assembly Meeting in Belgrade, MT

**District 12** Report

Submitted by Laurie Evenson

District Meetings meet monthly on Monday night at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 600 2nd Ave. North. A new location is being sought due to the length of time the meeting would like to meet. An Al-Anon meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the same room following the District Meeting and members enter the room prior to 7:15 p.m. forcing the District Meeting to close early. Rotation of Service positions were done in January. Kim Brent, accepted the District Representative position at the District Meeting held on November 19, 2018. Kim B. resigned this position January 21, 2019. Elections for District Officers were held February 18, 2019. Deb W. nominated Laurie Evenson for District Representative. Laurie asked that the groups be notified of this position and ask for any other interested members to step forward. Nancy Rabe accepted the Treasurer’s position. Diane Pesheck accepted the Secretary position. Positions still open are; Alternate DR, Alateen Coordinator, and Literature / Public Outreach Coordinator. There are currently 7 groups with 9 meetings weekly. There is a meeting every day of the week. Treasurer reports a balance of $2,572.88. The District purchased books from Early Birds group for $797.75. Expense sheets were passed out to the Group Representatives to keep a financial paper trail. There are no previous monthly Treasurer reports. The importance of the Quarterly Appeal was discussed. Group Reports were given; i.e. having regular scheduled business meetings, filling all group service positions, using conference approved literature for meeting topics. DR is attending all meetings. District and groups are sorting out an abundance of literature. DR Laurie E attended AA District meeting on March 6 and gave Grant an updated list of Al-Anon meetings for the AA/Al-Anon meeting schedule.

Announce Upcoming Local Events:

* May 4 2019 – 12 Step Study Group at Civic Center
* June 8, 2019 – Founders Day, Al-Anon Speaker or Skit
* June 21-23 2019 – Unity Campout, seeking Al-Anon Speaker
* September 6-7 Fellowship at the Falls, Al-Anon Speaker Tana P.

**District 13**: No DR

**District 14**: No report received.

***Coordinator Reports***-

Alateen/AAPP- Spring Assembly - Alateen Coordinator Report

Missoula - District 10 - 4 Al-Anon members went into a Middle School as guest speakers to four different 7th grade health classes for their segment on alcohol. A member teaches at the school so they were invited in. They have one Alateen meeting that meets on Thursdays 7:30 at the First Presbyterian Church sponsored by the Legacy group that also meets a time. Age Groups 10-17. 10 AMIAS in rotation for that meeting. We have some AMIAS participating in the Wednesday Chat. We currently have 14 trained AMIAS in the Missoula Area.

Quote as heard in a meeting from the Alateen Coordinator in Missoula - “Calm Your Mind and Open Your Heart”..

Bozeman - District 8 - No Alateen currently and No Alateen Coordinator

Butte - District 9 - Alateen Meeting on Wednesdays at 7:30 at the same time as an Al-Anon meeting in the same church. The meeting has 2 members that attend intermittently. They are 4 AMIAS available for Alateen.

Helena - District 11 - Alateen Meeting is on Thursdays at 6:45 and has 7 members who attend on a regular consistent basis. The Alateens attend the AA events that Al-Anon participants in and is a part of our recovery committee. We are planning on attending the Washington Alateen Conference this July in Ellensburg, Washington. We have raised the money to go to the conference.

Columbia Falls/Browning - District 1 - Columbia Falls Linderman School will start an Alateen meeting next week. This is their Alternative High School. Columbia Falls Middle School has 2 Alateen meetings. Monday Night Alateen meetings meets at the Alamo Club and has kids in attendance.

Browning -District 2 - Browning will start 9 Alateen meetings in the school April 30th. The Alateen Chair for the District has committed to attend three meetings every 2 weeks until school is out.

Havre - District 3 - No Active Alateen at this time.

Billings - District 7 – I was asked to come to Billings to do an AMIAS training in Billings

Great Falls - District 12 - No Active Alateen at this time.

I did not hear back from any other Districts.

Recertification is coming up, I will be sending an email out to all active AMIASs’ in the next week regarding recertification. I plan on asking AMIAS to reply to the email to let me know if they want to be recertified and send any information that needs to be updated.

Currently we are seeking more AMIAS to participate in the Alateen Chat meeting that is held on Wednesdays 7:30-8:30. We need more support in this area. Requirement is that you have a Computer available as the chat does not work on your phone.

I am working on an Alateen Training presentation, so I will be able to provide Training to multiple people at the same time soon. I am available to do phone training for anyone seeking to be an AMIAS.

In Love and Service, Shannon S.

**Group Records-** No report, Districts, please send her update meeting information.

**Montana AFG Web Coordinator Report**

April 5th, 2019

Met with Brett to go over accounts and passwords in January.

Started making updates to website information

Still a bit unclear on what should be posted and for how long.

Sylke and I are working out how to share information better between News & Views and website.

Wasn't expecting to be sole online contact for area. Web coordinator often is only contacted for website issues. There is usually an administrative contact for general information and/or referrals

Another potential area of concern is accessibility.

**Literature Coordinator Report**

First, I would like to say thanks for letting me be of service. I also want to thank Judy for being the biggest help. She has the Assembly literature at her house and she has been the one doing the ordering and holds the check book.

I have been the one that has the vehicle to transport the literature to Assembly and if need be to Roundups. So far Miles City has been the best customer.

If you need any literature please contact me (Carole @ 406-234-3330 or 406-853-5577 or [dighans42@hotmail.com](mailto:dighans42@hotmail.com)) OR Judy @ 406-853-2845 or [judy\_26@aol.com](mailto:judy_26@aol.com). Yes; there will be shipping and handling added to the order.

Remember; when you buy from your local Literature Distribution Center, you support your local services.

With the money from fall assembly we were able to build up the inventory.

We have Al-Anon Faces alcoholism 2018, we will plan on ordering 2019 for next assembly.

Some pamphlets that have been discontinues are on back table, please take them. They might be something pertaining to your archives.

Thanks again for letting us be of service

From Judy and Carole (your Literature Coordinator)

**News & Views: Newsletter Coordinator Report and Questions**

April 5, 2019

Current Subscribers: 342

Last Newsletter sent: March 31, 2019

Opens: 127 (37%)

**Survey**

36 people participated in the survey.

Everyone can see the detailed results here:

Survey Results: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-WGT9YXCWV/>

**My take-away:**

* **Event Information**: most participants (74%) want to see information about Al-Anon and Alateen Events across the state. I don’t have access to that information, unless you send it to me. **Please**: Either DRs or the District Event Coordinators – send me event information as early as possible. It doesn’t have to be a complete flyer; I would just take time and date and some contact info.
* **Frequency**: I would like to set a regular, specific frequency. I was thinking every two months, but I would be willing to do a monthly newsletter, too, if we have enough content. If the frequency is lower, I am afraid some information might be obsolete by the time the next newsletter is coming up. How reasonable do you think it would be to get information to me monthly? Would Districts be interested in having a designated News & Views liaison?
* **Alignment with the Website:** There were a few comments about not repeating information that can already be found on the website, or that maybe should be on the website, as it is static (such as the Literature Depot information).
* Also, I think we definitely need a way to sign up for the Newsletter directly from the website (without emailing me and me having to sign up people manually).
* I have contacted Sue, the Web coordinator, to talk about some of these things, but I wasn’t able to actually talk to her before I left for Germany.

Thank you for allowing me to serve Al-Anon in this way. If you want to help, write a personal share or a literature review, please contact me at [newsnviewsmt@yahoo.com](mailto:newsnviewsmt@yahoo.com)

Sorry, I can’t be with you this weekend,

**PI/CPC-**

Public Outreach Area Report: It’s going to be a great year in Al-anon and Alateen. My hope is we can all get the word out about our wonderful programs. I will continue to send you information from AGF Connects. Hopefully, what I have sent has been informative for a few of you. I welcome any questions or ideas your district may have for Public Outreach. Feel free to email me [cjt.watson@yahoo.com](mailto:cjt.watson@yahoo.com).In Service

Carol W., [debsw8142gmail.com](mailto:debsw814@gmail.com).

**FORUM-***No coordinator at this time. Report given by Pam C. Alt. Delegate. Information from WSO***.**

Hi Everyone

As you may have heard the person who was elected as Forum Coordinator has resigned. We need to fill this position please announce at your District Meetings and Groups. If anyone is interested in this position they will need to attend the Assembly in April. (this note emailed in February)

**Just a little FYI as of December 2018, Montana has**

**25 Groups that Receive copies of the Forum. Does your group have a Subscription?**

**125 individuals receive the Forum. Do you have a subscription?**

<https://al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/literature/magazines/> click on Subscription

**Here is a request from the Forum Editor at The World Service Office please pass this along to your groups**

Hi, *Forum* Coordinators,  
  
I have a special request. In each issue of *The Forum*, we try to include what used to be called "My Story" sharings. When I began work as Editor, I had a batch of these sharings. However, they have all been used, creating the need for more of them.  
Please take a look at the guidelines below and consider submitting your story for possible publication in the magazine.  
If I could receive those sharings by Monday, February 18, that would be great. However, I am happy to receive any at any time.  
What's Your Story?

Dear *Forum* readers, your sharings about your journey through recovery from the effects of the disease of alcoholism are needed. Previously titled "My Story," these sharings focus on what brought you to Al-Anon and what keeps you coming back. Here are some things to think about when writing:

* What was your life like before coming into Al-Anon?
* In what ways were you affected by someone's drinking?
* How did you hear about Al-Anon?
* What were your first meetings like?
* What kept you coming back?
* What is your life like now? In what ways has the program benefited you?

Submissions should range from about 700 to 1300 words. Remember-don't worry about spelling or punctuation. Your sharing will be edited before publication. You can inspire readers by sharing your own experience, strength, and hope. Please submit your sharings to me at [marks@al-anon.org](mailto:marks@al-anon.org)  
Thank you for your help!  
Yours in service,  
Mark Summerall, Magazine Editor  
*The Forum*

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| You will find the Forum Sales Report for February, January, and December. I know this is lengthy, however I thought you might want to see  what the other areas are doing in sales. | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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**Archives**: See report from Thought Force for Archives

**New Business**

* ***Election for Forum Coordinator***:

Diane H. (dhelgath@hotmail.com) from Helena, elected as Forum Coordinator.

* ***TEAM Event*** (information sent out 2/12/2019): who wants to be the leader on this) Miles City-interested. They will get the necessary information to apply. No volunteers, G.R’s will take back to their groups and districts.
* Forms for Task/Thought Force, and Framing the Topic sheets Forms last sent out by Pennie. Please use these forms when on a Task Force or Thought Force. Framing the Topic sheets are used for introducing new business to the area. Please be sure and name what task/force, or new business when submitting to secretary to be distributed to the area.
* **WSO Guest**-What do we want to have them do on their visit in the fall of 2020 – Please send your preference to Pennie by April 14th. See below some ideas.
  + KBDM
  + Leadership
  + Trustee recruitment
  + Service
  + Sponsorship
  + Group Growth
  + Communication
  + Alateen
  + Service arms
  + Concepts

New Business:

**Skype for those who cannot get to assembly Thought Force: Thought Force formed: Tracy, Theresa, and Gerrad**

**Topic for discussion:** Having Skype Accessible for Area Assembly Meetings, on a need basis when traveling is too difficult. Not a permanent replacement for meeting attendance, just a tool available if needed.

1. Summarize why you brought this question/topic forward to the group. Relevance and context. Why are we having this discussion now? Why is this discussion Important?

**Summary:** When I mentioned to some fellow members that I wouldn’t be able to attend this area meeting because it was so far and my truck is too old to go that distance, it was brought to my attention by several local members that this has been a long time issue for our District in the past because of the vastness of our state- traveling farther than others may need to, given our geographic location. Thus, we as a district have not been able to attend these important gatherings on a consistent basis, which obviously has an impact on our district. **The option of having skype as a tool came up for discussion among these other members and myself as a way to not replace physical attendance, but as a tool to use when traveling to a certain meeting/assembly is not possible or realistic.**

1. Include any available background information on the topic. Sources could include but are not limited to WSO, AWSC, Group Records, CAL(conference Approved Literature), our Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual or past meeting minutes which may include relevant past motions or discussions related to the topic.

**Historical Background Information** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Previous DR’s for this district have concurred that our district has low area meeting attendance due to the extensive distance required to some of the gatherings.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO CHAIRPERSON

DATE SUBMITTED:\_\_4/4/2019\_\_ Signed by Pennie K., Chair

**Task Force for Purchasing Laptops for Area Officers/Coordinators- Need thought force formed, this was not addressed at the assembly. Will place on Agenda for fall.**

Montana AFG Framing the Topic Worksheet

Topic for discussion:​ Purchase lab tops for Area officers: \_

How would purchasing laptops for area officers benefit the area? Summarize why you brought this question/topic forward to the group.

Relevance and context. Why are we having this discussion now? Why is this discussion Important? Summary:​ I am bringing this subject to the area; as it seems the appropriate time to start the discussion. Over the last 6-10 years Al-Anon as a whole seems to moving into the electronic age. It would be advantageous for our officer positions to have laptops to pass on to the incoming officers. This would be advantageous for 3 reasons.

1) Passing on of information

2) Keep separate Al-Anon information from private information

3) Passwords would go with the laptop and not have to change for security reasons.

4) Members who feel their personal laptops aren’t adequate to use for area business would feel empowered to try the position.

Historical Background Information; Positions at the area have evolved over the years, in order to fulfill the requirements of officer positions, it is necessary for the members to have a working laptop with all the latest technology specific to the position they are in. In order to limit the use of paper, WSO passes on all information electronically; as does the area. Two years ago, the area voted to purchase a laptop and an accounting program for our treasurer, so that this information could be passed on to the next treasurer with ease. Last fall we voted to purchase a laptop for our delegate along with a printer, support, virus protection, and projector.

​PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO CHAIRPERSON

DATE SUBMITTED:January 27, 2019; Signed by Pennie K

Assembly Registration – this was not addressed at the spring assembly, will talk more about it in the fall.

Though force created: Connie W., Pam C., Kay S.

**Topic for discussion:**

**Assembly Registration**

* Should we have pre-registration for the Assembly?
* Should we raise the price of registration for Assembly?

1. Summarize why you brought this question/topic forward to the group. Relevance and context. Why are we having this discussion now? Why is this discussion Important?

**Summary:**

* Pre-registration for Assembly: we need a head count for lunch at the Spring Assembly. It would be nice to know how many people are coming to the Assembly. Right now we look at how many rooms are booked and multiply by 2 for the double rooms and add the king rooms as one person. Spring of 2018 we were short on some of the lunch supplies.
* Raise the price of registration: We have set the amount of 15 dollars for the registration in the spring this includes the lunch. Having lunch catered is costing more. We also charge so we can pay for the meeting room.

1. Include any available background information on the topic. Sources could include but are not limited to WSO, AWSC, Group Records, CAL(conference Approved Literature), our Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual or past meeting minutes which may include relevant past motions or discussions related to the topic.

**Historical Background Information:**

* Pre-Registration for Assembly
  + I cannot find any information on the history or not having a pre-registration at the Assembly.
* Raise the price of Registration
  + I have attached all the motions that I was able to find on Registration.
  + I could not find any on when we started charging for Registration.
  + Lunch was catered by facility because we only had 1 hour for lunch so we could get back to the meeting.
  + Trying to find catered lunch under $15.00 is getting harder.
  + We have not changed the cost or registration for 10 years.

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DATE SUBMITTED: April 3, 2019 (to be filled out by chairperson)

Attachment all Motions I have found on Registration.

1994 (C31) Registration raised to $10.00 with leftover money to go into state coffers by Lori C. 2nd Sonja B. passed.

1997 (C51) I move that the registration for the assembly remain at $10 which includes lunch buffet choices at restaurant. If people decline lunch the registration be $5. The overture will go for assembly expenses and into the state treasury. Passed unanimously. See also #31.

2002 (C116) Registration Fee for Area Assembly: Have both the Spring and Fall Assembly registration fee at $10. Motion passed. 28 yes/ 1 no/ 0 abstain

2005 (C147) Matter under consideration: Motion C-51

Motion: Move to rescind motion C-51 which states the following: The registration for the Assembly remain @ $10.00 which includes lunch buffet choices at restaurant. If people decline lunch the registration be $5.00. The overage will go for assembly expenses and into the State Treasury. Submitted by Pennie K. and seconded by Elaine D. Motion passed. yes 28, no 1, abstain 0

2009 (C184) Rescind Motion 116. Have both the Spring & Fall Assembly registration fee at $10. Submitted by Donna E Seconded by Kathy J

Motion carried. 26 yes 0 no 0 abstain

2009 (C185) Registration Fee. Registration fee for Spring & Fall Assembly will be

$15. Submitted by Donna E. Seconded by Kathy J Motion carried. 15 yes 11 no 0 abstain

**Motions: C225**

**AMIAS Background checks 4/6/19**

**Area 32 will assume the financial costs for the name-based background checks for the certification of new AMIASes and recertification of existing AMIASes for the period from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Motion submitted by Shannon S., Seconded by Libby G.**

**G.R Count-36 voting G.R.’s-25 for, 9 no, 2 abstained. Motion passed. Area will pay for recertification of new AMIAS for one year. We will have more information in the fall.**

**Discussion: 63 current AMIAS, suggestion that districts would support this by contributing money to Area, Tag it for Alateen. The cost is $1,260 to certify 63 AMIAS, this is an estimate as not sure how many of these will recertify for 2019-2020.**

**Roundups**

Spring 2019 – Kalispell (Red Lion Inn, Kalispell, MT)

May 17-19, 2019

Fall 2019 – Missoula MT-Oct 11-13, 2019

* Spring 2020- Bozeman
* Fall 2020- Billings
* Spring 2021 - Butte
* Fall 2021 - Great Falls
* Spring 2022 - Helena

**3:15 PM: Ask it Basket-who decided that conference calls were better than face to face. The area decided about 6 years ago. Easier to pass out information, members will have a good idea what will be happening at assembly prior to assembly. If groups need to discuss a topic in advance of the assembly, there will be time for them to do this prior to the assembly.**

**#2 – Can we get emailed the information in the table folders? Yes-Pennie will do that**

**#3- is it possible to have more than one G.R., when you have 3 meetings under 1 name. No, one G.R. per group registration number. See our Al-Anon Service manual.**

**#4-What is the purpose of the AWSC-see page 155 in the Al-Anon/Alateen World Service Manual.**

**# 5- Questions for Alateen coordinator: With background checks, are there protections for Transgender community especially those who are stealth? Who all sees the background information and how is it kept confidential? We do not ask gender. Currently the only person who sees the information is the Alateen Coordinator, and she keeps it confidential.**

**#6-Request- If reference is made to doing something, please include information about who to contact, along with contract information. For example: address, where to send $ to Area, who to contact regarding Road trip and any other items discussed at Assembly.**

**#7-Suggestion: Why not have coordinator and DR reports submitted ahead of time to be distributed with agenda materials. That time could then be used for other purposes and/or to discuss ideas issues brought up in the reports.**

**Announcements:**

* **Remember to send love gifts to Carol**
* **Start looking for places for Spring Assembly 2021 (voting in fall of 2020)**
* **Please turn in nametags before leaving.**
* **Please put your group number on any donations sent to Area. Also, if sending in information marked for a specific purpose, please add sticky for that purpose.**
* **Alt. Delegate Pam-Montana Area Guidelines are available, let her know and she can either email to you or print or send it to you.**
* **$77.00 collected for new forum subscriptions which will be given to members who complete the registrations on the table.**

**Meeting adjourned with Al-Anon Declaration**

VISION: To ensure that all Al-Anon/Alateen groups in Montana have an opportunity to affect the direction of Al-Anon as a whole through shared information between the groups and the World Service Conference (WSC).

MISSION: To collect and distribute information and reports, initiate projects, and make recommendations that support Al-Anon/Alateen at all levels (groups, districts, and WSC).

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**2019 Speaker Meeting - Saturday Evening after Assembly:** Fellowship at 6 Dinner at 6:30 right here at the Hotel in this room

**Fall AWSC and Assembly 2019**

September 21 & 22, 2019

20 N Main, Red Lion Inn, Kalispell, MT

Phone # 406-751-5050, Room Block “AFG”

**Spring AWSC and Assembly March 27 and March 28, 2020**

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

Phone #406-388-7100. **Room Block AFG**

Belgrade, MT 59714

World Service Committee (AWSC): March 27, 2020 Friday, 7 - 9 pm

Area Assembly: March 28, 2020 Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm

**2020 Speaker Meeting - Saturday Evening after Assembly** Time and location TBD

**Fall AWSC and Assembly 2020**

September 19 & 20, 2020

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**Wrap up reports**:

**Area Speaker Meeting & Dinner Financials - Spring 2019**

The spring 2019 Speaker Meeting was a huge success!! We had approximate 60 people attending with 50 for dinner.

A Big Thank You to our fabulous speakers Carol and Nicole for sharing your experience, strength & hope!

Many wonderful comments on the dinner and the facility.

Unfortunately, we still have some growing pains as 3 people who had requested tickets did not come and were not paid in advance.

So here’s a breakdown of the income & expenses:

Income: $1,250.00 ($24/meal @ 50)

Expenses:

Caterer $1,272.00 ($24/meal @ 53)

Facility -0

Gifts -0- Donated

Ticket printing -0- Donated

Shortfall: ($22.00)

The committee meet over the weekend and made preliminary plans for next 2020 spring’s Speaker Meeting & Dinner. Thank you all for all your hard work.

We hope you will mark your calendar and tell others about next year’s event. It will be on **Saturday, March 28th, 2020** at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites in Belgrade.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

In Love & Gratitude,

Lori K

**Tentative Attendance information**

Here is tentative data from April-2019 AFG.

Number of members from each District;

1-5

6-5

7-9

8-8

9-1

10-4

11-10

12-5

14-2

Many empty spaces on older registration forms.

Good showing of number of districts attending overall,

at least 9 of 14 for 65%. MT is large geographic state.

Thanks for this opportunity!

Kay

Respectfully Submitted

Cindy Caldwell, Area Secretary