

# News & Views

Maritime Assembly Area 91 Newsletter – July 2021

## Statement of Purpose

News & Views is published in **February, April, July, September & November**. The newsletter contains service related news and information for Al-Anon Family Groups in Area 91. **Send submissions to:**

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**All items for the September, 2021 Newsletter**

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## **Chairperson's Corner:**

Hello everyone! Its summer, my favorite time of the year. Hope you get to enjoy the nice weather and with restrictions lifting, maybe travel around the area a bit!

Thank You! – To everyone who attended and participated in our wonderful and successful Assembly. We were able to complete our business, elect a full slate of Officers and Coordinators for the 2022-2024 term, stay on time, and use new technology (Jamboard Ask-It-Basket). We managed to have an Assembly virtually on Zoom that was very similar to an in-person Assembly, with 3-minute sharings, a closing speaker, an optional Al-Anon meeting, and a sharing session on a timely topic. This would not have been possible without each one of you! I am once again impressed that your dedication to this program wins out over your fear or discomfort of participating virtually.

I sent an email thanking everyone after Assembly; so will not do that here, but want to remind everyone who attended that you may still do an evaluation form and send it to me during the summer. I will compile the results for the Virtual AWSC meeting on October 2. They will be used to improve our future meetings. My contact info is below for those who may not have it.

If you have tried to access the website, you will have found that things are not working the way that they should. Last year, Vistaprint purchased Webs.com. Webs.com was our Area Website Host site. We were advised last fall that the website would be migrated to the Vistaprint site eventually. That happened in mid-June, and as things that are technical can be... there were glitches in the migration. I have been in touch with Vistaprint and they are working with me to fix some of the issues. We have identified other issues that essentially mean the pages on the website have to be redone, and that folks, will take some time to fix.

As of this writing, I have gone through each of the meeting cards and they are as up to date as I can make them from information before the transfer to Vistaprint, district lists from Assembly, and submitted changes. **Please check your meetings to see if they are correct, especially where restrictions are being lifted.** Please send any updates to me, or by using the meeting card update form on the website, or emailing [area\\_91@hotmail.com](mailto:area_91@hotmail.com). I am aware that tablet and mobile view of the meeting cards are awkward, so will start to work now on making them more tablet and mobile view friendly over the next while.

There is much in the Member pages that is not working at all right now. In the migration, the password-protected areas did not transfer correctly and these pages will have to be redone. It is a good time for an update of the website overall, so as I get things working again, the look and layouts may be different than what you are used to. I will endeavor to have things fixed up as soon as possible, but as I said, it will take time. The password is still **serenityodat** to access password protected pages and files. I appreciate your cooperation in checking your meeting cards and sending updates, and your patience as I work through getting the website functional again. Feel free to check things out periodically and if you have comments or suggestions, contact me.

Congratulations to the Officers and Coordinators elected to serve next term. I look forward to working with all of you. District and Group elections will be happening, over the next several months, if they have not already. Please consider allowing your name to stand for a Group or District position. You never serve alone, there are many who can assist you, and the rewards of service are numerous. The

next **Virtual Workshop** topic is **Service 101**, and will be **Saturday September 25, from 10 am-12 pm on Zoom**. Everyone is invited to participate and I hope to see you then!  
As always, any questions, concerns, or comments, send to: Mickie Zinck, 224 Nadia Drive,  
Dartmouth, NS, B3A 0A9, 902-407-9041, marvymickiez@eastlink.ca  
Love in Service & Hugs, Area Chair, Mickie

### **ASSEMBLY EVALUATION FORM**

PLEASE CHECK ONE: \_\_\_\_ GR, \_\_\_\_ DR, \_\_\_\_ OFFICER, \_\_\_\_ COORDINATOR, \_\_\_\_ MEMBER

Group Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional) District # \_\_\_\_\_

What did you enjoy at the Assembly? \_\_\_\_\_

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What can we do differently to Improve future Assemblies for our members?

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### **Secretary's Report:**

Since Assembly, I dealt with the shocking news of the death of my dear niece Melissa, at age 35. As you can imagine. For anyone who lost a child, this brought me back to the death of our precious son Kyle 5 years ago .This news really knocked the stuffing out of me. I want to say a special thank you to Alvina K-H, who when I told her the news, told me she would do the minutes of Assembly and gave me very comforting words. I want to express my sincere gratitude to Alvina. Hugs in AI-Anon. Theresa K. Area 91 Secretary.

### **Delegates Report:**

I have to say, what a marvelous Assembly we had, all positions filled and business was all completed, wow. Thanks to all who participated, let your name stand for positions and the tech team for their work in the background to ensure all was working well. Thank you. As much of my report to assembly will be in the newsletter, I wish to bring attention to several items that need your attention.

First: is the literature depot, our Manager of the Depot, Doreen has advised that she will be stepping down from this position at year end, therefore a new Manager will be required. We would like to do this at the October AWSC meeting. Doreen has reduced the amount of files on hand and your Chair will review what is left for archiving if not already on record to make that foot print even smaller. Talk to Doreen and she will advise of the actual space required.

Second: As this was election year and positions are changing, those who have a binder to pass along to the elected incumbent please remove all outdated items and replace with current ones. Currently, a list of what needs to be in this binder is being worked on. More info to follow.

Third: There are the two thought forces coming, one on the digital storage of Area documents and archives; we have this on our plate last year and Covid kind of got in the way, and at the same time we have to start the discussion on the possibility of electronic meetings wishing to be part of our Area. We have at least one year to come up with some sort of a policy and a plan of implementation should we need it.

The last item, "How to use the virtual technology in our Assemblies and AWSC meetings going forward". This may very well be another thought force.

All newly elected officers and coordinators as well as all incoming DRs are welcome to attend AWSC meeting in October. Since it is going to be on zoom (virtual), it should be easy to access for everyone. As an Area we have some work cut out for us over the summer and fall, stay tuned. Please go to the WSO web site and participate in the AI-Anon Survey.

Have a great and relaxing summer, stay safe as our provincial restrictions open and people are permitted to travel and gather in larger numbers. I just got my second vaccine two weeks ago.

Your Delegate, Wally Chivers, MP Panel 59 [wallychivers@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:wallychivers@ns.sympatico.ca) 902-434-7789

### **Treasurer's Report:** – July N&V, 2021

Hi Everyone – Wasn't our Assembly "Wonderful"! Thanks again to our Delegate, Chair and all others who give so generously of their time and talents to ensure such successes. I come away from Assembly with renewed hope and vigor wishing everyone who could benefit from our program had the opportunity to join us. I want to wish each and every one of you a "Happy Summer". I write this during the July 1<sup>st</sup> holiday weekend when our weather leaves a lot to be desired. Hope by the time you read it, we will have "summer" weather. Also, hope everyone has been able to become fully vaccinated, and things are slowly getting back to normal. Stay Safe Everyone!

**Insurance:** Insurance has been paid - \$1,908 of which \$410 relates to Area 83 who will reimburse us.

**E-transfers:** It is so easy to make your payments to Area by e-transfer using our e-mail address: [maritimeassemblyf@gmail.com](mailto:maritimeassemblyf@gmail.com). We have received 15 such transfers in June – a marvelous way to get your money to me and you get an immediate receipt. PLEASE make sure you make it clear what the money is for: donation (personal, group, or district); insurance (group, district). Please note that official receipts are written at the end of our fiscal year (May, 2022) and mailed to your District Representative. Therefore, when making a "personal" donation, please make it clear that it is a personal donation, but also what District you belong to.

**Sending Cheques:** If you are sending your money by cheque, please, please be sure to make the cheque payable to "Maritime Assembly Fund" and that it is properly dated. Any changes made on the face of the cheque must be initialed by both signatories. Cheques should be mailed to me as your Treasurer: Brenda Graham, 184 Pleasant Avenue, Sussex, NB, E4E 1Y2.

**Donations to Area:** You will note that some "personal" donations were received since Assembly – some in response to Tony's challenge for everyone to make a personal donation to help cover the budget deficit. These are greatly appreciated as I remind you that the Maritime Literature Depot has not been in a position to make donations for the past while, so personal and group donations are even more welcomed.

**Balance May 25, 2021 (Assembly) ..... \$22,126.09**

**Income:**

Donations from Groups .....1,600.00  
Donations – Personal .....270.00  
Insurance .....270.00      2,140.00

**Expenses:**

Officers/Coordinators ..... 182.96  
Insurance (Net of NL Amount) .....1,498.00  
Service Charge (May/June) @ 3.95 ..... 7.90      1,688.86

**Book Balance June 30, 2021 ..... \$22,577.23**

**Bank Balance as at June 30, 2021 ..... \$24,258.51\***

**\*Reconciliation: Deduct O/S Cks.53,55,56 (\$2,091.28); add AR (\$410) \$22,577.23**

**Cheques not cashed: Mark M., Alvina, AON Ins.; AR is Area 83.**

Hugs in Al-Anon,  
Brenda Graham, Treasurer, Maritime Assembly (506 433-5028), @

**Maritime Literature Depot:**

As announced at Assembly 2021, I am resigning from the coordinator position as of the end of the year. Please keep your orders coming from your groups, as I continue cleanup and update the depot. You will now find an updated June 2021 order form now on the Maritime Website under the literature tab. Anyone who has questions about the Depot Coordinator position feel free to contact me at [area91mld@gmail.com](mailto:area91mld@gmail.com). Submitted by Doreen E., Coordinator.

**Forum Report:**

The 2021 Al-Anon Membership survey Is Open. Members from one day to 70 years can participate. This data provides information to health professionals so that they might refer clients to Al-Anon for support. Participation is completely anonymous. The survey is open from June 16 to July 27, 2021. It should only take about 10 to 15 minutes. Visit al- [anon.org/membersurvey](https://anon.org/membersurvey) to participate.

This month you can write about Al-Anon's three Legacies. This month features Step Six, Tradition Six, and Concept Six. Please share with us at [al-anon.org/member-blog](https://al-anon.org/member-blog) Please share how Opening Our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses, Living Today in Alateen .or Discovering Choices - —Recovery in Relationships has helped you.

Send to The Forum 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA23454-5617, subject line al-Anon.org/forumshare. These are the requests in the June Forum. Think about writing on warm sunny days as the province opens the third phase. Think about getting a Forum subscription as a treat for yourself.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer one day at a time  
Nancy Lohnes PO Box 1115 Sydney NS B1P 6 J7 Phone 902 562 4978,  
Email [nancyelaine744@gmail.com](mailto:nancyelaine744@gmail.com). Forum Coordinator

**Alateen and AMIAS Report:**

Once the Assembly finished, it is now time for **ALL** AMIAS sponsors to be re-certified. The deadline for this is **Dec. 31, 2021** for 2022 - 2024 inclusive. It is an Area policy that all AMIAS sponsors recertify **every 3 years**.

For those of you who live in **Districts 7 & 11**, please go to the Area website (when it is up and running) and print off the sheet with **Mickie Z.'s** signature on it. **For those of you who reside outside these districts**, please print off from the Area website the **generic** sheet.

Please fill in the sheet, have it signed by your DR and take it to the policing agency in your area to be completed. Once you have completed the form, please send it to me via email either as a Word Document or as a PDF document or by "snail mail" if you don't have the capability to do so on your PC.

Please send it to me @ <[maroonmercedes@gmail.com](mailto:maroonmercedes@gmail.com)> if using a PC, or to me at my civic address: 1 - 275 Germain St., Saint John, N.B., E2L 2G7 if you are using the postal system.

The Alateen coordinators are still having their monthly meetings via Zoom with concentration on how to get public outreach done for the teens as well as try to get Alateen meetings held in the schools. Some Alateen groups are meeting in parks outside, being careful to observe the social distancing requirements, but attendance at Zoom meetings has dropped because the teens are "zoomed out" with the online group meetings. I will know more concretely in July, how they are doing and if any of the Alateen groups are meeting face-to-face in the U.S. The prime concentration for Alateen meetings seems to be in New York City, in California and in Michigan with other areas having Alateen meetings in various parts of Canada & the U.S.

WSO has approved the official opening, 12 Steps & Traditions and closing for the online Alateen meetings (which Area 91 hosts on Monday evenings @ 7:00 p.m.). Some Areas have altered the suggested opening to fit the opening and closing to meet the needs of their respective areas.

The participation in the online Alateen meetings has been very good. There are more teens taking charge of the meetings allowing the Moderators to do their job and not intervene unless necessary. Numbers of participants have been increasing in these meetings also.

Per WSO's meeting with the AMIAS sponsors in the Area, it has been strongly advised that more Al-Anon members become AMIAS and help out in taking turns in moderating the online Alateen meetings. It is my sincere desire to see that more Al-Anon members step forward and help with this task. It will help ease the burden on those who are currently enduring the most of the load. Please remember, the Alateens are our future Al-Anon members.

Respectfully Submitted, Mark McGillivray, AAPP Area 91, Maritime Provinces



## **Public Outreach Coordinator:**

### **Public Outreach July 2021**

#### **Summer is here**

Here in Nova Scotia, we are finally being able to lift restrictions and hopefully resume some “normal” activities. A few Al-Anon meetings are able to resume meeting in person.



I am so grateful to those of you who have been reaching out keeping groups going whether by Fongo or Zoom, to those who supported our telephone answering services.

This summer each one of us can do our part to contribute to Public Outreach by participating in the Online Al-Anon Survey until July 27<sup>th</sup> as well as sending in a Sharing that can be used for Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism or the Forum.

## **Al-Anon Membership Survey Is Open Now!**

<https://t.e2ma.net/click/zpsppe/rjeonhb/zpk7tv>

The survey is our opportunity to provide data-supported proof of Al-Anon's impact on members' quality of life. It also lets professionals know that some Al-Anon members continue to receive professional help in addition to their Al-Anon recovery.

Helping professionals to be more informed, could mean more referrals, more newcomers in meetings, and a stronger fellowship for all of us.



**2021 Al-Anon Membership Survey**  
***Is Open!***  
 Available in English,  
 Spanish, and French.

**Take the survey:**  
[al-anon.org/membersurvey](https://al-anon.org/membersurvey)

**The Survey Is:**

- Conducted every three years since 1985.
- Open from **June 16, 2021 to July 27, 2021**.
- Available to all Al-Anon members, ages 18+ years—regardless of time in the program.
- Available in English, Spanish, and French.
- Short enough to be taken in 15 minutes.
- Mobile-friendly.

**The Survey Is Not:**

- Collecting personal information.
- Breaking members' anonymity.

**Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism**

Please consider writing a few words about what it was like to be a newcomer. Other suggestions for topics: Remembering how difficult it was to go to your first meeting—what helped you take that first big step?

Did you hear anything early on that made you want to come back?

You have something to say to a potential newcomer that will help them find their way to us and we want to hear it.

You can submit Online at [al-anon.org/sharing](https://al-anon.org/sharing) or mail to the below address.

## **THANK YOU** for sharing your experience, strength, and hope.

Enjoy your summer.  
Yours in service. Barbe M

### **District 5:**

Congratulations to **Murielle Desrosiers District 5** our **District Representative**, being elected as the **new Maritime Provinces - Area 91 News & Views Coordinator, starting in January 2022!!!!** Murielle certainly has put her program to work and she continues to strive forward in each opportunity presented to her. Well Done!!!!

We continue to use Fongo and Zoom for most of our Al anon meetings. Two groups continue to meet Face to Face, which is the Friday night "Road To Recovery AFG" and the Tuesday night "Easy Does It AFG". At our Area 91 Assembly 2021, it was noted that members overall are becoming more comfortable with virtual meetings. We have certainly all grown positively since the start of Covid 19, which has affected all our lives in many ways.

It has been noted that both Area 91 & WSO are proposing a deficit for 2021-2022. Appreciation was expressed to all members and groups who donated during the past Covid year and groups are encouraged to continue financial support whenever possible. Any **member or Al Anon group can make donations directly to Area 91 by email to: [maritimeassemblyf@gmail.com](mailto:maritimeassemblyf@gmail.com).**

A new Literature Depot Coordinator is **URGENTLY** needed as our current Area Coordinator Doreen Elwood is retiring as of December 2021. If anyone in any of our District 5 groups are interested in this position or would like further information, please contact Doreen at ( 902-466-6381 / 902-471-6756 [macisd2014@gmail.com](mailto:macisd2014@gmail.com)) or Mickie our Area Chairperson at (902-407-9041 [marvymickiez@eastlink.ca](mailto:marvymickiez@eastlink.ca)) Both these members would be more than happy to give you the details.

Area 91 will continue with workshops for all members. Check the website for dates & topics. Start time is 10:00am to 12:00pm. The next workshop will be held on September 25th and the topic is **Service 911. Please encourage all your members to attend.**

**District 5 will be hosting the next Area 91 Assembly on June 3rd - June 5th. Think of ways in which you can help with service in preparation and during the Assembly. We look forward to seeing all members taking part. More details will follow at a later date.**

**Important news !!!!! IT'S ELECTION TIME!!!** Many positions are available at the District level, as most have completed their term. We encourage **ALL MEMBERS** to consider any positions they feel they would be able to do service in. Please mention this over the next couple of months at your meetings. It's a great way to be involved, make new friends and grow together in the program. We will be discussing elections at our next district meeting Sunday September 26th .

**Last but not least, HAVE A GREAT, SAFE SUMMER!!! Looking forward to seeing all of you in September!!! Submitted by Janet W. District 5**



### **District 6:**

The Stellarton group continues to meet on Zoom Thursday nights. They average 8-14 members attending. They are renewing Zoom for another year and sharing the yearly Zoom cost with Pictou. The group is hoping to be able to meet in person again at NSCC in September.

The Cobequid group started back to in person meetings following COVID Guidelines. They had been meeting on Facebook Messenger averaging 6 members. With summer months ahead, numbers will be up and down. The maximum number of members inside- 10, wearing masks and social distancing. It is hard for some members to hear properly with masking, hopefully soon we'll be able to meet without masks.

Truro Group are back to in person meetings. Small numbers in attendance with hopes there will be an increase in numbers.

The Pictou group is meeting by Zoom and are not in a rush to meet in person. They average 15 members, some in regular attendance from PEI, Ontario and Amherst. The group will not be reopening to in person meetings this summer. Submitted by Tara M, DR District 6

### **District 15:**

As of this writing, Woolastook AFG have been holding face-to face meetings in their rooms, observing the socially distancing regulations.

Sussex Serenity AFG has been having face-to-face meetings in their rooms. The Sussex Serenity AFG group was to celebrate its Group Anniversary, but postponed it until later when everyone has had his or her second covid jab. It is meeting in its rooms on a face-to-face basis following the provincial covid-19 regulations

Portland AFG has been meeting twice a week via Zoom - on Sunday evenings and Thursday evenings @ 7:00 p.m. There have been members from other Districts in the Area who have been taking part in these meetings.

Silver Falls AFG, Waterloo AFG & Silver Falls AFG are meeting in their Group rooms on a face-to face basis.

Respectfully Submitted, Mark McGillivray, Secretary, District 15

**63<sup>rd</sup> Area 91 Assembly Minutes  
Second Virtual Assembly.  
June 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 2021  
Moving Forward with Unity, Courage and Perseverance.**

**FRIDAY June 4<sup>th</sup>** – Mickie our chairperson for Assembly opened the meeting with 30 sec. Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Traditions were read by Heidi. 12 Concepts/ Warranties read by Denise. Wanda read thought for today out of One Day at a Time.

Mickie welcomed everyone to our second virtual Assembly, she asked that everyone be kind, courteous, respectful and forgiving. There were thirteen Officers & Coordinators attending, fourteen Districts represented by DRs.

Mickie went over voting procedures, as this was a voting year. Who votes- GR's vote for all Officers & Officers/Coordinators and Motions. DRs, Officers & Coordinators vote for AWSC location, which will be virtual this year for second time..

It was also stated that the Digital Recorder that was voted on at AWSC will be purchased when Assembly will be face to face.

Mickie asked for approval of 2020 Area World Service Committee Minutes by Theresa, no questions. Theresa moved for the adoption of minutes, seconded by Christine S District 8. , vote passed.

Mickie had asked members to submit questions about the Reports from Officers & Coordinators that were emailed out before Assembly.

There were four questions asked about the Maritime Literature Report.

1. What does the term "Reconciliation Discrepancies" mean? I certainly can't understand why it is considered an "Expense" without explanation. If it is the difference between cash transactions and those that have not cleared the bank, could we not have that reconciliation?
2. Is there a write up of any sort? Perhaps to explain item 1 and also to explain why expenses for 2021 are so far above those of previous years relative to the sales income?
3. What literature has been sold? Titles of literature and total amounts sold please. For simplicity, Total Expenses = Net Revenue. Please & Thanks.
4. Can we have a list of expenses for the year?

After these questions were posted, Doreen our literature person amended her report. Here is an answer to help clarify some questions. Reconciliation [balance] Discrepancies [-subtract] = Usually cheques [not cleared] or deposits that have not been credited at bank. You expense the inventory [fixed asset] by the purchase price, what price we sell the inventory, which makes this expense known as depreciation. I buy inventory from WSO= fixed asset – sell inventory to member = expense to literature depot = balancing my records to the bank record.

By reconciling your bank accounts, you improve the income & expense data that Quick Books uses to help you asset the Depots profitability. Why? When you reconcile your bank accounts, you tend to catch lots of errors that would otherwise go unnoticed. I am still in learning mode with the program I use Quick Books. The bank statement is the actual balance that I know ,for sure, is correct. Still seeking a Treasurer for Literature Depot. You can ask your DR for the report on Inventory Sold, Expenses by Vendor Detail, Expenses by Vendor Summary and Bank Statement of Literature depot.

Reports from Officers and Coordinators:

TREASUER"S REPORT - Group donations year over year are down almost \$ 1,000. while Insurance contributions are down by \$ 1,200 from previous year. Several Districts did not remit any Insurance monies during last 12 months. Literature Depot did not make any contributions during the past year compared to a contribution of \$4,000 for each of the two previous years.

Total expenses for the past 12 months was \$9,000 less than the previous 12 months. The difference is primarily made up of Assembly [\$ 3,000], AWSC [\$2,300], Insurance [\$1,400] and Equalization payment [\$2,500] expenses. Officers & coordinators if you outstanding expenses please prepare and sign an expenses form and forward to me with receipts as soon as possible in order to be reimbursed. If you meant to remit Insurance or Donations monies but didn't get it done, please forward to me by mail with appropriate forms. Funds can be remitted directly to the Area Bank account by e-transfer to: maritimeassembly@gmail.com. Brenda made an amendment to Proposed

Budget for June 2021- May 31<sup>st</sup> 2022:

Receipts: Donations	\$3,000.00	
Insurance	\$2,670.00	(89 groups x 30 = 2,670)
Total Receipts	\$5,670.00.	

Expenses: Off/Co Assembly	Pre expense	\$1,000.00
Off/Co Operating Exp.		\$1,000.00
Insurance		\$3,000.00
Equalization PYMT/Donation		\$3,000.00
Banking/Misc./Web site		\$ 200.00
Total Expenses:		\$8,200.00
Net Income	[loss]	(\$ 2,530.00)

Brenda moved approval of her first report, Kelly seconded it.

Question asked: If the amount that was budgeted for 2021 AWSC could be added to our Receipts as AWSC is going to be Virtual. Brenda made amendment, asked approval for amendment, seconded by Mark. Approval given.

Submitted by Brenda Graham Assembly Treasurer Area 91

ALATEEN REPORT: First and foremost, more Al-Anon members are needed to become AMIAS Sponsors to help those who are acting as Moderators in the new online Alateen meetings.

Format of Alateen chat line has changed, there is no more Chat Room on computer. Alateen meetings are online but accessible only through member's personal accounts (this applies to Teens also, some teens use their parents accounts.) One can no longer use the standard PC to access the Alateen meetings. Alateen meetings are still held Monday night @ 7 pm using these devices (cell phones, tablets, iPads or newer laptops).

Alateen meetings use a Zoom format,( not the same as Zoom meeting) . This format allows users of android devices only to share material for all Teens & Moderators to read. Problem with software does not allow people with iPhones to carry out this function

Attendance at the online meetings has been fairly good, 8 to 9 teens in attendance, some are regulars, some newcomers & some visitors. Second meeting of every month will be a Beginner's meeting. Teens have been encouraged to carry on with the meeting, from selecting a Chairperson to the Topic for meeting. In conversations with Sue P. from WSO we are required to have more Moderators at these meetings, hence the need for more AMIAS. As much as possible, the AMIAS who moderate these online meetings are rotated and that there will be as little overlap as possible. Last fall, a group of Alateen Coordinators from Canada and USA meet monthly to discuss what the needs and concerns are in each area. Not having any active Alateen meetings in our Area put us at a disadvantage. But discussions have occurred about trying to get Alateen meetings in schools (U.S primarily) as well as reaching out to Guidance Counselors about the need for Alateen meetings. Other topics discussed were getting policies started to train prospective AMIAS sponsors, I will elaborate on this a bit later. Primary goal getting Teens to meet face to face, online meetings are good but teens are getting zoomed out or worn out from all virtual meetings. Weather permitting they will try to have meetings in open spaces where they can be socially distant from each other for their safety. Another thing mentioned was trying to have Alateens attend the Alateen conventions where they exist in some Areas in the U.S.

Thanks to a couple Alateen Coordinators I asked for, and received, the guidelines used in their Area along with the legal requirements applicable to their state on what they did for training of new AMIAS Sponsors. I forwarded them to Wally & Mickie for further development and use in our Area. Once drawn up. I imagine they will have to be approved by WSO.

Regarding the issues with the ISO (apple) devices it appears the system used for Alateen meetings using the Al-Anon app is incompatible with Zoom Format. In meetings with Sue P. from WSO she stated that the technicians at WSO have been trying to resolve this issue, they will keep working to resolve.

After Assembly all those eligible AMIAS are required to be recertified for the next 3 years. Deadline is Jan.1<sup>st</sup> 2022. AMIAS in District 7&11 please go to Area website, print off letter with Mickie Z's signature, and take it to HRM office for recertification. AMIAS who live elsewhere please print off generic letter, take to your local policing agency, get your letter of recertification and send by snail mail or by a Word or PDF document on computer. Your cooperation with this would be greatly appreciated.

One of our long standing AMIAS retired from being an AMIAS, her presence is greatly missed as Moderator. By now you are getting the message we need more Al-Anon members to become an AMIAS for Alateen meetings. The current group of Moderators in Area 91 have a good working relationship and grasp of what's going on.

Submitted by Mark McGillivray, ALT Chairperson, AAPP Area 91.

ARCHIVES: Here I am on my final stretch as your Archivist. I really enjoyed doing the work which made me focus on learning how to use my MAC. Although it seemed that there was always something new to learn. I want to Thank Pat L for giving me the confidence to continue learning how to do all this. Getting involved with the Archives gave me a chance to renew my friendship with her. As your Archivist, I did my best to file all the varied reports from Assembly and AWSCM. Also articles about Skits, Songs, Resumes, Memories, Long Time members etc. By the way any member with 10 years or more can if they choose, fill out long time member page that can be found on Maritime Web Site, Member's page, Archive. They can email that forum to me at [rachel.marcel@rogers.com](mailto:rachel.marcel@rogers.com) until December this year.

Submitted by Rachel L., Archivist.

PUBLIC OUTREACH REPORT: I attended a Public Outreach Conference Call on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> 2021 for all the Area Public Outreach Coordinators with WSO. The information I received was shared with Area Via the March 27<sup>th</sup> Area Workshop.

POSTERS: New poster templates were revealed that would be made available on the Al-Anon.org website by March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021. Posters were announced in the Loop and Forum. The posters are downloadable and can be customized- 8x11 or 11x17 and are available in three languages. Any changes need to be approved by your Area (process to be determined), local information can be added, but approval is required before printing. Policy digest was discussed as related to Social Media and the Internet. WSO took down Social Media Guidelines. There is a Task Force looking at the Roles & Responsibilities and how we can co-exist. But for now, we must support current policy.

PSA'S: WSO has signed with a new Vendor. They have a very competitive price. There will be new testing in Digital Media- for example in waiting rooms of Hospitals & in Stores..

Currently there is a Pilot Project in the Virginia Beach Area. Current PSA's Campaigns run summer to summer- 38000 airplays 2018, 40000 airplays 2019, 47000 airplays in first 6 months of 2020. There is new formatting and Ads are now appearing in Prime time with approximately 2000 airplays every week. WSO is asking that members do not try to ask for PSA's to be played at local stations. If there are already existing contracts, then send to media @ al-anon.org and WSO will send to the vendor. They are asking us to contact Movie Theatres, Schools and Alternate Venues. There will be a Link to the new Videos posted in AFG Connects. PSA's will focus on the Benefits of Al-Anon Recovery as well as the Problem and the Solution. Per WSO, all members can Like and Share the posts, new way for doing Public Outreach. Just make sure you talk about it in third person- use words like "They say" or "It is"

UPDATED WORKINGS of the Internet & WSO WEBSITE: WSO is creating Vanity URLs: e.g. Al-Anon/Hope that can be tracked. They will be pushing these out to AFG Connects. They will create one and use in a Poster to answer the question. Can you tell if we are getting any traffic from our Area? WSO has entered into a Joint Venture with Linked in Ads. Currently, there is a Billboard project linked to a previous Vendor that is in the works, information to be shared later.

GENERAL DISCUSSION REGRADING WSO and AREAS: WSO has spent a lot of time approving stuff- especially posters. WSO is a clearing House – not the Authority any more (Per Scott Powers & Mona Doherty). WSO wants out of that Role. Area Public Outreach Coordinator are the first contacts for Public Outreach for their Area. AWSC is responsible for the Al-Anon Outreach in the Area -not WSO. WSO is responsible for National Campaigns. As WSO gets those requests from Area contacts – WSO will send them back to Delegate and therefore back to Area. We need to develop a process to approve posters & Public Outreach campaigns within our Area. Copies of approved posters will be placed on our Website'

PUBLIC OUTREACH PROJECT SPRING 2021: In April I adapted a Pandemic Approved Public Outreach idea from another Area, to try to help us decide what things we can do in these trying times. It was published in April News& Views. At that time I asked each member to review, talk about the ideas in your Group and at District Meeting. The Project details and Menu items can be found on the Public Outreach page of our website. There was also a Contactless Flyer that we can use to help put the word out there that will lead the viewer directly to the online version of our new AFA Magazine, which is also on website. If you want printed copies of this flyer that are laminated, please let me know. There was no Response from the Membership for the Flyer, does this mean this Idea does not appeal to anyone doing Public Outreach? I would appreciate your Feedback. Last but not least, the Alateen AMIAS's (with support of AWSC executive) developed a poster to bring Awareness to the Alateen Maritime meeting in the new Al-Anon App. This poster is available for use and can be found on our Website. It is intended for Schools & AA Groups.  
Submitted by: Barb M. Public Outreach Coordinator Area 91

FORUM REPORT: My report for April News & Views did not make publication as I sent it to Dolores personal email. The report mentioned that renewal notices for Forum would be received this time of year. The renewal form is on the back cover of Forum or visit the Forum online. All group subscriptions are sent to CMA on file with WSO. Checks, Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express are accepted. The \$23.00 price is in US dollars and still the same. On day you order check with Bank for equivalent amount in Canadian funds.

Congratulations to Andrew C of PEI for "One Quote At A Time" published in February Forum. The Forum is a large part of our shared recovery as members of Al-Anon Groups. I thank all past and present GR's for encouraging members to subscribe to and submit articles to the Forum. Since beginning of my term in 2019 members in Area 91 have been published seventeen times with articles and quotes. Great work and thank you to all. Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism is the issue intended for Public Outreach tool. I encourage all groups to make an effort to purchase and distribute this issues. In May, a significant and extensive upgrade to our Forum Database took place. I receive reports of Forum sales monthly with subscriptions listed by state and province

They hope to do this by Area in the future, but it's a work in progress. All reports will remain on AFG Connects for future reference so that the current report can be compared with previous reports as time goes by. Carol Cowan is the new editor of the Forum and the administrator of AFG Connects. Forum Coordinators use AFG Connects (a website) to keep up to date regrading Forum. I then pass information to everyone via News &Views and Reports.

Following is latest News I received from Forum Editor:



Big News, A Change is Coming! A recent vote by the Forum Editorial Advisory Committee (FEAC) to approve a change to the "Instant Meeting" department of Forum. The Instant Meeting is a section of the magazine that features two short member sharings followed by two or three thought provoking questions. The Idea is that the chairperson at a meeting could simply read the sharings and questions to open the discussions. A subscriber can enjoy a personal mini-meeting by reading sharings, then journal about or contemplating the questions (or writing their answers and submitting as a sharing to the Forum). Instant meetings were always on the Step that corresponded to the month. FEAC has voted to open the Instant Meetings to additional topics of interest to members, for example, Detachment<Slogans, Sponsorship/Being Sponsored, Grief, Living with Sobriety etc. Since WSO gets fewer submissions on the Legacies, this gives more options to choose from the Instant Meeting Dept., First issue with new format will be July, Finding A Higher Power.

Other News; Forum decline in recent months is around 3,000 subscriptions compared to last year. This decline corresponds to lower literature sales over the same period of time. A huge Thank You to all Forum Coordinators for continuing your valiant work during the pandemic

We rely on you to remind local members of the importance of the Forum provides to their recovery. Writing Workshop Guidelines: I recently discovered an issue with the Writing Workshop Guidelines document posted on AFG Connects. I took down old document, fixed it and am reposting it now for use in writing meetings and workshops.

Please contact me anytime if you need information or have questions about Forum.

Yours in service: Carl Cowan. Magazine Editor/ The Forum.

It has been a delight to serve as your Forum Coordinator and to promote a publication that has benefited so many. Contact me with any concerns you have until year end by email, phone or mail.

Submitted By; Nancy L Forum Coordinators

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GROUP RECORDS REPORT:: I would like to send out a huge Thank You to all members of Area 91 for their patience and help over the past three years with Group Records. Two things I have learned from WSO about Group Record changes, 1. WSO does not send out the Annual Group Change Forum any more. It's up to the GR of a Group to make sure the changes are submitted to either WSO or Group Record Coordinator. 2. Whoever in group receives Forum that is the Group's CMA (Current Mailing Address). Just a reminder of things that are needed to keep your group information current on WSO website:

1. Change of GR, Contact Person.
  2. Change of Meeting Place, Time of Meeting, Is Group Open or Closed & Member Count.
  3. Any Address, phone number or email address changed for GR or Contact person.
  4. If you add an additional meeting to your group.
  5. Person receiving Forum will have to notify WSO of any address change as that is the group's CMA.
- These changes are important as this information is given to a potential newcomer who calls WSO to find a Meeting.

Submitted by Alvina KH Area 91 Group Record Coordinator.

NEWS & VIEWS REPORT: We currently have a total of 176 contacts in the News & Views Email list: including DR's, Officers, Coordinators and members. Some groups have a group emails and their GR forwards the News & Views to individual members.

District 11 will be completing its second term as Coordinator of the News & Views December 31, 2021. During this time, the publishing of our Newsletter has undergone many changes.

During our first term, subscribers had the choice of receiving the Newsletter by email or hard copy by mail. All subscribers paid a subscription fee of \$10.00 per year, which was renewed each year at Assembly.

The first term was very busy. In addition to creating the Newsletter, there were the following tasks:

- Ordering and picking up printed copies from Staples.
- Stuffing and stamping envelopes.
- Maintaining Financial Records
- Numerous trips to the Bank.
- Continuous updating and maintaining two lists, a Master list and a Mail out list.

At the Maritime Area 91 Assembly in June 2019, a recommendation to receive the News & Views via email only was passed, thus eliminating the mailing out of hard copies and the subscription fee. The duties above were eliminated.

Now the Position involves:

- Maintaining a current Contact List.
- Receiving the articles.
- Editing and inserting them in the Newsletter format.
- Emailing to Subscribers by the due date.

The new method is more streamlined and much simpler, a definite plus for any District considering to take News and Views Coordinator position next term.

Reminders for the Balance of our Term:

Notify us if you change your email or wish to unsubscribe.

If you have not received your copy by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month of issue, please check your junk mail folder. Some subscribers have found it there. To prevent this add News and Views email address to your contacts.

If not in junk mail, notify us immediately.

I have enjoyed the experience of holding the News and Views Coordinator position for the past 6 years. It's been a challenging and rewarding learning experience. Thank you to everyone who submitted articles, for your encouragement and support.

A special Thank You to Valerie W for her assistance and support.

Submitted by:

Dolores M. News and Views Coordinator.

**TECHNOLOGY REPORT:** When I first took on the role of Technology Coordinator in 2016

I admit I did have plans for how our Area and indeed our program could embrace the future. I've often said to those who'd protest, "I'm not very tech-savvy" that it's okay to play with technology, that the computer will not blow up if you press a key, and that in play you find your way along to do what you want it to do; to make the technology serve you instead, as we often lament, of the other way around. But, as is often the case, experience is not nearly the harsh teacher we've been taught to believe it is; and necessity is the mother of invention. Our need for the love and peace of this program brought us face-to-face this past year and a half with some of our deepest anxieties-How do I do this? I don't even know where to start! What now? How does this work? What happens when I do this? Am I good enough to try this?

Something absolutely amazing then happened. We learned that it was going to be okay; that we were good enough and smart enough and that we could manage this. We could ask one another how things worked, or learned from Google or Microsoft's website or Apple or a bazillion other sources and we stumbled through it on our own. We came together in our groups, we walked each other through it, we laughed about it, we tsked occasionally in frustration- and we grew in the program online although, none of us would have considered through simple face -to-face meetings( though, let's be honest, those are the ideal). Even as I struggled in my own life, I have been so grateful and so bolstered by all that-you-have done to help keep this program going.. I am utterly confident that who so ever follows me in this role will be able to do so with great aplomb now, bolstered by the courage and wisdom we've all gained from stepping

outside our comfort zones. To the elves who've helped in the background and taken up the slack for

me during these last six years, you have my utmost gratitude. THANK YOU.

Ah, I almost forgot, the following are the website's statistics from May 2020 to April 2021 side by side with last year stats:

	2020-2021	2019-2020	Year over Year Change
Total Page Hits	27200	22928	+ 4272 (+18.63%)
Total Visits	14111	12965	+ 1246 (+8.83%)
Pages per Visit Average	1.93	1.77	+ .16 (+9.03%)
First Time Visits	8723	8384	+ 339 (+4.04%)
Return Visits	5388	4581	+ 897 (+17.61%)

Based on snapshots of each month, here are the ten most- accessed pages of our website this past year. These are complicated somewhat by the fact, in July 2020, my laptop failed me. I had compiled the statistics for June 2020 (if memory serves), but was unable to access the file containing the individual page counts after the failure. So, the counts here may be smaller but, it's important to note they really cannot be used to compare between years because they are snapshots of each month and don't reflect the entire month's views, moreover, the snapshots provided by Stat Counter can vary from as few as 5 days to as many as 10, even for the same month year over year.

Top Ten Pages Viewed:

1. Homepage – AI-Anon Meetings	980
2. Area Map – Find A Meeting	903
3. District # 11	456
4. Contact Information	264
5. District # 7	218
6. What is AI-Anon	195
7. District # 10	182
8. District # 3 District 8 (tie)	162
9. Literature	158
10. Who Can Join	133

Submitted by: Kelly V. Area 91 Website/Technology Coordinator.

Friday night of Assembly ended with an AI-Anon meeting put on by District 5.

**SATURDAY June 5, 2021.**

Mickie opened meeting with 30 second silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Twelve Traditions were read by Jan L. Twelve Concepts & Warranties was read by Rachel L. Daily Reading out of Courage to Change was read by Tina B. Mickie welcomed everyone back for another day of Assembly businesses, Roll Call was done by Theresa.

**DELEGATE'S REPORT:** Dear Maritimes Provinces, Area 91: Madam Chairperson, Officers, Coordinators, District Representatives, Group Representatives and Members of the Maritime Provinces Assembly Area. As your elected Delegate it is my honor and privilege to present to you this morning the Delegates Report from the 61<sup>st</sup> World Service Conference held this past April. When the theme for this year, "Moving Forward with Unity, Courage and Perseverance" was selected, we had no idea just what the year was going to bring and that it was going to take all our efforts as AI-Anon Family Groups to keep the fellowship active and there for the newcomer looking for help. Last year our world changed as we knew it in several short weeks. As weeks grew into months, realization set in, that this pandemic was going to be here for a while. Here we are again, conducting the Area business by Electronic means, by virtual Zoom platform.

I love our Theme, and I do not think it could be any more appropriate in lieu of what has transpired this past year. Every time the Area assists a District or a group gets set up to conduct meetings and

business on-line whether by Fongo or Zoom shows Unity the fellowship must work together and reason things out. Not everyone was comfortable to step into the virtual world of the unknown, but you had the will and the Courage to try it and for many this kept our meetings alive, and the new members are coming. As time moved along into a new year and our medical state moved forward to more lock downs and restrictions, again the membership Persevered by keeping meetings open, putting the name AI-Anon and Alateen out so the public can find us. That is commendable, well done, you made it easy for me to share at Conference all the progress Area 91 Maritime Provinces made since March 2020. I said it here last year that we are mapping a new course in AI-Anon history, we are, and we have and we are continuing to do so as we move forward.

Thanks to all those groups, Districts and individuals who sent cards and emails of best wishes for my week at Conference. These reminded me of why I was sitting at Conference for 10-12 hrs. a day for 6 days. Due to time zones, meeting time for me was 11 am to midnight most days.

Even though, it was a much different format I was inspired and excited to be part of another first as a serving Delegate that being a virtual /hybrid conference and 2019 the first Trilingual language conference. As conference members, we did not have the opportunity to discuss the results of each Task or Thought Force, the entire discussion and results for each to be published in the 2020 Conference Summary.

At conference a number of things are done, like today, Conference is the business meeting for the structure represented by the World Service **Office in Virginia Beach, USA, Canada, Puerto Rico and Bermuda. Budgets must be discussed, voted and accepted** into record; employees who are not members but hold positions such as Financial Officer must be given permission to be in attendance, with a voice no vote. Most times, they are present for their segment of a particular presentation.

You will hear in this presentation and read in 2020 Conference Summary the terms Virtual Meeting and Hybrid Meeting. A Virtual meeting is one conducted via the internet connection, just like we are doing at this moment and the Hybrid Meeting is one conducted for the most part in rooms where all discussions are via typed written word. These meetings moved amazingly fast, lots of discussion, many, many differing opinions and a few contentious debates.

We in Panel 59, are blessed to have been a part of the first Trilingual conference 2019, the first Virtual Conference 2020, the first Global Conference 2021. This is just the beginning, AI-Anon as we know it is on the move and its future is unlimited. We will be a Global organization in a few short years.

What is a Global Conference? This year we have representations from 12 GSO's around the world (General Service Office), England, Spain, France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, South Africa, New Zealand/Australia, Argentina, Ecuador, Peru and Paraguay. All meetings were conducted on WebEx in English, there was a closed caption feature to convert whatever language was been spoken to the language of your choice. It was amazing. It was great to have these folks present as they added another perspective to our discussion, especially when it came to the topic of diversity and inclusivity. The WSO supports 39 General Service Offices, **16 involving structures and local meeting contacts in 73 other countries where AI-Anon has a presence**

TOPICS THEME of the WEEK, not all, but some:

1. Mega Issue- Trustees and how to encourage members to apply.
2. Electronic Meeting.
3. 2023 International Convention
4. 70th Anniversary of AI-Anon.
5. Longitudinal Study

6. Stepping Stones Visit (virtually)
7. Finance Committee Report
8. Annual Report by the Executor Director/ All Dept. Heads.
9. Task Forces & thought Forces: Using the Concepts in Personal Recovery.  
Conflict Resolution to be used as a Workshop.
  - i. Thought Force: Dreaming Big- Envisioning Our Future.
10. Road Trip - You & Your Board Connect-- Cleveland, Ohio. October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021
11. Changes to Policy Guidelines and Changes to several pieces of literature: Dilemma of the Alcoholic Marriage, One Day at a Time, Alateen Bookmark, Just for Tonight for Alateen & Changes to the Alateen Preamble
12. Interpretation at the World Service Conference in all three languages. 3 yr. term up do we keep interpretation or not, if yes who pays for it?
13. Team Replacement- Maybe called Shared Leadership in Action.
14. Diversity in our Groups, in our Districts, in our Area at Conference.

The Conference Summary, which is published in August, will have all the meetings, discussions and sharings, please have a read. We cannot possibly cover everything that was on the agenda for Conference, but I will do my best to share some of the highlights and items that will affect Area 91, Maritime Provinces.

#### ON-LINE REGISTERED MEETINGS- ELECTRONIC MEETING:

Last year when I spoke to you about Electronic meetings there were about 250 registered meetings with the WSO for almost 300 meetings. As of Conference time 2021, there are more than 450 registered on-line groups for more than 700 electronic meetings. We have no idea how many are out there yet to register.

At the end of Conference 2020, the Board of trustee's put together an Electronic Meeting Working Group and their charge was to come up with suggestions for Conference 2021 on how to bring these On-Line meetings into current structure of the WSO.

The current Service Manual does not allow for these groups who do not belong to an actual Physical Group Area to be part of our AI-Anon/ WSO structure as we know it today.

This was one of my most followed topics for the past 3 years as a Delegate and the WSO has been working on this since 2015 with Task Forces and Thought Forces then the EMWG was struck.

Several motions had to be made, presented to Conference and voted on: First was to modify the text in the Service Manual to eliminate the restriction of Electronic Meetings in WSO structure. Passed with 87 yes -out of 90 voting members. Second Motion was to give the Electronic Groups the right to be recognized as AFG's and have a Voice and a Vote at the WSC.

To make for an easy transition a new Virtual Area will be made, and all Registered Groups will become a part of that Area. The WSO will work with these groups to form Districts and elect their AWSC's just like we do our Face -to-Face Groups.

What does this mean for Area 91? Maybe nothing, but we must have a discussion at AWSC and have a process in place should an Electronic Meeting wish to become a part of Area 91. Many Areas already have many permanent Electronic meetings, so they need to get a plan/policy in place on how



they will deal with, accept, provide the meeting venue at Assemblies/ AWSC meeting for these Virtual Groups. It is not going to be a short transition; I suspect the next Delegate representing Area 91 will finish the 3-year term just as this process is concluded and the bugs worked out.

Note: the Electronic Meetings that have been set up on Zoom or Fongo that are part of an already existing Group, District or Area will not be considered for an on-line Registered Meeting as they already belong to the structure and are Registered with WSO by virtue of their Face to Face group and that will not change even for those groups who may not wish to keep their Electronic Meeting going as well as the Face -to- face meeting. No different than a group have several meetings a week on different days and time.

Therefore, we have some planning to do as an Area to accommodate these Virtual Groups should they choose Area 91 to their Home Area. This will take a couple of years to sort out and there are Areas that have 250 of these groups who are not even registered yet "Stay Tuned", it is exciting.

**FINANCES-BUDGET:** I must mention, that every time one of the WSO Directors, Managers or Trustees spoke on anything Financial it was emotional for them, if it were not for the membership's financial support in the last year, the WSO would have been in financial difficulty. Every one of those people were entirely grateful for the support and compassion given to the WSO by its members. They thanked all of you for your support and contributions many, many times.

Literature sales were down for 2021. This is the first time that Contributions to WSO from groups & individual's that exceeded Literature sales. Well done, you met the challenge, responded to a call for help from WSO and we came out on top. For WSO's part in helping budget, all travel came to a halt, all term positions were cut, permanent employees were laid off and vacant position were not filled, no raises were given in 2020. The hope is that all staff will be back and positions filled by September at the latest. Does the WSO still require our help in 2021 in order to maintain stability? YES! They need our financial support as Groups, Districts, Areas and Members.

**INTERPRETATION at CONFERENCE:** Since we are on topic of Finances, let us go over the discussion we had on the end of the three-year trial period of Interpretation at Conference. Conference year 2019 was the first year of the trial period of Interpretation Services at Conference for Spanish and French speaking Delegates. WSO funded this trial period.

We were asked to questions and discussed the options. Would Conference wish to carry on the Interpretation Service at Conference? Would the Area be willing to pay for these services through the Area Equalization payment in December?

The only concern was where Areas could afford the extra cost of the Trilingual Interpretation Service, but we agreed that the service allowed all attendance and participation of those who did not speak English. Extra cost for Area will be approximately 350-400 for the equalized payment and 500-550 for the full amount. Cost of the Interpretation Service depends on location of Conference, as when it is held in New York the Interpreters travel expenses also have to be included. WSO is investigating on the most efficient application of this.

I have to tell you that several key words and phrases keep popping up in conversations all through Conference, "Diversity & Inclusiveness". I suspect that in the coming Conferences, more will be discussed on these subjects. I also suspect that by virtue of all GSO's attendance from around the world had an impact on these phrases and discussions as well'

**MEMBERSHIP SURVEY and LONGITUDINAL STUDY:** Members will receive notice through various channels, such as the Forum, In the Loop, those who have access to AFG Connects and from your Area Officers and Coordinators. Survey will be 100% online, no paper version. Will be out about mid-July.

Longitudinal Study will start in 2022; members can opt in when they fill out the membership survey. This study will be over a 5-year period. Questions from one year to the next will be the same,

membership answers may vary depending on the amount of growth and recovery one is able to get from the AI-Anon program. If you wish to be part of this study, please fill in the information requests in the membership survey and you will get in study in early 2022.

**2021 MEGA ISSUE:** Insight into 3 sessions, we had at Conference with discussions and workshops. The reason for this topic was several Trustee positions on the Board were vacant over the past several years, increasing workload on those that were on the Board or issues were placed on the back burner until later date.

In what ways can we Encourage and Support members to share their Skills and Talents to fulfill the Needs of AFG Headquarters, Inc. as a member of the Board of Trustees?

In 2018 in response to Delegates requests for increased participation at the World Service Conference (WSC), Board of Trustees (BOT) chose to provide an opportunity to Conference members to experience idea-generating conversations. A more inclusive and innovative format was developed in which Conference members could identify and discuss ideas on a topic of importance to AI-Anon world-wide." Mega Issue "discussion is designed to be more spontaneous and less structured than the past WSC "Big Question" discussions were.

Mega Issue discussions takes place over three sessions of the Conference. Format for first session is BOT will begin to seeking additional insights from Conference members in response to the Knowledge-Based Decision- Making questions. From these insights the problem is Refined. Second session includes brainstorming and prioritization of potential solutions.

Third session focuses on identification of the position benefits and potential solutions. Sessions will be guided by **the** utilization of a thinking process that allows Conference members to better separate thoughts into six clear Functions and Roles. Conference members can more easily refocus and redirect thoughts during spontaneous conversations.

Relevance: Lacking volunteers to serve as Trustees can severely affect the primary administration responsibilities of the Trustees in accordance with Concept 6, as well as the balance of power described in Concept 7. Concept 9 is about primary leadership, which the BOT assumes. Concept 11 explains the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to Aid the Trustee in discharging their main obligation, to see that all vacancies within the Board of Trustees are filled with those of the greatest competence, stability and industry "as well as the necessary skills and diversity. We need a full Board to have experience, strength and hope necessary to lead AI-Anon into the future.

By identifying barriers, sharing thoughts on removing these roadblocks and providing information, we hope to be able to encourage more members to share their gifts and talents as Trustees.

All the criteria for a Trustee position, the application and guidelines on what is expected of a Trustee are on the WSO website. If you enjoy travel, have 10 yrs. in AI-Anon, have experience at the District and Area level, speak several languages, this maybe for you. You do not have to be a Delegate.

CONGRATULATIONS goes out to our past Delegate Tony Sampson as he became a Trustee. Enjoy the ride.

**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION: JUNE 29th- July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023.**

**ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO** It is not a long way off, if your planning on attending ,all the information will be on the WSO Website, When you register you will get a package ,which includes hotels in the Area, restaurants, agenda, transportation to and from airports and a map of the local Area. For those staying a few extra days, a visitor's attraction list of sights and things to see & do. There are a few of us going from District 7, we would like to have more accompany us, the more the merrier.

**ROAD TRIP- OCTOBER 23rd 2021.**

Road Trip is going to Cleveland Ohio this fall.

We were advised that future Road Trips were to go to Areas that these venues have not been to before, can we still apply. Yes. We would only be in the selection if no one applied who did not have a

Road Trip in their Area before.

#### CLOSING:

Assembly this weekend is important as it's our election of positions, some may reoffer for a second term, others must rotate off as their term will be completed in December 2021. Service work at this level is extremely rewarding and it certainly provides the opportunity to dig into AI-Anon policies, AI-Anon Service Manual and collaboration between members of the AWSC.

This is my last Assembly as your Delegate and representative between Area 91 and WSO. The last three years have been busy, very fulfilling, and I learned a great deal on policy, how and **why come police** do their reviews of the service handbook and other literature, also I learned how much I did not know, very humbling.

There are several presentations, skits and workshops that have come from this year Conference will put on Area website for you to look at and use at your leisure for your workshops or AI-Anon Days. There are two sides to service, the Spiritual side, which helps us in our recovery from the disease of Alcoholism. Other side, equally important is the Business side of the program, which is what we are doing here today, we are looking after business for Area 91. Since we last met in June 2020 and in Oct, AWSC, I can tell you that not all your decisions will be accepted by all members, no matter how hard you try, but if these decisions were made with the Committees, Groups, Districts, or Area and Group Conscience was taken, then you have done your job.

My last challenge as your Delegate I give you to take back to your Districts & Groups is to work with your coordinators, Literature Coordinator, we have to get these books out into hands of the new members and we can only go through you. Work with your Public Outreach Coordinator to help the Area get the AI-Anon/Alateen name out there where the Public can see it. Alteen Coordinator and Area chairs year has been as busy as mine has; I have to say WELL DONE. The Area needs Alateen moderators (AMIAS) on the Alateen App Meetings. It does take some learning, as it is a mobile app version of Zoom. If interested send us an email, help is always there for you. It is very rewarding to listen to the teens.

THANKS for all your help. My journey through the eyes of your Delegate will be complete in 6 months and it has been my pleasure every step of the way, Thanks to the AWSC for all your support.

Submitted by: Wally Chivers. Delegate MP Area91.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS for ASSEMBLY 2021:

This recommendation was submitted by AWSC.

1 Mickie went through all the motions. There is motion from 1992, which states that News and Views could have a cash advance of \$250.00 that would be a starting fund for Districts taking on the N&V'S when the News & Views were printed and mailed out. There is a motion in 1994 that says that Assembly Officers and Coordinators excluding Delegate have a maximum of \$100.00 yearly in operating expenses, effective Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 1995: to be reviewed annually. Mickie recommends that the motion of 1992 concerning the cash advance of \$250.00 of N&V's be rescinded, while the motion of 1994 still stands. Recommendation accepted by AWSC Member.

#### MOTION # 1

That the Motion of 1992 concerning the cash advance to News & Views of \$250.00 be rescinded. The News & Views Coordinator still receive \$100.00 annually for operating expenses, if required per the 1994 Motion.

45 GR's Voted. Motion carried at 100%

#### MOTION # 2

That Area 91 pay for the cost of hosting Assembly up to a maximum of \$ 1500.00. Costs for Assembly

include rent for main meeting room, rent for breakout rooms, speaker systems, and flip charts. Host District to be responsible for any excess. Effective Immediately.

45 GR's Voted YES 84% No 13% Abstain Motion Carried

### MOTION # 3

For a three year trial period that any Al-Anon member who attends Assembly as an observer, and who pays their own expenses to attend Assembly pay no registration fee. Effective Immediately.

45 GR's Voted YES 83% NO 15% Abstain 2% Motion carried.

### AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING SATURDAY OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021

Will be held Virtual this year.

17 Virtual, 4 Face to Face, 1 Whatever members say.

### ASSEMBLY 2022 UPDATE-DISTRICT 5, MONCTON, NB JUNE 3-5 2022

Mount Allison University NB

Price will increase roughly 2%

Meals will be in different building then Meetings. 10 minute walk across campus.

Concerned about timetable. Also walking if members have mobile issues.

More information at AWSC in October.

Assembly 2023 June 2-4 2023

District 15 offered for Assembly.

Either Sussex or St. John NB.

98% yes, 2% No, 0 Abstain.

### ELECTIONS OF AREA OFFICERS & COORDINATORS FOR 2022-2024 (PANEL 62)

Delegate voted in by two thirds of the vote

Officers and Coordinators voted in by fifty plus one vote.

Delegate-- Tara Morin District 6

Chairperson-- Mickie Zinck District 7

Secretary---- Verna Vermeulen Cormier District 16

Treasurer ---- Brenda Graham District 15

Alternate Delegate/ Forum Coordinator---- Dagny Maicher District 10

Alternate Chairperson//Alateen Coordinator--- Mark McGillivray District 15

Alternate Secretary/ Group Record Coordinator--- Alvina Kearney Howie District 9

Alternate Treasurer--- Jane Estey District 15

News & Views--- Murielle Desrosiers District 5

Archives --- Christine Stone District 8

Public Outreach Coordinator --- Barb Morris District 7

Technology Coordinator---- Wally Chivers District 7

**SUNDAY June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Mickie opened the meeting with 30 seconds of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, Twelve Traditions read by Carris G. Twelve Concepts and Warrants were read by Christine S. Daily reading was read out of Hope For Today by Elaine L. Mickie welcomed everyone back for the last day of Assembly. Roll call done by Theresa.

FINISHING ELECTIONS of OFFICERS & COORDINATOR. (if not finished yesterday)

Voting finished.

Thank you to people that finished their term in service position.

Welcome to returning people and new people to serve their term beginning in Jan 2022...

NEW or UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Finished the DR's 3 minute Sharings. Nice to hear all the sharings.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Doreen E our Literature Depot Manage/ Literature Coordinator announced that she will be stepping down at the end of her term DEC 2020. Area 91 will be looking for replacement.

Short Discussion Topic: Pros & Cons with Zoom or Fongo for Assembly, AWSC & District meeting.

PRO's –

- Great during Pandemic
- Good for Storm Days
- Good for people who cannot travel to meetings.
- So hybrid would work.

CON's -

- People not able to afford Internet.
- Feeling lonely not Face to Face
- Fongo can be costly to some people with no long distant plan

Closing Speaker Was -- Pat.L Pat read page 87 out of One Day at A Time.

Chairperson Closing Comments: Thank everyone for attending Assembly. Thanked her tech team who helped out. Pleasure to serve as your Chairperson.

Assembly closed with Declaration & Serenity Prayer.

Submitted by: Alvina Kearney Howie, ALT Secretary.



**MARITIME PROVINCES – AREA 91**  
**OFFICERS & COORDINATORS – January 2022**

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<b>TBA: Looking for a Replacement for January 2022</b>			

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