

Southern Illinois Area World Service Committee (SIAWSC)

Meeting Minutes of Zoom Meeting January 13, 2024 (Approved)

The meeting was opened at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson, Becky R., with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The purpose was to review what went well or not at the Area Assembly and to set the agenda for the next Area Assembly meeting. Rules and Guidelines for the meeting were presented to the 21 attendees with 16 voting members. It was explained that all Al-Anon members have voice; only Area officers, District Reps, Area Coordinators, Registered Agent and Past Delegates have the vote. The 12 Traditions and the 12 Concepts of Service and Warranties were read.

Attendees: Becky R., Jane F., Christy E., Joellyn P., Debbie Mc., Cindy P., Rowena A., Carol W., Colleen M., Jan C., Connie C, Kelly T., Andrea S., Laura D., Joanne D., Deb O., Charlene V., Jane G., Jan T., Tim E., Katie G.

OFFICER REPORTS

Recording Secretary:

Christy E. presented the Minutes from the SIAWSC Meeting of September 16, 2023. **A motion was made to approve the Minutes and with 14 “yes” and 1 “abstaining” votes, it was approved.**

An error was found by Christy E. in the Minutes of the SIAFG Area Assembly Meeting of July 15, 2023 that had already been approved. The title block said “Zoom Meeting” instead of “Hybrid”. This correction will be brought forward at the SIAFG Area Assembly Meeting on March 2, 2024.

Christy E., also mentioned there was some confusion on her part on sending out information. Jan T. shared there is overlap in the SIAFG By-Laws relating to the duties of the Recording Secretary and the Group Records Secretary. There was also discussion about the timing of when minutes should be sent out.

Treasurer Report:

JoEllyn P. reviewed the Treasurer’s Reports for the periods of September 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023 and January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023. The reports were included as “Attachment 2” and “Attachment 3” with the Agenda for this SIAWSC meeting.

For September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023:

The beginning balance was \$12,172.15 with receipts of \$1,790.14 and expenses of \$3561.16, leaving a balance of \$10,401.13. An amount of \$1,039.61 was deducted from the \$10,401.13 for the Savings/Reserve Fund Donation for Year End, leaving a Balance (Operating Funds) of \$9,356.52.

Treasurer Report (continued)

The Savings/Reserve Fund Goal is \$10,000.00. The beginning balance on 9/1/2023 was \$7,393.47. The ending balance on 12/31/23 was \$8,434.33 after adding the amounts of \$1039.61 (Reserve Fund Donation for Year End) and Interest of \$1.25.

For January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023:

The beginning balance was \$12,576.19 with receipts of \$6883.50 and expenses of \$9063.56, leaving a balance of \$10,396.13. An amount of \$1,039.61 for the Savings/Reserve Fund Donation for Year End was deducted from the \$10,396.13, leaving a Balance (Operating Funds) of \$9,356.52.

The end balance of the Savings/Reserve Fund for this time period was \$8,434.33 after adding interest of \$2.43 and the transfer from the general fund of \$1,039.61.

Joellyn P. found some minor discrepancies and is working on correcting them and Carol W. said she is willing to help out. Carol W., past Treasurer, said they can be noted and redone on the present reports. Jan T. agreed.

Group Records Secretary Report:

Jane F. shared that she is still experiencing email problems with the new email platform. Becky R. suggested Ed F., Webmaster Coordinator, and Jane F. connect and she will reach out to Ed F.

Delegate Report:

Carol W., SIAFG Delegate, submitted the following “1.13.24 Delegate Update” and reviewed it at this SIAWSC meeting held on January 13, 2024.

1.13.24 Delegate Update:

The next Chairperson of the Board (COB) Letter presentation is scheduled for Saturday, February 17, 2024. All current delegates get information from our Trustees Board meeting, which I will communicate to next SIAFG area assembly meeting in March.

Since Illinois South is hosting this year’s US North Central Regional Delegate Meeting, many from our area are attending. Below is an estimate of area expenses to attend USNCRDM:

SIAFG Attendees

Estimated Expense

		Registration	Food	Hotel	Travel	Other	Total
Carol	Delegate	70	115	200	100		485
Tim	Co-Chair	70	115	200	100		485
JoEllyn	Chair	70	115	200	100		485
Katie	Alt Delegate	70	115	200	100		485
Becky	Hotel Liaison	70	115				185
Lyri	Speaker	70	115	200	100		485
Others?							
		\$ 350	\$ 575	\$ 800	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ 2,610

Delegate Report (continued)

World Service Conference is April 17-22 in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

2023 World Service Conference Summary is now available, and can be ordered at the online bookstore.

Chosen Agenda Item (CAI) discussions have been taking place at Al-Anon's Annual World Service Conferences since 1976. The purpose of the CAIs is to give all Conference members (Delegates, members of the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee, and voting members of the World Service Office administrative Staff) an opportunity to submit and select topics and issues of concern that affect Al-Anon groups and members worldwide for discussion at Conference.

[Index of Chosen Agenda Items](#)

As delegate, I will have the opportunity to submit two chosen agenda items from our Area. Reaching out to all group representatives, to see if there are any issues you want discussed at World Service Conference. If so, I will ask for your help in completing the submission forms.

OLD BUSINESS

What went well/not so well at the last SIAFG Area Assembly Meeting

Overall, it was discussed that the meeting went well as the general sharing.

Alateen Update

Becky R. has spoken with Shelly N., who is interested in being involved in Alateen, and Shelly N. is contacting Emily M. and Mary S.

Becky R. also mentioned that there are online meetings for Alateens and if anyone needs any literature, they can reach out to her as she is willing to help.

2024 Illinois State AFG Convention

Debbie M., SIAFG Convention Coordinator, shared that Amanda S. from District 14 AFG has stepped up to be the Convention Chair for the 2024 Illinois State AFG Convention. It is to be held in O'Fallon, Illinois on October 11- 13, 2024. Carol W. shared that the role of Treasurer needs to be filled. Jan T. shared that the first Illinois State AFG Convention was held in 1975 so this convention is getting close to the 50th anniversary of Illinois State AFG Conventions.

United States North Central Regional Delegates Meeting – March 15, 16, 17, 2024

Joellyn P. shared the registration flier is almost ready to be sent and the hotel and program are being finalized. Also, that the reaching out to Past Delegates for presentation has been positive. Carol W. is putting together Illinois 'reflection pictures', others putting together folders, and the members agreed to put together new Delegate bags. There will be five new Delegates. Becky R. is working on getting a secretary for the event that can be there for the whole weekend. Carol W. shared that she estimated expenses at \$2610 and \$2000 is budgeted.

United States North Central Regional Delegates Meeting – March 15, 16, 17, 2024 **(continued)**

Cindy P. suggested a motion to allow overspend if necessary and the following motion was made by Rowena A. and Jane F. seconded:

A motion is made to pay for the expenses for those of the Southern Illinois AFG Area to host and participate in the in the United States North Central Regional Delegates Meeting. The Southern Illinois AFG will pay for whatever it takes to host the meeting.

The vote to accept the motion was unanimous and the motion was approved with 16 “yes” votes.

Thought Force Committees

- **Protocols for exceeding budget payments**

Tim E. reported that there not a chair at this time. Work is in progress.

- **SIAFG Service Participation Qualification**

A committee has not been organized yet. Work is in progress.

SIAWSC Contact Form – Check for Updates

Shelly N. be added as Archives Coordinator.

Ann M. be added as Alateen Coordinator.

Jane G. be added as Forum/Literature Coordinator

Becky R. shared she has some convention materials and will get them to Debbie Mc. or Amanda S. Also, it is great to have these positions filled and still needing coordinators for AAP, Public Outreach, By-Laws, and Ways and Means.

Alternate Delegate Report

Katie G., Alternate Delegate, reviewed her responsibilities as Alternate Delegate and one of them is to hold a workshop. Instead of a workshop, she proposed reading a Concept before the meeting and having a brief sharing that would last 15 -20 minutes, which was favorably received. Katie G. also shared that as Alternate Delegate she can take on the AAP Coordinator position if no one steps up.

NEW BUSINESS

Draft Agenda for SIAFG Area Assembly Meeting - March 2, 2024

Things added/revised:

- Under Recording Secretary: Correction of July 2023 Area Assembly Minutes
- Change in wording of SIAFG Convention Chair to IL State AFG Convention Chair
- Add By-Laws as a discussion point – looking into Officers duties and email processes
- Update the dates of SIAFG Area Assembly Meetings and SIAWSC Meetings

Carol W. will be getting forms to WSO to relay the names of the new Coordinators so they will receive communications from WSO.

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

Galesburg, IL Request to Join District 20

Jane G., District 20 Representative, shared that the Northern Illinois AFG Delegate and Alternate Delegate attended one of Galesburg's meetings to address issues and is going to have ongoing discussions.

Becky R. affirmed that there no decisions regarding this at this time and appreciated Jane G.'s work on this and Carol W. offered her assistance.

Wrap Up:

Tim E. had a question, "How do we handle a situation where a past delegate has moved into the SIAFG Area?" This may be something to consider at our next SIAWSC Meeting.

Deadlines for Reports:

News-O-Gram Materials Deadline : To Carol H. by January 21, 2024

Area Assembly Material Deadline: To Group Records Secretary by January 28, 2024

Dates for SIAWSC Meetings of 2024 (all zoom format)

January 13

May 4

September 14

Dates for SIAFG Area Assembly Meetings of 2024

March 2 (zoom)

July 13 (hybrid)

November 9 (hybrid)

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. and closed with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Your Trusted Servant,
Christy E.
Recording Secretary

