

Southern Illinois Area World Service Committee
(SIAWSC) Meeting
Zoom Meeting
September 17, 2022

(Accepted with corrections made on 1/14/2023)

The meeting was opened at 9:00 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 17 attendees with 12 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: Mary P, Kelley T, Suz B, Becky R, JoEllyn P, Jane F, Collen M, Charlene V, Carol W, Andrea S, Jane G, Carol H, Cyndi P, Donna D, Ro A, Jan T. Kristie,

Old Business:

Recording Secretary:

Mary P presented the minutes from the May 21, 2022 SIAWSC meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes with no corrections and seconded. The vote was unanimous in accepting the minutes as is.

Treasurer: Carol W. will bring the final budget and yearly results to the November 12, 2022 SIAFG meeting. JoEllyn P is going to be the next treasurer and there will need to be a transition including bank account changes. The bank insists the new members' full names be printed in the SIAFG minutes. JoEllyn and Carol will work on this in the next month. Carol has also created an appeal letter that she will offer at the Area Assembly. She would like someone to help her proofread it. Suz B volunteered.

Group Records Secretary: Jane F has reached out to all districts to verify correct information. She finds it's much easier when there is a District Representative. Districts without DR's do not always respond. After multiple outreach with no response, she is mailing information (U.S. postage) to only two people .

Alateen Update: Becky is still appealing for an Alateen coordinator. Jane F mentioned that Springfield District is very busy with the convention. There may be some interest after October. Suz B had information about the mandated reporting. She has contacted the Illinois State Attorney, Kwame Raoul, three times with correspondence letters and has gotten no response. She asked permission to write a fourth letter stating that it is assumed that we do not fall under the conditions of mandatory reporting since they have not responded. Suz B will create the letter, send it to Becky to be put in the Agenda notes for the November SIAFG meeting. It will be presented at the assembly and will be voted on.

Electronic Meetings Update:

The task group for Electronic Meetings was made up of 4 people; JoEllyn P, Donna S, Bob R , Jane G. They were tasked with writing the procedures for accepting Electronic Groups in the Southern Illinois AL-Anon Family Group. (SIAFG) Jane went through the 8 steps that explained

the procedure. There were a few changes that would clarify the work. It will be rewritten. A motion was made to present the amended Electronic Meeting Document to the area meeting for a vote. This motion was seconded and voted unanimously to present to Area. JoEllyn suggested a town hall meeting for all the Group Representatives so they can explain the process to their groups. This is in anticipation of voting whether or not to accept the Guidelines at the next Area Assembly. Becky volunteered to set up the Zoom on October 29 at 9am for the task group and the Group Reps. The task force will send a letter to Jane F, Group Records Secretary, who will send it out.

Web and Email Contact Update: All officers and Coordinators are reminded to set up their new email by Jan. 1, 2023.

Format for SIAWSC meetings: zoom or in person

Mary P was asked to check former minutes to see if attendance was better before pandemic. She reported that the SIAWSC meetings in 2019 had 28 in attendance with average 13 voting. (Being in person, people would walk in an hour late, getting ready for the Area meeting.) In 2020, there were average 15 attendees and average 11 voting. In 2021 there was an average of 15 attendees and 11 voting and the year 2022 average 18 attending with 14 voting. The consensus was to continue SIAWSC meetings in Zoom.

Mary P then reported the Area meetings attendance. In 2018 and 2019 the attendance was 27-39. In 2020 the attendance was 30-40. In 2021 the numbers were 29-33. In 2021 the numbers were 26-31. In 2022 there were 31 and 26. These numbers will be relayed to the November Area meeting.

New Business:

Draft Agenda for SIAFG November Area Assembly.

1. Officer Reports
2. Old Business: Electronic meetings, Alateen update, Web and email contact update, distance meeting check in. Springfield Hospital, Zoom, or hybrid.
3. New Business: Election for Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Recording Secretary
4. ~~Election for~~ **Appointments** of Coordinator positions.
5. Convention update
6. District reports & Group Concerns/Successes
7. Coordinator Reports
8. Delegate Report
9. Wrap up

2023 SIAWSC Meetings

January 14, 2023

May 20, 2023

September 16, 2023

Deadline for document to be sent for the November 12, 2022 meeting.

To Group Records Secretary, Jane F: October 8

To Carol H at News-O-Gram: October 1

A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting at 10:44 am. The unanimous vote agreed.

Your trusted servant,

Mary P. Recording Secretary