

Approved with Corrections 9-18-2021

Southern Illinois Area World Service Committee
(SIAWSC) Meeting
Zoom Meeting
May 22,2021

The meeting opened at 9:03 a.m. by Chairperson Becky R with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Rules and guidelines for the meeting were presented to the 15 attendees. (13 voting members) The Al-Anon 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and the 12 Concepts of Service and Warranties were read. As the Al-Anon Service manual reads, “Area World Service Committee meetings are held, attended by the Assembly officers, all District Representatives and Al-Anon Information Service Liaisons, and the Area Coordinators of special services. At these meetings, the Assembly agenda is planned, information and reports are conveyed, and decisions may be made that cannot wait until the next Assembly.” Becky stated the purpose of the meeting was to review what went well/not so well at the Area Assembly meeting of March 6, 2021 and set the agenda for the next Area Assembly meeting on July 10, 2021.

Cathy B volunteered to be designated timekeeper.

Minutes: Mary P read the minutes from Nov. 7, 2020.

Motion to approve minutes as amended was made by Mary S and Cathy B seconded it. The motion was approved and carried with two abstentions.

Rowena A, as Registered Agent, relayed that she had received a letter from the state that needed some action. She was informed that the Board of Director minutes and the SIAFG Al-Anon by-laws were to be sent to the state by August 1, 2021. At the July 10, 2021 Area meeting, Rowena needs a vote from Area that verifies the by-laws are correct at this time.

There was much discussion about ideas to clarify or change in our by-laws. Because we don't have much time between now and when we need to send in the by-laws to the State of Illinois as a registered agent we are going to sent them in as is for now. For the September 18 SIAWSC meeting we will discuss more fully the ideas/clarifying statements we wish to make for the by-laws and bring these to the Area Assembly as recommendations at our November Area Assembly meeting. The topics for the by-law changes include:

- Inclusion of the registered agent and past delegates as a voting member of SIAWSC
- Recommendations for guidance in by-laws or Job Descriptions for processes and procedures of the Website and the News-O-Gram
- Processes and procedures for how and who to bring recommendations to the body for changes to the SIAFG By-Laws

Old Business:

1. **What went well/not so well at Area meeting?** Donna suggested that discussions of old and new business at the end of the meeting is labored. By the end of the meeting, people are tired and not paying attention. If we could move that portion ahead of the DR's reports, it

might help. Lyri mentioned that reports that need votes should go first and other reports could go later. After discussion, the consensus was that Old and New Business would be placed on the agenda after the officer reports and before the District, Coordinator and Delegate reports. Carol W also mentioned that inviting GRs to add shares during their District Rep's report was working well. At this time, DRs were reminded that the News-O-Gram needed their reports by June 1(carol53115@yahoo.com) and to also send those reports to Mary P. (mepirtle@yahoo.com)

2. **Open Coordinator Positions:** Archives, Convention, Forum/Literature, Public Outreach, and Ways and Means positions need to be filled. ~~Although Cathy B is willing to help the District 18 group chair the 2022 Convention and will be the liaison "only for this 2022 as Southern hosts. She is volunteering for just this convention only. She has served as the SIAFG Convention Liaison for years and is willing to mentor a volunteer. Although Cathy B is willing to help the District 18 group chair the 2022 Convention, and will be the liaison between Northern and Southern for this year, she is volunteering for just a year. She has served in this position for years and would like to mentor a volunteer.~~ Cathy will give an update at the July 10, 2021 Area meeting.
3. **Review SIAWSC Contact List:** It was noted that this list would be placed on the password protected portion of the SIAFG website, and not in the News-O-Gram. Registered Agents should not be listed since they do not have voting privileges according to our by-laws. It was mentioned that by-laws might need to be revised. The Board of Directors changes every three years with rotation of service. Board of Directors includes Chair person, Registered Agent, 1 officer, the delegate and a member. Board of Directors should not be listed or it should be stated on the document that this board changes with elections. Jane F, as Group Records Secretary, needs a list of past delegates. The consensus was that the document changes could be made and the by-laws would be discussed at the July 10 Area meeting.
4. **Review the SIAWSC inventory results-Summer 2020** Lyri stated that the Inventory had been discussed at the November SIAWSC meeting, but it was at the end of a long day. She appreciates de-coupling the Area and World Service Conference. The Group Records Secretary needs to insure she has the email addresses of all appropriate members. It was mentioned that some officers did not receive the document and some Districts did not. Questions for District Reps and Group Reps are slightly different. Lyri will put directions in format so that it is clear who the inventories should go to. She will announce at the July 10, 2021 Area meeting when the inventories will go out again which will give us more data. She expects it to be late summer or early fall.
5. **Job positions:** Questions have come up about job positions and following guidelines in by-laws. For instance, the position of Webmaster and News-O-Gram, have had some discussion in the past. Lyri stated that the by-laws speak to people not doing their job and there is a program in place for that possibility. Jan T stated that some positions have very specific responsibilities that need to be acted upon regularly, not just suggested. For instance, the Recording Secretary must take the minutes, send them to the Group Records Secretary to distribute within 45 days of the meeting. When the minutes have been approved and accepted, they are then sent to the Webmaster to be posted. Since some work has already been done on the News-O-Gram and Webmaster positions, they can be taken to the Area. Lyri will make a document attached for the

Area meeting and it will be discussed. **All officers and Coordinators should be asked to check the by-laws for their job description and note changes of any kind. The year os 2021 can help educate members what each job entails and if they would be interested in standing for a position in November 2021.**

New Business:

1. Set agenda for July 10, 2021 meeting -Put old and new business after Board of Directors, Minutes, Treasurer, and Group Records Secretary reports. After Old and New Business, District Reps will give their reports and invite their members to add anything. After the District Reps reports, will come the Coordinators and then the Delegate.
2. Discuss strategies for no-contact Districts: One idea was to add a “dark” district to a working district. But in order to do this, it should be verified how many meetings were happening in that district. JoEllyn is working on that information. Charlene was able to send some information to the Chair after the meeting. Mary S and Cyndi P were going to try to contact District 15.
3. A Renewal of Incorporation for the state as explained by Rowena A, Registered Agent.
4. NEXT MEETING of SIAWSC: It has been helpful to Becky to have this meeting on a different date. What is the pleasure of the group? Does the group want to have the next meeting in September to get ready for the Nov. meeting? Mary S requested that the next meeting be in September and Zoom. Lyri seconded. **MOTION: SIAWSC will continue as Zoom and put 6 weeks between the Area mtg and the World Service Conference. The motion was made and seconded. It was approved with one abstention.**

Sept.18, 2021 is the next SIAWSC meeting.

July 10, 2021 is the next SIAFG meeting.

Becky R adjourned the meeting at 10:30am with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Your Trusted Servant,
Mary Pirtle
Recording Secretary

