

Southern Illinois Area World Service Committee (SIAWSC)

Meeting Minutes of Zoom Meeting September 16, 2023 (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 16 attendees with 13 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., Rowena A., Cindy P., Carol W., Colleen M.,
Kelly T., Patti, Laura D., Charlene V., Jane G., Jan T., Tim E., Mary P., Katie G.

OFFICER REPORTS

Recording Secretary:

Christy E. presented the Minutes from the SIAWSC Meeting of May 20, 2023. A motion was made to approve the Minutes and it was unanimously approved.

Treasurer:

JoEllyn P. was not able to join the meeting. Cindy P. reviewed the Treasurer's Report and the Preliminary Budget to be presented at the SIAFG Area Assembly Meeting on November 4, 2023.

Group Records Secretary:

Jane F. shared that she is still experiencing email problems as some are still not getting the emails. Also, electronic meetings are being registered but are not showing up as listed on the AFG website.

She also shared that the person has retired that she was working with on the Illinois Department of Corrections program and she is not getting communications from them at this time.

Delegate:

Carol W. has a report to share at the SIAFG Area Assembly Meeting in November. Also, part of her responsibility as Delegate is to validate for WSO the accuracy and detail of the SIAWSC Committee Contact List, including start and end dates of service. Jan T. has a list of starts and ends for past Delegates and will send it to Carol W.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Out last SIAFG Area Assembly Meeting was hybrid. Rowena A. commented that those on-line only could not see the persons speaking that were in the room unless they had a computer. Thus, Rowena recommended it is a good idea to identify oneself when sharing in the meeting.

Tim E. suggested an auxiliary camera could be used so the persons attending online can see the people in person that are sitting up front.

Protocols for exceeding budget payments

Becky R. reviewed that a number of people attended in March the North Central Regional Delegates Meeting in St. Paul, Minnesota and spent their own funds.

Carol W. shared that the support was needed to see how this meeting works since we are hosting the next meeting in 2024 and that a committee for “over budget” review would be a good idea. Carol W. mentioned it could be regarded as an “audit committee” and that it should be of Group Representatives.

Tim E. suggested we maybe make a temporary dollar amount designation until committee is up and running. Becky R. shared it is better to wait on dollar amount and to take it to the SIAFG Area Assembly Meeting and ask the Group Representatives for their thoughts on the protocol and proposal.

Cindy P. shared she is willing to work on the team and the development of the proposal and Carol W. thanked her.

Becky R. will put this topic on the Agenda for the November SIAFG Area Assembly Meeting and ask for volunteers for a committee for developing a proposal on the protocol for exceeding budget payments.

Cost of Website and Emails

Becky R. shared this topic will be brought up to the SIAFG Area Assembly Meeting in November and will ask for a group to form a committee that should include the SIAFG Area Webmaster.

Alateen Update

Becky R. has not spoken with Mary S. or Emily, who have done a lot of work on what’s needed for the recertification. She also shared that she has had someone reach out to her who wants to be the Alateen Coordinator.

SIAWSC Contact Form – Check for Updates

The SIAWSC Contact Form was sent as an attachment with the SIAWSC Agenda of this meeting and reviewed and there were no changes.

OLD BUSINESS (continued)

By Laws Changes

Cindy P. reviewed the proposed highlighted changes for SIAFC By-Laws that covered removing “mailed” or “written notice” being removed in several areas. It was discussed that there are several members needing mailed copies so it was agreed that the statements regarding means of communication could be something like “our default is email, but if notified, will mail”. Cindy P. offered to reword the proposed changes.

Other Old Business: KBDM

Discussion occurred regarding the availability of a platform to use KBDM or another kind of modality for decision making.

Jan T. found a note from 2019, where it was asked whether anyone has done anything with KBDM, but did not find anything where it was documented whether to use or not to use KBDM.

Becky R. mentioned that if we are going to use KBDM, she is not sure we have the technology or discussion platform available for everyone to comment on-line and it is the Groups’ decision. Also, she asked whether we want to continue to discuss the issue of dual members’ being Group Representatives. Becky R. also asked Carol W. if WSO has a platform and Carol W. is going to reach out and ask.

Tim E. shared that KBDM is not a platform, but a way to run meetings and how motions are made. Tim E. has a document on KBDM and Becky R. asked it be sent to her.

NEW BUSINESS

Draft Agenda for SIAFG for November Area Assembly Meeting

Becky R. reviewed the Agenda for the SIAFG Area Assembly Meeting to be held on November 4, 2023 and “KBDM Platform Process” and “North Central Regional Delegates Meeting Update” were added to Old Business. “Email and Website - Expenses and Platform” were added to New Business.

Other New Business:

Becky R. reported that Debbie M., Convention Coordinator, needs a Chairperson for the 2024 Illinois State AFG Convention.

United States North Central Regional Delegates Meeting

Tim E. shared that the United States North Central Regional Delegates Meeting will be held at The Chateau in Bloomington-Normal the weekend of March 15,16 and 17. The next meeting is October 3 at 7:00. Carol W. shared that committees have been formed and Katie G. is preparing a “save the date” communication.

Deadlines for Reports:

News-O-Gram Materials Deadline : To Carol H. by September 24

Area Assembly Material Deadline: To Group Records Secretary by September 30

Dates for SIAWSC Meetings of 2024 (all zoom format)

January 13

May 4

September 14

Date for next SIAFG Area Assembly Meeting of 2023 (zoom format)

November 14

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m. and closed with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Your Trusted Servant,
Christy E.
Recording Secretary