

Accepted with no corrections 1-8-2022

Southern Illinois Area World Service Committee
(SIAWSC) Meeting
Zoom Meeting
September 18,2021

The meeting opened at 9:02 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 11 attendees. (9 voting members) The 12 Traditions, and the 12 Concepts of Service and Warranties were read. All Al-Anon members have voice; only Area Officers, District Reps, (DRs), Coordinators and Past Delegates have vote. 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 November 6, 2021.

Old Business:

Minutes: Mary P presented the minutes from the May 22, 2021 SIAWSC meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes with corrections by Susan B and seconded by Jan T. It was approved unanimously. These will be posted on the SIAFG website with corrections in red.

What went well: Becky appreciated the change made for the July 10 SIAFG meeting in which Old and New business was placed before the Coordinators and District Rep reports. The consensus was positive.

Alateen Recertification Update: Mary S worked with the lawyer to update and submit all paperwork for AMIAS in Southern Area. AMIAS can now be trained via Zoom. The lawyer clarified that all paperwork is up to date for Alateen. A big thanks goes to Mary S for all her hard work.

By-Laws Discussion: The discussion centered around who is allowed to vote at SIAWSC meetings. Secondly, who does the Board of Directors include. Thirdly, do the Board of Directors have a vote during the SIAWSC meeting or would that be called double headed management. After much discussion, the consensus was to bring a motion to the Area in November.

We would like to add the registered agent to the list of voters for SIAWSC and take this recommendation to the SIAFG meeting for a vote to go into the by-laws.

A consensus was also drawn concerning the Board of directors. It was decided to form a committee to figure out the need to clarify/define the board of directors' members and their responsibilities. (page 20, article 6) That committee will include Cathy B, Jan T, Cindy P and JoEllyn P. Becky stated that she will put out an email with the link to the SIAFG website to find the by-laws.

Job Description for by-laws: With elections coming up in 2022, Becky asked Officers and Coordinators to check by-laws for accuracy. Any update shall be brought to the next SIAWSC meeting on January 8, 2022 for discussion. Each **officer** should have a brief verbal description ready for the Area meeting on November 6, 2021. We want to educate the members for election year.

Contact List: Officers, coordinators and past delegates are to be listed on the contact list. Board of Directors should be listed separately. Jan T has insured all living past delegates are on a list and will send that list to Becky and JoEllyn.

Website Addition: Cathy B asked Carol W to send the Treasurer reports from 2019 through the present to Kyra at the Website. The approved minutes and treasurer reports are to be posted.

November 6 Area Agenda:

- 1. minutes**
- 2. treasurer report**
- 3. Group Records Report**
- 4. SIAFG Alateen Recertification**
- 5. By-Law Recommendation and Discussion** and vote on by-laws Motion brought up in SIAWSC meeting
- 6. Officer Job Descriptions**
- 7. Excess Funds-** Have discussion about what we want to do with the funds. A Thought Force brought us many ideas and we have not made any decisions. Do we want to research more ideas, find a public outreach person to fill that need or do we want to table it for the time being.
- 8. Web and Email Contact Update** Carol W has put \$720 aside to help purchase email addresses. Kyra will update the assembly.
- 9. What shall we do with Electronic meetings? What is our role?**
- 10. Distance Meeting Check in - Area Assembly via Zoom - Working or not?**
- 11. Set Dates for 2022 SIAFG Meetings - to be decided**
 - March**
 - July**
 - November**
- 12. District reports and Group Concerns/successes**

To wrap up the meeting, the dates for the next 3 SIAWSC meetings were decided upon.
January 8, 2022
May 21, 2022
September 17, 2022

At 11a.m. a motion was made to adjourn by Jan T and seconded by Susan B and agreed to unanimously. The meeting was closed with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary P, Recording Secretary