

Area Assembly

Meeting Minutes
AFG Area 22_LA
Saturday, August 21, 2021

**** UNAPPROVED MINUTES ****

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Louisiana Area Assembly was held online using the video conference program Zoom, at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 21, 2021. Angela A., Chairperson, opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. She welcomed all in attendance, and then read the Louisiana Area Assembly Mission Statement: The mission of the Louisiana AFG Area Assembly is to foster and support participation in service for Al-Anon and interest in the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts; to provide opportunities for groups to associate with other groups; to inform about the activities and service in our region; and to maintain representation to and from the World Service Conference (WSC).

Volunteers read Al-Anon's Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of Service, including the General Warranties. Angela informed the Assembly that audio was being recorded using the record feature on Zoom in order to assist the secretary, Rachel B., with the minutes. Angela reminded Assembly members that all the documents that are needed for today's meeting were on the Area website, www.la-al-anon.org. She then reminded everyone of the online conference procedures for participating in discussions, asking questions, dealing with technical problems, online meeting etiquette, etc.

Rachel B., Area Secretary, asked for any corrections to the unapproved minutes from Saturday, May 22, 2021. Corrections were made to the Delegate's report on page three as follows: "March" was changed to "for the first quarter of 2021 ending March 31st" in four places, where dollar amounts for literature sales, contributions, expenses, and market conditions. A motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Lucy W., Group Representative (GR), and seconded by Steve G., GR. The minutes were approved as amended.

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer's report: Sam B., Treasurer

First, your treasurer wishes to thank past treasurers Hope L. and Eric N. for their valuable help in the latest transition of the position. Further, Pebble B., Budget and Finance Coordinator, and the current Officers have been of great assistance. Their welcome and encouragement have made the transition much easier.

Transfers of files, the bank account, and accounting software are all complete. A new P.O. Box for Assembly contributions was opened, and mail is forwarded from the old address.

The financial report for the second quarter of 2021, April through June, is attached. Contributions have continued at a steady pace. Thank you! The principal expenditure in the second quarter was a \$4,487 contribution to the World Service Office (WSO)—this was revenue from 2020 in excess of our ample reserve. The bank balance at the end of the second quarter was \$18,076. Net cash on hand after outstanding checks and reserve was \$3,666.

Alternate Delegate's report: Eric N., Alternate Delegate

Thank you, Jay, for part two of your Concepts workshop this afternoon. Lucy W. will be our speaker tonight at 7:30. The GR Meeting will present the workshop at the November Assembly. Angelo M. will be the Saturday night speaker in November. We need a Saturday night speaker for the January Assembly. Please contact me if you are willing to speak.

Delegate's report: Tammy M., Delegate

- ◆ Revenue consists mainly of literature sales and contributions. Other revenue includes magazine sales and investment gains or losses. Literature sales for year-to-date (YTD) through June 2021 were \$240,082. Contributions YTD through June 2021 were \$210,519.
- ◆ Expenses: The largest categories of expenses consist of WSO Staff salaries and benefits, public service announcements (PSAs), technology, and postage. Expenses for YTD through June 2021 were \$483,057. We continue to monitor all expenses and reduce them wherever possible. First, expenses are lower than expected mainly because some of our open positions were not filled in the first half of the year. As we continue to fill our open positions, salaries and associated costs will increase in the second half of the year. Second, contributions have not been as high as we planned. While 2020 was a record year for contributions, we know that many groups meeting temporarily online are just now deciding whether to return to face-to-face and group expenses are increasing to cover rent and other costs that did not exist in the virtual world.
- ◆ Net Increase/(Decrease): Change in net assets resulted in a net increase of \$17,047 which reflects the decrease in planned expenses.
- ◆ The 2021 "Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect" event will be held on Saturday, October 23, 2021, at the Westin Cleveland Downtown in Cleveland, Ohio. Registration information can be found at al-anon.org/roadtrip; the mail-in registration deadline is Friday, October 1, 2020 and the on-line registration deadline is Friday, October 8, 2021. Would our Area like to host the 2022 "Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect"? There is still time to submit an application. The deadline for submitting a bid to host the 2022 "Road trip!" event is September 17, 2021
- ◆ The dates selected for the 2022 World Service Conference are Tuesday, April 26 through Saturday, April 30, 2022. Delegates are scheduled to arrive on Monday, April 25th, and depart on Sunday, May 1st. The Conference will be held at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown, New York. All Conference members will visit Stepping Stones during Conference week. World Service Conference Theme 2022: Enhancing Our Recovery through Abundance, Unity, and Understanding
- ◆ 2023 Al-Anon International Convention with A.A. Participation is June 29 – July 2, 2023 in Albuquerque, New Mexico!

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Newcomers to Area Assembly Meeting report: Sylvia G., Newcomers to Area Assembly Coordinator—absent; report given by Angela A., Chairperson

We had two attendees at today's New to Assembly Meeting, one Alateen Member, and one returning member, Mary Lynn J., who has served our Area in various positions, including as Delegate for Panel 39. Mary Lynn has recently returned to live in Louisiana, and we are very fortunate to have her serving in our Area once again. It was also a pleasure to welcome Morgan, an Alateen Member new to Service at the Area level, and we are looking forward to her Alateen participation at this Assembly. Please invite new attendees to Area Assembly; all Al-Anon and Alateen Members are welcome! Anyone new or relatively new is invited to this meeting each Assembly Saturday morning to help them become oriented to and feel a part of our process. Bienvenue a la Al-Anon/Alateen!

State Convention: Duke H., Convention Chair—absent; report given by Rebecca P., Archives Coordinator

GR Meeting report: Carmen O., GR Meeting Coordinator

- ◆ Meeting opened with Serenity Prayer and Preamble
- ◆ History of Al-Anon—Stepping Stones-based on Dramatic readings of love letters between Lois and Bill from the Stepping Stones picnic earlier, pictures of office of Lois and kitchen table
- ◆ Review of Tradition Five and Concept Five; Tradition Six and Concept Six (Steve)
- ◆ Next Assembly: Tradition Seven (Leslie L.), Concept Seven (Claire L.)
- ◆ This GR group will host the workshop in November. Joy in Recovery! FUN! Grateful for willingness for those who volunteered rather than VOLUNTOLD!
- ◆ Short discussion on straw poll to be taken at Assembly on current format of Assembly

DR Meeting report: Susan A., Alternate Chair

The District Representative (DR) meeting was an inspiration to me again! We had eleven members in attendance, six DRs, one Alternate DR, our Area Secretary, Alternate Delegate, Delegate, and a past Delegate. We always appreciate the attendance of our officers and their depth of knowledge. Thank you for your attendance! We still have six districts with no representation. Please encourage your GRs to consider stepping up to DR in those districts. We filled our assignments for the November Assembly. We spent part of our meeting discussing topic ideas for a DR workshop at the January 2022 Assembly. We had so many ideas, we decided to “pause” and “think” on our proposed topics. Tammy, our Delegate, offered to help us with this workshop as well. She has many ideas from WSO. We will meet again in a month to finalize our topic. We reiterated the importance of keeping current in order to be a good link to our groups. We held an information forum where each DR had three minutes to discuss information about their districts, in particular their DR meetings, attendance, projects, and concerns. The conflict resolution cards were suggested as a meeting topic for groups to use to handle personality conflicts within groups and elsewhere. Sharing aloud helped us all realize we are not alone in this changing world. We share many of the same problems and concerns within our districts and groups. We stressed the importance of keeping our groups informed and keeping in touch with each

group in our district by visiting the groups, monthly newsletters, and personal phone calls. Lastly, we reminded ourselves to attend to our own self-care by going to meetings, having a sponsor/service sponsor, and being of service to others.

COORDINATOR REPORTS

Special Note: All coordinator reports were submitted in writing prior to the Assembly and posted on the Area website (www.la-al-anon.org), and were also given orally during the meeting. On a trial basis, Area Coordinators will give their coordinator reports at the Assembly instead of Action Committee reports, which will be given at tomorrow's Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting. (This is trial three of three.)

Alateen: Steve G., Alateen Coordinator

- ◆ There was an amazing Public Outreach for Alateen zoom that was done by our own Gina and Claire from right here in Louisiana! There were Alateen Coordinators, Area Alateen Process Persons (AAPP) and Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) from all over. Not only those in Alateen service, but Area Public Outreach Coordinators, Delegates, and more. There are many other Public Outreach opportunities, please feel free to email me (AlateenCoordinator@la-al-anon.org) and/or Randy W., your AAPP (AAPP@la-al-anon.org), for any help. Gina R., our Area Public Outreach Coordinator, has also been working closely with Alateen for outreach, and we appreciate the help!
- ◆ We had a panel with two Alateens at the Convention in July! They were well received and EVERY speaker at the convention spoke about being in Alateen or their children were in Alateen! I want to thank the Convention committee for including Alateen as part of the speaker line up; they loved it, plus I saw so much growth from them (not to mention they LOVE the book *Courage to Be Me* that the committee gave them as a gift)!
- ◆ There are Districts and Intergroup/Al-Anon Information Services (AIS) that have an Alateen Coordinator, and this will really help to spread the work of Alateen outreach into smaller “bite size” pieces! Please look in your heart if there is an open Alateen service position that you can fill! One of my goals for 2022 will be to concentrate on outreach to have Alateen groups and/information accessible all over the state.
- ◆ The task force has completed working on the Alateen LA Area 22 Safety and Behavioral Requirements and they have been approved by a Louisiana lawyer! The process to be completed, if possible, by end of 2021 now will be:
 - a. to the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) for a vote on August 22nd
 - b. to WSO for approval by November
 - c. to Assembly for a vote at November Assembly
- ◆ Just a reminder, we still have a unique opportunity for local AMIAS to “bring” teens to the Lafayette Zoom Meeting if they are trying to get an Alateen group started in their district(s). This is the time to start building an Alateen group so that if it starts with only one teen, there are several teens in the group to support them as you build up a meeting. Per clarified WSO guidelines, Alateens in LA Area 22 can attend any Alateen electronic meeting within LA Area 22 with or without an AMIAS. However, no Alateen from outside of the state will be allowed to attend Alateen meetings in LA Area 22 even with their AMIAS.

- ◆ From Randy W., AAPP: I cannot thank the task force enough for the help on completing the LA Area 22 Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements. I am actively working on completing the Area 22 required recurring three-year background check on anyone who is due. Finally, the WSO Annual Alateen Recertification was completed by the due date 6/15/2021.

Archives: Rebecca P., Archives Coordinator

- ◆ The Power Point presentation PDF of the Area 22 Archives Room housed in the Baton Rouge AIS Office is in the process of being updated keeping anonymity in mind. It will be re-posted to the Archives section of the Area 22 website www.la-al-anon.org as soon as it is completed. It will include new photos of the Archives Room and the items now added to the display.
- ◆ Much work has been done by our informal Thought Force/Task Force on the Archives Collection since the last Area Assembly:
 - ♣ Conference Approved Literature (CAL) on display in the showcase is now housed in acid free archival sleeves and shown on small tripod easels for easier viewing.
 - ♣ The CAL on display is now identified uniformly on small cards beside each item in the collection.
 - ♣ Framed items are now hanging on the walls for easy viewing.
 - ♣ The boxes to be reviewed are now organized and stored to make it easier to begin that work.
 - ♣ The posters have been organized and repaired so that they are back to their original state as nearly as possible and many of the posters have moved to their display location on the walls of the room.
 - ♣ Copies of *The Forum* have been consolidated in a central location in the room for ease of reviewing and organizing in accordance with the WSO Guidelines.
 - ♣ A small donated bistro table and two chairs are now set up in the room so that future face-to-face visitors can rest a moment while viewing the collection.
 - ♣ The table features a Swedish Ivy plant which the committee volunteers will maintain.
 - ♣ The table also features a beautiful book of photos of the collection which an Al-Anon fellow made and donated.
 - ♣ Steps and Traditions banners are now hanging in the room as are framed slogans and a framed Serenity Prayer.
 - ♣ New signs are now made and on display with the suggestions as to how to safeguard the archives while visiting the Archives Room.
- ◆ Our next steps are as follows:
 - ♣ We will be to begin to organize the boxes and label them as to contents with the goal of getting the contents into uniform, clearly labeled boxes or into the filing cabinets.
 - ♣ We are also focused ensuring that the GRs and DRs in Area 22 are aware of the tools in the Archives Section of the Area 22 website for them to use to record their group's history and to interview founding members and record for historical purposes the beginnings of their groups.
 - a. Please take a look in the Archives section for the Archival Event Form and feel free to use it to systematically memorialize your group/district/Area events and submit them

to the Archives Coordinator and we will include them in a special section of the Archives Room.

- b. Please take a look in the Archives section for the Al-Anon Longtime Member Questionnaire. Please feel free to assist the Archives Committee by utilizing the form too and feel free to use it to assist us as we “Look to the Past to Protect the Future”. Please submit the interviews to the Archives Coordinator for inclusion in a binder dedicated to our fellows who were instrumental in starting our meetings. We will have this binder on display in the Archives Room as we collect submissions and find other submissions which may be filed in the cabinets or in the boxes that have not yet been reviewed.
- ♣ We will be reviewing, categorizing, organizing, and labeling the folders currently housed in the two file cabinets located in the Archives room to gain an understanding of the current system to continue and build on it
 - ♣ We will be developing a schedule for scanning the documents once they are inventoried, categorized, and evaluated.
- ◆ As your Archivist I am also charged with the responsibility of keeping up to date as to the discussions taking place on the WSO AFG Connects thread for Archivists. Currently there are ongoing discussions of the following:
- ♣ Disposition of paper items once they are digitized/scanned – keep, shred, etc.
 - ♣ Disposition of old *Forum* magazines – keep them all or only the ones with articles from members in our state.
 - ♣ Utilization of the Longtime Member Questionnaire and possibly converting it into a “fillable” document which is in the works.
- ◆ As your Archivist I also stay in touch with the WSO Archivist, Joe T., as to any updates on the revision of the G-30 Guidelines for Archivists and he has encouraged me to be active in the AFG Connects for Archivists which I have done and will continue to do by reporting out our progress in Area 22.
- ◆ My overarching goals remain as follows:
- ♣ Clearly identify material with the date of origin and photos should have names and dates written on the back. I will be sure to date everything to make it easier for future Archivists.
 - ♣ Interview Area pioneers and encourage GRs and DRs to do so as well as soon as possible and record their recollections of early group development and their personal recovery stories.
 - ♣ After the Archives are organized, research possible systems for organizing the collection in a searchable system to locate material in the collection, building on what already exists and enhancing it as appropriate.
 - ♣ Protect the anonymity of our fellows as the archives collection is consolidated, organized, and maintained.
- ◆ I am again extending the invitation to any Al-Anon member with expertise in library science or digital archives to assist me as a member of the Area 22 Archives Committee, so let me know if you or any of your group members have such expertise and are willing to join the committee.
- ◆ A special thank you to Steve G. who joined the committee this past month and for Jay P., GW, Rachel B., and the past Archivists, like Clara and Vicki, for their work in past panels.

- ◆ To the GRs and DRs in Area 22, thank you in advance for your participation with regard to preserving our fellowship's history and events and for your support of the efforts of your Archives Coordinator and Archives Committee.
- ◆ Although the task sometimes seems a bit daunting, in this fellowship we learn to take one day at a time and to pause, pray, prepare, plan, and proceed.
- ◆ Thanks so much for the opportunity and privilege to serve as Archivist for Area 22 Panel 60.

Budget & Finance: Pebble B., Budget & Finance Coordinator

The Budget & Finance Income and Expense tracker through the second quarter is posted on the website.

Our new Treasurer, Sam B., and I have been communicating to ensure we are familiar with Assembly motions and legal financial obligations as well as best practices to use.

The Net income from 2020 (\$4,487) was sent to WSO as per Motion 16-01 which is: "Annually Area Assembly will donate the previous year end's net income to WSO payable after the Treasurer's report is approved at the first Assembly of the following year commencing with 2015 net income."

Motion 2021-01: "Matter under consideration: Online contributions to the Area Assembly; Wording of Motion: Propose LA Area Assembly AFG, Inc. allow an online platform be used for members to make contributions passed at the May 22, 2021 Assembly has not been implemented." Hopefully this can be implemented in the third quarter.

The Knowledge-Based Decision Making (KBDM) document regarding the number of signatures Area will require on each check was posted on the website after the March Assembly for members to read so an informed decision can be made. So far I have received no comments from members on this document.

Through the second quarter of 2021 Assembly has a net loss of \$1,433.

The Forum: Paula D., Forum Coordinator

Louisiana January thru August 2021 Sales Report

	Group Subscriptions	Group Copies	Other* Subscriptions	Other Copies	Total subscriptions	Total copies
Jan	16	17	173	177	189	194
Feb	14	15	174	178	188	193
Mar	14	15	165	170	179	185
Apr	13	16	165	170	180	186
May	13	14	159	164	172	178
June	12	14	157	162	169	176
July	12	14	156	160	168	174
Aug	13	15	156	160	169	175

* Other subscriptions include individuals, districts, Al-Anon Information Services (AIS) offices, and Literature Distribution Centers

Group Records: Rosey A., Group Records Coordinator—absent; report was submitted and posted on Area website

All DRs were sent current group record information for the groups in their district as of 8/9/2021. Some changes were made by DRs based on those reports and all of those changes have now been entered into the WSO database.

The Group Records committee did not hold a meeting between Assemblies and having a meeting between now and the November Assembly will be a goal for us.

The former coordinator (Heidi H.) was contacted in regard to a survey that was created by the previous committee. She did respond and emailed me the survey. I will send the survey out to the DRs on the Group Services Action Committee so that we can discuss it and decide if sending out a survey will be something we want to add as a goal (project) before our term is over.

Hispanic Outreach: position vacant, no report

Literature: Ann B., Literature Coordinator

The important news about CAL is that the “Welcome Newcomer” packet (K-10) is now available in electronic form (eK-10). To purchase “Welcome Newcomer” electronically, go to Al-Anon.org and choose Online Store from the top bar. The process is similar to purchasing any other electronic CAL. A search box will come up at the top right. Type in eK-10. Choose “Details” and you will be shown the vendors that provide the e-version. Currently they are: Amazon, Apple Books, Google Play, Barnes & Noble, and Kobo. Each vendor may have different ways for you to read the electronic material. For example, Barnes & Noble requires you to use an app called Nook. Each vendor should have a method for eK-10 to be purchased for others to be given as a gift. Probably there will be a link or code provided. The vendors should also provide ways to buy eK-10 in bulk to ‘give’ to others. I suggest that if GRs think the electronic Welcome Newcomers packet would be useful, to work with your literature person to investigate the best process for your group, and get a group conscience about how to proceed for your group.

La Treasure Chest (LATC): Danielle H., LATC Newsletter Editor

Public Outreach: Gina R., Public Outreach Coordinator

Two Public Outreach Workshops were coordinated and presented for the purpose of sharing ideas and collaborating with others in Al-Anon service in the U.S. & Canada.

1. Public Outreach Area Coordinators Collaboration Workshop on Sat., June 12, 2021.

Louisiana support team hosted- GW, Claire & Tammy: 25 participants, Diversity topic explored in depth at June workshop. Following the Public Outreach Coordinator’s presentation, attendees were encouraged to engage in dialogue to share experience and to collaborate on new projects. Participants from New York, California, Florida, Ohio, Minnesota, and six Public Outreach Coordinators from Canada were present. WSO was kept in the loop, giving freedom and independence to host such a workshop. Scot P., our WSO Public Outreach link, stated that this was the most incentive he had seen during his time at WSO. Louisiana Public Outreach Coordinator was encouraged to move ahead with the topics of diversity and inclusivity, plus using “new and emerging technology” to better carry the Al-Anon message.

2. Louisiana Public Outreach presented a Public Outreach Workshop for Area Alateen Coordinators, Area Public Outreach Coordinators and committee members on Sat., July 31, 2021. Forty-eight participants came from coast to coast: Canada, New York, California, Florida, and Alaska, to name a few, plus a few Louisiana members supporting Area 22 Public Outreach. Focus was on carrying the Alateen message and reinforcing that Al-Anon Public Outreach includes Alateen and needs to be part of the message. Presentation featured graphics via Google slides on Cooperating with Professionals; we included a Public Outreach sample meeting for Professionals Co-chaired by Claire L. Public Outreach Coordinators and Alateen Coordinators discussed how cooperating with community professionals helps to carry the message for Al-Anon and Alateen. Building these relationships opens the door for referrals to our program from diverse segments of the community. Teamwork Website/Tech Team Coordinator GW set up the Zoom events and kept the workshops running smoothly.

Website Coordinator: GW, Website Coordinator

As of 08/06/2021 there have been 15,823 page visits to la-al-anon.org for a daily average of 67.12. The state website's activity level had massive spikes on the Assembly and State Convention weekends.

The Assembly Zoom account has been used as a platform for two Public Outreach Workshops put on by the Public Outreach Coordinator. Time may be requested by members of the AWSC to use the Assembly account for Committee meetings on a first come first served basis. I feel that there is potential for much more usage of this account between Assembly weekends.

A Google for nonprofits account has been established for the Area Assembly which has allowed us to open a Google Workspace for nonprofits account. This is a free account as we are a nonprofit corporation. The initial impetus for this action was to have the ability to continue having branded email addresses for the AWSC members. Our current email alias service will be no longer available at some time in the upcoming months. I now feel that continuing to provide branded emails is only the tip of the iceberg of the potential usage of this service to the Area Assembly. If there are any members that have experience with Google Workspace (formerly G suite), the Tech Team will be having a series of brainstorming sessions to investigate further possible usage of this service.

I have received no input on the KBDM for restructuring the Website Coordinator position into a Technology Coordinator position. There is not a rush to address this matter, but I would like it resolved in time for the next Panel so that they will have an accurate job description to make an informed decision for persons interested in standing for the position.

As always, I am seeking any active Al-Anon members that have a desire to learn more about the technical workings of Area Assembly. I would love to have an Associate Webmaster that could help with the maintenance of the state website. The Tech Team will be specifically seeking out members who have any familiarity with Google Workspace, as we will be looking at what other ways this service may be useful to Assembly beyond providing email addresses for AWSC members—things such as shared drives, document collaboration, etc.

ON-GOING BUSINESS: Angela A., Chairperson

- ◆ The three-Assembly trial of having Coordinator reports presented at the Assembly instead of the AWSC, and Action Committee reports presented at the AWSC instead of the Assembly: after discussion, a straw poll was taken to determine if the GRs see a benefit to continue receiving Coordinator reports directly during the Assembly. The results of the poll were not announced, and the discussion will be continued tomorrow at the AWSC meeting.
- ◆ Trial schedule for Assembly weekend KBDM: this will be voted on by the GRs in November, but the discussion was continued today; the AWSC will continue the discussion tomorrow and make a recommendation to the Assembly in November

NEW BUSINESS: Angela A., Chairperson

A discussion was held regarding whether the Assembly wanted to continue to meet virtually due to the pandemic, or to start meeting in person with AA in November. The following decision was made:

Motion 2021-02:

Matter under consideration: Meetings for LA AFG Area Assembly, Inc.

Wording of Motion: LA AFG Area Assembly, Inc., meeting in November 2021 and meetings going through the first two Assemblies of 2022 will be held virtually

Motion made by: Pebble B., GR; *seconded by:* Steve G., GR

28 voting GRs; yes: 25, no: 3; abstain: 0

Motion passed

Alternate Chair's report: Susan A., Alternate Chair

The district assignments for 2021 Assembly in November:

Saturday Morning Meeting: District 8 – Sarah G.

Saturday Night Owl Meeting: District 4 – Clara E.

Sunday Morning Meeting: Delegate – Tammy M.

The Next Assembly will be on November 6th and 7th.

2021 Assembly Dates: November 6th -7th

2022 Assembly Dates: Jan 15th -16th, April 9th -10th, Aug 20th -21st, and Nov 5th -6th

Attendance: 46

Just a reminder – normally, we pass “the shoe” at Assembly. Remember that you may always mail in a contribution. All contributions are greatly appreciated. The Service Arms Contact List is on the website. Please notice that there is a new address for LA AFG Area contributions.

Special thanks to all who participated today, particular thanks to Jay P. who gave the second part of his workshop on the Concepts, for Action Committee Coordinators and for those who volunteered to lead the AI-Anon meetings. I want to particularly thank our Tech Team for making this Assembly work so well virtually again! We could not have done it without all of you! I am always grateful to be a part of this Area Assembly as your Alternate Chair.

Typed & submitted by: Rachel B., Area Secretary

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As many of you know in the past, the Alternate Chair gives out the spirit stick to the district who has the most people in attendance at Assembly. Today, since we have had a long but fruitful day, and the day has gone well past the scheduled ending time...we will give the spirit stick to all districts...we are all winners today...good work to all Area Assembly attendees!

Assembly was closed at 5:30 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer followed by the Al-Anon Declaration.