

Fall Assembly Minutes

September 19, 2026

Meeting Opening

Call to Order	9:12 a.m.
Opening	Serenity Prayer

Area Officers and Representatives

Area Officers

- Chrissy - Area Chair
- Nicole - Area Treasurer
- Lori - Area Delegate
- Cindy - Alateen Coordinator
- Bret - Web Coordinator

District Representatives and Attendees

District	Representative	Additional Attendees
District 1	Rochelle, District Representative	Sheila; Kelli; Brianna; John; Linda; Mandi
District 2	Ann, District Representative and Alternate Group Representative, Tuesday Night	Caroline
District 3	Mary, District Representative	Lois (no vote); June; Laurie; Regina; Barb; Betty; Cathy; Betsy (Elizabeth); Elizabeth; Bret
District 4	Marlene, District Representative	Lynette; Adan (no vote); Mary; Trina/TJ; Laurie; Molly
District 5	Teresa, District Representative and Group Representative	Judy; Debbie; Jeanne
District 7	June, District Representative	Teresa; Kathy; Becky; Danielle; Kris

Business and Motions

Approval of Previous Minutes

- Judy moved to approve the minutes; TJ/Trina seconded the motion.
- Vote: One abstention; all others approved. Motion carried.

2027 Budget

- Nicole presented the budget report previously submitted to the Area and District Representatives.
- Lynette moved to accept the 2027 budget as presented; Becky seconded the motion.
- Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Alateen and Electronic Meetings

- Cindy reviewed what online meetings could mean for Alateen.

- WSO has established guidelines for Alateen sponsors to become members for electronic meetings. Idaho already has guidelines for Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) that exceed WSO requirements.
- Training may be needed for AMIAS members who support electronic meetings. Proposed language should also allow AMIAS members to opt out of electronic meetings.
- Two AMIAS members would be required for an electronic meeting.
- Youth ages 13-18 would need to provide identification showing their date of birth for electronic meetings.
- The draft will be refined and presented for a vote at the Spring 2027 Assembly.

Spring Assembly Format

- Regina moved to approve a Zoom-only format for the Spring Assembly; Marlene seconded the motion.
- Vote: Two abstentions. Motion carried by majority.
- The Zoom-only format will be permanent and reflected in Area policy.

501(c)(3) Status and Liability Coverage

- The group discussed how 501(c)(3) status could benefit the Area.
- A template borrowed from Montana is available. The attorney contacted by Chrissy may be able to use the template to simplify the process.
- An overview was provided of a group liability policy for the Area and how groups could opt in as needed.
- The group discussed why the Area World Service Committee (AWSC), rather than Group Representatives, would vote on this matter. The Concepts were used to help explain the process.

State Delegate Report

Lori M., State Delegate

- Planning is underway for the 2027 WSO Conference, scheduled for April 13-17 in Newport News, Virginia. The estimated cost is \$3,300, with the Area expected to pay \$2,310.
- Literature sales and contributions have decreased, and a \$358,000 deficit is anticipated this year. Members were encouraged to purchase literature through WSO and send Seventh Tradition contributions.
- A new service opportunity, the “Passing It On Project,” will be open October 1 through November 15 for members with service experience and writing ability to help create a new resource.
- The WSO “Road Trip” is coming to Chicago this fall. Applications may be submitted online through WSO.
- The 2028 International AA/Al-Anon Convention is scheduled for July 20-23 in Minneapolis.

Website and Communications

Website Update - Bret R.

- Bret shared general website updates and reviewed the current layout.
- Updates are planned to make the website more user-friendly.
- Meeting schedules may be converted to a consistent format that Group Representatives and District Representatives can update themselves.

Area Newsletter and Open Positions

- Chrissy explained how members can receive the Area Newsletter if they are not already subscribed.
- Open AWSC positions were discussed: Literature, Outreach, Archives, and Secretary.

District Reports

District 1 - Rochelle

- 10 in-person meetings, one hybrid meeting, and two Alateen meetings.
- Attendance was low during the summer but is beginning to increase.
- Some groups give the “blue book” to attendees who return at least three times.
- Natalie is leading outreach efforts to increase awareness of Al-Anon in the area, including possible outreach with a local college.

District 2 - Ann

- The district has not been very active, and the summer was slow.
- The district hopes to organize an activity soon.
- District meetings are moving to Thursday afternoons in an effort to improve attendance. All Group Representatives have been notified.

District 3 - Mary

- The district is very active, with good participation.
- There are 21 meetings in the district, but only 11 Group Representatives or Alternate Group Representatives.
- Meetings continue on Zoom, with one hybrid meeting, while the district works to increase in-person participation.
- Several groups are holding book studies.
- The district held a workshop and movie night as fundraisers.
- Two groups are preparing to host a gratitude gathering.

District 4 - Marlene

- The district has been working on the Fall Assembly since January.
- Three Group Representatives are leading workshops at the event.

District 5 - Teresa

- The district has five meetings and an Ala-Family group.
- The district holds three fundraisers each year with support from a dedicated event coordinator.
- For events, the district provides the main dish and asks attendees to bring potluck dishes.

District 7 - June

- Veronica has recently stepped up to provide significant support.
- The district has eight groups, including one that is working to become more active.
- A speaker meeting is scheduled for September 30.