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## Delegate's Corner

Greetings Florida South!! As many of you know, I recently attended the SE Regional Delegates' Get-Together (SERDGT) the weekend of March 15-17, 2013 in Raleigh, North Carolina. There, I had an opportunity to meet with Delegates - from both past and present panels - from the SE Region, and hear the SE Regional Trustee's Report.

During the weekend, we had a round table discussion on items that were of interest to several of the Areas in our Region, for instance:

- Is Al-Anon becoming more and more bound by guidelines and structure?
- What can be done to encourage more of our members to become active in service, particularly at the group level?
- How can we get Districts without District Reps. to become re-involved in Area Assemblies and the AWSC?
- What is the role of the Group Representative, District Representative and AISL at Assembly? Do they give reports?
- Are we accessing e-Communities and the WS website for members on a regular basis?

Perhaps these topics will generate some additional discussion in our own Groups, Districts and/or the Area.

Another discussion centered around the opportunities available for Al-Anon and Alateen members to serve on a World Service Office Thought Force, Task Force, Work Group or Committee. These short-term service commitments become available from time-to-time on a variety of topics. With today's technology - computers, phone conferences and the like - you can now participate without having to travel to Virginia Beach.

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Currently, there is an Alateen Work Group that is seeking an at-large member. The Work Group will be appointing Thought/Task Forces made up of Alateen members and Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) from certain areas selected by the Work Group. In addition, the Audit Committee is seeking two at-Large members. This committee meets twice per year. These applicants must be approved by the Finance Committee by June - so there is a short time-frame to apply.

The Forum Editorial Advisory Committee, the Public Outreach Committee and the Literature Committee have five at-large members each - these members can come from anywhere in the World Service Conference structure. Since these are one year commitments (they run from May to April), there is a yearly turn over and a continuing need for new members.

The World Service Office will be recruiting the members to serve on the above Forces, Work Groups or Committees by using the information available on the “Unlimited Abundant Resources Skills Inventory” that is located on the members website. So, if you are at all interested or excited by the possibility of serving the fellowship on a broader scale - please go and fill out the on-line questionnaire. You never know - you might have the skill set needed for a spot on one of the committees. I know that there are many talented and dedicated people from the Florida South Area that would be an asset to any of these World Service Office service positions.

I’ll have more to share about the SERDGT when I see you at the Spring Assembly. In the meantime, I am leaving soon to attend AI-Anon’s 53rd World Service Conference in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Please keep me and all of the Delegates in your prayers as we continue the 60+ year conversation about how AI-Anon Family Groups offers hope and recovery to the families of problem drinkers.

Love In fellowship,  
Jennifer D.

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## Calendar of Events

### 2013

May 31-June 2 Florida South Spring Assembly  
Marriott North, 6650 N Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

June 7-9 Alateen Conference  
Lake Placid, Florida

July 5-7 Al-Anon's International Convention  
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

August 9-11 Florida South Summer AWSC Meeting  
Marriott North, 6650 N Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

August 23-25 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida South Convention  
Hyatt Regency Coconut Point  
Bonita Springs

October 4-6 Florida South Fall Assembly  
Crown Plaza, 13051 Bell Tower Drive, Fort Myers

\*\*\*3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every Month January through July are Convention Committee Meetings

### 2014

(TENTATIVE)  
February 22-23 Florida South Winter AWSC Meeting  
Crown Plaza, 13051 Bell Tower Drive, Fort Myers

March 19 Grati-Tiki Luau Dinner  
Christ Community Church, Ft Myers

March 15-16 Delegates Get Together

April World Service Conference  
Virginia Beach, VA

June 6-8 Florida South Spring Assembly  
Marriott North, 6650 N Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

July Alateen Conference

August 1-3	Florida South Summer AWSC Meeting Marriott North, 6650 N Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale
August	25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Florida South Convention East Coast of Florida
October 24-26	Florida South Fall Assembly Crown Plaza, 13051 Bell Tower Drive, Fort Myers
November 22	Turn Over Meeting Marriott North, 6650 N Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

# The Big Easy Does It

24th Annual - Florida South Area 10 - 2013 Convention  
with AA Participation

**August 23 - 25, 2013**

## Hyatt Regency Coconut Point

5001 Coconut Road  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134  
888.421.1442

### Hotel Reservation Information:

888.421.1442

Per room/per night - plus tax \$115  
Occupancy 1 - 4  
(rate includes self parking and \$5 off hotel breakfast  
buffet)  
Valet parking available at \$20 per night

To receive the above rate reservations must  
be made by August 2, 2013. When making  
reservations please let the hotel know that you  
are with **Florida South AFG Convention.**

### Registration:

September 28 - 30, 2012 ONLY:	\$20
Postmark deadline August 4, 2013:	\$30
After August 4, 2013 on site only:	\$35
Alateen:	\$10
(notarized permission and medical forms required)	

Saturday Night Buffet Banquet:	\$39
Ice Cream Social:	\$10
Alateen Pizza Party:	\$10

### Make Checks Payable To: AFG FLS Convention

Mail the form below and check to Convention Treasurer:  
AFG FLS Convention, P.O. Box 111254, Naples, FL 34108

**e-mail:** TheBigEasyMoney@gmail.com **phone:** 239-776-5957

## Convention Registration

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Badge Name: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Al-Anon:

AA:

Alateen:

Preferred Language: Eng:  Spanish:

### Registration:

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(notarized permission and medical forms required)

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:**

**NO REFUNDS/NO EXCEPTIONS**

**DINNER BUFFET**

Selections of mixed greens  
Crunchy greens with assorted toppings  
Ranch and Vinaigrette Dressing

Grilled and Carved Flank Steak, mushroom and herb sauce

Seared Salmon Fillet, citrus beurre blanc

Wild rice Pilaf

Garden Fresh Vegetable

Cookies and Brownies

Bread display and butter  
Coffee, Decaf, Tea

**Ice Cream Social**

Vanilla and Strawberry Ice Cream  
Toppings to include sprinkles, Oreo cookies, crushed peanuts  
Cherries, M+M's  
Chocolate, Caramel and Strawberry Sauce  
Whipped Cream

# "THE RHYTHM OF RECOVERY"

## **2013 FLORIDA SOUTH ALATEEN CONFERENCE**

**JUNE 7-9, 2013**

**Lake Placid, Florida**

After April 1, 2013 the cost is **\$130.00**.

Included in the cost: 6 meals, 2 nights in dormitory lodging, Luau, Bonfire, Beach and Water activities.

**The Conference is based on a Musical theme. There will be a Talent show and a Concert. If you play an instrument or have music you enjoy bring it along. Secure storage of instruments will be provided.**

We are asking for donations of raffle baskets for the Alateens. We also are asking for hospitality donations of non perishable snack items (not candy) and bottled water. Items may be brought or sent to the Spring Assembly if you are not attending the Conference.

**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE IT!**

**CONTACT: Denise D. (Chair)**

**Mary B. (Co-Chair)**

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**FALL ASSEMBLY MINUTES**  
**September 28-30, 2012**

Friday, September 28, 2012

1. Chairperson Becky R., #180 opened the meeting at 8:03pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
2. Welcome and Introductions of Panel 52 Officers and Coordinators were made.
3. Traditions, Concepts and General Warranties were read.
4. 2013 Convention Kick-Off - Juliette L. #159 reported that the convention will be Aug.23-25, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point, Bonita Springs, FL. The registration fee is \$20.00 this weekend only and will be \$30 until August 4th, then \$35. Registration forms were handed out and will be available on the website.
5. Break Out Meetings Chaired by Coordinators and Officers Meeting – 8:25pm - 8:58pm
6. Communications Session - Georgia C. #140 gave the workshop on Communications, a flier was issued to follow along with.

***Break: 9:01pm. Resumed meeting at 9:16pm Meeting closed at 9:15pm with the Serenity Prayer and Al-Anon Declaration.***

Saturday, September 29, 2012

7. Chairperson, Becky R.#180, resumed meeting at 9:01 am with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
8. Organization of Folders According to Agenda Items
9. Information Highway Skit - Pat K. #180 Informational skit “Al-Anon can help you with putting the pieces together” finding the solution through working our program.
10. 9:30AM REGISTRATION CLOSES - Thanks to District 159 for Volunteering
11. Break 15 Minutes at 9:41am. resumed meeting at 10:05am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer(DR’s Prepare for Roll Call)
12. Roll call and Establish Quorum

District #	District Rep Name	# of Group Reps (Panel 52)	# of Non-Voting Members	Total Members
130	Ellie	11	2	13
140	Bonnie/Ellen	13	5	18
150	Betty	10	4	14
159	Patricia	15	6	21
160	Gail/Cheryl	6	2	8
169	Peter/Mara	6	1	7
170	Earl	14	3	17
180	Pat	14	6	20
189	Bob/Rick	10	1	11
190	Paula	3	0	3
200	Alina	10	4	14
209	Paul	0	1	1
Other				
<b>TOTAL</b>		112	35	147

Number of registered GR’s - 112

Quorum: 2/3 of registrations - 75

13. Secretary's Report – Betsy R.#140, Spring Assembly Minutes were read and corrections were made.

**Motion #1** – Dickie S. #200 and seconded by Kathy H. #200 seconded.

***I move that minutes from Spring Assembly 2012 be approved as corrected.***

**Vote:** Aye vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Chair asked for 1 nonvoting member from District 150 asked for permission to join the Assembly.

Vote: Aye vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

1 nonvoting member from 150 added to bringing nonvoting to 36 and total members to 148, does not change our quorum

14. Treasurer's Report – Louanne V. #180

2011 Treasurer's Report: Starting balance was \$12,191.78; Income \$18,492.92; Expenses \$20,901.72; and Ending Balance: \$9,782.98(report reflects Prudent Reserve of \$11,000 plus Interest Earned Reserve \$152.64)

**Motion #2** – Rachelle W. #160 and seconded by Cheryl D. #160

***I move that 11/12 - 9/24/12 be accepted Treasurer's Report as corrected.***

Vote: Aye vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

***Lunch Break 12:02pm and the meeting resumed at 1:38pm with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.*** Quorum re-established with 101 voting members present.

Chair asked for 1 voting member from District 200 asked for permission to join the Assembly

Vote: Aye vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

1 voting member from District 200 added to Assembly bringing voting to 113 and total to 149, changes our quorum to 76.

Chairperson Becky R. #189 reviewed some Assembly Protocol Suggestions.

Delegate's Report: Jennifer D. #180: The theme of this year's conference was "Our Spiritual Journey - We Get As We Give". Membership Survey - go to the member's website ([www.al-anon.alateen.or/members](http://www.al-anon.alateen.or/members)) and take the survey, it will be available from September 10-October 12, 2012. Finances: Income - Literature Sales: \$2,121,600 (9.6% down), Contributions: \$624,400(increase of 9.4%), Forum income: \$134,400 (decrease of 1.4%). Expenses - Operating Expenses: \$2,401,300 (are in line with budgeted amounts), equalized expenses set at \$1280. International Al-Anon Convention: Celebrating Worldwide Unity in Vancouver, British Columbia, July 5-7, 2013. Registration is open and online. There will be a parade and love gifts can be sent. TEAM: Do we want to have a Together Empowering Al-Anon Members event in 2014 instead of a Service Seminar? Conference Summary: The 52nd World Service Conference Summary is out and has been posted on the members' website. Policy Update: The Policy Committee met after the 2012 WS Conference and issued an opinion that concludes that it is not a violation of the Traditions or Policy to use additional companies for the distribution of our literature-specifically in the form of electronic literature and commonly referred to as "third party vendors". The Executive Director may proceed with the project of electronically publishing the Forum and Having Had a Spiritual Awakening (B-25) as approved by the Board of Trustees. 2013 World Service Conference (WSC):

The theme of the 2013 WSC is "Our Legacies: The Spiritual Journey of Changing "Me" to "We". It will be held at the Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel in Virginia Beach, VA, Sunday April 14, 2013 through Thursday, April 18, 2013. The Annual Open Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Friday, April 19, 2013. Timely Topics/Chosen Agenda Items: We need to come up with some Chosen Agenda Items for discussion by the Delegates at the WS Conference. A question was asked in regards to an outside entity's contribution to WSO and their response to our area. The Way of Life Conference contributed funds to WSO, it is not an AA or Al-Anon sanctioned event and there is concern of it being an outside entity. Our

delegate read WSO response to us, as supported by pgs. 83 and 91 in our service manuals. WSO has accepted the money that donated by this outside entity, per their understanding of our service manual.

Alternate Delegates Report: Kathy D., #140: Parliamentarian- will be using Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual and Robert's Rules of Order. Timekeeper & Bell Ringer: Timing is listed on printed report. The Annual Report was completed online in March 2012. The Sales Exempt Certificate was completed online in March and is effective until 2017. The Miami-Dade County Local Business Tax renewal was due 9/30/12 and is completed. Rooming/Hotel Reservations for Panel 52 members, listed in printed report. CPA is communicating effectively with our Alternate Delegate and gave her recommendations: Articles of Incorporation, By Laws, Conflict of Interest Policy, Annual Report, Sales Exemption Certificate, Form 1023, Business Tax, Annual Tax Returns, Bank Statements, Bank Statements (outstanding checks & balances done on the back of every bank statement every month, inclusive of Al-Anon Convention and Alateen Conference checking accounts), Canceled Checks(suggested that we ask bank for the canceled checks), Petty Cash should be set up for any cash transactions for reconciliation, Boutique at Al-Anon Convention & Alateen Conference: items (such as tee shirts, totes, etc.) that are purchased for resale are taxable, and we must charge, collect and submit sales tax for the resale items, Literature sales need to collect sales taxes when reselling the literature.

**Motion #3** Cathy H. #200 and seconded by Maria P. #200

***I move that the Area send another letter to WSO and object to their justification for accepting a donation from Way of Life. We do not agree that this was an AA or Al-Anon affiliated function. We request WSO reconsider and refund the donation to Way of Life.***

Motion amended to read:

***I move that the Area send a letter to WSO and object to their justification for accepting a donation from Way of Life. We do not agree that this was an AA or Al-Anon affiliated 2011 function. We request WSO reconsider and refund the donation received from Way of Life Conference in January 2012.***

Vote: 88 For 17 opposed 2 abstained motion passed

***Break at 3:09pm. The meeting resumed at 3:24pm with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.*** A quorum was re-established, 95 members present

#### 17. Coordinator's Reports & Breakout Meeting Reports

**Alateen — Paul D. #209: Breakout Meeting Report:** Need for trained AMIAS, need for Posters for the schools as Public Outreach, and school based groups only limited to school members were discussed.

**Alateen Report:** District #140 no Alateen Chairperson District #150: written report has several events taking place as well as outreach of posters placed in Southwest Florida Addiction Services Resident Facilities.

**Archives – Jen R. #159 – Breakout Meeting Report:** Discussed the 60th Anniversary Project,

getting all the groups anniversary dates and how to go about doing it.

**Archives Report:** We have 53 groups without registration dates, we still have groups that are not attached to a district. If you think you might be able to help with the Anniversary Project, contact me. The Earliest Correspondence in our Archives so far is 1955, there are 9 items from that year in our Archives. My new mailing address is: P.O. Box 111954, Naples, FL 34108, please send fliers, newsletters, old CAL, past issues of the Forum, group histories, etc. for our Archives.

**Group Records – Nadine A. #180 -Breakout Meeting Report:** Discussed how to submit group changes with the new form and it's availability on the website.

**Group Records Report:** A contact sheet will be kept for everyone attending the AWSC meetings, please check to make sure the information is correct, group Records will be working with Webmaster to keep the Web information congruent with Group Records. If you did not receive a Sunshiner, then send in a correct group change form, as the address is not correct.

**Literature – Betsy M. #160 – Breakout Meeting Report:** The question was asked: How much was spent on Literature, Coordinator reported that she gave the bills to our Area Treasurer, the treasurer reported that she received bills totaling \$14,000 and have made payments of \$2000, and will need to submit the remaining balance. Please encourage your districts and groups to purchase their literature from our Area. Any amount of literature that we feel will not sell, can be returned for credit. (we must pay for shipping).

**Literature Report:** There is lots of CAL available for purchase, including Spanish. The WSO is still taking your “Sharing in Writing” for another year or so INTIMACY IN ALCOHOLIC RELATIONSHIPS. For more information go online at <http://www.al-anon.alateen.org> and you can email your submissions to [wso@al0anon.org](mailto:wso@al0anon.org) (please put “INTIMACY” in the subject line of your email). WSO has asked that ALL consider purchasing a copy of the recently published Many Voices, One Journey (B-31), as sales have dropped 81%. I have this book available for sales today for \$17.04, which includes tax, no shipping. Contact, Betsy M., your Literature Coordinator and invite her to bring and sell CAL at your next GROUP OR DISTRICT event: Seminar, Gratitude Dinner, Long-Timer’s Tea, or Workshop, Place your orders for CAL at [literature52fls@gmail.com](mailto:literature52fls@gmail.com) or call me, Betsy M., 561-248-8515.

**Newsletter – Marianne D., #189 - Breakout Meeting Report:** discussion of Sunshiner submissions and the process for printed and web versions, reminder of privacy of personal information on web versions. **Newsletter Report:** Please email articles including Letters to the Editor, Letter to my Sponsor, Web version available prior to AWSC Meeting in February, all articles accepted no later than January 11, 2013. Email address is: [Sunshinerpanel52@att.net](mailto:Sunshinerpanel52@att.net)

**Public Outreach – Pat K. #180 – Breakout Meeting Report:** Discussion about various Public Outreach Projects from the Districts.

**Public Outreach Report:** Public Outreach Projects include women’s detention center, county alcoholic rehabilitation center, update bus ads, leaving Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism in Laundromats, Barber Shops, Hair Salons and Shopping Malls, leaving a Forum in Professional offices such as doctors, and therapists, getting meeting lists to the Sheriff’s Department so they can have one in each squad car, and attending Health Fairs.

**Spanish – Claudia G. #180 - Breakout Meeting Report:** Discussion about the various groups in our district and the attendance at the convention.

**Spanish Report:** She has visited several groups as well as Intergrupo, bringing copies of the guidelines from group inventories, budget and manuals, making sure that everyone is familiar with

them and how to solve group problems. New group: Belle Glade, Grupo Nueva Vida at 710 S. Main St., Belle Glade, FL 33430 (doesn’t give date and time). Spanish translation equipment is down to 2 missing headpieces and 3 that don’t work properly. A discussion about how to utilize current technologies for translation purposes.

**Web – Diane B. #150 - Breakout Meeting Report:** discussed current status of area website, content needed from groups, who can send in web changes, links from area to district sites, flier criteria for web Sunshiner, meeting listings by city not just county region.

**Web Report:** Report was given as a questionnaire, here are the highlights: updates for group records need to be sent to group records, please do not send a copy of your Where and Whens, fliers in regards to Gratitude Dinners, anniversary’s, etc. can be sent in making sure that dates, times, and locations with addresses and zip codes are complete. Send information to: [webcoordinator52fls@gmail.com](mailto:webcoordinator52fls@gmail.com). Our website is [www.southfloridaal-anon.org](http://www.southfloridaal-anon.org).

18. **AAPP Report - Linda S., #170** - reported that with her current health situation she needs to have someone else serve as the AAPP for a 3-6 month timeframe. There are 108 Certified AMIAS, 5 AMIAS in process and 39 Alateen Groups. Reminder that electronic fingerprinting process you need to

provide our VECHS # which is V13040319. Fingerprints need to be rejected 3 times by the FBI prior to a Name Check being done by them. Make sure you send a copy of your driver's license and that all signatures are present on the forms to complete the package. Incomplete packages will delay the process.

**Motion #4:** Estella #200 and seconded by Terri #200

***I move that in the event that the current AAPP be unable to serve the area chairperson will appoint a temporary replacement the person must have been a past Alateen Coordinator or have served on the present or past area panel.***

Amended motion

***I move that in the event that the current AAPP be unable to serve, the area chairperson will appoint a temporary replacement. The replacement must have served as a past Alateen Coordinator or served on the present or past AWSC Executive Committee.***

Amended motion

***I move that in the event that the current AAPP be unable to serve, the area chairperson will appoint a temporary replacement, until the current AAPP can resume her responsibilities. The replacement must have served as a past Alateen Coordinator or served on the present or past AWSC Executive Committee.***

Vote: 78 For 24 Against 5bAbstain Motion Passed

19. Convention Report 2012 Final – Nadine A. #180: reported that in spite of the hurricane, everyone had a great time. Over 700 preregistered, not all showed because of Hurricane Isaac. The hotel was well prepared for any hurricane problems that would arise. The convention did not make a profit. An amount of \$2,247.99 will be transferred into the convention checking account to give the next convention committee the \$4000 Seed Money. A detailed expense/treasurers report for the CPA was requested. Nadine reported that she would have it by the AWSC Meeting.
20. Convention Report 2013 - Juliette L. #159 gave a short history of our Area's conventions. The 2013 Convention Committee August 23-25, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Bonita Springs as we find out how The Big Easy Does It. For this weekend only, Registration is \$20, and you can reserve your room through the convention committee this weekend and again at AWSC meeting. DO NOT send in any room reservations in the mail. There will be meetings the third Saturday of every month, location to be determined.

The following are the District Convention Committees:

District

130	Information and Security	140	Printing & Publicity
150	Registration	159	Hospitality & AA
160	Decorations	169	Raffle
170	Entertainment	180	Literature
189	Spanish	190	Boutique
200	Al-Anon Program	209	Alateen

Chairperson Becky R., #180 reported that some members were being seen selling items, etc. at this Assembly. AWSC July 30- Aug. 1, 2004 pg. 75 and 76 2004 Service Manuals. It was unanimously agreed that merchandise would not be sold at Assemblies.

21. Pass Basket in Lieu of Raffle – \$395.07 was collected. Thanks for your generous contributions.

AMIAS Training Task Force - Nadine A., #180 - Working on the task force, emails and inquiries have taken place with AMIAS and past Alateen Chairpersons for information. Will have a report at AWSC.

Alateen Process Task Force - Linda S. #170: many face to face meetings, telephone conferences were held. The Alateen Sponsor Certification Process includes: Flow chart for how to become an AMIAS, and 4 pages of the Al-Anon Member Profile for an Adult Involved in Alateen Service were included in this report.

This committee, Cheryl A.#169, Cathy H. #200 and Linda S.#170, as Task Force members decided it was important have a process for Suspending Alateen Sponsor (AMIAS), it was included in the report. It was suggested that the Suspension Process be considered later on, and the Changes to the AMIAS Certification Process were suggested.

**Break: 6:36pm opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer at 8:41pm.**  
Quorum re-established, 89 voting members present.

Present AWSC Motions:

Proposed Budget 2013: Treasurer Louanne V. #180 reviewed the proposed budget.

Motion #5 (AWSC Motion #3 - Alina V. # 200 and seconded by Pat K. #180  
***I move to accept the 2013 Budget as corrected.***)

Vote: 31 For 48 Opposed 15 Abstained Motion did not pass

A new proposed 2013 Budget was discussed. Chairperson Becky R. #180 has moved the budget on the Agenda to tomorrow.

TEAM Event 2014: Delegate, Jennifer D. #180 explained what a TEAM Event is.

**Motion #6** (AWSC Motion #4) - Linda S. #170 and Pat K. #180 seconded  
***I Move that we have a TEAM Event in 2014.***

Vote: 59 For 26 Opposed 11 Abstained Motion Passed

Chosen Agenda Items: Delegate, Jennifer D. #180 asked for Chosen Agenda items to be turned in tomorrow, so that we may choose one. Jennifer read some of the previous WSO Agenda items. Agenda item moved until Sunday.

Alateen Conference Chair: Patrick #150

Alateen Sponsor Conference Chair: Denise #150

Convention Chair 2014 Georgia C. #140

28. Structures: Delegate Jennifer D. #180 explained Structures in Al-Anon. A discussion was held. District 130 is interested in restructuring and moving to North Florida and is requesting a 3 year trial for this restructuring. Chairperson, Becky R. #180, asked to continue this discussion tomorrow morning.

***The meeting ended for the evening at 10:45pm with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer and the Al-Anon Declaration.***

Sunday, September 30, 2012

***Opened this morning at 9:01am with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.***

Quorum re-established, 85 voting members present.

Nadine A. #180 will have a final written convention expense report and email it to all DR's and AISL's by the end of the year and will have a printed copy at the Spring AWSC meeting.

Louanne V. #180 gave us another proposed 2013 Budget, explaining the corrected line items. A discussion followed.

**Motion #7:** Rachelle W. #160 and Laura T. #160 seconded

***I move that we approve budget proposed on 9/30/12 presented to the Fall 2012 Assembly.***

Amended Motion

***I move that we approve 2013 Budget proposed on 9/30/12 presented to the Fall 2012 Assembly.***

Vote: 88 For 3 Opposed 1 Abstain Motion did pass

**Motion #8:** Alan J. #180 and Ronnie C.#180 seconded  
*I move that we increase our Registration Fees for Assembly to \$20, a \$10 increase.*  
Vote: 15 For 70 Opposed 4 Abstain Motion did not pass

**Motion #9:** Margaret P. #180 and Margaret M. #180 seconded  
*I move that the Registration for Assembly for all attendees be \$15 for 2013.*  
Vote: 63 For 27 Opposed 1 Abstain Motion passed

**Motion #10:** Dickie S.#200 and seconded by Priscilla R. #200  
*I move that the Assembly Registration fee be raised to \$15 effective next assembly for remainder of this panel. (This will give us an additional \$750 per assembly).* Motion Withdrawn.

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*I move that in order to eliminate the expense of printing and postage of the Sunshiner for the 2013 Budget, that we email the Sunshiner to Group Representatives.*  
Vote: 22 For 63 Opposed 4 Abstain Motion did not pass

RosAne #180 and seconded by Linda G. #180  
*moved to call the question*  
Vote: 87 For 0 Opposed 0 Abstain Question is called

**Motion #11:** Terry Anne A. 130 and Sandy A. 130 seconded  
*I move that District 130 in it's entirety be allowed to realigned itself with North Florida, Area 9.*  
amended to read:  
*I move that Dist 130 in its entirety be allowed to line itself with North Florida, Area 9 for a 3 year trial period effective 12-31-12*  
Vote: 87 For 0 Opposed 1 Abstain Motion passed

**Break: 10:56am; resumed at 11:18am**

Announcements and Calendar of Events/check bins for additional information  
Quorum re-established with 87 voting members present.

Delegate Jennifer D. #180 read the Chosen Agendas that were recommended:  
Create Al-Anon Approved Online Skype Groups.

24. AWSC Motions:

**Motion #12**(AWSC Motion #5 - Betsy R. #140 and seconded by Linda S. #170)  
*I move that we submit a chosen agenda item: the problem of Problem of Pyramid Sponsorship; how it affects Al-Anon as a whole and what steps we can take to curtail this problem.*  
Vote: 83 For 0 Opposed 1 Abstain Motion passed

**Motion #13:** Evelyn #170 and Michelle S. #170 seconded  
*I move that we return the excess literature to WSO.*  
Vote: 2 For 80 Opposed 5 Abstain Motion did not pass

**Motion #14:** Cate S. #159 and Sheri F. #159 seconded  
*I move that the Sunshiner be sent electronically to the DR's to be disseminated to their District Group members unless subscribed.*  
Vote: 23 For 55 Opposed 2 Abstain Motion did not pass  
Betsy M, #170 and seconded by Laura B. #170  
*called the question*

Vote: 79 For 0 Opposed 2 Abstain Question is called

**Motion #15:** Renee W. #170 and Michelle S. #170 seconded

***I move that the Area 10 FISO pay for only the Delegates equalized expense in 2012 for 2013 for \$1280 vs. the Actual Expense of \$1968.***

Vote: 2 For 75 Opposed 5 Abstain Motion did not pass

Other Business - none

Suggestion Box - Questions, Comments or Concerns were read

Closing

**Motion # 16** Margaret P. #180 and Alan J. #180.

***I move to adjourn this meeting.***

Vote: Aye vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

***Meeting was closed at 11:53am with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and Al-Anon's Declaration.***

32. Spiritual Meeting Followed

#### MOTION SUMMARY

**Motion #1** – Dickie S. #200 and seconded by Kathy H. #200 seconded.

***I move that minutes from Spring Assembly 2012 be approved as corrected.***

Vote: Aye vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

**Motion #2** – Rachelle W. 160 and Cheryl D. 160

***I move that 11/12 - 9/24/12 be accepted Treasurer's Report as corrected.***

Vote: Aye vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

**Motion #3** Cathy H. #200 and seconded by Maria P. #200 seconded it

***I move that the Area send another letter to WSO and object to their justification for accepting a donation from Way of Life. We do not agree that this was an AA or Al-Anon affiliated function. We request WSO reconsider and refund the donation to Way of Life.***

Motion amended to read:

***I move that the Area send a letter to WSO and object to their justification for accepting a donation from Way of Life. We do not agree that this was an AA or Al-Anon affiliated 2011 function. We request WSO reconsider and refund the donation received from Way of Life Conference in January 2012.***

Vote: 88 For 17 opposed 2 abstained motion passed

**Motion #4:** Estella #200 and seconded by Terri #200

***I move that in the event that the current AAPP be unable to serve the area chairperson will appoint a temporary replacement the person must have been a pass Alateen Coordinator or have served on the present or past area panel.***

Amended motion

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Amended motion

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Vote: 78 For 24 Against 5bAbstain Motion Passed

**Motion #5** (AWSC Motion #3 - Alina V. # 200 and seconded by Pat K. #180

*I move to accept the 2013 Budget as corrected.)*

Vote: 31 For 48 Opposed 15 Abstained Motion did not pass

**Motion #6** (AWSC Motion #4) - Linda S. #170 and Pat K. #180 seconded

*I Move that we have a TEAM Event in 2014.*

Vote: 59 For 26 Opposed 11 Abstained Motion Passed

**Motion #7:** Rachelle W. #160 and Laura T. #160 seconded

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Respectfully submitted,

Betsy R.

(Elizabeth SR)

Area 10 Secretary, Panel 52

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**Florida South Area 10 Panel 52 (2012-2014)  
SPRING ASSEMBLY (Tentative) AGENDA  
May 31, June 1-2, 2013**

**EVERYONE ATTENDING THIS ASSEMBLY MUST BE REGISTERED  
AS AN AL-ANON OR ALATEEN MEMBER**

**Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 / REGISTRATION is Open 6:45-8:00pm**

**8:00 PM ASSEMBLY OPENS**

- 1) Open Assembly with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
- 2) Welcome and Introductions
- 3) Read Traditions, Concepts and General Warranties
- 4) Break Out Meetings Chaired by Coordinators and Officers Meeting
- 5) KDBM – Thought/Task Force Workshop

**Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 / REGISTRATION is Open 7:30-9:30pm**

**9:00 AM ASSEMBLY RESUMES**

- 6) Open Meeting with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
- 7) Coordinators Reports & Breakout Meeting Reports
- 8) \*\*\*\*\*9:30 AM REGISTRATION CLOSES\*\*\*\*\* Thanks to District 200 for Volunteering
- 9) \*\*\*BREAK 15 MINUTES\*\*\* (DR's Prepare for Roll Call / Registration counts and turns over money to Treasurer)
- 10) Roll Call and Establish Quorum
- 11) Read and Approve Minutes
- 12) Read and Approve Treasurers Report
- 13) Delegates Report
- 14) Convention Report 2013
- 15) Alateen Conference Report 2013
- 16) Alternate Delegates Report
- 17) Information Highway Skit
- 18) AAPP Report
- 19) Area TEAM2014 Report
- 20) (Tentative) Thought Force Report – Alateen Training Suggestions
- 21) Pass Basket in Lieu of Raffle
- 22) Delegate Part 2

**23) Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013**

**9:00 AM ASSEMBLY RESUMES**

- 24) Other Business
- 25) Announcements and Calendar of Events / Everyone check bins for additional information
- 26) Suggestion Box - Questions, Comments or Concerns
- 27) Closing
- 28) Spiritual Meeting

We will break for Lunch and Dinner. If all business is not concluded on Saturday, we will continue with Business on Sunday morning. If time permits we will have a Spiritual Meeting on Sunday morning.

## OFFICER'S REPORTS

### Alternate Delegate (Kathy D)

Dear Members,

As you may or may not know, all corporations must file an Annual Report with the state to maintain "active" status. I have completed filing our 2013 Annual Report online. It is also that time of year that we get our records in order to send to the CPA so that our tax return is completed by August.

On a personal note, I have learned a lot in the past year about the business of AI-Anon and about myself as well. Thank you for allowing me to serve in this capacity.

Love in Service,

Kathy D  
Alternate Delegate &  
Panel 52  
AFG FL S Area 10 Inc.

[AltDelegate52fls@att.net](mailto:AltDelegate52fls@att.net)

### Area Alateen Process Person AAPP (Kathy D)

Each year it is necessary for all AMIAS to get recertified with the WSO. I will be sending out information to all AMIAS, District Alateen Chairs, AISLs and DRs so that we are all in the loop of what needs to be done for current AMIAS to be recertified through 6/30/14. *(I shall call this Step 1 of the recertification process.)* Once I receive this information back, I will be able to go to the WSO database and update the information online. This is a new process, which will eliminate paperwork being mailed and/or emailed to the WSO. It will be most helpful if all AMIAS would respond their intentions of their recertification to me prior to the Spring Assembly.

Next is the Area's recertification process. Per a motion in Panel 49, all AMIAS need to get fingerprinted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of each Panel and another state & national background check is required. *(I shall call this Step 2 of the recertification process.)* This will be done after the Spring Assembly. Note: *Fees for fingerprints vary, so it may be advantageous to call around for the best rate.*

It is my intention to have a generic email account set up for the AAPP to use now and it is also to be passed on to each AAPP in every panel. This will ensure a consistent email account receiving the results of the background checks.

Please remember to complete the Alateen Registration/Group Change Form (GR-3) for any and all

changes to an Alateen group. There is now an editable pdf GR-3 form, which you can email to the AAPP. Look for an email with this as an attachment.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathy Donnell*

(Interim) Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP)  
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## **COORDINATOR'S REPORTS**

### **Group Records (Nadine)**

I have received many change forms but am still missing some. I have passed out the list from my records that I am keeping, a copy of what WSO has and the groups that have no mail status. Please review them and if there is an error, let me know. Easiest way is to fill out a new change form.

I am also passing around the contact sheet for the panel and for the chairs in your district. Please review this also and let me know if I have any errors. I believe there are some email errors.

Just to recap on how I decided to handle the group records this panel:

- 1) I will be keeping a contact sheet for everyone attending the AWSC meetings – please make sure I have all of your info
- 2) I will be keeping a contact sheet for all the coordinators for each district – please provide these to me. I would like to do this because this will be easier for the area coordinators to get into contact with each district.
- 3) I will be updating the WSO website with all our Area's meeting information. This means that all forms are to come to me only please. I don't care if this gets emailed or mailed, just please get this to me.
- 4) To work with Web Coordinator to get the group info correct. Just a reminder that if the info that you send Diane doesn't match what I have, it will not be update on the website. This is a joint effort to have all our Area Information correct and matching everywhere.

My goal is to get all groups and districts updated by the end of the panel. Please help me accomplish this by reviewing your lists I gave you and make any and all changes.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me on my cell or email me. I will try to get back to you as soon as possible

## Newsletter (Marianne D/ [Sunshinerpanel52@att.net](mailto:Sunshinerpanel52@att.net) )

I am happy to bring you this next Spring Sunshiner. The second edition of the Sunshiner for 2013 Panel 52 has been mailed and is on the Area 10 Website. Our Delegate, Jennifer has been working hard to keep all of you informed of the latest news at World Service. Our Group Records Coordinator, Nadine A. is working with me to creating labels for the Newsletter along with Louanne who assists with the finances. I want give my thanks to my committee District 189 Group Records Chair, Tom H., who helps to bring this newsletter to you.

The Panel has been providing there articles and reports to you. Progress for the greatest number depends upon unity. I look forward to bringing you more interesting sharings. Please email me at [Sunshinerpanel52@att.net](mailto:Sunshinerpanel52@att.net) with sharings from the heart. For future Newsletters, I would like you to consider emailing me articles on such topics as:

1. Letters to the Editor – My group is experiencing changes – how you view these changes through the steps;
2. Letter to my Sponsor

The next Articles and Reports from all Panel Members for the Sunshiner need to be submitted no later than July 25, 2013. This also applies to those districts interested in submitting district fliers and sharings.

I also want to thank Cheryl A. Past Area News Letter Coordinator, Diane B. Area Web coordinator, Stu M. Past Past Past Delegate (Webmaster) for transferring the Newsletter onto the web, Wilma D. or helping with the mailing.

Yours in Service

## Web Coordinator (Dianne B)

A popular phrase right now is “It must be true; I read it on the Web”

This is a misconception that everything on the web is true. Not so, the information found on the web is only as good as it was inputted. So when someone is looking for information or a meeting and they go to [www.southfloridaal-anon.org](http://www.southfloridaal-anon.org), will they find the truth or not. As your web coordinator team, we can only post what you send to us. You are the proof readers, so here are some suggestions for the good of our fellowship

- District meetings, speaker meetings, anniversary meetings, gratitude dinners, workshop flyers. We love them; make sure your flyer has enough information included such as: District #, Event, date, time & place with complete address and a generic email contact ~ no personal names or personal phone numbers please.
- Please designate only **ONE** person in your district to communicate any meeting changes for the web site. Do not send your entire Where & When, it only confuses and prolongs the process. Include the district #, meeting name, time & day it meets and whatever changes are needed.

Recently, district 159 had us set up a link to their newsletter. It is located on the first page of their meeting list. If your district would also like to participate let me know. [Webcoordinator52fls@gmail.com](mailto:Webcoordinator52fls@gmail.com)

