

**Intergroup Representatives (IR) Meeting Minutes**  
**October 7, 2021**

The meeting was held via Zoom at 7 pm and chaired by Bill B., Board President. Other Board members present were: Blake R.-Vice President, Annette K.-Treasurer, Mary Kay H.-Secretary, and Board member Linda W.-AIS Office Liaison. Also present were Barry R. and John Y., Board member applicants; Susan C. and Peggy M.-AIS Office; Chris E.-Website Chair and Flo W.-AWSC Liaison.

I. Opening with The Serenity Prayer.

II. Concept 10 was read.

III. Introductions-There were 29 members present including 18 IRs.

IV. Announcements/upcoming events-There were attachments sent out with the IR meeting reminder.

V. Secretary Report-September IR Meeting Minutes were emailed prior to the meeting, reviewed and approved unanimously.

VI. Treasurer Report-The Treasurer Reports were emailed prior to the meeting. Annette K. reported that the month of August shows a deficit of \$1,620 and year to date a deficit of \$3,498. She explained the variances in revenues and expenses and also reported on the Lois Campaign. The excess reserves remain at \$4,457. The treasurer report was approved unanimously.

VII. After Hours Phone Answering Report-Peggy B. was unable to attend so Bill B. reported that there were no calls since last month.

VIII. Website Report-Chris (Website Committee volunteers)-Chris E. reported that no major changes have been made but there were 1,677 users which is much higher than normal. Increased users in "What is Al-Anon and Alateen" and "New to Al-Anon" were in the top 10 which could contribute to public outreach.

IX. Office Report- Susan C. reported that Peggy M. is a wonderful asset to the AIS Office. The office is open for literature sale and members can call ahead and have your order ready on your arrival. The One Day at a Time, Hope for Today & Discovering Choices are out of stock at WSO. There were 32 newcomer packets sent out in October. Please keep sending in meeting updates or changes by email to the Office; the meeting list on the website is updated on Monday or Wednesday mornings. The Office Staff thanked Bill B. for his service as President. The next staff meeting is October 14, 2021.

X. Outreach Report-Blake R. stated that one active billboard on I-70 near Warrenton is still up. The committee is looking to pursue additional billboard locations and was considering Northbound I-55 near Imperial. Billboards have been placed at I-44 in Webster Groves, on I-44 near Pacific and on I-70 near Warrenton. The committee is asking IRs to reflect on best locations to invest in the next billboard based upon Districts and give suggestions either to the Committee or at the next IR meeting. He added that more members are needed to give input and insight to Public Outreach for more representation.

He reported that the Committee is looking to start brainstorming for what should be the next fundraising opportunity and looking for unique ways to look at how to fundraise. The challenge is

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due to anonymity and guidelines which tends to be internal and if anything could be done to expand outreach outside of Al-Anon.

The third topic concerned social media outreach opportunities such as pop-up information about Al-Anon and might target a younger group. He asked for comments from the IRs. Barb B.S. commented that the cost might be expensive and how to target the audience.

Shari C. expressed concern about fundraising from outside sources being a contradiction to Tradition 7. Donna H. asked if WSO would be consulted and Bill B. replied that WSO must approve. Susan C. reported that A.A. uses Instagram for pop-up quotes with no comments allowed.

### XI. Old Business:

a. Excess Reserves-Bill B. reported that \$4,000+ is in reserves. Annette K. added that in the past more (3/4ths) has been given to Missouri and less (1/4th) has been given to WSO. Claire M. inquired if Alateen has ever received contributions and Bill B. reported that they are covered under this group. Bill B. made a motion to contribute \$3,000 to Missouri and \$1,000 to WSO. It was unanimously approved.

b. Flo W. report on AWSC (Area Wide Service Conference) meeting-Flo W. reported on the August AWSC meeting with the following highlights:

- There are a number of districts without District Reps
- WSO expenses were more than income (almost \$270,000 difference) and travel will be cut
- If Zoom meeting is separate from an in-person meeting, the group must have its own ID #
- Day in Service is June 12,2021 in Clayton
- AA Convention had lots of Al-Anon participation
- Missouri Area contributions are down, spent \$1,700 on equipment to make hybrid meetings possible and spends \$200 per month on Zoom account
- Convention was free which increased attendance from 63 to over 400 people; Convention committee will be revamped due to lack of volunteers
- Looking for new Chairperson, Literature Chair and Newsletter Chair
- Public Outreach has been positive due to poster campaign.

She added that KBDM (Knowledge Based Decision Making) tool takes out arguments on issues discussed. She will forward tool information to Susan C. from AIS Office to share with group.

c. We still need more new board members-Bill B. introduced Barry R. and John Y. who expressed interest in serving on the Board. They both gave a brief summary of their Al-Anon and outside service. A vote was taken for each member and both were unanimously approved.

### XII. New Business:

a. Bylaws revision-Bill reported that a handout was sent out prior to the meeting with 3-4 pages of recommended revisions pertaining to term limits for Board members. Legal help will be used to finalize. He asked the IRs to review and provide input in the next few months. **Topic tabled.**

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b. Accountant hired-Bill B. reported that Annette K. has served four years as Treasurer and her term has ended. He asked the IRs to notify the Board if anyone with accounting skills is willing to serve. Since no one has yet come forward, the Board decided to hire Annette K. to be the Accountant for approximately 8 hours a month and she has agreed. No vote was needed.

c. My last IR meeting as your President-Bill B. commented he was happy to have served and that there were three items he was unable to complete: By-Laws revisions, diversify members/IRs, and set up a North County/North City meeting.

XIII. Open Sharing:

a. Eliza L. commented that they are still working on setting up an in-person meeting in North County and have two potential spots, a library and another. A comment was made that there is a Zoom meeting which previously met at Church of the Master.

b. Several members thanked Bill B. for his service. Bill added that the Zoom IR meetings has increased attendance.

c. Mary Kay H. pointed out that the next Board meeting date on the agenda should show November 4, 2021. She added that additional board members are still needed and Bill B. responded that up to nine (9) members could be on the Board.

d. Val F. asked about contacting someone for the Pearls of Wisdom calendars; the contact email is on the flyer. Mary Kay H. responded that she sent an email and received a reply and recommended allowing more time.

e. Annette K. reminded the group that additional Journals may need to be ordered. Patty S. will order if the IRs agree there is a need.

f. Susan C. asked that the AIS Office be notified of the new Zoom IR meeting ID. Annette K. said that would be determined after the October 28, 2021 Board meeting.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm with the Serenity Prayer followed by the AI-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Kay H.  
AFG-STL Board Secretary