

## AFG of MA Fall Assembly

October 25, 2025

Natick Community Center

9:00am - 4:00pm Hybrid Meeting

The Meeting opened at 9:05am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Jane welcomed attendees and expressed gratitude to all in attendance as valuable links of service to our fellowship, followed by reading of the Steps, Traditions, Concepts, and General Warranties. Meeting Etiquette guidelines, and a Review of the meeting Agenda were highlighted to begin the Fall Assembly.

**Attendance:** 135 Attendees (68 online, 67 in-person)

**Secretary's Report:** Mark L read the minutes of the Spring Assembly held on May 10, 2025. **A motion was made to accept the minutes of the Spring Assembly held on May 10, 2025, as written and was seconded. The motion was approved.**

**Voting Procedures:** **A motion was made to have voting decisions be made by a majority vote for this Assembly, and the motion was seconded. The motion was approved.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Sandy S shared the Treasurer's report along with a report showing budget vs actual numbers through September 2025. Total Expenses were decreased to \$144,158.52 due to efficiencies made by our office manager, and Total Revenue was \$143,782.70, leaving a deficit of \$375.82.

Revenue consists of Literature Sales and Contributions from Individuals, Groups, and Districts. Literature sales were \$65,062.74, which was \$9592.26 lower than the budgeted amount of \$74,655.00. Group contributions have improved slightly since our last AWSC meeting, but personal contributions were \$13,023.08 and continue to be substantially lower than the budget of \$36,000.

After a period of questions and discussion, the report was understood and accepted by general consensus.

**2026 Budget:** Lisa R shared that the Budget Committee had taken a conservative approach using realistic planning guidelines in creating the 2026 Budget. Total expenses budgeted for 2026 are \$209,200, which is an increase of approximately \$7,000 based on the projected 2025 total expenses. Group contributions over the past 5 years have been trending higher while individual contributions have been trending down. Time was spent at the end listening to members share their concerns and answering questions. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2026 Budget. The motion was approved.**

**Delegate's Report:** David C shared a brief overview of the WSO financials; Asked for feedback on a revision to the WSO Group Naming Policy that include population identifiers; Briefly addressed the WSO standards for Electronic Alateen Safety And Behavioral Requirements for Electronic Alateen meetings; The 75 Anniversary celebration in April 2026; and the 2028 International Convention in Minneapolis MN.

## **Bequest Proposals:**

#1 A Public Outreach Table Display for District 1,2, & 3 (Cape Cod) The request was \$400 to cover the cost of the display.

#2 Fun, Food, and Fellowship for Alateen Groups in District 22. The request is for \$980 to cover the cost of pizza for a year, Alateen literature, newcomer packets, and posters.

After a period of questions and comments from attendees, **A motion was made and seconded to approve Bequest #1. The motion was approved. Another motion was made and seconded to approve Bequest #2. The motion was approved.**

## **Coordinator Reports:**

George S. Literature: New sharings are needed for two new pieces of CAL: Sponsorship and Finances in Recovery. Sharings are also needed for the new and revised AI-Anon Faces Alcoholism planned for 2026. The Forum also needs sharings on an ongoing basis for several regular features plus stories. George is available to facilitate writing workshops at District and Group meetings.

Don R. Alternate Delegate: Group Representatives are asked to serve as local conduits to THE FORUM by acquainting members with its usefulness, suggesting personal subscriptions, submitting group subscriptions to WSO and encouraging members to write articles.

Don R. Interim Alateen: ALATEEN ACTION PLAN (1) create more geographical locations in the state where Alateens can meet, and (2) Create specific Alateen outreach opportunities so teens are made aware of what the Alateen program can offer them. AMIAS GOALS (1) Create platforms to COMMUNICATE relevant ALATEEN information to AMIAS, (2) Create platforms for AMIAS to CONNECT with one another for support, and (3) Build a COMMITMENT to establishing Alateen meetings in the state as well as opportunities for Alateen outreach.

Pam S Office Manager: There is a one-step process for adding events on the Website for the calendar and the bulletin under the events tab at Alanonma.org. Under the Events Tab, click Add an Event. By submitting this form, you will notify both the website calendar and the bulletin that an event needs to be listed. The deadline for submissions to the Monthly Bulletin is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Groups are asked to review and update meeting information, GR and CMA. Reminder to Manually Add Postage and Handling for Literature Orders at checkout.

Dave B Website: Zoom Renewals, Area Map, AMIAS Resources, Group Info and updates, Forum Stories, and Holiday Cancellations.

Karen K AA Liaison Alternate: Spoke about AI-Anon participation in the AA Convention in November at the Best Western Royal Plaza in Marlborough. Please reach out if you are available to cover the literature table, AI-Anon table, or chair an AI-Anon meeting.

Luisa F Public Outreach: Forming a committee to encourage participation in outreach projects in Districts with Group support

Joan S Archives: Project underway to organize the Archives filing system, asking for inputs from seasoned members to gather local history, and to document how we are living our Legacies and bringing them to the future.

Skye J Convention: “Growing our Recovery” was voted as the 2026 theme. We still have some spots to fill on the committee and are reaching out to the fellowship. All committee members were asked to speak to their GR’s and if you know someone who would be great on a committee, please encourage them to volunteer

**Electronic Alateen Meetings:**

David C led a discussion about establishing a pilot program for Electronic Alateen meetings as part of the Area structure, which would include the creation of Electronic Alateen Safety and Behavior Requirements. No conclusions were reached, and the discussion will continue at the Spring Assembly after David has attended the 2026 WSC in April.

**Caucus for Dark Districts:** Groups with no District Representative were given an opportunity to meet in a breakout room. Several members stepped up to be CMAs (current mailing address) for their groups and one person stepped up to be a new DR. Four In-person Caucus Classrooms were set up according to District Number with Zoom Links included

**Lunch Break**

The Assembly resumed at 1:00pm with the Serenity Prayer

**Spiritual Speaker:** Taaj from New York South Al-Anon shared time with us as a spiritual speaker.

**Afternoon Workshops:**

Workshop 1: The Mechanics and Spirituality of Contributions in Al-Anon – Sandy S

Workshop 2: Writers Workshop: George S.

Workshop 3: The Traditions & Concepts: Recovery and Service Through Our Legacies –Taaj

Workshop 4: AMIAS Training - Don R.

**Workshop Reports:** Time was allocated to allow for sharing from participants in the workshops

**Questions and Comments:**

Jane spoke about the progress being made in creating Thought Force and Task Force committees in the following areas: ASBR, Area Finances, and AMIAS workshops

**Ask It Basket:**

The Assembly Meeting Closed at 4:00pm with the Serenity Prayer and the Al-Anon Declaration