



OFFICERS		Present*	Rpt
Delegate	Cathy T.	P	R
Alt Delegate	Don B.	E	R/N
Chairperson	Denise M.	P	R
Secretary	Debbie H-F.	P	R
Treasurer	Ann J.	P	R
Active Past Delegates	Cheryl A.	P	R
	Renee H.	P	
	Jim S.	P	
	Carol V.	P	

COORDINATORS		Present*	Rpt
Alateen Coordinator	Open position	n/a	n/a
AAPP	Connie O.	P	R
Archive Coordinator	Karen D.	P	
Assembly Coordinator	Mary S.	P	R
Group Records Coord.	Selwa P.	P	
Literature Coord.	Ferrell N.	P	
Public Outreach Coord	Denise P.	P	R
Web Site Coordinator	Sandi H.	P	R
OTHER AREA CONTACTS			
SE WI LDC/AIS Liaison	Mary O.	P	R

DISTRICT REPS		Present*	Rpt
1	Brenda M.	E	R
2	Laura Q.	P	R
3	no DR	n/a	
4	Laura K.	P	R
5	Sandra G.-ALT	P	R
6	Pat S.	P	R
7	Sarah M.	P	R
8	Jami C.	E	R
9	Ann J. (C)	P	R

DISTRICT REPS		Present*	Rpt
10	Mary S. (C)	P	
11	Susan B.	P	R
12	Arla P.	P	R
13	Sharyl M. (C)	n/a	
14	no DR	n/a	
15	Heidi B.	P	R
16	Jackie L. (C)	n/a	
17	no DR	n/a	
18	Kelli M.	A	R

DISTRICT REPS		Present*	Rpt
19	Mary S.	P	R
20	Diane R.	E	R
21	Karen D.	P	
22	Jaye R.	P	R
23	Cindy W.	A	R
24	Bill B.	P	R
25	Cindy V.	P	R
26	Diane G.	A	
27	Annette R.	E	R

* **Present column:** Present, Excused, Absent (unexcused). Contacts are encouraged but not required to attend.

9:07am - CALL TO ORDER by Denise M. followed by a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer

- Reading of the Traditions, Concepts & Warranties**, District tables read around the room.
- Distributed Printed Policy Manuals**. Also available on-line at www.area61afg.org
- Welcome to All New DRs and GRs:**
Each District was recognized.
- Al-Anon History Trivia** by Denise M.
Several Al-Anon history questions were asked (referenced in the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual). Prizes given for the correct answer.
- Minutes from the Prior Assembly Meeting** on 9/29/2012, Debbie H-F.
The postal mailing to unrepresented Districts was successful; there were four people from District 14 at their first Assembly because of it. *Motion made to accept the minutes as presented (by Mary S., seconded by Arla P.). Motion carried.*
- Treasurer's Report**, Ann J.
Motion made to approve the financial reports as presented (by Sally F., seconded by Denise P.). Motion carried.
- Officer Reports**, see the attendance list at the beginning for reports given.
- Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM)**, Carol V. & Denise M.
Denise read *Five Essential Elements of the KBDM Process*
Workshop: Breakout groups acted as Thought Forces (thinkers not the doers). They used the KBDM process to address their problem. See the distributed materials for more detailed information. Below is a summary of their questions & answers:



- a. Write a book of stories from Al-Anon members as an Area fundraiser. Is this okay?
Answer: No, there are other ways to raise money without breaking Traditions & Policies.
 - b. A Coordinator wrote an article for the newspaper with her full name in it. The District Rep wants her removed from office.
Answer: Bring to AWSC to create a Task Force to review. Need to educate ourselves on the Coordinator's responsibilities.
 - c. Can we use a room at local treatment center rent-free for our District meetings? The facility asks that we volunteer for the monthly Family Day to share our experience, strength, and hope.
Answer: Need more information: get detailed information from the treatment center regarding our obligations, find out how many volunteers we have, ask trusted servants for their input, review the Service Manual.
 - d. Alateen meeting announcement is being made in a middle school. Is a public statement such as this acceptable? Does it imply affiliation?
 - e. A group has a CD lending library with mostly AA speakers. Is this okay?
 - f. A group has a CD with music playing in the background of meeting. Is this an outside publication and not part of Al-Anon?
9. **KBDM Discussion at the District and Group Level**, Carol V.
Your Assignment: Take the KBDM materials back to your Districts and groups and use them. Bring feedback to the Fall AWSC and we'll pick people to present their experience at the Fall Assembly. *The secretary distributed the latest version of the 6 questions to the Assembly.*
10. **Delegate Report**, Cathy T.
Informative presentation on the 2013 World Service Conference.
Presentation posted on the Area web site, www.area61afg.org (Members > Area Business).

12:01pm – 1:11pm – Lunch with Speaker, Jean H.

11. **Coordinator Reports**, see the attendance list at the beginning for all reports given
- AAPP, Connie O.:
Connie R., former AAPP, passed away last week. The AMIAS recertification is complete except for 3 Districts; it will be done soon. The process for becoming a sponsor will be on the new web site, coming soon.
 - Alateen Coordinator, Denise M.
We need someone to fill the position.
 - Assembly Coordinator, Mary S.
Thanks to Districts 2, 5, and 22 for putting on this great Assembly. The 2015 contracts have been signed with Hotel Mead. We continue to get a discount (less than half price). District 11 is hosting the Fall Assembly. The 2014 Spring Assembly will be hosted by District 6.
 - Group Records Coordinator, Selwa P.
All group records changes have been completed. Reports for all groups in each District are in the "box". Please review and let the Group Records Coordinator (GRC) know if there are changes. Groups should submit changes to your DR who will then let the GRC know (in this way, everyone knows what's happening).
 - Literature Coordinator, Ferrell N.
There is a new book coming out, *Reaching for Personal Freedom, Discovering the Legacies*.
 - Public Outreach Coordinator, Denise P.
Innovative, on-line newsletter is going out to 500 health professionals in Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. It was approved by the WSO with only a couple of minor changes. We plan



- to send an updated newsletter 4-6 times per year. We're also sending press releases to all media outlets in the Area once per month or at least every 6 weeks. The Coordinator contacted several state officials to begin educating them on our program and what we have to offer.
- SE WI Liaison, Mary O.
We hosted the annual Snowball fundraiser and an open house at the Service Center. We continued our outreach efforts at local institutions (hospitals & jails).
 - Web Site Coordinator, Sandi H.
District Reps, Officers, and Coordinators are trusted servants. DO NOT FORWARD your Area 61 email to your work email address. It can get flagged and possibly reviewed by people in your company. Please setup a free email service to forward your emails to; this will eliminate this anonymity problem.
12. **TEAM Event Feedback**, Annemarie A. presented Rhonda P's report.
The first Area 61 TEAM event was held on December 1 & 2, 2012. It was a great success! Thank you to our speakers from the WSO. Because we had translation equipment available, several Spanish speakers were in attendance.
13. **Web Site Task Force Report**, Debbie H-F.
The new site is ready to go-live. Many thanks to Wanda S, the former Area Webmaster, for her efforts in making this possible. We will evaluate your feedback forms from today to see if any changes are required. *Note: The new web site went live on May 30th.*
14. **Thought Force Al-Anon State Convention**, Denise M.
I have not had time to make progress on this.
15. **Action Committees and Breakout Sessions**
16. **Action Committee Reports**
- Fellowship Communications
Where are our newcomers coming from; how did they hear about us?
Reminder, subscriptions for Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism are due in early July.
Use our Area Literature Coordinator to order literature. (Ann J. clarified that the Lit Coordinator is not for individual orders; they should go through the SE WI Literature Distribution Center.)
- Group Services
We will revise the Service Meeting on Wheels binder due to changed circumstances.
We had a 25% success rate on the Assembly mailing. It will continue and be expanded.
We are working on a welcome letter to new GRs inviting them to the GR orientation. The Group Records Coordinator will send an email blast to groups in unrepresented Districts with information this information.
DRs should forward Assembly materials to all groups in your District.
- Membership Outreach
Should we use the same chair/recorder for the whole time?
Talked about having Area 61 and WSO web sites up at Assemblies.
Should we send out the "Assembly Preview" document. Most people liked it.
Discussed having an Assembly "buddy", sharing expenses to get more people to the meeting.
- Public Outreach
Discussed ideas for use of media list.
The Professionals newsletter will go out to substance abuse & other professionals this month.
We may expand distribution in the future to include other professionals.
A law enforcement presentation was created by District 6. We want to use it at the Area level.



Everyone: At your next District meeting, get contact/email information for AODA people at local law enforcement stations. We want to offer them an educational presentation.

17. Breakout Session Discussion

Conference agenda item #4 deferred.

18. Criteria for Jobs for Dual Members, Denise M.

Reviewed flow chart provided by WSO.

19. Skit from the World Service Conference – “The NO-CAL ZONE”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next AWSC is August 3rd
- The Fall Assembly is September 27-29.

4:01pm - MEETING ADJOURNED by Denise M. closed with the Al-Anon Declaration

*Motion made to adjourn the meeting (by Karen, seconded by Carol V.). **Motion carried.***

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Harvey-Frederiksen
Area 61 Secretary, Term 2013-2015

Note: *These minutes are not official
until approved by the AWSC.*