

# THE 2016 VIRGINIA AREA AL-ANON FALL ASSEMBLY

October 22-23

*“Building Healthy Groups through Attention - Appreciation - Affection”*  
Recovery Through Service

## S A T U R D A Y

### OPENING

- Valerie P., Area Chair, opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer followed by the reading of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of Service by Merrie M., Rick A., and Bruce B.
- New Groups and first time Assembly attendees were recognized.
- Valerie P. welcomed all present and introduced the Area Officers and Past Delegates.

### ATTENDANCE AND REGISTRATION

- The Registration Committee reported 168 registered attendees, 114 are group representatives.
- Rappahannock District will do Registration for 2017 Spring Assembly.
- District volunteer asked to handle registration for 2017 Fall Assembly. At the request of the Assembly, the current committee chair Laura L. described the duties of the Registration Committee. Blue Ridge District volunteered to organize Registration for 2017 Fall Assembly.
- VAWSC members present: Don F., Beverly W., Valerie P., Duane F., Terry W., Bruce B., Wendy R., Tom S., Stacy L., Justin L., Sue V., Diane B., Leslie K., Brook S., Barbara M., Bette T., Yumiko A., Ginny K., Becky D., Nancy S., Tina E., Sara V., Chris B., Leslie K., Jenny S., Merri M., Jenny C., Gina B., Peggy F., Allyson M., Rick A., Christy B., Laura L. Elizabeth B., Robin B., Ann F.
- Not Present: Shannon B., Pat M., Juanita P., Rocatta T., Molly S.,

### ASSEMBLY MINUTES: Wendy R.

- Minutes from 2016 Spring Assembly were included in the check-in packets.

### MOTION

Made by: VAWSC  
Second by: Jeremy R.

That the 2016 Spring Assembly Minutes be approved.

Motion Passed: voice vote

### OFFICER REPORTS

- Delegate Report – Duane B. (report available upon request)

- Treasurer Report: Bruce B. (report available upon request)

**MOTION**

Made by: VAWSC  
Second by: Beverly W.

That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Motion Passed: voice vote

**VOTING ISSUES**

1. Beverly W. provided an explanation of the process to amend the By-Laws to include a fuller definition of the VAWSC. The amended By-Laws must be reviewed at two VAWSC meetings before they can be presented to the Assembly. At the Spring Assembly we will have the first reading. There will be no vote this weekend on the By-Laws.
2. Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements - Beverly W. reviewed the history of revisions to this document and explained the current changes were updates to outdated wording and contain no policy changes.

**MOTION**

Made by: VAWSC  
Second by: Jim S.

That the revised Alateen Safety and Behavior Requirements be approved.

Vote will be tomorrow.

**MOTION**

Made by: VAWSC  
Second by: Phyllis F.

That the proposed FY2017 Virginia Area budget be approved.

Vote will be tomorrow.

3. **FY 2017 Budget - Bruce B.** Contributions to the Area are declining. This budget is about \$6000 less than the previous year's budget. There were questions and discussion; vote will be tomorrow.

**OFFICER REPORTS (continued)**

- 2016 Convention Report - Beverly W. (report available upon request)
- Alternate Delegate: Terry W. (report available upon request)
- 2019 Convention Report, Forum Coordinator Report - Terry W.

**WORKSHOP - Just For Today Prayer**

The informed group conscience process was used to discuss the pros and cons of the St. Francis Prayer as part of Conference Approved Literature.

## **S U N D A Y (reconvened)**

### **OPENING**

- Serenity Prayer
- Spiritual Speaker: Marsha W.
- GR Roll Call

### **MOTION**

Made by: VAWSC  
Second by: Jim S.

That the revised Alateen Safety and Behavior Requirements be approved.

Motion passed: 107 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain

### **MOTION**

Made by: VAWSC  
Second by: Phyllis F.

That the proposed FY2017 Virginia Area budget be approved.

Motion passed: 101 yes, 3 no, 3 abstentions

### **COORDINATOR AND LIAISON REPORTS**

- Alateen Coordinator: Stacy L.
- AAPP: Diane B.
- Mid-Eastern Alateen Conference: Wendy R.
- Eastern Seaboard Alateen Conference: Rose V.
- Group Records Coordinator: Leslie K.
- Literature Coordinator: Justin L.
- Long Range Planning Committee: Bruce B.
- Public Outreach - Brook S.
- Northern Virginia Service Center: Yumiko A.
- Tidewater Service Center: Stacy L.

### **WORKSHOP REPORTS**

- Use of Technology & Anonymity in the Digital Age - Gina B.
- Attracting Newcomers, Keeping Members - Leslie K.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Way to Manage Money - Bruce B.
- Overcoming Obstacles to Success through Service - Ronald, Katherine, Kathryn
- Sponsorship: Having Fun with Steps 4 & 5 - Ann F., Deborah E.

**Delegate Report** - wrap up - Duane F.

**Area Website Report** - Sue V.

Questions and discussion were solicited regarding the website content and structure. Feedback was given and a sub-committee formed to collect and implement suggestions.

## **CLOSING**

- Valerie P. closed the Assembly meeting with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Rowden  
Area Secretary

Valerie Palamountain  
Area Chair

## **Let it Begin with Me**

### **UPCOMING DATES**

- **November 12, 2016 - Long Range Planning Committee**
- **October 29 - Alateen Sponsor Workshop - Roanoke**
- **November 12 - Long Range Planning Committee Meeting**
- **January 14, 2017 - Area Officers Meeting**
- **March 4, 2017 - VAWSC**
- **May 6-7, 2017 - Spring Assembly**
- **July 5-8, 2018 - International Convention - Baltimore, MD**