

# AI Anon Information Services / Intergroup FINAL AIS General Meeting Minutes - 10/18/18

Meeting started at 7:03pm

Meeting commenced with the Serenity Prayer  
12 Traditions read by Karen  
12 Concepts read by Norma

Introductions were made around the room.

## Officer's Reports

### **Secretary - Kathy H**

Kathy read the 8/16/18 AIS General Meeting minutes aloud.  
All voted in favor to approve the minutes, with 0 nos, and 0 abstained  
8/16/18 Minutes were approved

Clipboards with ISR contact info were passed around, requesting ISRs to check and update their email addresses. NOTE - a few email addresses are bouncing, they are noted with a larger and different font. Please look for those.

We are starting to track which meetings have ISRs in attendance at our General meetings. Please check the box for October attendance as the clipboard comes around.

Corrections to the last minutes-  
Alateen was the idea of literature into the schools, not meetings.

### **Treasurer - Camille**

Aug and Sept monthly reports were reviewed.  
Net Available Aug balance = 10,653.55  
Net Available Sept balance = 10,034.67

No questions on Income / Expense statement

Proposed budget was put out on the tables  
Today we will review the proposed budget, and intend to vote on it during the next meeting.

Susan's question - isn't there a practice to send the Chair and Co-Chair to the international conference? Answer = Yes

Karen stated that Camille is doing a great job.  
SiSi had a question about line number 21 on the report - al anon international funds co-chair... 3k and 1500.  
Answer - the conference doesn't take place each year. Camille, Julie and Newt discussed... the best practice is to take how many years are left and split it.  
3k over the certain amount of years. Next conference is in 2020

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Provided some time for the ISRs to review

SiSi's question - have we switched over to Freedom Voice yet? Tamara answered no, and she'll give an update during her report

Debbie - make a motion to approve the motion. Karen seconded the motion.

Opposed, none.

Abstaining - One

Susan - she hasn't had a chance to talk to her meeting about this, she is abstaining.

Budget was passed.

Camille will add a line item in the budget that reflects the annual premium for liability insurance.

Camille discussed the Task Force. Purpose - to determine what to do with any excess funds in AIS Treasury, keeping AI Anon's primary purpose in mind.

They brainstormed ideas, discussed things that were mentioned during the meetings, there were a few items that seemed to have some energy around.

They are using knowledge-based decision making in their approach. Next meeting has not yet been scheduled, they will do that by email. 5 people attended the first meeting tonight before the AIS meeting.

**7th tradition** was gathered.

### **Chair - Julie**

Festive banner... December meeting we have a potluck. Everyone is welcome, everyone is asked to bring a dish.

Thursday Dec 20th at 6pm.

We will be celebrating a year of service for our board members.

Every year the board rotates... 50% each year.

This meeting, we are accepting nominations for the following positions - secretary, Spanish liaison, public information, institutions, website, round robin

Camille - now that we have the new PO box, we have received contributions accidentally for the District

Audrey, please notify the particular ISR about the incorrect address

### **Co-Chair - Dani**

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welcome to all the new ISRs, thanks for being of service. This is how we promote awareness of this very important program and what we can accomplish. If you are new.... there's a piece of paper with the meeting information. We should have this sheet for each meeting, please fill it out as best as you can

Dani has a handout for the new ISRs, to summarize the ISR role.

**Fundraising** - we grossed over \$10k for VCAAC.  
She is hoping that a portion of that will come back to AIS.  
She was really enjoying the fellowship of making things.

Her idea for the fundraiser is DeCoupage - you take a glass plate, and decorate them....  
Board members will sign up to bring snacks

Feb 24th, around noon, at someone's home in Westlake. Several months later, we will have another meeting in the Ventura area making necklaces and bracelets again.  
She will use the budget money to seed the craft making to prepare for this meeting.  
She will pass out the dates and fliers at the potluck in December.

Questions -

Audrey - making the crafts... when would they be sold or how. Answer - people will come in and make donations to make them, can buy items there... and then people can carry around the items to meetings.

Audrey has a suggestion to consider holidays in the spring... easter / passover items... one idea.

### **Insurance**

Surveys were sent out... we got about 4 locations where liability insurance was required. Policy cap required was \$1M.

Dani's own meeting does require insurance... the church told her the min was \$1M, because of simple slip and fall accidents. This is more than the property damage.

\$315 for all meetings, for AIS to cover all VC meetings.

Dani feels we would be penny wise and pound foolish to decide not to go forward with the coverage.

AIS has the money, it would require no more money from the AI Anon groups.

Marlynn - her group was discussing this... her meeting never required it of them, however, the different meeting locations made them sign a non- "we won't sue you" - they decided to pay the insurance themselves because they didn't want to sign this paper.

A church in Simi is considering going forward with requiring insurance from the meetings.

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Susan - the Sat morning in TO is considering adding babysitting in a separate room, that would be covered as part of this. Answer - it should be covered as long as it's part of the AI Anon meeting.

Linda - will each group get a copy of the general copy for their records? Answer - Dani will provide a copy of the certificates.

Audrey - she wants to clearly understand how the voting will go today and what the impact of the voting will be.

If some people object, we will count hands.

Martha - she didn't get the survey, her meeting is required to have the insurance, she isn't sure what she would need. Martha knows it's a million.

Lisa - would there be an annual vote for renewal, or it's an automatic renewal. Answer - we haven't thought of that yet, but good question. We can consider how to handle this afterwards.

Discussion at the board level.

Julie - she assumes that if and when it's approved, it would go onto our budget, and then the meeting next year when we review the budget, that can become a point of discussion then.

It will cover all meetings that are listed in our AIS directory.

Fundraisers because they are AI Anon recognized... the meetings that are rouge, those are not in our directory, will not be covered by insurance.

Helen - She appreciated the email sent out describing the vote.

What would happen if someone decided to take AI Anon to court

Lalena - from So Cal, they were against getting insurance, we had decided to do the research and not wait for SoCal to review for several years. Her only concern is that we are still under that umbrella.

Audrey - she spoke to the church, their insurance has already lapsed. The insurance they paid for with other meetings, those meetings don't have any insurance now. If we table this as AIS, it could cause them to not have the meetings at that location

This insurance coverage, we are autonomous from world service and so cal... at some point if they decide to cover insurance as a whole we can cover as we choose. This is in the service manual

One vote per meeting.

Tamara - she has a text message, she will be proxy for that meeting.

Julie - everyone who is eligible to vote, who represents a meeting, they will sit  
32 eligible voters

AI those voting in favor of getting insurance = 31

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1 vote shy of a consensus votes

Any opposed to providing insurance  
0 oppositions  
Abstaining - 1

Audrey - someone could volunteer to be the proxy

One vote per registered group  
Proxy is allowed per text or email.

**Decision** AIS will go forward with the insurance.  
Dani will proceed with getting insurance.

**Public Information and Directories, Tamara** - There's only one change in the directory, one mens stag meeting.

We have a lot of interest growing, we are selling out of the directories each time at the General meeting

## **Public Outreach**

Pride - in August. Sarah was the point person, she informed Tamara that it went really well, there was a lot of support for the al anon members, they hope it can happen again next year.

There's another health fair at VC college on Tuesday Oct 23 from 9am to 1pm.  
If you're interested, ISRs and anyone with AI anon is welcome to go there.

Received AI Anon faces Alcoholism book

Holding meetings in churches, she's doing a mass mailing to all the churches introducing the documents to generate more interest.

The Freedom Voice - every meeting has a code for the answering service... a group number only has 4 digits. She has to generate new numbers to map the the meetings to the phone system... you have to enter in a 4 digit number to update the codes for each meeting code.

If anyone hears of an event, please contact Tamara.

Brian mentioned that someone asked him if we could provide materials for District to use... should we share with Intergroup and District?

Answer = yes

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Audrey asked "How do we find out about potential public outreach opportunities?"  
Answer from Julie = go to organizations....

Audrey asked "How do WE research opportunities?"  
Answer from Tamara = she has been more in a position of when people reach out to her. That is why Tamara is writing the letter to the churches, to start to reach out.

Audrey - her background is in public outreach and marketing. Could she volunteer to be a committee member?

Julie -  
Linda got us into the jail and her predecessor...  
Even if Audrey is not interested in taking the position, she could still help with some research and reach out. Public outreach...

### **Spanish Liaison - Martha**

Not a lot to report. She does have the *AI Anon Faces Alcoholism* book in Spanish, and the service manual. She will distribute what she has. It's been fun to do this position, it's been a learning experience.

### **Institutions - Linda**

Thanks everyone for donating leftover books and pamphlets... please remove the staples first. The books, they are binding them in paperback for the inmates.

She's working on Casa Pacifica and the Youth Authority.

SiSi - in the scoop, Ventura County Todd Road Central Jail applications. Pamela is working on adding the form on the website. It's not processing the new volunteers until January.

If the form is not on the website... call Linda

### **Cooperating with Professional Community (CPC) - Sara**

Sara - thanks to Tamara for inviting her to the annual meeting. Professional agencies and meetings, she had many discussions and is working on getting that set up, purchasing literature and displays.

Baskets - she was the basket coordinator, please take out the thank you letter for your meeting from the basket.

### **Intergroup Scoop - Dawn**

thanks for the newsletter writings.

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Please announce at meetings for any kind of announcements to put in the scoop

Came to Believe is the next topic, Dec 1. The topics are listed at the back of the newsletter

[VCScoop@gmail.com](mailto:VCScoop@gmail.com)

## **Alateen Coordinator - Karen**

Los Cerritos Middle School is considering a meeting. There will be money spent for literature for that.

## **Alateen Rep Stil open**

## **Webmaster - Pamela**

Greetings from Kona... 28k visitors to date.  
2 Scoops are uploaded to the end of the year  
She encourages everyone to see them in color  
Dec directory is available online.

## **Round Robin - Cindy**

For this year, she had the 5th Round Robin on Oct 13th. It was a lot of fun, it was a great turnout.  
If anyone is interested, this is a very fun job. She has enjoyed it.  
Because of the holidays and because what is coming up... there are several meetings that want a Round Robin, she has decided those can be handed off to the next new person.

## **Archives - Brian**

Archives are good.

## **District 12 - SiSi is in Nancy's place**

Meetings on the second sat of the month. Dates and locations are on the directories and the scoop  
Assembly is on Nov 8th, we do a grab and go, go to different locations.  
This weekend is the convention, topic is love and tolerance is our code  
AFG institutions

## **LDC - Ellie**

Reviewed total sales numbers, it was an increase. The new Intimacy book is in, just received 2 cases - it was out of stock for a while.  
Continuing to work on the technology, probably will take longer than January.

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## Previous Chair - Toni

Toni was not in attendance.

## **New Business**

In the spirit of service, we rotate service positions each year.

Julie - she feels so blessed to have so many people who helped the group accomplish so much.

One position - Julie would like to nominate Kathy for Secretary for the next 2 years. Agreed by the group.

Spanish Liaison - Martha is working on replacement options for the position

Tamara - she took over because someone left last year. She feels like she's just now coming into her stride... and now she has to give it up. She wants to ask that the answering service part... she would like to finish that. It was agreed that Tamara will finish up the answering service project.

She does all the updates for the directories, they print each 2 months. There's a master form, UPS has an account, she updates the website person, world service, and so call all updated with the directories.

She has a bucket of materials... and the answering service project on the computer, the current service we have is not helpful to pass the message of ai anon

Karen asked that since Tamara took it over since someone quit.... could she be nominated. The answer is that the spirit of the Board positions is to rotate.

Martha wants to take on the Public Outreach Coordinator. All approved.

Positions start in Jan

Linda - Institutions Coordinator -

She also jumped in halfway through

She got the Todd Road Jail, Genesis recovering homes in... Casa Pacifica, and other organizations she is still in process of working with .

For this position.... ISRs please announce this position

It does not have to be an ISR to be on the board.

Tamara - she is interested in taking the website position.

Julie - she has been in the Round Robin position. You are the party thrower, to get people together. Cindy has had several people ask about it, she told them to come tonight.

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In the beginning, she went to many meetings and introduced the idea. Averaged 3 to 4 meetings per year.

Lalena - she volunteered. She is past chair.

Open positions - Spanish Liaison and institutions coordinator, and alateen rep

### **Old Business**

Have Alateen Rep position still open

Serenity by the sea

Nov 10

Would like to add Camarillo and TO / Westlake people

She made a save the date

-- add dates from the orange sheet

Julie - thank you for attending, thank you to all ISRs for your service.

AI Anon declaration read by Dana.

Meeting ended at 8:40pm