

Al-Anon – Area 5 – Summer 2006 Assembly – July 15, 2006

Fellowship Communication Action Committee Minutes

Chair: Kathy S.

19 attendees (please see the Members List dated July 28, 2006)

Minutes from our meeting at the Spring 2006 assembly were approved and are posted at <http://al-anon-co.org/members/action-fellowship.html>

Workshop discussion questions from Carol

Due to the following reasons this action committee decided not to discuss the given questions, but instead answer questions individually outside of this assembly and email responses to Carol.

- Each group is autonomous
- There was uncertainty about what the delegate was going to do with the information
- Less time than usual for our action committee work
- Action committee is for service, not for discussion outside the group

Workshop discussion questions:

1. How do the Warranties provide us with a spiritual foundation?
2. What is the spiritual value of Warranty One? Can you find the spiritual value in the color of money?
3. What is the spiritual value of Warranty Two? Can you find the spiritual value of the term “unqualified authority”?
4. What is the spiritual value of Warranty Three? Can you find the spiritual value behind the principle of unanimity?
5. What is the spiritual value of Warranty Four? Can you find the spiritual value of not being personally punitive or inciting controversy?
6. What is the spiritual value of Warranty Five? Can you find the spiritual value of avoiding acting like a government while remaining democratic in thought and action?

Old Business

Committee updates

Note: Action Items are designated with ⇒ and the responsible person’s name in ***bold italics***.

Redesigning pamphlet holders

⇒ ***Linda*** would like some help to finish this project, preferably someone who lives close to Littleton.

Working with AA

- ⇒ Cover sheet that was attached to host guidelines didn’t work very well; it was too complicated. ***Shirley*** volunteered to be responsible for simplifying the cover letter.
- Still working on getting contact numbers for AA. (***Who*** is?)

Audio literature

- JC said that the petition that Dan sent to WSO to request more audio literature wasn't accepted.
- ⇒ *JC* and *Andre* are going to put together a sample CD to send to WSO, then a proposal will be made.

Electronic communications guidelines

- Rick will make a presentation Sunday to AWSC on the proposal for electronic guidelines. Because electronic communication is so prevalent now there have been problems developing.
- ⇒ *Rick* will continue work on the guidelines, but a suggestion was made to take a copy of the guidelines given to the DR's to the individual AI-Anon groups.

Communication Survey

- There were 75 surveys returned.
- Results showed a low awareness of available resources.
- A suggestion was made to take actions on the big problem areas that are easiest to implement.
- Suggestion to set up a sub-committee to address the results of the survey.

New Business

“Standing” Subcommittees

- After much discussion it was pointed out that one of the purposes of the action committees is to assist the coordinators for the Butterfly, Literature, and Tape Library.
- A motion was introduced by JC to form standing subcommittees to support these three coordinators, with the idea that each member of the action committee can work on one standing committee and also work on another, ad hoc, subcommittee. After discussion and a vote, the motion passed unanimously.
- Continued discussion about doing more work in between the assemblies. Also that coordinators need to be more specific about what they want help with.

“Ad Hoc” Subcommittees

- Lots of discussion about not having enough time to work on subcommittee work. This issue is to be addressed to the assembly at large during our action committee report.
- Set up other subcommittees to address other issues such as survey information, electronic guidelines, etc. There was discussion about the importance of addressing the information received from the survey to maintain credibility of our action committee. No other specific ad hoc subcommittees were decided upon at this meeting, though ongoing work is continuing from our existing ad hoc subcommittees. (See ⇒ above.)
- An idea was discussed that it is feasible and preferable to work on two committees.
- A motion was introduced to create an ad hoc committee to support the work on the survey that was sent out at the spring assembly. It passed with 16 in favor, 1 opposed, and 3 abstentions.

Agenda change for future action committee meetings

- A motion was made for our action committee to establish a new procedure to follow at assemblies to be more efficient with our time:
 - Meet as a group for introductions.
 - Break into the standing subcommittees for 15 minutes.
 - Break into the ad hoc subcommittees.

- Come back together as a group to present information to the entire action committee and discuss any new business.
- The motion passed with 19 voting yes and one abstention.

Mission statement change

- Motion introduced to change the mission statement by adding “and resources” to the current mission statement. Unanimous vote to change the mission statement to read: “Communicate – and facilitate communication of – the purpose, activities and resources of our fellowship among its members.”

Election of new chair and alternate chair

- Decided that Kathy S. will continue to chair this action committee until the action committee selects a new chair in March.
- The alternate chair, Rick R., said that he is ready to step down. Marigay volunteered to take over as alternate chair until March. Unanimous vote for Marigay to fill this seat.

Subcommittee members

- All members placed themselves into one of the three standing subcommittees, and several volunteered to also serve on the survey ad hoc subcommittee. See the Members List dated July 28, 2006, to view the current subcommittee members.

Respectfully submitted,
Cecelia