



POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS		Present/Excused
Delegate	Cathy T.	P
Alt Delegate	Don B.	P
Chairperson	Denise M.	P
Secretary	Debbie H-F.	P
Treasurer	Ann J.	P
Alateen Coordinator	Connie O.	P
Active Past Delegates	Cheryl A.	P
	Renee H.	E
	Jim S.	P
	Carol V.	E

INVITED GUESTS		Present/Excused
Assembly Coordinator	Mary S.	E

7:03pm - CALL TO ORDER by Denise M. followed by a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer

1. Introductions
2. Reading of the Concepts & Warranties, read around the room
3. Minutes from the prior Policy Committee Meeting on 8/1/2014, Debbie H-F.
Motion made to accept the minutes as presented (by Cathy T., seconded by Don B.).
Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Task Force on AFG Area 61 Convention**, Denise M.
 Recommended an Advisory Board be formed, one Past Delegate for each year of the Convention and one past convention (transition) person elected from the outgoing convention committee. The term is 2 years. The first convention will not have a past convention person to fill that position.

 Past Delegates will be in an advisory role; they will not have tactical tasks, just. On an ongoing basis, we would need two advisory boards simultaneously as we would be planning the conventions starting 2 years in advance.

 At this point, it is unrealistic to host our first convention in 2016 (due to contract timeframes and the tasks involved), so we're looking at the Fall of 2017. We plan to host the first convention, see what happens, then consider doing it every year. We may want to coordinate a TEAM event back-to-back with a convention.

 For the 2017 convention, we discussed having Carol V. as the Past Delegate Advisor and appoint Don B. as the convention transition person.

 It was also recommended that we have a new Area position of Convention Coordinator. The primary responsibility would be to manage the contract with the convention venue so that we don't end up losing money. The Assembly Coordinator position may be phased out in the future. We need to jump on contracts as soon as possible for the first convention in 2017.

Motion made to approve a new Convention Coordinator position to take to the AWSC (by Cathy T., seconded by Cheryl A.). **Motion carried.**
2. **2017/2018 Meetings at the Mead**, Denise M.
 Our recommendation for the 2017 & 2018 Fall Assembly and possibly going forward, is to drop the banquet plus all Saturday night and Sunday morning activities. The Fall Assembly would end after the business meeting (just like the Spring Assembly).

 This is not policy so the Assembly doesn't have to vote. However, we will take a consensus vote of the Assembly.
3. **Reimbursement Task Force**, Jim S.
 No further update



4. **Policy Manual Update**, Debbie H-F.
Reviewed the new Policy Manual Addendum document.

Should we print the updated manual before the Fall Assembly (as stated in the Policy Manual)?
The last printing was at the beginning of this panel. We agreed YES.

We will take a consensus vote of the AWSC on whether we should print a new Policy Manual for each group (as they may not need or use it). It is always available on the Area website.

NEW BUSINESS

5. **Alateen Policy Manual Change**, Connie O.

We recommended at the last meeting that we change the AMIAS minimum age to be age 21, from 23 (to be in line with WSO's policy). After checking with other Areas, Connie recommends to leave it at 23 (for safety, maturity, and perspective reasons). The Policy Committee agreed.

Another suggestion was to revise the language in the ~~Participating Minors Information and Permission Form~~ *Area 61 Rules for Participating Minors at Area/District Events Including Conferences/Conventions/Assemblies*, page 11, item 8 by adding the following sentence, "Sexual activity is prohibited by all participants."

Motion made to approve the addition of the recommended sentence to the existing language in the ~~Participating Minors Information and Permission Form~~ Area 61 Rules for Participating Minors at Area/District Events Including Conferences/Conventions/Assemblies to take to the AWSC (by Cheryl A., seconded by Cathy T.). Motion carried.

6. **Literature Purchased at the LDC in SE WI**, Cheryl A.

SE WI is an LDC (Literature Distribution Center) and gets a discount on the literature they order. They have been passing on this discount to the Area for quite some time. The WSO states that LDCs are not to sell literature for their cost. SE WI is having cash flow problems and is looking for a solution.

The SE WI LDC has actually been losing money as they've been giving us their full, 17% "LDC discount". Note that, from now on, literature orders from the SE WI LDC will not be receiving that discount.

SE WI recommends that the Area either become its own LDC or pay the "retail" amount.

We created a Thought Force to study our options regarding literature sales. Should we be an LDC? What's the role of the Area Literature Coordinator? Thought Force members: Ann J. plus ask for people to participate from the AWSC and Assembly.

7. **Website Migration/Cost**, Debbie H-F.

After transitioning to a new hosting service provider, the www.area61afg.org site is still not working. We've redirected it to the www.area61afg.com. Area 61 webmail is not affected. Is it okay for www.area61afg.org site down for 5 days (which is what it will take to fix the problem)? The consensus vote was YES.

9:07pm - MEETING ADJOURNED by Denise M.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting (by Cathy T., seconded by Cheryl A.). Motion carried.

NOTE: The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 31, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Note: These minutes are not official until approved by the Policy Committee.