

Fall 2020 Pre-Assembly Discussion Submissions & Answers

(Through 9/21/20)

Reports and Minutes Questions and Thoughts 5 Members Responded

UNAPPROVED FALL 2019 ASSEMBLY MINUTES 1 response

Under Attendance: I am the DR for District 5 and was not at the Fall Assembly. Lennie G, who is listed as attending for District 5, is not the DR or a GR in District 5. Under the present column there is a series of "8" not "*" (**Secretary notified**)

OFFICERS CONSOLIDATED REPORTS 1 response

I was happy to see more officer reports this time. Thanks!

COORDINATORS and LIAISON CONSOLIDATED REPORTS 2 responses

The reports that were submitted were very informative. Thanks for that. I feel ALL Coordinators should be required to submit a report.

On the Outreach Coordinator Report, We have found that having a Zoom Meeting Host position can ensure that even opening up the meetings to everyone (newcomers) can help. The Host can be enabled to allow entry, mute, turn off camera, etc.

DRs CONSOLIDATED REPORTS 1 response

I enjoyed the DR reports that were submitted. One DR asked if the Area would consider using PayPal for contributions. I think that is something the Area should look into. Another DR said they posted a link for the newcomers packet and phone numbers for sponsors. I think those both are good ideas.

DELEGATE'S WSC REPORT (INCLUDING THE WSO TREASURER COVID APPEAL AND DELEGATE INTRO TO COVID APPEAL) 0 responses

No responses yet for this question.

FINANCIAL REPORTS 3 responses

I propose 2 updates to the 2021 budget. (Debbie H, Tech Com Chair)

1. Change the "Website" item to be "Technology". This would include the website expenses (\$200) as well as several tech items: Annual Zoom Business license (\$1,300), Norton LifeLock license (\$110), Microsoft 365 license (\$100), plus \$200 anticipated added purchases. This is \$2,000 rounded up.

2. Update the amount for Committees to include only \$200 for Technology. The revised amount is \$400.

What is the uncategorized expense of \$2,172.69 in the Midyear Income/Expense report? (**This was forwarded to the Treasurer to incorporate into the financial report.**)

Our district met last week and some of the GRs wanted to know why the budget for 2020 is a negative \$4k. Shouldn't we be expecting a reduction in expenses to balance the budget. (**This was forwarded to the Treasurer to incorporate into the financial report.**)

Donna Finch, GR Lake Country Let Go and Let God AFG, thinks the Area should include a donation to the SE WI AFG's LDC in the proposed budget.

I also make a motion that the Assembly donate \$500 to the SEW Literature Distribution Center.

Reason: The SE WI Literature Distribution Center provides literature to the entire State of Wisconsin and the UP. The SE WI Al-Anon groups have always financially supported the SE WI Service Center. However, since all of Area 61 benefits from SE WI LDC, financial support is a fair and reasonable request. (**These were forwarded to the Treasurer to incorporate into the financial report.**)

Excess Abundance Funds to WSO 6 Members Responded

A motion was passed by the AWSC to have discussion in advance of the Assembly to approve a two-step process for sending excess Abundance Funds to the WSO by the end of the year versus waiting until May 2021 to approve the disbursements.

Proposal for the Assembly:

- 1. Send \$5,000 to WSO from the Abundance Fund immediately after the Fall 2020 Assembly.*
- 2. Send the remainder of the Abundance Fund to the WSO at the end-of-year instead of waiting until May 2021.*

The first step would be approve sending \$5000 now (as of Assembly) to the WSO - questions and/or thoughts 3 responses

Why is this change being proposed - for example, is it because of taxes, or because the WSO is in need of funds early? **If the Assembly does not make a motion to send it in 2020 it will have to wait until the earliest May 2021 to be sent. It would be great to have it within 2020's financials by sending it now and the end of the year.**

In favor

Why can't we send some of abundance to the SEW Service Center? It's my understanding that all literature distribution comes from our service center. Isn't there a financial need there? **This could be a good thought, but it is a different topic that should be addressed to the Assembly as a separate motion and possibly for the Proposed 2021 Budget.**

The second step would be to approve sending the remainder of the Abundance Fund to the WSO at the end of the year (the amount will be determined after all the 2020 expenses have been paid). - questions and/or thoughts 3 responses

How much is in the abundance fund now? **(This was forwarded to the Treasurer to incorporate into the financial report.)**

Approximately how much is still in there now, my group wanted to know?

In favor

The proposed motion could read: We motion to send a contribution now to the WSO of \$5000 from the current Abundance Fund total. At the end of the year, once all the 2020 Abundance Fund expenses have been paid the remainder of the Funds will be send to the WSO. Questions/Thoughts 2 responses

In favor

This is acceptable.

Proposed Addition to Policy about Election Requirement 3 Members Responded

Do you have any questions on the Election Requirement addition? 2 responses

A member who has served a three-year term as a District Representative (DR), remains active at the Area level (as a Coordinator, a member of a Standing Committee, Thought or Task Force, etc.), regularly attends Area Assemblies and Al-Anon meetings, may stand for Delegate or Area Officer.

So if this is added, I don't see any reference to a process to "track" if the requirements are met, to meet the changes added to the service manual. What am I missing?

Thoughts on the Election Requirement addition. 2 responses

I am in agreement with the modification/addition

See my suggested language above.

Proposed Policy Changes to Attendance 2 Members Responded

Do you have any questions on the changes? 1 response

Are you referring to a District, Area, or WSO policy manual? **(This is for our Area 61 WIUPMI only)**

Thoughts on the changes.1 response

Seems logical reasoning to make the change