



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.	P
	Jim S.	P
	Carol V.	P

INVITED GUESTS		Present/Excused
Web Site Coordinator	Sandi H.	P

7:42pm - CALL TO ORDER by Denise M. followed by a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer

1. Introductions
2. Reading of the Concepts & Warranties, around the room
3. Minutes from the prior Policy Committee Meeting on 2/28/2014, Debbie H-F.
*Motion made to accept the minutes as presented (by Connie O., seconded by Cathy T.).
Motion carried.*

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Task Force on Expense Reimbursements Policy Change**, Jim S.
 The Finance Realignment Committee met and there is a lot of crossover. The Policy Manual needs to be consolidated and rewritten. It was suggested to not do a complete re-write at one time but to do a re-structure to combine like items. WSO does it a section at a time.

A pressing issue is that of Past Delegate reimbursement for the North Central Regional Delegate’s Meeting (NCRDM). We propose to add a sentence (marked in **bold red**).

Area Expenses, Item 16, page 4: The Delegate and Alternate Delegate will be reimbursed in full for expenses to attend each North Central Regional Delegate’s Meeting within their terms. (5/89)

Because active Past Delegate historical knowledge is valuable to the success of the NCRDM, the Area will reimburse each active Past Delegate the cost of registration, lodging, meals, and travel.*

*Motion made to approve the proposed policy change as presented to take to the AWSC (by Cathy T., seconded by Ann J.). **Motion carried.***

The Treasurer will add the additional NCRDM expense to the proposed 2015 budget.

Policy Manual Subcommittee: Carol V. and Jim S. will draft a full re-write of the Policy Manual, consolidating existing information, and distribute it.

2. **Task Force on AFG Area 61 Convention**, Denise M.
 The Task Force’s discussion determined that we need an Advisory Board (but it does not need to be elaborate). We ask that Past Delegates act as Advisory Members (for one-year terms). We also propose that the Advisory Board include two people from previous convention committees elected to 2-year terms.

We recommend that a Convention Coordinator position be added (3-year term starting in 2016). We will keep the Assembly Coordinator position for 2016-2018 panel; it may be eliminated at a later time.

Changes to policy: May add position title to index and Delegate expense reimbursement by Area.

TEAM events could be included as an addition to the convention, rather than separate events.



Recommendation on a Reserve Plan...The Area Treasurer would apportion the excess monies (after expenses) as follows:

- AA Areas would get a % based on their representation at the Convention (e.g., 1%).
- Keep a pre-determined amount in reserve & seed money for use at future conventions.
- Perhaps monies allocated to Area 61's general fund.
- The balance would be given to WSO.

NEW BUSINESS

3. **Alateen Policy Change**, Connie O.

Requirements for Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service

Page 13, Item 1.b: Be at least ~~23~~ **21** years old.

About three 21-year olds have asked to be a sponsor (the 2-year Al-Anon membership requirement still stands). Connie will check with the WSO to see if we need approval to change the minimum age requirement to 21. We will add it to the agenda for the Spring 2015 AWSC.

Consensus Vote: We agree with changing the minimum age for AMIAS' to 21

Connie will look at Page 11, Item 8, to consider revising the language to include sexual-preference diversity.

Connie will review our training requirements and research what other Areas are doing.

4. **Policy Manual Housekeeping Changes**, Debbie H-F

Area World Service Committee (AWSC)

Page 1, Item 3: OTHER MEMBERS are: District Representatives (~~27~~ **26**), Liaisons and Active* Past Delegates. (5/86) (5/91) (5/05)

Area Expenses

Page 3, Item 4: All **AWSC** meeting expenses.

Area 61 Map

Cover and Page 15: Update **Area 61 Map** to combine Districts 2 and 22
Carol V. will provide the updated map.

Consensus vote: Housekeeping changes as presented are approved.

5. **Website Content**, Sandi H

The Web Site Coordinator gets lots of requests to put information on the site including links to District websites (which are not necessarily good examples). We currently link only to WSO, other Areas, and the SE WI AIS/LDC.

Sandy H. and Debbie H-F. will draft guidelines for the Spring Policy Committee to review. Guidelines should include an appeal process allowing people to present their case to the AWSC so that the minority voice is heard. We will post approved guidelines on the web site.

The Policy Committee grants the Web Site Coordinator veto power until the guidelines are approved. We may want to create a standing committee to address website content/format issues and guidelines in the future.

10:09pm - MEETING ADJOURNED by Denise M.

*Motion made to adjourn the meeting (by Cheryl A., seconded by Carol V.). **Motion carried.***

NOTE: The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 6, 2015.

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

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