



**May 20, 2022**

**Policy Committee (PC) Meeting Minutes**

**6:30pm**

Hybrid Meeting

**The meeting opened at 6:30pm with a Moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer**

12 Steps: Susan B and Carol V

12 Traditions: Iris R and Rhonda P

12 Concepts: Cathy T and Iris R

General Warranties: Joanne F

3 Obstacles to Success: Renie M

**Announcements: Iris**

Only Policy Committee members have voice and vote. Members, share your first name and position. Everyone on Zoom please mute unless you are speaking.

**Business: Iris**

**Reports**

**Delegate:** Renie is on the WSO's Public Outreach Committee.

**Alternate Delegate:** Joanne attended the WSC because Renie was not able to.

**Chairperson** Iris has no report.

**Treasurer:** Cathy has no report.

**Secretary:** Rhonda talked with Iris and other Al-Anon members about her idea to create an Alternate Secretary position before this PC meeting. She outlined how the Secretary job duties have grown very much over the past approximately 10 years – and that back in time, there was no Area website.

Before the website, people printed two copies of their reports: one went into a basket for the Secretary to put in a binder; the other went in a basket for the Unity Editor. The Unity Editor published the reports. Now the Secretary handles all the reports, puts them in four to five Consolidated Reports, and sends to the Area Website Coordinator to post on our website. Also in the past, we only used to have two Policy Committees a year. Currently we are scheduled to have 12.

Rhonda discussed that the Alternate would take minutes when the Secretary is not available. They would also collect the reports and get to the Website Coordinator in consolidated reports forms. They could also do the roster upkeep.

The Secretary will take minutes for every PC, AWSC and Assembly meeting and also update the motion log. The Alternate Delegate would be an Officer position. We would need to create a job description. Rhonda will bring the idea to the Spring Assembly. If the GRs



approve an Alternate Secretary, the Chair could assign someone to this position if in the middle of a Panel.

Questions and discussion followed. The Alternate Secretary will also help with mailings, per Iris. Could we cut out the “middle man” by sending all reports to the Website Coordinator and they will post on the website? We should include the Website Coordinator in the conversation if we go that route.

Cathy T thinks we should have an Alternate Secretary. Back when she was Area Secretary, we did not have as many meetings. Duties of the Secretary have changed. As Treasurer, Cathy has a Finance Committee to help. The Secretary duties are too much to put on one person. Our Delegate has an Alternate Delegate to help.

Renie wants to make sure we follow procedures like taking the idea to the AWSC before the Assembly. Iris asked that Rhonda give her report at the AWSC saying she needs help with the job duties. Then come August bring it to the AWSC. From there, we can bring to the Fall Assembly where GRs can vote.

Carol V: sometimes we go right from Policy Committee to Assembly. We don't always go to AWSC first. There can be a vote at the Fall Assembly.

In the meantime, Renie offered to help take minutes if Rhonda is not able to attend a meeting.

**Alateen Coordinator** Deb T excused.

**Past Delegate Carol V:** No Report

**Past Delegate Susan B:** no report

**New Business:**

Per Iris, there will be a Policy Committee meeting in August the evening before the Fall AWSC. September's Policy Committee meeting will be the evening before the Fall Assembly. There will be no Policy Committee meetings in June and July.

The DR of District 12 contacted Iris about a meeting in the district that is closer to District 11 and would like to move that group to D11. Both need to have a District meeting to vote on that. Then this would come before the Assembly for the GRs to vote. There is no DR in D11. Susan B will reach out to those groups to have the GRs discuss. Per Cathy T, there is a meeting in Mauston in D11 that would like to join D9.

A GR asked Iris why we vote at every AWSC and Assembly on how we're going to vote. Could the PC start a conversation to create a policy in the Area 61 Policy Manual that, in order to change policy or procedure, a 2/3 majority is needed; and other motions would need a simple majority.

**Cathy T moved to take the voting procedures to the AWSC to discuss the possibility of requiring a 2/3 majority for changes in policy. Carol V seconded. The motion carried with 6 voting yes; and 1 voting no.**



Seating the Area Liaison – why do we do it at every panel? Can we put in in the Area 61 Policy Manual that the Liaison always has no voice and no vote? After a discussion, it was decided to keep it as we’ve been doing – every Panel decides to seat the Liaison for the whole three-year Panel.

**Old Business:**

The next meeting of the AMIAS Processing/Certification Task Force takes place May 25 on Zoom. Our Delegate Renie is the advisor.

Service Manual Request: Will Area 61 pay for the latest WSO Service Manuals for all groups? The discussion concluded that we will announce at the Assembly that electronic versions are available for everyone for free. Individuals can purchase their own for \$5 each.

Area Policy Manual: we will discuss more at the October 2022 Policy Committee meeting.

**Motion to adjourn made by Susan and seconded by Rhonda. Passed unanimously.**

**Adjourn**

Closed with the Al-Anon Declaration

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Rhonda P  
 Area 61 Secretary  
 Term: 2022 – 2024

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

## ATTENDEES

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS		Present*
Delegate	Renie	P
Alt Delegate	Joanne	P
Chairperson	Iris	P
Secretary	Rhonda	P
Treasurer	Cathy	P
Alateen Coordinator	Deb T.	E
Active Past Delegate	Susan	P
Active Past Delegate	Carol	P

Guests were in attendance.

**\* Present column: Present, Excused, Absent (unexcused)**