

NC/Bermuda AFG DISTRICT 6 BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA
Saturday October 7, 2023, Hybrid: Zoom and In-Person
Host Group: Holly Spring AFG
Check in 12:45, Meeting 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Welcome Lyria Boast, District Representative (DR)

Readings

Serenity Prayer - Lyria; Traditions - Carol; Concepts and Warranties - Barbara; Daily Reader - Jan

Roll Call (confirmation of voting Group Representatives, GRs) Lois Wright, Secretary

Took roll as people entered the meeting - Lois in person and Laura online, which was much faster than calling out everyone's name during roll call. There are 32 voting members in attendance (1 voter registered but not currently in attendance would make 33). Laura explained the quorum requirement for 52 groups; we have >25% so we have a quorum. Also explained we will use a 2/3 majority vote as voted on at the beginning of the panel. Reminder that only voting members should vote - poll online shows up for everyone, even non-voters and in person counts raised hands, independent of known voters.

Voting Attendees

	First Name	Last Name	Group Name
1	Amy	Smoker	Earlybird AFG
2	Arturo	Cruzbautista	Cabio de Vida
3	Becky	E	Southern Wake AFG
4	Becky	Bruesch	Burlington AFG
5	Beth	Bowen	Monday Night How It Works AFG
6	Camille	Koorey	Live and Let Live
7	Connie	Cowell	Downtown Durham Lunchtime in person AFG, Monday Night Kids Alateen
8	Dave	Erickson	Courage To Change AFG
9	Debbie	Wickwar	Listen & learn
10	Emily	Cochran	Focus on Serenity
11	Erica	Wise	Tues/Fri AFG
12	Esther	Foster	New Life Discussion
13	Franklin	Willott	LGBT Recover AFG
14	Hannah	Peele	Step Study AFG
15	Jackie	Adams	Hope in the Afternoon AFG
16	Jamie	Andelman	Hayes barton

	First Name	Last Name	Group Name
17	Jan	Donovan	Holly Springs AFG
18	Jenna	Luna	Solutions AFG
19	Jennifer	Evans	Safe Haven AFG
20	Jodie	Lumbrazo	Lakeside AFG
21	Joellen	Boggess	Morning Serenity AFG
22	Karla	Cruzbautista	Monday Night Kids
23	Lacee	George	Learning to Live AFG
24	Lori	Neustedter	Parents with Changed Attitudes
25	Mary	Rodriguez	ODAT
26	Mary	Johnston	RTP Munch Bunch
27	Penny	Carlo	Friday Morning security
28	Rose	Lanaro	Saturday Morning Live AFG
29	Starr	West	Johnston Co AFG
30	Sue	Gidwitz	Discovering Choices AFG
31	Tina	Arlen	Better Way AFG
32	Tracy	Jacobsen	Thursday Night Oasis
33	Wendy	Anderson	Language of Hope AFG

Non-voting Attendees

	First Name	Last Name	Group Name
1	barbara	whitemore	Holly Springs AFG
2	Carol		Holly Springs AFG
3	Cynthia		
4	Flora	Vuksan	Lunch bunch
5	Jill	Sherling	Free Spirit
6	Laura	Tholen	Safe Haven
7	Lois	Wright	Sunday Night Step Study
8	Lyria	Boast	Monday Night Parents with Changed Attitudes
9	McKenzie	Gibson	Step Study
10	McKenzie	Gibson	Friday Morning Serenity
11	Neil	Bilotta	Solutions AFG
12	Pamela	Young	Alateen Wake Forest
13	Robin	Monteith	Sunday Night Step Study

	First Name	Last Name	Group Name
14	Stephanie	Holopainen	Learning to Live AFG
15	Wynne	Clark	Step Study AFG - Durham

Approval of Minutes Lois Wright, Secretary

Lois shared that the minutes sent via email were current, and that there had been no suggestions for modifications, see [Supporting Documents #1](#). Connie moved that the minutes be accepted as presented, Jackie seconded (Laura launched the poll online, Lyria and Wynne counted hands raised in person)

11 yes, 0 no, 0 abs for in person votes; 19 yes, 0 no, 2 abs for online votes = 32 total votes

32 voting members in attendance

19 virtual & 11 in-person members voted “Yes”, 0 members voted “No”, 2 virtual abstentions

(30 Yes; 0 No; 2 Abstain). Motion Passed

Treasurer’s Report Wynne Clark, Treasurer

Laura showed on screen the treasurer's report for 3Q, see [Supporting Documents #2](#). Wynne reviewed the information in the report. She also reviewed supporting line items - general, phone, alateen; recommended that the GRs notify their treasurer and give them the information for where to send contributions. Asked for questions. Having none, asked for a motion. Dave E made a motion to approve the report as presented, Esther seconded the motion.

10 Yes, 0 no, 0 abstention for in person; 19 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention for online = 30 total votes (one person went outside the room of the church)

30 voting members in attendance

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(29 Yes; 0 No; 1 Abstain). Motion Passed

Review and approval of 2024 Budget Wynne Clark, Treasurer

The 2024 proposed budget was shared on screen by Laura; see [Supporting Documents #3](#). Wynne explained the comments; contributions up but also expenses increased, so both went up; spoke to significant changes; looking for literature coordinator; PO Box is now shared by Treasurer and Prison Outreach; includes raffles for registrations for Convention; rent increased since we are now back to in person meetings; outside appeals increased because excess funds went to support Area and Literature Distribution Center (LDC); if you wish to be reimbursed for travel, Wynne can give you a request form.

Open for questions - Dave E asked about travel, how realistic are these numbers? Wynne shared that only Wynne and Lyria have asked for reimbursement; much of it has not been spent; Dave said that’s the way it was when he was DR! Encouraged officers/coordinators to request a reimbursement form. Lyria asked for a sense of whether the group was ready to vote

on the proposed budget, with a show of hands. Looks like the majority wants to vote. Need a motion to approve the budget as presented. Beth B made the motion to approve the 2024 budget as presented, Dave E seconded the motion. 11 yes, 0 no, 0 abs for in person; 19 yes, 0 no, 2 abs for online = 32 motion passes

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DR Report Lyria Boast, DR

The November Area Assembly is the focus of this report. Lyria asked if anyone was at the district meeting for the first time; two raised hands in person; Lyria also asked people to please raise your hand if you don't understand an acronym; Lyria recognized Dave E as a current Group Representative (GR) and prior District Representative (DR).

Lyria announced that Saturday Nov 4th is the Area Assembly where the fifty-five groups from District 6 will be represented along with the groups in the other eight districts (one of which is Bermuda); these nine districts make up the NC/Bermuda Area, [see map here](#); each of these districts hold four meetings per year; the GR also represents their group at the area level at Area Assembly in May and Nov for a day long meeting 10-4pm (currently hybrid); the Nov meeting will occur in Charlotte for in person attendees and also available virtually; decisions will be made that impact the Area; materials will be sent out tomorrow - Lyria decided to wait until after this meeting to send the packet of Area Assembly information; packet includes preview of agenda - 2024 area budget and reports from districts and area coordinators; reports from several task forces; topics include revised handbook.

Lyria recommends reviewing the new two page KBDM pamphlet prior to Area Assembly (see [Supporting Documents #4](#)), and voting procedures (see [Supporting Documents #5](#)) which will be used for accepting permanent electronic groups into our area.

Question from Dave E - what is the definition of electronic meeting; Lyria - a meeting with no physical component, available on any platform.

Question from Lois - At Area Assembly so only GRs vote at Area Assembly? Lyria said yes. The District Representatives (DRs) vote at the Area World Service Conference (AWSC) which happens 4 times per year. One person, one vote.

Tracy J asked if the Area Assembly includes alternate GRs. Lyria said yes, each group has a vote, and the group can send someone in place of a GR to vote. This typically occurs at a group conscience meeting, not an independent decision by one person who thinks that since no one from my group showed up I'll vote instead.

Wynne asked for clarification - agenda items 1) handbook 2) electronic accept; will there be a vote at Area Assembly or just an ask for participation; Lyria said yes, no voting expected at Area Assembly but could occur if GRs decide they are ready; District 6 has more electronic participation than any other district; just like at district meetings, everyone has a voice but only GR votes; for an Area Assembly, all have voice but only GRs vote.

Sue G asked about one person one vote but GRs get two, one at district meetings and one at Area Assembly; Lyria pointed out if you have a service position that has a vote at the AWSC (DRs, Area officers and coordinators), you can't be a GR as well who votes at Area Assembly.

Jackie shared group conscience thoughts before the vote about accepting e-meetings into our area, should we do the same before Area Assembly? Lyria said this was not needed; the

conversation about the process to accept e-meetings will start at Area Assembly, then GRs will have ways each group can submit feedback.

Wynne commented that her home group chose not to send out a survey, but to use a group conscience meeting to allow HP to work within the group during a discussion; there is so much value in hearing others opinions and feedback.

Other topics that will be addressed at Area Assembly are: Update from AWSC, Update on Electronic Meeting Process Task Force; Area Handbook

Group Rep (GR) Forum

District Inventory

Laura shared on screen the form for the inventory; Lyria said the plan today is to discuss the questions today then at the January meeting share a compilation of the responses followed by conversation; Laura read the questions (21 comments already received); can be anonymous if desired; Lyria then suggested 15 minute small group discussions.

Group Discussion

After members met in small groups, Lyria invited groups to share but not required; Erica shared about challenge to fill service positions especially if servants don't share about their experiences; Sue had too many positives to share but one negative was how to help people come to district and area meetings better prepared - one suggestion was a video and an honest self-assessment - am I prepared? Lyria suggested a guidance document, if your group wants to do a group inventory, Lyria can share what other groups have done.

Updates/Announcements GRs

Wynne shared that Step Study will have speaker meetings.

Esther shared that New life discussions Monday night in Burlington will not meet at the church on Oct 29th, will meet only on zoom that night and will notify the website coordinator.

Debbie from Listen and Learn changed to a literature meeting using a new reader, meets Friday's at noon.

Lyria fall district workshop Oct 21 11am-4pm, when I got busy I got better, posted on website and flier to come soon, in Burlington.

Old Business

Role description for Tech Outreach Coordinator was proposed; lack of time at last meeting to complete this item; 2022 had a thought force that spent 6 months on ways to do public outreach on social media, enormous amount of work, GRs approved recommendations of Tech Outreach coordinator. Laura shared the proposed role description on screen (see [Supporting Documents #6](#), page 19). Lyria shared that our District Instagram account has content only from district members, easy to contribute, Ryan is currently in the position and posts content and that it aligns with program principals. Format of this role is consistent with other role descriptions.

Lyria opened the discussion for any questions.

Lacee asked how much time Ryan has spent in this role. Lyria can't answer that. Connie says a lot of time has been spent by Ryan.

Wynne asked about specific wording in the description. What knowledge is needed to fill the role?

Camille asked if there are term limits for coordinators. Lyria said generally they serve 3 years on one panel. Lyria said if a person comes on mid-panel, typically they serve through the second panel. There is nothing to prevent people from serving on two panels in a row.

Jenna observed the first bullet point contains 'promote' AI-Anon's message and asked if that matches our mission?

Lyria is hearing of one potential amendment that would be to change the word promote. Asked if people were ready to vote.

Jen online asked if voting on word promote? Or are we voting on the whole sheet? Lyria said if we are ready to vote, the motion could be to change the word.

Jen made a motion to change the word promote.

Lyria explained how to make a motion with an amendment.

Dave E - doesn't feel ready to vote on this yet, use KBDM to discuss the word.

Lyria asked if anyone was willing to share a change for the word promote.

Mary J suggested share. Stephanie suggested attract. Wynne suggested to drop the words campaign to promote. Camille suggested support. Tracy shared a suggestion.

Mackenzie says wording is from social media and specifies a type of posting.

Sue G suggested promulgate which means to promote or make widely known.

Tina suggested 'facilitate execution to reach out with message'

Rose shared that campaigns is a marketing word, she suggests share or other similar word.

Cynthia - suggested 'to have al-anon service available'

Wynne - do we need to add an ask for a minimum number of posts per month? To set expectations for the role?

Penny suggested 'to help spread al-anon's message'

Tracey suggested 'facilitate execution of social media outreach' then replace word promote

Lyria asked if we could break into two groups - one online and one in person to narrow the options.

Laura polled the online members; Lyria led people in the room to narrow options with a poll on the words available

Lots of support for share in the room, asked about removing the word campaign and use social media outreach rather than post

Laura gave portion of people ready to vote, not ready to vote, and abstain.

Lyria recognized the disconnect with the ask of the people online (difficulty with hybrid meetings).

Lyria asked if anyone was not comfortable voting due to 'promote'?

Lacee shared her concern with the time to take to vote and Ryan's efforts.

Jackie asked if vote with contingency of change, with the ability to alter later.

Lyria says yes, we can do that.

Mary R asked why there is a need to do this? Lyria says the position is approved but has no role description.

Tina shared if we can vote using the word share to see if we can get this done. Lyria doesn't want to force a solution. But can move forward and if not comfortable can vote no.

Jen is comfortable to vote with share in place of promote.

Jenna asked if we could get Ryan's input. Lyria says Ryan was involved with creating the role description and Connie texted Ryan and that he is ok with modifying the wording. Lyria says fine if not ready to vote, then asked if the group was ready to vote now, reminding everyone that only GRs vote. Took temp and most ready to vote.

Beth moved to accept the Tech Outreach Coordinator role description, as presented (removing "and campaigns" and replacing "to promote" with "share" in first bullet). Jackie seconded.

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Revised role descriptions

Lyria shared reminder that we will update all officer and coordinator role descriptions; for the next four meetings of our panel, we will address two role descriptions at each meeting (for example, one role description talks about placing an advertisement in the yellow pages)

New Business

Hosting 2024 Spring Area Assembly - need a Committee

Every three years the district is asked to host; in May 2024 the meeting will be in District 6; need to plan hospitality etc. Lyria asking for a committee to plan location, hotels, organize, etc. Jackie, Connie, Karla all volunteered.

Dave E commented that District 4 and District 6 are asked to host since they are centrally located, and suggested perhaps we host the Fall meeting instead of the Spring meeting.

Hosting 2024 District Business Meetings

Hosting is needed for next year's meetings in 2024 on Jan 20, Apr 20, Jul 20, and Oct 19; ask your group if they might be interested in hosting in 2024, see if available for hybrid meeting; the district helps cover the cost; main effort is reserving the facility.

Drawing for Convention Registration

Wynne has a basket with names of persons who registered online by 10am this morning; Karla picked one piece of paper for each of the four registrations paid for by the district; names selected were 1. Lacey 2. Neal 3. Becky E and 4. Jackie

Coordinator/Committee Reports District Coordinators

Laura reminded everyone of the roles and shared the report document online (see [Supporting Documents #7](#))

Alateen - Jill Sherling

LDC - Penny Carlo

Literature - Vacant

Public Outreach - Tracy Jacobsen

Prison Outreach Committee - Nicole C.

Technological Outreach Committee - Ryan

Email - Connie Cowell

Group Records - Connie Cowell

Website - Rose Lenaro

Electronic - Laura Tholen

Workshop - Charlie Iachetta

Phone Service - Sue Gidwitz

Spanish - Sammy A.

Barbara from Holly Springs AFG thanked us for being here and needs help with moving tables back.

Lacey asked if anyone was interested in starting a group in Chatham Co. and if so, to contact her.

Seventh tradition basket Wynne Clark, Treasurer








Basket passed in the room and Venmo handle shared with the group.

Jackie moved that we adjourn and Beth seconded the motion.

Serenity prayer

Adjourn

Supporting Documents

1.  Minutes-2023-JUL-29.pdf
2.  2023-Q3 District 6 -Treasurer's Report.pdf
3.  2024 District 6 - Proposed Budget Comparison.pdf
4.  Knowledge-Based Decision-Making.pdf
5.  Voting Procedures.pdf
6.  District 6 Roles Processes Guidance.docx (1).pdf
7.  October 2023 District 6 Coordinator Reports.pdf