

Officer Resume for Southern California World Service, Inc. Al-Anon Family Groups

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*Submit to both the Delegate and Immediate Past Delegate on or before Sept. 19 by 9 p.m.

Full Name: James B
(First and Last Name) City: Yucca Valley

Phone: Email:

Are you a current or past District Representative? YES NO District #: 42

Number of continuous years active in Al-Anon/Alateen? 10

1a. List your Al-Anon/Alateen service experience beyond the group level:

Current positions: SCWS Bulletin Coordinator, member of Alateen Task Force, District 42 District Alateen Liaison, AMIAS (4-5 yrs)

Past positions: District 42 District Representative, District 42 Newsletter Editor, District 42 Secretary, GR

1b. From the list in 1a, describe one experience you found most rewarding and what you learned from it.

Standing for District Representative was the most rewarding experience in all of the positions I have held. It was a giant leap into Al-Anon, not only at the District level, but the Area level as well. I did not know if I had the qualifications to be a district representative, but had the willingness and the support of those who had gone before me. Those three years provided me the opportunity to expand my knowledge of the Al-Anon program at all levels. It allowed me to grow, make mistakes and move forward in my recovery and it allowed me to take on a coordinator position in the Area.

2. Describe your experience, skills, and personal qualities that you would bring to the Area as an officer.

I have served as Secretary for my district and am currently Financial Secretary for another non-profit organization in my area. I have served as secretary and chair for Hi-Desert Fellowship (Alano Club) and I am currently the Board Treasurer for the Alano Club. I have had the pleasure to serve as the AREA Bulletin Coordinator, which has given me the opportunity to participate at the Board level, and see what is required of the Officers and the Board. As Bulletin Coordinator, I have found it to be very rewarding, but not without challenges. Attempting to coordinate my schedule and time-line with fifty-plus volunteers who contribute to the Bulletin was unrealistic. I am learning how to better communicate with them and produce an accurate and detailed Bulletin in a timely manner.

I retired from work after 21 years of service with a major transportation company for which I oversaw the entire operations division and was the liaison between the company and the many contracted entities it worked with. I was in charge of all matters of safety and security regarding commercial transportation as well as implementations of said policies and procedures.

My introduction into this workforce was a temporary seasonal position as a traffic officer assigned to keep vehicle traffic moving. I feel it was my willingness to learn, my demeanor and my ability to interact with others that allowed me to grow within the organization. This was not without challenges, but through those challenges, it allowed me to seek solutions and not create divisions within. One example is that I had several people overseeing my progress and growth within the first ten years with this entity, and I ended up in the last five years of my employment, supervising and evaluating their progress.

I became an AMIAS while serving as DR and went with my grandson, who was living with us, to SCAC that year. Even though he is no longer in our home, I feel compelled to continue as an AMIAS and DAL, which I still do today, as well as attending Alateen events. As a member of the Alateen Task Force, I would like to think that my experience in establishing procedures regarding safety and security in the workforce could be beneficial in establishing said procedures for Alateen in our Area.

3. What is your vision for Southern California World Service Al-Anon?

My vision for Southern California World Service Al-Anon is to see that we maintain our place within the Al-Anon Family Groups to provide the best possible service to all groups in our Area and maintain the excellent relationship we have with the WSO. California South is a vibrant and growing Area. We have more groups registered than any other Area. We have challenges that seem to divide us, but it is our responsibility to find solutions that will allow us move forward in the years to come so our Area can continue to grow and serve Al-Anon and Alateen.

NOTE: Be prepared to discuss at the November Election Assembly why you would be an asset as an SCWS officer (2 minute limit).

I have read and understand the Job Description for the position(s) to which I may be elected. (Posted at scws-al-anon.org)

Signature: James B

Date Submitted: 8/2/2017

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