

Important points from the November 17 Assembly

The Southern California World Service (SCWS) Board is trying something new! There is so much great information shared at the Assembly that it can be difficult to take notes or decide on what information you wish to share with your group. There is also a time lapse between the Assembly and the next Bulletin containing the Assembly minutes. We hope the summary below will keep our members "in the know" and make it easier for Group Representatives (GR) to give their reports. All documents referred to below can be found at: <http://www.scws-al-anon.org/assembly.php>

- There were 207 registered Group Representatives (GRs) present at the Assembly.

Treasurer's Report – Tarisa R.

- Our Southern California World Service (SCWS) Area is spending more than we're receiving in contributions. Please remind your meetings that we only keep "sufficient operating funds, including an ample reserve" (Warranty One). Each Al-Anon group is encouraged to distribute its surplus funds to the service arms: your local AIS/LDC office (if you have one), your District, SCWS, and WSO (2018-2021 Service Manual, pg. 55-57). Districts pass along surplus funds to SCWS and WSO. SCWS passes along surplus funds to WSO. This is "how Al-Anon works!"
- Tarisa presented a report on how much the Assembly costs: \$5,500 (average).
 - Many of our members are unaware that *the GRs expenses to attend the Assembly are a group expense* (See Service Manual, pg. 55-59). Those expenses include mileage to and from the Assembly meeting, lunch, *and* the group's contribution to the Assembly's 7th Tradition.
 - It's important that all GRs be reimbursed for all expenses by their group's Treasurer so that these show as group expenses. If the GR wants to give it back to the group as a contribution, s/he can do so privately.
 - Many Areas charge a registration fee to pay for their Assembly—which we are not proposing. However, we are suggesting that groups consider contributing \$20 (if they can afford it).
 - Because of Tarisa's explanation of the 7th Tradition, we received \$2,342 versus \$680 in May! Thank you!
 - For more complete information about the 7th Tradition at Assembly see: http://www.scws-al-anon.org/director_presentations/20181117_Important_Assembly_Information.pdf

Alternate Delegate's Report – Eva B.

Sharing of Service (SOS) will be on Saturday, January 19, 2019. We'll be holding a fun workshop: 12 Steps in 20 Minutes. Please see the flyer on the SCWS Home page: <http://www.scws-al-anon.org/index.php>

Delegate's Report (Please see the entire report on the SCWS site.) – Marcia M.

- Important to use the most recent editions of our literature, especially the *Service Manual*.
- Use of typed copies of CAL is violation of copyright. When we use the actual CAL, we maintain the integrity of what is written plus newcomers see that all of our readings come from the same versions of CAL.
- The WSO is in the process of creating a pamphlet to address group safety issues, using our Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of Service.
- The Board of Trustees directed the WSO staff to support Area "Do Not Refer" group conscience decisions and remove group meetings from the WSO meeting list as directed by Areas with approved policies. Groups not being referred by the WSO will remain Active and their registered GRs will have a

voice and a vote at Assemblies. Further details outlining the process will be communicated through AFG Connects and *In the Loop* (July, 2018 COB letter, pg.4).

OLD BUSINESS – Chair, Donna E.

- We followed the “new procedure” for voting: documents regarding the proposed vote were posted on the SCWS website 4 weeks ago. Our Knowledge-Based Decision-Making (KBDM) presentation and discussion took place prior to lunch. After lunch, members were given time to ask more questions or make comments. First, we voted on: “Are you ready to vote?” (The standard will be 2/3rd, rather than majority vote.) Then we voted.
- “Addendum” to the May, 2018 Alateen motion was presented and discussed:
All current Alateen members who are 17 years of age or older as of January 1, 2019 will age out on January 1, 2021, or their 21st birthday, whichever comes first.
The addendum was approved: 95% yes, 5% no, 0% abstained.
- The Alateens from the AFG Convention served lunch as a fundraiser. They made \$800.
- The “Host Districts” to bring snacks for the SOS: **8, 33, 36, 39, 63, 66**
- The “Host Districts” for the February 16 Committee meeting: **12, 17, 40**

NEW BUSINESS

The Area will be creating two new Thought Forces:

- **Assemblies** – explore all aspects of our Area Assemblies
- **Area Insurance for Groups** – explore possibility of providing insurance riders that could cover individual Al-Anon groups in our Area.

Work Groups:

- **New Website** – Ben P., our Website Coordinator, is the Chair

Task Force:

- **To Reinstate a Safe SCAC in 2020.** We asked for a show of support vote, and 98% were in favor of creating this Task Force.

If you want to be considered as a potential Thought/Task Force member, please submit the following information to the Board by December 15:

Your first and last name:

Phone number:

District:

Email address:

And if you're applying to be on the SCAC Task Force, please include:

AMIAS: Yes or No

Alateen Group Sponsor: Yes or No.

Attended SCAC: Yes or No and the Year(s) attended

Email the information to us using either of these email addresses:

groupandmemberconcerns@scws-al-anon.org or Alateen-amiasconcerns@scws-al-anon.org

- All of the Coordinators, Convention Chairpersons, and Intergroup Liaisons Reports will be posted on the SCWS website and printed in the next *Bulletin*.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:15pm.