

AL-ANON - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WORLD SERVICE (SCWS) AREA ASSEMBLY

MAY 18, 2019: SUMMARY NOTES

The complete Assembly *Minutes* will be included in the May *Bulletin*.

The letters and numbers below respond to the Agenda distributed at the Assembly.

- C) Group Records Coordinator Roll Call** **Mary M.**
There were a total of 197 Group Representatives in attendance, with 43 being New GRs. There were over 325 members in attendance at the Assembly.
- D) Secretary** **Marley K.** substituted for **Laleña C.**
Minutes from the November 17, 2018 Assembly were approved as amended.
- E) Treasurer's Report** **Tarisa R.**
- There was a surplus of \$2,530.04 at the close of our 2018 year, over and above our ample reserve. The Assembly passed a motion to send these surplus funds to Al-Anon World Service Office (WSO) to support their public outreach and other projects.
 - There was discussion about what the 7th Tradition collection at the Assembly is used for and that it costs approximately \$6,000.00 to cover all of the Assembly expenses. Our Treasurer encouraged GRs to talk with their groups about how much they can contribute to the Assembly expenses. A contribution of \$20 from each group was suggested to defray the cost of the Assembly, with the understanding that some groups will need/choose to contribute a smaller amount.
- F) Alternate Delegate's Report** **Eva B.**
- **Sharing of Service (SOS):** All-day annual Area workshop to be held in Glendale, January 18, 2020. The Speaker and titles of workshops will be announced at a later date.
 - **Southwest Regional Delegate Meeting (SWRDM):** Held in Hilo, Hawaii, was attended by Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Past Delegate and 4 Board members. There was new information provided from the World Service Office and there were several presentations by Trustees and Delegates.
- G) Observe 7th Tradition** : \$2,362.00 was collected.
- H) Delegate's Report** **Marcia M.**
World Service Conference (WSC) Report: (See complete report in *May Bulletin*)
1. **Conference Theme:** Action is Attraction: There is No Growth in the Comfort Zone
 2. **WSC Facts:** This was first WSC during which simultaneous translation in French and Spanish was provided to the Delegates.
 3. **AFG-WSO Audit & Budget information:** Literature sales increased due to new *Intimacy* book. Investments decreased because of declines in the market. Donations to WSO remained almost the same. They are predicting a deficit mainly due to new Strategic Plan Initiatives, including new Public Service Announcements and developing a mobile Al-Anon app. The WSO spends approximately \$292 per group annually. An increase of \$8 per group in donations to WSO would erase the deficit.
 4. **New CAL introduced in 2019:**, *Just for Tonight* bookmark & *Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships*.
 5. **What's Next: 2020: A.A. International Convention** with Al-Anon participation, Detroit, July 2-5.
2023: Al-Anon International Convention, with A.A. participation, Albuquerque, June 29-July 2.
 6. **Use of current Conference Approved Literature (CAL) in Al-Anon meetings:** Please use *current* editions of revised CAL. Also, hand-typing any literature violates copyright laws. See full report on SCWS website with suggestions.
- I) Old Business**
1. **Creating a Safe Southern California Alateen Conference (SCAC) 2020 Task Force Report:**
Gerry/Bear W., the Task Force Chair, gave a report which detailed the steps which must be completed before SCAC can be held. This includes the revision of our Area Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements (ASBRs), review of the ASBRs by legal counsel, approval of the ASBRs by the WSO, then final approval by the Assembly. Due to the number of SCAC-related documents that are being

revised, and the approval process timelines, it is unlikely that SCAC will be held in 2020. We are committed to holding it as soon as all of the policies and procedures are in place and have been approved by the WSO and the Area's GRs. (Report will be in May *Bulletin*.)

2. **District 64**—D-64 is a very large Spanish “overlay” District that has been operating on a “trial basis” since 1991. The Delegate and the Area Spanish Coordinator will create an online survey to assess D64/Spanish-speaking members’ needs.
3. **Area Group and Member Concerns Update:** The Delegate and Area Chair gave an update about concerns that have been sent to the “groupandmemberconcerns” email. A skit was presented highlighting five specific concerns regarding Groups that:
 - a. require women to wear a dress/skirt to be a speaker,
 - b. do not allow A.A. members to share during the Al-Anon meeting,
 - c. use the A.A. Big Book during their meeting,
 - d. display/create “Al-Anon Promises,”
 - e. include prayers from a particular faith or denomination.

References from CAL were used as the basis for explaining why these practices violate our Traditions. (Skit will be posted on Area website.)

4. **Thought Forces (ThF): a) Assembly, b) Insurance for Groups:** Both ThFs now have members and a Chair. A complete list of the members will be on the SCWS website.

K) New Business

1. **Election of Area Secretary:** Laleña C. was voted in as our new Area Secretary.
2. **Request that Past Delegates be reimbursed for mileage and hotel for AWSC & Assemblies:** (Tarisa): Three Past Delegates regularly attend our Assembly & Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meetings at this time. A KBDM presentation explained how the Past Delegates serve the Area, and that it should not cost a member to be of Service. A Motion was made to reimburse SCWS Past Delegates who reside in our Area and are active at the Area level, for mileage and hotel (if needed) at the same rate as other Board members to attend AWSC and Assembly meetings. The motion passed.
3. **Giving voice and vote to Past Delegates at Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meetings:** (Donna) The SCWS Bylaws outlined who the members of the AWSC are and that they all have a “voice”, but did not provide clarity regarding who has a “vote” at AWSC. This will be clarified in the next SCWS Bylaws revision.
4. **Creation of a Finance Committee** (Eva and Tarisa) A Finance Committee is being formed to review and offer recommendations for updating SCWS Area’s financial practices.
5. **Safety in Meetings Document from WSO:** referred to in the Area Literature Coordinator’s Report.

L) Hospitality ReportShauna S.

Host Districts for August 17 Committee Meeting: **6.9.21**

M) Coordinators Reports

All Area Coordinators were present. We still need to fill the “Cooperating with the Professional Community Coordinator” position. (See May *Bulletin* for all Coordinator Reports.)

N) Convention Chairpersons Reports

- **AFG Convention 2019 (Al-Anon) & Young at Heart (YHA):** See May *Bulletin*
- **So-Cal. AA Conv. 2019 (Al-Anon):** See May *Bulletin*

O) Intergroup Liaisons Reports

- **Inland Empire** (Absent)
 - **Los Angeles County** (Absent)
 - **Ventura County** (Absent)
 - **Intergrupal Hispana (L.A. County)** (Absent)
 - **Intergrupal Hispana (San Diego)** (Absent)
 - **Orange County and San Diego County:** (Both present)
- See May *Bulletin* for Reports.

Q) District Rep and Al-Anon-Related Announcements: see May *Bulletin* for Reports

Closed at 4:00 p.m. with Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration