

AL-ANON - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WORLD SERVICE (SCWS) - Area #04

Fullerton Senior Service Center, Fullerton, CA

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING - SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2006

Host Districts: 9, 10, 21, 30, 40, 48, and 57

AGENDA

10:00 a.m. - Starting time- Please be Prompt

Chairperson – David B

- Serenity Prayer and Welcome

Traditions read by: _____ District # _____

Treasurer's Report – Suzanne P

Delegate's Report – Mary M

- Updates from the WSO

Alternate Delegate's Report – Sandie E

- SOS (Sharing of Service) January 20 2007
- Start passing the Ask it Basket

Past Delegate's Report – Miriam M

Minutes Secretary – Marge V

- Minutes from February 2006 Committee Meeting

Records Secretary's Report & Roll Call – Jayme P

Old Business:

1. Update on Liability-Insurance research
 2. PRAASA – Formulate a standing policy to recommend to the Nov Assembly
- Observe 7th Tradition** (Continue the meeting while baskets are being passed)

Lunch Break

Served by So-Cal Convention Alateen Committee
Lunch will be available at a nominal cost

Reconvene at 1:00 p.m. - Please be Prompt

Concepts read by: _____ District # _____

Hospitality Report: MaryLou V

New Business

1. Agenda for the November 19th Election Assembly Meeting
 - a. Mileage Reimbursement
 - b. International Convention 2013
 - c. Officer participation in other Regional Service Seminars
 - d. Conference (WSC) Approval for Alateen Traditions
 - e. Expansion of Assembly
 - f. GR Orientation at 9am prior to Assembly Meetings

2.

Convention Chairpersons' Reports

AFG Convention 2007 – Don B
So-Cal. AA Conv. 2006 – Al-Anon – Sandie E
So-Cal. Alateen Conf. (SCAC) – Shanna G

Action Committee & Coordinators' Reports;

Group Services: Kathi L

Alateen Sponsor Coordinator: Ajit S

Alateen Coordinator: Daniel K

Archives: Martha M

Membership Communications: Cindy R

Bulletin: Elizabeth K

Literature: Lucia C

Website: Alvar G

Public Outreach: Robin J

Cooperating w/Professional Community: Sandra W

Institutions: Shirley M

Public Information: Amanda C

• District Representatives' Reports

• Intergroup Liaisons' Reports

Inland Empire: J.R. D
Intergroup Hispana (L.A. County) – Patrick B
Los Angeles County: Jennifer B
Orange County: Kathy R
San Diego County: Bernadette P
Ventura County: Rosanne S

• Ask It Basket – Q's & A's: Alternate Delegate

• Al-Anon related Announcements (only if time permits)

• Closing time - 4:00 p.m. - Close with Al-Anon Declaration

Please be of service - clean up after yourselves by stack the chairs against the back wall and folding white chairs in Craft Room.

REMINDERS:

PLEASE LIMIT REPORTS to 2-3 minutes (does not apply to Officers) – submit e-mailed report to the Minutes Secretary and to Bulletin Coordinator.

Discussion on a motion - please keep to 2-3 minutes at the mic; if your opinion has already been shared, please sit down to avoid repetition.

• CELL PHONES: please turn them OFF or set to SILENT mode **THANK YOU!**



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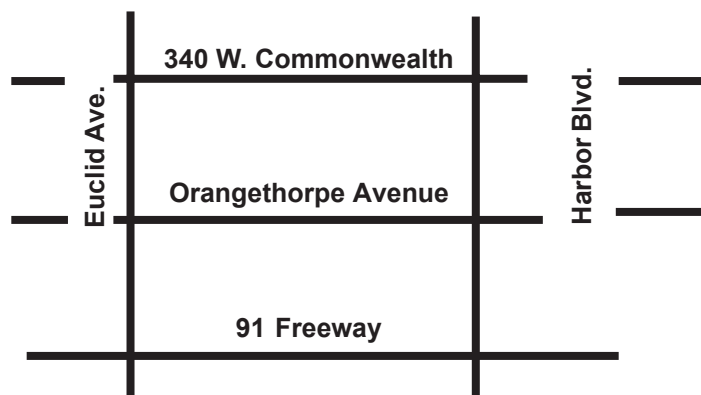
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91 Riverside Fwy, Exit Harbor Blvd. North.
Cross Orangethorpe and Valencia, turn left
onto Commonwealth.



Calendar of Events

Southern California World Service Area (SCWS) Events

SCWS Web-site: <http://scws-al-anon.org>

BLOG site: <http://www.scws-al-anon.org/blog/index.php?blog=2>

All SCWS Meetings are held at the Fullerton Senior Service Center (See map – page 3)

Please plan on attending for the duration of the meeting – if you are unable to do so, invite the Alternate to attend.

2006

August 19 9:00 a.m. District Representative (DR) Orientation
10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. SCWS Area **COMMITTEE** Meeting

October 14

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. SCWS **Alateen Sponsor Workshop** – All Al-Anon members are welcome.

November 18 9:00 a.m. Group Representative (GR) Orientation **NEW!!!**
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. SCWS Area **ASSEMBLY** Meeting

Other Al-Anon Events – Please visit our website for additional events (e.g., district events, other conventions, etc.)

2006 – July 7-9 – SCAC (Southern California Alateen Conference), University of Redlands (scac@ipbfree.org)

September 22-24 – Southern California AA Convention with Al-Anon/Alateen Participation, San Diego
Town & Country Hotel

2007 – January 20 – SOS (Sharing of Service) Fullerton Senior Center

February 17 and August 18 – SCWS Area **COMMITTEE** Meeting

March 2-4 – PRAASA (Pacific Regional A.A. Service Assembly) – Red Lion Hotel at Jantzen Beach, Portland, OR
(praasa.org)

March 11-13 – SWRDM (Southwest Regional Delegates Meeting) – Utah

March 30, 31, April 1 – Al-Anon Family Groups (AFG) Convention – Hilton Hotel & Convention Ctr., Burbank

April xxx and October xxx – SCWS Area **ALATEEN SPONSORS WORKSHOP** (dates to be announced later)

May 19 and November 17 – SCWS Area **ASSEMBLY** Meeting

July 6-8 SCAC (Southern California Alateen Conference), University of Redlands (scac@ipbfree.org)

September 21-23 – Southern California AA Convention with Al-Anon/Alateen Participation, Anaheim

2008 – July 4 - 6 - Al-Anon International Convention with AA Participation - Pittsburgh, PA

2010 – July 1 - 4 - AA International Convention with Al-Anon and Alateen participation - San Antonio, TX

2013 – July xxx - Al-Anon International Convention with AA Participation - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA??? (shall we bid?)

FLYERS - Districts often have special events – flyers announcing such events may be placed in the meeting hall also any conventions' (that are a part of the SCWS Committee) registration forms and/or flyers may be placed there. Any other Al-Anon/Alateen related conventions and/or events, *without limited attendance*, may place its forms and/or flyers on the counter in the main entrance lobby.

The Al-Anon and Alateen Southern California World Service (SCWS) BULLETIN is published four times annually to provide information and announcements regarding Al-Anon/Alateen to its members in Southern California. All groups with a registered GR (Group Representative) receive one free copy. An annual, individual, subscription of the BULLETIN is \$4.00.

For previous issues of the BULLETIN, online, please go to the SCWS website (given at the top of this page).

NOTE: For **contributions and Bulletin subscriptions**, please see page 31.

For **Group Representative (GR) changes and/or address updates** please see page 30.

Officers' Reports

Delegate

I stand in awe over the 55 years of progress this fellowship has made and continues to make in this 21st century.

What a privilege it is for me to have attended the World Service Conference (WSC) for this first year as your Delegate. I would like to thank those Delegates that went before me for their dedication, long hours and hard work on our behalf.

I went with an open mind but I did have many questions to ask at the Conference. The benefits given to me as your Delegate were immeasurable. I witnessed unity in action, not just with the Delegates but all members of the Conference. We worked together, we shared together, we reached a consensus on all topics.

I would like us to try to use the same ideas as introduced to the Conference for the Assembly: share on each topic, let everyone talk for 2 min. We are showing this presentation today.

Shared Leadership – Moving Forward with Confidence, Collaboration and Clarity was the theme of this year's Conference. Having been involved in service since my early beginnings in Al-Anon I am here to express just how inspiring this conference theme was and how it strengthened our unity of purpose. All members of the Conference; Delegates, Board of Trustees, Executive Board and Staff supported each other and united us all. The new process KBDM (Knowledge Based Decision Making) surfaced as a unique new way to reach collaboration and clarity and to be confident in what we were all doing. Each day we had a "focus for the day" and each evening we all evaluated how we met that challenge. Participation in this gave us a new way of forming our ideas and bringing us all together. This is evidenced in our schematic (circle) presentation. The WSO Board and Staff are always willing to answer your questions. Give them a call or email them.

KBDM works since we discuss the subject with an open mind before deliberation and decision making. It presents these ideas: 1. Open communication. 2. Dialogue and deliberation. 3. Access of all information and, 4. Trust in the process.

In relating to our Concepts, KBDM outlines the following:

1. Responsible – share the knowledge.
2. Accountability – take and give information.
3. Mutual Trust – give information and give out for decisions.
4. Participation – Listening and sharing, not taken for granted.
5. Listening and Speaking up – eliminates control, shows trust, have the right to be heard, we are not always right.
6. Relationship – Trust, know and share.
7. Balance – Legal rights – all rights respected.
8. Delegation – Trust for others thru information.
9. Leadership – Good knowledge, communicate facts, insights.
10. Trust and Delegation – one good choice, giving responsibility without what and how.
11. Committees – Everyone belongs to share knowledge and information.
12. Spiritual – Prudence (attraction vs. promotion) we are better informed when sharing knowledge.

Delegates shared on how they used KBDM. My first time at the mike was on this subject (was I nervous!). I shared how our ad hoc Committee on PRAASA sent out a letter to all Districts to inform them and to get their input prior to a motion being made that we have to vote on.

It is important to have everyone's input and to invite all (including GRs) to be a part of our meetings. We all need to be informed and to bring our ideas to the Assembly in order to have joint understanding and be able to articulate it. We all need to be clear in our roles as far as leadership characteristics, vision and flexibility.

We discussed "framing" an idea or motion before presenting it to be voted on. This worked very well and all motions were passed with an overwhelming majority thru the week. We had 95 total votes this year and all motions passed with over 90 except one which was 88 (about adding electronic meetings to the Policy Digest) and one with 85 (which was to reconsider which literature should be used as public outreach service tools). These motions (14 in all) will be in the Conference Summary.

One of the important motions was to have (E-Cal) on a three-year trial basis. This is the worldwide outreach for our worldwide program. I have asked Alvar to show all of us the website presentation. 60 of our 67 areas now have websites. Can use the Web for our special needs members also, deaf, paraplegic, blind (with a converter to audio). I'd like to challenge our Area to look up the WSO website, use a signup sheet to see which Districts get the most names (only sign once per person). Another motion was to approve the new trial implementation of the Regional Committee on Trustees. As a note, I was not in favor of this when I came to the Conference but after viewing the process and understanding how Trustees are nominated and chosen I believe that this new process will help clarify these choices. All Trustees are ultimately chosen by the Executive Board. There was a great deal of discussion on this topic and the motion was carried (94, ...yes out of 95). Using the KBDM process (talked to each other, reasoned things out prior to the motion) really made the difference. We did use Roberts Rules some but most of the decisions were made thru mutual respect and substantial unanimity (Warranty #5). We strived to answer all questions until all were satisfied.

Our elected Regional Trustee is Winnie S. from New Mexico, it was a very close race but one that brought out the importance of changing how we select our Regional Trustees. More than ever the use of KBDM helped us to reach a consensus that brought about a change in the process of nominations and we all felt that the new Regional Trustee plan should be implemented on a three-year trial basis.

One of the presentations was particularly interesting and that was from the Public Outreach Committee and the DVD on our new PSA in all 3 languages. We were presented with the disk and we are showing it to you today. "What It's Like," the DVD with the new PSA, can be purchased through the WSO for TV and radio.

We have distributed more than 700,000 of the Crying House Bookmarks and are in reprint on the referral pads. The Conference audio reels from 1961-71 have been converted to CD. There is going to be a new index in the Service Manual. On page 83 "Service Tools," deleted in error, will be back in the new printing and online. Also I have brought back order blanks for the new Public Outreach Magazine "Al-Anon Faces

Alcoholism” These must be ordered by prior to July 14th in order to be processed by September. You can also find order blanks in the Forum. These will be in French and Spanish also. There is a new pamphlet coming soon on Grief and Loss. Also our new WSO database should be completed in the next few months and we will then get automatic renewal notices for the Forum and subsequently an acknowledgement card that our renewal has been received. I also have the new Service Manuals in French and Spanish. Lucia also has “In Action” booklets and Service Manual order forms.

A skit was presented on Anonymity and Myth Busters. My personal notes and questions were:

1. How can we show full face and remain anonymous?
2. What about our alcoholic's Anonymity?
3. Money, Property and Prestige, is this what we want?

I believe our PSAs and Public Outreach projects bring in new members all the time. Perhaps have, on a trial basis, a Trustee that is not a member (AA has several of these). Perhaps we need to hire a consultant as we did for this Conference to represent us to the media or as in the newspaper article for the 55th Anniversary showing one of our employees that is not a member. Elizabeth (Bulletin Coordinator) has copies of this article. She also has some newsletters from other areas.

The Chosen Agenda items were:

1. Spiritual Principles and Good Business Practices – It was stressed that the WSO has a responsibility to all of us, that we have comfort in our three Legacies. It was stated that we have to have trust; trust in our leaders, trust in the process, reminded that Tradition 2 and the Concepts provides for balance between our entities (trust, spirituality, authority). These can be found in Concepts 1,2,6 & 7. The importance of unity was stated by several members that went to the mike. Ruth from Washington said we get into service to see how we grow even though sometimes dissenting. Carol from CO referred to Trad. 5, one purpose, etc. etc. Have we done these things for this one purpose, for the good of our one purpose? Did we reach out with our purpose in mind? Mike from MI – Spirituality thru respect. To do assigned task takes courage to change. If not moving forward, we're moving backward. Calgary – Re protecting money and property – trust in our HP. Patricia – WY Learned from oldtimers to trust in our HP. ARK – without our spiritual progress we would not have the tools of business. Betsy, agree to disagree. WSO are real people working hard. AK – What are your motives? Motive to spread the word not make more money can't be anything but spiritual. Our entire Al-Anon program rests squarely on the principle of mutual trust. Pg. 160. The WSC makes the group conscience available and effective for all Al-Anon, etc. pg 116. Never be afraid of conflict because to just sit there is complacency!

2. Controlling groups and sponsorship – This agenda item was of special interest to me and I prepared a 2-minute talk that I would like to share with you all. After I read my sharing at the mike several other members came forward and shared their experiences. It was overwhelming to see how many controlling groups have sprung up all over the US and Canada. Here are a few sharings: We need to have increased awareness to resolve this problem. Speak up if not Al-Anon. One Delegate shared that she was hit by a group leader that was in “charge”. She had to go to court, was even threatened by a billy club! Another Delegate suggested using the Sponsorship pamphlet.

Silence is enabling. Another Delegate said to be aware of who are your speakers. Discuss sponsorship once every quarter in meetings, etc. WSO suggested calling your Delegate if there is a problem. It was suggested that we keep showing up, also could send members of WSC, i.e., Gen B. and Mary G. to share at our Assembly. One Area had a conference and asked speaker to come (she was one of these so called sponsors); she told that conference that only sharings would be from her group. **THIS IS NOT HOW AL-ANON WORKS!** The good news is that WSO is developing a bookmark on this topic and also looking into publishing a pamphlet with this focus in mind.

I was assigned to the Admissions and Handbook Committee. It was so informative and I thought it would be quite different. We all participated and decisions on changes to the Handbook were discussed and recommended. Also it is this committee that recommends whether an area can divide. We have in the past discussed having a 3rd or even 4th area in California. The Committee challenged me to put together reasons why we should divide again. So I am asking all of you to think about this and come up with your thoughts and ideas on what would be best for our Area. Should we divide? How would we divide? Where would the boundaries be? We would have to have clear and concise decisions on this topic. I emphasized that we had 1000 groups and they could not be represented as well as other Areas with a few hundred meetings. I also emphasized the distance in servicing our Area. I learned that this was not necessarily a valid reason, as many other areas have more distances to cover than we do (e.g., North Carolina and Bermuda are one Area!). Think this over, talk it out and perhaps we can discuss it again at our November Assembly. More than likely we will need to keep in contact with California (N) on this. If we do petition to divide it will affect all of California. If our fellowship adds more Board Members then would this open the path for additional Areas with Delegates? If we are to reach out, we need to grow at all levels.

More observations on the second day at the WSC: use KBDM, don't hurry with decisions. We all truly felt equal, - inclusive. Presume goodwill.

We still need more stories for the Forum. Our Area was well represented in the Forum as well as in some of the online stories. Check this out. All groups will be getting a monthly copy of the forum free from WSO and it will go to the CMA for your group, so be sure that the CMA is someone who still is a part of your group. A reminder that the Forum will now be \$11.00 per year starting this next month, also our literature will be going up 20% to cover costs. It was last increased on 4/1/98 and only for 11 of our books. Shipping and handling will be more also.

There is going to be a job opening at the WSO. Mary Ann K our longest employee is retiring and her position as Director of Member Services will be posted on the web sometime in June. Resumes should be sent in to the WSO Office Manager. I will have more info on this from them soon. Mary Ann was the speaker at the 55th Anniversary party on Saturday, April 29th. She was very inspiring.

Some of the WSO went to Poland, Austria, Hungary and Romania. Mary Ann and Marsha were the ones that went. Poland has 400 groups. Their Executive Director does not get paid. There are 32 groups in Austria. They were so grateful for our presence as they wanted to learn more about how Al-

Anon works. In Hungary they did not have Service Manuals. Romania had very poor conditions. Their oldest AI-Anon meeting is 10 years. They cannot print literature as they have no money. Mary Ann and Marsha shared that in Poland they stayed in an unheated room and slept on bunk beds! That is dedication to our program! Eventually they were moved to a heated room.

The Alateen Traditions are still in the discussion phase. We are looking for more info for next year when Alateen will be 50 (wow) years old! Hopefully we will get input from groups so that we can get their Traditions decided on. Some questions to ponder: If Alateen is AI-Anon do we want separate Traditions? How to spell Teen-ager (teenager)? Do they need to be Conference approved? Do we amend the Charter to include Alateen Traditions? We need to encourage Alateens to come to our Assembly so we can get their shared conversations. It should be noted that the WSO apologized for the manner in which the Alateen Requirements were presented. I would like to add that I firmly believe after listening to others share from other Areas that we definitely do need these guidelines. We do have forms for Alateen for their trial website signup.

Be prepared for the AI-Anon International in Pittsburgh, PA in 2008. They are planning a big celebration. Thinking ahead, the next International will be in 2013 (*Join the Dream in Twenty Thirteen!) If we would like to bid for one of our cities we need to start preparing now; the bid forms will be out next May. We have to decide on which city as only one bid per Area.

We talked about catching the vision and I believe I am. This wonderful process has made me able to speak out more, discuss and clarify my opinions and to listen to the message of worldwide AI-Anon. What a growing experience this has been. Don't be afraid to speak up, raise your hand, and be a part of! I am confident that we can come together to move forward. Use collaboration to work out our issues and obtain clarity by asking questions and receiving the answers.

I have a copy of the contributions from all meetings to WSO and have given to Suzanne and I am sure she will be glad to have you browse through it (Suzanne - hold up). Our groups donated over \$61,000 to WSO this last year. Also I have the graph on our occupancy costs as compared to being in New York. If you would like a copy just let us know, we do have a few here today.

What an experience the 55th Anniversary was for all of us attending. Mary Ann K was the speaker as I mentioned before. The theme was "55 Years of Passing it On". Signs were given out for all the countries where AI-Anon is represented and then all those with the signs were announced and then they marched around the banquet room. It was quite moving. I brought the Scotland one home for us.

Thanks to all the various groups for the "Love Gifts" that I shared at the Conference and for all the wonderful cards and letters. I have brought back many "love gifts" from other Areas and please help yourselves to any item or items you might like.

We had two international members present. Julia from Mexico said they have 3200 groups and 36 Areas in their GSO. Emily is the General Secretary of the GSO in UK/Eire; Belfast was first meeting in 1951, by 1983 groups had grown to 673, by 1992 – 1000 groups.

I would like to thank the committee that did PRAASA this year. They did an outstanding job and the program topics were

great. Thanks to Carol L, Shirley M and Kay D for all their hard work in putting this together.

I would also like to thank all of you for allowing your officers to attend SWRDM (Southwest Regional Delegates Meeting). I have attended SWRDM in the past as your Alternate Delegate and Chairperson; however, I cannot explain the impact that this weekend (March 10-12th) had on me. It was an entirely different experience and to be able to share with most of the current delegates in our area and to exchange ideas with them and the past delegates was humbling. What an honor it is to be your Delegate and to share this honor with those that have gone before me. The interaction between all was so informative not only as a taste of how the Conference would be but how important the little ideas are (i.e., label your camera, mail your dirty clothes back so you don't have so much luggage to carry, etc. etc.).

Thanks to Kay B and her committee for the wonderful AFG Convention this year. The speakers were outstanding!

It is my hope that the coming years of SCWS will be focused on unity, at our Assembly, at our Committee Meetings and at all levels. It is important that all GRs and all AI-Anon members feel a part of and have a voice in our Area. Without their contribution we cannot continue to be a forward-reaching fellowship. With this in mind, I would like to see us adopt the KDBM system on a trial basis and also try using the rules (2 min. at mike, stay on topic, if someone has expressed your same opinion sit down, etc.) that we saw earlier, so that all members that wish to, can participate.

While in Virginia Beach there was a little saying in the local paper which sums up who I am, and I quote: "Giving for me is like exercise. It releases endorphins, increases the oxygen to my brain and raises my energy. I will find many occasions to be generous now." Thanks to all of you for your continued support and participation in our fellowship. My journey has just begun.

Mary M, Delegate
Panel 46, CA (S)

Alternate Delegate

What a great Assembly we had in May! The day was packed with lots of information and lots of participation.

•***The Forum***—We did not have time to conduct the *Forum* drawing because of the business at hand, and so I had an unbiased 3rd party draw SIX WINNERS. They are: Judy P from Costa Mesa, Carolyn F from Azusa, Lisann G from Hidden Hills, Irene C from Glendora, Leticia C from Indio, and Kathy G from Chino Hills. Congratulations to all and thanks to everyone who contributed to the drawing. We also offered the chance for you to fill out an order form and subscribe on your own. Many of you chose this option and these subscription orders will be processed soon. Also, you should know that the cost of the Forum subscription has gone from \$10 to \$11.

•**SHARING OF SERVICE (SOS) WORKSHOP**—Hold the date of January 20, 2007 for this annual event. It will be held at the Fullerton Senior Center that third Saturday in January. Registration forms will be ready for the November Assembly. This will be a very informative and valuable event to attend.

•**DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE ORIENTATION**: I look at this commitment as a privilege, but more than that, it's an opportunity to serve the fellowship. I remember being a nervous Group Representative (GR). I remember being a nervous District Representative, hoping I was "doing it right". I had questions

and not a whole lot of answers and the orientation helped me find the resources that I needed. The next DR Orientation will be at 9 a.m. before our August Committee meeting. The Area Records Secretary, Treasurer and Bulletin Coordinator will make brief presentations and we will have time to address your questions and concerns. Keep Coming Back! Even though you attended our first one in February, please join us.

•**GROUP REPRESENTATIVE ORIENTATION:** We will hold special GR orientations before each Assembly at 9am in the Craft Room. This will be designed for new AND experienced GRs. We will present an overview and answer your questions. The FIRST GR Orientation will be before the November 2006 Assembly.

•**Ask it Basket:** We also did not have time to respond to the 25 or so Ask It Basket questions during the May Assembly but they will all be answered in this copy of our Bulletin. Thanks to those of you who helped me answer some of the questions.

Please know that your board is here to help you. Don't be afraid to ask.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,
Sandie E, Alternate Delegate

Past Delegate

As Immediate Past Delegate, my role is to support the current Southern California World Service (SCWS) Board and to share history from the previous board. Three years ago at the Assembly in May 2003, the Group Representative (GRs) voted to begin a 3-year trial Restructuring of our SCWS into an ACTION Committee format. Now, 3 years later, we need to decide how to move forward with that restructuring. The following is a brief summary of the history of how our SCWS Restructure began by following the Restructure of the World Service Office (WSO):

- At the 1995 annual World Service Conference (WSC), a unanimous motion was made for World Service Office (WSO) departments to be restructured to improve communications.
- In 1998, the WSC voted to continue the restructure with an additional 3-year trial period.
- In 2002, the WSC voted to accept the restructure as their constant committee format.
- Between 1999 and 2003, here in Southern California, an SCWS Restructuring Ad Hoc Committee brainstormed restructuring the SCWS board to align with the WSO.
- At the May 2003 Assembly, the GRs approved a motion "That SCWS implement a three-year trial restructuring period" (wording taken from the Aug 2003 Bulletin).
- During the past 3 years SCWS worked within this new format, although our ACTION Committees were unable to meet at several Assemblies because their scheduled time was used instead to discuss the motion and implementation for the new Alateen requirements.
- At the Feb 2006 SCWS Committee meeting, we discussed how to proceed with the ACTION Committee restructure. Following the meeting, a summary from the Past Delegate, Kay D, who headed the Restructure Ad Hoc Committee, was emailed to the District Representatives (DR). That summary recommended that SCWS continue to use and improve the new ACTION Committee format. The following

are the initial purposes determined by each of the ACTION Committees:

Membership Communication ACTION Committee Mission Statement: To encourage participation and enthusiasm by carrying the message of Al-Anon/Alateen recovery, unity, and service to the membership in a timely and informative way.

Public Outreach ACTION Committee Mission Statement: To increase public awareness of Al-Anon/Alateen and coordinate this effort by carrying the message through public information, cooperation with the professional community, institutions and the media.

Group Services ACTION Committee Mission Statement: To facilitate the flow of group services communication and create interaction between the groups, Southern California World Service (SCWS), and the World Service Office (WSO).

During the turnover meeting between the outgoing and current SCWS Board members in Jan 2006, they formed a consensus to present a policy for Removal of an Elected Officer or Coordinators as follows:

1. Concern should be brought to the Area Chair and Alternate Delegate regarding attendance at required meetings and fulfillment of responsibilities of the service description.
2. The Area Chair would then be responsible to discuss the concerns with the member in question to assure fairness in dealing with the member.
3. The Area Chair would act in accordance with the general consensus of SCWS Board prior to removal.
4. Removal consideration would be appropriate under the following conditions:

A. Failure to attend two meetings as listed in the Service Position Description, without advance notice or reasons according to the Group Conscience of the SCWS and/or

B. Failure to carry out the responsibilities as listed in the Service Position Description.

Both of the above items are on the agenda for discussion at today's May 2006 Assembly.

Miriam M, Immediate Past Delegate

Chairperson

Welcome to the first Assembly of the new 3-year term. We have a lot scheduled for you today, as well as a few changes in how we do things. First and most importantly, we have our Delegate Mary, who will present her report of this year's World Service Conference.

Before we begin that, I would like to take a few minutes to tell you about some of the procedural changes that we will be trying out today. The first change to mention is that we have slightly changed the order of the agenda from what you received in your Bulletin. We did this to facilitate some of the other changes we felt were necessary. The new Agendas are these buff colored ones which you will find on your tables, or up here at the front of the room.

One of the more regular complaints that we hear has to do with how Assemblies are conducted. GRs often don't feel that they have adequate time to discuss matters before they vote. We believe that we have found a creative solution to that.

There are also complaints about the voting process. We're going to streamline that, too. We hear that the process is too

one-sided, that's it's all about people stepping up to a microphone and talking at you. So we're going to try to involve you in the process in a way that you may not have been involved before.

We believe these changes will provide us all with a greater opportunity to participate and make informed decisions, which is, after all, why we're here. We are also fairly certain that some of these changes will provide us all with a greater opportunity to grow spiritually, as we learn which changes work in this context, and which do not. We are as open to discarding those that don't work, as we are open to trying new ideas.

That being said, here's what we are doing today. In our old way of doing things, we only considered items for discussion once a complete motion had been made and seconded. This often lead to motions which were not well thought out, and confusing discussions as we all tried to "fix" the motion and get it passed.

Today, we have set aside a special time between about 11:30am and 12 noon to preview and discuss the agenda items listed under "Old Business" and "New Business". All of these items have been discussed by the Board (Officers and Coordinators) and the Committee (Board + DRs). I will briefly explain what is before you, and why. I will explain what the Committee recommends, and why. If a minority viewpoint was expressed in our discussions, it will be expressed to you here also. If time allows at this point in the day, I will ask for any questions from the GRs about the agenda items. (If time does not allow, we will do that later.)

After that discussion, we will go to lunch. That would be the ideal time to discuss the agenda items among yourselves. When you return from the excellent lunch that the SCAC Committee is preparing, we will go directly into our breakout Action Committee Sessions. These may also be a good place to discuss the matter that you will vote on later. We do ask, though, that you be sure that discussions are specifically relevant to the purview of the Action Committee to which you are assigned. That is to say, it would not be appropriate to discuss Item #3 under New Business, the elimination of the Lone Member Coordinator and the creation of the Website Coordinator in the Group Services Action Committee. It would be appropriate to discuss it in the Membership Communication Action Committee, where it belongs.

If all goes according to plan, when the time comes to make motions, discuss the issues, and vote, you will feel more able to make an informed decision. That brings us to the next change, voting. It has been our practice to "stand and count" virtually every vote. There is nothing in the by-laws that requires this, and frankly, it's usually unnecessary. I will call for a voice vote initially on all, or nearly all, votes. Only if a clear majority is not discernable by the voice vote will we go the "stand and count". This should speed things up considerably.

It is important to note that you all have certain rights and responsibilities in this area. If you believe that I am mistaken, and that the majority status of the voice vote was not clear, you have the right and the responsibility to bring it to my attention. The way that you do this is simple. Before we move on to the next item, stand quickly and call out "Point of Order!" (By the way, this is just about the only time you have the right to interrupt proceedings this way.) When I hear you say "Point of Order!" I will recognize you and ask you what your point of

order is. You tell me that you do not believe that the vote was a majority, and I will go to the "stand and count" method.

Most of you probably recall that I came to this service position after having served as this body's parliamentarian. Let me assure you, I will never use my knowledge of Robert's Rules as a weapon, or to accomplish any personal agenda. If you don't know how to phrase something, just tell me what you're trying to accomplish, and I will try to advise you on the proper procedure. It is my role here to make sure your voice is heard.

Which brings me to the final point: making your voice heard. Any Assembly such as this is naturally somewhat limited. We have a lot of people, and not much time. So we ask that you be careful to use this time wisely. Please limit your statements at the microphone to only that which is relevant to the issue being discussed, and hasn't been said by someone else. Please don't speak for more than 2 or 3 minutes, we do use a timer. I will establish which microphone is to be for "Pro" comments, and which is for "Con". Please respect that.

I may limit debate further if I see that everybody is speaking for a motion, and nobody against. In that event, I will ask the Assembly if anyone will speak against the motion. This is the opportunity for anyone who holds the minority viewpoint to speak up. It is said in Al-Anon that the most important voice in the room is the minority. If you haven't discussed your beliefs with your tablemates, but you're sitting quietly in the back of the room, and you believe that everybody else in the room is wrong, you have a responsibility to speak up at this point.

If nobody speaks at that time, we may suspend debate and vote.

It is clear that we are trying a number of time-saving measures. We are not doing this so that we can all go home early. I'm sorry. We're doing this so that we will have more time to perform the tasks our groups sent us here to perform. We're here to learn more, participate more, to grow and change Southern California World Service into a more responsive and active organization so that it will be available to more people who, like us, have been deeply affected by another person's problem drinking.

Al-Anon saved my life. It has also saved the lives of untold thousands, perhaps even millions, worldwide, in part because of what we do here. But there are more out there who are in desperate need of this program, and do not even know that we exist. It is to carry the message of hope to those families and friends of alcoholics that we are here today. Let us remember that when we disagree. Let us remember what holds us together when we feel divided. Let us put aside any petty differences for the greater good, for the unity of the program, so that we can show by example, the unconditional love and peace of the program of Al-Anon.

Love in Service, David B, SCWS Chair

Minutes

of Area Assembly Meeting

Minutes of Southern California World Service Assembly Meeting

Saturday, May 20, 2006

Fullerton Senior Service Center, Fullerton, California

The meeting was opened at 10:02 a.m. by Chairperson, David B, with the Serenity Prayer. David welcomed all the new and returning GRs and DRs. David announced the changes from the printed agenda in the Bulletin, and on motions and voting. See Report.

Traditions were read by Nicola, GR, D6.

Delegate's Report: Mary M enthusiastically reported on the recent Word Service Conference (WSC) and made an entertaining power point presentation. See Report.

Minutes Secretary: Minutes were approved as written in the November 2005 Bulletin. Assembly Minutes and reports are published in the Bulletin prior to the Committee meetings (Feb. and Aug.) Bulletins are also published on the SCWS web site: <http://scws-al-anon.org/>. Reports sent via e-mail are preferable. Send to Marge and Bulletin Editor, Elizabeth K.

Alternate Delegate: Sandie E reported on the SOS (Sharing of Service) January 20, 2007 and passed the Ask It Basket and Forum can. See Report.

Treasurer's Report: Suzanne P, Treasurer, reported that reimbursements for expenses require receipts and that mileage is paid only to the driver of the car. SCWS reimburses mileage for round trip expenses in excess of the first 100 miles. See Report.

Preview of Old Business and New Business: David briefed the Assembly on the items that will be considered under old and new business. Mary M. gave report from the ad hoc committee on PRAASA, Shirley M gave a minority opinion to attend PRAASA in some capacity. See report.

Lunch Break at 12:30 – 1:20 p.m. Lunch provided by SCAC Committee.

Action Committee Break out Sessions followed lunch. See Reports.

Assembly reconvened with the Concepts ready by Margaret, GR, D23.

Past Delegate, Miriam M. See Bulletin for report.

Roll Call: Sandie E, in the absence of Records Secretary (Jayme P) called roll.

Old Business:

1. PRAASA: Saadia, D33, moved that Board Members attend another RSS (Regional Service Seminar) in close proximity to our Area each year rather than PRAASA. Seconded, voice vote, motion failed. Aggie, D9, moved that Board Members attend PRAASA if invited by AA only when in Southern California. Seconded by Saadi, D33. Voice vote, motion failed. Peter, D27, moved that if invited by AA to attend PRAASA Board Members not attend in official capacity. Seconded by Carolyn D27. Voice count, motion passed. Point of order called

for standing count. Standing vote, 74 ayes, 84 nays. Motion failed. Robin, D66, moved that Board members attend a different function each year. (1/3 to another RSS, 1/3 to another Area Assembly, 1/3 to PRAASA). Seconded. Kay Dornbusch, D12, moved to table PRAASA motion. Seconded, voice vote, motion carried.

Following further discussion, the Chair entertained a motion to recommit (send back to the ad hoc committee for further recommendations). Tina, D21, moved to recommit. Seconded. Voice vote, Motion carried.

2. Liability Insurance: Report will be presented to August 2006 Committee Meeting for inclusion on the November 2006 Assembly Agenda. No action needed.

New Business:

1. Residency Policy: Susan, D39, moved to accept the recommendation that Board Members (Officers and Coordinators) must be residents of Southern California (Area 4). Any Board Member who moves his/her residence out of Area 4 during his/her panel would be asked to resign his/her position. Seconded.

Kay D, D12, moved to amend the motion that the wording be changed from asked to resign to will resign. Seconded, motion passed. Main motion, Board Members (Officers and Coordinators) must be residents of Southern California (Area 4). Any Board Member who moves his/her residence of Area 4 during his/her panel will resign his/her position. Lynn, D75, called for the question. Voice vote, motion carried.

2. Extending the 3-year Restructure Trial Period. Christian R., D66, moved that the Assembly extend the 3-year trial period for Restructure and Action Committees through June, 2009. Seconded, voice vote, motion carried.

3. Coordinator Change: Suzie, D69, moved that we eliminate the Lone Member Coordinator position and add the Web site Coordinator position. Seconded, voice vote, motion carried.

4. Removal of an Elected Officer or Coordinator: Christy, D54, moved that we accept of the following recommended policy for procedure to remove elected officers or coordinators:

1. Concern should be brought to the Area Chair and Alternate Delegate regarding attendance at required meetings and fulfillment of responsibilities of the service description.
2. The Area Chair would then be responsible to discuss the concerns with the member in question to assure fairness in dealing with the member.
3. The Area Chair would act in accordance with the general consensus of SCWS Board prior to removal.
4. Removal consideration would be appropriate under the following conditions; Failure to attend two meetings as listed in the Service Position Description, without advance notice or reasons according to the Group Conscience of the SCWS and/or failure to carry out the responsibilities as listed in the service position Description. Mary, D6, called for the question. Voice vote. Motion carried with substantial majority

See the Bulletin for Action Committee, Coordinators, Convention Chairs, and Intergroup Reports.

The Assembly was adjourned at 4:05 p.m. with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully Submitted by Marge V,
Minutes Secretary

Treasurer

Welcome to our May Assembly, especially welcome to the new Group Reps. The Treasurer's Reports will be printed in the Bulletin, quarterly so you can refer to it for details.

Contributions

Our mailing address is still the same - SCWS, PO Box 350, North Hollywood, CA 91603. Checks and money orders should be made out to "SCWS."

Check with your group's Treasurer to make sure they are using the WSO ID# and our SCWS contribution forms. This will help get your contribution correctly posted in the group contribution report. The WSO ID numbers can be found on the Bulletin label (the one with no letters, just numbers), your Group Reps and District Reps will have this number, and, if all else fails, you can check with the WSO directly.

A copy of the WSO contribution report has been passed on to me by Mary, so you can check it at the break if anyone wants to have a look.

Reimbursements

SCWS reimburses Officers, Coordinators, District Reps, Group Reps and Liaisons for mileage and lodging according to the following guidelines –

•Mileage

Officers and Coordinators – \$0.30 per mile for all miles driven to districts, board, committee, assembly and special committee meetings.

Liaisons, Group Reps and District Reps – \$0.30 per mile for every mile over the first 100 miles driven (November 2000 Assembly)

•Hotel

\$50 for hotel reimbursement for all officers, coordinators, group reps, and liaisons who commute over 100 miles one way (November 1998 Assembly)

Page 11 of our Bylaws outlines an Accounting Review Procedure for our Area, which includes our Audit Committee, Chairman and Treasurer. The Audit Committee requires receipts for reimbursement. To be reimbursed, you must submit ALL the receipts - unclear requests will be returned for clarification. Mileage is paid only to the driver, on the honor system. Alternates are reimbursed if they are serving in a voting capacity re: as GR, DR, etc.

Our Service Manual has guidelines for expense reimbursement for mileage as well. Please take a minute to review them on p. 125 and 126. The 7th Tradition may be reimbursed by your group as well, check with your meeting Treasurer or ask in a group conscience meeting.

•World Service Handbook p. 125

"Each group provides its GR with sufficient funds to fulfill the GR duties including participation in the Assembly. Expenses may include meals, transportation, accommodations, and registration fees. Overhead expenses of the Assembly and the cost of sending the Delegate to the World Service Conference are paid by the Assembly with contributions from the groups within the Assembly area."

•World Service Handbook p. 126

"The DR's expenses to attend Assemblies and Area World Service Committee meetings are shared by the groups within the district. When the DR is also a GR, the Assembly expenses are normally paid by the group he represents."

Now that I have copies of all of the 2006 bank statements so far, I can report to you that our total assets (cash & 3-Certificates of Deposit) as of 4/28/06 are \$28,764.01. Our target reserve is \$25,000. It increased from \$15,000 and approved at an Area Assembly in 1996 and was reaffirmed by the May 2001 Area Assembly. We are about \$1500.00 short of that \$25,000 goal.

Prior to reconciliation of accounts, based on deposits & checks written -

Total contributions from Jan – Apr 06	\$14,982.58
Total expenses from Jan – Apr 06	\$12,354.33

I have just a few copies of a report on occupancy cost from the WSO, if some of the DR's want to have a copy, come see me later and you can then make copies for your GR's.

Thanks you for allowing me to be of service!

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne P
SCWS Treasurer

For the Group Contributions,

please go to the SCWS website <http://scws-al-anon.org> and then click on "What We Do" and then click on "Financial Reporting."

...Group contributions are not available this quarter (computer situation -- changing to a new bookkeeping program)

Letter from Delegate to District Representatives

2487 Gloucester Way
Riverside, CA 92506

April 5, 2006

To all District Representatives:

Enclosed is a copy of the Recommendation from the Ad Hoc Committee on PRAASA which includes a background and history of SCWS involvement in this function. We would like your District to review the report at your next District Meeting prior to the August Committee meeting.

Please send us your ideas. We would like to hear from your District.

Please review and send your comments in prior to August 10th so that the SCWS Committee can have a discussion on this topic and make a recommendation to the November Assembly for a consensus regarding a motion that reflects the opinion of all GRs in our Area at the next Assembly. Please reply either to the address at the top of this letter or email.

Thank you.

Mary Morrison, Ad Hoc Committee on PRAASA

Area 4, CA (S)

Email: mary2006-08scws@earthlink.net

Enc.: 3 pages

History and Background of PRAASA

The following document is provided for informational purposes only.

DEFINITION

PRAASA = Pacific Region A. A. Service Assembly.

PRAASA is held annually in early March and invites AI-Anon participation (it has a separate AI-Anon committee creating its own program; however, it is not self-supporting).

BACKGROUND

- The November 1972 Assembly sent our Delegate only.

- In May, 1979 the boundaries for our Area changed and we became part of the Southwest Region. At that time SCWS voted to still attend the 1980 PRAASA as it was in Anaheim and to send our Delegate to the SWRSS in Albuquerque, NM. At that time (1980) we decided that we would not attend PRAASA any longer.

- In 1982, if invited by AA, we voted to send the Delegate and Chairperson, however the chair could not attend so another board member was pulled from the "hat."

- The February 1984 Committee voted to contribute \$500 initial funds for AI-Anon portion of the next PRAASA. In the November Assembly of that year we decided not to attend the 1985 PRAASA due to distance.

- November, 1985 send to PRAASA number of Coordinators as finances permit.

- August, 1986 send as many as we can afford. November of that year we decided to participate in PRAASA once again.

- The November 1986 SCWS Area Assembly voted to send some of the SCWS Board members to PRAASA.

- May, 1987 recommend that next years Officers determine whether to participate or not. In November of that year it was recommended to participate.

- August, 1988 Assembly to decide re PRAASA.

- November, 1988 Committee to decide who goes, same decision reached at the February, 1989 meeting.

- The May 1989 Assembly voted to, each year, send the Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chairman and the Immediate Past Delegate as well as 1/3rd of the other Officers and Coordinators thus enabling all the SCWS Board members to attend PRAASA, at least, once during the current term.

- In 1992 contributed \$500 to PRAASA once again for start-up fund.

- Aside from working in cooperation and maintaining AI-Anon's ties with Alcoholics Anonymous, prior SCWS Boards, Committees and Assemblies have considered PRAASA to be a means of training for the SCWS Area's trusted servants by attending AI-Anon workshops (as well as the AA ones).

- However, in the last \pm 6 years the other Areas in our SW Region ceased sending its Area's trusted servants to PRAASA. Instead those funds are being used to send these members to the SW Region Delegates' Meeting (SWRDM), the SW Region Service Seminar (SWRSS) and to other Region's RSSs aside from the SW Region.

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Note: With this in mind please review the Recommendation made by the AD Hoc Committee which follows this page.

PRAASA Recommendation from Ad Hoc Committee

PRAASA AD HOC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR MOTION

The PRAASA Ad Hoc Committee requests the SCWS Area Assembly to consider the following:

We recommend the following motion:

That the SCWS Area send one-third (chosen by lot) of all the Board members to other service functions rather than PRAASA each year.

--The Board members will be chosen by lot each year and once their position has accepted this choice, they will only attend one function during their three-year term.

--It is further recommended that each year, those that have been chosen by lot attend one of the following events during their three-year term:

1. an RSS (Regional Service Seminar), outside of our Southwest Region
2. an Area Assembly Meeting in another World Service Area in our SW Region
3. PRAASA or another AI-Anon service function - deemed appropriate by the Board

During the three-year term of serving the SCWS Area, the Board will make the decision as to which function to attend each year - taking into consideration the financial feasibility of attending said functions.

The covered expenses to be paid by the SCWS Area will include:

1. airfare or mileage (whichever is less),
2. registration, event package price (room and meals) or, two nights stay at a hotel (with two Board members sharing a room whenever feasible, or ½ rate only if one chooses not to share a room and pay other ½ at one's own expense),
3. two days' reimbursement for expense of meals (must submit receipts).

(FYI – The SCWS Area sends the Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Immediate Past Delegate and Chairperson to SWRDM [Southwest Region Delegates' Meeting] each year during their 3-year term.)

Group Services Action Committee

Board members assigned to this Action Committee are Group Records Secretary (Jayme P.), Minutes Secretary (Marge V.), Treasurer (Suzanne P.), Alateen Coordinator (Daniel K.), Alateen Sponsor Coordinator (Ajit S.), and Archives Coordinator (Martha M.). A report from each coordinator follows the Action Committee Chair's report.

Group Services AC Chair

Greetings from the Group Services Action Committee. This Committee includes the Archives Coordinator, the Hospitality Coordinator, the Alateen Sponsor Coordinator, the Alateen Coordinator, the Treasurer, the Minutes Secretary and the Group Records Secretary.

At the May Assembly Break-Out Sessions, we heard a brief report from each of these Coordinators. In addition to that we broke into smaller groups, with each member choosing to be part of a smaller committee headed by one of these coordinators. Each smaller group was asked to commit to their committee for the duration of their term. This was in the hopes that each of these smaller committees could assist the Coordinator in fulfilling his/her position.

It was a good beginning. Hopefully the commitment to a particular committee will generate some consistency and momentum for these committees as they start committing to action.

Love in Service, Kathi L Group Services AC Chair.

Alateen Coordinator

okie dokie. scac is has gone through most of its events and only one remains ...last chance picnic!

SCAC NEEDS SPONSORS, people, so please participate! most of the other conventions and committees have not had their turnover meetings or planning meetings. just a reminder we need to get these kicked off guys! flyers and publicity are a big issue for the alateen events at this time. things must be given to the alateens so they know what and when an event is. other than that i dont have anything more to say except make sure the alateens feel welcome and always extend the hand of friendship.

with love in service, daniel

Alateen Sponsor Coordinator

We had a really good session. We touched on a few topics. We discussed ways to encourage more kids to attend meetings and Daniel K. (Alateen Coordinator) was instrumental in that discussion. We also discussed ways that each District could support the Alateen meetings in their District. We discussed how to start an Alateen meeting and some locations that would attract attendance, such as having the meeting in a location where there already is an AI-Anon meeting. I really appreciate all the ideas and feedback that were shared.

LIS, Susie L

Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP)

(Thanks, Susie, for filling in for Ajit at the May Assembly.)

Archives Coordinator

Greetings to all. What a great Breakout Session we had at the Assembly! Thank you to all the GR's who were willing to be of service. As your Archives Coordinator I would like to inventory first of all, then catalog everything. I asked for a committee of volunteers from the GR's and received some great help. As we begin to process all the Archives, I will keep you all informed on what we have. Hopefully, maybe this panel, we can get some of the Bulletins from our very beginning on the website for all to view!

Another goal of mine will be to put the paper documents on CD's to preserve them and have them easily accessible to others who might like to see them without actually sending the document itself. Then I would like to make albums of the photographs and other things. Hopefully in albums that will help to better preserve these archives.

There are also the traveling Archives that can be loaned to Conventions, Alathons or other AI-Anon functions. If anyone is interested in using the Traveling Archives please let me know. All my information is in the Bulletin. Thank you to all for letting me be of service, Martha M, Archives Coordinator

Hospitality Coordinator

I am the incoming Hospitality Coordinator. Thanks for the gift of being of service to you and my God. It will be work but lots of fun too, and remember that there is always room and a need for volunteers in the hospitality room. There is a form in the hospitality room asking for volunteers for the upcoming Assembly in November 2006.. If you can help for an hour or so it will be greatly appreciated and it will be growth and fun for you. Just leave me your name and phone number and I will contact you.

The following Districts will be hosts for the upcoming August 2006 committee meeting: 9, 10, 21, 30, 40, 48 and 57. Please bring breakfast foods (examples: fresh fruits, bagels, cream cheese, muffins, or any breakfast food of your choice). Each District should bring enough for approximately 60 people. We are asking that each district bring a volunteer to help in the hospitality room. Any questions? Please call me.

If you are unable to attend that meeting please notify me:

I want to thank the hospitality committee for their great work at the May Assembly. They did a beautiful job it was great how they set up the hospitality room. Thank you Districts 3, 11, 12, 24, 39, 42, 54 and 60 for hosting the May Assembly meeting. Great job done.

MaryLou V

Membership Communications

Action Committee

Board members assigned to this Action Committee are Alternate Delegate (Sandie E.), Bulletin Coordinator (Elizabeth K.), Literature Coordinator (Lucia C.), and Website Coordinator (Alvar G.). A report from each coordinator follows the Action Committee Chair's report.

Membership Communications AC Chair

Greetings. First of all, thank you to the Board for asking me to be of service in this capacity. What an honor. And a special thanks to Barbara W. for her time & notes passed on to me - and to my friend Rita M who continues to be a source of World Service knowledge.

LIS, Cindy R

Membership Communications Action Committee Chair

Bulletin Coordinator

At today's Action Committee session, members requested to receive the reports sooner, such as by having the reports posted on the SCWS website as they become available (Go to the Bulletin Blog:

<http://www.scws-al-anon.org/blog/index.php?blog=2> . This will be initiated with the May 2006 Bulletin. In addition, the completed Bulletin will be posted on the website as usual (Go to the website and click on "Bulletin.").

This is such a rewarding service commitment! Anyone interested in helping to get the Bulletin processed sooner, please contact the Bulletin Coordinator.

General information about the Bulletin:

Each Bulletin is a record of reports that were given and motions that were made at that month's SCWS Area meeting. The Agenda for each Assembly is finalized at the preceding Committee meeting. The Minutes taken at each Assembly are approved by the GRs at the next Assembly. So, for today's May Assembly, you needed to bring both the Nov 2005 Bulletin for its Minutes (to be approved by the GRs today) and the Feb 2006 Bulletin for today's Agenda. Likewise, bring your May and August Bulletins to the November Assembly.

For today's Assembly reports, please give an electronic version (i.e., by e-mail) to both the Minutes Secretary (Marge V.) and to the Bulletin Coordinator (me) within one week before or after today's Assembly. The electronic version will speed production and reduce errors since it avoids re-typing.

The Bulletin is a record of the reports that were delivered at the Committee meeting or submitted at the Assembly. These reports are a great way to share experience with everyone in the SCWS Area, so I hope to print a full set of reports online and in each Bulletin.

Thank you for this service opportunity,

Elizabeth K, Bulletin Coordinator

Literature Coordinator

Now available: Minor revisions to the pamphlet, *The Twelve Steps and Traditions* (P-17) and the book, *In All Our Affairs* (B-15) are included in the latest printings. Sharings needed! Members now can submit their recovery stories for RECOVERY IN RELATIONSHIPS and FACING GRIEF AND

LOSS WITH AL-ANON (working titles) online at www.al-anon.alateen.org/members in the Publication section. Or, you may e-mail, fax or mail your sharing. Subjects needed for the relationship piece include intimacy, sexuality, parent-child and grandparent-child relationships as well as sharings from men and Alateen members. Still needed for the grief and loss piece are sharings from parents who have faced grief regarding their non-alcoholic adult children affected by alcoholism and members who contemplated divorce but decided to remain in the marriage with an alcoholic. We would like these pieces to reflect the diversity of our fellowship.

WSO website: The quarterly sample chapters have been the most frequently viewed items on the WSO web site. Go to www.al-anon.alateen.org/members and take a peek. It's a great way to explore a variety of Al-Anon literature.

The Fellowship Communication Committee is inviting the fellowship to consider including the Al-Anon pamphlets for meeting topics.

Service Manuals in English and Spanish will be available for purchase today.

Love in service, Lucia C.

Website Coordinator

Much of the action committee meeting was spent answering questions regarding the website, the WSO web site and websites in general.

POSSIBLE ACTION: Searchable area of the web site to post questions and answers regarding WSO & SCWS web sites.

There seemed to be a lot of acceptance of the idea that information could be e-mailed or available on the web site instead of traditional mail or waiting for the Assembly. Specifically, the Bulletin was mentioned.

ACTION TAKEN: A new SCWS Blog has been created called Bulletin Reduction. Notes from that topic of the meeting have been put in to that Blog. Please review and comment. An ad-hoc Bulletin reduction committee could be formed to come up with some conclusions.

There were questions regarding whether we could transfer the operation of the website to another person besides Alvar. One of this panel's goals is to ensure that we can transfer to another by moving the site to purchased hosting and training others on content management. A question was also asked about don't we need to pay for the professional services?

ACTION: Technologies and features are being added with easy-to-use, standard commercial methods with separate support so that a layman can operate the site. We have used the same method to transfer the content management of the Orange County Intergroup website to a non-technical content manager volunteer and it has been a successful effort.

Currently most all the volunteer time is spent in modifying and updating content. There are some fees in the website that are paid by SCWS which are for the domains and website hosting. There will be a cost of \$20 a month for hosting the Blogs without advertising.

We brought up that we have a hard time getting critical content for the website such as meeting listings for all the districts. Some DRS suggested they could be involved in retrieving this information. There were a few suggestions of using the SCWS meeting list to post meetings on the website. There were questions/requests to be able to update meeting information

using Internet technologies. Some considerations:
-Updating meeting records on a password protected webpage
-Being able to email a meeting change into the records secretary

ACTION: The website coordinator is researching the viability of integrating the existing records technology and list into a web page.

Mary, our current Delegate, had presented that we had a goal of increasing the use and awareness of the WSO Members web site at <http://al-anon.org/members/>. Some methods were discussed.

- Create a printable flyer / ad for Websites to increase awareness

- Add SCWS web site address to the meeting phone list

The topic of facilitating On-Line Meetings was raised. Such as providing chat or other Internet meeting tools and techniques.

- Chat can be an expensive technology
- We should prioritize needs so we get some actions completed

- Anybody is welcome to start their own on-line meeting, using 7th Tradition funds to pay for a commercial chat solution

- There is an existing list of on-line meetings in Mary's Delegate report

I am looking forward to comments and questions.

The web site at <http://scws-al-anon.org> has been updated with new information, including Bulletins. There is a map based web page to find meetings in all of California. It is linked from the WSO main site and the SCWS site at

<http://camaps.scws-al-anon.org>. We are missing some meeting information. If you have new meeting information, please send it to my e-mail address.

—Alvar

Public Information Action Committee

Board members assigned to this Action Committee are Cooperating with the Professional Community (CPC) Coordinator (Sandra W.), Institutions Coordinator (Shirley M.), and Public Information Coordinator (Amanda C.). A report from each coordinator follows or is included in the Action Committee Chair's report.

Public Outreach AC Notes

Robin J., Chairperson, opened with the Serenity prayer. Agendas and a sign-in sheet were passed out to all attendees. Coordinators were introduced.

Amanda – Public Information Coordinator began with her vision of Public Outreach actions for the remainder of this three-year period. She said that she believes it to be the best committee because we are helping people. Amanda discussed her view of her role as coordinator. She would like the members to all participate in taking information to health fairs and the like, to let her know a month or so in advance would be helpful. She is working with the web people as well. She suggested we check with the northern California website which she feels is light years ahead of us.

There is a district (#78) in Imperial Valley that is not a part of any intergroup and Amanda is currently reaching out to them – again, overlapping and coordinating with the website committee.

Some areas pass out business cards at health fairs with local telephone numbers. Another district passes out old schedules with a disclaimer that the information may be outdated and to call the Information Office number for current updates.

Sandra – Cooperating with the Professional Community Coordinator passed out Sign-Up Sheets for a base of people willing to participate in any panels or requests for information. She told us that she receives emails saying that a school needs a speaker and she cannot personally meet all those needs, but with a base of willing volunteers she can then coordinate an Al-Anon (or several Al-Anons) with those making requests. Sandra also put in each DR's packet a pamphlet (P-90) about Attracting and Cooperating. She suggested that each district have their own coordinator. She also introduced us to the Best of Public Outreach packet available from WSO. Further mentioned was Prescription Al-Anon (#M77) available for the professional community also available from WSO.

We were reminded that the September issue of the Forum might be ordered for mass distribution during September, which is National Recovery Month. A number of groups verified that they had done that in past years with very good response.

Also introduced was the "Crying House" bookmark (#M-76) available in quantities of up to 1000, free of charge except for \$3 shipping fee.

Shirley – Institutions Coordinator told us that she had put her Institutions coordinator report in each DR's packet. She is seeking out information on the California Governor's Advisory Committee, which includes people from AA. She believes there are 2 "chairs" available at this Committee, which could be, used Al-Anon. She is ambitiously seeking information/inclusion in that arena.

Katherine asked if there is a time required for people to speak on panels. Robin suggested that we use common sense requirement of at least a year in program.

Finally, Amanda suggested the group break into smaller groups to decide on a project for the coming term. There were approximately 10 people per group discussing their ideas. Time constraints limited group discussion on ideas/plans that they had come up with.

Evaluation Sheets were collected at the close of the meeting. Due to the entire Assembly voting to complete the AM agenda before breaking for lunch, there was a bit of confusion as to start and stop time for the breakout groups. In spite of some confusion, it was a wonderful head start for Public Outreach Action Committee.

Respectfully submitted, Robin J, Chair

CPC Coordinator – see Robin J's report

Institutions Coordinator

Survey. I am trying to determine the scope of our Area's Institutions work. I have sent survey forms to Area Intergroups, placed one in each District Representative's file today, and given a copy to each action committee attendee to take back to their groups. I will report back when I receive sufficient information. This will give us the knowledge to decide what

action our Area might want to pursue during this panel. Also, if one group is looking into a area of service and another is already doing it, the active group could serve as a resource.

Form for Local Use. I also serve as Institutions Coordinator for Ventura County Intergroup. The District Coordinator and I work as co-chairs and also work with the other outreach chairs. A copy of a form we used to get a list of volunteers interested in service is provided for action committee attendees to take back to their groups.

H&I Conference. As your Institutions Coordinator, I attended the 25th Annual Southern California AA Hospitals and Institutions Conference. One purpose of the conference is to improve understanding and cooperation between Alcoholics Anonymous (and Al-Anon by virtue of AA's invitation to us to participate each year) and hospitals, correctional, and treatment facilities. Speakers and panelists include AA and Al-Anon members and professionals from the treatment and correctional institutions.

A thank-you goes to Danelle Murray who has served as Al-Anon's program chair for the past three years and to MaryLou V, outgoing Institutions Coordinator who served as Chairman. Al-Anon speakers this year included Nancy and Scott R., Los Angeles, Brian W., Lori M., MaryLou V., and Randy T. from Orange County, and Holly O. from San Diego. AA speakers included members active in H&I service and members who came into AA via a treatment facility. Several came to AA in prison and are returning to prisons to carry the message.

California facilities have been given \$31,000 per year to facilitate volunteer services for inmates. Federal, state, and local facilities' speakers provided information about the various volunteer programs. AA is an important one. Having the funding may help Al-Anon to be able to enter the facilities.

Facilities speakers included Hector Lozano - Coordinator of Sierra Conservation Center Prison Facility, Ray Guerrero - Deputy Sheriff, Orange County; Gregory Dorst - former Deputy DA and now Treatment Center Consultant, Diana Gelletien - Program Coordinator FCC Lompoc, and Kevin McCauley, M.D. - Director of Medical Education at Sober-Living-by- the-Sea.

Mr. Lozano has established the first faith-based program utilizing the steps. He mentioned that they spoke to visiting families about an inmate's need to continue going to meetings when released. After the meeting I asked him if he had considered having an Al-Anon panel or program for the family visitors so that they could find recovery also. This might be an area for Al-Anon groups who live near prison facilities to consider working with prisons and jails to establish (as well as continuing to try to get Al-Anon meetings into jails and prisons). Even if we can not get meetings into these facilities, we may be able to provide information about meetings in California or contact numbers and literature for family members to help them find meetings in their home area.

At the Conference last year and this year one could sense a change for the better in the corrections institutional arena as they seek to improve the recidivism rate in California. AA members can now arrange to meet a released prisoner at the gate or arrange a meeting with inmates after they leave prison which was not allowed in the past.

Any Al-Anon member is welcome to attend this conference and I hope this overview will entice you to attend next year and to consider this area of service.

PRAASA. is the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly. Alcoholics Anonymous usually invites Al-Anon to participate by presenting a service program for Al-Anon members. It was held in our local area this year. Most of our Board members participated in the Al-Anon program. Delegate Mary M. shared a "What's on Your Mind" session with Jack S., Past Al-Anon Trustee on Sunday morning. Jack was also our luncheon speaker.

Al-Anon members were invited to participate in the evening AA Round Tables. I attended the AA Treatment Round Table and my co-chair attended the Institutions Round Table. AA has a program called "Bridging the Gap" (between a treatment program and AA) which includes a Temporary Contact Program designed to help clients make the transition. I know that Al-Anon has a presence in treatment facilities. I am wondering how the action committee members feel about Al-Anon doing something similar to help the family members with whom we come in contact make the transition to Al-Anon. AA has a pamphlet "Bridging the Gap". Members might want to pick one up to get an idea how the program works.

At the Institutions Round Table the AA chairman said that there is a Governor's Advisory Committee on which AA, NA, Nar-Anon, and Al-Anon are invited to sit. Al-Anon has not attended. I did make contact with the current AA person from Southern California. The committee has not met for a year. He will let me know when the committee resumes meeting. I would like to attend to see if it is something that will allow us to speak for the families and maybe open more doors for us in state institutions.

Any Al-Anon member is invited to attend PRAASA, also. Next year it will be held in Portland.

Action Committee. In our Action Committee small groups time, each group was asked to come up with a project that could be done by groups all over Southern California. Our group suggests that Al-Anon groups place literature in Women's Shelters. One of our group members said that location information could be obtained by visiting a Domestic Violence Center.

I am willing to be of service so let me hear from you. I am pleased to be a part of Public Outreach. We have a great area Public Outreach committee.

LIS, Shirley M Institutions Coordinator

Public Information Coordinator

Greetings to all returning GRs, DRs and other service members and welcome to you new members beginning service at the SCWS level. It has been a very interesting five months in service. I had not previously served on the SCWS board and sometimes I feel as if I am walking in the dark trying to find my way. The funny thing is that I love walking at night and my Higher Power always seems to guide me in the right direction.

I am learning what it means to cooperate, to be flexible and to understand differences. I am in the middle of finishing Lil's project of purchasing a new display. We have located a local company and I hope that the task will be completed by August.

World Service is putting out a new Public Service Announcement in June and they gave us permission to copy it for our Assembly in May. We handed out over 150 copies of the PSA, which is in English, Spanish and French. The copies had all four of Al-Anon's PSA's on them and I think the radio

versions as well. I am hoping that you will take the PSA and ensure that your local stations air it.

District 78, which is the Imperial Valley, has no DR and the meeting information from SCWS and WS is not current. Districts 78 and 42 are the only districts in our area which are not covered by an intergroup. I have spoken with District 64, the Spanish-speaking district, and we are going to try to reach out to District 78 in the fall. If anyone knows of an active contact, could you let the Records Secretary and me know?

I believe that cooperating with the other action committees is vital for the continued Al-Anon message to be carried to those in need. I am beginning to work with the Web Site Coordinator and Group Services to make sure that the meetings in our area are listed on the internet. Northern California has all of their meetings listed on the web. They also have a link to on-line meetings that are registered with World Service. I would recommend visiting their site at: <http://www.ncwsa.org/>. There is also a link available to them on the SCWS website.

I also see several cases where the Districts and the Intergroups are not cooperating in trying to carry the Al-Anon message to those in need. This will probably bring up some issues, but my thought is that we are they. I would love feedback on what the underlying issues may be and how we, SCWS, can cooperate with the Intergroups and what tools they need that the Districts and SCWS can provide.

Thank you for letting me be of service. I am so excited to be part of such wonderful program.

Amanda C

Intergroup Reports

No report from:

Los Angeles County, San Diego County

Inland Empire

Greetings from the Inland Empire! We are proud to announce that our Casino Night was a huge success, where we were able to raise a substantial amount to be donated to our Service Center. We plan on making this an annual event for sure. Also, the Spring Fling was a fantastic success, raising approximately \$2000 to be donated to our Service Center as well. We appreciate all the hard work that was put into both of those fundraisers.

We have a few positions open on the Service Board, but we are functioning quite well still. But it would be nice to have a few more contribute their time to them. (hint hint)

The Inland Empire AA Convention with Al-Anon and Alateen support is coming up October 20, 21 & 22, and we are looking forward to the fun and fellowship. We hope to see you there! Respectfully submitted,

J. R., (acting) Inland Empire WSO Liaison

Oficina Intergrupala Hispánica

Greetings to all from the Spanish Intergroup in Santa Fe Springs. We just celebrated our 24th Anniversary June 10th! Our guest speaker was Salvador V. from Mexico City. If you speak Spanish and have not heard Salvador share about his experiences and remarkable recovery in Al-Anon, we have a

number of CD's available and they are great to listen to in the car or at home.

Our office has a complete selection of literature in Spanish and recently received the newest translated book, "Esperanza para Hoy" or "Hope for Today". We are selling every copy as soon as they come in. We also have a new Meeting Directory that shows all of the active meetings. This is a great tool to have in case you want to refer friends or family to meetings in their area. Please call Isabel B., the Office Employee for any information @ 562-948-2190. Hours are 10am to 3pm Monday through Friday. We are so thankful for having a great group of 10 to 12 volunteers coming in every week to help out as well. Isabel and many of the volunteers speak English, so you should be able to get any information you need quite easily. If you have any trouble getting through, call me directly.

Each of our coordinators are out doing their best to show this better way of living and a thank you to each of them; Sofia (Coordinator), Miriam (Secretary), Rosaura (Treasurer), Margarita (Events), Isabel (Employee), Ofelia (Alateen), Elizabeth (Hispanic Bulletin), Elia (Public Info) and Celia (History & Nominations).

Since January of this year we have as one of our goals to visit each of the approx. 150 registered Spanish-speaking groups. We asked the Intergroup Reps to call us if they wanted a visit from the office and have visited about 20 meetings explaining what we do at the Intergroup office and talking about service in general and how much it works in our recovery. We continue to get invitations and it's great to get out to meet people and answer questions. The groups have been very generous as well with their 7th Traditions in supporting the Office. So many of us just don't know how important it is to have an office that somebody who doesn't have our program yet can call and get info. If you have answered the phone at an Intergroup office and heard the pleas for help you know what I mean! We also love going out and enjoy sharing our experiences.

We have also seen an increase in the number of Intergroup Reps at our meetings. Every 2 months we are seeing about 50 reps! They get to share an energetic Saturday at the office and are always ready to work the program.

We would love to have a visit sometime from our Delegate and extend that welcome to any non-Spanish-speaking Al-Anon members to come by and say hi and have a chat. Our address is 11627 E. Telegraph Rd #150, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670. We are just East of the 605 Freeway off of the Telegraph exit and hope to see you there sometime.

Thanks and Let it begin with me.

Patrick B, Spanish Intergroup Liaison

Orange County a/k/a the Seat of the official Surf City USA and of the Los Angeles Anaheim Angels (just the ripe environment for AA's and thus, for us Al-Anons)

What's been happening in The OC since my last report on February 18, 2006? As usual, we've been busy, busy, busy ... keeping the spirit of Al-Anon alive, well, and thriving. So, in keeping it simple and brief, these are just some of our noteworthy goings-on.

· The OC AA w/ Al-Anon Convention, H & I Convention and AFG were huge successes. (Over 2100 attended the OC Convention.)

- Public Information & Institutions have been contacted to train counselors, have spoken to teens and parents at a church, and attended the Fullerton JC Health Fair.
- OC IR Alateen Liaisons have designed a flyer "What Their Meeting's Sponsor Means to Them" to be completed by Alateens for use at workshops, meetings, etc.
- The Alateen Sponsor's Workshop held here in April had a large turnout.
- Several Round Robins were held; the Garden Grove Men's Stag is coming up next week and start-up of the December 2006 Alathon/Auction has begun.
- Plans are underway for one of our biggest ventures, the manning of our booth at the OC County Fair, 3-hour shifts daily for nearly 4 weeks from July 7th to July 30th.
- We voted for 6 new Service Board members and Chairman-Elect. Winners: Dist 60 = Ben P., Teresa R.; Dist 63 = Doris A., Gretchen K; Dist 66 = Debbie L., Alex R. and Chairman-Elect = Kathy R (that's me).

As your outgoing WS Liaison, I wish to thank all of you for being patient, loving, and kind and for helping me "to practice these principles in all our affairs." It has been an honor to serve you.

With gratitude, Kathy R.
OC IR/SB WS Liaison

San Diego County

Hi! This is Bernadette P. your World Service Liaison in San Diego. I'm very happy to have been chosen for this position. I've been to two meetings in Fullerton, and enjoyed them. So much information!!!! But also interesting. I am new! And looking forward to learning lots more. Thank you, Bernadette.

Ventura County

Since our last report, Ventura County Intergroup and District 12 hosted an Al-Anon 55 Year Anniversary Celebration on April 30th in the City of Camarillo. There's only one word that can describe it - WOW! We were honored with the presence of three totally awesome Speakers - Nichole C, Ventura (12 years in Alateen), Bob R, Oxnard (39 years in AA), and Helen W, Atascadero (59 years in Al-Anon). Helen attended the original family groups before Al-Anon was founded in 1951! The experience, strength, and hope shared by our Speakers was awesome...we are so lucky. Over 150 members from our fellowships attended with dozens of potluck dishes, desserts, and a 55 Year Anniversary Cake. There was fun, fellowship, and lots of family recovery, that's for sure. Other Ventura County long-timers were in attendance with over 400 years in Al-Anon. We're already planning the 60th, hope to see you there!

In May, we'll start the discussion about aligning Ventura County Intergroup as the Al-Anon Information Service (AIS) arm of District 12. We have formed a subcommittee to talk about the WSO trial Action Committees and benefits that might be derived from doing the same in Ventura County. Our goal is to reduce duplication and improve cooperation in the areas of Public Outreach, Institutions, and Cooperating with Professionals (CPC). And if we can have more FUN along the way, that would be great.

Coming up quick will be the Santa Paula Pig Roast scheduled July 7-9, 2006 in Fillmore. Lots of camping, games,

marathon meetings, and great speakers. Come have a family weekend in sunny Fillmore.

Our Ventura County AA Convention (VCAAC) with Al-Anon and Alateen Participation will be held on *September* 8-10, 2006 in Westlake...Al-Anon Speakers include: Amanda C, Lake Arrowhead; Cathy C, Portland, OR; Ellen C, Addison, TX; Al-Anon en Espanol, Gabriela L, San Diego; Grace & Manny A, Camarillo; Marathon Meetings, Country Store, two Al-Anon Panels - "Voices From The Past" and "Alateen Sponsorship-The Magic of Miracles."

Cyndy P, CoChair, is already planning our Gratitude Faire - she's so organized. Many of you might know that once a year in *November*, Ventura County Intergroup hosts a Gratitude Faire, with Family Speakers, buffet dinner, Country store, Alateen bake sale, and lots more. It's our annual FUNdraiser and serves to support our public outreach efforts throughout the county. This year, our Gratitude Faire will feature very special Family Speakers...we hope to see you there. More will be revealed in my next report.

Our Intergroup Scoop Editor, Tracy L, has given our newsletter a great new look and feel, added a new Help Wanted (opportunities to be of Al-Anon service) section, expanded the District 12 Happenings section, and devoted full-page coverage for our Alateens. The "Scoop" is a key communication tool in Ventura County and Tracy is doing a fantastic job. So far the Intergroup Scoop themes have included First Things First, Live and Let live, and the next theme is "Humor" yikes.

Gabriela A, Spanish Liaison, continues to reach out to our Spanish Al-Anon community and encourages Spanish speaking members to contribute articles to the Scoop newsletter (in Spanish of course), and for the 55 Year Anniversary Celebration event, she reached out to the Spanish community by coordinating translation services by Emilce L. And as if that isn't enough...Gabriela was our Sunday Morning Speaker for the Spanish Al-Anon meeting at the Ventura Round-Up.

Julie H, Round Robin Coordinator, is busy planning two more Round Robin meetings this year in Simi Valley and Camarillo. The Round Robins provide a forum for members all throughout Ventura County to come together to share experience, strength, and hope and dessert!

Shirley M and Judy D are working with local Recovery Centers, Hospitals, and Youth facilities to set up Al-Anon Panels - there are three new Panels this year and plans for Khepera House, Ventura; Prototypes, Oxnard; Genesis, Thousand Oaks and Ventura; and recent discussions with New Seasons, Port Hueneme. Shirley and Judy are doing a great job!

Anton C, Web Site Coordinator, is so much more than that with his maintaining the web site and making the content changes on a regular basis. He's truly a web site extraordinaire! His attention to the web site makes it a useful tool for outreach, communication, and information services for Ventura County. Thank you Anton.

Foster G, Treasurer, has diligently created a budget and we now have a prudent reserve for our Intergroup. He pays the bills on time, makes himself available to Service Board officers who might need an advance for outreach efforts, and offers love and guidance to our Alateens.

Public Information, Rafaella M and Darcy B, have placed CAL in several locations throughout Ventura County. The WSO Public Service Announcement (PSA) has aired on local

television three times with plans for much, much more later in the year...in English and Spanish. Yay!

Cooperating with Professional Community (CPC), Kay D, recently voted in unanimously, I might add, is forming a CPC committee and have someone from each of the Ventura County cities represented. Projects (large and small) can be planned throughout the next term – we are excited about CPC and Kay's being our trusted servant in this very important service position.

Alateen Representative, Jake L, has been involved with local Alateen coordination, encourages other Alateens to get involved in Intergroup, local round-ups, and conventions...coming up real soon is SCAC – Ventura County will be offering

scholarships to local Alateens and we expect a terrific participation this year. We are very grateful that Jake is willing to serve as Ventura County's Alateen Representative.

Mary M, Secretary, WOW! Mary is truly a blessing – her ability to keep us on track at the Intergroup meetings, prepare minutes, agendas, and reminding us to keep our records updated is a real miracle – she is truly amazing and we're grateful for her service to Intergroup.

Whew! Lots going on here in Ventura County and we hope to see you soon - thank you for allowing me to be of service. Rosanne S, Chair, Ventura County Intergroup Liaison - District 12

Convention Reports

SCAA 2006

Southern California A.A. Convention

With Al-Anon And Alateen Participation:

We are so excited about the planning that is going on for our Al-Anon portion of the So. Cal. Convention. We have launched our committees to do their utmost to make this convention a most pleasant, yet exciting event.

We receive no registration funds from the convention so it necessary for us to do a little fundraising. Our theme "Freedom Through Action" looks great on our t-shirts and ceramic mugs which will be available again at the August Committee meeting. We are also having a fundraising event on Saturday, August 20 at the Fullerton Senior Citizens Center from 6 pm until 10 pm, featuring a delicious Italian dinner, dancing, magic and great fellowship on "One Hot August Night". Tickets are \$20. A 50/50 drawing will also be held that night.

Let this be my personal invitation to attend the convention at the Town and Country Hotel in San Diego. Our luncheon speaker will be Maria S. from Los Angeles. We will have English and Spanish marathon meetings, Family Meeting, and other speaker meetings. Don't miss it.

See you in San Diego! ...Sept 22,23,24

Sandie E, Al-Anon Chair

AFG 2007

Al-Anon Family Groups Convention of Southern California

Greetings from your 2007 AFG Convention Chairperson

Just a short note to update World Service and members of Al-Anon and Alateen in general regarding our Al-Anon Family Groups 2007 Convention, March 30,31 & April 1, 2007.

Most of the committee positions have been filled. Our turnover meeting will be held in July (in Covina at the 502 Club), with our 2007 committee meetings starting in August.

Our meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Sunday of each month, and will be meeting at the Fullerton Senior Center in the Strickland Room.

We are looking forward to continuing the excitement and enthusiasm that we have seen for the last few years with our AFG conventions. Hope to see you all there!

Don B, 2007 AFG Convention Chair

District Representatives' Reports

No report from 4 Districts (11, 42, 63, 78) out of 30.

District 3

I hope you will join us August 25, 26 and 27, 2006 for the 22nd District AA convention with Al-Anon participation in San Luis Obispo. On Saturday our luncheon speaker will be Kathy H. from Cincinnati, Ohio. She will share her experience, strength and hope and her wonderful sense of humor. We will also be having Al-Anon meetings in Spanish.

On September 8, 9 and 10 Santa Maria will be having their 52nd District convention with Al-Anon participation. Join us for two great weekends of recovery!!

Julie R, DR District 3

District 6

I am Anita Johnson, acting DR for District 6, which is Bakersfield and surrounding areas, for the remainder of this year. Sue N, DR for the last 2 ½ years had to step down as she is moving out of the District.

We are looking for a new home for our answering machine. The person who has housed the machine for the last few years is moving and the machine can't go with her.

We also participated with AA in their annual Golden Empire Round Up. Pat C, a long time Al-Anon member was the luncheon speaker. Our participation was limited as the Al-Anon Convention Chair had health issues and the committee never got off the ground. We are getting ready to elect a new convention chair and form the new committee.

Respectfully submitted, Anita J, DR District 6

District 8

Hello from District Eight. I am Ashe C, District 8 DR.

District 8 (the Santa Barbara area) separated from District 11 (most of Ventura County) last year. Until that time we were our own Information Services within District 11. Now, as our own district, we are beginning the process of providing both district and information services under the single district umbrella.

After a two year hiatus we now again have an Alateen meeting in our area. Our challenge now is to spread the word in appropriate places so the teens can find it. We also continue our H&I services, meetings twice a month at Juvenile Hall and weekly at a local women' shelter.

Lastly for now, we have been distributing lots of the SadHouseFace bookmarks within the community, stamping our district contact info, both phone and web, on them prior to distribution.

Thanks for letting me be of service -Ashe.

District 9

Our main focus at this time is Alateen/SCAC and Public Outreach. Our SCAC Scholarship fund is way below what it was this time last year and we have asked all our GRs to push hard at their meetings for SCAC scholarship contributions.

Our sponsor certifications are way up. We currently have 21 certified "Al-Anons involved in Alateen Service" and 5 new applicants for purposes of the Santa Clarita Convention in October. They are not all currently sponsoring Alateen meetings but they are certified, so we are very pleased. We are constantly asking for more members to become certified.

Public Outreach: One of our Public Outreach coordinators was able to take a panel into Acton Rehab, the largest rehab in the country! It was a huge success and we are hoping to continue sending panels there.

The Antelope Valley Round-Up will be held June 23-25. The luncheon speaker is Barbara O. from WSO in Virginia Beach. I'm sure she'd love to see some old familiar faces if you can get there. The Third Annual Santa Clarita Convention of AA will be held October 20-22, 2006 at the Hyatt Hotel in Valencia. This is the first year we are having Alateen Participation. Please come out and support us! The Antelope Valley (Al-Anon) convention will be held in November.

LIS, Myra K., District 9

District 10

All is well in the Hi Desert. We have 11 meetings in our District, one of which is Barstow Preteen and Alateen. We have our District meeting every other month, with 10-12 Group Reps, 5-6 visitors, and the District Committee, so we have a nice group in attendance.

This month, May, we have asked the Group Reps to bring a list of 10 professional people's names in their area. We are going to send info to them along with a list of our local meetings.

We have 1 fundraiser in the year for our district, which is called Heart Talk, A Day in Al-Anon, usually right around Feb 14th each year. We had over 100 people in attendance, many from a lot of districts other than our own. Our speakers were very good and so was the food. It's always a delight to have the fellowship in our area, and to see all the visitors and newcomers come to the Hi Desert.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Gail N, District Rep #10

District 12

There is lots going on in our neighborhood. We have had a couple of workshops. After the wonderful SOS in January we helped to "pass it on" by having a February workshop on using The Service Manual. This was followed in March by our quarterly Alateen Sponsor Training. District 12 and the Ventura County Intergroup got together in April to throw a 55th birthday party for us. It was a very special Sunday with a potluck as only Al-Anons can produce followed by inspirational speakers and lots of fellowship. Our Institutions coordinators are bringing panels into new places and the Alateens are very much a part of this activity.

Our next adventure will be exploring ways for District 12 and our Ventura County Intergroup to work more efficiently to bring the message of hope and recovery to Ventura county. We have our first meeting in June to help shape our next step.

Thanks for the privilege of being of service to District 12. LIS Judith

District 17

District 17 has been working diligently on ensuring that every meeting in our district has a Group Representative or at least a contact person so that all of the meetings are in-the-loop regarding Al-Anon business. I made a roster of the 35 meetings in the district and labeled those that had representation. All of the GR's graciously offered to share the task of visiting those meetings that did not currently have representation. Since then, the number of GR's and contacts representing our district has nearly doubled. Our district had 12 GR's in attendance at the Assembly and I am proud to be representing District 17!

Thanks for letting me be of service!

Tarisa (Tari) R, District 17 Representative

District 21

Greetings from District 21!! We are very excited to have such a wonderful team on board to serve as Group Representatives in our area. We have had a great turn out at our last few district meetings and I am so grateful to all of the new GR's. They are all dedicated Al Anon members who are going to help make the next three years an exciting journey of growth and discovery. Tina S. is our alternate District Rep and she has lovingly offered her beautiful home as our district meeting place. And she loves up our group by providing us with delicious treats to nibble on. Andy B. who is an alternate GR volunteered to be our treasurer! Thank you Andy!!

Kay D. drove all the way from Ojai to Studio City to share service experience with us. She has great ideas on how to spread enthusiasm as a group and carry the message about Al Anon to the community. Thank you Kay!

I look forward to the wonderful projects that our district will become involved in. Things are changing around District 21! We are lucky to have such a rich variety of meetings to choose from. Just last month a new Russian Language Al-Anon meeting got started. So come by and visit us as you drive through the east end of the San Fernando Valley!

With love in service,

Holly H-G, DR for District 21

District 24

Aloha from District 24. We have been busy lately!

On April 24, 2006, at our district meeting, we discussed the agenda items for the May Assembly and discussed a Public Outreach project.

In May, we worked furiously to plan our annual speaker dinner.

On June 3, 2006, we held our 2nd annual District 24 Speaker Dinner. We started this event as a fundraiser to send as many Group Representatives to a Southwest Regional Service Seminar. We would like to support as many Group Representatives as possible to attend an RSS. Our speakers, Larcine and Butch G., were fantastic! It was a great evening of recovery. Thank you to all the Group Representatives and Al-Anon members who pitched in to be of service!

On June 24, 2006, we held our 1st RSS panel. A few of us who were fortunate to attend the SWRSS in Hawaii this past year shared for 10 minutes on our experience, strength and hope. We are encouraging all Group Representatives to schedule an RSS Panel for their meetings.

Additionally, our district has been a great supporter of the Southern California Alateen Conference (SCAC). All of our teens who want to attend will be able to attend. Also, several of our Alateen Sponsors will be at SCAC.

Our next District 24 meeting will be held August 28, 2006 at 7:00pm at the Montrose Church, 2409 Florencita, Montrose. All are welcome to join us!

Hope everyone is having a great summer!

Love in Service, Cynthia P.

District Representative for District 24

District 27

In order to prepare for the Assembly, we discussed at our May District meeting some background and our personal experiences related to the upcoming Old & New Business items on the Agenda for the Assembly.

We currently have 3 Pre-teen meetings and no Alateen meetings in District 27, so our GRs are asking within their groups if there are any Alateens or potential Alateens living within D27 who would like to go to SCAC. (Pre-teens are too young to attend SCAC.) Unused contributions gathered by groups in D27 for SCAC scholarships will be brought to the last-chance picnic.

The District 27 Round Robin will be held Sat Oct 7, 2006 at the church at Wilshire Blvd & Warner Ave in Westwood (same address as our District meetings). This is one week before the SCWS Alateen Sponsor Workshop.

Grateful for this service opportunity,

Elizabeth K, DR for District 27

District 30

As recently elected District Rep, we are busy increasing the number of Group Reps in District 30. Within 5 months, we added 5 new reps by visiting meetings without representation. We are generating enthusiasm for service. An Alathon is scheduled for Oct 28. More details to follow.

GRs attended the Assembly in May. Alternate GR Trish attended the Membership Communications Action Committee and found it valuable and useful in learning about website improvements and upcoming chat room. DR Maria attended Public Outreach and brought back information to the group to

formalize a plan for the near future to carry the Al-Anon message. As new District Rep, I am willing to listen and learn, create a comfortable meeting place and continue sharing our experience, strength and hope in service.

Hugs in Service - Maria L G

District 33

Greetings from District 33.!!!

Time is flying by. We just had our yearly Al-Athon in June and once again it was wonderful. Many new faces, persons never attending this event before and plenty of new Al-Anon members getting their feet wet outside their regular meeting rooms. That is what it is all about. A safe place to hear experience strength and hope through speakers, leaders and participants. Also a way to make some money for future District 33 outreach. Anyone who attended had a delicious lunch and lunchtime entertainment that was absolutely the best. Al-Anon is a safe place to learn about who you are and what you like to do....Avenues to learn are provided. we just need to say "Yes" when asked. Suit up and show up. Do not miss out.....

We have already had 6 meetings since our terms have begun and the energy is growing each time. We are carrying the message to all the meetings in our district through our fabulous newsletter and each of our district group reps doing personal visits to meet and greet. Also, we are taking along a packet with all the necessary forms each meeting needs to stay current and updated in 2006. It is all about energy and enthusiasm. We all carry the message. We have been collecting SCAC monies and look forward to helping out the teens in District 33. More on that next time.

We are all passing out literature in the schools, libraries, bookstores and professional places we visit. We report back monthly on where we went and the responses we may have gotten. Most of these are "Anonymous drops". We are looking into one if not two different institutions to carry the message in our District. The footwork on that is beginning. Progress not perfection in this area. It is not easy to get these started as you all know and sometimes harder to get volunteers to lead the meetings regularly at the facilities. Our H&I person often says "Expect a miracle". I expect that we will all do the best we can. Good stuff will come from that. I, like all of you, love the opportunity I get to share the message. District 33 group reps are of service to give back what they have been so freely given. Thank you all for leading the way,

Love in service, Kathy G. District 33 D.R.

District 36

All is well in our corner of the world. Meetings are donating to the phone service that is in the telephone directories that covers Ontario, Upland, Ranch Cucamonga, Alta Loma, Cucamonga, Etiwanda, Mt Baldy portions of Mira Loma, Montclair and Greater Pomona Valley. The charge has gone from \$64.00 to \$104.00 but we have made a commitment and we are all eager to reach families and friends who are affected by Alcoholism. The phone number is connected to the WSO from 6:00 am to 3:00 pm their time. Toll free number is 1-800-425-2666. We also have a SCAC fund for our Alateens soon to be Al-Anons. We only have one Alateen meeting but it is going strong.

We will be supporting the June 3rd "Casino Night" event with Bob L as the speaker and then ~ let the games begin. This is a fun fund raiser for the Inland Empire Service Center which

keeps Al-Anon alive in our area. Come join us. Today is the last day you can get \$40.00 's worth of chips for \$15.00. Check out the flyers we've passed around and come have some fun. Live band, raffles, etc., etc., etc.

Thanks for letting me be of service... and having fun doing it.
Jay

District 39

District 39 met on Thursday, June 1, 2006, for our regular GR meeting. Mary M., SCWS Delegate, and Amanda C., SCWS Public Outreach Coordinator, visited our meeting. We discussed the May Assembly. Most of our GR's did not receive an agenda for the Assembly until the week after.

Our District is in the planning stages of forming a District Outreach Committee. In the meantime individual meetings are encouraged to do an outreach project of their choice. We are also looking for an Alateen Liaison Coordinator with the hope of more support for Alateen within our District. District 39 is hosting A Day In Al-Anon on Saturday, September 16, 2006, from 9:00am to 2:00pm, at The River Church in Redlands. The theme is Fun, Fellowship and Entertainment.

—Carolyn S., DR

District 40

Hello everyone. District 40 has been very busy in the last couple of months. We had our Spring Fling Luncheon fundraiser and had wonderful speakers, great food and much needed fellowship. It was a lot of fun. We were able to donate lots more money to our local service center to help with all the great work they do for all of us. It seems to get better every year. Along with our Spring Fling we also were able to put an awesome calendar together as another fundraiser. I will be sure to bring some at the next committee meeting in Fullerton August 19th. Looking forward to seeing you.

Serving with a smile, Anne

District 45

We have a new Alateen Liaison for our District – Matt – yippee!! I will get his contact information to both the Area Group Records and Alateen coordinators.

Our District voted to participate in some Public Outreach activity. We purchased \$1000 of literature and distributed it to various facilities, i.e., libraries, schools, laundry mats, mental health facilities, etc. We even had one of our members donate some books to a Thrift store. She went back the following week and found that all of the books had been purchased!

The Group Representatives are actively requesting donations from their meetings to support SCAC in the way of scholarships and transportation expense. Our plan is to assist with the cost of renting a bus, as it did last year, to transport many of the kids and the sponsors to SCAC. This is something that we did last year, in conjunction with District 27.

Gratefully submitted, Cathy W

District 48

Our last event held on March 4, was an inspiration for all who attended as well as for the speaker who participated. I personally give thanks again to all the GR's who made the event possible.

The District will host a sponsor workshop on Monday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m., in Huntington Park Recreation Center (3401 E. Florence Ave in Huntington Park).

A school of the area has request information about the program. A Public Information meeting is pending in the near future for the purpose of carrying the message of Al-Anon.

This coming June, the District will have elections for a new treasurer. Our current treasurer's 3-year term is up. Thanks to Francisca R for the outstanding service.

We continue reaching out to the groups around the area to attend the District's meetings. As a result, we had one new GR.

Thanks for allowing me to serve, Julia T.

District 51

Hello from District 51. We meet on the second Saturday of every other month. At present we are working on our 8th Annual Alathon, to be held on Oct. 7, 2006. On March 2nd one of our meetings held a candle light meeting in honor of Lois's birthday, we also handed out literature to be left ("remember to forget") on March 4th. On May 6th, 2006, we had our first Forum writing workshop. We had a good turn out. All stories were sent to the Forum, hoping that at least one will be published in future issues. We are now working on having a 4th Step Workshop. We are planning on having it during the month of March 2007. The workshop will be held on four Saturdays in a row, for about 3-4 hours each. Everyone is welcome. Look for the dates and times at a later date.

Love in service, Emily L District 51

District 54

Greetings from District 54. Our recent Public Outreach efforts to 18 libraries in the community were so successful that it triggered additional requests for literature. The Domestic Violence Program in the City of Redondo will be supplied with "understanding Ourselves" pamphlets. The Al-Anon panel, who leads monthly Al-Anon meetings at the House of Hope, will receive literature to carry the message to family members of the recovery center in San Pedro. Thank you Christy R. and Terri L. for your enthusiasm with the Public Outreach commitment! Thank you to Chris T., our Alathon Chairperson and Denise L., Co-Chairperson for making our annual Alathon (held in March) a day full of Al-Anon recovery, fun and fellowship!

A very grateful member of service,
Roxanne S, District 54 Rep.

District 57

District 57 continues our journey. We held our last District meeting on April 21, 2006.

At this meeting we elected our new Alternate DR, Sandy P. Thanks, Sandy!

We decided to set a focus for our District Meetings by choosing a theme. We all agreed that we need to carry the message of the importance and gifts of group service to our meetings. At our July District meeting, we plan to have a workshop to further develop our theme and identify actions.

I am also very excited that several groups in our District have raised funds for SCAC scholarships. We will be able to provide support for every teen in District 57 that wishes to go to SCAC. It's fulfilling to see the partnership grow between our Al-Anon and Alateen groups.

In love and service, Adrienne K, DR District 57

District 60

Greetings from District 60! Currently our District has been doing our public outreach project with Al-Anon books and bookmarks to the public libraries in our area. Our District members really enjoy doing the outreach projects and it promotes great unity for us as a group! We also enjoyed making the love gifts for our Delegate at the Conference.

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Celeste B, District 60 rep.

District 64 (en español)

Hola a todos,

Nosotros en el Distrito 64, estamos muy contentos por haber tenido con nosotros a la Sra. Dolores T, de la Oficina del Servicio Mundial, "Directora de Servicios a los Grupos" en nuestro 14vo. Aniversario en el mes de Mayo, y nos presento las 5 Garantías de Al-Anon en una forma divertida y entendible para nosotros.

El Distrito 64 tiene vacante el servicio de RD Alterna, por lo que las RGs, se estan preparando a levantar su mano en la proxima junta de Julio 8/ 2006, tambien tendremos como invitada especial a Kary L. con el tema de la " Septima Tradicion.

Bueno, seguimos muy ocupados entregando los libros, " Como Al-Anon Ayuda a los Familiares y Amigos de los Alcoholicos" en Espanol, a las librerias del area, la proxima sera el Condado de Orange County.

En Junio 17 tubimos el segundo taller de Conceptos. Los Conceptos del cuatro al seis fueron estudiados.

Con Amor en Servicio, Rosalba R DR. Dist.64.

District 64 (en ingles)

Hello everyone. We in District 64 are full of joy to have had with us Dolores T. from WSO, Associate Director of Group Services, at our 14th Anniversary celebration in the past month of May. She presented the 5 Guaranties of Al-Anon in a fun and informative way.

District 64 has an open service position for Alt.DR. Therefore, the GR's are getting ready to raise their hand in the next District meeting, on July 8th, 2006. On that day, we'll also have Kary L. as a special speaker, with the topic "Seventh Tradition".

Willingly, we continue to be very busy delivering books "How Al-Anon Works for Families and Friends of Alcoholics" in Spanish to the libraries in the area. The next area to receive books will be Orange County.

On June 17 we had our second workshop on the Concepts. Concepts Four through Six were completed.

With Love in Service, Rosalba R, DR Dist. 64

District 66

Greetings from District 66. Our newly formed Outreach Committee is up and running and working diligently on some creative new ways to carry the message to our community. Our treasury is healthy and this has enabled us to make a nice donation to SCAC for scholarships. We're blessed to have not one but two Alateen Coordinators in the district, so we're definitely focused on our Alateens. We're asking our existing Al-anon meetings if their locations might support an

Alateen meeting. As we locate these meeting spaces, we'll approach the Al-anons about the possibility of starting an Alateen meeting.

The District is growing. We had 22 GRs and 3 Alt's at the last Assembly. While this is exciting, we're concerned that we may be growing too large to be effective. So, we are dialoging at our district meetings about the feasibility and wisdom of splitting the district. Our primary mission is to provide information to our meetings and provide a voice for them as well. At this point, we're evaluating the service we are providing. Geographically, the district is long and narrow (Coastal Cities) and with the price of gasoline, travel now is becoming an issue. We may move our district meeting from the current location (northern part of the district) to a more central location. This is still in the discussion stage as well.

In summary, we're doing the business of carrying the message, we're receiving great financial support, our attendance at district meetings is up. New Al-anon meetings are forming and existing meetings are recruiting GR's and Alt's. Going forward, we would love to see more Alateen and pre-teen meetings.

Respectfully, Garry L. Dist-66

District 69

Hello from District 69. Our district is gaining energy and participation and we hope the momentum just keeps going!

We are happy to report that our two Alateen meetings are moving along and that we have the possibility of a third starting up. It has been a bumpy ride, but, as usual, a growth experience. Our fundraising pancake breakfast for Alateen was a great success and we are hoping to use the proceeds for SCAC scholarships.

We are discussing starting a monthly District speaker's meeting. It would provide an opportunity to hear experience, strength and hope on a monthly basis as a gift from the District to the groups. Will keep you posted.

That's it for now from District 69. Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Kitty R, DR

District 72

D72 is signed on and committed to our long timers tea, Jul. 29, 2006 and our 2006 fall service forum, Oct. 28, 2006. More details will be provided later.

We are ordering 400 copies of the new magazine, "Al-anon Faces Alcoholism" for September/October. These will be distributed through the GR's to their groups as part of our on-going outreach program to professionals.

We have three Alateen groups in our District, with a fourth one currently being re-instated. Response to Alateen sponsorship in Dist. 72 has been outstanding with more than we can place at this time.

District 72 meets every 4th Saturday of the month, at 10:00 am at Atonement Lutheran Church in Spring Valley, CA. All Al-Anon members are welcome to attend our meetings.

Our new "gang" of GR's are looking forward to their first Assembly with great enthusiasm and wisdom. Thank you Marge V. for your encouragement and support.

With recovery through service, Bernie S, DR.

District 75

Hi all, Here are some of the most important things going on in District 75 San Diego (central).

DR change: Anne J. stepped down as DR on March 4th due to her work schedule and I stepped in to finish her term.

Outreach Project committee report. Books, like *Courage to Change*, *How Al-Anon Works*, *Living Today in Alateen*, and pamphlets have been donated to institutions such as the Polinsky Center, Rachel's and St. Vincent de Paul's to help support recovery libraries and aid their meetings. The total spent was \$380.00. Literature was also distributed to five high schools. We will follow up in 6 months to see how the literature has been used and which pamphlets were most popular. I submitted an article describing the project to the Intercom. It was published in the January issue. We have received a lot of positive feedback from people who read the article. We want to write and submit an article about the project to the Forum.

Annual fundraising event: Marion has agreed to chair the annual fundraiser. It is scheduled for Sat. Sept. 30th.

GR Outreach: We currently have 9 GRs in a district with 44 meetings. So we are in the process of attracting new GRs. We have a committee of three working on a welcome memo, collating materials to give new GRs and visiting the groups. So far we have attracted 3 new GRs: two of whom are attending the Fullerton assembly this May. Jayme Parker has been super helpful in updating our records.

Alateen: Our Alateen Liaison has found it challenging to keep up with the duties of the position, so we have formed a committee of three to work on Alateen issues in our district. We have significant communication problems right now and hopefully this will improve with the committee structure. Perhaps other districts are experiencing this also with all the changes in Alateen.

All in all, we are growing and becoming more organized and we have a good spirit.

Love in Service, Louise K., District Rep, 75

Q2: As a District Representative how do I get GRs from my District to join me in going to Assembly when we have to drive over 300 miles roundtrip and they don't want to go to "LA".

A2: Refer to the Group Rep. Guidelines (G-11 – can be obtained from the WSO website) – it states the GR's duties including attending Area Assembly meetings. Attending the twice-annual Area Assembly meeting is one of the items on the Group Representative's job description on p.109 of the Service Manual. You could also hold a training session for GRs using the information from the Service Manual and Guidelines.

Q3: Can you put the mileage reimbursement form in the Bulletin to eliminate confusion and time spent?

A3: (From Area Treasurer) No, because mileage and other reimbursements are for the trusted servants of SCWS, I prefer to keep those forms available only at the SCWS Area Assembly and Committee meetings.

Q4: One of our meetings that meets at a local church has been asked by the church for some liability insurance. What are our options, if any?

A4: There is nothing in the Service Manual that addresses this issue other than Tradition 4 "Each group should be autonomous, except in matters affecting another group or Al-Anon or AA as a whole. Some suggestions are as follows:

1. Ask the church if they can have a rider on their policy or
2. Ask the church officials if they can include a "hold harmless clause" for the Al-Anon meeting in their policy
3. Obtain quotes for purchasing your own policy.
4. Move to another location.

Q5: Can a DR be involved in Alateen without being qualified? [note: We assume this member means "certified".]

A5: Any Al-Anon member (including a DR) who wishes to be of service to Alateen in any way must meet the requirements as outlined in the Alateen Safety Requirements and be certified.

Q6: I need better clarification as to who is authorized at the District level to certify or sign off for Alateen sponsors.

A6: The SCWS Minimum Safety and Behavioral Requirements for Alateen Group, Alateen Sponsors, and Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service states, "The two signed forms must be submitted to Southern California World Service Alateen Sponsor Coordinator or other designated individual by the local District Alateen Liaison or District Representative, if there is one...." (p.2, #2.)

Q7: Why doesn't a DR have to be certified? Don't they have to deal with Alateen in their position, especially if they have Alateen GRs?

A7: Neither the Service Manual nor the Area Safety and Behavior Requirements list certification as a prerequisite for the District Representative. However, because of the fact that there may be Alateen GRs and the DR may be called upon to have direct contact with the Alateens in their district, he/she should consider certification. There may be more specific information about this in the near future.

Ask-It Basket Questions

ASK IT BASKET
May 20, 2006

Q1: Can a group open a checking or savings account as a non-profit organization?

A1: Non-profit status is awarded to organizations and/or corporations which meet specific requirements. Please see pp 93-95 in the Service Manual re: Incorporation of WSO, Assemblies, Intergroup. Individual groups usually do not incorporate; incorporating is done by businesses to protect physical assets, including office equipment. A checking account may be opened using one member's information. As there is no interest earned, that member will not have any tax ramifications.

Q8: As an Alateen sponsor, I brought an idea to the Al-Anon meeting that meets at the same time as the Alateen meeting. I asked the Al-Anon meeting to make an announcement for parents to pick up their Alateens soon after the meeting because the church has received complaints from neighbors of loud talking, trespassing and trash. In recommending this announcement, the Alateens voted me out as an Alateen Sponsor saying that I violated the Traditions by "trying to govern." Did I break the Traditions, or was I acting as a trusted servant? Could I have handled this differently?

A8: According to the first part in Tradition One, our common welfare should come first; apparently that is what your intention was when notifying the parents. Neighbors' complaints can lead to a meeting being discontinued. As an Alateen Group Sponsor, the safety and appropriate behavior of Alateens is one's concern. However, in order to build trust, it is important to maintain open discussion of such issues with the Alateens at the meeting. Perhaps this type of situation may be addressed in one of the Alateen CAL reading materials; there is no reference to this in the Service Manual.

Q9: I would like guidelines on the appropriate means for handling contributions and scholarships for Southern California Alateen Conference. Specifically: **1.** Is it appropriate for the District treasurers or individuals to collect the funds? **2.** Is SCAC part of Al-Anon, Alateen or is it an outside function? I ask only because this is a major controversy every year.

A9: **1.** According to the Service Manual on p.51, Financial Policy, "the group does not provide financial aid to members in need. Individual are free to help others in need as they choose." Many times, in order to coordinate the donations from the individual members of the meetings within a District, the District Treasurer or its Alateen Liaison keeps the donation and then forwards it to the SCAC committee. Group funds are to be used for group purposes only, not for personal gifts to members (p. 79 in the Service Manual). **2.** SCAC is a "stand on its own" function as is any other convention even though it is recognized by the SCWS and its Chairperson becomes a member of the SCWS Committee. SCAC is the annual conference of Southern California Alateens. Alateen IS Al-Anon and its conference does not limit participation of Alateen members because of geography.

Q10: Can a GR be absent for 6 months and then come back and say, "I am the GR."

A10: Please refer to Tradition Four. Such a decision is up to the autonomy of the group. Part of the GR's responsibility is to represent his/her group at the District as well as the Area level. If the GR is not attending these meetings, nor bringing back information to the group and vice-versa, the GR is not keeping up with the most basic of responsibilities to the group. On page 124 of the Service Manual it states, "If the GR resigns or proves to be inactive, the Alternate completes the term." Refer to Concept 9 also, (p. 171, SM), which states, "Good personal leadership at all service levels is a necessity."

Q11: Our meetings use a blue sign-in sheet on which we write our names and note expenditures and collections. Originally members listed their phone numbers on the sheet. Now, however, we have separate phone lists. People sign their names on the list and tend not to look at other announcements clipped underneath them. Have other groups stopped using this sign-in sheet? Have groups considered the question and decided to keep using it?

A11: Page 26 of the Service Manual has suggestions of duties for the Group's Secretary (including: keep an up to date list of members and their telephone numbers) and on page 27 there is an outline for the Treasurer's duties (including: keeps a record of all receipts and expenditures).

Q12: Are we going to discuss the article from the Forum magazine, "I Felt Abandoned" at this meeting?

A12: The agenda for each Assembly is set up prior to each meeting and in order to accomplish the business that must be addressed, we adhere to the agenda as presented in the Bulletin as closely as possible. There are several sharings about high-pressure groups in the May, 2006 Forum and also look for replies on the WSO website (www.al-anon.org/members). Many people asked about this Forum article and it appears it is a topic that many people want to discuss. Next year's Sharing of Service (SOS) will incorporate many of the topics discussed as reported in the Conference Summary. One of those topics for discussion will be about high-pressure groups and controlling sponsorship, and it is hoped that those who attend that workshop will have the opportunity to discuss this topic.

Q13: How is Al-Anon's time counted? Is it from the first meeting? If someone leaves meetings for 2 or 5 years, do they start over?

A13: There is nothing in any of our CAL that addresses this. This is the personal choice of the individual in question, it is wise to confer with one's sponsor before making the decision.

Q14: Can a GR appoint an Alternate GR?

A14: See Service Manual p. 124, which says that the alternate group representative is elected by the group/meeting.

Q15: As the group rep, how do I respond to a long-time member who says that having members fill out the Group Inventory form (G-8), would just open up a "whole can of worms."

A15: If doing an inventory would open a "whole can of worms," then it's definitely time to do one! Al-Anon Guideline (G8) says, "Taking a periodic group inventory helps keep your group healthy and invigorated. Members use the inventory to discuss new service opportunities and address major or minor concerns before the group's unity is disrupted." Also, the group conscience should decide to hold this inventory, not a long-time member.

Q16: *Is it possible to get the agenda for Assembly meetings to the Group Representatives sooner so items can be more thoroughly addressed by the group?*

A16: The Assembly agenda is formulated at the Committee Meeting preceding it. (The committee consists of officers, coordinators, district representatives, information service reps., and convention chairs.) The setting of the Assembly agenda is the purpose of the Committee. District Representatives may bring the proposed agenda items back to their districts and help the Group Representatives understand each issue. The formal agenda is printed in the Bulletin preceding each Assembly.

Q17: *When giving my report to my group as a GR, another member who is a GR for another group talks over me to fill in any gaps she feels I've left out. How can I handle this with love?*

A17: The best way to resolve this is to talk about it. As its GR, you are the group's trusted servant trying to do your best. Ask the other GR to meet with you after the meeting to inform you if you have missed anything, if so, you will announce it next week.

Q18: *Why does it take so long to resolve issues in Assembly? When I was group rep last year, we were voting on PRAASA. Why? When we vote and pass or not pass something, why do we vote again and again?*

A18: According to Concept 5, "The right of appeal and petition protect minorities and insure that they be heard". This allows the pros and cons to be heard – it is often said that decision making, within the AI-Anon service arms, takes a long time. At the World Service Conference, Delegates often face motions that have surfaced time and time again that may need further clarification. If a motion is unclear, the usual procedure is to defeat that motion and make another. When no decision can be made, or it seems that the issue would take over its share of time, the motion can then be tabled. This is what happened with the PRAASA motion. The ad hoc committee on PRAASA has prepared its recommendations and will present them to the SCWS Committee in August:

Q19: *Re: PRAASA—can we vote on item A.1 and B. combined?*

A19: The motion is voted on as proposed by the GR making the motion - unless it is amended.

Q20: *Has there been a change in Conference Approved Literature (CAL) to include the AA Big Book? Some old timers claim it is OK in meetings to refer to the Big Book, saying that is what AI-Anon springs from.*

A20: No. Under "Outside Publications" at the bottom of page 85 in the Service Manual, it states, "In the spirit of unity, it is suggested that only AI-Anon and Alateen Conference Approved Literature be used and displayed at meetings. It is well to remember that all AA literature is written for and from the viewpoint of alcoholics and is not AI-Anon and Alateen Conference Approved Literature. Reliance on opinions expressed in AA and other publications can distort the AI-Anon approach, particularly for the newcomer." Also, in the middle of page 86 it states, "It is ignoring Traditions to promote

the sale of outside literature". By promoting the AA Big Book we are not remaining "self-supporting".

Q21: *Many groups are not contributing to World Service Office right now because they feel the WSO has misappropriated funds. They are also withholding the appeal letter because they feel strong about this topic. 1. Is this act against the Traditions? 2. Is it time to form a committee to discuss this ongoing issue?*

A21: Tradition 1 addresses unity and our common welfare. Tradition 12 reminds us to place principles above personalities. The "Three Obstacles to Success in AI-Anon" encourages us to avoid gossip and to talk to each other to reason things out. **Therefore, it would be good to talk openly with our Delegate if you have concerns regarding withholding funds from WSO.** It is important to gather the facts from those who have the knowledge. If the quarterly Appeal Letter is being withheld from the group, it is depriving the individual member from making their own individual contribution.

Q22: *What can a group do about a member who is reluctant to give specific parts of a service commitment long after their term is up? The context is that this person is of service in many meetings in several capacities and continues to have their home address as the contact to WSO, etc.*

A22: Using the principle of rotation of leadership, the group has the right to appoint someone else to be the Current Mailing Address (CMA). Many groups choose to establish the GR as the CMA as their term is for 3 years. The group Secretary should fill out the registration change form and send to WSO and SCWS.

Q23: *Mi grupo quiere saber que se necesita para ser un RG y alterna.*

Q23: *My group wants to know the requirements to be a GR and GR alternative.*

A23: En el Manual de Servicio paginas # 132-133-134-135, describe los deberes de un RG como eslabon vital en el funcionamiento continuo, crecimiento y unidad de AI-Anon en el mundo, El RG es la voz del grupo, vota en los asuntos de las Asambleas, participa en la eleccion del Representante de Distrito, Delegado de area y oficiales del Servicio Mundial Sur de California. Al no tener RG se priva el grupo de estas oportunidades. Un RG alterno es electo para cubrir al RG en sus funciones.

A23: Pages 132-135 of the Service Manual describes the duties of the GR as a vital link in the continuing function, growth and unity of world AI-Anon. The GR is the voice of the meeting, votes on issues at Assemblies, participates in the election of the District Representative, the Area Delegate and officers of SCWS. Not having a GR deprives a group of these opportunities. An Alternate GR is elected to cover for the GR in the event that he/she cannot attend all functions.

Q24: *Puede un pasado RD en la junta de distrito tomar la palabra y quitar la agenda del RD presente?*

Q24: *Can a past DR take away the agenda of the present DR?*

A24: Mirar la pregunta # 25. La rotacion de liderazgo es importante aqui, el nuevo RD necesita tener la oportunidad de aprender y crecer como la tuvo el pasado RD. La mejor manea de tratar estos asuntos es la comunicacion con la persona envuelta. Se recuerda que la 1ra y 2da. Tradicion, aplicada aqui, nos regresa a la solucion ESPIRITUAL del problema.

A24: See answer to Q. 25. Rotation of leadership is important here. The new DR needs to have the opportunity to learn and grow just as the past DR did. The best way to deal with most issues is to communicate with the person involved. Remembering that the 1st and 2nd Traditions apply here bring a SPIRITUAL solution to a group problem.

Q25: *Can a past DR come to a District meeting and take the group's inventory and also take over the present DR's agenda?*

A25: When you're done, you're done. Concept Ten refers to "service responsibility is balanced by carefully defined service authority and double-headed management is avoided". It is important to remember the principle of rotation of leadership. The new DR is elected by the GRs of the district and is a trusted servant who is learning and doing the best he/she can. Speak with the former DR, asking that these interruptions stop and if there is a problem, bring it to the District's group conscience. No one is in authority over another.

Q26: *We are dealing with a controlling, micro-managing DR controlling the floor on issues.*

A26: The language of Concept Nine can help us identify the qualities that our leaders should possess and members of the group need to be aware of these as they choose their trusted servants. Tradition 1 says that our common welfare comes first; and Tradition 2 states that we do not govern, that God is the only authority. If the group is unhappy with the DR, they should speak to him/her or call a group conscience to discuss this at a District Meeting.

Q27: *We are often reminded about who has voice and who has vote at Assembly and Committee meetings. A topic was brought up at the last Committee meeting by an Al-Anon member who did not have voice. Shouldn't the Committee decide on whether or not they want to do that? Doesn't this set a precedent that our officers can decide to ignore the by-laws?*

A27: This is not stipulated in the By-laws; the determination on who has voice and/or vote was established during past years by the Area Assembly via motions and voted on by the GRs, thus making it policy. (These motions are listed on the SCWS website.) This may be answered in the text of Concept 5 in the Service Manual in the discussion of our Right of Appeal. The gist of the text of Concept 5 is that "a person may petition for the redress of a personal grievance, carrying his complaint, if desired, directly to the Board of Trustees (in our case, the SCWS Board members). He should be able to do this without prejudice or fear of reprisal."

Q28: *Does Al-Anon have a standard statement explaining what cross talk is? Is it appropriate for a group conscience to use language like this: "Cross talk is defined as talking directly to*

or directly about another group member." What should our group bear in mind when taking a group conscience about this statement?

A28: There is not a standard definition. "Cross Talk" is not included in the Service Manual index. Occasionally, it is referred to in individual sharing in the Forum publication. If your group wants to use the statement you referenced, it can by group conscience, although the language may be more specific.

Q29: *Is it acceptable within a meeting when someone is sharing to have a listener comment simultaneously, such as "that's right", etc. Would this be something that can or should be addressed by the GRs?*

A29: This could be brought up at a group inventory. It is simply within the group's autonomy as to the conduct of its members.

Q30: *Can a person who has admitted that they are alcoholic and says they no longer attend AA meetings be a Group Representative. Does the dual member policy that is in the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual have to be upheld by the District Rep.?*

A30: The language in this section says that an Al-Anon/Alateen member who is also a member of AA is not eligible to serve as GR. Assuming that the person is working an honest Al-Anon program, it is up to that individual's conscience to make the decision as to whether or not (s)he qualifies to be a GR. Yes, in order to be an example of being of service, a DR adheres to the Service Manual's suggested policies to the best of his/her knowledge.

Alateen Sponsor Workshop

Alateen Sponsors' Workshop

Last month we had a very well attended and successful Alateen Sponsor Workshop. Kudos to Elizabeth K, Cynthia P and Gordon A. for organizing the event. We had over 50 attendees.

General issues discussed were:

- Process involved in the certification of Alateen meetings and new sponsors
- Attracting more kids to Alateen
- Soliciting more sponsors for Alateen meetings
- Dealing with the lack of funds to buy literature for new and some old meetings
- Inducing more adults in Al-Anon to support SCAC

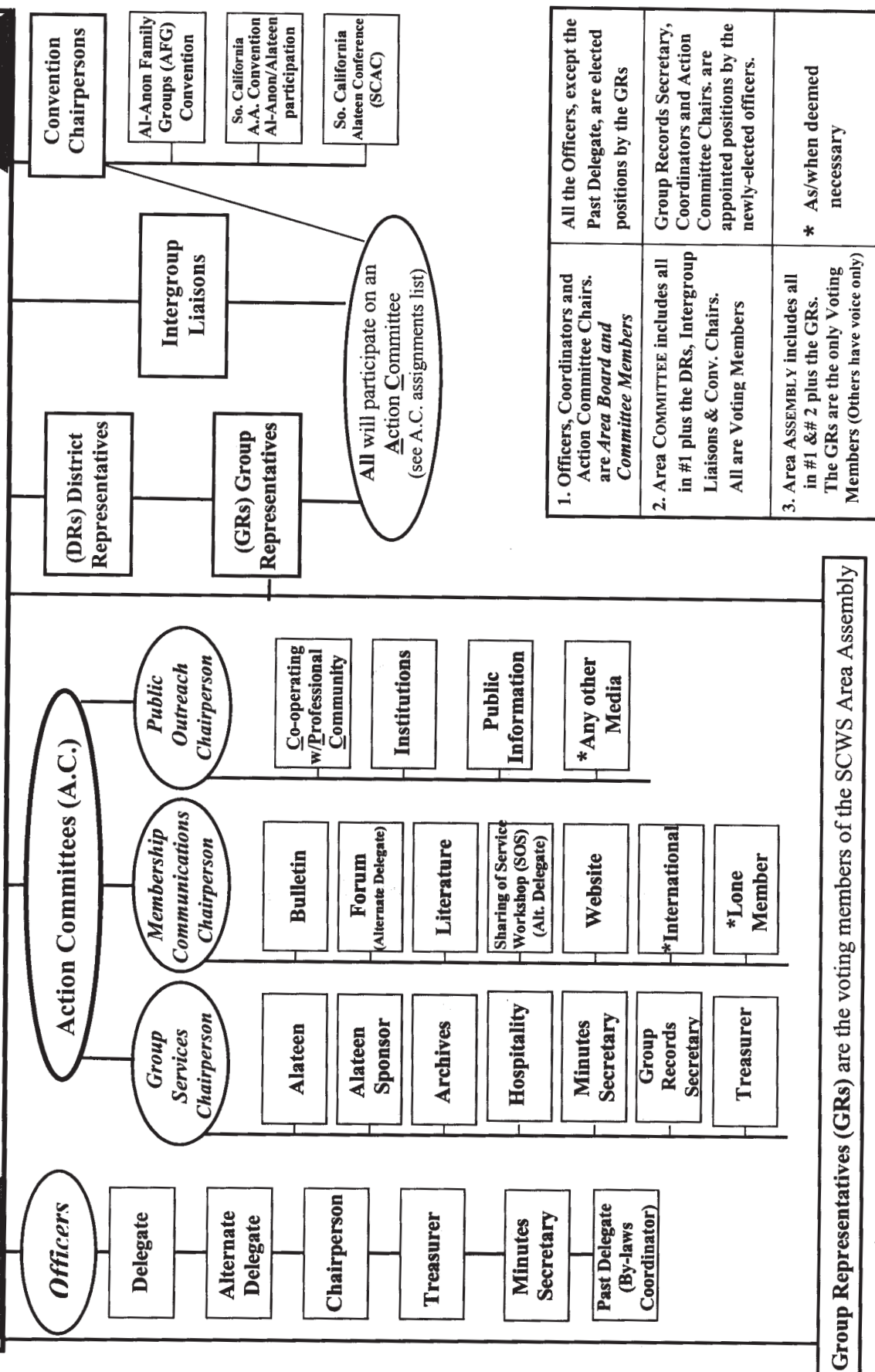
Other topics included:

- How to avoid the dreaded 'open topic' meetings by finding creative ways to have topics for discussion (e.g., topic jar, reading from daily reader, Alateen Talk, etc.)
- How to deal with tardy parents who are late in picking up their kids
- Younger children (under age 10) in groups that included teenagers
- How to deal with kids who complain of sexual or physical abuse at home

We had panel participants who gave valuable insights on their experiences as Alateen sponsors.

--Ajit S, Alateen Sponsor Coordinator

Southern California World Service (SCWS) – Area #4



SCWS Group Registration

Form

***for Alateen changes, please use separate Alateen form*

New Registration? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure If Registered Date _____

WSO ID# _____

District # _____

Area 04

Changes: ☐ Group Rep (GR) ☐ Alt.Group Rep (AGR) ☐ Contact

(circle all

that apply)

☐ Meeting Day

☐ Meeting Time

☐ Meeting Location

☐ Disbanded Meeting

Meeting Information

Group Name _____

Meeting Day Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa Meeting Time _____ ☐ AM ☐ PM

Meeting Location _____ City/Zip _____

Current Mailing Address (CMA) -- All group mail will be sent to this address

Name _____ This person is the: ☐ GR ☐ Alt.GR ☐ Contact

Street/PO Box _____

City/Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail (opt.) _____

Additional Meeting Contact (Optional)

Name _____ This person is the: ☐ Alt.GR ☐ Contact

Street/PO Box _____

City/Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail (opt.) _____

Changes to: District Officers / Intergroup Liaisons / Convention Chairs

Name _____

Street/PO Box _____

City/Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail (opt.) _____

This person is the: ☐ District Rep ☐ Alt. District Rep ☐ Coord. for _____
(Alateen, PI, CPC, etc)

☐ Intergroup Liaison for _____ ☐ Convention Chair for _____

Send to: SCWS Group Records Coordinator (01/06 to 12/08)
Jayme P, Group Records Secretary, PO Box 350, North Hollywood, CA 91603 *

SCWS Group Contributions Form

Please Print

(For use during the term 1/1/06 - 12/31/08)

___ Al-Anon ___ Alateen Group Name _____ District # _____

Group City _____ Day _____ Time _____

WSO ID# _____

Contribution Enclosed _____

Group Address _____

Submitted by: Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ City/Zip _____

Please Note: The WSO ID number is on the mailing label of the Bulletin.

Make check or money order payable to: SCWS

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 66 Garry L.
 69 Kitty R.
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 75 Louise K.
 78 No DR

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL TRUSTEE

Winnie S.

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Names of Past Delegates from Panels 1,10,16,22 are not available.			
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Norris R.			7
Elsie Q.			13
Pat R.			19
Bob L.			25
Hester B.			28
Joyce K.			31
Kary L.			34
Rita M.			34
Willie W.			37
Kay D.			40

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Acronyms used in Al-Anon/Alateen

AFG - Al-Anon Family Group(s)	NPIC - National Public Information Canada
AIB - Ask It Basket	PFA - Publications Francaises Al-Anon (Canada)
AIS - Al-Anon Information Service	PI - Public Information
AWSA – Area World Service Assembly	PO - Public Outreach
AWSC – Area World Service Committee	PSA - Public Service Announcement
CAL - Conference Approved Literature	RSS - Regional Service Seminar
CAT - Conference Approved Tapes	RT - Regional Trustee
CMA - Current Mailing Address	SCAC - Southern California Alateen Conference
CPC - Cooperating with the Professional Community	SCWS - Southern California World Service
DR - District Representative	SOS - Sharing Of Service
GR - Group Representative (WS)	SWRDM –Southwest Region Delegates' Meeting
GSO - General Service Office	SWRSS – Southwest Region Service Seminar
(Countries other than U.S. & Canada)	SWRT - Southwest Regional Trustee
H & I - Hospitals & Institutions	TAL - Trustee At Large
IAGSM - International Al-Anon General Service Meeting	WS - World Service
IR / ISR - Intergroup Representative /Information Service Rep.	WSC - World Service Conference
LDC - Literature Distribution Center	WSO - World Service Office
LRSP - Long Range Study Panel	Revised August - 2004

Who has Voice and/or Vote?

Area World Service

Assembly

VOICE

Group Representatives
District Representatives
Officers
Coordinators
Past Delegates

(Intergroup Liaisons and AWSC Convention Chairmen give report only – No voice nor vote unless also a Group Representative.)

VOTE

Group Representatives

Area World Service

Committee

VOICE

District Representatives
Officers
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Intergroup Liaisons
AWSC Convention Chairmen
(Conventions: AFG, So-Cal & SCAC)
Past Delegates

VOTE

District Representatives
Officers
Coordinators
Intergroup Liaisons
AWSC Convention Chairmen

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ACTION COMMITTEE - ASSIGNMENTS for Trial Area Restructure period 1/06 - 11/08

Group Services **Facilitator: Kathi L.**

District Representative**
From Districts
3, 9, 12, 24, 33
40, 48, 57, 64, 72

Group Representatives**
see below

Intergroup Liaisons
Orange County

Board members
Group Records Secretary
Minutes Secretary
Treasurer
Alateen Coordinator
Alateen Sponsor Coordinator
Archives
Hospitality

Membership **Communications** **Facilitator: Cindy R.**

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From Districts
6, 10, 17, 27, 36
42, 51, 60, 66, 75

Group Representatives**
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Inland Empire
Ventura County

Board members
Alternate Delegate (Forum & SOS)
Bulletin Coordinator
Literature Coordinator
Website Coordinator

Public Outreach **Facilitator: Robin J.**

District Representative**
From Districts
8, 11, 21, 30, 39
45, 54, 63, 69, 78

Group Representatives**
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Intergroup Liaisons
Los Angeles County
San Diego County
Spanish Intergroup of L.A. County

Board members
CPC Coordinator
Institutions Coordinator
Public Information Coordinator

****GRs may attend any Action Committee they prefer or the one they are assigned to by their DR.**
Suggestions: Each District assign at least one GR to each Action Committee to have representation and feedback from all three committees to the District.
Each GR attends their preferred Action Committee for the entire 3-year term.

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