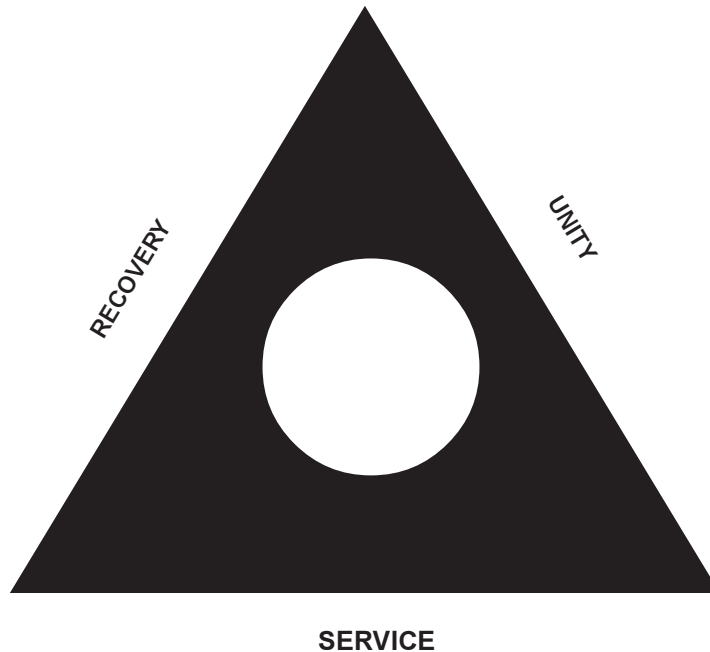


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Calendar of Events

Southern California World Service Area (SCWS) Events

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

2005

January 15

8:30 a.m. SCWS – Annual **Sharing Of Service Workshop** (SOS)
till 4:00 p.m. Fullerton Senior Service Center (See map – page 3)

February 19 & August 20

9:00 a.m. District Representative (DR) Orientation
10:00 a.m. SCWS - Area **COMMITTEE** Meetings
till 4:00 p.m. Fullerton Senior Service Center (See map – page 3)

May 21 & November 19

10:00 a.m. SCWS - Area **ASSEMBLY** Meetings
till 4:00 p.m. Fullerton Senior Service Center (See map – page 3)

Other Al-Anon Events – Please visit our web-site for additional events' information

March 4 -6

SWRDM (Southwest Region Delegates Meeting) / Radisson Suites, 6555 E. Speedway, Tucson, AZ

March 11-13

PRAASA (Pacific Region AA Service Assembly) / Radisson Hotel, 181 W. Broadway, Tucson, AZ

April 1 - 3

29th AFG (Al-Anon Family Groups) Convention / Hilton - Hotel & Convention Center, Burbank, CA

April 23 – 25

23rd Annual Southern California AA Hospitals & Institutions Conference with Al-Anon Participation
Doubletree Hotel, Orange, CA

September 16 – 18

U.S. Southwest Regional Service Seminar (SWRSS)
Renaissance Ilikai Waikiki Hotel, Honolulu, HI / Accommodations include two nights and four meals
(rates are per person and include all taxes and gratuities). The meal package alone is \$98.59 including tax and gratuities.
Single: \$410.55-Double: \$254.57pp -Tripl: \$224.86 pp-Quad: \$193.29 pp

Future events:

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

Districts often have special events – flyers announcing such events may be left at the front of the meeting room as well as registration forms/flyers for the conventions that are a part of the SCWS Committee. Any other Al-Anon/Alateen related conventions and/or events may leave form/flyers on the counter in the main entrance lobby.

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Fullerton Senior Service Center, 340 W. Commonwealth Ave. Fullerton
Thomas Guide, Pg. 738. G7
91 Riverside Fwy, Exit Harbor Blvd. North.
Cross Orangethorpe and Valencia, turn left.



Officers' Reports

Delegate

Thank YOU to each of you who are representing your group as Group Representatives (GR). You are the vital link of information between your group's members and Al-Anon World Services (WSO). The tables at our Assembly are again decorated with some old fashioned shoes. These are to help us remember that **we are filling the shoes of our Al-Anon pioneers**. Their love and hard work helped spread the word about Al-Anon/Alateen so that it is here for us today and now we get to share the message as part of our 12th Step " . . . to carry the message to others . . . "

This has been an unusual year as all the Areas in the US and Canada have been working to meet the WSO Board of Trustees mandated requirements for Alateen Safety. We will talk about that more here today. For many of us, this has probably not been easy. Service efforts provide us with **personal growth opportunities**, which occasionally can come in huge (or painful) steps. My experience has shown me that I've always gotten more than I give and I trust that when I'm able to look back on this difficult year, I'll be able to see that was true even now (although I can't see it yet). Today I want to act as your link, carrying the Al-Anon/Alateen service message to you, and getting your concerns to carry back to the World Service Office (WSO). Your other SCWS officers and coordinators also have information from the WSO to share with you and we look forward to working together in ACTION Committees today.

- ! If you are listed with the WSO as the Current Mailing Address (CMA) for your group, then in September you should have received information from the WSO regarding the **2005 AA International Convention with Al-Anon/Alateen participation**. The event will be in Toronto, Canada over the 4th of July in 2005. If you want information, you can get it at <http://www.aa.org>.
- ! If you need to update your group's contact information and CMA, please talk with your District Representative (DR), also with the WSO, with Margie our Group Records person here today, and with your Intergroup. Your DR can be a big help with all this. Please note **that WSO now has a new form for group registration (in English and in Spanish)**. In addition, Alateen groups now use a separate registration form. You can download the forms from the WSO members web page [website deleted], then follow the instructions. The Spanish version isn't on WSO's site so we will try to put it on the Spanish page of our site: <http://scws-al-anon.org>.
- ! Al-Anon is planning our 2008 International Convention that will be held **July 4-6, 2008 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania** with theme, "Let it Begin with Us."
- ! The WSO Trustee who volunteers and serves as Chairman of the Board (and who is with us here today), and the WSO paid Executive Director made an **around the world trip** this past summer. They carried the message to places like Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Greece, Turkey and South Africa. In October, they went to Brazil for the International Al-Anon General Services Meeting (IAGSM). And now, this very weekend, members from our own Area who helped establish contacts in Cuba, and staff from the WSO are traveling to Cuba to meet with members there. In addition, this week, WSO staff, a Trustee, and the Chairman of the Board for Al-Anon in France are carrying the message in Africa. **Yes, Al-Anon/Alateen is a worldwide fellowship.**
- ! The WSO mid-year budget report was basically in-line with projections (which have an annual budget of expenses of \$4,366,000). I have details if you want to know more.
- ! The term for Delegate is like your term; it lasts for 3 years. God willing, I will return to represent you next spring for my third and last World Service Conference (WSC). The 2005 WSC theme has been announced, and it is "**Energize Al-Anon – Expand – Explore – Experience.**" I look forward to adding some of my own Enthusiasm. In Spanish, the theme is "Vigorizar a Al-Anon - ¡expandir, explorar, experimentar!"
- ! At WSC, Conference members choose topics to discuss from among those submitted from the Areas in response to the question, "**What are the most important issues facing Al-Anon in the future?**" I want to hear what questions you'd like me to submit from our Area. I have to turn them in early so please **let me know by February 1, 2005.**
- ! Some of you may be enthused about service too if you've already heard that the Regional Service Seminar (**RSS**) **will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii next year, Sept. 16-18**. Air travel to Hawaii can be least expensive in Sept., so it's a great time to travel there and to participate in learning and sharing about Service – and maybe having some fun on the beaches too. Information from the WSO will be sent to the Current Mailing Address (CMA) for each group next spring, about March, 2005.
- ! **Alateen group registration forms and SCWS Alateen safety requirement forms** (both are in English and Spanish) will be available on our website, <http://scws-al-anon.org> – on the Alateen page.
- ! A weekend of Al-Anon service meetings is planned in cooperation with AA, at PRAASA, March 11-13, 2005, in Tucson, Arizona. You can get more information at www.PRAASA2005.org

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- ! Following requests from our Area, the **pamphlets Sponsorship (SP-31) and Service Sponsorship (SP-88) are now available in Spanish.**
- ! You can find **Inside Al-Anon XTRA, Conference Summaries, Area Highlights, Guidelines and much more at:** <http://www.al-anon-alateen.org/members>, follow the instructions then go to Fellowship Communication, then to Newsletters. At the same website you can also **download Al-Anon/Alateen guidelines** which can be found under Group Services.
- ! **A good place to get local information is at scws-al-anon.org** our Southern California World Service (SCWS) website.

With Al-Anon/Alateen love, Miriam M

Alternate Delegate

Our 2005 Sharing of Service Workshop, based on the conference theme for next year will be titled "Energize Al-Anon, Expand-Explore-Experience". The program is almost finalized. We have some "hot" topics for discussion on subjects like unity, dilution of the program and "Get in the car!". And you won't want to miss the afternoon speaker, Winnie S. from New Mexico. Winnie is our Southwest Regional Trustee and has lot of ESH (experience, strength and hope) to share with you.

District representative please mark you calendars for the District Representative Orientation on February 19th at 9AM, immediately preceding the Area Committee meeting. If you are rotating out, this is something you might want to attend with your new "incoming" District rep.

Our Ask It Basket is going around. Put your questions in and we will try to help with some answers. If you are asked to help by answering a question, you need to use the Service Manual as much as possible to support your response. On the back side of the paper, please write down the page number and section that you used. Also write a brief answer for printing in the Bulletin as well as your answer. Please make sure I get these back so I can get them ready for the Bulletin Editor.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Suzanne P
SCWS Area 04 Alternate Delegate

Minutes So. California World Service Interim Assembly Meeting October 9, 2004"Fullerton Senior Service Center, Fullerton, CA

Chairperson - See Minutes

Past Delegate - See Minutes

Minutes Secretary

Minutes August 21, 2004

Fullerton Senior Service Center, Fullerton, CA

Chairperson Kary L opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Jim B., District 42 read the Traditions.

Minutes Secretary Shirley M read the February 21 Committee Meeting minutes. Minutes stood approved as read.

The chair acknowledged new District Representatives, Liaisons, Past Delegates and guests who were present.

Treasurer Tom E presented a year-to-date Net Worth and Cash Flow Report. He asked those present to remind meetings of the new address for contributions. Some are still going to the past treasurer. Tom announced that he and his wife have completed a move to Nevada and expressed his willingness to complete his term which ends in December 2005. SCWS By-Laws do not address an out-of-the-area person serving as an officer. The committee decided by 47 yes and 2 abstentions to take the matter to the Assembly for the GRs to decide since it is an area concern and By-Law issue. Should the assembly determine that Tom not finish his term, Kary referred the committee to Service Manual pp. 129 (Election of Officers), item 6 which states that if a vacancy occurs among the assembly officers between meetings or an officer is unable to attend meetings, another DR may be appointed by the chairman to replace the officer until another can be elected. The assembly area should never be long without a full quota of officers."

Delegate Miriam M opened with personal journal sharing from the World Service Conference and pointed out the pioneer shoes on the tables She announced that SCWS elects a Regional Trustee every three years and that the position opens next year. Our Area nominee will be elected at the November Assembly. Members interested in standing can view the qualifications on the resume form which is on our web site: scws-al-anon.org. She also announced that she was given permission from WSO to announce that the South West Regional Service Seminar (RSS) will be held September 16-18, 2005 in Honolulu, Hawaii. Those present were asked not to share the information until Monday. She referred the committee to her withdrawn WSC motion and said she hoped that the area districts and groups would do some of the things she suggested because knowing about our Alateens and their meetings is the key. Remainder of Report in Bulletin.

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Chairperson Kary L requested that "Love Gifts" for the Delegate to take to the 2005 World Service Conference be discussed at District meetings and at the November Assembly so the gifts will be ready to mail in time for the 2005 WSC in April. She also read a California Alateen sharing from "Alateen Talk".

Alternate Delegate Suzanne P changed hats as she reported on the many hats she wears - SOS, Forum, and Ask-It Basket. See Report in Bulletin.

Past Delegate Kay D gave an update on the area's restructuring. Some districts reported that they held Action Committee meetings at their district meetings. Plans are being made for the Action Committee Meetings at the November Assembly. DRs are to look for a "heads up". Minutes will be given to the Secretary so that GRs and meetings will have the information in order to act on committee items.

Records Secretary Marie L asked for any address changes and took roll with 49 voting members responding.

The 7th Tradition was observed and Convention Chairpersons gave their reports. See Reports in Bulletin.

Old Business:

Alateen Sponsor Coordinator Kathi Launius reviewed SCWS steps since receipt of a December 10 letter from Cecelia L., Chairperson of the AFG Board of Trustees. The letter contained the Trustee motion requiring each area to have safety and behavioral requirements for Alateen and Al-Anon members involved in Alateen service in place by December 31, 2004. The requirements must contain the minimum Al-Anon Family Group Headquarter's requirements. Each area must also have a process to certify to the WSO annually that each Al-Anon member involved with Alateen service has met the area requirements. Kathi informed them that the area had been working on this prior to the letter and the letter gave them directions and a deadline which the area has been working to meet.

She asked if those present had seen the draft on the Web Site. After making sure that those present had seen it, she passed out an addendum which the Board drafted after seeking Legal Counsel.

She also added that Board members had been visiting Districts to discuss the guidelines and requested that if any district who had not had a Board member visit and would like one to visit to see her.

Kathi announced that she has updated the information she has on Alateen meetings in each District and asked that each District see her to receive their list. This list must be updated and returned by the District Representative at the November Assembly so that all the meetings in our area can be "on board".

Willie W., Past Delegate and Action Committee Chair, spoke to the addendum. The Legal Counsel had looked at other Al-Anon Areas who have documents in place. The Board asked themselves how we could do what the Legal Counsel advised. What is contained in the addendum is what the legal counsel said is the substantial part of our responsibility.

Kathi addressed the need to hold an interim Assembly Meeting to handle the Alateen Safety Requirements due to the amount of time it might take to present and have discussion on them. Also, if approved, she would need the extra time to implement them and have them in place by December 31. The Area has other business that needs to be accomplished at the November Assembly.

Chairman Kary L opened the mike to committee members for sharing and questions regarding the draft SCWS Alateen Minimum Safety and Behavioral Requirements and the Addendum. She asked that guests without voice and vote request their DR to speak for them.

In response to DR questions the following clarifications were presented by members of the Board. (For a more detailed summary see the Minutes Secretary):

SCWS would do a minimum (Megan's Law Database) background check.

Such checks are a relatively simple way for SCWS to practice due diligence and care regarding Alateen and Alateen sponsors.

In order to avoid any one having to make a judgment or to differentiate between felonies, the WSO Board of Trustees has stated that anyone who has a felony record should not serve as an Alateen sponsor.

A person with an expunged record should be able to serve as an Alateen sponsor.

The Alateen Sponsor Coordinator will be the final sign-off person.

SCWS draft meets all six WSO requirements.

The DRs would recommend Alateen sponsors to SCWS. It is assumed that the District Representative or someone in the District will know the sponsors.

If the draft and addendum are adopted, changes will probably be made in the future once it is in place and the area works with it.

Sandra W., Dist. 27 moved that we present the draft to the GRs plus addendum at the next assembly. **Sandy E., Dist. 33** seconded the motion.

After more discussion, **Willie W., Past Delegate and Action Committee Chair** called for the vote. The motion carried with 45 yes, 2 no, and 2 abstentions.

New Business:

Treasurer Tom E reminded those present to get reimbursement forms for today's meeting to him.

Holding an Interim Assembly on October 9th was discussed. It was pointed out that if the Safety Requirements and Behavioral Guidelines and Addendum passed in November it would only give Kathi six weeks to get all the paper work

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accomplished and to WSO by the December 31 deadline. Kathi asked that all DRs update their Alateen meeting list and give it to her at the November Assembly.

Charlene, Dist. 69 asked if we voted on an Interim Assembly at the May Assembly.

Denise, Inst. Coord. felt participation is the key to harmony and that we need more discussion in order to avoid disunity.

Barbara W. supported an Interim Assembly because we need the time to get the certifications to WSO so our Alateen meetings will continue to be registered and receive referrals from WSO.

Dist. 27 was in favor of Guidelines but had a conflicting activity. It was countered that no date would be perfect and that 9th of October was only date available at the Senior Center.

Sandy E., Dist. 33 moved to hold an Interim Assembly at the Fullerton Senior Center on October 9th with the agenda item being the Alateen Safety Guidelines. **Jayme P., Dist. 67** seconded the motion. The motion passed with 28 yes, 10 no, and 3 abstentions.

Chairperson Kary L announced that another group would also be using the facility grounds and that we will need to park across the street behind the Library for the October 9th Interim Assembly.

Lunch Break

Jonathan A presented the SCAC report and announced that the Committee has instituted Security positions.

New Business:

Chairperson Kary L noted that the Minutes Secretary had checked her minutes and the May Assembly had voted to vote on the Alateen Draft at the November Assembly with the majority present concurring. Kary noted that this was before the Board had the legal counsel's review and added the addendum to the Draft. She recommended that in view of this, the Board's recommendation, and the time needed to comply by December 31 that today's motion and vote stand for holding an Interim Assembly Meeting on October 9.

Another reminder was given to Districts to consider nominating someone for Regional Trustee and that the requirements can be found at the Al-Anon SCWS web site. We will vote for a candidate at the November Assembly.

Coordinator Reports:

Archives Marge V thanked those who had used the Archives Exhibit and encouraged those who have not used it to call, those interested to get involved.

Literature Helen C announced that the revised version of *A Guide for the Family for the Alcoholic* (P-7) is out. The committee is looking for sharings for *Recovery in Relationships and Facing Grief and Loss with Al-Anon*. Remainder of Report in Bulletin.

Public Information Kay D for Lil S thanked DRs and Liaisons for their reaching out with the Outreach project and reminded them to be sure to return the questionnaire from their packet to Lil. Remainder of Report in Bulletin.

Action Committee Chairpersons Barbara W, Willie W, and Kay D announced that November agendas will be in the Bulletin.

Delegate Miriam M suggested that the Assembly might want to discuss if Al-Anon wants to continue to have a role in PRAASA.

District Representatives and Intergroup Liaisons gave their reports. See Bulletin for reports.

Alternate Delegate Suzanne P coordinated the Ask-It Basket and announced Barbara Wyckoff winner of the Forum subscription.

Coming up: SOCAL Campout Memorial Day Weekend at O'Neill Park and Santa Clarita AA Convention with Al-Anon participation on October 22, 23, 24 at College of the Canyons.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.,

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley E. Meyer, Minutes Secretary

October 2004

Chairperson Kary L welcomed and acknowledged the new GRs and thanked everyone for coming to the Interim Assembly.

Traditions were read by Mary Ann, Dist. 63.

Chairperson Kary L directed corrections to the Alateen Safety Requirements Draft and its Addendum printed in the Interim Assembly Bulletin.

Delegate Miriam M explained that the Interim Assembly was called to address the Alateen Requirements Issue. She acknowledged that there is no one right answer and that there is good and bad in everything. She pointed out that 10 percent of Al-Anon members are Alateen and that we all want their safety. She also pointed out that the Trustees are Al-Anon members. She read portions of pp. 25 from the Conference Summary Alateen Discussion by Cecelia L., Chairperson, Trustee and a portion from the day's reading in **Courage to Change**.

Records Secretary Margie L took roll. She reminded District Representatives to keep her informed of changes in their GR count.

Chairperson Kary L reviewed voice and vote and explained the Motion Form. **Delegate Miriam M** read Warranty 3.

Treasurer Tom E started the 7th Tradition and explained Assembly travel reimbursement procedures.

Kristine, Dist. 66 moved that a two thirds majority be required for motions today.

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Donna, Dist. 66 seconded. *Motion passed with 135 yes, 94 no, and 4 abstentions.*

Janie P, Dist. 57 moved to limit discussion on each motion to thirty minutes.

Susan C. Dist. 24 seconded. *Motion passed with 179 yes. No further vote was taken because 158 votes constituted a two thirds majority.*

Alateen Sponsor Coordinator Kathi L explained that the first order of business was to accept the WSO's minimum Alateen safety and behavioral requirements.

Margaret, Dist. 33 moved that we accept the WSO Minimum Requirements. Mary D., Dist. 6 seconded the motion.

Chairperson Kary L stated that there was a tabled motion from the May Assembly that called for a vote on the requirements. (From the May Assembly: **Tori, Dist. 40** moved that the Assembly accept the WSO Minimum Basic Requirements in order to continue to have Alateen in Southern California. **Bryson, Dist. 21** seconded. **Chuck W., Dist. 27** moved to table the motion. **Susan, Dist. 24** seconded. *Motion passed with 82 yes, 66 no, and 29 abstentions.*)

Margaret, Dist. 33 changed her motion to move that we remove from the table the May 15 Assembly motion to accept the WSO Minimum Basic Requirements. Mary, Dist. 6 seconded the motion. *Motion passed with 234 yes, 4 no, and one abstention.*

Delegate Miriam M corrected a statement made by the WSO director. She said that she had spoken to the director again and a decision has not been made by the Board of Trustees regarding noncompliance by an area. The Board has not discussed this because they thought they were requesting what the fellowship already wanted.

Past Delegate and Group Services Action Committee Chair Willie W called for a vote on the motion on the table.

After a thirty-minute discussion, **Records Secretary Margie L** called for count changes.

The voting went to ballot.

The first ballot was not accepted because there were more ballots than vote count.

Records Secretary Margie L called for a new count. **Chairperson Kary L** asked that no GRs leave until the voting was completed and to keep the doors closed until after the ballots were collected.

On the second ballot the motion to accept the WSO minimum basic requirements in order to have Alateen in Southern California did not receive the 2/3 majority. *The motion was defeated with 162 yes, 91 no, 3 abstentions and 1- no (The two thirds majority vote required was 172.)*

During the second ballot count:

Alternate Delegate Suzanne P announced the upcoming SOS (See Yellow Flyers) and encouraged everyone to take part in outreach by distributing the September Forums.

Membership Communications Action Committee Chair Barbara W announced the committee had put together a panel of speakers. Call for information [phone # deleted].

Delegate Miriam M encouraged GRs to subscribe to Alateen Talk for their meetings. (10 copies for \$7.50 - 4 times/year)

Chairperson Kary L announced a correction to Interim Assembly Bulletin pp. 10. The Medical Form does not have to be notarized.

Convention Chairs gave reports/announcements.

Rick S., Dist. 12, moved that A NOT-SO-MODEST PROPOSAL passed out to GRs be adopted. (To view copy, see Minutes Secretary records.) **Teresa, Dist. 24** seconded the motion. *Motion was defeated with 2 yes, 250 no, and 5 abstentions.*

Jayne P, Dist. 54 moved that we accept the Draft and its Addendum of the Minimum Safety Behavioral Requirements for Alateen Groups, Alateen Sponsors and AI-Anon Members involved in Alateen Service as printed in the August 2004 Interim Assembly Bulletin with necessary grammatical correction for implementation - the Southern California Requirements Version. **Jim, Dist. 72** seconded the motion.

Hester B, GR and Past Delegate spoke for the motion saying that anything that goes through the Board of Trustees comes from the groups. The Trustees are our trusted servants.

12:30 - Lunch Break

1:15 meeting reconvened - After thirty minutes discussion, the vote went to ballot, with a two thirds majority of 163 needed to pass the motion. *The motion was defeated with 158 yes, 83 no, and 1 abstention.*

During the balloting **Hospitality Chairman Martha M** announced that Districts 17, 21, 27, 33, 36, 54, 57, 64, and 72 will host the November 20th Assembly and asked that these districts also bring volunteers to help with serving.

Alateen Sponsor Coordinator Kathi L indicated that she wants the form which sponsors sign to ask that a sponsor agree to step down if there is any controversy. She added that three people had motions to put before the assembly and each one has agreed to present them in the form of a proposal.

A question arose concerning what would happen if all three proposals were rejected. The answer was 1) we go back and start over, 2) we keep the SCWS proposal or 3) we stay and work things out.

Jeffery D, Dist. 72 moved that the Interim Assembly meeting, having completed its agenda, be adjourned. **Gil, Dist 72** seconded the motion.

After much discussion, **Chairperson Kary L**, asked everyone to say the Serenity Prayer and asked for a show-of-hand vote. *The majority did not want to adjourn.*

Note: Contact any GR or DR for this omitted information.

Alateen Sponsor Coordinator Kathi L reminded the group that if we did not have something in place by December 31, our Alateen groups would not be registered with WSO . Some people indicated they did not know that registration and disenfranchisement was an issue.

Ray S, Dist. 33 moved for a revote on the motion to accept the draft and addenda with corrections as presented by Southern California World Service and printed in the August 2004 Interim Assembly Bulletin. The motion was seconded by Joni, Dist. 72.

Chairperson Kary Lewis called for discussion. A call for a vote on discussion was asked for. The majority voted for no more discussion.

Margie Ulnas Records Secretary called for the count. The vote on the motion went to ballot with 156 votes needed for a two thirds majority. (After re-calculating, 149 votes were needed for a substantial unanimity).

During ballot counting:

Delegate Miriam M read from Courage to Change. Cathy, Dist. 54 asked if a Trustee could come to the November Assembly. Miriam indicated one could be invited.

Alt. Delegate Suzanne P read from Hooe for Today.

Alateen Sponsor Coordinator Kathi L indicated Alateen events are on the Web site and encouraged everyone present to attend one Alateen event during the next twelve months.

Jonathan, Alateen, announced that \$850.00 was collected for SCAC at lunch.

Seventh Tradition was \$514.65.

The motion to accept the draft and addenda with corrections presented by Southern California Word Service passed with 157 yes, 65 no, and 1 void vote.

Rick S., Dist.12 moved for adjournment. Vivian, Dist. 23 seconded. The motion passed by a majority show of hands.

Chairperson Kary L adjourned the meeting at 3 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley E. M, Minutes Secretary

Coordinators' Reports

Alateen Sponsor

Archives

Bulletin Editor

Hello to All:

It has my pleasure to serve this committee for the past year and a half. I have been able to learn so much and serve you the Assembly. At first I did not want to take this position because of the fear I had of not being perfect.

Well you know what I have not been. So for the good news, Margit & I are going on a vacation tomorrow to Washington State (home) and we will be looking for a new home in the Bellingham area. This is good because I will be near my family and it is our dream.

The bad news is I will be farther away from all of you who have been there as I grew into the person I knew I could be. So I am resigning from my position as bulletin coordinator and would like to help train the next person for the position.

As I see it we will most likely be moving in February or March of 2005 so there is some time. I will miss you.
Nick C

CPC

Hospitality

SCWS Assembly Nov. 20, 2004 Hospitality Report

Greetings to all. Thank you to the Host Districts for participating in making the November Assembly a success. Special thanks to the volunteers who came to assist the Hospitality people. Together we work the Concepts and participate in our own recovery.

The Host Districts for the Committee Meeting in February 2005 are ...3, 9, 10, 27, 40, 45, 63 and 69. Please bring breakfast foods, for example sweet breads, bagels, cream cheese, fresh fruit etc. We will be serving approximately 50 plus people. Please get in touch with **me** if you have any questions or you are not able to attend.

Apparently there was an error on the Agenda at the Interim Assembly in October. The Host Districts printed on the agenda were incorrect. I would like to apologize for the error, however these Districts do appear in the SCWS Bulletin correctly. Thank you again to those Host Districts. Thank you for allowing me to be of service, with gratitude and love,
Martha M.

Institutions

Hello everyone my name is MaryLou V. Newly appointed Institutions coordinator It is a privilege and an honor to be working with SCWS board members. I do want to thank the board members that e-mailed me welcoming me to the SCWS board. Again Thank you. I will be the best I can be in the job as I know how with my God.

I contacted the past institutions coordinator to be able to get together with her to collect. Any materials she has pertaining to this commitment, but was unable to get them as yet I will be in contact and will schedule a time with the past coordinator and myself. Hospital and Institutions Conference is scheduled for April 22, 23, and 24, 2005 at The Orange Double tree Hotel, the block in orange city drive.

Luncheon speakers for the event are Jeb, R, AA and Sarah, R.. Al-Anon.

Sarah, R. is a transitional Al-Ateen is very active in program, at present she is the D.R for district 66. both Sarah and Jeb are from Huntington beach. Truly a great story of Recovery in the program.

There are planned panels A.A and Al-Anon, all terrific leaders and speakers. On Saturday His honor Judge Steven Manley is sharing, his commitment is to seeing alcoholics in treatment, instead of prison, this is awesome and inspiring, don't miss the conference it's going to be a great event in learning and growing experience.

The goal is to contact the intergroup institutions board members about the panels in the institutions, I personally would like to see panels with the medical profession, will report more on this next time. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas as I am here to serve.

Love in service, MaryLou V, Institutions coordinator.

Note: Contact any GR or DR for this omitted information.

Literature

If you need a service manual, I have them for sale for \$5.00.

One of the questions discussed at the 2004 World Service Conference was "How do we >gracefully= ask members to use Al-Anon literature, other than the daily readers, at meetings?" How do groups in our area answer this question? Do they encourage the use of a variety of Conference Approved Literature? Are they aware of the many choices CAL provides?

The next printing of *Alcoholism, the Family Disease* (p-4) anticipated for spring 2005 will include revisions, if the changes complete the approval process.

Both Literature Committees are looking for sharings on how the Traditions have helped members in their recovery. Literature Committee I wants to know how they apply to *Recovery in Relationships* (working title). Literature Committee II would like to hear how members have used them in *Facing Grief & Loss with Al-Anon* (working title). There are sharing sheets at the literature table.

An "Ask It Basket" question addressed the issue of a lack of translation of the Sponsorship Pamphlet. Tom Coffey, Associate Director-Literature II advised the Spanish translation of the pamphlet "*Sponsorship, What It=s all About*" (SP-31) will be ready by the end of the year. The Spanish translation of "*Service Sponsorship: Working Smarter Not Harder*" (SP-88) has been printed Both will be listed in the January 2005 printing of the Spanish Translations listing and order form (SS-16).

Love & hugs,

Helen C, Literature Coordinator

Public Information

Hello Everyone

I hope the packets that were mailed (early 2004) to the DR's and Liaisons were found to be useful. They included the following:

1. Layender Packet: The following information would have been discussed at the May assembly.
 - The first item is a questionnaire regarding the 'Clergy Project' (please complete and return ASAP).
 - Reaching out to military families (sample letter).
 - Note the letter indicates the areas in which you would provide your local information.
 - How to distribute PSAs to your local TV and radio station
 - List of stations
 - The questionnaire is followed by the '_I Can Make A Difference' pack. _Who do you know? _
 - This form is for your records.
 - Track your contact
 - "Who did you contact?"
 - Please return this form to me with your results.
 - There is no need to use an envelope, just fold and place a stamp in the appropriate place (note this form is self addressed).
 - Membership Survey
 - A flyer reminding you that October is an important month for Public Outreach
2. FYI Pack:
 - September Form issue order form
 - REALITY
 - Get Ready for "Reality"!!!
 - "Reality" Order form
 - Photocopy flyer (Original in color)

Please be sure to inform me what you did for the month of October. How you reached out? Palm Springs/Palm Desert is still actively contacting radio station in their area. San Diego County will be attending the conference, 'Child & Family Maltreatment' and will be reaching out by having an Al-Anon booth.

The next indicated thing is the presentation board; it is no longer MIA. However, the presentation board is not a pretty sight. Kay D, Lee and I are working on getting a new Outreach board one that is easier to carry and more current with what is being used at conferences today.

I will have more to report in the next Bulletin.

***Remember
REACH OUT***

to the general public, we are anonymous not Al Anon.

Love in Service,

Lil S (aka Lily-Bear); Public Information Coordinator

Intergroup Liaisons' Reports

Orange County

Greetings from our tides of change and re-creation. Our Service Office now has a new Office Coordinator, Sharon T, and a new Assistant, Harvey O. Both are extremely qualified and we look forward to their expert service. Thank you Ginger for your deep dedication of 18 years and much happiness in your new endeavors. We also have a new Webmaster, a new look to the AOrange Blossom, @ some new Alateen meetings, and a renewed 5-year lease of our current location in Garden Grove. Our two most recent fundraisers were full of fun and funds, and our upcoming Auction on December 11 promises more of the same. As this year draws to a close, we are grateful for our growth and embrace the spirit of much more to come. Happy holidays and a peaceful new year to all of you.

Gratefully, Kathy R, OC Intergroup/World Service Liaison.

Spanish Intergroup

Dear Members,

It is the time again to inform you of the most important issues around our Inter-Group Office and unfortunately the last for me as a Spanish Liaison. The time to finish my service is around the corner and sadly I have to leave and let other enjoy this beautiful opportunity to grow spiritually through this service.

The Office is ran by volunteers and our secretary on daily basis and open on the third Saturday of every month.. It has been Remarkable the acquisition of the book From Survival to Recovery Grownup. Over 350 books has bee sold and we have a pending order of 75 more.

The Office is in the process to begin the new year with several new servants due to the current three years period of service will be ending December 31, 04.

On behalf of Inter-Group Office we wish you all serenity and continued growth I would like to thank you personally for lettting serve you.

Angelica H., Inter-Group Office Liaison.

Inland Empire – No Report

Kern County – No Report

Palm Springs – No Report

San Diego – No Report

Santa Barbara – No Report

Ventura County – No Report

Convention Chairpersons' Reports

AFG 2005

Hola Everyone,

Well this is our official kick-off for the 29' Annual Al-Anon Family Groups Convention. As you all know it will be April 1, 2 & 3, 2005, as always, at the Burbank Hilton. In keeping with our fiesta theme, our slogan will be Viva la Life! The Spanish people on our committee informed us that after you say Viva la anything, it is always followed up with a loud and enthusiastic VIVA! So let' try it now—Viva la Life—VIVA.

I have a lot to cover in my short time allotted-so here goes: We have many new additions this year to try to get all who attend as excited as we all are. Our Way & Means Committee is in the lobby selling shirts, mugs, pins, backpacks, bracelets, lip gloss (very cute) and other things. We have been assured that PJs will be coming soon! Our Publicity Committee has made packets up for each and every one of you to share at your meetings. Please use the registration forms as an invitation to all at your meetings to come to the fiesta and sign up on the volunteer sheets. Also, check out the request form from the Country Store for handmade goods to sell. Nothing is more fun than spending an evening with a group of friends making something to sell at the Country Store, while laughing, yaking and eating. Our Decorations Committee is working overtime to bring the Fiesta feeling all over the convention center. They are also working on a Chemed photo area where you can have your picture taken with those friends you hang with daily or the special ones you see once a year.

This year for the first time we will have on-line registration. Just go to our website: www.afgconventi.org and fill out the form and pay with your credit-card. We are also working on having the Ways & Means ware available for purchase on-line and it will be shipped to your home.

Our luncheon seating will be across the width of the convention center with large TV screens on either side of the dais so there will be *no bad seat in the house*. We have entertainment by our Spanish Committee before the opening meeting on Friday as well as our usual skit following the speakers, which I hear will be great!! There will also be some fun, festive music at the lunch.

Lastly, but not least, please help us get the word out to everyone to spend the weekend at the hotel. Not only does it make your weekend more fun, but it helps us cover our costs to the hotel for the use of the convention center.

So, let's all Viva la Life come April 1 st!!!!!!!!!

Love in Service and Gratitude, Ellen L

AFG Chairman 2005

SCAA 2005

Chairman's Report

I am very pleased to announce that the dates for the Southern California AA Convention with Al-Anon participation will be September 30th, October 1st and October 2nd, 2005 in Riverside, California. I am very excited that our speaker for the Al-Anon luncheon will be Linda L. from Nashville, Tennessee. We will begin planning the convention in January 2005. My goal is to have committee members that represent as many different areas of Southern California as possible. If you or anyone you know would like to serve on the committee, please call me at [phone # deleted].

Love In Service,

Lynn A

District Representatives' Reports

District 3 - No Report

District 6 - No Report

District 9

This is my last report as DR for District 9, so my first order of business is to thank my district for the trust you have given me for the last 3 years. It's been my great pleasure and honor to serve you. Getting to know all of you, working things out with you, laughing together have all helped me to grow as a member of Al-Anon and as an individual.

District 9 includes the Antelope Valley and the Santa Clarita Valley. We hold district meetings on the first Saturday of alternate months beginning in February. The meetings rotate between the 2 valleys, and we alternate having the DR be from the 2 valleys. We are so fortunate to have a strong tradition of service in our district. District meetings and Assemblies are well attended with most meetings having an active Group Representative. We'll be holding elections for new district offices in December.

Events in the planning stages in the district include the 4th annual Alathon in Quartz Hill on January 8. A full day of panels, speakers, fellowship and food are coming. Flyers were available at the November Assembly. April 15-17 are the dates for the Antelope Valley Al-Anon/Alateen Convention. The committee is hard at work, and the convention is always a highlight of our district's year.

Those who follow in our footsteps will represent us well in continuing the Southern California Outreach Project. We whose terms are ending wish the California South delegate, Miriam, and all of the Committee our very best.

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Nikki C

District 10

Greetings from the High Desert! District 10 has stepped up our involvement in Public Information. Our new representative, Loreina C., has been busy visiting local newspapers to update meeting locations and times.

We are also preparing for our annual Christmas Party on December 1st. We are all looking forward to an evening of fun and fellowship.

I'm sorry to say that this is my last report as the District 10 Rep. Everything that I heard when I stepped into this position was true. Just when I started understanding my job, the time is over, but I know that the new DR, Gail from Phelan will do a wonderful job.

This has been a great commitment from which I've grown in service and in my Program.

Yours in service,

Cathy A

District 11 - No Report

District 12 - No Report

District 17

Final Greetings from the DR, Alt. DR, And GRs of Panel C B 2001 through 2004

Welcome to incoming District Reps, Group Reps and their alternates! Your service and recovery are about to grow by leaps and bounds. No matter what happens at the gigantic informed group conscience known as the Assembly, we close with prayer or the Al-Anon Declaration and we help to put the chairs away. Love in service was a valuable lesson and an invaluable component. Without love and understanding, the journey would not have been as rewarding or enjoyable.

Our final District meeting was a Pot Luck dinner because we insist on having a good time while being of service. A celebration was in order because we were a committed group of volunteers and we went out on the tail end of an exhausting, informative, exhilarating, frustrating and productive Alateen discussion. The topic of the meeting was Conference Approved Literature. We had planned to use the CAL worm costume which WSO has available for use. Unfortunately it arrived the day after our meeting.

In addition to using the Service Manual and various pieces of CAL literature to remind us about the history and reasons for Conference Approved Literature, I wanted to address the issue of the **AA Big Book**, which is not and never can be CAL. There are meetings in our District that use the **AA Big Book** as their study material. There are also meetings in our District that sell the **AA Big Book**. Unfortunately, the GRs from those meetings were not present at the meeting!

Note: Contact any GR or DR for this omitted information.

During our three-year panel, in addition to getting GR notebooks, which included the Service Manual, Guidelines and the Pamphlets on the Concepts and Traditions, we were asked to keep files on Afrequently-asked-questions.@ These materials included CAL, Cross talk, and dual-members involved in service beyond the group level. The collected materials will be passed on to the incoming GR.

Norine J. is our new District Alateen Liaison and is in place to move forward with Alateen. I am looking forward to being involved in Alateen service and participating in a District 17 Alateen Sponsor Workshop now that the focus can be sponsorship and the exchange of experience, strength and hope sponsor-to-sponsor. Thanks to all of you for the opportunities to be of service and to grow in the Al-Anon program. Thank you for your love, support and encouragement. We will miss the car-pooling and the meetings in the car!

Loyally in service,

Susan V

District 21 - No Report

District 24 - No Report

District 27 - No Report

District 30 - No Report

District 33 - No Report

District 36 - No Report

District 39 - No Report

District 40 - No Report

District 42 - No Report

District 45

District 45 is gearing up for our Serenity Bowl VIII (Alathon), which will take place February 5th, 2005 (the day before the Super Bowl) at the 1st Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica. Last years event was well attended, and there is a lot of excitement in the district for the upcoming Alathon. We welcome all Al-Anon members not in district 45 to also attend. For more information on out Serenity Bowl VIII, please e-mail Robin at [e-mail deleted]

Robin G

District 48 - No Report

District 51

HELLO FROM DISTRICT 51 SERVING WHITTIER, EAST L.A., PICO RIVERA, SANTA FE SPRINGS AND DOWNEY. OUR MEETING ARE HELD EVERY OTHER MONTH, ON THE SECOND SATURDAY.

WE ARE STUDING THE 12 CONCEPTA OF SERVICE. WE WILL ALSO HAVE ASK-it- BASKETS AT EACH GROUP MEETINGS TO BETTE R EDUCATE MEMBER ABOUT AL-ANON.

ON OCT. 9th, 2004, WE HELD OUR 6th ANNUAL ALATHON, WHICH WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL THAT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL MEMBERS THAT WORKED SO HARD TO MAKE IT WHAT IT WAS.

AT PRESENT WE ARE PLANNING OUR HOLIDAY POTLUCK,

District 54 - No Report

District 57 - No Report

District 60 - No Report

District 63 - No Report

District 64

Greetings from District 64.

The Group Representatives completed another round of workshops on the Concepts. It was held in Colton with 21 participants using Paths to Recovery. Our thanks to Alateen Sponsor Coordinator, Kathi L., who attended our November 13, 2004 meeting, for sharing "how it was before and what it's like now" because of this simple and powerful spiritual program.

I have the enormous satisfaction of having completed 3 years of service as District Representative. This from someone who never completed anything she started. I would like to thank the district board, all the GRs and visitors who attend our meetings and the members of the past and present area boards who always have supported and encouraged the district. I'm grateful for sponsorship, our literature and the loving discipline this program has taught me through the application of the Steps, Traditions and Concepts.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Lucia M. C

Past DR-Dist. 64

Saludos de parte del Distrito 64

Los Representantes de Grupo completaron otra ronda de talleres acerca de los Conceptos. Nos reunimos en la ciudad de Colton con 21 participantes utilizando ASenderos de Recuperación. @ Nuestro agradecimiento a la Coordinadora de Apadrinamiento de Alateen, Kathi L., quien compartió Acome fue y como es ahora @ debido a este sencillo y poderoso programa espiritual.

Tengo la enorme satisfacción de haber completado 3 años de servicio como Representante de Distrito. Ésto de alguien que jamás terminaba lo que empezaba. Quisiera agradecerles a la Mesa del Distrito, todos los R.G. y visitantes que asisten a las reuniones y los pasados y actuales integrantes de la Mesa del Area que siempre han apoyado y motivado al distrito.

Estoy agradecida por el padrinazgo, nuestra literatura y la disciplina amorosa que este programa me ha enseñado por medio de la aplicación de los Pasos, las Tradiciones y los Conceptos.

Gracias por permitirme servir.

Lucía M. C

Pasada RD-Dist. 64

District 66 - No Report

District 69 - No Report

District 72 - No Report

District 75 - No Report

District 78 - No Report

Ask-It-Basket Questions

Q: How do I get **any** other GR's from my district to attend (assemblies) – when we have discussed ad nauseum ONE issue? Why would any healthy person WANT to attend?

A: Read all of the Steps and p. 10 in the Service manual, particularly the 3rd and 4th Primary Ideas. Concept Nine, especially Bill's essay on leadership, p. 173 addresses part 2.

Q: If the District Rep & Alternate can't attend an assembly – are there any consequences? Also, if a Group Rep is assigned to represent the district, but is not a formal DR or alternate, can they still vote?

A: P. 125 of the manual explains the duties of the DR, yes; attending assemblies is one of them. There is a section about inactive DR's as well. P. 188, the GR would serve in both capacities, but only GR's vote at assemblies.

Q: Did the 2000 Conference affirm to continue property ownership as was outlined in Motion 12 in 1994?

A: (Answer taken from 2003 Conference Summary, page 24-25) Another condition of the motion to purchase real property was that the Board of Trustees would "report triennially as to the financial feasibility of the ownership of real property, the compliance with the spirit and letter of this resolution, and the negative impact, if any, that the purchase of property has had on the fellowship as a whole." After reviewing the six years of real property ownership, the Board of Trustees reported no negative impact (no vote was taken by the Conference). (Answer from page 61 in 2003 Conference Summary) A document on the study and trial period of property ownership was distributed to the fellowship in the mid-1990s. We [WSO] will explore updating this document with further information

Q: Who are the members of the Property Management committee (besides the Budget Chair and Business Services Director)?

A: (Answer taken from 2003 Conference Summary, page 24-25) The Executive Committee on Real Property Management (ECRPM) consists of three at-Large AI-Anon members, the Chairperson of the Budget Committee, and the Director of Business Services. (Page 61 in 2003 Conference Summary) A document on the study and trial period of property ownership was distributed to the fellowship in the mid-1990s. We will explore updating this document with further information.

Q: Why can't our books be sold for less since we are saving money on property expense?

A: An answer may be in a Conference Summary Literature committee report or Ask-It-Basket, but I couldn't find it. You could pose this question to the WSO. I recall a similar question at the Conference and the answer was something like helping out poorer members with low cost books wouldn't benefit the membership as a whole.

Q: Are the attorneys or attorney that did pro-bono (work for our area) a member of AI-Anon? Does he need to be?

A: The attorney that reviewed the Southern California World Service (SCWS) Alateen Safety Requirements is not a member of AI-Anon. There was no suggestion that the attorney be a member of AI-Anon. At the Nov. Assembly, Judy P., Board of Trustee Chair, (who attended the SCWS Assembly) stated that the World Service Office (WSO) attorney is not a member of AI-Anon (and that the WSO attorney work is not pro-bono).

Q: As a worldwide fellowship, how is it the WSO oversees groups worldwide? Like in Germany or Brazil.

A: (Service Manual page 56, 109 and 113) the goal of the International Coordination Committee is to encourage the growth and unity of AI-Anon groups outside the United States and Canada is kept up b correspondence and through our Conference Approved Literature (CAL). Request to reprint in English-speaking countries and to translate and reprint into other languages are considered by this committee. It aids other countries in forming their own service structure and serves groups and individuals where service centers have not as yet formed. An International AI-Anon General Service Meeting (IAGSM) is held biennially with delegates from the WSO and other national structures worldwide. Services rendered to groups all over the world by our WSO, and by the General Service Offices (GSOs) outside the United States and Canada. They are channeled through the area world service committees and the general service committees in other countries. To keep communication open between the WSO and GSOs, an International General Service Meeting (IAGSM) had become part of our structure. You can find brief updates of activities in International countries in Conference Summaries.

Q: Tradition 3 (AI-Anon) has only one requirements for membership: "that there be a problem of alcoholism in a relative or friend". And says the relatives when gathered together.. (are) and AI-Anon group. But Tradition 3 (Alateen) restricts membership to the "teenaged relatives of alcoholics". Isn't Tradition 3 (Alateen) in conflict with the AI-Anon Traditions?

A: They need an Alateen Sponsor to be there, no matter what.

Note: personal contact info + last names have been deleted for web publication, per Tradition 11.

Q: What are the specific reasons a "Double Winner" who regularly attends Al-Anon cannot be a GR?

A: That policy originated in a recommendation from Bill W. at an early WSC. It is on p. 67 in the service Manual. There have been several motions to rescind but they have been defeated every time. The Al-Anon perspective is different from AA. It is considered dilution of our purpose (p. 67-68) There also could be a conflict of interest.

Q: How are motions made from the floor before set agenda items are addressed? I believe this is chaotic and it would be more effective to have motions presented in writing to all members before the meeting, it would also be on the agenda.

A: Today's motions were correctly done under "New Business." The probable effect of the proposed method of handling motions would stifle open discussion and a free exchange of ideas.

Q: Why are the most current motions listed from 1999 on our website? Why is the most current Bulletin from Feb. 2004? Whose job is it to keep the website updated?

A: The previous minutes secretary is working on them because the current person had technology problems. We have had Bulletins in May and August. The webmaster is a volunteer, the contact address is at the bottom of the website.

Q: In the Service Manual, under the Delegate's job description, "In His Area" it states "As often as possible, he makes his report in person at groups or district meetings." It is my understanding that because of physical disability, our current delegate is unable to make the commitment to our area. Does this not mean our delegate is unable to fulfill his/her duties? Was this brought to the attention of the assembly at the time of election?

A: The operative phrase is "as often as possible". Some delegates never meet with individual groups. Some visit districts once in a while. Primary contact could be at Intergroups or assemblies.

Q: One of our basic principals of insuring debate and resolution of problems is Concept 5, with regard to minority opinion. It seems that the trustees have circumvented this principle with regard to the Alateen issue. If the "trustees must "speak with one voice", does this indicate that Concept 5 does not apply to the actions of the trustees?

A: Our Chairman of the Board, Judy, mentioned today that the trustees were in 100% unanimity before they adopted this motion. Thus, they have not circumvented the ideas in Concept 5 regarding a minority vote. In this case, there was no minority in the board. This 100% in favor is the business of the board in service at any time just as we can choose to have a majority or 2/3 or 3/4.

Q: How do I certify an Alateen sponsor yet not be ultimately responsible for that person's actions?

A: The area is responsible to review who the groups and sponsors are. The form says, "to the best of my knowledge, this person meets the requirements". We do not certify. We're simply stating that we know the sponsors.

Q: The return address on the August 2004 Bulletin says, "SCWS AFG, Inc."

A: AFG is part of our legal name and, per post office regulations; we must have our legal name on these mailings.

Q: What is the proper procedure for having the treasurer of my group contribute to World Service? She as yet will not. Make a group rep take a donation and send it in?

A: P. 74 in the Service Manual makes reference to group donations. This is a topic for group conscience or a business meeting. A discussion of Tradition 7 might help.

Q: There is no mention in the budget of sending the Delegate to the International Convention in 2005. Does this mean she is not going?

A: This is an agenda item for the February 2005 committee meeting.

Q: Tradition 11 states 'our public relations policy is based on attraction not promotion.' How do we justify radio announcements and asking members to leave literature at the offices of professionals?

A: Please refer to p. 71, "Anonymity Outside Al-Anon" in the 2005 Service Manual.

Q: Is there verbiage in Al-Anon/Alateen covering "inappropriate behavior" such as sexual touching, petting, touching, sitting on laps, writing on each other's bodies, obscene non-verbal behavior? I believe this distracts us from our primary spiritual purpose. If not, can something be added to conference approved literature? Who would be responsible to write this verbiage?

A: The Alateen Minimum Safety Requirements contain a line that says, "overt or covert sexual interaction between any adult and any Alateen member is prohibited." Any Al-Anon or Alateen member can send sharings for Alateen literature to the World Service office. The appropriate department at the WSO reviews these sharings.

Note: Contact any GR or DR for this omitted information.

Q: In the May 2004 Bulletin, I asked a question about the color of the paper for the Bulletin. The answer was that the current editor would check on the price difference between blue and white and would report in the next Bulletin. I didn't see the answer. Did it get checked out and maybe not get into the Bulletin or did I just overlook it?

A: The cost for blue paper is about \$86.00 more than white. The previous editor changed to white and the board requested, on behalf of the area, that it be changed back to blue.

Q: Has the parliamentarian ever served in an elected position on the SCWS board? How much time does he have in the program? What makes him an authority? What is his background?

A: No, he has not served in an elected position on the SCWS board. He has 13 years in the program and has served in other capacities. Because he has used Robert's Rules of Order in his professional capacity for about 18 years, the chairman requested his assistance. Divulgence of his profession would violate our traditions. The chairman asked this member, to advise her in matters of procedure. It is within her discretion to do so. He has no authority. Any decisions by the Chair are subject to a point of order or a motion to appeal from the floor.

Look for more Ask-It-Basket Q&A's in the February 2005 Bulletin

Acronyms used in Al-Anon Service (and in CAL)

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

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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

Coordinators

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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SCWS Group Registration Form

New Registration? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure If Registered Date_____

SCWS Group ID#_____ WSO ID# _____ District # _____ Area 04

Group is: ☐ Al-Anon ☐ Alateen

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

(Check 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 (All group mail will be sent to this address)

This person is the:

Name_____ ☐ GR ☐ Alt.GR ☐ Sponsor ☐ Contact

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Additional Meeting Contact (Optional)

This person is the:

Name_____ ☐ Alt.GR ☐ Sponsor ☐ Contact

Street/PO Box_____

City/Zip_____

Phone_____ E-mail (opt.)_____

District / Intergroup / Convention Changes

Name_____

Street/PO Box_____

City/Zip_____

Phone_____ E-mail (opt.)_____

This person is the: ☐ District Rep ☐ Alt. District Rep ☐ District Liais./Coor. for
(Alateen, PI, CPC, etc)

☐ Intergroup Liaison for _____ ☐ Convention Chair for _____

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AL-ANON - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WORLD SERVICE (SCWS)
Area #04 ASSEMBLY MEETING - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2005.

Fullerton Senior Service Center, Fullerton, CA

Host Districts: 3, 9, 10, 27, 40, 45, 63 & 69

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

Chairperson – Kary Lewis
Serenity Prayer and Welcome

Traditions read by: _____ District # _____
Minutes Secretary – Shirley M

Minutes from August 2004 Committee Meeting
Treasurer's Report – Tom E

Delegate's Report – Miriam M
Updates from the WSO
SWRDM / March 4 – 6 in Tucson, AZ
PRAASA / March 11 – 13 also in Tucson
SWRSS / September 16 - 18 in Waikiki, HI
"Love Gifts" for 2005 World Service Conference (WSC)
Chairpersons for Action Committees

Alternate Delegate's Report – Suzanne P
SOS (Sharing of Service - 2005)

Past Delegate's Report – Kay D

Records Secretary's Report & Roll Call – Margie L

Observe 7th Tradition (Continue the meeting while baskets are being passed)

Convention Chairpersons' Reports
AFG Convention 2005 – Ellen L
So-Cal. AA Conv. 2004 – Al-Anon – Lynne A
So-Cal. Alateen Conf. (SCAC) 2005 - ?

Old Business:
1. Insurance – Liability coverage
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Lunch Break – 12:00
So-Cal Convention Alateen Committee – Lunch available at minimal cost

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

Concepts read by: _____ District # _____
New Business
1. Budget allocation of funds for SCWS Board Members to attend PRAASA
2. Budget allocation of funds for Delegate to attend an International Convention

3. Subdivision of District 12 to include: Santa Barbara, the cities from Carpinteria to the south, through Goleta to the north-west (to become District 8 and will elect its own DR)
4. Update on (potential) additional Area(s) in CA
Submit a letter of petition to WSO Policy Committee (in conjunction w/CA-N)

Coordinators' Reports

Alateen Sponsor Coordinator: Kathi L
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Lone Member and
Membership Communications: Barbara W
Group Services: Willie W
Public Outreach: Kay D

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

District Representatives' Reports

Intergroup Liaisons' Reports
Coachella Valley: Beverly S
Inland Empire: Jeanette M
Intergruppal Hispania (Inland Empire): Pat M
Los Angeles County: Sue S
Orange County: Kathy R
San Diego County: Eva T
Santa Barbara County:
Spanish (L.A. Co.): Angelica H
Ventura County: Jerry W

Al-Anon related Announcements (only if time permits)

Closing time - 4:00 p.m. (Please help put chairs away & clean up, thank you!)

- Limit reports to 2-3 minutes (does not apply to Officers) – submit printed report and media copy (disk) to the Minutes Secretary.
- Discussion on a motion - please keep to 2 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**

**ACTION COMMITTEE - ASSIGNMENTS
for Trial Area Restructure period 11/03 - 11/05**

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