



Delegate Report  
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Members use their full names within the fellowship when they wish. The degree of anonymity a member chooses (first name, pseudonym, or full name) is not subject to criticism. Each member has the right to decide.



Proposed SCAC Bylaw presentation made by Sam S., SCAC Treasurer.

The SCAC Bylaws were passed unanimously!

I actually survived the weekend (physically) and I have such gratitude and love for the Alateens I will return. SCWS had quite a presence there too. I was there, the Area Chair, the Alateen Sponsor Coordinator, AAPP and a couple Coordinators.

The Alateen that made the powerpoint presentation used KBDM! It was fantastic. He had contacted me earlier and requested information regarding what had worked in the past for SCWS and what had not worked. He wanted to know about KBDM and how he could frame the information prior to the vote. He asked about the process used at the WS Conference when Delegates were discussing a policy change topic. I told him at the Conference when we were discussing changes to the Service Manual we were asked to consider the following:

Is it accurate?

Does it provide clarity?

Can you live with it?

He did a superb job. I had suggested that he ask the Alateens that had participated in helping to write the Bylaws to stand for recognition that way it allowed the Alateens to see that the Bylaws were mostly written by the Alateens.

It was a moment of complete spirituality watching the Alateens vote unanimously to pass the Bylaws that required that the Area have oversight of the Conference and that they follow the Area's Safety and Behavioral Requirements! I am in awe!

## SCAC 2013

- Proposed SCAC Bylaw powerpoint presentation made by SCAC Treasurer. Used KBDM!
- Information framed prior to the vote for Alateens.
- Alateens who participated in writing the Bylaws were recognized.
- Alateens voted unanimously to accept SCAC Bylaws which required that Area have oversight of the Conference and follow Area's Safety and Behavioral Requirements!
- I am in awe!

New book sales in the Area have been very good. If you haven't seen the new book here it is.....I think it is wonderful. Please be sure to pass this information along to your GRs. It is working the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts in your personal life.

In July, all Spanish speaking Groups were sent a letter discussing why the Groups should be purchasing their literature from local Literature Distribution Centers instead of from another structure. I also sent the letter in both English and Spanish to all the Spanish speaking GRs, I requested that the Spanish Intergroup print the letter in their Bulletin and requested that our District Rep for District 64 send it out to all the GRs in District 64.

Meet the Board Event. For several years, the Board has been studying the possibility of changing the venue of its July Board meeting. Initial idea was to reduce hotel costs for Trustees in Virginia Beach during peak tourist season. Idea has morphed into less of a cost saving project & more of an opportunity for entire Board to interact with the fellowship in a "Meet The Board Event". This event would take place after the Board meeting. An opportunity for local AI-Anon members to interact with the Trustees and Executive Committee members. Take place July 2014. We are all AI-Anon members, working in different capacities, for the good of the fellowship. The SCWS Board has recommended that we bring this forward to you the AWSC for a decision. The deadline to submit a bid is September 15, 2013. In October 2013 the Board will choose the site of the 2014 "Meet the Board" event with two runners up. December 1, 2013 the applicant Areas will be notified of the choice.

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This was a real stretch for me! Dressing up was never something I did. You can have fun in Al-Anon and even at the International Convention. This is how I represented CA(S) in the Parade Friday night! It was a wonderful time! I had so much fun!

I came back from the Al-Anon International Convention:

Refreshed, renewed, recharged and ready for the next adventure in Southern California Al-Anon!

It truly was an amazing experience! I hope that each of you are already saving for the next Al-Anon International Convention in Baltimore, Maryland in 2018!

I am hoping that each of you has your copy of the new Book that was released at the International Convention. The title is: "Reaching for Personal Freedom". It is a spiral workbook on how to work the Steps, Traditions and Concepts in our lives. Questions are thought provoking and I have already started to use it both for myself and my sponsees!

Side remark: As I visit other meetings throughout the Area and I listen to the Literature Chairperson discuss the Al-Anon literature. They usually only discuss the three meditation books. It is like those are the only books available in Al-Anon. At some meetings those are the only books sold. My motto is if we have the books available they will buy them! You are the link to remind the Group Reps to encourage and inform their Groups about ALL our Literature!

## AL-ANON International

- I was refreshed, renewed and recharged!
- New book release: "Reaching for Personal Freedom". Spiral workbook. How to work the Steps, Traditions and Concepts in our lives. Thought provoking questions.
- Day of Connecting at International Convention – Many different valuable workshops.
- International speakers.

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We have been requesting that everyone SAVE the DATE for our TEAM Event in January 2014! We have asked Conventions, Round Ups, Intergroups and Districts to please not schedule anything on that third Saturday in January! We are requesting that everyone be part of the Publicity Committee for this event. Please take some flyers to your GRs to distribute to their Groups!



## OTHER INFORMATION

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I have been contacted by the Associate Director of Communications, Literature, WSO to invite members from our Area to serve on the Literature Committee at WSO.

Currently, the Literature Committee consists of ten Delegate members, five At-Large members (one of whom serves as Chairperson), a Trustee Liaison to the Board, and a staff Liaison. Three of the At-Large members are serving their sixth and final eligible year on the Committee and WSO is looking to fill those three positions when they become available in May 2014. So that there will be a smooth transition in May, they are beginning the search now. For the sake of geographic diversity, they need members from any of the following Regions: US North Central, US Northeast, US Northwest, US Southeast, US Southwest, Canada East and Canada West.

Candidates must be active in Al-Anon continuously for at least the past five years, and are not also members of A.A. Please invite members to apply who are energetic, dependable, and is adept at using e-mail and the Internet. The Committee business is conducted via conference calls, e-mail and e-Communities.

Literature Committee work involves discussing ways to encourage the use of existing literature among members, evaluating suggestions from the membership for new literature or changes to existing material, and providing guidance in the development of pieces given conceptual approval by the World Service Conference. Committee reviews determine whether or not a piece meets CAL criteria -- that it is "identifiably Al-Anon in content, responsive to identified needs, factually accurate, timely, and understandable by a broad based reading audience." The value of the Committee members is based on their knowledge of the Al-Anon program, not their awareness of the correct use of the English language. A copy editor will proof manuscripts for any grammar, spelling, or punctuation problems after the Literature Committee's approval.

Committee terms run from the first of May until the end of April of the following year. In order to get to know the candidates and familiarize them with the type of work the Committee is involved in, they will be invited to participate as guests in the conference call meeting of the Committee next February or March (with voice but no vote). Therefore, they are asked to apply by January 1, 2014. There is a requirement that if anyone is serving currently in the Intergroup or in any Area World Service Committee position they must give up the Intergroup or AWSC position in order to serve on the WSO Literature Committee.



## Fully Self-Supporting

- How can we help the general membership of Al-Anon understand that member and Group contributions are spiritual bridges?
- Every service provided by WSO, SCWS, Intergroups and Districts benefits the Groups.

It is not what the group gets but what the Group is part of and what it costs for the Group to be a full participant in those efforts that is important. How do we put a price tag on what we have been given in this program?

Concept One talks about the responsibility of the Groups for Al-Anon's world services. That responsibility includes financially supporting the services that our WSO provided to the Groups. WSO spends \$253 per group is spent on services. Group Services, Membership Outreach, Fellowship Communications, Public Outreach, Administration and Business Services.

SCWS financially supports the Districts and the Groups. Consider Alateen Certification and Recertification. Internet costs of the certification process, mileage, hotel, SCWS helps defray the cost of the event, purchase of literature for Recertification Workshops, background checks, AV equipment, the list is endless. Information about my Monday meeting.

What's important is that the Groups are informed and you are the link for the information. A challenge for all of you is to contact the Groups in your Districts who are not participating, who do not have Group Reps. These are Groups that are not informed. These are the Groups that are not being served. If we had 100% participation we would need to find another location for our Assemblies and that would be GREAT!

Thank you for the gift of serving as Delegate. It is an amazing, spiritual experience. Bob L. told me when I was elected "remember it is not about you fixing Al-Anon it is about Al-Anon fixing you". Wow! What wisdom.