

Southern California World Service (SCWS) Area Assembly

Saturday, October 24, 2020, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

(Brief Summary)

1. We had 196 voting Group Representatives for our initial Roll Call and 206 voters later in the meeting. That's more participation than we've had at our in-person meetings for the past few years!

2. **Treasurer's Report**
 - Our Treasurer, Eva, reported that we are in good financial shape. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, our Area's members continue to practice the principles of our program and they are supporting all of the service arms: their local AI-Anon Information Service (AIS) offices, Districts, the Area/SCWS and our World Service Office (WSO).
 - Please remember that if any service arm receives more contributions than it needs to cover its expenses (and its Ample Reserve), then it passes on its "abundance" to the other service arms. This is "how AI-Anon works" so please continue to think (and act) abundantly!
 - The Finance Committee recommended that the Area increase its ample reserve from \$35,000 (roughly the equivalent of 6 months' expenses) to \$70,000 (12 months' expenses). The FC referred to the *Reserve Fund Guideline, G-41*.
 - The corrected PowerPoint presentation is on the website.
 - After our September Assembly, the Area contributed \$12,641.96 to WSO for 2019.
 - Our "cash on hand" as of September 30 (after the above contribution and continuing to receive contributions) was \$101,587.47.
 - \$101,587.47 less the current ample reserve of \$35,000 = \$66,587.47 in our checking account.
 - If we increase the ample reserve to a total of \$70,000 (or \$35,000 more than is currently in the reserve), we will have \$31,587.47 in our checking account. This is more than enough to cover the rest of the year *and* we are continuing to receive contributions from our generous members/meetings!

Vote: To approve the Finance Committee's recommendation to increase the SCWS Ample Reserve to the equivalent of 12 months' operating expenses.

Yes: 162=66%

No: 33=31%

Abstain: 6 = 2%

Not a voting member: 44 =

18%

Adjusted percentage, voting members only: **Yes = 83%**

3. **Area Insurance for Groups Task Force** -- we are currently forming the Task Force. We will be announcing the members of this TF in our next Listserv message.
4. **Revisions/Changes to the *Southern California Policy for Resolving Group and Member Concerns*.**
 - Our Delegate, Marcia, presented the *History and Background* and the *Revisions and Changes* to our *Area Policy* (everything related to the *Policy* which was approved in 2016 can be found on our website: <https://www.scws-al-anon.org/area-world-service-assembly-meeting-information/>)
 - The three biggest changes to the *Policy* are:
 - A. Expansion and clarification of the District Representative's role in contacting and communicating with Groups,
 - B. Multiple opportunities added to the process of education and dialogue, and
 - C. The SCWS Board is involved in the last stages of the process, and has the final vote to remove a Group from the local directory in the rare instances when this might be necessary.

Vote: To accept all of the revisions and changes to the *Southern California Policy for Resolving Group and Member Concerns*.

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: 194=81%	<input type="checkbox"/> No: 1=0%
<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain: 2 = 1%	<input type="checkbox"/> Not a voting member: 42 = 18%
<input type="checkbox"/> Adjusted percentage, voting members only: Yes = 99%	
5. **Alternate Delegate's Report:** Please see the January 16, 2021 *Sharing of Service* flier and save the date! <https://www.scws-al-anon.org/event/sharing-of-service-workshop/>
6. **The Delegate's Report** (Marcia) is on our website: <https://www.scws-al-anon.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/DELEGATES-Report-informe-de-los-delegados-10.24.20.pdf>
 - One of the big "take-aways" -- members are concerned that outside issues (specifically, politics) are being brought up before, during and after meetings.
 - Tradition 10: The AI-Anon Family Groups have no opinion on outside issues; hence our name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
 - For the sake of unity, please keep political comments, clothing, hats, etc., away from meetings. An absence of political comments will offend no one! Let's keep the focus on our program, please!
7. **Please look at the website for our Election Procedures**, in preparation for our **November 21 Election Assembly** (from 9:00am to 4:00pm with a one-hour lunch break at 12 noon. Log-in starts at 8:00am). Please see <https://www.scws-al-anon.org/area-service-board/area-world-service-board-election-information/>
8. **Upcoming Meetings:**

- Be sure to register for the **November 21 Election Assembly** here: <https://www.scws-al-anon.org/event/southern-california-world-service-election-assembly-meeting/>
- If you are a new GR and you haven't attended a **New GR Orientation**, we will be having one more, on **Saturday, November 7 from 10:30am to 12:00noon. The first half hour will be a shortened training session.**
Register here: https://scws-al-anon-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlkc-Gprz0iHdThisiuH8SiUniOQq_68KTK
- Our **last Training Session will be on Sunday, November 8 at 1:00pm.** Please tell other GRs about it if they haven't attended an orientation yet--and come for a "brush up" if you need one!
<https://scws-al-anon-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwpcOCqrj4rGtKdtjWK0TZByY3qqSZXXXn>

Entry times for November 21 Assembly (please note that the Districts' log-in times are "reversed" this time!):

ENTRY TIME	BY DISTRICT
8:00 am	3, 6, 8, 9, 10
8:10 am	12, 17, 21, 24, 27
8:20 am	30, 33, 36, 39, 40, 42
8:30 am	45, 48, 51, 54, 57, 60
8:40 am	63, 64
8:50 am	66, 69, 72, 75, 78
9:00 am	Meeting begins