AWSC Delegate Report February 20, 2021

Here is the brief report I will give at the Southwest Regional Delegates Meeting March 12-13, and to the World Service Conference, April 12-16, 2021.

*California South Area Highlights, 2021*

***California South Facts:***

* *1,268 active Al-Anon meetings, about 70 Alateen meetings, 200+ Spanish-speaking meetings, 29 districts.*
* *Board: 21 members; AWSC: 62 members; 250+ attend Assembly*

***Successes:***

* *Our January Sharing of Service workshop included speaker Jud L., Past Delegate NM, and Ric B., Fort Lauderdale, FL, who spoke on “Using the Concepts in Our Personal Lives.” About 1,000 people from dozens of states and countries attended this virtual workshop.*
* *Area’s ample reserve was increased from $35K to $70K. We donated $12,641 to WSO.*
* *The Assembly approved revisions to our Alateen Safety and Behavior Requirements (ASBR).*
* *We created an Area Insurance Task Force to research providing group insurance.*
* *WSO approved our revised Southern California Policy for Resolving Group and Member Concerns.*
* *The Assembly approved the revisions to the original 2016 Policy.*
* *Concluded the Area’s Policy process regarding three meetings’ request to be relisted in an AIS directory. The Resolution Team recommended against relisting these meetings. The Area Board approved the RT recommendation.*
* *Area Officers held a virtual Business Meeting to review the RT report and recommendations with the groups’ members. For the first time, WSO has also listed these meetings as “do not refer.”*

***Challenges:***

* *Support the current Task Force charged with creating a safe Southern California Alateen Conference.*
* *Consult with our meetings as they transition from virtual Zoom meetings back to meetings where some or all members meet in a physical location.*
* *Survey our Spanish-speaking members to ascertain if our current Area structure meets their needs.*

We learned from World Service that in addition to the $12,641 which the SCWS Area contributed to the World Service Office in 2020, our Southern California World Service groups and individuals contributed $61,660 directly to WSO in the second half of 2020!

The 46th annual Southwest Regional Delegates Meeting will take place virtually on Friday-Saturday, March 12-13. The purpose of SWRDM is to bring all the Delegates from the Southwest Region together, along with other Area Officers, to welcome and support the new Delegates. In addition to my being a new Delegate for Panel 61, the group will also welcome new Delegates form California North and Hawaii. The meeting will provide all current Delegates an opportunity to share Conference practices and procedures. Many past Delegates also participate, allowing them to stay connected and informed, as well as to share their past experiences as Delegates. There will be an opportunity for some Area World Service Committee members to join the Zoom conference.

Finally, we want to let all groups and members in the SCWS Area know about our new e-mail address:

groupandmemberconcerns@scws-al-anon.org

This e-mail address will allow members and groups to contact the SCWS Delegate, Chairperson, and Alternate Delegate directly if they have questions about situations which may come up within groups. Ideally, groups will resolve problems or conflicts that develop at meetings with a Group conscience or Group Business meeting. If that does not solve a group issue, the next step would be to take it to the Group’s District Representative, who will do his/her best to help the Group reason things out. The Group and Member Concerns e-mail is another tool now available to Groups or individuals who have questions about how to handle conflicts or disagreements within their Groups.

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