

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WORLD SERVICE (SCWS)

Area Assembly, May 15, 2021, 9am-4pm.

Brief Notes

(Complete Minutes will be posted on scws-al-anon.org later)

Chairperson's Report Jayme (Acting)

- Coordinator positions still open: Spanish Coordinator; Alateen Member Coordinator; Hospitality Coordinator
- Assembly Survey: will be sent to your email address to get feedback on today's experience
- The November 20 Assembly will be on Zoom.

Roll Call - Group Records Coordinator Teresa F. 195 registered GRs

Secretary Laleña C.

- **Approval of November 21, 2020 Assembly Minutes** ■ Yes: 168 (79%) ■ No: 0%

Area Election- Chairperson, Jayme

- Candidate: Martha Z. shared her background in AI-Anon service and read response from her Resumé to the question: Why would you be an asset to the SCWS Area as the Chairperson?
- Short PowerPoint presentation regarding Area Chair position and GR's decision today:
 - 1) vote for candidate to be the new Chairperson, suspending for today our Area election procedures [which require 60 days notice of resume] or
 - 2) have the current Acting Chair appoint the candidate as Interim Chair and hold an election for Chair at the November Assembly.
- **Vote #1:** the GRs voted on whether to hold Chair election today or in November:
 - **Yes: 142** ■ No: 52 **GRs voted to hold the election today.**
- **Vote #2:** Yes or No to elect Martha Z. as Area Chair
 - **Yes: 183 (77%)** ■ No: 4 (2%)
 - Martha Z. elected new Area Chair** for the rest of this panel, which ends December 31, 2023.

Delegate's Report (Part 1) Tim P.

- Attended the 61st World Service Conference (WSC) April 12-16.
- Discussions at WSC about Electronic Meetings. Electronic Meetings document on SCWS website: <https://www.scws-al-anon.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/SCWS-WSC-Transforming-Electronic-Meetings-to-AFGs-A-Guide-for-Geographically-Based-Areas-Apr-2021.pdf>
- The WSC voted to allow AI-Anon's almost 500 permanent electronic meetings to form a non-geographic Area with Districts and Group Representatives (GRs) for these meetings. Process described in the *Service Manual* for forming a new Area. Board of Trustees and WSC hope that the application for this new "Electronic" Area will be approved at the 2022 WSC.
- **SCWS will host a virtual workshop, Reasoning Things Out: In-Person, Electronic and Hybrid Meetings on June 26 from 10:00am to 1:00pm.** Topics: considerations for Groups returning to face-to-face meetings; structuring Hybrid meetings virtually for best AI-Anon experience; meetings that decided to split--some members meeting in person, others electronically.
- World Service Office (WSO) sources of revenue: Contributions = 60%, Literature Sales = 34%, Magazine sales = 5%, Investment Income = 1%. AFG Headquarters operating budget = \$5,391,510
- WSC completed a 3-year trial and approved providing interpreters for Spanish and French speaking Delegates. No longer necessary to be fluent in English to become a Delegate to the WSC.
- Every 3 years, AI-Anon conducts a Member Survey on WSO website. **Survey: June 16-July 27, 2021.**
- The WSC approved AI-Anon's first Longitudinal Study. Members who complete this year's survey are invited to sign up for a 5-year annual study which will look at the effects that continued membership in

AI-Anon has on member's health and well-being. The hope is that the results may provide "scientific" evidence to the professional community on the benefits of membership in AI-Anon

- Classic versions of the *One Day at a Time* reader and *The Dilemma of the Alcoholic Marriage* will be updated with prefaces that will point out their historical context and perspective. They are still "gems".
- Electronic Welcome Newcomer kit (EK-10) will soon be available for \$1.40.
- Online AI-Anon store to be updated in July for ordering in French and Spanish as well as in English.
- The Alateen "preamble" will be rewritten to be more similar to the AI-Anon preamble
- There will be a *Just for Tonight* bookmark soon for Alateen members
- How can we make our Board of Trustees more diverse? This is something they are working on.
- Presentations on Dreaming Big, Conflict Resolution, Cooking with the Concepts. Posted on the SCWS website: <https://www.scws-al-anon.org/area-world-service-assembly-meeting-information/>

Treasurer's Report Sandy W.

- Financial Report—2021 Year-to-Date: total bank accounts \$109,231.93
 - total revenue \$25,485.71 increase of 16.97% from last year
 - expenditures \$7,025.56 which is -66.07% because of the pandemic
 - \$18,460.15 net revenue
 - expenses increased for: PayPal, computer expenses, translator for SOS
- Please "spread the word" that our members can contribute to SCWS via PayPal by clicking the *Contributions* tab at the top of our [scws-al-anon.org](https://www.scws-al-anon.org) Home page!

Area-Recognized Convention Chairpersons Reports

- **AFG Convention (AI-Anon):** Terri D.: Hoping to hold convention both virtually and in person.
- **So-Cal AA Convention (AI-Anon):** Cathy W.: Will be a hybrid event: We Overcome in 2021 is the theme. Beginning planning meetings May 16th, event will be September 17-19.
- **Young at Heart (YHA)** Amber: Next event will be on May 29th which will be a game, AI-Anon and AA speaker. YHA convention is August 20 and 21.

District Representative Reports See *Bulletin* for all reports.

Alternate Delegate's Report -- Donna E.

- Please use this form to subscribe to the *Forum* (even though it is available online at [al-anon.org!](https://www.al-anon.org/)): <https://www.scws-al-anon.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Forum-subscription-order-form.pdf>

"What is a Healthy Meeting?" We moved this presentation later in the agenda. Please see below.

Delegate's Report (Part 2): Tim P. and New Business:

- Areas have been asked to create their own policies regarding accepting Permanent Electronic Meetings (PEMs) as part of their Area. What is the criteria that Areas choose to create in order to have PEMs include Group Reps (GRs) from those meetings at their Assemblies? Because there are so many variables involved, **the Area will create a Work Group** of interested members to discuss the many issues involved in including PEMs as Area Groups.
- Any AI-Anon members interested in being a part of this Work Group, please contact our new Chair, Martha Z., at chairperson@scws-al-anon.org.
- Please attend our **June 26th Workshop regarding Virtual and Face-to-Face Meetings** from 10am to 1pm! (The Zoom links for English and Spanish members will be posted on the SCWS website a few weeks before the workshop.)
- **Posting Events on the SCWS website:** We will add a link to WSO's calendar at the top of our Calendar page for links to meetings from outside our Area.

Old Business:

- **Area Insurance for Groups Task Force (Update):** Laura H. D69: Task Force will present recommendation at August Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting and then at the Assembly in November.
- **AIS/LDC Coordinator:** We will extend the three-year trial period for this position. GRs will vote to make the position permanent (or not) in 3 years.
- **Spanish Coordinator:** Voting today to make this position permanent. Need someone to fill this

position for the rest of this 3-year term. Peggy, D40 made a motion to make this a permanent Board position. Maria N., D42 seconded it. Number of voting members: 187 at 1:18 p.m.

Vote: ■ Yes: 172 (81%) ■ No: 0 (2%) Motion passed.

- **District 64** (Spanish Overlay District): Tim P., our Delegate, reviewed the history of D64 as an “overlay” district.
- **Alateen:** Southern California Alateen Conference (SCAC) Task Force: Bear:
 - SCAC procedures, policies, behavior requirements are being defined and refined. There are two issues:
 - Recommendations revising SCAC Bylaws and
 - Agreement for fiscal sponsorship (by SCWS) of TF will be reviewed by Officers, then Board, Committee, and Assembly. Both were reviewed by a pro bono attorney.
 - Believes (hopes!) they might be able to have the next event in June 2022.
- **SWRDM (Southwest Regional Delegates Meeting)** -- Jayme C., Past Delegate. The purpose is to bring Delegates together in the Southwest regions to prepare for the WSC each year. Next year SWRDM will be held in Tucson, AZ. the second weekend in March. It is open to guests; a huge learning opportunity for members.

Coordinators Reports: The SCWS Board Coordinators gave their reports. See the *Bulletin* for all reports.

District Representative Reports (Part 2) See *Bulletin* for all reports.

Intergroup Liaisons Reports: See *Bulletin* for all reports.

18. Ask-It Basket: Donna E., Alternate Delegate

“What is a Healthy Meeting?” -- PowerPoint presentation in response to questions/comments from Area members sent to groupandmemberconcerns@scws-al-anon.org We have grouped concerns into general categories. Today we will focus on the first three:

1) Sponsorship 2) Dominance 3) Newcomers

At the November Assembly, we will focus on four more:

4) Affiliation with outside entities 5) Group autonomy 6) Financial management 7) Literature

You can find the *What is a Healthy Meeting?* presentation here: https://www.scws-al-anon.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/What-is-a-HEALTHY-MEETING-rev-5-20-2021_.pdf

Our hope is that our members will use this presentation to become more familiar with the CAL that is pertinent to these topics (and add even more references at your meetings!). This is meant as a tool for “reasoning things out” with one another and using Knowledge-Based Decision-Making (KBDM) in your groups to keep our meetings healthy and safe and consistent with our principles.

You can find information about KBDM on this page under “New Group Representative”:

<https://www.scws-al-anon.org/area-world-service-assembly-meeting-information/>

Al-Anon-Related Announcements -- send any flyers to webhost@scws-al-anon.org prior to the Assembly. Please send your Report to our Secretary and our Bulletin Coordinator.

Closing time – 3:46 p.m. - Close with Al-Anon Declaration