

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WORLD SERVICE (SCWS)

Area Assembly, May 21, 2022

BRIEF NOTES

9:00 a.m. - Starting time

1. Chairperson's Report -- chairperson@scws-al-anon-org. **Martha Z.**

- Treasurer position still open. Roxane is filling in as Interim Treasurer.
- Coordinator positions still open: Bulletin Coordinator; Alateen Member Coordinator; Hospitality Coordinator
- November 19, 2022 Assembly will be on Zoom.

2. Roll Call -- Group Records Coordinator -- grouprecords@scws-al-anon.org **Teresa F.**

- 166 GRs in attendance

3. Secretary – secretary@scws-al-anon.org. **Laleña C.**

- **The November 20 Assembly Minutes were approved, with amendments.**

4. Delegate's Report (1 - 2 hours) -- delegate@scws-al-anon.org. **Tim P.**

- Our Delegate attended the World Service Conference, April 25-30 in Tarrytown, NY. You can find his presentation here:
<https://www.scws-al-anon.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/SCWS-WSC-2022-Delegate-Report-5.21.22.pdf>
- One of the notable highlights: There is now a new **Global Electronic Area (GEA)** to which Electronic Groups can belong. Their Group Reps (GRs) will attend the GEA Assemblies and vote on issues affecting the GEA and Al-Anon/Alateen as a whole. They elected their first Delegate (Ozzie A.). This is the first Area to be admitted to the WSC since 1987!
- Each Area can decide whether or not to admit Electronic Groups (EGs) to their Areas. See below regarding how SCWS will proceed to decide whether or not to admit EGs to our Area.
- The Board of Trustees holds their meeting in a different Area of the country once a year. Areas apply to host the "Road Trip." The GRs voted to have Tim apply for the October, 2023 meeting to be held in Southern California. Vote: Yes: 73%, No: 5%, Abstain: 5%, Not a Voting Member: 18%.

5. Treasurer's Report – treasurer@scws-al-anon.org **Roxane S.**

- **VOTE:** Year-to-Date Financial Report was approved (Chris C.)
- **VOTE:** Reviewed and Approved 2022 Budget (Chris C.)
- **VOTE:** Approved a contribution of \$25,000 to WSO for 2021 (Christy R.)

6. Old Business

- **Area Insurance for Groups Work Group report (Donna E. & Work Group)**
The Work Group reported that they were able to find an insurance policy to add to our existing SCWS policy, and that the SCWS Board unanimously approved the purchase of that policy on Saturday, May 14. The policy was purchased and went into effect on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.
 - The policy increases the "Limit Per Occurrence" from \$1M to \$2M per year.
 - The policy increases the "Limit Per Year (Aggregate)" from \$2M to \$4M per year
 - The policy increases our insurance cost by \$1,845 per year. The *total* we will pay this year for our existing Director and Officers insurance *plus* insurance for eligible Al-Anon Groups = \$4,771.
 - The cost of the insurance will be taken from the Area's 7th Tradition funds. Groups will *not* be charged a fee for Certificates of Insurance. There is zero deductible.
 - **Before we can apply for the Certificates, we need an Insurance Coordinator** and the Work Group will create the application form for Certificates.
 - As soon as we have both of those in place, **we will send out a listserv message to everyone**, directing you to the application.
 - **Please note: Do not request a Certificate if your facility has not asked for one!** Our new

Insurance Coordinator will be flooded with requests for Certificates from Groups at facilities that HAVE required/requested them.

- The Work Group's presentation can be found here:
<https://www.scws-al-anon.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Area-Insurance-for-Groups-Assembly-Presentation-May-21-2022.pdf>

- **Bylaws Committee Report** (Marcia) – the Committee is meeting regularly and is making its way through the Bylaws update process.
- **Electronic Meetings Thought Force:** Report (Jayme, Marcia, Tim)
 - The GRs voted to approve creating an Electronic Meetings Task Force to explore the possibility of adding Electronic Groups to the SCWS Area. Members who are interested in this issue were asked to contact Martha, our Area Chair: chairperson@scws-al-anon.org. The presentation can be found here:
<https://www.scws-al-anon.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Accepting-Electronic-Groups-into-a-Geographic-Area-5-13-22.pdf>
- **SCWS Board Inventory** (Suzanne, Shauna, Lalena)--this was tabled until the next Assembly.
- **Bulletin** discussion (Martha)--we need a Bulletin Coordinator!

7. New Business –

- **Assembly Thought Force** (Martha)--Not currently meeting. Need volunteers.
- **VOTE: Young at Heart AI-Anon: Propose another 3-year trial with concurrent development of Area-Recognized Convention Guidelines (call for volunteers)** (Martha)
 - The GRs voted to extend the 3-year trial for an additional 3 years while the Area develops Convention Guidelines. Martha asked for volunteers to contact her if they would like to be on a committee to develop that criteria.
 - **Vote:** Yes: 77%, No: 3%, Abstain: 5%, Not a voting member: 15%
- **Election Procedures** – At next year's May Assembly, we will have a presentation about the Area's election procedures and the options for selecting the Delegate, should no candidate receive 2/3rd of the vote.

8. Convention Chairpersons Reports presented by:

· AFG Convention (AI-Anon) · So-Cal AA Convention (AI-Anon) · SCAC--will be held in 2024.

9. District Representative Reports: DRs reported for their Districts.

10. Alternate Delegate's Report – altdelegate@scws-al-anon.org. Donna E.

- We didn't have time for this report.
- Ask-it-Basket: send questions groupandmemberconcerns@scws-al-anon.org
- DR/GR Orientation standard dates--will be held two Saturdays before the respective Assemblies and Area World Service Committee meetings, from 10am-12pm, on Zoom
- Healthy Meetings Presentation: Part 2 – These presentations (Part 1 & 2) were created in response to questions/comments from Area members sent to groupandmemberconcerns@scws-al-anon.org (Donna)
 - Although we didn't have time for the presentation during the Assembly, it can be found here:
 - https://www.scws-al-anon.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/What-is-a-HEALTHY-MEETING_Part-2.pdf

11. Coordinators Reports – We didn't have time for these reports.

13. Ask-It Basket – Q's & A's: Please send questions/concerns to groupandmemberconcerns@scws-al-anon.org

14. AI-Anon-Related Announcements (please send fliers to webhost@scws-al-anon.org prior to Assembly)

Closing time – 4:00 p.m. - Close with AI-Anon Declaration

***Please go to <https://forms.gle/iLTPt7nBbynkZESL8> to complete Assembly survey!**

If you have Group or Member questions or concerns, email us: groupandmemberconcerns@scws-al-anon.org If you have any Alateen or AMIAS-related concerns, email us: alateen-amiasconcerns@scws-al-anon.org