

**AL-ANON - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WORLD SERVICE (SCWS)
AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE (AWSC) MEETING - SATURDAY FEBRUARY 19,
2022**

ZOOM

Final minutes

A) Chairperson's Report -- Martha Z.

- Moment of Silence -- Serenity Prayer
- Welcome to Past Delegates and new DRs
- Guidelines for Participation & Who Has a Voice and a Vote were reviewed.
- May Assembly and August AWSC meetings for 2022: On Zoom. For the remainder of 2022: Virtual or in-person will be determined based on the pandemic.
- SCWS Board Area Inventory Update: Board will be reviewing in more detail at our next Board meeting in May.

B) Traditions read by: Sean, District #6

C) Roll Call -- Group Records Coordinator -- Teresa F.

Donna, Tim, Lalena, Marcia, Martha, Roxanne, Kathy G., Bernadette, Tina, Bear, Suzanne, Yoly, Teresa, Vicki, Micheila, Shauna, Jon, Marce, D3 Sandra, D6 Sean, D8 Larry, D9 Donna N. absent, D10 Celina absent, D12, Sisi, D17 Rene, D 21 Keith, D24 Mykel, D27 Mike W absent, D30 Wes, D33 Denise M., D36 Coy absent, D39 Susan, D40 Lynne, D 42 Maria absent, D45 Linda, D48 Clara absent, D51 Adrienne, D54 Bernie, Terri Z absent, D60 Liz absent, D63 Vicki, D64 Josefa, D66 Teresa, D69 Connie, D72 Lundie, D75 Elaine, D78 Beatriz absent, Cheryl AIS San Diego Liaison, L.A. Spanish Liaison Reyna, Cathy W. AFG Chair. PD: Jayme, Willie, Kathy M., Mariam M.

D) Secretary -- Laleña C. ● Approval of August 21, 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes by Sean D6 with second by Elaine D75.

Vote: Yes 28 100% No 0 Abstain 0

E) Treasurer's Report -- Sandy W. unfortunately has to step down after having some health issues, Roxane is the interim Treasurer. We thank Rosane for her service! There will be an official election in May at the Assembly.

- **Roxane:** She is happy to be of service and is learning.
- 2022 Budget: Profit of \$70,000, everything balances.

Questions: None

Comments:

Tim: Would like more clarification in the future of how things line up with our prudent reserve. Looking forward to Roxane's input in the future.

Roxane: Will get some information together for the next meeting.

Motion: Lundie D72 made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Jaymie: The May Assembly will tell how much will be contributed to WSO? Or is that going to be changed to the November Assembly?

Roxane: Contribution is never part of the budget, not sure.

Donna: In May the final numbers from the previous year are presented. We would present the amount over and

above expenses to send to the service arm.

Tim: We did two separate votes re: last contribution made. Right now with Roxane taking over, it's going to take a little more time than usual.

F) Observe 7th Tradition: Please go through the website, there is a link for Paypal. Roxane said checks are always accepted as well.

G) Old Business

1. **Area Insurance Task Force Update** -- (Martha): There is now a Work Group. Struggling to get some more volunteers for the Work Group. If we don't have enough people, it will delay the insurance outcome. Larry D8: Will be the chair.

Renee D17: Where do we get information of what is entailed to be part of being on the Work Group?

Martha: The presentation is on the website. They can contact Larry or Martha for information.

2. **Assembly Thought Force** -- Remain on May Assembly Agenda (Martha): To be presented in May.

Micheila: She is willing to give input from the past Thought Force findings.

3. **Permanent Electronic Meetings Update** -- (Tim, Jayme, Marcia): Reviewed the presentation; asked for input. January 2022 attended Electronic Area Assembly on Zoom, and elected their first World Service Delegate: Ozzie from FL. There will be a Global Electronic Area. The next step would be to add members to the ThF to complete the KBDM process. The ThF would then include 'members at large' and members in Area service beyond the group level, especially those who have experience with electronic meetings. The Charge for the ThF might include: KBDM questions, what are the benefits, risks, give options. Other Areas are asking what we would consider to be the criteria for the group's geographic location within our Area's boundaries; would electronic group's GR reside in our Area? Would they join a new virtual district? Or would they join an existing district? AFGWME (AI-Anon Family Group Which Meets Electronically) would be a new acronym.

Questions:

Renee D17: Does the WSO need to do anything first before the Area can make any decisions so that there are no contradictions?

Tim: There will be a new Service Manual coming out that will have some new information.

Jayme: First the non-paneled virtual Delegate needs to be voted in at the WSC in April. We don't have to wait for the new Service Manual.

Kathi Past Delegate: Biggest change is the reference to electronic meetings will be removed; they are considered part of AI-Anon Family Groups now.

Tim: There's nothing urgent that we have to do right now. There's a concern but there's no urgency. .

Sean D6: Aren't we just deciding if this will go on to the May Assembly agenda?

Marcia: Yes.

Miriam: What is the question we are asking for them to vote on in May?

Marcia: How does our Area want to proceed? And does our Area want to add members to the Thought Force? There might be some GRs and DRs that want to be part of this Thought Force; this will help with buy-in.

Jayme: Are we giving too much information? Please comment on that. Or is there a better way to structure this?

Keith D21: Can you send the DRs a PDF of this presentation?

Marcia: This will be posted on the website. This was designed for the DRs today, but it will be tweaked for the GRs.

Sandra D3: Will this presentation be available before the May Assembly?

Marcia: Yes, up to 30 days before everything will be posted on the website.

Comments:

Lundie D72: Thinks it would be helpful to be more specific with the questions. Also to identify the charge as a Thought Force, or does it move to a Task Force?

Teresa D66: The language issue when it's presented as "global," TEMs are asking to disband before they begin to meet as electronic meetings. A lot of groups want to be listed locally but they also want to be a PEM from the electronic side. It needs to be clear that it is a gray zone as this comes about. Right now it's one or the other, not both.

Miriam PD: Likes how this is becoming more clear. Thinks the presentation should start with the question, and leave out 80% of it because it brings up too many questions. We also need to hear what Group Records has to say. Thank you for the information, but it is overwhelming.

Elaine D75: It's okay if we change along the way especially as the WSO makes changes. We need to make sure it works for our Area. We need to do the basics, and work with this as the flow is discovered.

Tim: Didn't know PEMs were global. It's more complicated than we thought.

Sandra D3: Would like it to be considered that some stay in their District. Many of her groups want to be part of the District and Area, but they do like the convenience of Zoom.

Jon: The confusion allows the Thought force to think things through more thoroughly. How would hybrid meetings be integrated?

Renee D17: It's unclear as to what the benefit is to be part of an Area.

Teresa: Hybrid is considered part of the in-person group. It is tied to the Area; they need to be local. They can stay hybrid as long as they want.

Micheila: Is it premature at this point? Is it best to keep it simple right now and present more in November since there is no rush?

Sean D6: When they voted at a hybrid meeting for service positions they decided GR and ISR needed to be a local person. We need to have people working on this rather than continuing to wait.

Donna: Thinking of the structure of GRs to vote. Maybe we don't need to ask them to vote right now. Maybe we can do a short presentation; 'here are some questions we have.' By November, we should know more and then they'll have more information on whether or not to move forward. Feels we are putting the cart before the horse.

Jayme: I'm glad we had this conversation. This provides clarity on the direction to take.

Willie: At what point does it go from being the Thought Force to a Task Force? It sounds like more specific actions need to be taken?

Marcia: Thinks it should be a more expanded Thought Force, then the GRs will decide if it becomes a Task Force.

Tina: Thanked Willie, but asked why we couldn't move into a Task Force.

Jayme: I don't think we have enough information yet to make a decision to move into a Task Force. A PEM loses their connection to their AIS, District, and their Area. She's interested to see what information Tim brings back from the WSC in April. We are still in the gathering information stage.

Christy R: Jon is going to put the financials on the website. Gave the audit report. Cash went up, expenses went down. Everything is reconciled. There are no items of special note to be reported. Sandy was amazing all that she did at the end of the year. We will need a replacement Treasurer for the remaining two years.

Jon; Said it's already on the website.

Donna: Will we have a recommendation for the 2021 year to send to WSO?

Roxane: That is what the Financial Committee will discuss and bring to the GRs.

Donna: I think we need to be very clear as to what year we are donating for.

4. **YHA:** Propose another three year trial with concurrent development of Area-Recognized Convention Guidelines (Martha).

5. **Bylaws Committee** -- Report (Marcia); They are scheduled to meet every Thursday. Marcia, Jayme, Miriam, and Willie are on the committee..

H) **Alternate Delegate's Report –Donna E.**

- **Sharing of Service (SOS) Report:** We had a healthy turn out. Got a lot of feedback on the evaluations.

Not planning anything yet, will get together with Marcia and Jayme soon. 238 members, 10 countries, 22 states attended.

- The Forum: Please encourage members to have the *Forum* on hand to look at it each month. Encouraged DRs to have a writing workshop and submit to the *Forum*.
- DR/GR Orientation standard dates: GR Orientation is two Saturdays before each Assembly. So the next one will be May 7th and November 5th. DR Orientation is two Saturdays before each AWSC.
- Healthy Meetings Presentation Part 2: Donna showed it on the website; there have been a lot of emails on the group and members concerns. She thought this would be good to review with the GRs. Suggested groups create a format before having a business meeting so that there is some structure; otherwise chaos ensues. Look at these materials as resources.

I) Delegate's Report --Tim P.:

There will be a Roadtrip Board event to encourage connection; there's an application process. This year they will go to Cleveland. The International General Services meeting will be in London. Preparation of WSC. Hoping it will be in person. Will know more mid-March. It will be in Terrytown, NY which is near Stepping Stones. Contact him if there is anything you want brought up at the Conference. Usually they do love gifts but there will be none this year.

Shared the AFG Unaudited Financial Statement 12/31/21: Total Revenue \$5,173,608 and Expenses \$5,249,674. Net decrease was \$76,066.

There is an opportunity to serve as a Trustee. Application deadline is August 15th. Need to submit a resume. Very clear set of guidelines and qualifications are on the AI-Anon.org website.

WSO is looking to hire a Program Specialist. Need to submit a resume by February 28th. It will probably entail relocating to Virginia Beach, but there might be some room for negotiation to work from here with the stipulation of traveling to and from Virginia Beach as needed.

2021 membership survey results are posted on AI-Anon.org. The survey is done every 3 years; it is a snapshot-in-time of our membership.

Our members contributed almost \$44,000 to WSO.

Congratulated and thanked everyone for their hard work this past year! We are a force for good in the Southern CA Area.

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. – Reconvene -

Concepts read by: District #33 Denise M.

J) New Business

1. Bulletin "Bandaid"--Update on current status (Martha): We still don't have a Bulletin Coordinator. She did reach out to someone but she was not familiar with Publisher. Board decided that we could send an interested candidate to a Publisher class if we have an interested candidate. Unfortunately, she is no longer available to be of service. What do we do in the interim?

Questions:

Lalena: Do they need to be DR?

Jayme: No they do not have to be a DR. Only Officer positions require that. Why do we need Publisher?

Micheila: There are other newsletter editing tools that could be used. How flexible are we willing to be?

Martha: I think we are open to changes; now it's getting someone to fill the position.

Kathy G. Archives: Publisher is what we used for a long time. It would need to be able to be read by

whomever it is sent to. Kathy is willing to be a resource for the incoming person.
Tina: Maybe the job is too big? Or is that up to the Bulletin person to ask for help?
Marcia: Willing to talk to them.

Tim: The requirement to have been a DR is required for Delegate and Alternate Delegate. It isn't in the service manual that a Treasurer has to have been a DR.

Micheila: Reminded us that a previous Treasurer had mentioned that they didn't have a Treasurer background. It's more of a willingness to learn and grow.

Jayme: p. 153 in Service Manual: Our Area autonomy is that the officers need to be a DR. We do have Area autonomy to change that.

2. SWRDM – (Marcia): March 11-13 in Tucson, AZ at the Casino Del Sol. Everything is in person. It mirrors the WSC to prepare Delegates for the WSC. There will be a lot of discussions about electronic meetings.

3. Election Procedures-- (Donna): Every 3 years we have an election. Next year in May we will address a concern brought forward regarding the procedure of what to do if there is more than one candidate for Delegate, and neither gets two-thirds vote. There are two possibilities: a simple majority vote or names are put in a hat and voted by lot. The GRs decide the procedure at the November election Assembly. The vote in the majority of past elections was to draw the names out of the hat.

Marcia: Clarified this is the plan for the May 2023 Assembly; it's something to think about meanwhile. Everything will be on the website.

K) Hospitality Report vacant

L) District Representative Reports:

Sandra D3: Our contributions are increasing, updating website, linking to SCWS and WSO website.

Sean D6: All positions filled except for ADR; most have gone back to in-person and hybrid meetings. Going to have a luncheon with an AA and AI-Anon speaker.

Larry D8: Added two Spanish meetings so now there is a total of 35 meetings. Also, Larry created a business meeting template for groups to use. Had a potluck/picnic to collect money from groups that have been saving their money in envelopes. Talked about having a service sponsor. Going to have a convention this year.

Si-Si D12: 66 meetings; working on group records, Task Force for combining District and AIS into one entity will be voted on in April. There is a Serenity by the Sea convention in April.

Renee D17: Some meetings are going hybrid; many are still deciding. One group did become a PEM. Hybrids are having different issues with room and/or equipment. Making donations.

Keith D21: New to the position; getting acclimated.

Mykel D24: Looking for places to go back to face-to-face.

Denise D33: Lost some membership; updated their website so it's easier to use. June 11th will be their next meeting in-person.

Sue D39: Attendance is low; not enough members to fill service positions.

Lyn D40: Restarting Alateen March 29th, five AMIASs. Raised \$1000 through their Alathon and will have a Spring Fling.

Linda D45: Struggling with going back to in-person meetings; planning an Alateen. June 25th will be another Alathon with speakers and panels. It is the end of her term in March.

Bernie D54: Experiencing a lot of change; putting together an Alathon. Working on getting an Alateen meeting.

Vicki D63: Attendance is dwindling, working on promoting Alateen.

Teresa D66: Workshop 11/13; had a comedian using the Conflict Resolution pamphlet. Next meeting is in two weeks; considering going hybrid in the future. Many variations of in-person, hybrid and electronic meetings.

Lundie D72: 50 registered groups; 40 are active; split between in-person, hybrid, and online. Having a San Diego Round up in April.

Tim: Brought up the idea of being a GR and ISR at the same time. On p. 67 in Service Manual and p. 149 states that they could be each other's alternate.

Donna: Suggested informally starting a Service Manual meeting to get more participation. It is very helpful to read about it and talk about it.

M) Coordinators Reports

AIS-LDC Coordinator Roxane S.: Continuing to update contact info. and sends a summary after each meeting; sent emails to AISs.

Archives Kathy G.: Group history is important; need to have in your District as well as in the Area.

Area Alateen Communications Coordinator Bernadette H.: Getting more Alateens to speak. Please contact her if you know an Alateen who would like to speak.

Area Alateen Events Coordinator Tina S.: AFG is the next event she is working on. Needs help. Next will be the San Diego Round Up in April.

Area Alateen Member Coordinator vacant

Area Alateen Process Person Bear W.: The recertification process is underway; all Alateen CMAs will receive a recertification application to complete.

Area Alateen Sponsor Coordinator Suzanne P.: Recertification process is due by May 15th. It needs to be signed and returned as well as going to the training. Go to "Being of Service" on the website. Alateens are 13-18 years old. There's a DVD AV231 that is helpful and informative. Josefa D64 would like to make a date. Suzanne said an email was sent out; she is waiting to hear back.

Bulletin vacant

Cooperating w/Professional Community Yoly W-H.: Cooperating w/Professional Community has been slow. Received inquiries from WSO for our Southern California Area of which she followed up with. We didn't have a Spanish Coordinator last year so she translated AI-Anon information with the help of Brissa, former Spanish Coordinator before it was posted on the SCWS website. In the fall the Outreach Team, which consists of Vicki, Institutions and Shauna, Public Outreach, met to discuss ordering CAL for our outreach efforts. We agreed to order individually from WSO.

Group Records Coordinator Teresa F.: WSO got 2 million searches for meetings in 2021. We want to make sure the information is the same for the newcomer so they can easily locate a meeting. Active groups 1255, inactive 389, no mail 9, marked for deletion 0, reported not meeting 4, bounced email 7, new meetings 1, 85 hybrid, TEMS 336, meeting in person 348.

Institutions Vicki V.: It has been slow. She is ordering some AFAs. She has some big banners that say AI-Anon on them in her garage; contact her if you'd like to use them for a health fair or gathering.

Literature Micheila L.: Can have Alateens send in sharings to AI-Anon.org website; new Daily Reader is underway and will be presented at AI-Anon International in 2023 in Albuquerque, NM. Every month there are sharings on a blog re: a specific piece of literature. There are sharings needed for the CAL corner.

Public Information Shauna S.: Communicating with Yoly and Vicki; going to have a Zoom meeting to brainstorm and discuss the overlap and who is responsible for what. They will clarify a few things. Contacting different 211 services.

Sean D6: Does have a phone number for their District

Miriam PD: Called the Crisis Hotline; they knew the number of the local AIS. WSO is better than nothing.

Sandra D3: Has a contact number with an announcement that they can leave a message and she'll get back to them.

Spanish Coordinator Marce M. Lalena read his report from email:

1. Visited groups In January and February:

San Bernardino County

WSO #	Name	Place	Address	Status	Day
27397	Un Nuevo Camino GFA	American Legion	1401 Veterans Way, Colton, CA 92324	Inactive	Thursday
3056059 8	La Vela De La Esperanza GFA	Family Resource Center	9791 Arrow Rte, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730	Inactive	Tuesday
3059315 7	Un Nuevo Despertar GFA	Kaiser Hospital	17046 Marygold Ave, Fontaca, CA 92335	Inactive	Friday
3068607 6	Abramos El Corazón AFG		9131 Citrus Ave Suite N, Fontana, CA 92335	Inactive	Thursday
501014	La Nueva Esperanza GFA		1535 N Baker Ave Ste B, Ontario, CA 91764	Inactive	Tuesday
53918	Gratitud Y Fe GFA		13210 5th St, Chino, CA 91710	Inactive	Friday
51087	Plenitud Hijos Adultos GFA	Regular Saloon	2800 W Warner Ave, Santa Ana, CA 92704	Inactive	Tuesday

1. Continue to present workshops along with D64 on Mondays at 7:30pm; finished 12 Traditions; continue with 12 Steps.
2. He has been receiving several questions about which AFGs are participating in-person. He contacted the Oficina Inergrupar Hispana to ask about any records, but unfortunately information is pretty vague. Worked with D64 and covered some of the groups in the San Bernardino area; there's the possibility some of these meeting had changed date, hour of meeting, or place of meeting and we have not received the records change request (see chart in #1)
3. He has participated in four AFG meetings sharing experience, strength and hope while at service.
4. Supported Spanish speaking members from another Area in Georgia sharing the way D64 has been participating within our Area. There's interest to continue the conversations since their Area seems to be interested in creating a Spanish Groups District.

Website Jon M.: Showed some websites, shared Google calendar on SCWS, and how to add it to yours; subscribe to Website Coordinator.

N) Convention Chairpersons Reports

- **AFG Convention (AI-Anon)** Diane: A lot of the meetings are selling out.
- **So-Cal. AA Convention (AI-Anon)** Cathy: Held first meeting. Theme will be 'Platinum view in 2022.'

Will be in November at a new location.

- **Young at Heart (YHA):** Not present.
- **SCAC:** Got an AMIAS chairperson, which will be Bear. Elected an Alateen and Alateen Chair Elect; still need an AI-Anon Person Elect. They are putting a committee together to start planning.

O) Intergroup Liaisons Reports

- **Inland Empire:** Not present
- **Intergrupal Hispana (L.A. County):** Not present
- **Los Angeles County:** Not present
- **Intergrupal Hispana (San Diego):** Not present
- **Orange County:** Not present
- **San Diego County:** Cheryl W. has no report, Roxane has been very helpful.
- **Ventura County:** Not present

P) Ask-It Basket – Q's & A's: Alternate Delegate None.

Q) AI-Anon-Related Announcements

Jayme: Shared about a Service Manual group; not an official meeting. It meets on Zoom.

Tim: PRAASA March 4-6 is on website.

Tina: Need help for AFG.

Closing time - 2:20 p.m. - Closed with AI-Anon Declaration