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Southern California World Service (SCWS)

Overview of Important Assembly Information

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Location: We are currently meeting virtually using the Zoom platform.

Date: <u>Third Saturday of May and November</u>.

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

New Group Representatives: The New Group Representative (GR) Orientation is scheduled for the <u>first Saturday of May and November</u>. It is currently being held via Zoom. Information regarding the Orientation can be found at: https://www.scws-al-anon.org/area-world-service-assembly-meeting-information/

What is an "Assembly"?

The **Assembly** meets twice per year, on the <u>third Saturday of May and November</u>. It is one of three SCWS Area Service meetings. The other two are:
- **Board** meetings (attended by Area Officers and Area Coordinators) and
- **Area World Service Committee** meetings (AWSC: attended by members of the Area Board, District Representatives, Al-Anon Information Service Liaisons, Chairpersons of Area- recognized Conventions, and Past Delegates).

Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual 2022-2025: "The Area Assembly is the business meeting where the groups send their representatives to express a voice and vote on behalf of the group" (p. 67).   "The purpose of the Assembly is to assure adequate interchange of information and ideas about service activities, not only in the immediate Area, but where worldwide Al-Anon is concerned" (p.160)

Who are the Assembly Members?
- Group Representatives (GRs) ⌑
- District Representatives (DRs) ⌑
- Five elected Area Officers (Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer)
- 17 Area Coordinators, Al-Anon Information Service (AIS) Liaisons and Chairpersons for Area-recognized Conventions.
- Past Delegates

All Members of the Assembly have a "voice" (are allowed to speak at the microphone). **Only registered GRs** (or their registered Alternate in their absence) **are eligible to vote.** (***NOTE: All Al-Anon members*** *are welcome to attend the Assembly. However, members-at-large are* ***"Guests"*** *and do not have "voice" or "vote."*)

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The SCWS Assembly follows the World Service Conference (WSC) Etiquette for sharing at the mic.

- One - two minutes at the microphone for questions or comments.
- If someone before you said the same question/comment, please lower your virtual hand.
- One turn at the mic during the same topic period.

✓Checklist: Preparing for the Assembly

- Check the scws-al-anon.org home page Assembly link regarding:
  - Zoom information (ID/Password)
  - Presentations/reports to read
  - Read the Minutes from the previous Assembly. Minutes are available on our *SCWS website, scws-al-anon.org. The link for documents to read before Assembly is on the home page
- Have available…
  - Your current *Service Manual*: available to download from al-anon.org: https://al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/manuals-and-guidelines/service-manual/
  - Your own drinks, tasty snacks and favorite lunch! (We will have an AM/PM break, and Lunch break is 30 minutes)
  - Your love and enthusiasm for Al-Anon/Alateen Service! Bring a positive attitude and keep it with you the whole day long!

What happens at the Assembly?

- GRs approve Minutes from the previous Assembly
- Area Chairperson provides Area updates
- Area Delegate gives a post-World Service Conference report (May Assembly) and reports on recent communications from WSO
- Additional reports are given by Officers, Coordinators, Liaisons and Convention Chairs
- Thought Force and Task Force reports/presentations may be given
- Group Representatives vote for SCWS Officers (every 3 years) and on other matters presented to them. (Please see *Group Representative Guidelines*, G-11)

Do you have questions/concerns? Please contact:
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