

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WORLD SERVICE (SCWS)

Area Assembly, May 21, 2022

Final minutes

Zoom

Meeting

9:00 a.m. - Starting time

1. Chairperson's Report (15 minutes) -- Martha Z.

- Moment of Silence -- Serenity Prayer.
- Welcome -- Past Delegates and new DRs and GRs.
- Guidelines for Participation & Who Has a Voice and a Vote.
- Coordinator positions still open: Treasurer; Bulletin Coordinator; Alateen Member Coordinator; Hospitality Coordinator.
- Assembly Survey: Will be posted in the chat and the SCWS website to get feedback on your experience today.
- November 19, 2022 Assembly will be on Zoom.
- GRs were asked for approval of giving Cathy and Christy from the Finance Committee, Voice today to provide the Treasurer's Report. There were no objections from GRs.

2. Traditions read by: Marsha S. D30

3. Roll Call -- Group Records Coordinator Teresa F.

Board Members: Kathy G., Tim, Donna, Teresa, Lalena, Bear, Martha, Suzanne, Yoly, Jon, Vicki, Micheila, Christy (Finance Committee), Cathy (Finance Committee) Shauna, Diane P. (AFG), Willie, Miriam, Marcia, Jayme, Roxane, Bernadette, Tina, Isabel (OC AIS Liaison), Shana B. SCAC Chair, Cathy W. SCAA Convention Chair,

DR's who were NOT present: District 9, Donna N., District 36 Coy C., District 48 Clara, District 78 Beatriz.

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4. Secretary – Laleña C. • Approval of November 20 Assembly Minutes:

Corrections: Larry D8: under Task Force charge, change cons to solution; 2., letter a: instead of 'predicate' change to 'predict'. Carol D75: Treasurer's report p. 3, change Connie's comment to 'Why are we doing new business before the old business?'

Motion: Sean D6--accept minutes as amended.

Second: Jon Website Coordinator..

Vote: Yes: 73%; No 0%; Abstain 9%; Not a voting member 18%.

5. Delegate's Report -- Tim P.

Tim provided his Delegate World Service Conference preliminary report:

Though we met 5 days this year rather than 4 days during our Virtual 2021 WSC, we voted on fewer than half as many motions this year as at the 2022 WSC--7 motions this year, compared to 15 motions last year. That doesn't mean that the long days at this year's in-person 2022 WSC were not busy and eventful.

Electronic Meetings

In Motion 1, the 2022 WSC voted almost unanimously "To admit the Non-Panel Global Electronic Area (GEA) to the World Service Conference Structure, whereby the Area's elected Delegate will serve as a voting member of the 2022 WSC as a member of Panel 62."

Immediately after this vote (84 yes-2 no), the WSC welcomed Ozzie Amador (from Florida) as the first Delegate for the GEA. He participated fully during the Conference. At-large Member of the Board of Trustees Kathi Maggio (who resides in the SCWS Area) reported to us that the GEA is the first Area to be admitted to the WSC since the state of Alaska sent their first Delegate to the WSC in 1987! (Kathi was Alaska's second Delegate.)

Thus the emotional peak of the Conference came right at the beginning. People were crying and hugging. The welcome which the Conference gave to the new GEA Delegate was intense and powerful. There were lots of shares about making history.

Most Delegates seemed to feel that the information which the World Service Office shared about Electronic Meetings and Group Records going forward made the process sound simpler than at any time in the past year. Here is my basic takeaway:

There will now be two kinds of AI-Anon Family Groups:

1. Physical Groups

A physical group belongs to a geographic Area and is affiliated with a physical location. When members seek meetings, a physical group will always be listed with a physical location. A physical group may allow an electronic "window" into their physical meeting. This would permit what we are currently calling "hybrid" meetings. In other words, some members might join the physical meeting electronically, but they are joining with members who are meeting in-person at a physical location.

2. Electronic Groups

Electronic groups are not attached to a physical location. They do not have an in-person component. They can be a group that wants to attract a global audience. Or they can be an electronic group that wants to belong to a particular geographic Area and not recruit a global audience. Either type of electronic group will ideally be welcoming to whatever AI-Anon member finds and joins the Electronic Group.

If a Geographic Area decides for any reason not to allow Electronic Groups to register in their Area, the new Electronic Group must register with the Global Electronic Area. If a decision is reached not to admit Electronic Groups to an Area, the Area will then notify WSO and any Electronic Groups that want to form in that Area will register with the Global Electronic Area.

If an Area does develop procedures for admitting Electronic Groups in their Area, they can then notify the WSO. New Electronic Groups who want to register in an Area do not have to go through the Global Electronic Area first--if the geographic Area has procedures in place to register them. They can register directly with the Area in which they want to form. Areas who choose to admit Electronic Groups do not have to have the procedures they create approved by the World Service Office. They merely have to inform WSO that they have procedures in place.

Alateen Electronic Meetings are not included in the information above. Because of the Safety Guidelines involved, The Board of Trustees and WSO are looking at those requirements separately.

I went to the microphone to ask the WSO and the Board of Trustees specifically what their feelings were about Geographic Areas admitting Electronic Groups. Here is the answer we received:

The Board of Trustees and the World Service Office hope that all Geographic Areas will welcome all Al-Anon Groups--Physical and Electronic--into their Areas. Each Area has autonomy in what they decide.

Stepping Stones

Some of you may have seen the photographs I emailed from Stepping Stones during the World Service Conference. Stepping Stones is the former home of Bill Wilson, co-founder of AA, and his wife Lois Wilson, co-founder of Al-Anon. It is now a museum operated by a non-profit organization and open to the public. You may also remember that during last year's Virtual 2021 WSC, we attended a virtual visit to Stepping Stones that was incredibly moving. Earlier in my World Service journey, I recall Delegates reporting to the Assembly about their visits to Stepping Stones. Since one of my character defects is envy, that's always what I felt when I heard that once every three years, the WSC was held in New York so that Delegates could visit Bill and Lois's home. While I was at Stepping Stones, I talked to some volunteers there who said that the staff regularly provides these virtual visits to groups who request them. So I've proposed to some of our Board members that perhaps SCWS can sponsor a visit from Stepping Stones at an upcoming Assembly—or perhaps at our Annual Sharing of Service in January. I look forward to hearing your thoughts about this idea. In the meantime, if you can't wait for us to bring Stepping Stones to Southern California, their 71st Annual Stepping Stones Lois' Family Groups Picnic will be held in-person and virtually on Saturday, June 4, 2022. The virtual event will be in English and in Spanish. More information can be found at: www.steppingstones.org.

Board of Trustees "Road Trip!"

I reported briefly last year on an Al-Anon Board of Trustees annual event called "Road Trip." The Board traveled to several locations including Seattle during the 3-year trial period and now the Conference has made these annual events permanent. Essentially the Board travels for their October meeting to an Area and makes itself available for a one- or one-and-a-half-day event with local Area Al-Anon members.

What caught my attention this year is that the Board of Trustees picks up most of the cost for the event! SCWS would be responsible for recommending a couple of hotels that can accommodate the event and for providing a list of invitees from our Area. The WSO handles negotiating with the hotel and provides registration forms for the Area. The 2022 Road Trip event will be in Cleveland so we are talking about applying for the October 2023 event. Several Areas will apply to host and only one Area will be chosen.

The application deadline is September 23, 2022. The Board will select 3 potential sites in October and the final site will be selected in February, 2023. I look forward to discussing this possibility with the Board.

WSC 2022 Financial Update

This is a synopsis of the WSC financial report:

Audit figures for 2021:

Total 2021 revenue in the General Fund: \$5,173,609

Total 2021 revenue from Literature: \$1,906,751

Total Contributions in 2021: \$2,623,242

For the second year in a row, for the first and second time, Al-Anon received more of its revenue from Contributions than from Literature Sales.

Here are some Strategic Initiatives and program accomplishment which the WSO completed in 2021:

- The new Trilingual Online Store was launched.

- AI-Anon completed the English manuscript for the new daily reader, which is tentatively entitled *A Little Time for Myself*. The focus of these sharings will be on the diversity of the AI-Anon membership. The book will be launched at the 2023 AI-Anon International Convention.
- We completed the 2021 Membership Survey.

AI-Anon Family Groups 2022 Operating Budget.

Revenue forecast for 2022: \$5,460,061

Contribution goal for 2022: \$2,850,000

Literature sales goal for 2022: \$2,604,381

For 2022 AI-Anon expects a deficit of: \$ 353,114

Here are some of the programs or projects for 2022:

- Return WSO staff levels to normal (about 50 employees) so WSO can continue to deliver services to the fellowship
- Consolidate Electronic AI-Anon Groups with our Physical Groups
- Provide the 2022-25 AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual printed in all three languages
- Hold the first in-person World Service Conference in three years

For the first time after the 3-year trial period, the 2022 WSC provided full French interpretation for one of the Delegates from Quebec. Four Spanish-speaking Delegates whose first language was Spanish attended WSC. They also spoke English and chose to attend the Conference in English. However, it is now possible for a Spanish-speaking Delegate to attend WSC and receive full interpretation.

Plan for the 2023 International Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 29 – July 2, 2023. The theme of the Convention will be “New Hopes, New Friends, Renewed Recovery.” Registration will open in 2023. We will keep you informed when registration opens via a Listserv message

Launch AI-Anon’s first ever Longitudinal Study which looks scientifically at the benefits to our members of their participation in AI-Anon over a long period of time.

Alateen

WSO received more than 100 Alateen submissions for the Alateen bookmark “Just for Tonight.”

We also had a thorough session entitled “Alateen Recertification Process: Lessons Learned and Shared Responsibilities.” This 18-slide presentation began with a historical review of the Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements which were unanimously approved by the WSC in April 2004. The purpose of this session was to continue the healing process for the 11 Areas which missed their 2021 Alateen Recertification deadlines and lost the right to have Alateen in their Areas.

We are fortunate to have such a strong Alateen presence on our SCWS Board. I will send the presentation to our Alateen Coordinators. They can look over the presentation and decide if the information is useful to post on the SWCS web site.

AI-Anon International Service Meetings

The International AI-Anon General Service Meeting (IAGSM) is coordinated by the WSO. It is held biennially (even Years) for National Structures. This fall on October 12-15, the IAGSM planning meeting will be held in London. The theme: Connecting Heart and Minds Around the World.

In 2021 there were also “Zonal” meetings for Europe and an Ibero-American Zonal Meeting October 22-24, 2021 hosted by Peru.

2023 World Service Conference

The dates selected for the 2023 World Service Conference are Thursday, April 20 through Sunday, April 23, 2023. The Conference will be held at the Founders Inn, Virginia Beach, Virginia. As reported in the 2021 World Service Office Annual Report, the Board of Trustees passed a motion to approve reducing Conference Week to four days effective 2023 on a three-year trial basis.

WSO: Associate Director International: Help Wanted. They will lead the WSO efforts to develop and implement plans and programs to serve AFG in countries without a service structure as well as meet the needs of evolving service structures.

Poll: To see if there is interest in submitting an application for the Board of Trustees to hold their October, 2023 meeting, or "Road Trip," in Southern California :

Yes 73%; No 5%; Abstain 5%; Not a voting member 18%.

Teresa: There are 106 voting GRs present

Martha stated Tim will pursue an application for Road Trip for October 2023 based on the results of the poll..

Questions about Delegate's Report:

Eliana D27: Who would I contact about International Associate Director position? What is the phone number to apply for a WSO position?

Tim: Will put the number in the chat.

Jane D54: Was the \$283 per month or per year?

Tim: Per year.

Terri D33: How can an electronic only meeting with no geographic Area be admitted to a geographic Area? how/why would they want to join a geographic Area?

Tim: Areas all over the US and Canada are hard at work to accommodate electronic meetings. We are hopeful we will be able to do it.

Martha: We will discuss this more in another presentation later in the day.

Terri D33: Do you have a date or a month that the Service Manual will be printed?

Tim: They say fall.

Sandra D3: Will we need to start work groups or Thought Forces to explore these topics brought up by WSO?

Tim: We already developed something to share with the Area. These 2 topics are the core of vital interest:

Alateen and getting new members. It will be part of next year's WSC.

Kathy D21: As far as registering a meeting, is there a timeline?

Tim: We will discuss later. There is no pressure to get this decided right away. It might not even be by the fall Assembly.

Andy D66: Maintaining a sustainable future, is that open to welcoming newcomers?

Tim: Yes, everything is about newcomers finding meetings, etc.

Christina P. D66: Can I print the presentation?

Tim: Yes, it's on the SCWS website.

Larry D8: Is there a timeline for growing AI-Anon without promoting? Is it a 2 year or 4 year deal? My District is shrinking. How do we grow during these times?

Tim: We will post those presentations on the website for everyone to see rather than waiting.

Bryan D3: We had a vote in our meeting to temporarily split. Is it a group conscience vote or is it a vote by the Area?

Tim: We do not have a process right now.

No comments were offered.

The Delegate's Powerpoint presentation will be posted to the SCWS website in English and Spanish.

6. Treasurer's Report – Roxane S. Cathy S. (Finance Committee)

We are in good standing financially. Cathy and Christy presented the financial report and the proposed 2022 budget.

Question:

Lynn D21: She does not see the proposed budget and presentation on the website.

Ben: Yes they will be up there shortly.

Carol B. D75: What was the \$3,000 prepaid account?

Cathy S.: It's for Tim to go to WSC. We are waiting for him to submit receipts so next time it will be zero.

Comments: None

• **VOTE:** Approve the financials: Motion Peggy D40, seconded: Sean D6

Yes 79%; No 0; Abstain 1%; Not a voting member 20%.

Teresa 163 GRs now.

Approval of 2022 budget: Motion: Peggy D40; seconded: Doris D39

• **Vote:** Yes: 78%; No: 1%; Abstain 1%; Not a voting member 20%.

• Observe 7th Tradition – “Contributions” link is on the SCWS website.

Christy R D 54: In April 2022 cash on hand was \$115,387.89; \$45,057.39 remaining in checking. Finance Committee recommends contributing \$25,000 to WSO at this time, and revisit in the fall of 2022.

Questions:

Tina S.: Has there been an increase in rent where we go to Assembly? Have you had that discussion yet?

Martha: Not yet.

Comments: None

Motion to approve the contribution to WSO: Alice D45; seconded by Peggy D40

• **VOTE:** Contribution to WSO Yes: 80%; No: 1%; Abstain 1%; Not a voting member 18%.

7. Old Business

• **Area Insurance for Groups Work Group report (Donna E. & Work Group)**

History:

November 2018 Assembly: Created a thought force after that Assembly to consider this issue using the KBDM process.

September 26, 2020 Mini Assembly: The ThF recommended that the /Area create a Task Force to further explore purchasing insurance for all eligible Area AI-Anon/Alateen Groups.

October 2020: Create a Task Force to explore feasibility of purchasing a liability insurance policy that would cover all eligible SCWS AI-Anon/Alateen groups.

November 2021 Assembly: ThF made recommendations to purchase an insurance policy, form a Work Group, approve authorizing the Board to make a decision and purchase the policy.

February 2022: Work Group started.

May 14, 2022: Work Group presented to the Board.

May 2022: Larry: The Work Group found a liability policy that will cover all eligible AI-Anon/Alateen Groups in the SCWS Area. It was approved unanimously.

Criteria for eligibility:

1. Physical Groups in SCWS
2. Registered with WSO
3. Active Status
4. Listed/published on the WSO website

The policy will cover liability insurance that includes Improper Sexual Conduct for all eligible AI-Anon groups including Alateen.

Our expanded policy now covers Groups: Existing SCWS policy is \$2,926, expanded policy adds \$1,845. Total: \$4,771

Need an Insurance Coordinator to implement the new process.

Insurance Coordinator will:

1. Receive and process applications from Groups.
2. Work closely with our insurance broker to provide proper paperwork for Certificates of Insurance.
3. Educate members about insurance.
4. Become a SCWS Board Member.

What should you/your group do?

This is only for facilities who are requesting insurance. Please do not request one if your facility has not asked for it. If your facility has requested one:

1. Your group will apply for a certificate using the designated form.
2. Please read the form thoroughly and follow all instructions to avoid delays.
3. Remember this is a new process.
4. Expect it to take 10 days.

We will let you know via a ListServ message and on our website when we have an Insurance Coordinator. We need an Insurance Coordinator before we can issue any certificates. The cost is covered; the 7th tradition sent in is what is covering this expense for the Area.

Questions:

Peggy D40: How would we handle Area events for insurance purposes?

Miriam: There is no coverage for events; it is only for meetings.

Josefa D64: How long is the coordinator position going to be open before we can start processing certificates?

Donna: Hopefully someone will let us know within a week.

Martha: We need applicants.

Josefa D64: Do they need to have a background with insurance?

Donna: Not necessarily.

Andrea D42: Can you display the slide again regarding cost? Also, what is the name of the company we have decided on?

Donna: Nonprofits Insurance Alliance of California (NIAC).

Larry D8: We did 1 million and 3 million aggregate for meetings, 2 million and 4 million for schools so that those facilities would accept the coverage.

Andy D66: Will it be posted?

Jane D54: Do we have to reapply annually? Or do you apply once? Is there a term limit for the Insurance Coordinator? Does the Insurance Coordinator get involved with any claims?

Miriam: It will renew annually.

Donna: Started May 17 and ends in December 2023. However, if someone starts mid term, they might put in to extend that to the next panel. That would be the interaction between the Insurance Coordinator and the insurance broker.

Larry D8: They would be the liaison.

Nikki D75: Does physical group mean in-person only?

Donna: A physical group has a physical location; can have a virtual window such as a hybrid. Electronic only groups are not covered.

Denise D21: Do we need to register to get on ListServ?

Donna: Every DR, GR, CMA, and Board member receives ListServ messages.

Renee D17: I have a group who has insurance, do we cancel it?

Donna: It would be prudent to wait until you get the insurance certificate.

Donna: Check spam for ListServ emails.

Christina D66: What would we need insurance for? If it's coming from the 7th tradition, do we need to give a separate donation?

Donna: It's coming from Area's 7th tradition. There is no need for a separate donation.

Miriam: It's a general liability policy.

Martha: Slips and falls.

Jayne: It's important to stress again that if a meeting location has not asked for a certificate, don't apply for one. I hope that's clear.

Donna: At her group, they asked someone to sign a waiver. We had several business meetings before signing it.

Larry: Meetings are autonomous.

Terri D33: We are insured but we just need the proof? In a facility where groups meet, would we need to purchase separate insurance for an event? They plan on having an Alathon. Will rates go up as we go back to in-person meetings?

Larry: We gave the number of 1,250 groups. If it's an event, that is not part of what our Work Group charge was or what the insurance policy covers.

Martha: Our policy would not cover an event.

Terri D33: Should we cancel any insurance policies in existence?

Jayne: Suggested waiting because it's a work in progress.

Terri D57: What about District events?

Donna: We did not include Districts as groups.

Bernadette: What does the 3-5 million aggregate mean for Alateen?

Larry: Schools would accept 4 million; we are meeting the 2 million requirement.

Martha D76: What are we paying?

Donna: \$4,771 for everything.

Erika: For the meetings requiring insurance, does the meeting need to give anything?

Donna: Everything is covered. That's why we suggest making contributions to service arms.

Laurie D54: Liability covers us for damage, facilities that require additional coverage.

Sandy P. D63: We have babysitting, a house that has a trampoline. If they have an accident, are we covered?

Miriam: Babysitting is not covered by the policy.

Donna: Unless it's a beach that has an office to meet, otherwise it's just considered a public place.

Peggy D40: Are we separating the difference moving forward?

Jayme: We've always had the Directors and Officers; we are now including groups to our current policy. We will renew in October.

Donna: It'll be a lump sum.

Denise D33: I purchased a policy for an event. Would it be to our advantage to use the same insurance company for events?

Donna: It could be; we could put you in contact with the insurance broker.

Cathy D69: She's afraid a school will lose Alateen. What options do we have?

Donna: Maybe contact Bear, the Work Group, and the insurance broker.

Tina S.: Is this company in CA?

Larry: Yes, we've been working with this company for 10 years.

Jayme: This is the company Northern CA is using.

Tina S.: If there was a big disaster, what would happen?

Martha: We would have to take things as they come.

Renee: Would there be a way to specify the portion of money we are sending geared toward insurance?

Donna: No, that isn't necessary. We don't earmark money.

Christy R. D54: Does every group have coverage because the policy is in place? If we don't have a certificate and a situation occurs then we could file a claim if necessary, right?.

Donna: We technically have coverage right now as of last Tuesday, but we don't have the proof yet to give out.

Amy D24: Where her group meets, there's a little playground. Members rotate to watch kids on it. Is this excluded?

Larry: Babysitting wasn't part of the charge; it could be looked into in the future.

Jayme: It would have to be added in. Allow us to get it going before we look into anything else. Babysitting is an exclusion right now.

Randy D17: Will insurance cover technology equipment if it is stolen?

Jayme: They need to look at the fine print. We didn't discuss equipment.

Donna: Would equipment need to be included?

Laura D69: It would probably fall under property damage.

Shonna D66: We are having a candlelight meeting. Are those items covered in the event that something happened?

Martha: We will look at the insurance policy more closely.

Martha thanked the Work Group for their hard work.

Lunch Break

8. Concepts (5 minutes) read by: Renee District #17

- **Bylaws Committee Report** (Marcia) meeting every Thursday, almost done with the first draft. Will get it to the Area Board, Committee, and then a future Assembly to vote on changes to the Bylaws.
- **Electronic Meetings Thought Force:** Report (Jayme, Marcia, Tim)
 Everything is on the website.
 In April 2021 Electronic Meetings were recognized as AFGs by the WSC.
 April 2022: Admitted the new Virtual Area Delegate into WSC.
 Two Types of AI-Anon Groups:
 Physical groups: Belong to a geographic Area and meet at a physical location; includes hybrid.
 Electronic Groups (EG): Meet electronically without a physical location.
 We might want to consider admitting EGs into our SCWS Area structure.
 Next steps: Recommending Thought Force become a Task Force to explore the details of how this could be done; draft the process including the pros and cons. Task Force would include those who have experience with electronic meetings, DRs, GRs, and members at large.
 There is currently no cut off date for stopping Temporary Electronic Meetings.
 Dasha D21: How do we become part of the Task Force?

Marcia: Contact Martha.

Martha: My email is on the website.

Christy R. D54: What will happen to the GRs for the EGs? Would they come to the Assembly to vote?

Jayme: Other Areas have decided that the GR must be physically located in the Area.

Tim: Some think we might need to have a hybrid only Assembly. We could also have only an in-person Assembly. We would like more input; more will be revealed.

John D63: We have a hybrid meeting, but many members are resisting technology. Do you think AI-Anon will decide if you have to be one or the other.

Tim: The only issue will be with those who want to remain only electronic.

Sabrina D30: If it's a hybrid meeting we would have a GR? Or would we have 2: one for physical and one for electronic?

Tim: In the long run, some will have to split into 2 meetings. Some want to experience the program in-person and some want to be electronic only.

Marcia: If it's a hybrid meeting, it will only be one GR.

Andrea D42: What is the difference between the District and Area? What does it mean for us to accept a geographic meeting?

Tim: We want them to register accurately for new members. We need to simplify things so we can continue to grow.

Jayme: Explained how we have 29 Districts in our Area 4, CA South. Page 171 in 2018-2021 Service Manual gives the structure to help understand things.

Marcia: All physical groups are automatically part of our Area. We are trying to figure out how to make the Electronic Meetings part of our Area. It is ultimately up to the GRs.

Bryan D3: Will I be able to be a GR for both groups (physical and electronic)?

Jayme: No, GRs only get one voice, one vote so he can only be the GR for one group.

Bryan D3: I am registered as GR for the physical group?

Martha: You would need to join the EG as a GR, and the physical group would need to get a new GR.

Renee D17: There's a lot of confusion as to who to make contributions to. She's afraid the confusion will grow.

Why would we become part of the physical Area rather than the electronic Area? How do you make an electronic meeting not global?

Teresa: Physical location would keep WSO ID# and physical location. It will be a small process for that option. Biggest issue is that you can't live in both worlds.

Tim: The new GEA (Geographic Electronic Area) is a non-physical, non-geographic area.

Donna: There will have to be a way to just be linked to the local WSO directory. It can't be a private meeting, but it could be on the Local AIS website. It still needs to be open.

Laura D69: What are some cons that this wouldn't be a good idea?

Marcia: We don't know; this is what the Task Force will decide.

Tim D24: Have you thought of calling them a Zoom explorer?

Sandra D69: We have problems with the signal, many had to use their phone. Will we have someone to guide groups with the problems of hybrid?

Marcia: We had workshops in June and October; that information is posted on the website. Suggestion is to go on to website and search hybrid.

Carolyn D3: It's important to have a successful hybrid, there's really 3 options: hybrid, in-person, electronic

Tim: It's only 2 now—in-person attached to a location or electronic with no location.

Josefa D64: Can international people join meetings?

Tim: Electronic meetings are open to anyone.

Terri D33: What is the advantage I could tell members of why they might consider to be part of a geographic Area? Is it purely for 7th tradition? Has the committee thought of loss of membership?

Donna: Suggested a point of order to talk about getting a Task Force started. Do we know enough about moving forward? There seems to be enough interest to do that.

Martha: Poll: Do we want to move forward to move the Thought Force to a Task Force?

Yes 84%; No 2%; Abstain 1%; Not a voting member 13%.

Contact Martha if you're interested in being part of the Task Force.

• **SCWS Board Inventory** (Suzanne, Shauna, Lalena) has been deferred, no report at this time.

• **Bulletin** discussion (Martha):

Martha brought up that we still do not have any volunteers to be the Bulletin Coordinator. We would like to somehow see the reports that normally go into the Bulletin. Martha suggested that the reports be placed on the

SCWS website.

Tina: Who would put up the reports?

Martha: They would come to me, and I would work together with Jon to post them.

Christy R. D54: The reports are in the minutes.

Marcia: It would be nice to have a Bulletin Coordinator to take a quick look at it before putting it on the website.

9. New Business–

• **Assembly Thought Force** (Martha): Now we know more about the possibilities for the Assembly given the changes we have had to do with the pandemic. We want to have a global view and review what we are currently doing with the Assembly and what we want the Assembly to look like. If you are interested in being a part of this Thought Force, contact Martha.

• **VOTE: Young at Heart AI-Anon: Propose another 3-year trial with concurrent development of Area-Recognized Convention Guidelines (call for volunteers)** (Martha): The 3 year trial is up now; what do we want to do now? Extend for another 3 years and meanwhile, decide on criteria for an “Area-Recognized Convention?” Martha asked for volunteers for the sub-committee to develop criteria..

Jayne: We haven't seen a YHA member come to Committee or Assembly for a long time. Are they still having this convention? I think we need more information before members vote.

Cecilia D21: Is there anyone here who is a member of YHA? And would this be something you would want to do?

Keith D21: They are making progress in their own way and pace. He will contact the people he knows. He encourages a delay at the moment.

Sean D6: Was this in 2019? Was it partly because of COVID? I think they need to be here.

Margaret D12: We need to know the criteria. Is it approved? It seems to be redundant to continue the trial.

Renee D17: Who is the contact person? Do they have a GR? If they're not here, how can we speak up for them?

Marcia: I was there when they brought forth their proposal. They do know. I'm still willing to give them the benefit of the doubt. We did not have guidelines before. As we have progressed as an Area, we have come up with some guidelines. Now we know what the expectations need to be on both sides (Area and the convention).

Jody D17: She would like to hear the progress from them of what is working or not and if they need help with anything.

Cecilia D21: I feel there's an irresponsibility on their part by not showing up. They are adults now.

We don't want them to mess things up for us.

Josefa D64: Agrees, before we tell someone they're not being of service to ask them if they need some help. She has been getting emails regarding the convention so it has been going on.

Donna: On our part, we said we would vote in 3 years. We switched the horse and the cart. We did not have criteria in place. Now we can do that. We need to get our house in order. Create a committee and criteria, then when we vote in 3 years we will be able to make an informed decision to see if they are following it or not.

Linda D12: Hasn't received any emails to know I was invited to come and participate in this.

Cathy R D69: Can I make a motion to table this discussion until we've voted. This is how it is in Robert's Rules.

Martha: We don't use Robert's Rules with our KBDM process; we will finish discussion first.

Andy D66: We want to presume good will, we need to have younger members in AI-Anon..

Judy D21: We are an Area as a whole, maybe younger members approach life differently. Maybe we could have a liaison?

Martha: We do have a contact.

Erika D57: Pandemic brought a lot of uncertainty, we need to have something in place for them to follow rather than just giving it to them.

Martha: Do we extend the 3 year trial or not?

Shonna D66: Let's let them do the trial; quoted Checklist of Maturity.

Brenda D51: Many young members feel pushed out of the process; we need to be very careful.

Wes D30: He is an AMIAS and has experience of being with young AI-Anons; we need to build bridges. Would like to see another 3 years.

Jennifer D57: We are one.

Micheila D27: What is the criteria so we can make an informed decision?

Martha: That's why we are asking to extend the trial so we can develop criteria; expectation would be for any Area convention (AFG, YHA, SCAAC).

Micheila D27: It's for Young at Heart, it's meant to be inclusive.

Josefa D64: We should extend it for 3 more years.

Patty D17: Interested to know members of YHA will be on the Task Force? Is that appropriate?

Martha: Vote is to extend 3 year trial, and develop criteria for what determines an Area Recognized Convention. It will depend on the group of those who show interest.

Haley D51: Thinks we should extend, especially with COVID the past 2 years.
Julie D69: Our AI-Anon Declaration and inclusivity are important things to remember.

Motion: Young at Heart AI-Anon: Propose another 3-year trial with concurrent development of Area-Recognized Convention Guidelines (call for volunteers) Anita D75; seconded Andy D66.

Vote: Yes 77%; No 3%; Abstain 5%; Not a voting member 15%.

• **Election Procedures** introductory discussion: Next May we will have this as an Assembly topic so we are prepared for November of 2023 elections.

10. Convention Chairpersons Reports (10 minutes)

• **AFG Convention (AI-Anon)** Diane P.: March 20-23 in Ontario. Pre-planning meeting tomorrow in Bellflower. Had 600 come! Looking forward to next year. Hoping to have an AI-Anon theater.

Planning meetings will begin in June at Alano Club.

• **So-Cal AA Convention (AI-Anon)** Cathy W.: will be November 4-6 in City of Industry, meeting hybrid.

• **Young at Heart (YHA):** Not present.

* **SCAC** Bear: He had Shana give a report as the Alateen Chairperson: there is not enough time to plan and put on SCAC this year. Plan is to have a smaller event mid-July at University of Redlands. Alateens are welcome to be on the planning committee.

11. District Representative Reports: We will take Districts in order.

Sandra D3: Working to get AMIAs, working in Juvenile Hall, have an August convention coming up.

Larry D8: Have a new ADR, voted to not participate with the local convention, going to have a Spanish button on the website, creating a GR toolkit, and a public outreach project.

Sean D6: Did a day event; most meetings have gone back to in-person, monthly speaker meeting.

Celina D10: Had a convention in April, having another one June 3-5, doing crafts for the country store, trying to make it bilingual. Six electronic, 8 in-person, want to have a newcomer workshop. They have been studying G2 guidelines.

SiSi D12: They are starting a big merge of AIS and District becoming one entity. Just finished the Serenity by the Sea convention, and have a convention in September in Westlake.

Renee D17: 22 AMIAs, 3 active Alateen groups, a lot of meetings are transitioning back to in-person and hybrid. There are some that are TEMs, one is considering becoming a PEM. There is money in the budget for SCAC scholarships.

Keith D21: Having a 2-part workshop regarding hybrid meetings, have a District prudent reserve, many meetings aren't donating to the District.

Mykel M. D24: There are 50 meetings.

Mike D27: Had a workshop on KBDM,

Wes D30: Thankful to GRs who showed up today, many are transitioning from virtual to in-person, a few are hybrid. Trying to keep an Alateen meeting.

Denise D33: One-third are face to face, some not meeting, some are zoom and hybrid. Having an Alathon in Covina June 11th, 10-4. There will be an opportunity drawing. There will be speakers.

Sue D39: Garden of Hope 8/13, 9-2 in Riverside. It will be in-person. There is a flier on the website. Getting Alateen meetings started again.

Lyn D40: 20 English, 4 Spanish, 1 Alateen meeting. AMIAs have been helping D39 Friday night Alateen meeting. Her term is up, the treasurer has been doing it for 6 years. Lost 5 meetings, gained 2 during Covid. Held 2 fundraisers.

Adrienne D51: Put a hold on Alathon until further notice.

Bernie D54: Two meetings are face to face, majority are zoom. Looking to get a new ADR and DAL. They make literature donations to institutions. Partnership with DCFS who have monthly events.

Down to 1 Alateen meeting. Labor Day weekend round up.

Terri D57: Speakers who go to local rehabs, professional mailings, public libraries, webpage linked to WSC and OC. Getting information into courthouses and schools. Doing a mini Alathon.

Liz D60: Doing public outreach to the police department, have a surplus of funds so it's going well.

Lost a lot of GRs, developing a plan to go to meetings in the Area to explain what a GR does.

Vicki D63: Half of meetings are on zoom, one is PEM, focus has been to get word out on Alateen. Lost site, so going to make a contribution.

Josefa D64: Having a workshop focusing on 36 AI-Anon principles, public outreach to schools, just had recertification for AMIAS, Marce has been helping with translation. There's a Hispanic Convention in Glendale at the beginning of November.

Teresa D66: Next meeting is June 4th. Shared there's a change to group update form on Website. It's important to have WSO ID#.

Closing time – 4:05 p.m. - Closed with the AI-Anon Declaration.