

**AL-ANON - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WORLD SERVICE (SCWS)  
AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE (AWSC) MEETING  
Saturday Feb 18, 2023**

**Draft Minutes**

**8:30-8:55 a.m. – Sign in, change virtual name tags**

**9:00 a.m. - Starting time**

**A) Chairperson's Report -- Vicki V.**

- Moment of Silence -- Serenity Prayer
- Welcome -- Past Delegates: Jaymie, Willie, Miriam, and Marcia and new DRs: Alejandra, Vanessa, Patty, Victor Hugo, Kristen, Maya, Anna
- Guidelines for Participation & Who Has a Voice and a Vote
- Assembly and AWSC meetings for 2023: On Zoom Unsure for remainder of 2023: Virtual/ in-person/TBD
- SCWS Board Area Inventory Update
- New service manual is available in print in English. March for Spanish.

**B) Traditions** read by: District # Sean D6

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

*Present:* Jon, Vicki, Suzanne, Madeline, Sandra L., Bear W., Roxane, Irene, Tim P., Teresa F., Elaine, Marcia, Donna E., Yoly W-H, Cathy S., Jayme C., Miriam, Willie W., Marce, Sandra, Sean N-G, Alejandra, Si-Si, Patty F., Keith F., Gloria S., Denise M., Sue P., Terri Z., Liz S., Diane M., Lundie C., Diane P., Kristin R., Bunny F., Cindy P., Josefa, Michelle R., Victor Hugo, Lalena, Kay W., Madeline, Bernie, Anna, and Teresa

*Absent:*

**Board**

Shauna, Public Information Coordinator

**DR's**

District 9 vacant

District 10 absent - Beverly P.

District 24 absent Mykel M.

District 27 absent Mike W.

District 36 absent Coy C.

District 42 absent Maria N.

District 45 absent Lydia T.

District 48 vacant

District 51 absent Adrienne B.

District 78 vacant

**D) Secretary – Laleña C.**

- **Approval of August 20, 2022 Committee Meeting Minutes:**

<https://www.scws-al-anon.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/draft-minutes-for-Aug.-21-2021-AWSC.pdf>

Bear made a motion to accept minutes, Suzanne seconded, minutes accepted

Accept Minutes:

Yes 64%

No 0%

Abstain 36%

**E) Treasurer's Report –Cathy S.**

- Financial Report: Total Bank accounts: 92,139.08 Total liabilities 97, 620.37

Revenue: 70,921.78 Expenses: 3,205.60  
\* Audit Report: everything came out well  
\* 2023 Budget  
\* Total Bank accounts: 103,000  
\* Received 11,825.66 for January

#### **F) Observe 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition (<https://www.scws-al-anon.org/contribution>)**

#### **G) Old Business**

Electronic Groups Town Hall: Marcia: went well, Sally will make a Q and A document to put on the website. We will send a reminder when it will be available. Task force has disbanded, did everything on charge and then some. If we need to form one in the future, we will.

Tina: thought if we have another one, we should rename it.

Marcia: We will not be having another one at this time. If anyone has any questions they can send an email to the group and members concerns email.

1. Assembly Thought Force -- Remain on May Assembly Agenda - Vicki
2. Bylaws Committee -- Report (Marcia): revised and approved in 2016, now has a group of past delegates, they are almost done, just waiting for treasury position turnover to finish.

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

- Sharing of Service (SOS) Report: went really well, many asked if we recorded it but we do not record at the area level. Presentations are on our website
- The *Forum*: please promote at meetings, there are guidelines on our website on how to submit a sharing to the Forum.
- DR/GR Orientation standard dates, 2 Saturdays before AWSC for new DRs and 2 Saturdays before Assembly for new GRs
- Tim mentioned there's a Forum in Spanish: called Al-Anon en Accion that you can get a subscription to.

#### **I) Delegate's Report -- Tim P.**

- \* Road Trip! Meet Your Board of Trustees will be in Southern California in 2023 on October 28th.
- \* Electronic groups
- \* SCWS EG Town Hall February 11 was a success
- \* February Chairperson of the Board Letter: Lynette K.: Deficit for 2022 was lower, did not need to take any money from ample reserve.
- \* Year to date December 31,2022: Net increase 44,477 for YTD actuals, 332,726 for YTD Budget Revenue, the board approved the 2023 preliminary budget and anticipates a balanced budget
- \* Program Services Provided by the World Service Office review: register new groups, supports international structures, maintains and updates meeting locations, produces exciting new literature, prepares program and staffs the World Service Conference, maintains our website, mobile app, enhances communications, and develops PSAs, attends professional conferences to share the Al-Anon message
- \* Special Projects: international convention and day of connecting, CAL globally, improvements to Al-Anon online store, Alateen electronic group feasibility, transforming Electronic Groups, meetings with international structure, road trip planning.
- \* Pie chart to show how funds are distributed.
- \* 5 Trustee Nominees will be presented at the World Service Conference for traditional approval. One of these is Jayme C.
- \* Diversity Workshop: was in January. Now have a 21 day challenge to broaden their DEI thinking and behavior

- \* 2024 Delegate led Thought and Task Forces: Personal and Service Sponsorship, Revitalizing Alateen, Thought force: Eliminating Regional trustees
- \* New Daily Reader: A Little Time for Myself
- \* AFG Mobile App
- \* WSO in Virginia Beach, VA is once again opening its doors for guests
- \* SWRDM will be March 10-12 in Salt Lake City. 4 on the board go every year. Other board members and guests can attend.
- \* New Service Manual (P-24/27) is available in print. Spanish will be available in March
- \* 2023 Al-Anon International will have AA Participation. June 29-July 2, 2023 in Albuquerque, NM. June 29 is Day of Connecting, daytime sessions Friday and Saturday, International big meeting and Language of Love Parade, Family big meeting and Trailblazers on Route 66, spiritual big meeting Sunday. Registration is 200 until 5/10, 225 thereafter. Virtual attendance will be \$145 to get access to some meetings and sessions.
- \* WSC will be April 20-23. Theme will be Love, Laughter, and Grow Together. This will be a 3 year trial to shorten it from 5 days to 4 days. They want to make it more attractive to working members to participate.
- \* WSC Love gifts. Cards should be timed to arrive at the Conference hotel after April 15, 2023. They can be sent to Delegates' name (write hold for WSC 4/20-4/23, 2023) Founders Inn and Spa, 5641 Indian River Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23464.

\* In the Loop: is published in English and Spanish.

\* We've got a new thought force: Assembly. He is chairing it. The Glendale location is still available for our dates. Right now we are exploring different options: survey other delegates, rotate it to different places in the area, and make it hybrid. Only requirement will be that they had enough service to have done both in person and virtual. Please let him know if you are interested.

Vicki shared that she went to Road Trip in Cleveland last year. She loved it.

Micheila: will they change the number of trustees?

Tim: There is a maximum number but we have been under it.

Kathy: There are 4 and 9 at large. It depends on how many are there. Some will not have a regional trustee. Maximum is 19.

Micheila: Do we know more info about DEI information?

Tim: he will know more at WSC in April because they will do it too.

Kristin D66: has done some training, feels when we say including Spanish votes being included. Feels this is exclusive

Tim: it's because of a lot of the technology challenges with 2 rooms and 2 polls.

Donna: Can you carry the message why the day of connection is not part of the virtual component? She feels that should be.

Tim: he will relay that to WSO.

Willie: is proud of us

Jon: What's going on with the \$10 shipping charge for the Service Manual?

Tim: will ask more about that.

Teresa: order more books, because it is a flat fee for up to \$50

Terri z D57 thanked Tim for a great report

**Concepts** read by: District # Denise M D33

## **J) New Business**

**1. Bulletin** - Irene: It is published 4x a year: after the Committee and Assembly. Please send reports to her by March 4th. She will send out an email next week, please reply to it. She will use her bulletin email: bulletin@scws-al-anon.org

Jon: if you go to contact us on SCWS website, you will find all coordinator emails

**2. SWRDM** – (Tim)

**3. Election Procedures--** (Marcia): reviewed current SCWS Election Procedures for Delegate:

First ballot: Candidate receiving  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote is elected Delegate

Second ballot

If no names are withdrawn, then name is chosen by lot

Showed the history of Delegate elections

Service Manual p. 156-157, p.199

Paths to Recovery p.303

How are Delegates selected in other Areas? 19 responses to her survey on AFG connects:

9 use by lot if there is not a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority after several ballots

4 follow the Service Manual

3 Simple Majority

1 last 3 panels have only had 1 candidate

2 outlined a different procedure

Do we:

A. Keep current voting procedures for delegate (by lot)

B. Change to final vote of simple majority

C. Have the GRs attending each Election Assembly make the decision for “A” or “B” every three years?

Questions:

Kristin D66: Will this be presented as a bylaw change?

Marcia: We are not proposing a change to bylaws, however if a vote is made that changes it then the change would be reflected in the bylaws.

Donna: Shouldn't they vote first on which procedure? Then that would become the policy?

Miriam: Maybe we need to clarify “by lot” means it's just for the top 2 people. When it goes to the hat, it feels very spiritual.

Jayme: have witnessed many elections, it is very spiritual. God picks the delegate. She is concerned how some can control what they want by having a simple majority, and can go to other meetings to advertise what they want. When there is control, there is hurt. Referenced Concept 5 and 9.

Teresa: Why now? We are a large area and it will confuse our GRs.

Marcia: There have been a couple of times, members have brought up concerns that our GRs are not informed and know their choices.

Tim: spoke about his experience of not getting picked out of the hat. It is not very spiritual not having your name pulled out of the hat. Spoke of Warranty 5 that the World Service Conference should remain democratic in thought and action.

Sean D6: likes choices A, B and C. Before we vote, then just have A and B because C is dependent on A and B. If area decides to C would they have already decided on A or B.

Marcia: yes it would be at the time of the election.

Marce: quoted Warranty 3, thinks it needs to be a spiritual decision.

Suzanne: it is the purpose of this body to put on the Assembly agenda vs. making a decision.

Marcia: yes, this needs to be on the agenda, she wants to know how this presentation can be done better.

Willie: I am confused as to what we are asking of the GRs

Marcia we could hold off until the November assembly

Gloria D30: Who is going to let GRs who have no DR know? It is like being a deer in the headlights

Marcia: a Listserv message is sent to all GRs email on file

Sandra AIS: Have you added these to the list of terms?

Marcia: she will add it

Keith D21: He has never seen a discussion before an election. He thinks it should be done in May?

Marcia: last time it came up at AWSC, it was voted on to not take it to the assembly

Miriam: what if we don't get a  $\frac{2}{3}$ ?

Marcia: I don't know. Good question. It is always good to have a Plan B.

Marcia: please make comments of suggestions vs. liking or not liking it

Suzanne: We need to be careful to not influence the decision. We can explain the process and details. We don't want to be put in a position of authority.

Donna: thinks it should be on the agenda but not to imply a vote will be taken on May Assembly. They will vote that day in November. They can decide if they want to make it a standard procedure or if they will vote on it every 3 years.

Marcia: thinks we should take a poll to bring it to May assembly with no vote, November assembly with a vote

Micheila: thinks it is good to bring to both for information. The wording is confusing.

Kristin D66: Sounds like a change needs to be made otherwise a vote will need to be made every 3 years.

Suzanne: to clarify revisions, any votes they make will and change policy in the bylaws

Marcia: yes

**Poll:**

Present in May and Present and vote in November?

Yes 73%

No 20%

Abstain 8%

Do not present in May and vote in November?

Yes 25%

No 65%

Abstain: 10%

Micheila: p.15 of slideshow, what were the other procedures done? How can we honor Concept 5? How can they do a right of appeal? Would there be a form?

Jayme: this is the reason we are bringing this forward because of a majority vote?

### **K) District Representative Reports**

Sandra D3: starting some Alateen meetings

Sean D6: Round up in May, getting more AMIASs, 26 meetings, is a large geographic area which is Kern County. There will be a hybrid District meeting by the end of year.

Alejandra D8: updating group records, district Bylaws, study sessions of KBDM, technology committee is getting ready to update district website

Si-Si D12: we have merged our District and AIS, our meetings have grown which many have gone to in person, LDC is active. We have Serenity by the Sea convention in April.

Patty D17: a new team, needing a DAL, had a workshop that was a hybrid event. 6 presenters including 2 who were Alateen. Next District meeting will be in March where they will be setting goals.

Keith D21: currently only have no Alateen meetings, quoted 156-157 of Service Manual

Gloria D30: is a new DR, Alateen is growing, have recertification coming up

Denise D33: struggle getting people to be of service, having an Alathon event June 3rd. All are welcome, it will be in person

Sue P. D39: covers Inland Empire: had a successful event last year. 8/12/22 will be Garden of Hope, got new AMIASs

Bernie D54: Covers South Bay, have a kick off breakfast for local convention, have an in person Alathon in June. We have 32 registered GRs, but only 16 come to District meeting.

Bunny D40: half are still hybrid, have a DAL getting Alateen program going. Will have a 12 step panel

Terri D57: breaking down with outreach by having a committee of 6-7 people to help get things done while the coordinator takes care of the budget. Finds things are getting done. We have 8-10 volunteers for an Alateen committee to create goals: information to get into schools, AMIAS certification.

Liz D60: in the process of rebuilding, meeting in person with the Zoom option. Having trouble with the internet where they meet. Focus has been public outreach to police department and schools to build Alateen.

Diane D63: 5 people volunteered to go to school districts to bring Alateen information. Next meeting will be

on March 25th. Where do we send donations for the SCAC assembly in July?

Victor Hugo D64: updating group records

Kristin D66: in the middle of transition, working on a way to transition bank account. Need a certain document

Cathy S.: said they need a Tax ID #

Kristin D66 we do have one but we are non exempt, they suggested talking to a tax attorney. She will contact Cathy S. for more information

Annah D69: a lot of meetings have gone back to in person. Our district meeting is virtual right now. Looking to go hybrid. Have Alateen participation. Next meeting will be 3/14

Lundie D72: working on outreach to groups who don't have GRs, most are in person, a few are hybrid. Longtimers Event in July.

Maya D75: Central San Diego: a mixture of hybrid, electronic, and in person meetings. March 13th will be next meeting which will be virtual

## **L) Coordinators Reports**

AIS-LDC Coordinator Roxane S.: We have 3 AISs here today. Welcome. Plans to visit more AIS and LDCs this year. It will be primarily by Zoom.

Archives Kathy G.: will put on a Longtimer's Event, looking for an in person place. She did one 12 years ago. Will get help from others. Will send out a fillable form to DRs to send in history of their meetings, etc.

Area Alateen Communications Coordinator. Bernadette H.: will have a newsletter out, looking for 10-15 minute speakers.

Area Alateen Events Coordinator Tina S.: finishing off with Bear and the SCAC committee, she is excited for that to happen. San Diego Spring Round up in April. Everything is on Website. She is getting help re: the paperwork. Contact her if you want to do an event with Alateen Participation. Everything has to be done within a timeline.

Area Alateen Member Coordinator vacant

Area Alateen Process Person Gerry "Bear" W.: It's heartwarming to hear how Districts are working to get Alateen back after Covid. Trained 8 prospective AMIAs, 256 total AMIAs, 34 registered groups, certification has begun, preparing records now. Each DR and DAL will be notified soon. Please let him know if it is accurate or not.

Area Alateen Sponsor Coordinator Suzanne P. Thanked Tina for saying "we" as a team. Gave some history about an Alateen meeting that started in Pasadena in 1957. Will need more trained AMIAs. Schedule is underway, trying to set something up with Orange County and San Diego County. They are face to face workshops.

Bulletin Irene C.: please send a printed report to help inspire others in our area.

Cooperating w/Professional Community Yoly W-H. She is working with Shauna. She is helping a Together we are Stronger community project.

Group Records Coordinator Teresa: please blind copy GRs to protect their anonymity, she showed on Website, under District meeting can see if information is accurate. DRs listed there and DAL is the second person listed. Almost 50 Electronic Groups. Electronic Groups are listed separately, it is a pdf. It's not listed by number yet. 1192 active meetings, 390 inactive, 20 no mail, 0 marked for deletion, 5% reported not meeting, 4 bounced emails, 25 new meetings.

Still don't know about 200 meetings if they are meeting or how they are meeting.

Institutions **vacant**

Insurance Coordinator: Elaine: there are still groups maintaining their own insurance for different reasons. If you have wrong information in the database to let them know. Need to notify the system through the area website so they can keep track. This will also help attract newcomers.

Literature Micheila L. New literature will be presented at International in June. There will be a call she will attend on Tuesday with other Literature coordinators. She will find out how to make sure copyright is for Electronic groups and Hybrid groups.

Public Information Shauna S. not present

Spanish Coordinator Marce M. has been working on translation, working with members who have concerns in person, over the phone, and via email. Working with past District 64 DR to update records,

will continue with new DR. Communicating now with different AIS to see if they need help with anything re: spanish members. Leadership in AI-Anon workshop coming up for Inland Empire.

Tina: asked if there any Spanish speaking Alateen meetings

Marce: There are only 3 Alateen meetings, he will work with Bear.

Sandra D3: asked that some of the Alateens do not speak Spanish

Marce: It's more the AMIASs don't speak English, there is a language barrier. Please contact him. We can work as a team to make it work better.

Suzanne: Is it more of a bilingual situation so kids would like to come.

Marce: I need to figure this out with Bear and Suzanne.

Website Jon M.: looking for tech savvy people to help with assembly: renaming people, etc. Need bilingual people who can support the spanish room. Website is bilingual, please submit anything you have in English and Spanish so he can post it.

Micheila: will be sure to submit things in English and Spanish in the future. I thought we had a professional translator.

Jon: said that the translator didn't show up.

Vicki: We have a professional translator committed to assemblies. It would be helpful to have more support.

Micheila: Could Marce come up with a list of people.

Donna: We made the commitment for our assemblies and area meetings to hire the interpreter. We have everything translated prior to the meeting. The Spanish Translator could be the leader of the translation team so it's a group. Maybe some of those people could help support technology wise as well.

Marce: said it's hard for him. It is about \$800 for assembly. We need to stick to agendas and presentations, we need less translators. He needs it 2 weeks before rather than 2 days before.

Jon: I think that would be a major shift if we changed everything coming in 2 weeks before. This would help in his position as well. If we want the Spanish group to grow, we need help with this.

Yoly: Are you getting enough help with translation of the written word? Offered her help

Marce: needs help, has been doing everything himself

Tina: asked Jon if needed help with his job?

Jon: said the stress is more at assembly

#### **M) Convention Chairpersons Reports**

- **AFG Convention (AI-Anon): Diane:** Theme is Concept 4. At Doubletree Hotel in Ontario in March. Rooms are booked as of right now. Will have different speakers, entertainment. Spiritual speaker originally chosen passed away. She is amazed how many have stepped up to help.

- **So-Cal. AA Convention (AI-Anon):** Patricia B. Will have Alateen as well as a Longtimer's Tea. Will be in October in the City of Industry. Have 53 volunteers so far.

- **Young at Heart (YHA)**

\* **Bear: AMIAS SCAC:** news of Round Robin will be in Pasadena next year. Still working on an SCAC account to get money in and out of it. Hoping to have answers within the week. Districts sent money for transportation, scholarships, and direct donations to SCAC itself. The first 2 will help the most. Suzanne will be the point person for donations for SCAC.

#### **N) Intergroup Liaisons Reports**

- **Inland Empire: Madeline:** getting up to speed on how everything works

- **Intergrupal Hispana (L.A. County): not present**

- **Los Angeles County: not present**

- **Intergrupal Hispana (San Diego)**

- **Orange County: Kay:** had our first hybrid Intergroup meeting. 39 on zoom, 25 in person. There will be a discussion about having Alathon to be listed by service arm. Also, have a volunteer coordinator

- **San Diego County Sandra L.:** currently reformatting intercom, website is being redone, 2 fundraisers in March Musical in Del Mar and May: We had more visitors on website. Contributions and sales are under budget.

**O) Ask-It Basket – Q's & A's: Alternate Delegate** it used to be done by a basket, paper, and pen. Right now it is done through the chat. The question is answered by a piece of literature.

#### **P) AI-Anon-Related Announcements**

Vicki talked about some banners she has from when she did institutions, and literature. She would like to give it to someone that could use it.



Yoly talked about the San Diego Roundup in April.

Alejandra D8 asked about format for reports

Irene said: a word document, email is fine

Marcia: would Vicki like to talk about the consent agenda?

Vicki: reports would be submitted in advance to give more time for business. She really enjoyed listening to reports, maybe we can table that for the future.

**Closing time - 2:47 p.m.** - Close with the Serenity Prayer and Al-Anon Declaration