

**AL-ANON - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WORLD SERVICE (SCWS)  
AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE (AWSC) MEETING - SATURDAY AUGUST 21, 2021**

**(DRAFT MINUTES)**

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

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

**A) Chairperson's Report --Martha Z. • Moment of Silence -- Serenity Prayer**

- Welcome -- Past Delegates and new DRs
- Guidelines for Participation & Who Has a Voice and a Vote
- Assembly and AWSC meetings for 2021: On Zoom. For 2022: Virtual or in-person, TBD
- SCWS Board Area Inventory: Suggestion during Board meeting to look at doing an Area Inventory. We will begin with the Board. Thought Force appointed. There are 3 members for the thought force: Lalena, Suzanne, Tarisa.
- Reasoning Things Out Workshop Part 2, September 11, 10am to 1pm: Planning meetings are in progress, flyer is posted on website.

**B) Traditions** read by: District #3 Sandra S.

**C) Roll Call -- Group Records Coordinator -- Jayme (Sub for Teresa)** Donna, Martha, Tim, Sandy, Marcia, Lalena, Roxane, Kathy G., Bernie, Tina S., Bear, Suzanne, Tarisa, Yoly, Teresa ab, Laura H abs., Vicki V., Micheila, Shauna S., Jon, Inland Empire ab, OC liaison ab, LA liaison ab, Cheryl W., Reyna, Danny F., Terry D. ab, Delores, Amber ab, Kay ab, Willie, Jayme, Miriam M., Kathi M., D3 Sandra, D6 Peggy R., D8 Larry, D9 Donna N. ab, D10 Celina M., D12 Si Si ab, D17 Renee, D21 Denise H., D24 Kim S., D27 Mike W. ab, D30 Teresa K., D33 Denise M., D36 Coy C. ab, D39 Susan P., D40 Lyn S., D42 Maria N. ab, D45 Linda C., D48 Clara C. ab, D51 Adrienne, D54 Linda L. ab, D57 Terri Z. ab, D60 Andy, D63 Vicki, D64 Josefa, D66 Holly, D69 Annah H., D72 Lundie C., D75 Elaine A., D78 Beatriz ab

**D) Secretary – .Laleña C. • Approval of February 20, 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes:** Suzanne noted members other than DRs were not shown as in attendance; those members should be added. Lalena will make the correction. Denise D21 made a motion to accept minutes as amended, Vicki seconded

**E) Treasurer's Report –Sandy W.**

Financial Report:

- \*Bank account has \$118,652.29, very healthy
- \*\$120,700 is total equity liabilities
- \*Bank accounts increased 17.01% due to higher contributions
- \*Equity and Liabilities increased 14.07%
- \*Gross profit: \$40,467.28
- \*Summary: Income up 12.8% in 2021
- \*Overall expenses are down 50.5% due to pandemic decreased costs, decreased hotel, printing, literature purchases
- \*Increased expenses: Merchant fees, computer expenses, translator
- \*Finance Committee was approved February 2019: Committee met and developed Treasurer Guidelines and Appendix; they will continue to meet on an ongoing basis.
- \*Our contributions have been strong this year. For contributions, please send a check or you can contribute on the website.
- \* SCWS Contributions Link: "We think abundantly to reach out to friends and families of alcoholics" (Service Manual p. 102)

Josefa: When will this be on the website?

Sandy: She sent it to Jon last night. The English version is on there now. Spanish version in process.

Suzanne: Can you clarify expenses of hotel and lodging?

Sandy: She needs to do some research and get back to her.

Micheila: Is District ID# a specific #?

Sandy: It's the District ID# and the WSO ID # for the group.

**SCWS Area Committee Summary and Recommendation**: Cathy S.

\*Summary of bank accounts as of July 31, 2021.

\*Recommendation is to contribute \$25,000 plus previous approval from 2020 to WSO at this time. Total contribution: \$38,000.

\* Holding money for ample reserve (\$70,000) and Insurance Task Force (\$5,000), which would leave us with \$13,135.10.

\* This recommendation would be voted on at November assembly.

Donna: She asked for clarity. The \$13,000 from 2020 hasn't been approved yet by the Assembly? She suggests the presentation end with a slide that we want to complete 2020 by having the GRs vote on this. She wants it to be very clear to the GRs so they know what they are voting on.

Sandy: She believes slide #4 was very clear in stating that.

Donna: It's important to make it clear which sum is for which year.

Tarisa: It should be 2 separate votes: One for the surplus 2020 and then one for what we believe the surplus will be for 2021.

Tim: He agrees with what Donna and Tarisa said. November is the appropriate time to show how our finances have gone for the year; he feels it's appropriate what we are asking for.

Micheila: Attended 2018 International and went to a Finance Presentation given by WSO. She learned that WSO every September has a meeting of committees and what their projects are. Then they decide how much to set aside for each committee. We have adopted this practice in our District. Could we do that with SCWS in regards to projects and having money set aside for the projects in order to be self supporting. This would be helpful to bring up to the Board for the Area coordinator.

Suzanne: We used to do a contribution once a panel. She referenced Bylaws Article 11, Sec. 3 under c, item #3 of when to make a contribution.

Sandy: Because of the transition of Treasurers we did not have that information, but now we do.

Suzanne: What would cause such a delay in information?

Sandy: We didn't have the information in time.

Suzanne: Why would we change the policy because of one anomaly?

Cathy S: We made contributions whenever we could when she was Treasurer.

Suzanne: Why delay it to November?

Cathy S: We can't change what happened this past year with all the changes that occurred.

Suzanne: She doesn't see the need to change the policy.

Martha: The Bylaws are going to be looked at; maybe we can further investigate this as it comes up

Jayne: Article 5, section 4 in Bylaws states we are to give an annual contribution.

**F) Observe 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition**

**G) Old Business**

1. **Creating a Safe SCAC Task Force** -- Report on Bylaws, SCWS Fiscal Sponsorship, Procedures, Additional SCAC-only Assembly? Bear reported as the Task Force Chair; it has been 5 years since our last SCAC. Our intention is to present the Bylaws. The documents will be available on the website. Recommendation to lift restriction on SCAC. Bear reviewed highlights of the Task Force work.

\* SCAC Bylaws: Adherence, compliance, cooperation, recognition of SCAC Board of Directors.

\* Leadership requirements and desired experience and qualities: Historical practice was personality and peer based; this has been changed to place principles before personalities.

\* Qualifications for SCAC Alateen Chairperson and Chairperson Elect.

\* Selection Process for Alateen Chairperson Elect: Screening committee for basic requirements for desired experience and qualities; voting would be done by secret ballot.

- \* Qualifications for SCAC AMIAS Chairperson and Chairperson Elect.
- \* Desired Experience and Leadership Qualities for SCAC AMIAS Chairperson and Chairperson Elect.
- \* AMIAS Members will also vote by secret ballot.
- \* Appointment of SCAC Alateen Committee Members.
- \* Appointment of SCAC AMIAS Committee Members: Security, Treasurer, Male Registration, Female Registration.
- \* AMIAS Requirements to serve on the Committee.
- \* SCAC Board of Directors: 4 AMIAS members, 3 Alateen members, 2 SCWS members.
- \* SCAC Fiscal Policy: SCAC bank account accessibility, oversight by SCWS Treasurer.
- \* SCAC procedures: Describe what, who, when it needs to be done, but not how to do it.
- \* Health, Safety and Security: AMIAS security, nurse, back up nurse.
- \* Event Plans: Providing chaperones and supervision.
- \* SCAC Registration: Through Alateen Group Sponsors; forms will be provided to Alateen Group Sponsors; forms available online; registration forms will include home group and group sponsor.
- \* AMIAS Training and Orientation: 30 days before SCAC, duties and responsibilities, behavior requirements, training for specific duties; SCAC Orientation will be first day of SCAC.
- \* Additional SCAC Documents: SCAC Behavior Requirements: Aligned with ASBRs, Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement will be posted on SCWS Website.
- \* The first SCAC will probably be small.
- \* It might be online.
- \* We can fund it with available monies; no need for fundraising this first year.
- \* Fiscal Sponsorship: Between SCAC and SCWS.
- \* Would like a motion to take SCAC Bylaws, Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement, and lift SCAC suspension to Assembly for vote, and consider a special Assembly to focus only on SCAC recommendations and votings.

Marcia: Agrees with having a special assembly. This will give the GRs the time for review and show the transparency of the Area process.

Jayme: Who is doing the AMIAS training and orientation? Who is doing the SCAC training and orientation?

Bear: The AMIAS Chairperson; this is in the Bylaws.

Jayme: Who approves the procedures?

Bear: The procedures will be introduced as they are; they are very involved. The first year will be different, and this is noted in the Bylaws. We are going to present to Alateens; there will be an AMIAS Chairperson. The first SCAC will probably be spearheaded by the Task Force.

Jayme: It's going to be a whole new SCAC, and she appreciates that.

Tim: This was a very well prepared presentation. He thinks it could all be done at the November Assembly.

Renee: Question re: qualifications, In her experience of working with young people if they see 5 requirements they think they need to do all 5 and they won't apply. Maybe say something where they need to have 3 of the 5 requirements as we begin. What about transportation? Maybe the District could pay for transportation?

Bear: Screening Committee would make the decision. They will have AMIASs to support them. As far as transportation, they will leave it to the Districts. They are more prepared for when they get there. Transportation is also covered in the ASBRs: Must have a form completed and signed by the parent.

Suzanne: Alateen Coordinator will help the District with the scholarship process

Miriam: She is in agreement with Tim to not have a special Assembly. She doesn't think we need to have scholarships, if they want to attend, they should pay for it. Are we paying for the nurses? How many would actually attend a SCAC?

Bear: Read from Alateen Bylaws; some steps will have to be waived in order for SCAC to happen this first time around. This is addressed in Bylaws.

Tarisa: Why do we have a Board of Directors?

Bear: To provide continuity, we want them to be more active and observant than before.

Tarisa: What about Public Outreach to get members interested in Alateen? How would they find a group sponsor?

Bear: This would be part of the process; we are trying to avoid the teenager who has never been to Alateen and goes to SCAC first; maybe the friend could invite them to their actual Alateen meeting and

meet the group sponsor before going to SCAC.

Tarisa: Will there be breakout sessions?

Bear: Alateens have the say in their program, activities, how they set up the event. AMIAs will be there to give guidance, help with the Event Plan, and supervision to make it happen.

Tarisa: Recommends having a special Assembly without questions.

Micheila: Would you be open to putting on a form that you don't have to meet every single requirement?

Bear: The way we set it up for the first SCAC, we know all requirements won't be met. By the second SCAC, half would. By the third SCAC, then all would be required by all.

Micheila: What about transportation? There might be concerns about Covid 19 still? It's complicated. What could legally be asked?

Bear: Still working on duty statements and forms.

Yvette: We would be following State Guidelines.

Willie: Could we change the name to identify this new era? That way looking at the minutes we know we are talking about the new SCAC rather than those in the past.

Kathi M.: Has mixed feelings about having a special Assembly and a regular Assembly. The Board of Directors fosters that connection with SCWS.

Josefa: What is the purpose of SCAC?

Bear: It's an event for Alateen members and getting more members to get involved in Alateen. It will begin to expand and grow.

Micheila: Is there a proposed timeline for the special Assembly? Time?

Lalena: Maybe 10-2 or 9-1.

Bear made a motion that we vote to send this to a future Assembly: 1. Approve SCAC Bylaws 2. Approve Fiscal Sponsorship agreement 3: Lift SCAC suspension.

Elaine seconded.

Suzanne: Can we amend the motion to state that we vote at the future Assembly?

Bear: Amended to place on Assembly agenda for a vote to approve SCAC Bylaws, approve Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement, and lift SCAC suspension.

**Vote**: 32 yes; 1 no; motion passes.

Martha: Should we have a special Assembly in October?

Bear: Motion to have a special Assembly in October to discuss and vote on these SCAC items.

Andy: Seconds the motion

Suzanne: It is a hot topic, especially when we start talking about the Fiscal Sponsorship. This will give the GRs more time to process these items.

Micheila: Is in support of having a special Assembly.

Lalena: Gave some possible dates in October: 2, 16, 23, or 30th to not interfere with Officer and Board meetings.

Yvette: Thanked the Task Force, she feels there is a lot more transparency.

Jayne: Historically we have had special Assemblies just for Alateen. We all need to remember our Area needs to heal in regards to SCAC.

Elaine: If we have an October Assembly, can we then summarize and send it to the November Assembly.

Martha: No, we would not repeat this at the November Assembly.

Renee: They are having a workshop October 30th in D17.

Marcia: Picking a date will be difficult, maybe we can do a Google poll.

**Vote**: 89% yes; 2% no; not a voting member 9%.

2. **Area Insurance Task Force**: Laura H. D69, chairperson gave some history of the Task Force charge and how they explored 2 possible solutions: 1) The area is a point of contact, providing specific information

and resources for groups, or 2) The Area purchases a policy to cover all groups. They met November 29, 2020 to February 28, 2021. Unanimous vote for the Area to purchase a policy. Pertinent Information: traditional vs. legal rights of SCWS, Alateen coverage, specific pricing for 3 entities. They obtained quotes from San Diego AIS office, D69, and SCWS; also looked into what NCWS paid (\$3,090 in 2020, they will increase approximately \$1,500 for 2021).

Bear: None of the Alateen meetings have asked for insurance; however at the schools they are asking for insurance for liability and sexual misconduct.

Laura: Thank you for clarifying

Jayme: She has dealt with insurance companies. It was difficult for them to understand who we are and what we are. Did you contact the insurance companies that NCWS used?

Laura: Nonprofit Insurance Alliance wrote their policy. There is not a problem for insurance but they had difficulty getting a quote.

Yoly: Asked for a correction to be made to the slide that had dates.

Laura: Yes it was November 2020 to February 2021; she will make the correction.

Coordinator Duties: Yes we would need one. First on a temporary basis. This person would get certificate of insurance, create an application form, create a claim form, submit to insurance company for processing, create procedures for requesting insurance certificates, negotiate annual renewal of all insurance policies, and submit premium charges to the Treasurer for payment

Guidelines for safety: Create a guideline pamphlet to all CMAs to have on hand.

Specific Traditions and Concepts that apply: Tradition 1, 4, 7.

Laura: Policy would be all groups get an insurance certificate.

Tina: Have you talked to meetings who already have insurance?

Laura: We don't have a list of what groups have insurance. From personal experience, for our groups required to get insurance, it's about a \$2,500 deductible. There is a group that is about 100 people and they pay \$400/yr.

Jayme: How can we present this when we don't know how much it will cost? This is her concern.

Laura: She was hoping to have the numbers; she'll keep working with the insurance agency.

Jayme: Can we go to the Northern California agent? We need some figures before asking the GRs to make a decision.

Laura: She is more than happy to do that.

Donna: It's important to be clear in the presentation to show the Task Force was asked to explore 2 options and they are now recommending option 2. One suggestion is to get ahold of the Northern CA actual physical policy. The policy would be held by the Area; groups would have to approach the Area to avoid having a legal relationship with our groups. We have traditional relationships with our groups, not legal relationships.

Josefa: Why charge a group if they already contribute to the Area? Are we going to encourage them to contribute or will we just give it to them?

Laura: We do not know. That could be the duties of the coordinator.

Miriam: She has gotten insurance for groups by event helpers. What happens if the group doesn't pay the deductible? Does SCWS?

Andy: Has insurance for \$60 at OC AIS. Have you reached out to them?

Laura: Yes, she has spoken to OC and Ventura.

Micheila: Are there 166 meetings for the SD area? What is that # based on?

Laura: Active, registered groups of SD.

Micheila: How many groups does CA North have?

Laura: 900

Elaine: She was on the Thought Force and she remembers there was a line missing from the Bylaws that could help with obtaining insurance. Maybe that's why Laura is having difficulty getting quotes.

Laura: The underwriter is not grasping what we are looking for.

Sandra S.: Some groups are having issues with membership being low. This needs to be considered.

Tarisa: This should be a Task Force so that they can get quotes.

Donna: They are a Task Force. Elaine was Chair of the Thought Force, Laura was Chair of the Task Force.

Martha: It doesn't seem like there's enough information for the GRs to vote on this. I think we need more questions answered. She will put it on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

### **12:10 p.m. Lunch Break –**

**1:10 p.m. – Concepts** read by: Teresa D30

Roxane: She thinks the Insurance Task force needs to get back together and they can try again for February's Committee meeting.

Miriam: She already thinks groups feel put off; could we put it on the November agenda so they can hear what we've come up with so far.

Martha: There would be an update, and an explanation that some questions have come up.

Miriam: She thinks it needs to be on the agenda but it might not be ready. We need to address it more proactively and get the information to them.

Larry D8: He was on the Task Force as well. In his District they started their insurance policy for September for 33 meetings. We did make a recommendation of option 2 but there are new questions to look into

Sandra S.: She was also on the Task Force; she would like to see it on the November agenda.

Marcia: We are trying to establish a pattern of having information, or maybe we could now turn the Task Force into a work group of how we will work out the details of what and how we are going to do this.

Martha: Maybe we can bring 2 options from the charge, what the Task Force is recommending, and possibly start a work group.

Elaine: Let's see if they can get the requested information 30 days before the Assembly.

Donna: She believes the Area does want this. We have to have the parameters of the expense. The GRs need to know what their obligation is.

Jayme: Have we decided on what we are doing? We can't do something in haste just because they want it. We need to know what our financial obligations are.

Sandra: As long as we get the answers, that should be sufficient for us to proceed.

Jon: if we wait too long, it will become irrelevant.

Martha: We will look at the minutes to formulate the questions and get them to Laura H.

Suzanne: The AWSC has to vote on what goes on the Assembly agenda.

**3. Task Force District 64** -- District 64 started decades ago as a trial but the Area didn't follow through and vote it in as permanent. Martha would like to propose to GRs to vote to continue D64 as is..

Josefa: Do you mean as temporary?

Martha: It needs to have the vote so that it becomes official.

Tarisa: When/where was the presentation given?

Martha: Last Assembly?

Tarisa: The presentation needs to be given again for members who are voting.

Tim: He has a lot of history with this District. There are other things going on now post Covid. Now we would like to recognize this District. If there are any changes to be made in the future they could let us know. He finds it appealing to finalize this after 30 years of it being in existence.

Jayme: Point of clarification: We had a Thought Force, and they recommended we move to a Task Force, but that task force has never recommended anything to an Assembly. It was a 3 year trial period and is now probably 33 years later. Once we finalize it, then we can decide if there is anything more we need to do with it, such as having another overlay district, if necessary.

Marcia: We can put something together to give the history, where we are today. We could say that it appears to be working, then ask the GRs to officially approve D64.

Celina D10: We have a small presentation to give to tell how wonderful D64 is. They are doing an excellent job. She likes the idea of closing it this year.

**4. Assembly Thought Force**: We had one and it stopped. Do we now reconvene post COVID? Are we also looking at different issues now?

Lalena: Informed who was on the Thought Force: Micheila, Lalena, Eva, Kay, and Willie.

Donna: Maybe we suspend this until COVID is over, also when we know more about electronic meetings and how that will play out. We were preparing for an in person scenario, but now it's a new world we are entering. All those issues will be really complicated.

Micheila: She will send all the documentation from the Assembly Thought Force.

Andy: Have we reached out to other areas to see how they are handling this?

Elaine: We might want to be looking at these issues and exploring them while it's hot.

Larry: We need to go over the PEM in order to make an informed decision.

Tim: Everyone is in a state of confusion right now. Maybe we can just put it on hold right now. For example the technology at the church might not be sufficient enough to support us.

Martha: Perhaps we can talk about it again in February when we have more information.

5. **Bylaws Committee** --Marcia: The first meeting is scheduled on 8/26; they will continue to update us as they make recommendations to the bylaws.

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

- Sharing of Service (SOS) Report: Workshop flyer, save the date is complete. It will be Saturday, January 15, 2022, 9-3:30 on Zoom. Claire Past Delegate of NM/EI Paso will be the speaker.
- The *Forum*: It's important to keep up subscriptions to the *Forum*. She showed how to access the subscription form on the website under Forms. Asked DRs to let the GRs know about this. The *Forum* is "a meeting in your pocket."
- DR/GR Orientation standard dates: We used to have this an hour before start time when we had our in person meetings. Now we will have the GR orientation 2 Saturdays before our Assembly. That way we can spend 2 hours orienting GRs to information they need to know. Two Saturdays before the Committee meeting will be the DR orientation.
- Healthy Meetings Presentation Part 2: This came from many of the Ask it Basket Questions. This time they're going to focus on literature, affiliation with outside entities, group autonomy, and financial management. She asked DRs to help her come up with scenarios to add to the slides.

Micheila: Is there a link to purchase the *Forum* directly?

Donna: She is not sure yet

Micheila: How about Zoom subscriptions being handled moving forward?

Donna: Please send this to her in an email and she will add it to the presentation.

Larry: He likes the ideas; how can he get a copy of it?

Donna: It will be on the website soon.

Andy: He would like to present this to his home group tonight.

Donna: She will email it to him.

**I) Delegate's Report -- Tim P.:** We have an AFG connects to get a Board of Trustees letter, summary. All of this information is available on the WSO website. Go to the WSC Conference, then WSC summary for 2021. It's 154 pages. It's available to all members. Unfortunately, it is not translated into Spanish and French. However there are highlights in Spanish that is 4 pages long. There's also the Annual Report as well as a quarterly letter by the Board of Trustees. There is also the Chairperson of the Board Letter that is very informative.

Tina: Where do we find the form to get the Conference summary delivered to our house?

Tim: It's an option to choose in the column on the website.

## J) **New Business**

### 1. **Electronic Meetings Thought Force:**

Jayme: Planning for our Future! Permanent Electronic Meetings (PEM). She explained the purpose of the PEM Thought Force. The main resource used was from WSO: Transforming Electronic Meetings into AI-Anon Family Groups

Tim: What we are asking GRs to do: Wwhat direction they want the area to go next: The idea of including PEMs in our Area Structure (continue with a Thought force or switch to aTask Force) or to table the entire topic for now.

Marcia: Gave some background information: What are PEMs?

Jayme: What is the current service structure for PEMs? They do not have a GR or are part of a district; they are part of WSO.

Tim: Exciting News for AI-Anon's Future! Service Manual p. 134-171 to incorporate physical and electronic meetings.

Marcia: What does this exciting news mean? PEMs would eventually have the opportunity to be part of the

larger Al-Anon Service Structure beyond the Group level.

Jayme: The future for PEMs: They have a year from April 2021 to decide what they want to do.

Tim: PEMs may have the opportunity to join an electronic meeting area or a Geographic Area; depends on 2022 WSC.

Marcia: For an Electronic Meeting Area to happen: PEMs will need to start the process of organizing and creating service structure: GR, District, Delegate.

Jayme: For Geographic Areas: Need to accept PEMs into the Area.

Tim: Depends on GRs decision in November: The Thought Force will continue or a Task Force will be appointed. At the May 2022 Assembly: The Thought Force will bring more information or Task Force will give options on how to proceed.

Marcia: If Task Force presents at the May 2022 Assembly, the GRs will be asked if they are in agreement, also if we need to create Work Group which would be ongoing.

Jayme: If GRs are ready to move on to a Task Force, it would include members at large.

Tim: What would an Electronic Meeting Task Force do? Would research questions presented by the Thought Force.

Marcia: Showed a flow chart; we want GRs to know they are the ultimate decision maker. This will be sent out in a ListServ message so members are prepared for the next Assembly.

Jayme: Where do we go from here? We need their input on how to proceed: Move forward with the idea of possibly including PEMs in our Area structure? If GRs give a NO vote: table topic for now. If they give a YES vote: move forward to having a Thought Force or a Task Force.

Questions:

Renee: She knows her GRs are going to ask: What does this mean? What are the pros and cons?

Jayme: Please visualize, 500 PEMs are in existence already, They have never had a voice/vote at WSC. What are the criteria? We get to decide what the criteria is. For the first time the PEMs would have a GR.

Renee: How would this affect our current GRs? It would only affect those in a PEM. Is that right?

Jayme: Yes.

Marcia: She shared she is part of a temporary electronic meeting. They haven't decided to go to a PEM yet, but eventually they will have to make this decision and they might lose their connection with SCWS. That's why the Thought Force will lay the foundation of if this is worth pursuing. We might lose a lot of groups unless we do this.

Larry: What about time zones? Service positions? Treasury? The boundaries are dropping with technology. He thinks it's important to move to a Task Force.

Denise D21: Many meetings are on Zoom. She thinks this is a good way to recruit more GRs to her District. What does a non-panel Area mean?

Tim: This would be an Area that doesn't have any existence within geographical boundaries.

Jayme: They don't have a Delegate yet and that Delegate would not be on a panel. WSO has not created a timeline.

Jon: For the Area, we should be more focused on what the Area needs.

Micheila: She is curious about the geographic requirements. There was a slide about the service structure of the PEM.

Marcia: They're working on their service structure. One district might be Zoom, another could be telephone, etc. Very similar to how we have D64 as an overlay district. They want to make it as close to a geographic service structure as it is and what it would look like.

Micheila: How will it relate to what we learn at WSC and what we will learn at the May 2022 Assembly.

Jayme: We don't know.

Tim: We will probably know more by May.

Sandra: Considering the electronic meetings that want to stay on Zoom and stay in their geographic area. Her District is liking having their District meetings on Zoom. These are a lot of interesting things to think about.

Yolanda: How do you divide a meeting if one wants to stay on Zoom and the others want to meet in person.

Jayme: The ones that want to stay on Zoom will need to register as a PEM.

Yolanda: It will have to have a new name?

Jayme: That is correct.



Tim: They can stay temporary longer; no one is pressuring anyone to make a quick decision. Take your time, take it slow.

Andy: Spoke about his meeting going back in person but some of the Officers didn't want to so they decided to stay on Zoom. They came up with a survey. He is in favor of hybrid meetings because it is more inclusive.

Tarisa: Recommends we keep it simple. We should start with, we just want to know if you're willing to have a conversation. Many of the questions we've had today are more about the outcome.

Tina: When are we going to talk about Alateen and what their future looks like. Alateens feel like they don't have privacy on Zoom. If a meeting chose hybrid, why can't we share the WSO ID#?

Tim: Hybrid meetings would continue.

Marcia: The workshop coming up next will address these specific needs. Today we are just talking about PEMs and what they are.

Tim: Tim shared that Alateen hasn't been a big part of the conversation. He thinks it's because of safety issues.

Josefa: She is confused about what Yolanda is discussing.

Martha: If meetings separate and are not connected together virtually, those are the ones that cannot use the same WSO ID#.

Suzanne: We want to make sure we make it understandable for the GRs. She had an answer to Tina's question about Alateen. She read an email she received:

"The WSO will be requesting assistance from active Alateen Group Sponsors in your Area to distribute an Alateen survey. Please alert them to be on the lookout for an email with a permission form link in the next few days. This permission form, once signed and returned by a Custodial Parent/Legal Guardian to WSO, will allow Alateen members to participate in a very brief survey that will help determine the shape of Alateen in the electronic world. Instructions for distributing the permission form to the teens will be included."

Jayme: There hasn't been any movement yet to get a Delegate for the PEMs at the WSC next year.

Marcia: The goal is to get information on the website.

Tim: The whole world is going through this right now. He is optimistic we can rise to the challenge.

## **2. YHA: Propose another 3 year trial with concurrent development of Area-Recognized Convention Guidelines**

Martha: Shared that the YHA convention has been an Area-Recognized Convention on a 3 year trial. Proposing that we extend for another 3 year trial while concurrently developing guidelines for an Area-Recognized Convention. Will go to the GRs to vote at Assembly.

## **3. Tax Exempt status letters for Groups:**

Martha: Some groups are asking for the SCWS tax-exempt number at the request of their meeting location, but we are not allowed to share that. We drafted letters explaining our fellowship and tax-exempt status for AI-Anon for groups to share when asked. Will share at Assembly and then post on the website as well.

## **K) Hospitality Report vacant**

## **L) District Representative Reports**

D3 Sandra: Thankful for help from the Area transitioning back. Working on getting members involved in the District. She plans to visit meetings. She is working with Bear and Suzanne. It has helped to have GRs call each other to remind each other of the District meetings.

D6 Peggy: Almost all meetings have gone face-to-face. Most meetings are 10 or less. Nineteen came to the last District meeting. Looking forward to having the AI-Anon speaker meeting.

D8 Larry: Started to explore having District meetings face-to-face for July and August. Now going back to Zoom. Made a \$1,000 donation to WSO. They are going to have a mini convention.

D10 Celina M.: Have 6 Zoom meetings, 1 telephone meeting, 7 face-to-face (5 are in Spanish). She is working

with Teresa. She is going to meetings to visit.

D21 Denise: Have 28 active meetings (one is Spanish), have 11 GRs. Two meetings are in person, one is concurrent, and one has disbanded. They have delivered CAL to some institutions. The Young Al-Anon meeting is on hiatus. They have 7 AMIASs.

D30 Teresa K.: Using electronic platform for District meetings. Have an event coming up soon.

D33 Denise M.: Some are face-to-face, some are Zoom, and some are hybrid. There is one Alateen meeting that is not meeting right now. 8/9 meetings are not meeting at all. Having District meetings monthly.

D39 Susan P.: Everyone is working together, giving each other tips. GR who does Flip magazines, easily accessible.

D40 Lyn S.: Have 24 registered meetings, 4 unable to go back to their location. They've been having AMIASs rotate in helping the D39 Alateen meeting. Some have become a PEM. They want to continue being part of the District, not everyone agrees. Exploring some hybrid options. Having an event soon but it won't be potluck because of COVID.

D51 Adrienne: Seven meetings, some are on phone, Zoom, in person, English and Spanish speaking.

D54 Bernadette: She has been filling in for DR who has had some health issues. Some meetings are face-to-face, hybrid. Had a successful Alathon, made over \$900. Working with 3 recovery homes.

D60 Andy: Attendance has fallen, outreach with police departments, trying to get help with a workshop in March. It's a work in progress.

D64 Josefa: District meetings have been on Zoom, contributed \$600 to WSO and \$400 to SCWS.

D66 Holly: She is ADR, DR is on vacation, next meeting is Sept. 4th. There will be a Zoom workshop on September 13th: Working it Out (conflict resolution).

D69 Annah: Filling in for Connie, many have gone back to face-to-face following CDC guidelines. Working on getting Alateen meetings in schools. Speaker meeting in November on gratitude.

D72 Lundie: Many groups are moving to face-to-face, some are hybrid. District meeting next Saturday. Half have GRs.

D63 Vicki: Having a meeting next month, having an issue working with the OC website. WSO ID #s have been replaced with different numbers so it's creating a lot of confusion. She is going to visit the groups.

D17 Renee: Sent out a survey to GRs to find out what their groups are deciding to do. They did get a good response. Many are considering hybrid. Going to have a Meet and Greet in September or October. Workshop October 30th on Sponsorship. Made contributions to service arms.

#### **Question asked:**

Josefa: Asked about the ability of having emails to contact groups.

Donna: Every meeting has to have a CMA. It is a person who receives emails and mail from the Service Arms. This is an ongoing issue; it's imperative they now have an email address. You can have a universal email gmail as long as multiple people have the password.

Josefa will contact Donna for further information.

**Closing time - 4:07 p.m. - Closed with Al-Anon Declaration**