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**Al-Anon - Southern California World Service (SCWS)
Area World Service Assembly Meeting - Saturday, May 18, 2024**

AGENDA (approx. time allocated)

(Please note that all presentations and documents for the meeting can be found on our website at:
<https://www.scws-al-anon.org/area-world-service-assembly-meeting-information/>)

8:00-8:50 a.m.: Log in: Create virtual name tag

NOTE: A. If stepping away from the computer/phone, keep the meeting “open” instead of ending the electronic connection.
B. () = Time allocated per Agenda item as an estimate to help keep us on track.
C. “GRs, “Chat” to your DR with any general questions during the Assembly.
D. * = Approximate place for a 5-minute break.

9:00 a.m.: Starting time

1. **Chairperson’s Report (15 mins.)** – Chairperson chairperson@scws-al-anon.org Micheila L.
 - Moment of Silence: Serenity Prayer
 - Welcome: New GRs, DRs and Past Delegates
 - Guidelines for Participation; Who Has Voice and Vote
 - Open Coordinator Service Positions:
[Area Alateen Communications Coordinator \(AACC\)](#); [Area Alateen Events Coordinator \(AAEC\)](#);
[Alateen Member Coordinator \(AAMC\)](#); [Hospitality Coordinator](#); [Spanish Coordinator](#)
 - Assembly Survey: will be shared to gain feedback on this experience today
 - Future Assembly Meeting Locations: TBD
2. **Twelve Traditions (5)** Read by: _____ District # _____
3. **Roll Call (20)** – Group Records Coordinator grouprecords@scws-al-anon.org Cathy W.
(DRs please update Cathy throughout the day in “Chat” if you add/subtract GRs from your total count.)
4. **Approval: November 2023 Assembly Minutes (15)** – Secretary secretary@scws-al-anon.org Donna E.
 - *(Please read them prior to the meeting!)*
5. **Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM) & Conflict Resolution Presentation (45)** Ann H.
ahdaisya@gmail.com
6. **Treasurer’s Report (15)** – Interim Treasurer interim-treasurer@scws-al-anon.org Patty B.
 - Financial Report
 - Finance Committee Update
 - Observe 7th Tradition – [“Contributions” link: SCWS website \(https://www.scws-al-non.org/contributions/\)](#)
 - Update: regarding contribution to WSO
7. **2024 World Service Conference(WSC) Report: Pt.1 (60)** – Delegate delegate@scws-al-anon.org Teresa F.
8. **District Representative Reports: (2 minutes each/30 mins)** – Districts #3 through #40 in order; remaining Districts to report in the afternoon.

12:30: **Lunch Break (30 mins):** please return on time!

9. **Twelve Concepts (5)** Read by: _____ District # _____
10. **Convention Chairpersons Reports (6)**
 • AFG Convention (Al-Anon) • So-Cal AA Convention (Al-Anon Program) • SCAC (Alateen)
11. **2024 World Service Conference (WSC) Report: Pt. 2 (60)** – Delegate delegate@scws-al-anon.org Teresa F.
12. **Alternate Delegate's Report (10)** – Interim Alternate Delegate altdelegate@scws-al-anon.org Renee M.
 • Ask-it-Basket: Send questions to your DRs via “Chat” or to SCWS by email at: groupandmemberconcerns@scws-al-anon.org
 • Forum Subscriptions
 • GR Orientation standard dates
 • 2024 Sharing of Service (SOS) Report – Donna E.
13. **Area Mini Elections: Alternate Delegate & Area Treasurer (30)** – Chairperson Micheila L.
 • Short Power Point regarding Area Election and GR's decision
 • Vote is either: **YES NO ABSTAIN GUEST/NOT A VOTING MEMBER**
Reminder: For Voting members choosing to abstain: abstain votes are not counted.
 • Election Procedures
 • *Candidates:* Each has 2 minutes at the Zoom mic to share their background in Al-Anon service and read the response from their Service Resumé to the question: Why would you be an asset to the SCWS Area?
 • Vote
14. **Coordinators Reports (2 mins each/ 26 mins)**
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| AIS-LDC Coordinator..... | ais-ldc@scws-al-anon.org | Yoly W-H. |
| Archives..... | archives@scws-al-anon.org | Kathy G. |
| Area Alateen Communications Coordinator..... | alateencommunications@scws-al-anon.org | VACANT |
| Area Alateen Events Coordinator | alateenevents@scws-al-anon.org | Tina S. |
| Area Alateen Member Coordinator..... | alateenmember@scws-al-anon.org | VACANT |
| Area Alateen Process Person | aapp@scws-al-anon.org | Suzanne P. |
| Area Alateen Sponsor Coordinator | alateensponsor@scws-al-anon.org | Yvette K.B. |
| Bulletin..... | bulletin@scws-al-anon.org | Irene C. |
| Cooperating w/Professional Community | cpc@scws-al-anon.org | Nicole W. |
| Group Records Coordinator | grouprecords@scws-al-anon.org | Cathy W. |
| Hospitality | hospitality@scws-al-anon.org | VACANT |
| Insurance..... | insurance@scws-al-anon.org | Elaine A. |
| Institutions | institutions@scws-al-anon.org | Shauna S. |
| Literature | literature@scws-al-anon.org | Andy S. |
| Public Information..... | publicinformation@scws-al-anon.org | Ruby G. |
| Spanish Coordinator..... | spanish@scws-al-anon.org | VACANT |
| Website..... | webhost@scws-al-anon.org | Heather G. |
15. **District Representative Reports (2 mins each/ 30)** Remaining Districts: #42 through #78
16. **Intergroup Liaisons Reports (2 mins each/ 12)**
 • Inland Empire • Intergupal Hispana (L.A. County) • Los Angeles County
 • Intergupal Hispana (San Diego) • Orange County • San Diego County
17. **Ask-It Basket – Q's & A's: Alternate Delegate**, time-permitting
18. **I-Anon-Related Announcements** (please send flyers to webhost@scws-al-anon.org prior to Assembly)

4:00 p.m.: - Close with Al-Anon Declaration

MEETING REMINDERS:

Please limit reports to 2 minutes (does not apply to Officers)
Discussion during KBDM - please keep to 1 minute.
Please mute when not presenting to the group.

Thank You!

Board Meeting and DRs, please submit an e-mail copy of your meeting report prior to or within two weeks following the meeting to:
the **SCWS Secretary** at Secretary@scws.al-anon.org and
the **SCWS Bulletin Coordinator** at bulletin@scws.al-anon.org

If you have Group or Member questions or concerns, email us: groupandmemberconcerns@scws-al-anon.org If you have any Alateen or AMIAS-related concerns, email us: alateen-amiasconcerns@scws-al-anon.org

Our time is limited and we have a lot to discuss.

El tiempo es limitado. Nosotros tenemos mucho que discutir.

Please be considerate. Por favor sea considerado.



One to two minutes at the microphone.
De uno a dos minutos en el micrófono.



If someone asks the question or makes the comment you were going to make, please lower your “hand”.
Si alguien hace su pregunta o comentario que ibas a hacer, por favor de bajar su “mano.”



Stay on topic.
Permanezca en el tema.

Next Area World Service Committee (AWSC) Meeting August 17, 2024

Please check our SCWS website prior to our next Committee Meeting for needed information including the agenda, presentations, and other needed documents.

<https://www.scws-al-anon.org/area-world-service-committee-meeting-information/>

Renaming Ourselves for Area Meetings on Zoom

Group Representatives (GR)

District number (space) GR (space) First name, last initial Example: **03 GR Mary M.**
(Members of Districts 03, 06, 08, and 09: identify District with two digits)

Alternate Group Representatives (AGR):

If you're **attending in place of your GR and voting for your group**, start with your District number (space) "AGR" (space) then first name and last initial.

Example: 72 AGR Della D. If GR is attending, you attend as a "Guest"*

District Representatives (DR):

District number (space), DR (space) First name, last initial Example: **72 DR Della D**

If are **also a registered GR voting for your group**, then you would put both designations: "GR/DR" Example: **12 GR/DR Marie**

Alternate District Representatives (ADR): **If you are attending in place of your DR:**

Example: 03 ADR Carol Q. If DR attending, you attend as "Guest"*.

SCWS Board Members, AIS Liaisons, Area-Recognized Convention Chairs, and Past Delegates are assigned "00" to begin their Zoom name tags.

SCWS Area Board Members (00 BRD): **Example: 00 BRD Steve S.**

Al-Anon Information Service Liaisons (00 AIS): **Example: 00 AIS Steve S.**

Convention Chairpersons(00 CON): **Example: 00 CON Steve S.**

Past Delegates (PD) (00 PD): **Example: 00 PD Steve S.**

If you are an AWSC member and a GR: start with your **District number (space)** "GR" (space) slash, AWSC position (GR/BRD, GR/AIS, GR/CON, etc.), then your first name and last initial. **Example: 03 GR/BRD Carol Q.**

Interpreter (01 Interpreter): **Example: 01 Interpreter Enrique S**

***Guest/Member-at-Large (GST):** **Example: GST Steve S.**

Who Has “Voice” and/or “Vote” At Southern California World Service (SCWS) Meetings?

World Service ASSEMBLY Meetings	VOICE	VOTE
Group Representatives (GR) or Alternate GR in place of GR	YES	YES
District Representatives (DR) or Alternate DR in place of DR	YES	NO
Area Coordinators	YES	NO
Area Officers	YES	NO
Past Area Delegates	YES	NO
Al-Anon Information Service (AIS-Intergroup) Liaisons	YES	NO
Area Recognized Convention Chairs*	YES	NO
Al-Anon Guests/Members-at-large	NO	NO

NOTE: All those with “VOICE” are considered to be “Members of the ASSEMBLY”

Area World Service COMMITTEE (AWSC) Meetings	VOICE	VOTE
Group Representatives (GR) or Alternate GR in place of GR	NO	NO
District Representatives (DR) or Alternate DR in place of DR	YES	YES
Area Coordinators	YES	YES
Area Officers	YES	YES
Past Area Delegates	YES	YES
Al-Anon Information Service (AIS-Intergroup) Liaisons	YES	YES
Area Recognized Convention Chairs*	YES	YES
Al-Anon Guests/Members-at-large	NO	NO

NOTE: All those with “VOICE” are considered to be “Members of the COMMITTEE.”

***Area Recognized Conventions:** Al-Anon Family Groups (AFG), Southern California A.A. (SCAAC), Southern California Alateen Conference (SCAC), and Young at Heart Al-Anon (YHA) (3 year trial)

Are You Willing to be of Service as an Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS)?

Check the SCWS website “Alateen – Be of Service” for information on sponsorship, eligibility, training, and other information.

Also Contact your District Representative or District Alateen Liaison

Website: <https://www.scws-al-anon.org/alateen/be-of-service-to-alateen/>

Acronyms Used in Al-Anon/Alateen

AFG	Al-Anon Family Groups
AIS	Al-Anon Information Service
AMIAS	Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service
AWSC	Area World Service Committee
CAL	Conference Approved Literature
DAL	District Alateen Liaison
DR	District Representative
GR	Group Representative (WS)
GSO	General Service Office (countries outside of US, Canada, Puerto Rico and Bermuda)
IR/ISR	Intergroup/Information Service Rep
PI	Public Information
PO	Public Outreach
PSA	Public Service Announcement
SCAC	Southern California Alateen Conference
SCWS	Southern California World Service
SOS	Sharing of Service
WS	World Service
WSC	World Service Conference
WSO	World Service Office

Calendar of Events 2024

Southern California Area World Service (SCWS) Events

(All Virtual Zoom Meetings – visit <https://www.scws-al-anon.org/calendar-of-events/> for IDs and Passwords)

AWSC Committee Meetings (3rd Saturdays of February and August)

Meetings—9 am to 4 pm (30-minute lunch)

February 17, 2024

August 17, 2024

Assembly Meetings (3rd Saturdays of May and November)

Meetings - 9 am to 4 pm (30-minute lunch)

May 18, 2024

November 16, 2024

New DR Orientation Meetings

10 am to 12 pm

February 3, 2024

August 3, 2024

New GR Orientation Meetings

10 am to 12 pm

May 4, 2024

November 2, 2024

Delegate Report Zoom Meeting

9 am to 11 am

July 20, 2024

Visit our SCWS website at <https://www.scws-al-anon.org/calendar-of-events/> for the complete “Calendar of Events for Southern California World Service.” You will find many more events and electronic flyers and forms for downloading and printing.

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Draft Minutes

Area World Service Assembly Meeting

May 18, 2024

8:00-8:50 a.m.: Log in: Create virtual name tag

9:06 a.m.: Starting time

1. Chairperson’s Report (15 mins.) – chairperson@scws-al-anon.org - Micheila L.

- A. Moment of Silence: Serenity Prayer [221 people in meeting]
- B. Welcome: New GRs, DRs and Past Delegates
- C. Guidelines for Participation; Who Has Voice and Vote
- D. Open Coordinator Service Positions:
 - [Area Alateen Communications Coordinator \(AACC\);](#)
 - [Area Alateen Events Coordinator \(AAEC\);](#)
 - [Alateen Member Coordinator \(AAMC\);](#)
 - [Hospitality Coordinator;](#) [Spanish Coordinator](#)
- E. Assembly Survey: link to a survey will be shared after the meeting to gain feedback on the experience today
- F. Future Assembly Meeting Locations: The Assembly Task Force will be sending out possibilities of hybrid Assemblies. We hope to have lots of options for future Assemblies.

Micheila: a grateful member of Al-Anon; attends two home groups, and has a Sponsor and a Service Sponsor. She wanted to use the physical chime but Zoom blocks that sound so she will hold up the chime as a visual reminder.

2. Twelve Traditions (5) Read by: Norma Jean W. District # 66

One of the DRs asked why the Bylaws Update vote was not included on today’s Agenda as the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) members had voted in February to include it. Chair explained that a decision had been made at the AWSC to put the Bylaws on today’s Agenda: the Minutes for that meeting are in the *Bulletin*, <https://www.scws-al-anon.org/bulletin/>. She referenced an email that she’d written to the AWSC members on May 16 in which she explained that subsequent to the AWSC meeting, a Board meeting was held at which some members expressed concerns about whether the Bylaws Updates were ready to be voted on. Also there was no Knowledge-Based Decision-Making (KBDM) presentation. Therefore, the Chair decided not to put the Bylaws Update discussion and vote on today’s Agenda.

3. Roll Call (20) – Group Records Coordinator grouprecords@scws-al-anon.org **Cathy W.**

(DRs update Cathy throughout the day in “Chat” if they add/subtract GRs from their total count. Subsequently Cathy asked that DRs announce changes to everyone in chat, not just to her, as she had others helping to keep the counts updated.)

SCWS BOARD POSITION	NAME	PRESENT/ ABSENT
Alternate Delegate	Renee M.	present
Chairperson	Micheila L.	present
Delegate	Teresa F.	present
Secretary	Donna E.	present

Interim Treasurer	Patricia B.	present
Immediate Past Delegate	Tim P.	present
AIS-LDC Coordinator	Yoly W-H.	present
Archives Coordinator	Kathleen G.	present
Area Alateen Communications Coordinator	vacant	n/a
Area Alateen Events Coordinator	Tina S.	present
Area Alateen Member Coordinator	vacant	n/a
Area Alateen Process Person	Suzanne P.	present
Area Alateen Sponsor Coordinator	Yvette K-B.	present
Bulletin Coordinator ("Newsletter Editor")	Irene C.	present
Cooperating w/ Professional Community	Nicole W.	present
Group Records Coordinator	Cathy W.	present
Hospitality Coordinator	vacant	n/a
Institutions Coordinator	Shauna S.	present
Insurance Coordinator	Elaine A.	present
Literature Coordinator	Andy S.	present
Public Information Coordinator	Ruby G.	present
Spanish Coordinator	vacant	n/a
Website Coordinator	Heather G.	present

AIS-LDC LIAISON	NAME	PRESENT/ ABSENT
Inland Empire	Ana A.	absent
Los Angeles County	Kevin C.	absent
Orange County	Veronica B.	present
San Diego County	Sandra L.	present
Spanish Intergroup	Josefa	present

CONVENTION CHAIRPERSONS	NAME	PRESENT/ ABSENT
AFG Convention	Ben P.	present
Southern CA Alateen Conference	Gerry (Bear) W.	absent

SoCal AA Convention/Al-Anon Chair	Susie H. or Beth	absent
Young at Heart in Al-Anon (YHA)	vacant	

PANEL	PAST DELEGATE – NAME	PRESENT/ ABSENT
2012-2014	Jayme C.	present
2003-2005	Miriam M.	present
1997-1999	Willie W.	present

D#	DR/ADR	PRESENT/ ABSENT	#	D#	DR/ADR	PRESENT/ ABSENT	#
03	Delfina M.	present	1	40	Bunny F.	present	6
	Lisa A.				Lyn S.		
06	Sean N-G	present	4	42	Maria N.	present	11
	Patricia S.				Susie S.		
08	Alejandra O.	present	0	45	Lydia T.	present	11
	Jessie S.				Ann S.		
09	Denise H.	present	5	48	Dora Luz L.	absent	0
	Donna H.				Blanca M.		
10	Loreina C.	present	0	51	Adrienne B.	absent	3
	Stacy A.				Sylvya C.		
12	Newt G.	present	12	54	Laurie M.	present	11
	vacant				vacant		
15	vacant		2	57	Diane P.	present	5
	vacant				Dan P.		
17	Heather G.	present	13	60	Liz S.	absent	
	Stephanie D.				Marilen H.	present	8
21	Sandra W.	present	8	63	Diane M.	present	9
	Keith F.				vacant		
24	Mykel M.	present	8	64	Victor M.	absent	1

	Barry D.				Esther G.		
27	Nate S.	present	6	66	Kristin R.	present	22
	Ruby G.				Pete B.		
30	Gloria S.	present	3	69	Annah H.	present	12
	vacant				vacant		
33	Bonnie R.	present	7	72	Randy B.	absent	
	Yolanda W.				Deana C.	present	9
36	Coy C.	absent	0	75	Maya M.	present	10
	vacant				vacant		
39	vacant	n/a	0	78	Luz A.	present	2
	vacant				Leticia G.		

Total voting members after roll call: 189

**4. Secretary’s Report - secretary@scws-al-anon.org Donna E.
Approval: November 2023 Assembly Minutes (15)**

Donna noted that there are two versions of the November Assembly Draft Minutes posted on the scws-al-anon.org website: “Draft Minutes” and “Amended Draft Minutes”. In the future, the first Draft will be posted on the website and members are asked to contact the Secretary prior to the Assembly if they have corrections to that Draft. Those changes will be incorporated into an Amended Draft (with changes highlighted for clarity) so that all members can see the amended version prior to the vote to accept the Minutes. Changes to the Minutes will also be requested at the Assembly.

Gene L., GR72, moved to approve the Minutes. Mykel M, D27 seconded.

VOTE:

Yay	Nay	Abstentions	Not a voting member
97	1	38	20

Donna gave a Secretary’s Report (which will be published in the *Bulletin*, and is included as an Addendum at the end of these Minutes). Her Report addressed today’s Agenda and the absence of the two Agenda items that had been voted on by the February Area World Service Conference (AWSC) members, who set the Agenda for the Assembly. A third item, the results of the Annual Financial Review, was also not on the Agenda. She requested that the Chair revise today’s Agenda to include those items.

- Micheila: Talked about her process of being a new Chair. She thought that many Group Representatives (GRs) were unfamiliar with KBDM and she wanted to ensure that our GRs understand how it works. She has balanced sharing information with our members with avoiding public controversy, and has attempted to behave in the spirit of our principles, fostering loving interchange and working together in unity.
- Chair asked for members to raise their hands to speak: 41 members asked questions and/or made comments.
- Members were reminded to raise their hands, to be called on by the Chair.
- Several members expressed concern that the request for changing the Agenda was out of order, and that it’s the Chair’s prerogative to set the Assembly Agenda. Some members viewed this as an issue of respecting the Chair’s autonomy in the context of Concept 3: “The right of decision makes effective leadership possible.” There were also concerns expressed about double-headed management.

- Several members expressed concern that the AWSC group conscience vote was ignored; they supported altering today's Agenda to include discussion and vote on the Bylaws Updates, thus honoring the vote of the AWSC members.
- Two Officers brought up the following conflicts among the Officers that have interfered with their ability to meet and make decisions as an elected body.
- a. The Officers voted not to affirm the candidate for Interim Treasurer based on two concerns: 1) she had not been a DR, a requirement for the position, and 2) at an Officer's meeting, she acknowledged having misappropriated funds from the District for which she'd been the Treasurer a number of years ago. The Officers discussed this twice. After the second discussion, three Officers and the Immediate Past Delegate voted not to affirm the candidate. The Chair subsequently appointed her as Interim Treasurer. The Officers did not recognize that as a valid appointment as it was not consistent with the group conscience vote. Subsequently, a number of treasury processes were affected by this disagreement—among them, the former Treasurer, Cathy S., continued to deposit checks into the SCWS accounts so that our member's' contributions were deposited in a timely manner.
 - b. There have been some financial irregularities that have concerned the Officers. Expenditures below \$500 may be approved by the Treasurer; expenditures over \$500 and below \$2,000 are to be approved by the Board of Directors (Officers). The Interim Treasurer approved several expenditures above \$500 without consulting with the Officers. Our Chair took out a cash advance of \$1,100 without consulting with the Officers or subsequently responding to the Officer's request for an explanation of the use of the funds. Although a portion of the cash advance was spent on expenses for the Southwest Regional Delegates Meetings (SWRDM), the Officers had questions about some of the expenditures which were not answered. The Officers have fiduciary responsibility for the 501(c)(3) and have an obligation to ensure that our finances are handled properly.
- Several members noted that comments in the "Chat" are out of order. Members asked that participants maintain decorum and respect for one another.
 - One member, who performed the annual financial review, expressed concerns about the financial review not having been included on today's Agenda. She expressed concerns about misappropriation of funds that need to be addressed specifically and in a timely manner. She also requested that we give Cathy S. "voice" at this meeting so that she could talk about the Area's finances. No vote was taken.
 - A member made a motion (and it was seconded) to vote on the Alternate Agenda. The Chair explained that within the KBDM process, motions are the result of discussions, and unlike in Robert's Rules of Order they come at the end of the discussion.
 - Some members were appreciative of the group for addressing these concerns publicly while others expressed the desire for the Officers to address their conflicts through a conflict resolution process apart from public meetings.
 - It was noted that both the Board of Trustees of AFG, Inc., and other Areas have faced similar challenges and conflicts and have availed themselves of conflict resolution processes, provided by the World Service Office staff, to resolve internal conflicts.

12:26pm: Chair asked the members if they felt that they had enough information to vote on whether to have the Bylaws discussion after lunch. There was not enough clarity about the issue to hold a vote before lunch; it was decided to hold a vote after lunch.

12:40: **Lunch Break (30 mins)**

1:10pm – meeting resumed

VOTE: Would you like to have the Bylaws added to our afternoon Agenda?

Prior to the vote, one of the members of the Bylaws Committee noted that the Bylaws are intended to demonstrate that we comply with the laws of the State of California. In addition to the Bylaws, we should have an Area Procedures Manual that would contain many more details (than the Bylaws).

Current voting members count: 189

Yay	Nay	Abstentions	Not a voting member	Adjusted Percentage
117	60	12	21	66%

After the vote, one of the members of the Bylaws Committee offered to defer giving the presentation (on the Bylaws Updates) until after the election of the Treasurer and Alternate Delegate. NOTE: Because there was not enough time to address the Bylaws Update today, this will carry over onto the Agenda for the November Assembly.

5. Twelve Concepts (5) Read by: Suzanne P., AAPP

6. Interim Treasurer's Report: Patty B. [1:35 - 3:03pm]

A. How to make a 7th Tradition Contribution via the website: "Contributions" link: [scws-al-anon.org](https://www.scws-al-anon.org)

B. Financial Report

- a. https://www.scws-al-anon.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/May-2024-Assembly_Understanding-SCWS-Finances_rev-5.7.24.pdf
- b. Reported on the previous expenditure for the new translation equipment.
- c. Contributions made to the Area have not been itemized in Quickbooks.
- d. \$41,507.84 in checking
- e. \$45,631.31
- f. \$40,329.28
- g. CDs: \$4,488.28 + \$10,357.05 + \$10,357.05 + \$5,221.43

Questions:

- There were a number of questions about financial procedures:
 - Who oversees the finances and ensures that spending is done properly and accurately?
 - The Chair, Treasurer, other Officers and Finance Committee
 - Who oversees the oversight of disbursement of funds?
 - In most organizations, one group disburses the funds and another group oversees that disbursement. The Area has had a Finance Committee in the past; the Committee has not met since January.
 - The Chair announced that a "Board Governance Committee" was going to be formed.
 - The Chair is required to oversee the checking accounts.
- We have Financial Guidelines. The Treasurer can write a check for up to \$500, anything above that needs to be approved by the Officers (Board of Directors). All expenditures over \$2,000 must be approved in advance by the Assembly. (This motion was approved at 11-19-1994 Assembly.)
- One of the members who performed the audit noted that she had emailed the Chair asking about the financial statements and why they're not on today's Agenda. She noted that she did not receive a response to her questions:
 - When was the Interim Treasurer appointed and where are the Minutes that document that appointment?
 - When will the financial statements be provided?
- Some concerns were expressed regarding the process for choosing a Treasurer and the qualifications required for that position.
- Several members noted that the financial report did not provide the details regarding income and expenses that have typically been included in the financials at Assemblies.
- One of the Area's Certificates of Deposit (CDs) for \$5,200 matured and was re-invested. Only the Chair is currently listed on the CD. The new Treasurer or other Officer will be added to the CD after today's election.
- When will more specific financial information be available?
 - Once the new Treasurer comes on board, s/he will provide it on the website.
- What is the status of the Finance Committee? First, elect the new Treasurer. Then reconstitute the Finance

Committee. One of the Finance Committee members has attempted to contact the Interim Treasurer and Chairperson and has not had a response.

- One member requested that people who are answering questions answer succinctly.
- Does the Finance Committee oversee the financials? A GR from 69 with a background in finance volunteered to help.
- Several members thanked the Interim Treasurer for taking on that role.

7. Area Elections: Alternate Delegate & Area Treasurer (30) – Chairperson Micheila L.

- A. *Candidates:* Each has 2 minutes at the Zoom mic to share their background in AI-Anon service and read the response from their Service Resumé to the question: Why would you be an asset to the SCWS Area?
- B. Short PowerPoint presentation regarding Area Election and GR’s decision
- C. Vote is either: **YES / NO / ABSTAIN / NOT A VOTING MEMBER**
Reminder: For Voting members choosing to abstain: abstentions are not counted.

- Chair–read presentation regarding the recent history of the elections
- One person asked that the former Treasurer, Cathy S., be given a voice so that she could speak to the kinds of skills that a prospective Treasurer would need to have.
- How do we know who is standing for what positions? We find out the day of the election.
- The Chair noted that there had been some problems with our Area’s listserv message process, and a number of emails had gone into members’ spam folders. We will be reviewing our email processes so that our emails get through more reliably. One DR wanted to submit her resume for the Treasurer position after the deadline for submission. The Board members participated in an online discussion about this and agreed not to accept the resume.
- Being/having been a DR is one of the qualifications of the members standing for an Officer position.

The Chair began by reading the *Election Procedures*.

Number of voting members: 187

Vote to affirm the Election Procedures: Bruce D54 and Linda, D45

Yay	Nay	Abstentions	Not a voting member	Adjusted Percentage
144	0	2	8	100%

–Alternate Delegate election

Candidates: **Sean N.-G.** (the second candidate, Miriam M., withdrew after seeing that Sean stood for the position). **Sean was elected as the new Alternate Delegate.**

Yay	Nay	Abstentions	Not a voting member
164	4		11

Number of voting members: 171

–Treasurer election

Candidates: **Vicki V.** (the second and third candidates, Miriam M. and Tim P., withdrew after seeing that Vicki stood for the position.) **Vicki was elected as the new Treasurer.**

Yay	Nay	Abstentions	Not a voting member
171	0	2	11

There was not enough time for the Area Delegate to give her report about her attendance at the World Service Conference. There may be additional venues for her to give her report to our members.

None of the items on the original Agenda beyond this point were addressed at today's meeting.

[4:33pm] Closed with the AI-Anon Declaration.

Love in Service,
Donna E.
Area Secretary

ADDENDUM:

Southern California World Service Assembly
May 18, 2024
Secretary's Report

Good morning, everyone.

As your Secretary, I don't usually give a Secretary's Report. This morning is an exception— because we've had some exceptional things happening in our Area that I want to address before going back to taking the Minutes. This report will be published in the *Bulletin*, in its entirety.

As the Area Secretary, it is my duty and responsibility to ensure that accurate Minutes are taken at every Officer's, Board, Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting and Assembly.

For those of you who are new to service at the Area level, there are

- five elected **Officers** (legally the "**Board of Directors**"), and
- an additional 17 Coordinator positions, which comprise our **Board**.
- The **AWSC** or "**Committee**" is made up of those 22 members above plus
 - 29 District Representatives,
 - 4 Area-Recognized Convention Chairs,
 - 7 Liaisons from AI-Anon Information Service Offices, and often
 - 4 Past Delegates,

for a total of around 66 people. The Committee meets "between Assemblies to plan the Assembly agenda and deal with other Area Business, as needed." (*Service Manual*, pg. 75)

- The **Assembly** consists of all of the above plus as many GRs as possible. When we met in person (in Glendale, pre-pandemic) we would have 350 attendees. All of the above members have a voice at the Assembly but *only GRs vote*.

At our February AWSC meeting, the attending members held several votes. The relevant ones are:

Poll: Bylaws to be **discussed and voted** on at May Assembly: 30 Yays; 6 Nays; 5 Abstentions

Poll: Meet virtually for the May Assembly and at that Assembly, ask the GRs what they would like to do as far as **meeting either hybrid or virtually only**. (Task Force to present venue options for consideration at that time.)

Yays = 33. Nays = 0 Abstentions = 2

One of my duties as Secretary is to follow up on significant items at previous meetings to ensure that they are not "lost" or forgotten and that subsequent Agendas accurately reflect—and follow up on—important items in the Minutes of those previous meetings. As your Secretary (and as an Officer), I am concerned that these items

were not included on today's Agenda as that does not accurately reflect the will (the **votes**) of the February Committee members.

Why the Bylaws Update is not included in today's Agenda

Two nights ago, our Chair sent out an email to the AWSC members explaining her rationale for not including the Bylaws discussion and vote on today's Assembly Agenda. (She did not mention the second issue, regarding the hybrid or virtual-only Assembly.) Per that email, the following were her reasons for not including the Bylaws discussion and **vote** on today's Agenda.

- She explained that at a Board meeting subsequent to the February AWSC meeting, there was a discussion regarding the Bylaws Updates and that some Board members had “doubts and concerns” about whether the Bylaws were ready to be voted on. As your Minutes Secretary (and a former Chair), I do not agree that that is a valid reason to ignore the issue today.
 - The Board members **had already participated in a discussion and voted** at the AWSC meeting in February. Their **votes** still “stood.”
 - If there are Board members who have serious concerns about the Bylaws, then it is proper order for them to bring those up during the questions and comments period, before voting. Concern or doubts are not a reason to **not** have the discussion and vote—they become a part of the discussion. Those concerns are the reason why some people vote no rather than yes.
- Our Chair explained that there wasn't enough time on the Agenda for a proper discussion of the Bylaws. It must be noted that there is a 45-minute KBDM/Conflict Resolution presentation by Ann H. on the current Agenda. While I love and admire Ann H.--and enjoyed working with her to develop our Area's KBDM Quick Reference Tool years ago--my *opinion* is that that is a lot of time to spend on the Agenda when we have more pressing business. That addition **guarantees** that there would be “no remaining time” for the Bylaw Updates discussion and vote. We could ask Ann to give a short, 5-minute overview of KBDM--which would free up 40 minutes in this morning's session.
- The Chair removed the Revised Bylaws document from the website with no discussion or vote, in order to “allay any confusion.”
 - It has since been re-posted so that everyone can read it at any time.
 - This document has been on the website for many months and we have had no evidence that our members have been “confused” by it.
- The Chair noted that a KBDM presentation had not been presented to the Committee.
 - Of course there wasn't a KBDM presentation. The issues that go into the Bylaw Updates have *already* been discussed and voted on (after sometimes multiple KBDM presentations). The inclusion of material to the Bylaws is simply “routine housekeeping” – an inclusion of relevant items into that document.
 - If anyone has any questions or concerns about the Bylaws, they get to voice those during the “comments” period prior to voting.

The discussion/vote on holding either hybrid or virtual-only Assemblies is not on the Agenda.

In addition to the Bylaw Updates issue, the Committee members **voted** to ask the GRs whether they want us to pursue holding hybrid Assemblies in the future--partly because the cost could be considerably more than the \$2,000 limit that the Board can approve. I don't know why it isn't on the Agenda; it should be.

The results of the “annual financial review” are not on the Agenda

Our former Treasurer, Cathy S., updated the AWSC on the progress of the team that would be performing our annual financial review (previously referred to as our annual audit). That review was performed and a document was authored by the two members who participated in it, Toni N., a retired CPA, and Eva B., former Area Treasurer. Both people signed the review document and one of them prepared and signed the Observations and Recommendations, which are important for our members to read. As far as I can tell, the results of the review are not specified as one of the items under the Treasurer's Report. Perhaps this document will be presented as the “Finance Committee Update.” I hope that is the case. If it is not there, it should be.

Finally, as an elected Officer of our 501(c)(3), I (along with all of the Officers) have both traditional and legal responsibility to ensure that our membership is being served in accordance with our Legacies and the laws of the state of California.

I believe that our Officers (and Board/AWSC/GRs) are obligated to honor the group conscience vote.

Why do we meet as a Committee, discuss and vote on items for the Agenda, if another body or individual can disregard that vote? That is not how AI-Anon works.

Because of that, I am proposing that an alternate Agenda for today (below) be discussed and adopted by the GRs—an Agenda that is based on the group conscience vote of the February AWSC and that includes the three items that are missing from the first Agenda.

As many of you know, I've had the privilege of being of service at the Area level for 9 years. As your Area Chair, I learned that the three most important things for the Chair to do are:

- model neutrality about issues before the Assembly,
- run all of my decisions by trusted others (especially my fellow Officers) before taking action and to be transparent about that process and how I came to a decision *and*
- **abide by the group conscience vote in every matter—regardless of how I personally felt about the issue.**

My objection to the way today's Agenda has been composed is not personal. This is about the integrity of our program and whether or not we, as a body, insist that *all* of our trusted leaders abide by the Second Warranty, "that all decisions be reached by discussion, vote and whenever possible by unanimity" and whether we truly believe and practice that there is "but one authority—a loving God as he may express Himself *in our group conscience*. Our leaders are but trusted servants—they do not govern."

In that spirit, I respectfully request that we discuss this, as a body, and that the GRs who are present **vote** on whether you want to follow an Agenda based on the group conscience of the AWSC (that is, it would include the three items noted above, which are highlighted below) or an Agenda that, at multiple points, does not.

If you vote for the alternate Agenda, it will then conform to the Minutes from the AWSC, as it properly should.

Your vote will determine what we will do. Every one of us. You are the decision-makers; we are your servants. When we follow your lead, we earn your trust.

Respectfully submitted and in loving service,
Donna E.
Area Secretary

**SCWS Alternate Agenda for Assembly
May 18, 2024**

5. **Discussion and Vote on Alternate Agenda for today's Assembly**
6. **Knowledge-Based Decision-Making (KBDM) Overview** (5) Ann H. ahdaisya@gmail.com
7. **Area Elections: Alternate Delegate & Area Treasurer (30) – Chairperson Micheila L.**
 - A. *Candidates:* Each has 2 minutes at the Zoom mic to share their background in AI-Anon service and respond to the question:
Why would you be an asset to the SCWS Area?
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 - C. **Vote** is either: **YES / NO / ABSTAIN / NOT A VOTING MEMBER**
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The reason to move this earlier is so that the new Treasurer will have been elected prior to the Treasurer's Report.

8. **Treasurer’s Report (15)** – Interim Treasurer interim-treasurer@scws-al-anon.org Patty

- A. Financial Report
- B. Finance Committee Update – **It is not clear whether or not this includes the Annual Financial Review? If it does not, that would be inserted here.**
- C. Observe 7th Tradition – “Contributions” link: SCWSwebsite (<https://www.scws-al-anon.org/contributions/>)
- D. Update: contribution to WSO

9. **Delegate’s Report: 2024 World Service Conference (WSC) Part.1 (60)** – delegate@scws-al-anon.org Teresa F.

12:30: **Lunch Break (30 mins):** please return on time!

10. **Twelve Concepts (5)** Read by: District #

11. **Bylaws – Discussion and Vote to approve or not approve Bylaws Updates. [new item]**

12. **Assembly Task Force Discussion and Vote – to approve or not approve future hybrid Assemblies (in excess of \$2,000). [new item]**

13. **District Representative Reports: (2 minutes each/30 mins) [the same as original Agenda from this point on]**

Area Group/Meeting Data by Group Records Coordinator

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Category / Categoria	8/18/22	2/16/23	5/18/23	8/18/23	11/16/23	2/16/24	5/17/24
Active Meetings / Reuniones activas	1195	1192	1212	1186	1229	1230	1234
Inactive / Inactivo	(327)	(390)	(386)	(421)	(436)	(455)	(469)
No Mail / Sin Correo	34/38	20	13	21	25/20	22	18
Reported Not Meeting / No reunion reportada	1	5/6	2	0	0	2	2
Bounced CMA Email / Correo electrónico CMA devuelto	7	4	5	3	4	3	10
New Meetings / Nuevas reuniones	8	25	38	13	26	17	12
TEM’s	277	237	199	167	109	60	46
Unknown if Meeting / se desconoce si se reúne		~200	161	127	87	50	45

Officer Reports

Delegate

The World Service Conference (WSC) held April 18-21, 2024, in Virginia Beach was an amazing experience. It was four days filled with spiritual experiences and information-packed business meetings. I was overwhelmed, and entranced by the respect and love all the members offered each other. I never realized that there were spiritual principles of the etiquette we practice, staying on topic, limiting our time at the microphone, and actively listening to each other. The days were exhausting and exhilarating with so much to learn. If I could – I would do it again next week! The theme of the Conference this year was *Our Path toward Grace, Unity, and Understanding*. Something we get to practice one day at a time. The slogan our panel chose – “Panel 64, In Service We Soar.”

Attending the WSC as your Delegate was, as we say in at new Group Representative (GR) orientations, like drinking water from a fire hose. So much is presented that it would be impossible to share it all in a few hours. We are all part of a worldwide fellowship, and I am so grateful for what I get to bring back from the Conference and share.

One activity that started the Conference was presented by Panel 62, in their “Sharing Area Highlights.” The lights were dimmed, and half the Delegates sat in a circle of chairs, the other half stood behind them. Those standing each received one card that had a quote taken from some of our CAL literature, credited of course. Those standing read their quote in the ear of the Delegate before them with hands placed on their shoulder – some examples were “*If we do not change our direction, we are likely to end up where we are headed,*” Courage to Change, page 17, “*It is good to know service is recovery,*” A Little Time For Myself, page 37. Then we switched and those that stood sat and vice versa. I have to say that tears were streaming down many faces, including mine – it set the spiritual tone for the Conference. I hope we will similarly repeat that exercise in the future as we work in our Area towards unity.

In looking through much of our CAL, I found this explanation of the WSC that shares it quite effectively: from al-anon.org/for-members/world-service-conference-wsc/ “*Al-Anon’s Tradition Two states: “For our group purpose there is but one authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants—they do not govern.”*”

The World Service Conference makes the group conscience available and effective for all Al-Anon. It is the practical means by which the group conscience can speak; it is the voice of world Al-Anon and the guarantee that our world services shall continue to carry on under all conditions.

The Conference protects Al-Anon and Alateen against a service breakdown; it makes for unity and enables our fellowship to act as a whole upon important matters. This makes it the principal guarantor of Al-Anon and Alateen’s harmony and survival.” Our SCWS Area has shared over many years that we take great pride in modeling ourselves historically after the WSC, let us all remember that, and I know we will direct ourselves accordingly. Let us as they say at the Conference, ‘Continue the Conversation...’

I will report on different portions of the Conference at different times as well as come to visit Districts, separately or as clusters, both in-person or electronically - and we will have a Delegates Corner webpage section on our scws-al-anon.org with new/current information available as it is received.

Some attendee facts: there were 68 Delegates from the United States, Canada, Bermuda, and Puerto Rico. There were also the Board of Trustees, The Executive Committee, and some of the World Service Office Staff, for a total of 90 voting members this year.

NOTE: On Saturday, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. on July 20, please attend my Delegate’s Report Zoom Meeting, look for the information on our scws-al-anon.org website (***flyer also included at the end of this Bulletin***). We will have a Spanish-language interpreter available.

A few miscellaneous highlights to entice you –

- A new Conference Approved Literature (CAL) booklet will be coming out this Fall called Healing Within Our Alcoholic Relationships – A

Collection of Insights From Our Shared Journey, P-95. It is being translated now into Spanish and French. Watch for it! The anticipated cost for purchase will be \$4.00.

- A new piece of literature, possibly a pamphlet or booklet, “Finances in Al-Anon Recovery” received conceptual approval by motion and vote. Although the topics of personal and group finances are discussed throughout Al-Anon’s Three Legacies, Al-Anon does not have a single piece of CAL exploring our relationship with finances in recovery. Financial responsibility may not be taught in alcoholic homes, but it can be learned.
- Our new Daily reader, A Little Time For Myself – A Collection of Al-Anon Personal Experiences (B-34), had sales of over \$908,000 in the first six months - the highest-grossing year selling piece of literature we have ever had thus far. Income for 2024 is estimated to be lower than in 2023 but has still increased over previous years.
- Next Generation AFG Records. Although it will take time, now anticipated to be up to two years, this will be a huge database improvement and will assist in keeping group information current and findable.
- Al-anon.org had its millionth session on February 24, 2024, reaching this milestone two days earlier than in 2023. That means we are on pace to exceed six million sessions again this year!
- There are five new skits available for Districts and Areas on Sponsorship and Service Sponsorship, from a 30-minute suggested Agenda, a half-day Agenda, to a full day-long suggested Agenda. Contact me if interested!

I am humbled and grateful to serve as your Area Delegate; this service position is making me grow in ways I never quite imagined. Every new and returning service position should make us feel this way. We can also all feel confident in knowing that the worldwide fellowship of Al-Anon Family Groups, which includes Alateen, is alive and well. May we all continue to carry the message of working together in unity to help families and friends of alcoholics.

Love in Service,
Teresa F., Delegate
Panel 64 (CA-S)

Alternate Delegate – No Report Submitted

Past Delegate – No Report Submitted

Chair

See Draft Assembly Minutes for May 18, 2024, on page 10.

Secretary – See Draft Assembly Minutes for May 18, 2024, starting on page 10.

Treasurer

First, let me express my appreciation for the opportunity to serve as Interim-Treasurer from January to May 2024. As a member of our spiritual program, I have the understanding that from my sponsor that when I change my poor behavior and make amends for my poor behavior, the God of my understanding has forgiven me. Forgiveness is the key to recovery, not shaming or name calling for past behaviors. Why do we still bring up the past repeatedly?

Despite the challenges I faced during my transition, it shocked me. Truly, I expected a more supportive atmosphere during business meetings, but unfortunately, outbursts from a few members made my transition exceedingly difficult. I did not receive the necessary tools to transition properly to the interim position, which I found very stressful and disrespectful. I agreed to be service for an interim position; not a permanent one. Nevertheless, I am grateful to have contributed to a program that has played a significant role in my recovery journey for 34 years. Here is what transpired during my Interim-Treasurer position.

Southern California World Service (SCWS) January to May 2024 Treasury Summary Summary of Some Key Events and Information

1. We have four CDs. One matured in April. We closed it out and opened a new one (8 month term at 4% interest).
2. Our taxes were filed on time.
3. We have newly refiled DBAs so that members may make contributions payable to SCWS, SCAC and Southern California Alateen Conference in

- compliance with legal and federal banking regulations.
4. The Annual Financial Review was in April. Team designated: Eva B., Patty B., and Toni N. Team at review: Eva B. and Toni N. More information will be shared about the Financial Review in the future.
 5. A major purchase of headsets for interpretation for our Spanish-Speaking members for the October 2023 Road Trip was not disclosed last year, nor in the 2024 Financial Review report. This was shared at the February 2024 AWSC and in the Bulletin: "August 2023 Purchase Overage of Area Translation Equipment—spent \$2,283.74 including tax on the equipment. Our Area hosted the Board of Trustees “Road Trip” in October of 2023, when we discovered that the translation equipment that we bought for our Spanish members many years ago was inoperable. We bought new equipment that exceeded the \$2,000 limit for expenditures without GR approval. Will report this to the GRs at May Assembly." <https://www.scws-al-anon.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Bulletin-Feb2024-Final.pdf>. This was an overage above the Motion made by GRs at the 1994 November Assembly (<https://www.scws-al-anon.org/motions-by-subject/>):

That the Board of Directors of SCWS of AFG, Inc. be authorized to expend up to \$2000 per transaction for the needs of SCWS between assembly meetings. Such expenditures to be reported to the Area at the next subsequent assembly. The authorization for such expenditures by the board be conducted by phone poll with the treasurer to keep a record of the votes on such poll. All expenditures over \$2000 must be approved in advance by the assembly.
 6. Contributions made to the Area have not been placed in QuickBooks, and the Area is 5 months behind. The Treasury did not fully transition so there were limited things I as Interim Treasurer could do. The email, computer, checks nor mail forwarding was transferred to me. No accounting has been done in QuickBooks by anyone. As of today, the signers on our Accounts are our Area Chairperson, Interim Treasurer, Delegate and Area Secretary.
 7. After our new Treasurer is elected to serve for the remainder of this Panel and our Area can regain spiritual, emotional and financial serenity, Finance Committee meetings will have a better climate to operate in.

8. The balances in the accounts are shown in the financial report at the end of this Bulletin.

Sincerely,
 Patty B.
 SCWS Interim-Treasurer 2024

See also Draft Assembly Minutes for May 18, 2024, and financial information included at the end of this Bulletin. All financial information can also be found at <https://www.scws-al-anon.org/financial/>.

Coordinator Reports

AIS-LDC Coordinator

Nothing to report at this time.

Yoly W-H., AIS-LDC Coordinator
 ais-ldc@scws-al-non-org
 Panel 64

Archives

Welcome to the GRs and Drs in our Area and the entire Area Board!

I am the SCWS Archive Coordinator for Panel 2024-2027. So you ask, “What are archives?” Definition: *archives (plural noun)*

A collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution, or group of people.

Our Al-Anon Area has had meetings since the early 1950's. Al-Anon published a book called *Many Voices, One Journey* in 2011. When you read it, you will see how our area has been part of all the growth of Al-Anon through the decades starting in the 50's. Looking at our early history, I could visualize the large AA groups and the future Al-Anon members meeting near the AA meetings to chat and serve coffee and sweets to the AA meeting members. Long Beach and San Pedro are where our early history has documentation. San Pedro is mentioned in the book, *Many Voices-One Journey*. The book is a treasure of information on the beginning of Al-Anon and every decade that has passed. A worldwide fellowship guided by our three legacies and our members. We are and always will be the voice of the

fellowship. In our area we start in Atascadero and head south to San Diego. We have history to document.

From the official Al-Anon Guideline G30—Area Archives, what material do we have in our area archives? Here are some items I have taken from the Guideline that suggest what we "might" keep.

Possible categories are: • Minutes of the Assembly and District Meetings (List the motions separately for quick reference) • Reports - Committees, Coordinators, and Delegates • Group Histories • Longtime member interviews or recordings • Directories—world, Area, and local • Editions of Area and Local Newsletters • Group, Assembly, Convention, or Event Flyer. *There are more besides these.*

Area Archives as covered on the Guideline G-30 Area Guidelines—It is stated that we do not keep worldwide archives, but focus more on our area. So, for that, we currently have a number of items from our early history, but we need current happenings. Info from the districts such as meeting histories! That is area archive material. Flyers, newsletters and items like that from the districts. Archive material!

Our papers from our early days were typed or handwritten by our members. Flyers were created by drawing!! Now most items are created on computers and are digital. At any time, you find items listed for your district events, please send to archives@scws-al-anon.org. They will be saved in an archive file I have started for each district.

Look for an email from me in the coming months. I have histories of meetings and a previous Archive Coordinator Charlene, completed a number of oral histories of members. Those need to be transcribed to be accessible to members. I am going to ask districts to help get meeting histories. I know some have been working on this project. I will check my email for flyers to save and check district and area AIS websites, too. I want to connect with all their archive coordinators. Decades from now, our area will show how our fellowship has grown by the outreach, service and love we have freely given to our Al-Anon program.

In gratitude for the members who got here before me and stayed and those who have continued to attend meetings. We are here for those who have not found us yet.

Kathy G.

Archives Coordinator

2024-2026

2023-2026 Archives Coordinator

Area Alateen Communications

Coordinator – Position Vacant

Area Alateen Events Coordinator –

No Report Submitted

Area Alateen Process Person –

Welcome to our new Group Reps! Our May Assembly is usually a place for sharing recovery and service. Unfortunately, our time was wasted at this meeting, only a select few officers were able to give a report. That means there were no reports from our districts or your coordinators. The Delegate's report wasn't given, which has been one of the highlights of the May Assembly. The agenda indicated that we were to have a KBDM presentation, which was delayed. Since our Area agreed, in 2013, to use KBDM and it remains a mystery to many of us and our new members, that was also disappointing. SCWS was not well served by the dissension.

Moving on! The Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) is responsible for the New AMIAS Certification and annual Recertification of all existing AMIAS and Alateen groups in our Area. The official Recertification period starts towards the beginning of the year and lasts for 3-4 months. After the trainings and paperwork are completed, it is my job to update the WSO Alateen records.

Our Area currently has approximately 250 AMIAS and about 50 Alateen groups. We rely on our districts, including District Alateen Liaisons, to help us get the message out. They are also part of the Outreach and conflict resolution processes. On page 59 of the 2022-25 Service Manual, the Group Representative "encourages Alateen sponsorship in accordance with Area Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements."

The Southern California Alateen Conference is being held this year at the University of Redlands in July. The sponsor can be reached at northcuttina@gmail.com.

If I can be of any assistance with Alateen, please reach

out to me by email at aapp@scws-al-anon.org.

Love in Alateen service,
Suzanne P., AAPP

Area Alateen Sponsor Coordinator

— No Report Submitted

Bulletin

I look forward to continuing as your Bulletin Coordinator for this panel. Thank you to those who submitted a report for this issue of the Bulletin. Each Board Member and District Representative are asked to submit a report for publication in the Bulletin after each Area World Service Committee Meeting and each Area World Service Assembly Meeting. These written reports are especially important as sometimes we are not able to hear your reports or you only have limited time for your reports due to the issues on the agenda. Please share information about your service positions and/or districts to provide news updates about what you or your district is planning or doing. Feel free to provide as much detail and information as you like in the Bulletin. Reports are also important as people in positions change and others assume new responsibilities.

Reports can be submitted to me as text in an email or as a Word file attachment within two weeks following each meeting. I do prefer text messages or Word files as there are sometimes conversion problems with PDF files. Please email to me at bulletin@scws-al-anon.org and to our secretary at secretary@scws-al-anon.org.

If you would like to see samples of previous bulletins and reports, they can be found on our website at <https://www.scws-al-anon.org/bulletin/>.

I am grateful for the opportunity to be of service. If you have any ideas or suggestions for our Bulletin, please let me know.

Love in service,
Irene C., SCWS Bulletin Coordinator

Cooperating w/Professional Community — No Report Submitted

Group Records Coordinator

#1: Area Group/Meeting Data

See table on page 20.

#2: Our online *Registration/Group Records Change Form*

Our members continue to use our forms and all the AIS/LDC/District sites link to it. Some members are still using the WSO Group Records change form on the WSO website, which does not offer the ability to submit for other group positions. The WSO form still gets forwarded to your Area Group Records Coordinator (AGRC) to change your group.

#3: Reported Not Meeting, Bounced emails (CMA emails no longer working or incorrect) and No Mail (CMA's US mailing address is getting returned to WSO) are ongoing issues that have greatly improved due to the newer time constraints that after 94 days of **Reported Not Meeting groups with groups then going inactive. Reported not meeting means a newcomer attempted to go to your group and found no one there. Finding where and if that group is meeting is a great motivation.** I continue working with the DRs and AIS Offices to reconcile regularly.

#4: Groups that have identified themselves as In person, have confirmed this and show "In person" at the front of their location instructions. Groups who have not updated in ages may not show information as we don't know how/if they are meeting. More groups are updating with SCWS, so this is getting to be less and less of an issue.

#5: Electronic Groups/Meetings Update: We currently have (as of 5/17/2024) **234 Electronic Meetings (NOT TEMs) included in the Active meetings # above.**

#6: Registered Group Representatives (GRs). 58.4% of our groups have registered GRs. We have 1,030 groups/1,234 meetings (95 groups meet multiple times per week).

Please continue to do your part to check and see if your listed meeting information is correct. Email grouprecords@scws-al-anon.org for corrections or submit changes via www.scws-al-anon.org/group-records/al-anon-group-change-form/

All registered Al-Anon Family Groups (AFG) in active published status are listed on the World Service Office (WSO) “[find an Al-Anon Meeting](#)” online directory at [al-anon.org](#). The WSO maintains other information on registered groups, but the [meeting directory listing](#) is very important, as the WSO website is typically the first place a newcomer finds a meeting. In addition, your group is listed on your local Al-Anon Information Service (AIS), Literature Distribution, or District Website. We want the information to be the same and to be accurate.

Visit the WSO website at <https://al-anon.org/al-anon-meetings/find-an-al-anon-meeting/> and see if your group listing is up to date – under “Find an Al-Anon Meeting” **Note:** The [Group Representative \(GR\)](#) or [Current Mailing Address \(CMA\)](#) member, if different than the GR, should be providing the updates for your group.

Remember: Every Group needs to have a Current Mailing Address (CMA) who actually attends your group to be connected to our WSO and SCWS. Don’t let your group be disconnected!

IMPORTANT:

If your group is a *Temporary Electronic Meeting (TEM)*, it's time to conduct a group conscience as to whether the group will return to in-person or become an electronic (California South) group. We still have **46** meetings in this status. All groups should be categorized as either an In-person (with or without Electronic access) or an Electronic group. Geographic Electronic Groups can easily go back to an in-person meeting in the future if the group decides to do so. If your prior meeting facility is no longer available and you can’t find a new location, please change your meeting to an Electronic group.

If you have any questions about your group, including assistance with updating, registering, what it means to become a geographic electronic group, or checking to see if all your meeting information is current, contact me, Cathy W., at grouprecords@scws-al-anon.org.

Institutions

I was contacted recently by a healthcare educator at Mount Saint Mary's College which is in District 27. She would like to start a meeting on campus for students affected by their parent's substance abuse. I will be working with WSO and this academic setting to start a

new Al Anon Meeting.

Heather, the Associate Director of Communications for WSO, contacted the public information coordinators and delegate for SCWS regarding an event in June in San Diego. The Association of Recovery in Higher Education Conference is happening at the Hyatt Regency at Aventine in La Jolla, CA from 6/29/24 to 7/3/24. Heather will be in attendance and requested participation from the area.

There was a request for two speaker panels at a recovery center in Torrance in District 54. The Thelma MacMillan Recovery Center has an adolescent and an adult residential treatment program. Both divisions requested speaker panels. The speaker panels are happening once a month. The adult division is in the process of starting a new Al-Anon meeting that is closed to the public. It is for those affiliated with the recovery center only.

There is also a new meeting starting at the Beacon House in San Pedro in District 54. It is a men's residential treatment center for substance abuse. I am unclear if this meeting will be open to the public or for those affiliated with the treatment center only.

There were some concerns about the Al-Anon meeting in the Women's County Jail in Los Angeles. There were concerns about funding and literature for this meeting. I received clarification from WSO, G-14, our service manual, our delegate and two prior institutions coordinators. Funding is the responsibility of the district that the meeting is located. Surrounding districts can be asked to help support the meeting, fundraisers can be done to raise money, and individual members and groups can donate funds or literature. The area is not responsible for the funding for this meeting.

If there are any questions about meetings in Institutions in SCWS, please do not hesitate to contact me through the SCWS website email for Institutions Coordinator. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Shauna S.
Institutions Coordinator
institutions@scws-al-anon.org

Insurance – Important Update Included

YES, we have FREE insurance for all eligible in-person Al-Anon/Alateen meetings!

Please note: A certificate is only needed if required by the meeting facility.

Which meetings are eligible? Al-Anon/Alateen/District meetings that are:

- Registered with the World Service Office (WSO)
- “Active” status in the WSO database (must have valid CMA ~ Certified Mailing Address)
- Published on al-anon.org
- **District Meetings are now covered.**
- In some cases “special events” can be covered. Contact the Insurance Coordinator for more info!

#1: Is your meeting’s information up to date?

It is very important that *your* meeting details match *our* records (in the WSO database).

To find your meeting’s WSO identification number and see if its information is current at WSO, click here:

<https://www.scws-al-anon.org/how-to-find-a-meetings-wso-id-number/>

If your meeting changes locations, *YOU MUST* use the Southern California World Service (SCWS) Al-Anon Group Records Change form to make the change:

<https://www.scws-al-anon.org/group-records/>. This form goes to our Area’s Group Records Coordinator (GRC), who updates our Area’s records in the WSO database. If you have any questions, please use the “Comments” box at the bottom of the form and either our Group Records Coordinator or the Insurance Coordinator will get back to you.

#2: Where to find the application for insurance?

To apply for the Certificate of Insurance you must go to the following link: <https://www.scws-al-anon.org/insurance/>

If you change locations, you will need to update your address in the database at <https://www.scws-al-anon.org/group-records/> and if the new location requires a Certificate of Insurance, *use the following form within 30 days of the move:* <https://www.scws-al-anon.org/insurance/>

Again, *you must keep your meeting location info updated no matter what!* We don’t want to take the chance of the insurance company not approving a claim because of a new, different location of a meeting. If the

new location requires a Certificate of Insurance, we must have that information, as your previous Certificate will not work for the new location.

Once a meeting place receives a certificate, it automatically renews each year and is sent via “snail mail” to the meeting place, not original requester.

Any questions or concerns email me!

Ciao,
Elaine A., Insurance Coordinator
Email: insurance@scws-al-anon.org

Literature

I am grateful to have just begun my journey as Literature Coordinator. Al-Anon Conference Approved Literature has always been one of my program favorites. CAL has brought me happiness, joy, and growth in the program. And Alateen CAL has been a bonus with its amazing shares, illustrations, and creativity.

I have already received some thoughtful inquiries about CAL and have done my best to respond.

For those unable to attend, I look forward to sharing highlights of the January 20, 2024, Sharing of Service Workshop, including Tom Coffey’s outstanding presentation and the wonderful Amazing Al-Anon Literature Skit.

My goal is to fulfill the duties and responsibilities outlined in the Job Description for Literature Coordinator.

In service,
Andy S.
Area Literature Coordinator (2024-2026)
Southern California World Service

Public Information Coordinator

I am very happy to report the completion of the first dream project for PI in the first part of the year, The Festival of Books. The Festival of Books is one of the biggest events of its kind in the nation. It draws nearly a quarter of a million attendees a year with over 500 vendors participating. It took place on the USC Los Angeles campus in April. The festival had author signings, concert bands to provide music, and a huge selection of foodstuffs in addition to the main event,

Books! It was and is, family friendly. It lasted for two days with easy parking and transportation to and from the festival.

The why of Al-Anon participation in the Festival of Books: The festival with its breath of awareness offers Al-Anon an opportunity to carry the message of recovery to a huge expanse of the population. It is and was my pleasure to be a part of this awareness raising endeavor.

Secondly, these types of events give Al-Anon an excellent opportunity to raise awareness thru the distribution of literature. Our volunteers gave a face to the organization as a whole. It also serves to increase both income and information about our service arms throughout our area and beyond.

Al-Anon was represented by a coalition of immediate volunteers from D27, AISLA, Area Panel 64, GR's and group Al-Anon members. The full list of volunteers is too long to list here, but I want to thank especially the District Rep from District 27, the Council from AISLA and the Area Chair, in sales of literature, packing, transport, food and drinks, (water, juices, etc.). It is my hope that in the future we will be able to experience participation by AMIAS/Alateen as well.

Participants/volunteers also came from other districts and areas and fun, food and service was enjoyed by all. Needless to say it was a success. I am very grateful and thankful to all of the volunteers for their participation in service.

I invite all of the Districts and Coordinators in panel 64 as well as the southern region to come join us again for the festivities come April 2025. This is an open event to any Al-Anon member who wish to serve and/or participate in whatever capacity you see fit. Teamwork makes the dream work.

More will be revealed. Additional ideas for the rest of the year in PI to come in my next report.

Thanks everyone for allowing me to be of service.
Ruby
Public Information Coordinator

Spanish Coordinator – Vacant

Website

The SCWS website (scws-al-anon.org) is a great resource for area information. Area events are available on the calendar, Group Records information and changes are supported, and contributions can be made using the site. Search has been updated to make things easier to find. The Email list serv had some issues recently, and we are researching a change in services to better serve our area. Please check the website regularly for information.

Love in service,
Heather G.
Website Coordinator

District Reports

District 3

Arroyo Grande | Atascadero | Cambria | Cayucos | Grover Beach | Lompoc | Los Alamos | Los Osos | Morro Bay | Nipomo | Orcutt | Paso Robles | Pismo Beach | San Luis Obispo | Santa Maria | Solvang

No Report Submitted

District 6

Bakersfield | Frazier Park | Kernville | Lake Isabella | Mount Mesa | Oildale | Porterville | Ridgecrest | Shafter | Taft | Tehachapi | Wofford Heights

No Report Submitted

District 8

Carpenteria | Goleta | Los Olivos | Montecito | Santa Barbara | Solvang

No Report Submitted

District 9

California City | Canyon Country | Edwards AFB | Lancaster | Littlerock | Mojave | Palmdale | Pearlblossom | Quartz Hill | Rosamond | Santa Clarita | Saugus | Valencia

District 9 is in the northern part of Los Angeles County.

We have meetings in the Canyon Country, Newhall, Saugus, Lancaster, Palmdale, and Quartz Hill. Other cities in District 9 with no meetings include California City, Edwards AFB, Littlerock, Mojave, Pearblossom, and Rosamond.

District 9 has 19 in-person groups, one of which is a Spanish language group with two meetings, and we have three electronic groups. In September 2023, we started our first Alateen group. Attendance is low, 1 to 3 members. Only one member has attended consistently. I'm happy to announce he will be attending SCAC. Our District voted unanimously to give him a 100% scholarship. We have 8 GRs and 7 AMIAS.

One of our group members volunteered to do public outreach in Lancaster and Palmdale. Another member who attends a group in a Family Therapy Center volunteered to place AFAs in 3 other Family Therapy Centers in the area. I will be distributing more AFA to groups for members to distribute. I am also reaching out to our groups to find members interested in doing public outreach or being a public outreach coordinator, and plan to discuss with the GRs other ways we can do public outreach. Quite a few groups are having a problem with members volunteering for service positions. Solutions to this problem will be discussed at our next District meeting, as well, as other ways we can do public outreach in our district.

Denise H.
District 9 DR

District 10

Adelanto | Apple Valley | Barstow | Helendale | Hesperia | Lucerne Valley | Phelan | Tecopa | Victorville | Wrightwood

No Report Submitted

District 12

Agoura Hills | Camarillo | Fillmore | Moorpark | Newbury Park | Oak Park | Oak View | Ojai | Oxnard | Piru | Port Hueneme | Santa Paula | Simi Valley | Somis | Thousand Oaks | Ventura | Westlake Village

No Report Submitted

District 15

Area-Wide Electronic Meeting Overlay District

DR Position Vacant

District 17

Calabasas | Canoga Park | Chatsworth | Encino | Granada Hills | North Hills | Northridge | Reseda | Sepulveda | Tarzana | West Hills | Winnetka | Woodland Hills

We are co-hosting an Alathon with District 27 on June 29th. Waves of Recovery is going to be a great event, and we are looking forward to a great day.

District 17 has a DAL; Judy P has accepted the position. Our meetings are healthy, and we have 13 in person meetings, 4 hybrid meetings, and 7 electronic meetings. We have 17 GRs for our meetings.

Heather G.
District 17 DR

District 21

Arleta | Lake View Terrace | Mission Hills | North Hollywood | Panorama City | San Fernando | Sherman Oaks | Studio City | Sunland | Sun Valley | Sylmar | Toluca Lake | Valley Village | Van Nuys

Hello, Southern California, from District 21! We studied Concept One in our May District meeting and put the final planning touches on our upcoming Alathon, Pathways to Joy through Al-Anon. Join us for a day of fellowship and sharing on June 15th at Bower Hall, Church of the Chimes, 14115 Magnolia Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423. Meetings will run every hour between 10AM to 4:30, with a pot-luck lunch break at 11:50 a.m. We are excited to have an Al-Anon/A.A./Alateen family share their story with us at 12:30. See you there!

“Talk to each other, reason things out with someone else, but let there be no gossip or criticism of one another. Instead, let the understanding, love, and peace of the program grow in you, one day at a time.”

Sandra W.
Interim DR, District 21

District 24

Altadena | Atwater Village | Burbank | Glendale | La Canada Flintridge | La Crescenta | Monrovia | Montrose | Sunland | Tujunga

No Report Submitted

District 27

Atwater Village | Beverly Hills | Brentwood | Hollywood | Los Angeles | Malibu | Pacific Palisades | Silverlake | Topanga | West Hollywood | West Los Angeles | Westwood

We have a lot of meetings (nearly 90) and are working on getting more participation in World Service. If anyone is interested or has questions about it, please reach out to District 27 District Rep, Nate, at D27.scws.alanon@gmail.com.

We are planning an Alathon in conjunction with District 17. It's an all-day event (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) with meetings, workshops, speakers, fun and fellowship in Marina Del Rey at the Windjammers Yacht Club, 13589 Mindanao Way, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292. It's a FREE event! We ask that you RSVP to @ evently.rsvp/mla4z if you would like to attend and have a lunch.

We had great success at our annual public outreach event, the LA Times Festival of Books, in partnership with AISLA. Sold books, had great volunteers, fellowship and spread the word about Al-Anon!

Our 2024 first quarter special appeal letter was a great success, and we were able to raise enough money to sponsor all the projects we have for our district this year!

We just elected a new treasurer and are happy to welcome Sonya to her new role in District 27 World Service!

Love in Service,
Nate S.

DR, District 27 SCWS

D27.scws.alanon@gmail.com

District 30

Alhambra | Altadena | Arcadia | El Monte | Glendale | Highland Park | Los Angeles | Pasadena | Rosemead | San

Gabriel | San Marino | Sierra Madre | South Pasadena | Temple City

No Report Submitted

District 33

Azusa | Baldwin Park | Covina | Diamond Bar | Glendora | Hacienda Heights | La Puente | Monrovia | West Covina

Our district is thriving with new GRs and new meetings. We are putting together a S.W.A.G. bag for GRs and the whole board. We had a workshop on May 18 "Being of Service" that was successfully attended with 30 or more. Our Alathon is coming up on June 15. I read the AFG Connect to share information with my District.

Love in Service
Bonnie, DR

District 36

Alta Loma | Chino | Claremont | La Verne | Ontario | Pomona | Rancho Cucamonga | San Dimas | Upland

No Report Submitted

District 39

Banning | Beaumont | Big Bear | Blue Jay | Chino Hills | Colton | Corona | Crestline | Fontana | Highland | Indio | Lake Arrowhead | Loma Linda | Mentone | Moreno Valley | Norco | Perris | Redlands | Rialto | Riverside | Rubidoux | Running Springs | San Bernardino | Twin Peaks | Yucaipa

DR Position Vacant

District 40

Anza | Hemet | Idyllwild | Lake Elsinore | Murrieta | San Jacinto | Sun City | Temecula | Winchester

No Report Submitted

District 42

Bermuda Dunes | Blythe | Cathedral City | Coachella | Desert Center | Desert Hot Springs | Indian Wells | Indio | Joshua Tree | La Quinta | Palm Desert | Palm Springs | Rancho Mirage | Thousand Palms | Twenty-Nine Palms | Yucca Valley

In March our District had a GR/AGR/Service

Coordinators Appreciation dinner and tied that in with our monthly District meeting. We had SWAG bags for all the volunteers that included a Service Manual, some CAL, some WSO guidelines and, of course, candy! It was a Mexican Fiesta and created a wonderful esprit de corps.

In May, we had a volunteer appreciation luncheon for all those that volunteer to keep our AISO open on Mondays. We have a complete WSO bookstore, and it's open Mondays 10-4 thanks to our volunteers. Our entire Board was present, and it was great fun!

We continue to have a HUGE turnout for our monthly District meetings, and I believe this is partly due to our complete transparency and our checks and balances for our treasury that we have in place with three people as well as communication with our GRs.

We have an outreach committee that is really hitting our desert with lots of literature all over the place. The GRs recently voted to fund an ad in a desert publication that goes out weekly and the Committee used an ad from WSO.

Our newcomer meeting is still going strong, and we've had this special four-week series going on for over 12 years now. We are a thriving District and have amazingly dedicated volunteers. I am proud to be their DR.

YIS,
Maria N., District 42 DR

District 45

Culver City | Inglewood | Los Angeles | Mar Vista | Santa Monica | Venice | Westchester

Hello,
These are highlights from District 45! District 45 registered GRs is currently 24, up from 11 in June 2022. Santa Monica Wednesday Night Parents meeting sponsored a third Big Parent Speaker Meeting and Potluck for all parent meetings in the area. Their attendance on zoom has grown from 20 to 70 attendees weekly, including international members. Venice Beach meeting is now over 75 attendees weekly.

The Chelsea Group will celebrate its 70th year with a potluck in June. This is the second oldest group in the Los Angeles area.

In service,
Lydia T.
District 45 DR
ligon50@dslextreme.com

District 48

Bell | Bellflower | Bell Gardens | Compton | Cudahy | Downey | Huntington Park | Los Angeles | Lynwood | Maywood | Signal Hill | South Gate | Wilmington

No Report Submitted

District 51

Downey | Montebello | Norwalk | Pico Rivera | Santa Fe Springs | Whittier

No Report Submitted

District 54

El Segundo | Hawthorne | Hermosa Beach | Lomita | Manhattan Beach | Palos Verdes | Palos Verdes Estates | Rancho Palos Verdes | Redondo Beach | San Pedro | Torrance

Hello from District 54 South Bay. We are swimming and surfing "Waves of Gratitude" here in the South Bay which is also our theme for our Alathon June 1st where we are hoping for a 150+ in attendance.

District 54 GRs - and regular Al-Anon members - are an enterprising group. On their own, with District support, GRs and members have begun outreach to the professional community attending workshops and providing CAL. They have visited social service offices, chatted with staffers at job development sites and provided CAL to better educate them on how family members can recover too.

We also developed an email with all the links necessary to find a meeting locally (no matter where they are) and stuffed it chock full of links to WSO's free downloadable literature. (I'm happy to share that email for those who don't want to start from scratch.)

Another of our members contacted a local treatment center and with his sponsor (a GR), and District support, is now sending a weekly panel of 3-4 Al-Anons to introduce the program to patients' families AND a

monthly panel for the "adult" side. He's also working with one of our area's largest recovery homes to start a panel for their family members.


Another member (and our DAL) arranged to start an Alateen meeting at a local high school with District support for CAL as well. They are codifying that process so we can duplicate that effort on other local campuses. Our long standing Alateen meeting is also back and thriving. It is timed with an Al-Anon meeting which provides free babysitting for those 6 and under.

At our March district meeting we did a KBDM on our donations to the Area, and we voted to support our Area with donations timed to Committee meetings and Assemblies. (I can also share that document.)

At our May meeting we considered a proposal from two of our GRs asking our District to provide "seed" literature to new meetings and new members of existing meetings. (The most likely piece is B-32 How Al-Anon Works.) After some discussion, they decided to work on the proposal some more and re-present in July.

Not everything is smooth surfing though. After 4 months in this position, I learned that our District has been left out of many official area-wide mailings. I only learned this because I happened to run into our Area Chair, Micheila, at AFG and I asked when we'd be getting the emails for the Assembly. She graciously took the time to look at my email history and found - in fact - my District email had been missed. (Since then I have learned at least half of my GRs were also missed.) Our Chair is working to resolve that glitch with the appropriate volunteers. However, without that notice, no one in our district knew when to stand for any open board positions or received the appropriate assembly links. But I must remember – that even in this – God has a plan and it's not personal. I trust our Area board (trusted servants) will sort out the glitches and work toward a solution in good faith. In the meantime, I received the essential emails from our Chair directly and distributed them to our District GRs so we had time to at least review by-laws and resumes prior to the assembly.

In the meantime, we now know to be more proactive in surfing the SCWS site and keep swimming the Waves of Gratitude for our District GRs and all trusted servants who carry Al-Anon's message of help and hope for those who suffer in and out of our lovely program.

Respectfully,
Laurie M, District 54 DR
Loving  Service

District 57

Artesia | Avalon | Cerritos | Lakewood | Long Beach | Los Alamitos | Paramount | Rossmoor | Seal Beach | Signal Hill

No Report Submitted

District 60

Anaheim | Brea | Buena Park | Cypress | Fullerton | La Habra | La Mirada | Orange | Placentia | Yorba Linda

No Report Submitted

District 63

Fountain Valley | Garden Grove | Huntington Beach | Orange | Santa Ana | Sunset Beach | Tustin | Westminster

I am the new DR for District 63 as of January 23, 2024.

Our district is holding a Forum Writing Workshop on June 8, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Senior Center located at 17967 Bushard Street in Fountain Valley. It will include a short presentation by Diane M.

Love and Growth in Service,
Diane M.
District 63 DR
district63dr@gmail.com

District 64

Area-Wide Spanish Meeting Overlay District

No report was submitted / No se ha enviado ningún informe

District 66

Aliso Viejo | Capistrano Beach | Corona Del Mar | Costa Mesa | Dana Point | Irvine | Laguna Beach | Laguna Hills | Laguna Niguel | Laguna Woods | Lake Forest | Mission Viejo | Newport Beach | Rancho Santa Margarita | San Clemente | San Juan Capistrano | Trabuco Canyon

District 66 continues to have 3 Alateen, 55 in-person and 13 electronic meetings.

Kudos to our Public Outreach person, Norma Jean for presenting on “What is Al-Anon?” to operators for OC211. Dialing 211 in most counties is a resource for any type of social services available in the community. This was a great find and broad organization to carry the message of Al-Anon. Search "211" in your community and consider doing the same.

In Service,
Kristin R.
District 66 District Representative

District 69

Borrego Springs | Camp Pendleton | Carlsbad | Carmel Mt Ranch | Del Mar | Encinitas | Escondido | Fallbrook | Oceanside | Poway | Ramona | Rancho Bernardo | Rancho Santa Fe | San Diego | San Marcos | Solana Beach | Vista

No Report Submitted

District 72

Alpine | Bonita | Chula Vista | Coronado | El Cajon | Imperial Beach | La Mesa | Lemon Grove | National City | San Diego | San Ysidro | Santee | Spring Valley

No Report Submitted

District 75

Allied Gardens | City Heights | Clairemont | Hillcrest | Kearny Mesa | La Jolla | La Mesa | Mission Hills | Normal Heights | North Park | Ocean Beach | Pacific Beach | Point Loma | San Carlos | San Diego | Tierrasanta

We have a good variety of types of meetings within the District: Spanish, Alateen, Electronic, In Person, and In Person with Electronic Component.

We have been doing District Meetings on Zoom for many years now so we are excited to have an in person Meet Up on Monday, May 20th for GRs and CMAs in D75. It will be nice to see everyone in person!

Our Public Outreach did an amazing job last year getting literature to three Detention Centers. Thank you, Lynne and Gloria. This year, Lynne and Nina are starting to do outreach to local libraries.

Maya M.
District 75 DR

District 78

Brawley | Calexico | El Centro | Holtville

District 78 continues to actively participate in the Imperial Valley community by spreading the message of hope. The three Imperial Valley Al-Anon groups have joined in and attended health fairs and mental health fairs with local college and community groups. The message of hope is going forward and growing.

Luz T. A.
District 78 DR

Convention Reports

AFG Convention

The 2024 AFG Convention, just completed, was a rousing success with a slate of wonderful speakers who shared their inspiring Experience, Strength, and Hope.

If you would like to be a part of the 2025 AFG Convention committee and help plan next year's convention, our monthly planning meetings start on July 21. The planning meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday of every month from 1-3 p.m. For the meeting location and additional information, visit:

<https://www.afgconvention.org/be-of-service/>.

Hope to see you there,
Ben P.
2025 AFG Convention Chairperson
chairperson@afgconvention.org
<https://www.afgconvention.org/>

SoCal A.A. Convention (SCAAC) with Al-Anon Participation

Planning for the 2024 Southern California AA Convention with AL-ANON participation is underway. This is our 72nd annual Southern California Convention, and this year's AL-ANON theme is “Serenity & More in 2024.” The Convention will be

held November 8, 9 and 10, 2024. It will be held at the Pacific Palms Resort in the City of Industry.

Be sure to use the group code, **SCAAC**, when you register to get the event rates. The address is One Industry Hills Parkway, City of Industry, California. The hotel is open now to take reservations, however, the reservations are only taken by phone. The phone number is 1-800-524-4557. Registration for the Convention is not yet open but will be soon. Once open the website where you will be able to register is www.aasocal.com.

The AL-ANON planning meetings are underway. Our June meeting will be held on June 2nd, 1:00 p.m., and the July meeting will be held at the hotel for our walk-thru. Our August through November meetings will be held at 1:00 p.m., on the 2nd Sunday of the month, in person, at 510 S. SECOND Street, in Covina, CA. Zoom is not available. We are still looking for people who wish to serve in various capacities on the Committee so spread the word and come join us for our meetings. Stay tuned for updates on our fundraising events and Ways and Means memorabilia.

Feel free to contact our Chair, Suzie H., at 626-549-7367 or Beth G. at 909-451-1719, with any questions or offers of assistance.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,
Gratefully
Suzie H., 2024 SoCal Al-Anon Chair
<https://www.aasocal.com/>

Southern California Alateen Conference (SCAC)

<https://www.scws-al-anon.org/scac-information/>

Al-Anon Information Service (AIS)/Intergroup Reports

Inland Empire — No Report Submitted

Website - <https://iealanon.org>

Los Angeles County — No Report Submitted

Website - <https://alanonla.org/>

Orange County

2024 OC Fair

Volunteer at the OC Fair in Costa Mesa!

Bilingual Members Needed!

JULY 24 – JULY 28

Hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. 2 persons per 3-hour shift.

Each volunteer receives 1 admission, plus parking.

Sign up at: <https://signup.com/go/TCzknwa>

For more information, text Linda T. (714) 357-2306

District 60

The newer Alateen meeting in Placentia needs support.

Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

Cornerstone United Methodist Church

2050 Valencia Ave, Placentia, CA 92870, Room 1

Alanon workshop to be held on October 19 and is in the planning stages. If you are interested in being of service for this event, please contact:

Liz S., prizeliz1@gmail.com

District 63

Forum Writing Workshop on

June 8, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Center at Founders Village

17967 Bushard St.

Fountain Valley

Contact: Diane McConnell, District63dr@gmail.com

District 66

New Alateen Meeting

Mondays 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

33501 Stonehill Drive

Dana Point

Contact: Holly M. 949-751-8488

Veronica B., AIS Liaison

Website - <https://ocalanon.org/>

San Diego County

The AIS of San Diego is offering free bookmarks to Newcomers. A QR code was added to the bookmark which connects newcomers to our website home page, Alateen page and our Facebook page. Alateen continues to gain momentum with the updated website: <https://www.alanonsandiego.org/alateen-overview>.

Alateen and AMIAS (Al-Anon Members in Alateen

Service) participation and meeting attendance are on the rise. The Alateen Outreach Committee meet on the third Thursday of the month from 7 to 8 p.m. Everyone is invited although only task force members can vote. There is going to be a mailing to school counselors and psychologists to ask for help with Alateen.

We are asking ISRs for their ideas on how to attract more ISRs to attend the bimonthly meetings. The task force is looking at doing billboards and radio announcements. WSO is advising us so that we will be compliant.

Sandra L., AIS Liaison
Website - <https://www.alanonsandiego.org/>

AIS Oficina Intergrupala Hispana de Al-Anón/Alateen

Part of my service as a Chair is to keep the AIS/LSD open each first Saturday of the month so members can come to obtain literature and/ or bring their 7th tradition.

I have been organizing internal officers and committee meetings to ensure that we are working together for the purpose of Al-Anon and the registered groups in our OIHASC.

Our committee is constantly working hard to organize our office for the purpose of why it exists, which is to help the friends and families of alcoholics, we do this by helping ourselves.

We recently finished updating our website which we invite everyone to visit. www.oihasc.org.

Our bulletin coordinator does an excellent job making it available to all Al-Anon members.

We have been organizing workshops with different topics of interest for Al-Anon/Alateen members and they have been a great success.

We are very excited to host a 5-hour Al-Anon/Alateen forum in the City of Costa Mesa on July 27, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Two of our SCWS committee members will be contributing to this forum. Our purpose is to help Alateen continue to grow. Everyone is welcome to this event.

We meet with the SRI on the second Saturday of the odd

month to inform them of the work of each of the committee members. In this meeting we give them written reports to take back to their groups. The meeting lasts three hours. We also provide the ISR the latest news from our SCWS and our WSO.

Currently our office is open on Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and on the first Saturday of the month. We are in the process of also opening on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Finally, we work together with District 64 and with AA anniversaries and conventions where there is Al-Anon/Alateen participation.

Thank you for letting me be of service.
Josefa J., AIS/LDC Chair
Website – <http://www.oihasc.org/>

Past Delegates

Panel	Delegate	Years	Phone	Email
1	Aura C	1961-1963	Deceased	
4	Cecelia B	1964-1966	Deceased	
7	Norris R	1967-1969	Deceased	
10	Helen B-R	1970-1972	Deceased	
13	Elsie Q	1973-1975	Deceased	
16	Betty O	1976-1978		
19	Pat R	1979-1981		
22	Bernie E	1982-1984	Deceased	
25	Bob L	1985-1987	Deceased	
28	Hester B	1988-1990	Deceased	
31	Joyce K	1991-1993		
34	Kary L	1994-1995		
34	Rita M	1996	Deceased	
37	Willie W	1997-1999		
40	Kay D	2000-2002		
43	Miriam M	2003-2005		
46	Mary M	2006-2008		
49	Sandie E	2009-2011		
52	Jayme C	2012-2014		
55	Elizabeth K	2015-2017		
58	Marcia M	2018-2020		
59	Tim P	2021-2023		

Officers

Title	Name	Phone	Email
Delegate	Teresa F		delegate@scws-al-anon.org
Alternate Delegate	Sean N-G		altdelegate@scws-al-anon.org
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Cindy M	757-563-1600	1600 Corporate Landing Parkway Virginia Beach, VA 23454	wso@al-anon.org
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Area Coordinators

(See SCWS Email Addresses Below)

Coordinators	Name	Phone
AIS-LDC Coordinator	Yoly W-H	
Archives Coordinator	Kathleen G	
Area Alateen Communications Coordinator	Vacant	
Area Alateen Events Coordinator	Tina S	
Area Alateen Member Coordinator	Vacant – Not Printed for Privacy	
Area Alateen Process Person	Suzanne P	
Area Alateen Sponsor Coordinator	Yvette K B	
Bulletin Coordinator	Irene C	
Cooperating With Professional Community	Nicole W	
Group Records Coordinator	Cathy W	
Hospitality Coordinator	Vacant	
Institutions Coordinator	Shauna S	
Insurance Coordinator	Elaine A	
Literature Coordinator	Andy S	
Public Information Coordinator	Ruby G	
Spanish Coordinator	Vacant	
Website Coordinator	Heather G	

Al-Anon Information Service/Intergroup Liaisons

AIS/Intergroup	Name	Phone	Website
Inland Empire	Anna A		https://iealanon.org
Los Angeles County	Kevin C		https://alanonla.org/
Orange County	Veronica B.		https://ocalanon.org/
San Diego County	Sandra L		https://www.alanonsandiego.org/
Spanish Intergroup	Josefa J.		https://www.oficinaintergupalhispanaal-anon.org/

Convention Chairs

Convention	Name	Phone	Website
AFG Convention	Ben P		https://www.afgconvention.org/
SCAC Conference	Gerry (Bear) W		https://www.scws-al-anon.org/scac-information/
SoCal AA Convention	Susan H		https://www.aasocal.com/

District Representatives

(For District Contact Information, visit
<https://www.scws-al-anon.org/district-meetings/>)

3	Delfina M	27	Nate S	54	Laurie M
6	Sean N-G	30	Gloria S	57	Diane M P
8	Alejandra O	33	Bonnie R	60	Liz S
9	Denise H	36	Coy C	63	Diane M
10	Loreina C	39	Vacant	64	Victor Hugo M
12	Newt G	40	Bunny F	66	Kristin R
15	Vacant	42	Maria N	69	Annah H
17	Heather G	45	Lydia T	72	Randy B
21	Sandra W	48	Dora Luz L	75	Maya M
24	Mykel M	51	Adrienne B	78	Luz A

SCWS Email Addresses

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Position	Email Address
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Area Alateen Process Person	aapp@scws-al-anon.org
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Website Coordinator	webhost@scws-al-anon.org

Al-Anon Information Service Centers

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Al-Anon Family Groups of Greater Los Angeles 741 Glenvia Street, Suite 102 Glendale, CA 91206 818-547-3027 www.alanonla.org	San Diego Al-Anon Office 2667 Camino Del Rio South Ste 208 San Diego, CA 92108 (619) 296-2666 www.alanonsandiego.org
Ventura County Al-Anon Family Groups PO Box 728, Camarillo, CA 93011 (805) 253-7188 www.alanonventura.org	AIS Oficina Intergupal Hispana de Al-Anon/Alateen 11627 E. Telegraph Rd Ste. 150, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670 (562) 948-2190 http://www.oihasc.org/

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Cypress, CA 90630

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SCWS (Southern California World Service) GROUP CONTRIBUTION FORM

Group Name: _____ District: _____ WSO ID#: _____

Group Address: _____

Group City: _____ Day: _____ Time: _____

Contribution Enclosed: _____

Submitted By: Name: _____

E-Mail Address: _____
(to receive the contribution receipt)

Telephone Number: _____

Make check or money order payable to SCWS

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Area Service Position Registration Changes

For District Representatives, Alternate District Representatives, District Alateen Liaisons, AIS/Intergroup Liaisons, and Convention Chairpersons, visit
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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WORLD SERVICE (SCWS)

DELEGATE'S REPORT



64th Annual

World Service Conference 2024

Saturday, July 20, 2024
9 AM – 11 AM

Meeting ID: 841 9443 9311
Passcode: 53276

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For questions contact Teresa F: delegate@scws-al-anon.com

Balances as of May 18, 2024

TYPE	ACCOUNT # (LAST 4)	OPEN DATE	MATURITY DATE	E / YIELD RATE	TERM	INTEREST RATE	OPENING BALANCE	CURRENT BALANCE
SCWS Checking	6263							\$41,507.84
SCAC Checking	6209							45631.31
SCWS Savings	2757					?		\$40,329.28
CD	9100	11.2.23	7.1.24	4%	8 MONTHS	3.92%	\$4,394.80	\$4,488.28
CD	3434	11.7.22	10.7.24	0.05%	23 MONTHS	0.05%	10,354.35	\$10,357.05
CD	3440	11.7.22	10.7.24	0.05%	23 MONTHS	0.05%	10,354.35	\$10,357.05
CD	0_804	4.11.24	1.11.25	4.25%	9 MONTHS	4.16%	\$5,200.65	\$5,221.43