

**AL-ANON - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WORLD SERVICE (SCWS)
 AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE (AWSC) MEETING - SATURDAY, August 17, 2024
 First United Methodist Church of Glendale
 134 North Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91206**

MINUTES (9:00 AM – 4:00 PM)--Amended

Zoom ID: 854 0441 8115
Password: 129370

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

9:00 a.m. - Starting time

Moment of Silence - Serenity Prayer

- A) 1. Reading of the Traditions by: Nate, DR D27**
2. Reading Tradition 1 from Conflict Resolution Cards (both sides) by: Miriam, Past Delegate
3. Reading Tradition 2 from Conflict Resolution Cards (both sides) by: Maria N., DR D42

- From the floor, a member challenged the Agenda and Tim as the Interim Chair. There was considerable discussion and controversy regarding how the meeting would proceed.
- Micheila, former Chair, took the microphone and presented an alternate Agenda. There was some controversy regarding how the meeting would proceed.
- Several people appealed to move forward with the original Agenda. Others wanted to follow the alternate Agenda proposed by the former Chair.
- After considerable discussion, the *Guidelines for Participation* were presented.

Interim Chairperson’s Report -- chairperson@scws-al-anon-org

Tim P.

- Welcome -- Past Delegates and new DRs
- Guidelines for Participation, Who Has a Voice and a Vote & WSC Etiquette
 One time at the mic per issue; 2-minute time limit, if your comment/idea/question has
 Already been asked or stated, put your hand down.

B) Roll Call -- Group Records Coordinator -- grouprecords@scws-al-anon.org
 (P=Physically in the room; V=Virtual, N=Not Present, NA=Vacant)

Cathy W.

SCWS BOARD POSITION	NAME	PRESENT/ VIRTUAL/ ABSENT
Alternate Delegate & Forum Coordinator	Sean N.-G.	P
Interim Chairperson	Tim P.	P
Delegate	Teresa F.	P
Secretary	Donna E.	P
Treasurer	Vicki V.	P

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

AIS-LDC LIAISON	NAME	PRESENT/ VIRTUAL/ ABSENT
Inland Empire	Ana A.	A
Los Angeles County	Eddie D.	P, V @ 11AM
Orange County	Veronica B.	V
San Diego County	Sandra L.	V
Spanish Intergroup	Josefa	P

CONVENTION CHAIRPERSONS	NAME	PRESENT/ VIRTUAL/ ABSENT
AFG Convention	Ben P.	P
Southern CA Alateen Conference	Tina N.	A
SoCal AA Convention/Al-Anon Chair	Beth	A
Young at Heart in Al-Anon (YHA)	vacant	

PANEL	PAST DELEGATE – NAME	PRESENT/ VIRTUAL/ ABSENT
2003-2005	Miriam M.	P
1997-1999	Willie W.	V

D#	DR/ADR	PRESENT/ VIRTUAL/ ABSENT	D#	DR/ADR	PRESENT/ VIRTUAL/ ABSENT
03	Delfina M.	P	40	Bunny F.	V
	Lisa A.			Lyn S.	
06	Sarah H.	V	42	Maria N.	P
	Patricia S.			Susie S.	
08	Alejandra O.	A	45	Lydia T.	V
	Jessie S.			Ann S.	
09	Denise H.	P	48	Dora Luz L.	V
	Donna H.			Blanca M.	
10	Loreina C.	V	51	Adrienne B.	V
	Stacy A.			Sylvya C.	
12	Newt G.	A	54	Laurie M.	V

D#	DR/ADR	PRESENT/ VIRTUAL/ ABSENT	D#	DR/ADR	PRESENT/ VIRTUAL/ ABSENT
	vacant			vacant	
15	vacant	N/A	57	Diane P.	P
	vacant			Dan P.	
17	Heather G.	V	60	Liz S.	V
	Stephanie D.			Marilen H.	V
21	Frankie A.	P	63	Diane M.	P
	Keith F.			vacant	
24	Micheal M.	V	64	Victor M.	A
	Barry D.	P		Esther G.	P
27	Nate S.	P	66	Kristin R.	P
	Ruby G.	V (coord)		Pete B.	
30	Gloria S.	V	69	Annah H.	V
	vacant			vacant	
33	Bonnie R.	V	72	Randy B.	P
	Yolanda W.			Deana C.	V
36	Coy C.	A	75	Maya M.	V
	vacant			vacant	
39	vacant	n/a	78	Luz A.	A
	vacant			Leticia G.	

Total voting members at the end of the roll call: **48**

At this point in the Agenda (10:05am), the World Service Office (WSO) Presentation was moved up on the Agenda. Sarah S., Director of Programs, spoke first, followed by Cindy K., a volunteer at WSO.

C) WSO Presentation – (60 minutes) Part 1 & 2

Unity Through Our Principles: Moving Forward Beyond Conflict

Sarah S. & Cindy K.

- Using spiritual principles when dealing with conflict.
- Is it possible that our Higher Power has permeated this space today?

- Went through the Traditions, defining spiritual principles and asking questions
- Several people shared about why they are in service and at this meeting today.
- How people experience conflict and what keeps them from resolving it?
- Does our Area have a vision statement and how does our mission connect to that vision?

Some suggestions from Sarah for the Area to consider after looking at our website:

- We don't have a *Policy & Procedures Handbook* and should create one to post on our website.
- Re-evaluate the length of our Assemblies and AWSC's. We meet for only one day and we're one of the largest Areas in the U.S.
- An Area Inventory – many ways that can be accomplished

Most valuable lessons over the years.

- Share your “why” – Why are you in service? Why are you in program?
- Invest in our members
- Provide members something to take home with them at the end of every meeting, a “nugget” of information they can only get at that meeting
- Carry a message that's infectious and understandable. Exude passion when communicating.
- Always trust the process
- Be open-minded – listen intently to all of the shares and then support the group conscience.
- Our legacies never fail us! The Steps, Traditions and Concepts of Service will always prevail!

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break – (30 MINUTES) (NOTE: Please do not exit the Zoom meeting)

12:30 p.m. – Reconvene - Please be Prompt

Concepts read by: Sean N.-G., Alternate Delegate

D) Officer's Presentation – officers@scws-a-anon.org

- The Officers gave a PowerPoint presentation for 29 minutes. (The presentation will be emailed to all Assembly members, which are the AWSC members plus the Group Representatives & Alternate Group Representatives).
- The former Chair was given an equal length of time to respond, and spoke for 30 minutes.
- The Officers and the former Chair presented their differing perspectives regarding the source of the conflict between the Officers and the former Chair and why she is no longer the Chair.
 - The Officers contended that from the beginning of the panel the Chair did not honor several group conscience votes. In addition, the Chair ceased to perform any and all of her job duties from May 18 through June 15 during which time the other Officers performed all of the duties of the Chair in addition to their own job duties. The Officers made multiple attempts to communicate with the Chair during those 4 weeks through phone, text and email messages and received no response.
 - The former Chair contended that the Officers were not supportive of her from the beginning of the panel, that they challenged her right of decision, and the Officers regularly obstructed her performance and function as Chair. She stated that she needed to take a break from the position in order to recover from the emotional distress caused by the May Assembly.
- Teresa F., Area Delegate, made a motion and Maria N., D42 DR, seconded the motion to ask Sarah S. (from WSO) to Chair the subsequent discussion. The majority voted “yes.”

E) Treasurer's Report – treasurer@scws-al-anon.org (30 minutes) financials@scws-al-anon.org **Vicki V.**

- Financials from January through July 2024
 - Total cash on hand = \$126,515.85
 - Ample Reserve in DCs = Savings \$(70,634.43)
 - Checking Account Balance = \$55,881.42
 - Total Income January - July, 2024 = \$52,757.75
 - All deposits from January to July have been posted and reconciled to checking account.
 - Reminder: Please enter your Group ID when submitting contributions.

- Please do not mail cash.
- 7th Tradition—how participants can send in their contribution to SCWS
- Contributing to WSO—no recommendation at this time There will be a recommendation for a WSO contribution at the November Assembly. We will have a better idea of how much to donate in October once outstanding financial irregularities are cleared up.
- Financials from January through July 2024

F) Discussion re hiring someone to facilitate conflict resolution in the Area.

- We had a discussion regarding hiring an outside expert to facilitate conflict resolution.
- Show of hands to explore the possibility of hiring someone to facilitate conflict resolution:
Vote: 21 yays, 12 nays, 6 abstentions

G) District Representative Reports - reports given both online and in person.

D78, D72, D69, D66, D64 (Josefa interpreted), D63, D60, D57, D54, D51, D45. There was not enough time for the remaining DRs to give their reports.

H) Secretary – secretary@scws-al-anon.org.

Donna E.

- **We did not have time to approve the February 17, 2024 Committee Meeting Minutes**

I) Alternate Delegate’s Report – altdelegate@scws-al-anon.org

Sean N.-G.

(there was no time for this report)

- DR Orientation (was May 3, 2024) and New GR Orientation (Nov. 2, 2024)
- Sharing of Service (SOS) 2025

J) Delegate’s Report -- delegate@scws-al-anon.org (there was no time for this report)

Teresa F.

- COB Letter

K) Convention Chairpersons Reports (there was no time for these reports)

AFG Convention (Al-Anon) · So-Cal. AA Convention (Al-Anon) · SCAC

L) Coordinators Reports (there was no time for these reports)

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Literature	literature@scws-al-anon.org	Andy S.
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Spanish Coordinator	spanish@scws-al-anon.org	Vacant
Website	webhost@scws-al-anon.org	Heather G.

M) Intergroup Liaisons Reports (there was no time for these reports)

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Intergrupul Hispana (San Diego) · Orange County · San Diego County**

N) Ask-It Basket – Q's & A's: Alternate Delegate (there was no time for these reports)

O) AI-Anon-Related Announcements (there was no time for announcements)

Closing time - 4:00 p.m. - Close with AI-Anon Declaration

Respectfully submitted,
Donna E.
Area Secretary

Minutes approved at AWSC meeting on February 15, 2025.