AL-ANON - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WORLD SERVICE (SCWS)
AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE (AWSC) MEETING - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025

MINUTES

Virtual: Zoom **9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

Documents/presentations were on the SCWS website at https://www.scws-al-anon.org/area-world-service-committee-meeting-information/ and go to 2025 February

8:30-8:55 a.m. – Sign in, change virtual name tags 9:00 a.m. – Starting time

A) Chairperson's Report (20 minutes) — chairperson@scws-al-anon.org **Irene C.**

1. Moment of Silence – Serenity Prayer
2. Welcome – Past Delegates, new District Representatives (DR) and new Coordinators
3. Meeting Transcription – If you do not want to be recorded, chat to "Alt Delegate" with your position and question or comment to be included in the minutes.
4. Guidelines for Zoom Meeting participation & Who Has a Voice and a Vote. The Chair wants to privilege the voices of DRs so everyone might not be called on strictly in order.
5. Who has Voice and Vote: reviewed chart https://www.scws-al-anon.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Who-has-Voice-Vote_.pdf
6. AWSC Survey was posted in the chat and on the SCWS website
7. Calendar for 2025
   - May 3, 10 am to Noon, GR Orientation
   - May 17, 9 am to 4 pm, Assembly Meeting
   - TBD, Informal Chair Forums

B) Traditions read by: Maria N. District # 42 (DR and Hospitality Coordinator)

C) Roll Call – Group Records Coordinator (15 minutes) – grouprecords@scws-al-anon.org **Cathy W.**

SCWS BOARD POSITION	NAME	PRESENT/ ABSENT
Alternate Delegate & Forum Coordinator	Sean N.-G.	P
Chairperson	Irene C.	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.	P
AIS-LDC Coordinator	Yoly W-H.	P
Archives Coordinator	Kathleen G.	P

Area Alateen **Communications** Coordinator	Selena J.	P
Area Alateen **Events** Coordinator	Jeri M.	P
Area Alateen **Member** Coordinator	Alateen Member	P
Area Alateen Process Person	Betty D.	P
Area Alateen **Sponsor** Coordinator	Tina N.	P
Bulletin Coordinator ("Newsletter Editor")	Vickie B.	P
Cooperating w/ Professional Community	Wendy B.	P
Group Records Coordinator	Cathy W.	P
Hospitality Coordinator	Maria N.	P
Institutions Coordinator	Shauna S.	P
Insurance Coordinator	Elaine A.	P
Literature Coordinator	Annah H.	P
Public Information Coordinator	vacant	n/a
Spanish Coordinator	vacant	n/a
Technology Coordinator	Sue B.	P
Website Coordinator	Heather G.	P

AID-LDC LIAISON	**NAME**	**PRESENT/ ABSENT**
Coachella Valley/Al-Anon in the Desert	Julie W.	A
Inland Empire	Ana A.	A
Los Angeles County	Michele G.	P
Orange County	Veronica B.	P
San Diego County	Sherry M./ Dana	P
Spanish Intergroup	Josefa J.	P

CONVENTION CHAIRPERSONS	**NAME**	**PRESENT/ ABSENT**
AFG Convention	Ben P.	P
SC Alateen Conference	Gerry W.	P.
SCAA Convention Chair Elect (2025)	Beth G.	P
Young at Heart (YHA)	vacant	

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

D#	DR/ADR	PRESENT/ ABSENT	D#	DR/ADR	PRESENT/ ABSENT
03	**Delfina**	P	**40**	**Peggy B.**	P
06	**Sarah H.**	P	**42**	**Maria N.**	P
08	**Jessie S.**	A	**45**	**Lydia T.**	P
09	**Denise H.**	A	**48**	**Dora Luz L.**	A
10	**Loreina C.**	A	**51**	**Adrienne B.**	P
12	**Newt G.**	A	**54**	**Laurie M.**	P
15	**Vacant**		**57**	**Diane M. P.**	P
17	**Heather G.**	P	**60**	**Karen G.**	P
21	**Keith F.**	P	**63**	Doris P. ADR	P
24	Barry D. (Acting ADR))	P	**64**	**Victor H. M.**	A
27	**Nate S.**	P	**66**	**Kristin R.**	P
30	**Gloria S.**	P	**69**	**Annah H.**	P
33	**Bonnie R.**	P	**72**	**Randy B.**	P
36	**Coy C.**	A	**75**	Lynn N. (ADR)	P
39	vacant		**78**	**Luz T. A.**	A

D) Secretary (15 minutes) – secretary@scws-al-anon.org **Donna E.**

- **Approval of August 17, 2024 Committee Meeting Minutes**
- One correction: DR from D3 was in attendance
- The Secretary did not record who made the motion and second of the Item F vote.
- Chair called for vote to approve amended Minutes:

Yea	Nay	Abstentions	Adjusted Percentage (w/o Abstentions)
30	**4**	**13**	**Yea: 88.24%** **Nay: 11.76%**

E) DR Reports and Reminders (20 Minutes)– chairperson@scws-al-anon.org **Irene C.**

1. Bulletin Reports – Due by March 1 to bulletin@scws-al-anon.org
   - Chair reminded everyone to provide a report to the Bulletin Coordinator to be published in the *Bulletin.*
2. Reminders
   - Website and anonymity regarding DR email addresses; do not use last names or work email addresses.
   - Check and update District Information on Website: https://www.scws-al-anon.org/district-meetings/
   - Encourage GRs to update Group Records Information and make sure they are registered before Assembly meetings before the first of the month in May and November for voting purposes: https://www.scws-al-anon.org/group-records/
   - DR Information on Website: https://www.scws-al-anon.org/area-world-service-committee-meeting-information/district-representative-orientation-material/
   - Assembly Information on Website: https://www.scws-al-anon.org/area-world-service-committee-meeting-information/district-representative-orientation-material/
   - Contact Us: https://www.scws-al-anon.org/contact/
   - Knowledge-Based Decision-Making (KBDM) Information: https://www.scws-al-anon.org/area-world-service-committee-meeting-information/
   - The Spanish AMAIS Recertification dates are not yet up on the website but will be put up soon.

F) Treasurer's Report (60 minutes) – financials@scws-al-anon.org **Vicki V.**

1. Financial Reports through January, 2025 (The 2024 reports will be reviewed at the May Assembly.)
2. Updates regarding Storage Unit, Clickers, Website Update
   - Downsized the storage unit; cost went from $550 a month to $174 for the current unit.
   - The "clickers"' for voting were stolen when the space was burglarized
3. Paid a web designer $1,500 to design a new al-anon.org website, in process.
4. Update Regarding 2024 Financial Review Recommendations
   - When cash contributions come in, we should have two people count the money. We rarely receive cash contributions.
   - Please let your members know that checks and money orders are preferred.
5. 2025 Financial Review
   - This will take place later this month
6. Finance Committee Update – the Treasurer, Cathy S., Roxane S., Sandy W., Lisa M.
7. Finance Committee's report will go to Assembly for Final Approval
8. 2024 SCAC Financial Report
   - Treasurer is working with the SCAC Chair to understand the SCAC finances
   - The figures or 2024 are in the process of being reconciled.
   - SCAC's funds were moved under the umbrella of SCWS in 2023.
9. SCAC Finance Committee
   - Sandy W. and Bear W. will work together to create processes and procedures, along with forming a SCAC Finance Committee moving forward.
10. Financial Report
    - This year: $191,588.03 versus $156,863.84 last year
    - SCAC had their kick-off event in January
    - Southwest Regional Delegates Meeting (SWRDM) expenses listed.
    - Net Income: $6,631.02
    - Reminder: please remind Group Representatives to educate their Treasurers that it is crucial that they note their group's WSO ID number on their checks.

Questions/Comments:

- Our CDs are accumulating interest and are properly listed in our accounts.
- We are spending roughly $1,000 a month on insurance, or $12,000 a year.

- Contributions are up from the previous year.
- What is happening with the legal fees or expenses and the complaint against the Area? Covered by the Director and Officers insurance. No charges at this point. The legal complaint is ongoing and not currently resolved.
- What is the purpose of having so many CD's? If we need to liquidate one, the others can continue to accumulate interest. Our "ample reserve" is $72,000 which we hold in the CDs and in the savings account.

11. 7th Tradition—on the Agenda but not discussed.
12. Contribution to WSO will be on next Assembly's Agenda, if there is a recommendation from the Treasurer and Finance Committee after they meet to review the 2024 finances.

G) Alternate Delegate's Report (10 minutes)– altdelegate@scws-al-anon.org **Sean N.-G.**

1. Sharing of Service (SOS) Report
   - The videos of various scripts did not play properly so those had to be skipped.
   - Sean is starting to work on next year's SOS. Hoping for it to be either in person or hybrid.
   - If anyone would like to help with the SOS 2026, please email Sean.
2. The *Forum* – remind everyone to encourage members to subscribe to it and remind members to submit writings to it.
3. DR Workshop (formerly DR Orientation)– thanked everyone for participating. Invited all of the DRs to attend, not only new DRs. It takes several years to learn the DR role. The GR Orientation will be the first Saturday in May.

Suggestion from a member:

- When members hear good shares at meetings, they might suggest to the speaker that they convert their talk into an article for the *Forum*.

H) Hospitality (5 minutes) – **Maria N.**

- Sean: read "The Four Primary Ideas" which Maria's home meeting reads
- Important to make newcomers feel welcome at meetings by having a greeter, clear signage, and a welcoming attitude.

***Break** (returned at 10:30am)

I) Old Business (20 minutes)

1. Bylaws Task Force **Teresa F.**
   - There will be a presentation this afternoon to explain the next steps to rework the Bylaws to separate out the legal and traditional aspects of SCWS.
   - If members have experience or interest in Bylaws, please consider volunteering to be on the Bylaws Task Force.
   - The meetings will be virtual. Hoping to meet as frequently as twice a week.
   - Please contact the Chair if you're interested. please note your Al-Anon experience, your interest in the topic, and if you have had any experience with the topic.
2. Future Assembly Task Force Report to May Assembly for Vote **Tim p.**
   - Hoping to finally vote on this at the Assembly as it's been tabled at the past two Assemblies. We will be voting on this at the Assembly because of the potential costs which could far exceed the $2,000 limit for expenditures that require Assembly approval. The vote at the Assembly will address approving the cost above $2,000 prior to holding a hybrid Assembly.
   - This Task Force also explored the possibility of A) having longer Assemblies and/or B) holding the Assemblies around the Area (rather than one location for every Assembly).
   - The presentation regarding this issue will be posted on the scws-al-anon.org website for members to review prior to the Assembly.
   - Would we revisit the rates of reimbursement for mileage, hotel rooms, etc., given that the increase in costs over the past few years?

- Will we be asking the GRs if they want to have a longer Assembly. Suggestion that this specifically be asked of the GRs to see if they are open to that possibility. Perhaps create a detailed questionnaire specifically addressing how the Assemblies are structured.
- The first 100 miles are paid by the Group (for GRs) and/or the District (for DRs). Mileage beyond 100 are reimbursed by SCWS.
- One member requested that for clarity, the Assembly presentation clearly address the costs for virtual, hybrid, and virtual only, and what the Board recommends.

3. Policies and Procedures Handbook Task Force **Vicki V.**
   - Asked for volunteers for this committee. Not a lot of experience is required to participate–just a genuine interest in talking about and formulating clear policies and procedures for our Area.
   - Please contact the Chair if you are interested.
4. AIS/LDC Coordinator
   - This has been a 3-year "trial" position and we will vote on making this a permanent position at the May Assembly.

J) New Business (30 minutes) **Irene C.**

1. Verbal Reports at Committee and Assembly Meetings
   - Chair asked members their opinions about who should give reports at the AWSC meetings and Assemblies? Should DRs give them at AWSC only? Or at the Assembly only? Should Coordinators give reports at AWSC only? Or at the Assembly only?
   - Four DRs favored DRs reports for the Assembly and the Coordinators to give reports at the AWSC.
   - Request to vary when the numbers are called so that the highest numbers aren't eliminated
   - Two speakers wanted the DRs to make reports at the AWSC and the Coordinators to give reports at the Assembly so they can give WSO information to the Assembly
   - Poll for **AWSC**: DR only: 11 Coordinators only: 7 Both: 19
   - Poll for **Assemblies**: DR only: 7 Coordinators only: 16 Both: 18
   - The preference was that both DRs and Coordinators would give reports at both Area meetings. If we cannot do both because of time, we will do the Reports that got the most votes (i.e., the DR Reports at the AWSC meetings and the Coordinator's Reports at Assemblies).
   - Request was made to vary when the District's numbers are called so that the highest numbers are not eliminated: begin with D78, then D75 rather than always starting with D3 and D6.
2. Officer/Coordinator Service Event participation Status Report to Assembly
   - History of the "Service Event" process
   - Time to revisit this issue and see if the GRs are supportive of it, given the increased costs of attending service events.
   - Hotel costs, meals, etc., are higher than in the past and we need to determine what kind of caps to on them.
   - No Coordinators or Officers have gone to service events at this point. Two members will be going to the upcoming SWRDM.
   - The cap per person is currently $1,250. Some of the events attended are other Area Assemblies (i.e., northern California, Arizona, etc.), Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA), one member attended a hybrid Assembly in Minnesota South (while an SCWS member attended that Assembly virtually). The Service Day of the Al-Anon International Convention has been a service event.
   - The Officers and/or Coordinators come back and give a report to the Assembly after attending a service event..
3. Insurance Work Force – the increased cost of insurance.
   - Create a Work Group to look at the issues surrounding the increased insurance costs. What might future options be if the costs are exorbitant in the future?
   - Also, want to see if the Insurance Coordinator will be a permanent position.
   - if you would like to volunteer to be on this Committee, please contact Chairperson.

- Vicki acknowledged Elaine, our current Insurance Coordinator, for the hard work she did to find an insurance policy that was relatively reasonably priced (from $30,000 down to $11,000). Elaine suggested that if there's someone who is interested in insurance, that she would like to teach them about it.

4. Tech Coordinator position on trial basis
   - Currently creating a Job Description for this position, on a 3-year trial basis.
   - The Website Coordinator updates the website which requires almost daily action. In addition, there are Zoom accounts to keep track of, Tech Soup accounts have to be overseen, Google accounts and calendars to be supervised, passwords for the Google accounts, Zoom administration issues. There are lots of technical issues that the Website Coordinator has taken on that do not have to do with the website.
   - Nicole volunteered to help write the job description or that new position.
5. Website Update – looking for suggestions from members regarding their "pain points."
   - In order for our newly designed website to serve our members' wants and needs, our Webhost would like to hear from our members. What are your "pain points" when you use our website, that is, what has frustrated you? What have you been looking for and could you find it? DRs were asked to contact their GRs to offer suggestions to Heather also.
   - The Spanish AIS office has a new website. Heather knows it needs to be updated and she will be consulting with Ben to perform that task.
   - Please email Heather: webhost@scws-al-anon.org with questions or feedback about our new website.

K) Coordinator Reports

1. Website Coordinator (Heather G.)
   - Now using "Docusign" so that members can sign their various documents used for Area business.
2. Public Information (Ruby) – No report today due to illness. Will get a report to us asap.
3. Insurance (Elaine) – Thanked Heather for helping revise insurance forms.
   - Elaine is generating the Certificates of Insurance, so it's taking longer to generate the Certificates.
   - Every meeting got a new Certificate because of the company change
4. Institutions (Shauna) –
   - She's been working on the Orange County Jail project in the City of Orange. They have 6 volunteers
   - Women's prison in San Bernardino has contacted her.
   - Need volunteers for Lynwood County Jail and speakers at Revival Sober Living Facilities (Simi Valley, Camarillo, Bakersfield)
5. Cooperating with professional Community (CPC) (Nicole) –
   - Goal is to work with the public Information and Institutions Coordinators to work together on projects
6. Bulletin Coordinator (Vickie)
   - Your reports for today's meeting are due March 1.
7. Area Alateen Sponsor Coordinator/AASC (Tina N.)
   - Had the first Certification a few weeks ago. It went well.
   - See the website for Certifications and Recertifications schedule
8. Area Alateen process person/AAPP
   - February and May are very busy times for certifying and recertifying before the World Service Conference
   - Mondays and Wednesdays – trainings
   - Big commitment to become an AMIAS.
   - Looking into trainings for Spanish speakers.
   - Getting Alateen group recertification notices.
   - Encourage members to hold their meetings and let everyone know if a group is no longer meeting.

- Make sure that prospective AMIAS's complete their background checks.

9. Area Alateen Member Coordinator (absent – was here earlier in the meeting)
10. Area Alateen Events Coordinator (Jeri)
    - Two provisional activity requests
        - SCAC
        - San Diego Spring Round-up
    - So far, so good. Want to make it easier to get events going.
11. Area Alateen Communications Coordinator (Selena)
    - Sent newsletter in January
    - Works closely with Jeri to ensure that the information is accurate
    - Found a potential speaker for the Ventura County convention
    - Working on the March newsletter
12. Archives (Kathy)
    - Asked for volunteers to help keep track of the history of our meetings
    - Audiotapes from the 1970s – making digitized copies
    - So much history in our Area
13. AIS-LDC Coordinator (Yoly)
    - Reviewed the job description. There are 6 offices in Southern California.
    - She has attended two AIS meetings.
    - Open to any questions regarding her position.

Questions

- What to put in email subject line regarding suggestions for Website Coordinator: "pain"? Yes. Heather will know what that refers to.
- Institutions – is the Institutions Coordinator collecting information from the Districts about panels?
- Treasurer's Report – took issue with referring to the clickers having been "stolen" since there was no police report filed about it. Although there was no police report, the fact is that the clickers were stolen.
- Question about meetings/panels in jails in Orange County. There is a meeting on Sundays at 4pm. Contact Shauna regarding participating in that meeting or if you want to know about meetings in jails.
- Question about Spanish Recertification process. For Recertification contact aapp@scws-al-anon.org or alateensponsor@scws-al-anon.org. For Events, contact Tina N. (not Tina S., the previous Events Coordinator) at alateenevents@scws-al-anon.org. Josefa wanted to invite Yoly to attend the Spanish AIS office meeting.
- Josefa invited Yoly to attend the Spanish AIS office meeting. They will be in touch with each other after today's meeting.
- D66 has nonprofit status. They can only contribute to other nonprofit organizations. Can they contribute to SCAC? SCAC is under the umbrella of SCWS's 501(c)(3) .
- SCAC this July – July 25, 26, 27, 2025. The registration packet is on the website.
- Does Shauna need books and pamphlets from Districts for institutions? Yes. Some of the Districts have the funds to contribute literature.
- Al-Anon in the Desert – They are not an AIS but are an LDC.
- Does the Institutions person, Shauna, have any institutions with panels in San Diego? No meetings in institutions in San Diego at the present time. Please contact her if you know of any prospective institutions; institutions@scws-al-anon.org
- Group Recertifications – do they go to the meetings or do they go to the District Alateen Liaisons (DAL)? These go to the CMA for each meeting and they go to the AAPP. Once they are certified, the AAPP sends the notifications to the DRs and to the DALs.

12:10 p.m. Lunch Break – (30 minutes)

12:40 p.m. – Reconvened

Concepts read by: Sean, District #6, (Alternate Delegate)

K) **Coordinator Reports (continued)**

14. Hospitality (Maria) –
    - When we go back to hybrid, she will go to the storage facility and will do what she needs to do to make people feel appreciated and comfortable at the Assembly and AWSC.
15. Group Records Coordinator (Cathy)
    - 1,211 meetings in SoCal made up of 1,019 groups
    - There are 609 registered GRs thus 59.8% of our groups are represented.
    - Still have 5 Temporary Electronic Meetings (TEMs) in SoCal. Those meetings are supposed to convert to being Global Electronic Meetings. She needs to know whether they're still meeting (1 in San Diego, 4 in LA)
    - She recently sent the "No Mail" and "Bounced Email" meetings to all of the DRs. please follow up and see if you can find valid contacts for those meetings. They could be made Inactive if they stay in that status for several years.
    - What to do if the DR cannot make contact with anyone? The meeting would be inactivated per the DR if the meeting isn't meeting. DRs can ask the District's GRs to visit those meetings, if possible. These are "problem meetings"--if there's no CMA, and no one can make contact with anyone at the meeting then let the Group Records Coordinator know so that newcomers don't show up to a meeting that isn't there.

L) Delegate's Report (45 minutes)– delegate@scws-al-anon.org **Teresa F.**

1. Delegate's Corner on the SCWS website. Welcomed DRs to invite her to District meetings.
2. Preserving the legacy of Al-Anon Family Groups. The Delegate's job is to "carry the message."
    - Encourage members to be of service.
    - Links the Area with worldwide Al-Anon
3. Group Names – information for new groups or for groups that want to change their names
    - Recommendation regarding naming Groups – to be welcoming to potential members
    - This applies to new groups or existing groups that want to change their name
    - There is a "participant designation"
    - Groups are registered by WSO on al-anon.org They are listed on al-anon..org and locally on AIS offices' websites or on District websites if there is no local AIS office. In our Area, we submit meetings for registration here: https://scws-al-anon.org/group-records/
    - All electronic groups are connected to a city.
    - "Beginner" meetings are "attached" to an existing Al-Anon meeting.
    - There are singular options that groups can pick as the "focus" of the group. In the future, those designations won't be included in the name of the group.
    - Existing groups that contain the focus in the name – discuss whether the name is "welcoming" to everyone and whether or not the group wants to change the name.
    - Does your group name affect other groups in Al-Anon and the World Wide Fellowship?
    - Reviewed the group meetings search page on al-anon.org
    - Annual group updates are frequently not completed and sent to al-anon.org. The new system will have a document with a QR code on it. The CMA and/or GR should fill it out to ensure that the group information on al-anon.org is accurate–so that newcomers can find our meetings.
    - DR's can remind their GRs to watch for the update forms in March and urge them to fill out the form so that the information is accurate.

Questions:

- As DRs, if they find out that a meeting is inactive or not meeting consistently, submit the information to the Area Group Records Coordinator on the scws-al-anon.org website.
- How can "delisted" meetings be listed on al-anon.org? Teresa: These are considered to be "do not publish" meetings. They are not listed on al-anon.org.
- Should Alateen meetings that have Alateen in their titles be renamed? No because mail to Alateen meetings operates differently than adult meetings.
- Upcoming software update for the al-anon.org website will cover every aspect of the website.

They're working on it now.

- The GRs in one District have expressed distaste for the new policy regarding naming new groups. Is there a way to dialogue with the Policy Committee with objections to the topic? Some groups have appealed the name change policy.
- A women's group has been notified that they should "update their records." They will update using their previous name and do not have to change their name at this point.
- A member expressed the opinion that "people of color" is a term which many Black people currently do not acknowledge as accurately identifying them. The term "BIPOC" (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) is their preferred term. This member expressed the concern that the absence of this term communicates the message that Black people are not welcome in Al-Anon.

4. WSO Update – The Chairperson of the Board letter and other presentations will be posted on the "Delegate's Corner" of our website once they are translated by WSO: https://www.scws-al-anon.org/delegates-corner/
5. Legal and Traditional aspects of the Board/SCWS/AFG, Inc.
   - SCWS of AFG, Inc. is a Corporation, and SCWS Assembly and Fellowship
   - When our nonprofit incorporated we wanted to decrease our postal costs. The Bylaws blended the legal and the traditional dimensions. This happened in many Areas.
   - The "Board" is the "Board of Directors." They are both the Officers of the Assembly and the Officers of the 501(c)(3).
   - The Coordinators are appointed by the Chair in consultation with the Officers.
   - The Bylaws will name legal issues. The Policies & Procedures Handbook will address the details of the Area practices.

Questions:

- So important that we are doing this.
- A "Road Trip" is when our Board of Trustees and some of the WSO staff go to different Areas and educate the members about what they do as Board members.
- Teresa will send the link to her presentation to the AWSC members.

M) Hospitality (Maria) – Would love to hear about suggestions about things to do online per hospitality.

- Some meetings open the chat to ask for local recommendations to identify favorite restaurants, coffee spots, etc.

***Break – 5 minutes** (returned at 2:15pm)

N) Convention Chairperson Reports (10 minutes)

1. AFG Convention (Al-Anon)—April 4-6, 2025 Ben P.
   - You have time to get discounted registration and room fees. Closing date for registration by mail and online is March 28.
   - February 26 Fundraiser on afgconvention.org website
   - Any questions, contact Ben at chairman@afg.org
2. Southern California AA Convention with Al-Anon Participation Beth G.
   - No registration information yet
   - Will be September 5, 6, 7
   - Fundraiser @ the 502 Club in Covina – March 9
   - Some Committee openings – contact her
   - Beth – begood51@roadrunner.com
3. SCAC Gerry "Bear" W.
   - Please get as many Alateens to SCAC as possible. It has such a positive effect on Alateens and the Alateen program.
   - July 25, 26, 27 @ University of Redlands.
   - Their goal is to have every member go, regardless of their ability to pay.

- Attendance is limited to Alateen members who have identified an Alateen meeting and identify their group Sponsor. Mandatory orientation for AMIAS chaperones.
- Registration forms are on the website.
- password is SCAC.
- Encouraging early registration.
- Last Chance picnic is July 29
- How can groups or Districts contribute to SCAC?
  - They have periodic fundraising events. Encourage attendance.
  - Everyone is welcome to attend.
  - SCAC doesn't provide transportation to SCAC. Districts can help organize transportation for their District's Alateens to get to and from SCAC.
  - Collect contributions from groups and Districts to support their SCAC Alateen attendees.
  - Bear's contact info is on the SCAC flier.
  - The fee is $220 per Alateen.

O) Intergroup Liaisons Reports (10 minutes)

1. Coachella Valley/Upper Desert – Maria N. will meet with Irene
2. Inland Empire
3. Los Angeles County – Michele G.
   - Have a Service Council and other Board positions. They filled 6 positions and they have 9 openings.
   - Her email address: pastchair@alanonla.org
   - Please read the Al-Anoncer on alanonla.org. You can sign up for it to be sent to your email address.
4. Orange County – Veronica B.
   - ocalanon.org
   - Orange Blossom – lists events
   - Next meeting will be this Wednesday, February 19. Elections for new service board members.
   - OCAA convention with Al-Anon participation–May 2, 3, 4
5. Intergrupal Hispana (L.A. County) – Josefa J.
   - Monthly workshops for their members.
   - They meet every other month on second Saturday of the month
   - New website: oihasc.org
   - they also have a Literature Distribution Center
   - They participate in the AFG Convention on Friday and Saturday
6. Intergrupal Hispana (San Diego)
7. San Diego County -- Dana
   - First time here.
   - Current Board is an Interim Board and all positions have been filled.
   - Working on review and update of office Bylaws
   - Nonprofit Bylaws attorney is consulting
   - Two performances "Glee-Anon" musical. One will benefit the office. The other will benefit the San Diego Spring Roundup.

P) Chairperson:

1. There is a form that AWSC members can fill out to submit topics to the AWSC or Assembly meetings.
2. Please fill out the survey to give us feedback about how you felt about today's meeting.

Q) District Representative Reports (full reports to be published in the *Bulletin*)
Reports given by: District 69, Annah -- D75, Lynn – D66, Kristin – D63, Diane – D60, Karen –D57, Diane – D54, Laurie – D51, Adrienne – D45, Lydia – D42, Maria – D40, Willie – D30, Gloria – D27, Nate – D24, Michael – D21, Keith – D17, Heather – D6, Sarah – D3, Delfina

Reminder: Survey to take after the meeting: https://forms.gle/p4dqwoXgJ6A717KE8

R) Items for the May Assembly **Irene C.**

1. Financial Reports to be presented at Assembly Meeting
2. WSO Contribution to Assembly Meeting (if one is recommended by the Finance Committee). No recommendation was made at today's meeting.
3. AIS/LDC Coordinator position to Assembly Meeting–after 3-year trial period, the GRs will be voting on making it a permanent Coordinator position.

S) Ask-It Basket – Q's & A's: Alternate Delegate – no questions in Chat. Our email address for ask-it basket is: ask-it-basket@scws-al-anon.org

- Do the DRs have any formal responsibility for communicating with meetings that have CMAs but no GRs? No formal responsibilities, but the DR and the other GRs might reach out to those meetings with information and to invite them to elect a GR so that they're represented and part of the decision-making process.
- CMAs often change from year to year or even every six months. Many groups encourage their GR to be the CMA.
- How to encourage Spanish-speaking members to participate online. On Zoom, there is a translation feature. That does an okay job of translating/interpreting from English to Spanish.
- What does the District Alateen Liaison (DAL) do in each District? The DAL is there to help the DR. If you don't have a DAL, the DR is the one to do all of the AMIAS and Alateen-related procedures. Important to get a DAL if you have an Alateen meeting in your District.
- Our AAPP, Betty, (aapp@scws-al-anon.org) is available to share information about the role of the DAL.
- The GRs terms are 3 years long. The Districts are divided into thirds so that all of the new DRs and GRs are not coming in at the same time. The rotation schedule for Districts is also three years.
- Where are the downloadable resources that are free on al-anon.org? There are a number of free resources, such as the *Guidelines*. Enter "guidelines" in the search box.
- There is an excellent Glossary of terms in the Area Alateen Safety & Behavioral Requirements (ASBR) document. You can find out about the DAL's responsibilities by using the Glossary.

T) Al-Anon-Related Announcements (if time permits)

Closing time - 3:58 p.m. - Close with Al-Anon Declaration

Informal Fellowship (30 minutes) immediately following the meeting – Not included in Minutes

These Minutes approved at August 16, 2025 AWSC Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna E.