Assembly Minutes

September 30, 2023

Bob, Area Chair, welcomed everyone to the Assembly and opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. After dealing with some sound issues, Susan L. read the 12 Traditions.

Bob asked if this was anyone’s 1st Assembly. There were 10 newcomers at Assembly. We went around and introduced ourselves.

Bob delivered his Chair report:

**Chairperson Report, Area Assembly, September 30, 2023**

Welcome SCAFG Members involved in Area Service! This is our third hybrid Assembly of Panel 63. We have heard your comments and suggestions from the last two Assemblies, and our tech team is working hard to improve the experience for everyone, whether in person or online. Progress not perfection.

I would first like to thank all those who were able to attend, either in-person or virtually, our International Convention in Albuquerque this past summer. We had a great time marching in the Language of Love Parade, and I brought along one of the flags that Robbie M. created for the event. I will be honored to place it in our Area Archives. The Convention theme was New Hopes, New Friends, and Renewed Recovery, and indeed it was fulfilled!

Now, moving on to the business of this Assembly, I am happy to report that your Area World Service Committee has submitted to the World Service Office an application for the 2024 Road Trip! held every year in late October. The “Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect” event is an opportunity for local Al‑Anon members to meet and interact with Trustees and Executive Committee members as they share their experience as World Service Volunteers serving the fellowship and worldwide Al‑Anon Family Groups. All the remaining organization and preparation for the event will be handled by WSO. Several Areas have applied to host the event, and we will be notified in the coming months if we are chosen.

As is customary, the September Assembly is when we review and accept the budget for the upcoming year. Hopefully you have reviewed appropriate documents in our members section at Al-Anon-sc.org. Our Treasurer, Robbie M. will make her report and presentation a little later.

As we recover from and adjust to difficulties brought about by the pandemic, many of our groups have made changes regarding when, where, and how they meet. This has made it especially challenging for Lindi S., our Alternate/Delegate and Group Records Coordinator. As you know, it is important to have accurate group records so newcomers and longtime members alike can find our meetings. Lindi will go into this in more detail in her report.

Our Convention Guidelines Task Force is very close to a final presentation of its work. This issue was discussed at the last AWSC and is scheduled for Area review at the next Assembly in January.

Speaking of future Assemblies, we have tentative dates for 2024. Once again, meetings will be held in person here at the Convention Center and virtually. The scheduled dates are January 20th, June 8th, and September 28th. AWSC meetings will continue to be virtual, with tentative dates of January 6th, May 4th, and August 24th.

Despite not having a Public Outreach Coordinator on Panel 63, AWSC voted to purchase 250 Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism as a stop-gap measure. Each district can take about thirty and I would prefer not to take any back home with me! If anyone attending today would like to spearhead our further public outreach efforts on this panel, please talk to Barbara or me about it.

Our friends in A.A. have contacted us for assistance in their 2025 Annual State Convention to be held in Columbia in March 2025. They are asking for a liaison to help with the Al-Anon portion of the Convention. The organizational meetings will all be in the Columbia Area, so it might be helpful to live near Columbia if you are interested in this service role. Please contact Barbara or me if you would like to volunteer.

As always, feel free to email me with questions, concerns, or ideas at [scchair63@gmail.com](about:blank), or call me at 843-707-6365.

Bob also gave the dates for the 2024 Assemblies: 1/20, 6/8 and 9/28. AWSC will be Zoom meetings; dates are 1/6, 5/4 and 8/24

He thanked everyone for their patience.

Jan, Area Secretary, presented the minutes for approval. Motion was made by Michael and Seconded by Claire to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Barbara O, Delegate then presented her report.

Delegate SC Assembly Report September 29, 2023

Barbara O.

Good morning!

Members, families, and friends suffer, and have lost family members or friends.

Trusted servants here and in the electronic room, have overcome numerous

obstacles to get to Assembly. May we please have a moment of silence, followed

by the serenity prayer.

Thank you all for being here, for your dedication to Al-Anon.

My name is Barbara O’Donnell, South Carolina Delegate, Panel 63, “Service is the

Key”! We gather, in person and electronically, for only the third time ever, for the

South Carolina hybrid Assembly! Thank you to our chairman, for calling the

Assembly, the 12 th step, to “carry this message to others…” Tradition 1 calls for us

to unify around the single-minded purpose found in Tradition 5, “…to help

families of alcoholics….”

I have a personal sponsor, a service sponsor, a Conference Mentor and a Trustee

contact. They live 10, 60, 500, &amp; over 1500 miles away! My email is

scdelegate63@gmail.com, mobile 757-209-8913.

We are in the 9 th of a 36-month Panel of service. How far we’ve all come, travelling

on this road of recovery. The SC Area celebrates 62 years, the districts formed in

almost 50 years ago m in 1975,! At least two SC groups are older than the SC

Area, Charleston +68 and Spartan +66! In the USA, Canada, Puerto Rico, Bermuda

and Global Electronic Area, there are over 13,500 groups, worldwide Al-Anon,

over 14,000.

We have the first ever SC “Technology Coordinator”! Think back, where were you

in 1975?! Okay how about when the pandemic hit, or last September, did you

know you would chair an electronic meeting, start a new group, serve as Group or

District Rep, Coordinator, Sponsor, Officer, or Chair a Convention? The SC

Convention theme, “Seeing Clearly Now”, reminds me about developing

intentions and vision for the SC Area.

Now for today’s report. Delegates attend the annual World Service Conference,

held every April, and later give a Conference report to AWSC, Assembly and to any

Groups or Districts, that they are invited to. Some topics for reports or discussion

by the Delegate, are contained in the two handouts we will review and will also

be posted on the SC AREA Delegates corner webpage.

 1 st handout: From the Annual Report, the “Mission, Domains and Goal

Objectives” and Strategic objectives of the Al-Anon Family Groups

Headquarters, also known as the World Service Office. The Annual 2023

WSC summary, delayed, will be issued online, along with the print edition

for sale. The 2022 Annual report, download from the WSO website,

www.al-anon.org. Let’s review the Vision, Mission, and some of the

Domains and Goals.

“VISION. Families and friends of Alcoholics find hope and encouragement to live

joyful, serene lives.”

“Mission. Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. is a spiritually based

organization that helps the families and friends of alcoholics connect and support

each other through barrier free meetings, information, and shared experiences.”

Domain and Goal Statements

“Members:

1. Provide access to the Al-Anon program for all

2. Advance support to underserved and diverse communities 3. Understand member and group

needs

Recovery &amp; Service Tools:

1. Create attractive, new content by gathering, processing, and disseminating pertinent

information.

2. Communicate the message of hope in a way that is current, appealing, and widely

available.

3. Reduce barriers to accessing information created by cultural and linguistic obstacles.

Awareness:

1. Identify and reduce the effects of biases that may be preventing effective outreach

2. Validate the effectiveness of the Al-Anon Family Groups program in helping our

members.

3. Educate the public and professionals about who we are, what we do, and why

4. Build relationships with the media, governmental and non-governmental agencies, and

professionals

Financial Sustainability:

1. Align resources to support the needs of the fellowship in accordance with Al-Anon’s

spiritual principles.

2. Create opportunities for members to support AFG, Inc.

3. Improve transparency of the financial needs of AFG, Inc.

4. Manage risk to reputation, operations, and assets

Global Engagement:

1. Reinforce the process for passing experience on to incoming trusted servants using

effective approaches for the new generation

2. Communicate leadership skills required for trusted servants and create development

pathways

3. Collaborate globally to share knowledge and evolve our programs and communications.

“ 2 nd handout: Highlights of the 2023 World Service Conference, a 63‑year

conversation! 2023 World Service Conference (WSC) held in Virginia Beach,

April 19‑23, 2023 highlights were issued this Summer. (Delegate gives report and

discusses in the Area meetings). International Conference held end of June.

1. Transforming Electronic Groups

2. Alateen Electronic Group Feasibility

3. Copyright &amp; Trademark

4. Literature Discussion on Sponsorship/Service Sponsorship

5. Announcing Events Policy Discussion

6. 2023 International Convention

7. Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect

 Transforming Electronic Groups Project Team is an ongoing WSC work group progress:

 2021 Registered WSO “Electronic Meetings” were recognized as Al-Anon Family Groups, in new Global Area.

 2022 WSC Welcomed the new Global Electronic Area (GEA) into its Structure, now the 69 th Area.

 2023 The improved Global Electronic Meeting search engine launched on WSO website.

 Electronic groups can be downloaded into spreadsheet for Group Records.

 Forms updates allow groups to register with either geographic or non-geographic Areas.

 There are two WSO search engines, the Global Area electronic meetings and the Geographic Area meetings

with electronic groups registered into Geographic Areas that listed on the map to attract local members.

 In process, next generation group records software and developing a process to identify hybrid meetings.

 Lindi will discuss Group Records policy and procedures, as we approach the end for listing geographic Groups

holding temporary electronic meetings. Registered Groups meet in one location.

Let’s take a moment to stretch &amp; reflect- Do you have a service manual, a service sponsor, can

you find the WSO and the SC Area website, do you know the SC members password? Have you

read a description of your service position?

Who is here at the Convention Center, in person or in the electronic room, for

their first SC Assembly? Please stand – virtual raise your hand! Welcome!

(handouts). Please see the attached Chairman of the Board letter and August updates

from the Trustees attached to this report.

Please see the August 2023 presentation reports attached in full

Chairman of the Board letter and other updates

The Board of Trustees meets throughout the year. Trustees stagger service, as do

other trusted servants, to include Delegates. Quarterly meetings are held with

the Delegates, Feb, April, August and November, for the presentation of the

Chairman of the Board Letter, Finance, Policy Committee and Conference

Leadership Team (CLT) updates. BOT reports, highlighted at Assembly, can also be

found on the WSO and SC Area websites, and links via the WSO “In the Loop”

monthly newsletter.

Finance Update July 2023

Ann Marie Z., Treasurer

The following update is based on the unaudited financial statements for the period that

ended 6/30/2023.

Revenues (Income)

Revenue consists mainly of literature sales and contributions. Other revenue sources

include magazine sales and investment gains or losses. Literature sales for June were

$222,964. Contributions for June were $292,001. See the table below for YTD Actuals

vs. YTD Budget.

Expenses

The largest categories of expenses consist of WSO Staff salaries and benefits,

technology support, Conference costs (including interpretation), and postage. Expenses

for June were $523,381. See the table below for YTD Actuals vs. YTD Budget. We

continue to monitor all expenses and reduce them wherever possible.

Net Increase/(Decrease)

Change in net assets resulted in a net increase of $324,721, which is higher than the

projected budget.

Year to Date (YTD) June 2023

Investments

Our ample reserve is contained mostly in the Reserve Fund under the careful watch of

our investment managers. Market conditions in June were favorable as the market

experienced positive rates of return. We have a YTD increase of $514,983 in the

Reserve Fund. Our investment accounts continue to be sensitive to market conditions.

YTD

Actuals YTD Budget

Revenue

Literature Sales— net YTD $1,381,119 BUDGET $1,078,613

Contributions YTD $1,407,775 BUDGET $1,183,436

Other income YTD $ 364,755 BUDGET $ 279,300

Total Revenue $3,153,649 $2,541,349

Total Expenses $2,828,928 $ 2,930,215

Net Increase/(Decrease) YTD $324,721 (BUDGET $ 388,866)

“Reflections and Insight on financials

What a great start to the year! Our contributions and literature and magazine sales are

all coming in above budget. The Mobile App subscriptions remain very close to budget.

We were on track to exceed the Literature sales budget even before the daily reader

was introduced at the 2023 International Convention!”

-above report from Ann Marie Z., Treasurer

 “Policy Committee Updates

Policy statements are interpretations of our basic guides: The Twelve Traditions and

Twelve Concepts of Service. They help clarify how a Tradition or Concept might apply

to a new or confusing situation that arises in Al-Anon or Alateen. Changes and additions

to the Policy Digest are made only as our circumstances and growth require, since

anticipating and including every specific situation would be impossible.

“The purpose of the update sent each quarter by the Policy Committee Chairperson is

to report progress and provide information on the following:

• Topics that are generated by the fellowship and discussed by the Policy

Committee regarding issues or concerns that need clarification or interpretation

in consideration of the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service.

• Progress of work being completed by Policy Committee work groups, task forces,

and thought forces.

• Policy motions to be presented to the We approved changes to the Policy Committee

Guidelines that are reviewed every year. One section was added on how the Policy

Committee supports the AFG, Inc. Strategic Plan and its Vision by reinforcing:

• The Recovery and Service Tools Goal through spiritually principled interpretation

of our basic guides and by sharing the collective experience of the families and

friends of alcoholics in the “Digest of Al-Anon and Alateen.”

• The Global Engagement Goal by passing on experience to incoming trusted

servants using effective approaches for each new generation of the global

fellowship of Al-Anon Family Groups.

 The Choosing a Group Name Task Force facilitated a Policy Committee discussion

on the draft they presented for an update to the Service Manual. To ensure we arrive

at answers that are consistent, loving, and helpful, the Policy Committee will

continue this conversation at future meetings until consensus is achieved.

 The Policy Committee discussed a question from the membership: “Is the gendered

language in the Steps and Traditions in alignment with Al-Anon’s Legacies?” The

fellowship has been discussing similar questions for many years.

 A few selected highlights from the Chairperson of the Board Letter.

“Our June 2023 contributions exceeded our budgeted expectations by eight percent.

Our literature sales were only one percent below our budget for the month. The

literature sales did not include the 2023 International Convention sales. More

detailed information will be provided by our Treasurer. (See the Finance Update

attached to this letter for more financial information. The Board approved the 2023

Revised Budget as presented. We anticipate a net income of $64,770 for 2023”

 2023 International Convention Highlights:

“Book sales at IC2023 were amazing. Members purchased 8,015 units of A Little Time

for Myself—A Collection of Al-Anon Personal Experiences (B-34), our new daily reader,

in English, 584 in Spanish, and 29 in French. The four-day sales figure was $152,421.

The IC2023 member registration totals were: 3,387 Al-Anon, 42 Alateen, 293 A.A., and

54 guests (3,776 total in-person participants) plus 741 virtual registrants. A new record

was set at 4,517 registrants! Seven professionals attended as well. Collaborating with

international structures, the WSO was able to offer 127 Al-Anon members the

opportunity to attend virtually at registration rates which were discounted to represent

the equivalent rate in local currency. What an accomplishment!

Due to hotel problems as well as registrants’ illnesses, WSO is providing a replay of

IC2023 for our virtual participants as well as those who paid and cancelled because

they were unable to attend.”

 Guest Speaker:

“A guest speaker presented their Ph.D. dissertation topic, titled “Does It Work If You

Work It? The Therapeutic Elements of Al-Anon Participation.” Their research relied upon

data from Al-Anon’s 2018 Membership Survey. The speaker focused on what other

professionals would need to know about Al-Anon Family Groups. They discussed in

their research that longevity in Al-Anon was a key component of better mental health.

The presentation ended with a Model of Effective Al-Anon Participation:

1. Attending Meetings

2. Spiritually Motivated

3. Working with a Sponsor

4. Engaging in Service

5. Serving as a Sponsor”

Please note these are just a few highlights, excerpted from the Board of Trustees

reports. Please review the reports in full, found in the attached reports.

Faithfully yours,

Barbara M. O’Donnell

SC Delegate Panel 63

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Our Alternate Delegate/Group Records report was presented by Lindi S:

Alt Delegate/Group Records Report 6/03/2023

We currently have a 110 in person groups registered with WSO and 6 electronic groups. We have 5 permanent electronic groups in District 7 and our newest electronic group in District 9. These are the only 2 districts as of yesterday that have electronic groups. All permanent electronic groups must be registered by WSO group records. Make sure you have all your information right as I cannot make any changes to the electronics meetings. If you wish your meeting to be geographic meeting please use the zip code of the district you wish to be connected with. We had one electronic meeting close since our last assembly and 2 in person meetings close along with one Alateen meeting.

As of March 10 WSO put 2 forms on Al-anon.org to transfer meetings from GEA, Global Electronics Area to Geographical Areas and one to transfer from Geographical to The Global area. These forms have a PDF that explains the process step by step on filling the information in. The regular meeting forms also have a PDF that explains everything step by step. If you need help please feel free to contact me. I will do my best to explain it to you.

WSO had a high priority to publish electronic meetings in a geographic Meeting Search. They are working on the software and are close to implementing it. They are testing it now. It should be rolling out shortly. Once this goes live it will be time for us as an area to connect with the groups meeting as temporary electronic groups. These groups will have 6 to 12 months to decide if they will be going back to an in person meeting or or making a move to be a permanent electronic group. I will keep everyone posted on that.

All groups meeting as an Al-anon group must be registered with WSO to use the Al-anon name. If not registered this becomes a issue with using the Al-anon trademark. If there are groups meeting in our area not registered and need help doing so please have them reach out to their district representative or to me and I will be glad to help them with the forms

Currently WSO group records are a little behind in registering the electronic groups due to the international convention. All groups have to be manually registered into the system and they have a very limited staff. So be patient.

I am currently making several group changes a week. We have 2 groups currently meeting that have a no mailing status and one group with a bounced email status. I will contact the DR’s for help with this.

If any district would like me to do a workshop on how to register a new group and how to make group changes at their district meetings please let me know as I would be willing to do this .

Shawn S., AAC, gave his report:

We have 33 AMIAS in the State with 7 Active Alateen groups, and 6 Inactive groups, registered with WSO

Of the 33 AMIAS, we have 1 in District 3, 1 in District 4, 9 in District 6, 6 in District 7, 7 in District 8 and 9 in District 9.

Of the 7 active groups, we have 2 in District 6, 1 in District 7, 1 in District 8 and 3 in District 9. We currently have 4 of these groups with Alateens attending

We have 2 Al-Anon’s interested in AMIAS training, one has completed the Background Checks and is scheduling the Training.

We have the possibility of starting two new Alateen Group in District 7 the Mount Pleasant & James Island areas.

We need to get the message out to all the DR’s and GR’s in the state! There is no reason that any Teen in South Carolina cannot attend an Alateen meeting. We have a online meeting available to any Teen living in SC to attend on Free Conference Call, Monday Night at 8 PM. We have the flyers available for all to pick up at the Registration table, or contact me directly for more information.

We had a fun & successful 47th Alateen Conference held at Camp Kinard in Leesville/Batesburg on the 25th – 27th of August. We ended up with 7 AMIAS and 13 Teens for the weekend and would like to thank all those Individuals and groups who sponsored the Teens with scholarships! We are working on getting the Thank you cards from the teens in the mail. We had 10 Al-Anons, one AA and one Teen attend for the All Day Fund Day event. The Guests enjoyed an Alateen Panel workshop - Greer Alateen, Alateen Speaker - Melissa B of Summerville, AA Speaker - Xiana M of Goose Creek, an Unconditional Love Alateen workshop - Moncks Corner Alateen, a Bracelet workshop - Judy R, and an “Ikebana” Flower arrangement workshop- Karen M, along with a catered Lunch and time on the Water Slide.

We have already started planning next year’s 48th Alateen Conference and have sent out the Save the date Flyers with this report and on the website. We had our first monthly AMIAS Ad Hoc Meeting on 17 September with a good turnout and a lot of discussion. We will continue to have them every 2nd Sunday of the month at 4 PM for any AMIAS interested in sharing their Experience Strength and hope.

Lindi S & I were invited to speak at Charleston County DSS Quarterly Staff Meeting this week about Alateen & Al-Anon, and how it could be a rescores for DSS Caseworkers. We Brought literature for them. There was over 100 Staff & Caseworkers in attendance. After Lindi Spoke for 30 minutes we handed out literature along with the Business cards with the QR codes on them for both District 7 & State Websites. The Director said he wants to give this information to the Charleston County School District and another Addiction Group they work with. It was a great outreach and they asked us to come back in December for another, this time with an Alateen to share their story.

Remember that Step 12 is about Public Outreach for both Al-Anon & Alateen. It’s up to all of us to carry the message. We cannot keep the program if we are not giving it away.

Lots of Love, Hugs, & Blessings, Shawn Short.

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We then began the discussion on the Budget, led by Roberta M. The budget info is attached to the minutes. Roberta M let us know that the budget is higher to reflect actual costs and the convention amount was raised.

The final budget was presented and is available on the area website.

Ginger motioned that we accept the budget as presented, Mark seconded, the budget passed.

We adjourned for lunch.

Upon return from lunch, we reopened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Shawn S., gave his website report

The website Calendar is constantly being updated with the latest information provided by all Districts, Area Officers and Coordinators. If you have an All Days, District meeting or any other function you want posted just email it to me and I will put it on the Calendar and the Save the Date page of the Website

I have added a section at the top of the “Members Area” “For Review Prior To Assembly “and post all the pertinent information to be reviewed prior to the next Assembly meetings that have been sent to me. If you are getting your reports in early to the Secretary please send them to me as well at [webscpanel60@gmail.com](mailto:webscpanel60@gmail.com) and I will post them in that spot for all to review prior to the meeting.

The 47th Alateen Conference Draft Schedule and Al-Anon/AA Registration are posted on the Website under the “Members Area” “For Review Prior to Assembly 3 June 2023”, & on the “Conference/Convention 2023-2024” page.

The 49th Annual 2024 Al-Anon/Alateen Convention information is also posted on the “Conference/Convention 2023 – 2024” page as well, with the information we have to date.

Do not forget we also have the “Contact Service Member” page under the “Contact” Tab that lists all the Panel 63 members’ emails for quick access to email any position in Area 50, including all DR’s & Coordinators. All the person needs do is click on the envelope icon for that position and it opens up an email with that persons email address in it as “To”, in whatever email service you have on your device. You must be signed into your email service on the device you are using for it to work.

After the last Conventions we have had multiple complaints about the online Survey/Registration being too hard to complete. The Weebly website does not have a Registration page feature and requires you to use Third Party Apps to do Registrations properly.

I have created a Registration page for the next Convention that will use Third Party Apps “Google Forms” & “Payable Forms” as apps attached to our Website to complete the; Registration, Registration sales and T-Shirt sales all in one easy transaction, that records all the transaction in one cvs file, for both the treasurer and registration persons. The cost for each form is $.25 cents for each registration under $75.00. The 2024 Convention Committee with need to vote on whether to use this service or not for the next convention.

Since we no longer have a Reflector for the State I have added the “Reflections” page under the “Members” Tab that has all the old State Reports & any District Reports sent to me for the last three years on it along with a spot for updated Al-Anon, AMIAS & Alateen Forms and Documents. The Archives page still has all the old AWSC, Assembly and Budget reports from the current year back to 2010.

In the last month we have had the following traffic on our website.

**Page Views**: 3,852 **Unique Visits:** 2,005 **Avg. Pages Per Unique Visit:** 1.8905

The Weebly website no longer holds on to our “Individual Page View Status” for the previous month? So I regretfully can no longer give that information in my report.

Lots of Love, Hugs, & Blessings, Shawn Short

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Ginger gave her Forum and Literature report:

Thank you for letting me serve as the Forum Coordinator it is a very interesting service position! I attended a zoom meeting in February with new and past coordinators in which various ideas were shared. I now have access to monthly information about which locations have articles and pictures and how many subscriptions we have in South Carolina. Our April 2023 subscriptions are at 278 and up by 10 subscriptions from April 2022 – 9 individual and 1 group. May numbers were slightly lower at 274. Please consider doing a group subscription if you don’t have one – we currently have 14 group subscriptions in the state – and I learned that group subscriptions are only mailed to the CMA (current mailing address). Groups may use a personal subscription for their group copy if they want a different person to receive the copy.

A member from SC, Lisa W., had a picture in the May Forum. Consider writing an article or submitting a picture – if selected, you get a complimentary copy! Sharing’s are needed on Concepts and Traditions.

If you have issues with receiving your copy late, you may contact your local post office, explaining that the magazine is time-sensitive, and asking that their mail from 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23454 be given the same priority as regular first-class mail. WSO usually gets the magazines to the mail vendor by the middle of the month prior and they are then sent by "standard rate, nonprofit," which is supposed to be handled the same as first-class mail.

Three subscriptions were given away at the Convention and I am doing one at each Assembly, this one’s winner is Gloria Sloan. At only $11, the Forum is a great source of not only recovery, but also updates from WSO, meeting topics, and Alateen sharing’s! Read it front to back each month so you don’t miss an article! - Ginger S.

AAPP Suzanne J.

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Convention 2024

Kris asked that she be added to the email distribution list for information. The convention planning is going along well. There is a meeting this afternoon at 2 pm.

T-shirts are being sold at $20. Registration is available on the website. You can register online or by paper registration. Currently have $1257 in the treasurer’s account. All speakers have accepted the invitation to speak. She has contacted 2 of the tapers – not able to tape our convention, so reaching out to another. She will have registration forms and flyer ready for Assembly. The hotel has been checked out for filling our needs, have added an additional room for baskets. Ginger sent info regarding other tapers. Packets have been made for DR’s. Will distribute at Assembly.

Archives, Susan L.,

We are still requesting group history and long- time member forms to be sent in. There is a conference call of other state archive coordinators in October. Archives would like to have group information on how group meetings changed/reacted during the Pandemic. How long did it take group to change or not – did they do alternative meetings? What was attendance like then and now?

Tech Coordinator, Linda R.

DR’s, if you don’t have a district tech coordinator, you need to think about getting one. Please contact Linda R, with contact info if you have one.

District reports and all other reports are available on the SC Al-Anon website.

The meeting closed with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Future Dates

AWSC: (All virtual) 1/6/2024; 5/4/2024; 8/24/2024

ASSEMBLY: Hybrid: 1/20/2024, 6/8/2024, 9/28/2020

Respectfully submitted,

Jan R.

Area Secretary