

**AWSC MEETING MINUTES – Panel 57**  
**Hall of Fame Meeting Room**  
Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, Lincoln Street  
Saturday, August 25, 2018

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The meeting opened at 10AM with the Serenity Prayer followed by introductions. Nan then read our Concepts and Warranties.

A motion to approve the April 28, 2018, minutes was unanimously accepted after a first from Teresa and a second from Clara

A motion to approve the treasurer's reports was unanimously accepted with a first from Zirmah and a second from Barbara O.

**Alternate Delegate's Report – Bob Colburn**

So far, the new procedure for registering new Al-Anon groups and updating current group records through the World Service website seems to be working well in South Carolina. Since the last assembly in June when new procedure was announced, there have only been a handful of changes and all have been executed in a timely fashion. This will no doubt help newcomers and current members in finding meeting information quickly and efficiently .

Just in case you have not heard it, here is the new procedure.

Go to [www.al-anon.org](http://www.al-anon.org) and navigate to the Members heading, then group resources, then group records. Here you can choose to register a new group, update an existing group record or even register an electronic group meeting. Once you make this choice just fill in the form. WSO will notify me within hours and I will confirm with whoever made the changes and the District representative.

Thanks everyone for your flexibility and your willingness to change.

**Delegate's Report – David Bryant**

I've attached David's detailed report.

Other activities for the benefit of South Carolina Al-Anon is the finalization of the site and preparations for the 2019 SERDGT to be held in Myrtle Beach in March 2019.

As many of you know I put forth an application for a South Carolina TEAM Event in 2019, I have news concerning this.

We will be placing our order for the new WSC 2018 Summary soon, I hope to have a printed copy for you at next Assembly. I have attached a PDF version for you to see now.

I hope to see everyone at AWSC on August 25 at the Convention Center .

**New Business:**

- Margaret L. Discussed efforts to insure AWSC meetings, Area Assembly meetings, Convention and Alateen Conference. After discussion a motion was accepted to pass forward to Area Assembly.
  - Motion: Approve Liability Insurance to cover AWSC, Area Assembly, Convention (for \$2 million) and Alateen Conference for a total cost of \$1,000
  - Rationale: Reduce risk liability for SCAFG. Additionally, convention locations require liability insurance.
- Budget – The Budget was amended to include \$1,000.00 for insurance costs and then a motion was presented with a first by Nan and a second by Teressa with one person abstaining from the vote. The amended budget will be put forth at Area Assembly.

- Diane passed out a document from the 2014 World Service Conference Summary titled “Task Force: Compilation of Area Guidelines for Trusted Servants Not Fulfilling Responsibilities” and asked that the article be read and consider effort be made in preparing guidelines for South Carolina.
- Starting in January 2019, the 3 AWSC meetings in 2019 will be at a different location. People attending received a handout for The Peanut Man location. In addition; dates, times and location will be sent once the dates have been secured.

### **Old Business:**

- TEAM – David included a TEAM report in his report (see above).
- 501c4 – A comprehensive report was delivered by Linda R. AWSC approved sending the following motion to Assembly
  - Motion: SCAFG Area 50 shall move forward with filing for 501(c)(4) status with the IRS, to incur a cost limited to \$700.00 in 2018.  
Rationale: Allow SCAFG Area 50 to become:
    - Compliant with state and federal law
    - Able to move forward with AMIAS background checks
    - A verifiable entity without requiring incorporation or by-laws
    - Eligible for lower rates for liability insurance
    - Enhanced public outreach capabilities where 501(c)(4) status is required

### **Coordinator and District Representative Reports:**

#### **Forum – Jan Salvato**

Hi Everyone!! I am so grateful to be the Area Forum Coordinator in South Carolina.

At every meeting I attend, I talk about the use of the Forum. I make it a point to chair the meeting and then use a Forum article as a topic for our meeting. The stories bring to life, the importance of: sharing our experience, strength and hope. Nothing more and nothing less. I can relate. Please remember to use this valuable resource for your meetings and fellowship. You can submit a writing at any time, even on line thru the WSO website.

I attend the District 9 monthly Al-Anon open Speaker meeting, at 2pm, on the 2nd Sunday at the Alano Club. I hand out past issues of the Forum to anyone, who has not read one. I hand out subscription forms. An annual subscription is \$11. I handout the Writing Guidelines for submissions to the Forum. I attend our District 9 Business meeting to bring awareness to the GR’s of the 20 Groups that the Forum is an important resource for our weekly meetings. I hand out subscription forms. I handout the Writing Guidelines for submissions to the Forum. It is very helpful. Pass it on.

I attended the SC Alateen Conference at the end of July, at Camp Kinard. I handed out subscription forms, and the Writing Guidelines for submissions to the Forum, and old copies of the Forum.

Please see me and I will be happy to give you this information. The Forum is a valuable resource for our daily Recovery. It truly, is the ‘Meeting in your Pocket’, when you cannot get to a meeting.

#### **Webpage – Amanda Childers**

From July 27th to August 25th we have had 10,365 page views and 4,850 unique visitors to the website. The most visited page is The Family Disease of Alcoholism page with 1364 page views. When it comes to finding a meeting the top three districts viewed are District 7 (319), District 8 (203) and District 6 (189).

I will be updating the convention page in the coming weeks so stay tuned so we can have a bunch of attendance at a wonderful convention!

Ever faithful servant,

Amanda C, Area 50 Web Admin

#### **Literature – Tom Cassidy**

### **NEW LITERATURE!**

*Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships*. (B-33) . As your Area Literature Coordinator, I was privileged to receive the complimentary area copy from the WSO, and subsequently bought my own at the international meeting in Baltimore.

It has 6 chapters, covering a wide variety of personal stories. Each chapter ends with questions for reflection. Two of the most powerful meetings I attended at the International were focused on this book, and the questions led to incredible open and honest experience, strength, and hope.

Chapter Titles include: 1) Alcoholism and Intimacy, 2) Building and rebuilding trust, 3) Communicating Clearly, 4) Negotiating Boundaries, 5) Spiritual Solutions, and 6) Expressing Gratitude.

I also received an area copy of our new pamphlet *Hope & Understanding for Parents & Grandparents* (p-94). I immediately purchased 20 copies for my home group. One way that my home group has changed over the years is that the majority of new members come in with a problem drinker who is a son / daughter or grandson / granddaughter. While their concerns are addressed elsewhere in our literature, it is great to have a single pamphlet that addresses them specifically.

Please spread the word at your District Meetings to the GRs and ask the GR's to take this information back to their meetings and members.

I expect to have copies of each at Assembly.

### **Convention Reports 2019 – Clara and Teresa**

**Planning meetings:** We met in person in July in Hanahan, in August we met by teleconference, and will meet in person again in September in Hanahan; **Treasury** is now at \$870.69; **Fundraising:** the quilt is now complete and is absolutely beautiful, tumblers are \$10. pens \$2. if you purchase both items together it's \$11, they will be sold at Assembly and at Convention; **Registration:** the registration forms are complete and already generating throughout the fellowship, registration chair, Robbie, is working with Amanda and Mike to upload the registration form to the website which includes being able to make payments online, deadline for registration and ordering shirts is January 11, 2019, the hotel reservation code for the convention **AFG**, still waiting for a 2nd quote on shirts; **Meeting coordinators** Teresa and Mike visited the hotel and worked out a room plan that will allow the Alateens and AAs to have their own space for meetings - inside the Convention Center!!!!

### **Reflector Editor – Charlotte Hogue:**

The Reflector Newsletter is free online. It is an excellent source to find information such as Tom's literature announcement, Shannon's Alateen information and Nancy's 50 Questions about Al-Anon's history. Email Nancy for the answers.

In the May 2018 I erroneously printed July 28th as the deadline date for The Reflector submittals. Fortunately, I didn't receive responses. The next deadline date to submit info for publication in The Reflector is: **Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> at midnight.**

The Reflector is a vital link for the groups to find information.

Charlotte Hogue: Reflector Editor

### **Alateen Process Person Report – Mike Melton:**

Currently, in Area 50, we have:

25 current AMIAS in Area 50 (SC). (Down by 20 AMIAS since my last report).

9 Alateen Groups in Area 50 (SC) listed as ACTIVE. (Down from 10 since my last report). (Beaufort, Bluffton, Greenville, Greer, Irmo, Moncks Corner, Mount Pleasant, Murrells Inlet, Myrtle Beach, and Summerville)

We lost several people during the recertification process this year. Our biggest loss was in District 8, where we lost one Alateen Group, and 14 AMIAS. We attempted to try to figure out why we had so many who did not want to recertify, but there did not seem to be a common cause.

We had a fantastic Alateen Conference this year. Shannon can give you the numbers. But the feedback from the Alateens who attended both last year and this year, they felt this year was so much better. As

one put it, “A lot less drama”. Some of this may have been contributed to the safety brief we gave first thing Friday night. The Alateens seemed to take it well.

We were able to get all of our dual certified AMIAS recertified with a simpler process. The NC AAPP was very cooperative. I’m still trying to reach the GA AAPP.

I would like our panel to address a question to the WSO Policy Committee. I would ask for the committee to revisit the dual state AMIAS certification policy in the Service Manual. Currently, it requires the AMIAS be certified in the state they reside, before they can be certified in the State their meeting is actually in. I would like to know what the purpose is, due to it becoming a financial burden to the Area once we start the background checks on our AMIAS. That would mean, for the folks who live on the border, and are sponsors in Alateen meetings in NC, they would have two background checks done, one from SC and one from NC. If this is something that can be revisited, and if no longer necessary, can it be removed from the service manual.

I would like to remind all Alateen Sponsors to keep the information about their groups current. That is what the GR3 form is for, and WSO has not made the online version for Al-Anon Groups, available to the Alateen Groups.

Once we get the 501c4 issue worked out, we will be able to implement the new background checks process.

Yours Humbly in Service

Mike M.: Area 50 AAPP

### **Alateen Coordinator Report and Alateen Finance Report – Shannon Smith**

Shannon’s computer died so I scanned her report --- see report attached to email.

### **Archivist – Nancy Bommer**

Why is Archives important? A quote from the WSO Area Archives Guideline G-30 states “one of the best ways to protect the future of the Al-Anon fellowship in an area is to look to their past”. South Carolina has been fortunate in having the past delegates involved with gathering and maintaining our Archives. How do we do this? We follow suggestions from the above referenced guideline and from the Archives Department at the World Service Office. When I took this office, I sought experience, strength and hope from other areas in how they went electronic, but also learned that not everything is saved electronically as it was still recommended to have hard copies due to the fact how fast the electronics change.

How do I gather information? I use the past minutes, reports from our Group Representatives, District Representatives, Coordinators, Officers, Convention reports, Public Outreach projects, the Reflector, Group Histories, World Service Conference reports, Area Motions, etc. All of this has been used to create boards for you to utilize at area conventions, anniversaries, district functions such as All Days to inform our members of where we started and where we are today in carrying the message.

Do you know which district your group was in when districting started in South Carolina? Do you know the history of your group? Does your district keep their records and if so where do they keep them? Does your group have a copy of your Group History in their records and if so where do you store them? Does your Group and District keep copies of your minutes and motions, public outreach projects you have done or are doing if so where do you store them? Does your Group celebrate anniversaries? These questions are just some of the items you will find in the South Carolina Archives.

Today I have with me a notebook containing Group Histories we have for the various districts in South Carolina. Check with me to see if we have your Group’s history. I have received very few group histories during my term and each term more information about your group can be added to maintain your history as officer’s change, etc. Encourage your groups to visit the SC Website on the member’s side under Archives to obtain the Group History Form and complete one so that they will be part of the South Carolina Archives.

Does your group have copies of the Longtimer form from your members in their binders? I have received very few of these as well. Encourage your members that there is a form for them to complete and it is also on the SC website on the member's side under Archives.

As I write this report it is another historical day for South Carolina as they held their first Area Assembly on August 19, 1961 and this report is being generated 57 years later on August 19, 2018. Happy Birthday South Carolina Area 50!!!

### **Public Outreach – Jodi Macko**

Since the last AWSC meeting, in light of our vacant Area Public Outreach Coordinator position, Jodi M. made attempts to form an Area Public Outreach Committee. Two email blasts were sent to all District Reps. The messages contained an appeal for volunteers from each district to serve on the committee. Hopefully, the appeal (as follows) was shared with all of our family groups:

Anyone can serve in Public Outreach. As reminded by our delegate, David Bryant, and quoting our co-founder, Lois Wilson, "If Al-Anon is to continue to exist, it must continue to grow. There is no standing still..." Millions need us and are not yet aware of our existence. Please carry the message for Al-Anon. Join the Area Outreach Committee by contacting Jodi M. at 704-975-5502 or [scdistrict2po@gmail.com](mailto:scdistrict2po@gmail.com)

Out of this appeal, eight people have asked to participate on the committee. Discussions at the first meeting will determine how best to reach those who still suffer in Area 50. Date of the first meeting is set for September 23, 2018 via Skype promptly at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will last 45 minutes. Diane Faulkner and AWSC agreed to appoint Jodi M. Chair of the Committee on 4/28/18. She presented the above information to AWSC on 8/25/2018.

All who request to participate on the committee should ensure their contact information is received by Jodi M or is correct on the South Carolina AFG website. They will receive details of the first meeting via email, including Skype access information, as soon as it becomes available.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi M.

### **District Representative 2 Report:**

All groups are reporting ups and downs in attendance. Three groups have moved their meeting to an earlier starting time and are seeing an increase in numbers.

The new One Day at a Time, Lake Wylie meeting attendance is averaging over eight.

Last Restore AFG, Spartanburg is down to 2 people.

District Two is partnering with District Nine, using their answering service and we will be taking the calls in September.

Your is Service,

John M., District 2 DR

### **District Representative 3 Report:**

District Three is anticipating a couple upcoming program events. Entirely Ready Al-Anon Family Group is hosting our breakfast District Meeting on September 15th and it begins at ten AM at Trinity United Methodist Church. We will all bring some breakfast foods, break bread together, have a great meeting and have some sharing of fun with each other. A little further down the road Awesome Aiken Al-Anon Family Group will be hosting our annual Attitude of Gratitude with the theme, Falling Into Recovery. It is scheduled to be held at First Christian Church (near Honey Baked Ham) on November 3 from 10 AM until 3 PM with a District Meeting immediately following. The day will include a speaker, a silent auction, a pot luck dinner and other invigorating program activities. Both Celebrations are open to all membership statewide. Consider getting in the car and going, I have been blessed by going places I have never been and checking out Al-Anon all over. I have also grown as I got in that car and had the wonderful meeting on the way down and the way back. All are welcome.

Submitted In Service: Nan C. Moorer, DR District Three

**District Representative 4 Report:**

There are 22 Active District Four AFG, including one Alateen. In June 2018, Thursday night We Are Never Alone AFG was inactivated; four groups were inactivated in 2018.

The District Meetings were held in May and July; the GR's voted to create a District Committee to prepare for an all-day event at a future time. The DR has been informed that Ian of Happy Hour AFG has volunteered to be District Secretary. Margaret L and Shannon S are current certified AMIAS and there has not been a Replacement for Shannon as District Alateen Coordinator.

The District Holiday Dinner Speaker Meeting theme is GIFTS OF THE PROGRAM; The co-chairs are Jenn and Barbara E with the Love Bunch AFG.

Date: Saturday December 8th 2018

Location: [St. Andrew's Lutheran Church](#) 1416 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29210 Public Outreach Committee Chair Lis B. of Sparkleberry AFG, held meetings in May and August. A new public outreach email is being established for the District. The committee is drawing a list of facilities to contact regarding literature and meeting schedules distribution around Columbia. Sparkleberry AFG has members who attend both District Four and Five meetings and there is interest in outreach to ALPHA BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH Center in Camden (event on Sept 15 10 AM - 3 PM Four Corners of World.)

At the District level, there is discussion about reducing expenses for the District phone voice mail and the Post Office Box; the P.O. Box is retained to keep status as Greater Columbia Area Information Services role but receives very little mail.

Can our Delegate help us request that the WSO consider elimination of the physical address requirement with an email address for correspondence?

The DR has been exploring locations for in the Greater Columbia Area for consideration for a TEAM EVENT.

Faithfully yours,

Barbara O'Donnell

District Four Representative

**District Representative 5 Report:** Sonya absent

**District Representative 6 Report:**

Teresa gave us a hand-out for the District 6 All-Day plus she told us about the following:

To All and GRS and DR -

Our Friend Alma Cromer passed away July 29 after a short battle with cancer. As a longtime member of Al-Anon we will be accepting donations thru the month of September in her memory. I will then send the proceeds to WSO in her memory. I am asking each GR to announce this and collect, keep then money then give it to me the end of September. If someone wishes to write a check please make it out to me (Annette Taylor) as I will deposit all the monies and write one check to WSO.

Love in Al-anon,  
Annette T.

**District Representative 7 Report: Clara**

We have 16 groups total in the District. 15 have GRs!!!

There are 2 active Alateen groups both have Alateen AMIAS supporting the Alateens.

All GRs and AMIAS attended the July District meeting.

Planning is underway for the Fall Festival on Saturday, November 3rd from 10am-2pm, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 604 Pitt Street, Mouth Pleasant, SC

The District is aiming to host 3 workshops: 1. Group Representative Guidelines 2. BIAS 3. Conflict Resolution

**District Representative 8 Report:** Noreen sent an email update

**District Representative 9 Report: Zirmah** We received a handout for the District 9 all-day “Seeking Serenity”

Handouts at meeting included SCAFG Convention 2019 registration form, Seeking Serenity Event September 15 in Marietta, Falling Into Recovery, November 3, Aiken, an All-Day for District 6. The new AWSC meeting location for all of 2019.

Prior to the AWSC meeting David sent email file attachments and then briefly explained them at meeting. The attachments included: World Service Conference Site Announcement (2019), The 2018 World Service Conference Summary, the Appeal Letter from LSC in Raleigh, 2019 World Service Conference Equalized Expense, July 2018 Chairperson of the Board letter

The meeting closed at 1:57PM with the Serenity Prayer and the Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration.

In a very special way,  
Diane Faulkner, substituting for Karen L. our Area Secretary

Reflector Deadline – September 15, 2019  
Area Assembly – October 27, 2018