SCAFG Assembly Minutes

June 3, 2023

Bob opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. He asked for a volunteer to read the 12 Traditions -- Claire-Helene B (GR-ERAFG) volunteered. He then asked everyone to introduce themselves and name their service position.

Bob welcomed everyone to our assembly and made his introductory remarks.

Welcome everyone to our second Assembly of 2023 and Panel 63, which runs through December 31, 2025. I appreciate everyone’s patience, understanding and support as we all learn our respective positions. You may have noticed that I forgot to include reports from the Convention Committees on the Agenda. Both Convention 2023 and Convention 2024 will give their reports immediately after Break. Sorry for the oversight!

As you can see, after consultation with the Convention Center staff and our Executive Committee, we have downsized our meeting room after the last Assembly. Expense, and the fact that we now offer electronic access to Assembly both played a part in this change. I invite your comments by email or phone.

My email address is [scchair63@gmail.com](about:blank) and my cell phone is 843-707-6365

You also may have noticed a slight change in the agenda for the meeting. I noticed that our AWSC meetings recently seemed to work well with a break in the middle and then continuing our business until roughly 1PM, so we thought we would try that timetable for Assembly. This is not written in stone so, again, I invite your comments afterward. Today we will break for lunch around 1 and return for unfinished business and unanswered questions afterward.

I am happy to report we have new volunteers for a couple of Coordinator positions. Linda R. has volunteered to be our technology coordinator. Many of you know Linda from her previous service in SCAFG, and I am grateful she has stepped up to help us organize and coordinate our technology and communication efforts. Also, we’ve had the idea to combine, at least for this panel, the positions of Forum Coordinator and Literature Coordinator, and Ginger S. has graciously accepted to lead us in this effort.

There are still more opportunities to serve SCAFG on the Area World Service Committee. Willingness is probably more important than previous service experience, so if you would like to serve, please let me know, and we will CREATE a position for you if necessary! And keep in mind that all three AWSC meetings per year are virtual.

As most of you know, our International Convention is fast approaching at the end of this month in Albuquerque. There is still time to register if the spirit moves you. South Carolina will have a presence in the Language of Love Parade which opens the ceremonies on Friday morning, June 29th. As everyone in this meeting will not be attending, we will not take time today to discuss preparations; rather we will get a virtual meeting organized in the next week or so for those who wish to participate. Please put your name on the signup sheet in the back of the room.

Thank you for participating today, now let’s move on to the business at hand. In Service, BobC.

Jan, Area Secretary, called for a motion to accept the minutes of the last Assembly. Motion was made, seconded and minutes were approved.

Roberta, Area Treasurer, gave her report. Her address for submitting expense reimbursement forms, submitting Area donations, etc., is SCAFG, P O Box 20751, Charleston, SC 29413. She asked that the District and Group Numbers be added to checks sent to SCAFG. She called for a motion to accept her report. Motion was made, seconded and passed without objection.

Barbara O, Area Delegate, delivered her report. \*\*

Good morning! My name is “Barbara O., South Carolina, Panel 63, “Service is the Key!”. This is how we introduce ourselves at the Conference.

I am a grateful member of the worldwide fellowship of Al-Anon/Alateen Family Groups; it is an honor to serve as the South Carolina World Service Conference Delegate. My home group is Sparkleberry AFG and I’m a member of Love Bunch AFG, in the Greater Columbia area, District 4. I have a personal sponsor and service sponsor. In January, I was assigned a Conference Mentor, Lori F. of Erie, PA., and a Trustee contact Sally K. of Canada, and to a virtual “Thought Force” on “Eliminating Regional Trustees”. What is a TF? - see the service manual, page 70-71! The SC Alternate Delegate is Lindi S., who is our Area Group Records Coordinator; the Delegate shares all the Conference reports with the Alternate Delegate.

Thank you all for being here at the Assembly, I wonder, who is here for your first Assembly? Welcome and hello to everyone in the virtual Zoom room!

-give out Al-Anon/Alateen 2022-25 Service Manual, Many Voices One Journey, WSC 2023 notebook & Serenity Prayer poster.

The Twelfth Step: “Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to others, and practice these principals in all our affairs”. Lois wrote “*that* …all of us, whether our awakening was sudden or gradual, need to continue our efforts toward growth. One either moves forward or slips backward.” (How Al-Anon Works, page *160)*

We are on this journey together, in the SC Area service structure of the worldwide Al-Anon/Alateen fellowship. The 2023 SC Convention theme was “Moving Forward” and you will hear from Kris about “Seeing Clearly” for the 2024 SC Convention.

What is a Delegate anyway? The Delegate “is a channel through which information flows, the Group Conscience of Al-Anon can work effectively only if it is informed”, Service Manual pg 150.

Delegate duties include:

* Area World Service Committee, Assembly & World Service Conference.
* SC Convention host for WSO Speakers.
* Annual Regional Delegates Get Together- virtual attendance March 2023
* Confer with SC AWSC members & Officers via email, text & calls.
* Share Conference info electronically with Lindi S., SC Alternate Delegate.
* AFG Connects communications online for World Service Conference, can access all.
* Thought Force Committee “Eliminating Regional Trustees”, Jan to Sept 2023, virtual twice monthly meetings- report if approved, presented at Conference 2024.
* Virtual Delegate Orientation in January and Financial Training, post Conference.

Thank you for remembering the SC Delegate for the Conference! It was such a spirit booster to receive the love gifts -cards, calls and messages- I carried the cards with me everywhere and took them with me on the tour of the World Service Office! I put cards in front of my laptop on the worktable in the meeting room & hotel. (photos and cards & workbook in the room today).

Please be patient with me as I learn about the World Service Conference, and how to best share information with members, SC AWSC, Districts, Groups and their Representatives.

WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE… a little background- What is a “World Service Conference”, what is its purpose? The Service Manual states that Conference is “Al-Anon’s annual business meeting”.

After being at the Conference, I feel the Conference is the heartbeat of the worldwide Al-Anon/Alateen service structures; the paradox is that the heartbeat starts in our Groups and travels out by practicing the 12th Step, supported by putting the Traditions and Concepts into action, our Three Legacies.

I know that some of you already know about Conference but many here today don’t especially our new Group Representatives, hence more background.

The first Conference was held in NY in April 1961, for a three-year trial. In 1963, the Conference was made a permanent arm of Al-Anon. (SC Archives @ [al-anon-sc.org](about:blank)) note the SC Area 50 was formed in 1961; Districts in 1975. The first SC Delegate attended the 1963 Conference where Lois W. presented a draft of the “Conference Charter”; she wrote that it is “a body of principles and relationships through which Al-Anon as a whole can function...the provisions of the document are not legal, but traditional since the Conference itself is not incorporated.” The **Conference Charter** was ratified in 1967. (Many *Voices One Journey).* Note, early on, Al-Anon Conferences were held the same date and location as A.A. Conferences.

The **World Service Conference Charter**, is in the Appendix of the *Service Manual* (pages 227-231). The Charter states that the **Conference’s** purpose is “To be the guardian of both Al-Anon’s world service and its Twelve Traditions” and “To be a service body, not a government”. The **Charter** lays out the composition of the Conference on page 227:

1. “Delegates from states, provinces, and territories within the **US, (including Puerto Rico), Bermuda, and Canada *and from non-geographically based Areas*** which, collectively comprise the WSC structure; together with the Board of Trustees of Al-Anon Family group Headquarters, Inc., the Executive Committee, and voting members of the WSO Administrative Staff, the three groups that comprise the Policy Committee”.
2. “Representatives from other countries, when these countries as well as the Conference may be ready for their participation.”
3. *Representatives from non-panel Areas within the WSC Structure*”.

Note that Bob C., our Area Chairman, and immediate past SC Delegate, was on the 2022 62nd Conference Panel that approved the motions and amendments of the Charter to include “non-geographically based Areas”.

The Board of Trustees is the “chief service arm of the Conference, which is the guardian of Al-Anon’s Twelve Traditions…” the Board has the responsibility to determine policy and manage the business affairs of the WSO…. Conference procedures include hearing “financial and policy reports of the Bord of Trustees and WSO services and take under advisement all matters effecting Al-Anon as a whole” …Note the General Warranties of the Conference, the last item of the Charter, are found in Concept 12.

Some of you may know this, we can now share the official word from the Conference, that **Jeri W.** from SC Area 50, District 3, has been affirmed as the next Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The Charter tasks the Conference with sending a “full report of its proceedings to all WSC members, past WSC members, and Area World Service Committees (Area Officers, Coordinators and District Representatives)”. Over 60 years of Conference Summaries are on [al-anon.org](about:blank) members to read or download. Please note, the digital 2023 World Service Conference Summary will be available in August on the website and the print version will be available for purchase.

The Delegate report today is an overview of the 62nd World Service Conference held in Virginia Beach at the Founders Inn April 19 to 24th 2023.” Most Conference materials are distributed before or after the meeting via AFG Connects, the online discussion and library. In 2023 there were 89 voting members of the Conference, with approximately100 people in attendance.

From the Charter: “A third of Delegates called a “Panel”, are elected every three years for a three-year term”- so the Conference always has a Panel with two years’ experience.

**The theme of the 2023 Conference was “Love, Laughter and Grow Together.”**

**Board Goals for the Conference were: “The Conference, Al-Anon’s largest group conscience, will act in the spirit of unity and goodwill to assure that Al-Anon’s world services are continually available to the Al-Anon fellowship:**  
GOAL 1: The spiritual tone of the Conference will prevail by the demonstration of Al-Anon’s core principles in action.   
GOAL 2: The Conference will provide guidance to Al-Anon’s Board of Trustees and the World Service Office (WSO) on services to the fellowship and guardianship of Al-Anon’s Twelve Traditions.    
GOAL 3: Conference members will understand the purpose of the Conference, relationships within the Structure, and be able to articulate Conference discussions and decisions.”

The Conference brings a whole new meaning of our bookmark “**Just for Today**”, to paraphrase, Juts for Today, I will…strengthen my mind…study, learn something useful…read something that requires effort, thought and concentration”!

**The Conference Agenda was developed by the 7-member Conference Leadership Team (CLT):**

* Chair and Cochair person of Conference - both are Trustees.
* WSO Associate Director of Conference.
* WSO Executive Director.
* WSO Director of Programs.
* WSO Training and Project Specialist.

The Agenda runs Thursday morn to Sunday Eve, 8:00am to 8:40pm; optional recovery meetings @ 6am and 9pm. New Delegate Orientation, and Charges for the other Delegates preceded opening of Conference. There were about 50 items during the 4 Sessions, including presentations, speakers, workshops, discussions, PowerPoints, questions, and answers and voting on the WHOVA event APP, the digital platform, info, voting and social contacts. A Representative from Germany, Brit H. attended. Meals and breaks were scheduled, daily 3-minute talks given by outgoing Delegates. The four Sessions included:

Session I Thursday

* Concept Six and the Conference Agenda
* Conference Etiquette, Procedures, voting
* Chosen Agenda Item
* International Representative, Brit H. Germany
* Presentations Panels 61 & 62

Session II Friday

* International Convention 2023
* World Service Office Visit
* 2022 Auditor’s Report
* Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Workshop
* International Coordination Committee (ICC)

Session III Saturday

* 2022 Finance Committee Report
* Literature Discussion Sponsorship
* Practicing the 7th Tradition PowerPoint
* Conference Committee on Trustees (CCT)
* Trustees- TAL, RT, Board Officer/ECRPM Nominations and Voting
* Transforming Electronic Groups PowerPoint 2 parts
* Policy Discussion -Announcing Events
* 2022 Annual Report
* Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect
* Chosen Agenda Item

Session IV Sunday

* Open Board Meetings
* Financial Feasibility to Continue Holding the WSC Triennially in NY/CT
* Alateen Electronic Group Feasibility
* Copyright and Trademark
* Motions- Voting
* Annual Board of Trustees Meeting observe- no voice, no vote.

Some SESSION HIGHLIGHTS this report will include about 8-12 items…

1. **LITERATURE DISCUSSION AND Motion:**

* A LITTLE TIME FOR MYSELF, new daily reader debuts @ International Convention $17-
* LDC’s will be able to place pre-orders and the book will be available after the IC in July.
* WSO Staff & Literature Committee received many requests to develop new CAL and the recommendation at the 2023 WSC was the development of in-depth piece on sponsorship and service sponsorship. At Conference a discussion was held, and the motion passed to develop an in-depth Sponsorship piece.

1. **TWO “CHOSEN AGENDA ITEMS” for discussion:**

**HOW CAN AREAS BEST CAPTURE THE SERVICE OF PRIOR DELEGATES?**

**HOW CAN MEMBERS BE ATTRACTED INTO SERVICE…**

Many ideas were shared, these two topics were the top interest, therefore chosen from 50 topics submitted by Delegates for discussion. Later, I will include more info to the Area and also share the reports of the Delegates called “AREA HIGHLIGHTS”. Many Areas lack members participating in service positions so there is an interest in learning from other Areas about these topics. Past Delegates serve in many roles on Area Policy Meetings, as Service Sponsors, i.e., AAPP, AIS Boards, Guidelines Committees, assist with break out committees, thought and task forces, help with elections, chair new Coordinator or GR workshops and training and serve in District and Groups helping with rotation of service. Ideas were presented on ways to attract members into service.

1. **Board of Trustees “Road Trip” has been made permanent event***.*

The Board holds its weeklong meeting, followed by a day “Road Trip” meeting with members.

This year, the 2024 Road Trip will be held in Los Angeles, CA.

Deadline for Areas to submit application for 2024 Road Trip: *September 22, 2023*.

Area locations need to meet to hotel, meeting space and airport requirements.

The Road Trip site will be chosen by the end of 2023.

Let’s talk about this at AWSC. Display is on the table here in room.

1. **AFG COPYRIGHT and TRADEMARK ISSUES**

* Only Al-Anon has the legal right to print and publish CAL, with the discretion to approve of its use by others.
* Service arms and Groups can request permission to use CAL.
* Trademarks include names, symbols, and logos.
* If they are used by outside interests, Al-Anon can be drawn into public controversy.
* WSO has hired a paralegal to assist with legal matters.
* Enforcement action, of unauthorized use, cost time and money.

**Examples of Violations include *unauthorized:***

* Production or sale of CAL
* Posting CAL on websites
* Logos on social media
* Modifying LOGOS in anyway
* Use of Al-Anon or Alateen name for recovery meetings or events not part of AFG service structure

**Examples of use of CAL and Trademarks**:

* Area social media pages
* Al-Anon Service Arm event flyers
* Guidelines may be posted on Area service arm websites.
* Area websites can link directly to [www.al-anon.org](about:blank) for content.
* Service Arms may request permission via AFG [www.al-anon.org](about:blank) form
* Service websites must request permission to post The Steps, Traditions, Concepts and post the permission to use.
* Groups may copy CAL for one time use in meetings.
* Public Outreach Areas require a review of all event flyers or websites
* [https://al-anon.org/pdf/G40.pdf](about:blank)
* https://al-anon.org/for-members/public-outreach/materials-post-online/

1. **FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY TO CONTINUE HOLDING WSC MEETINGS EVERY THREE YEARS IN NY/CT** Rational: To continue visits to Stepping Stones, in Katonah NY, site of Bill & Lois Wilson home and Al-Anon’s first clearing house in 1951. Issue: NY/CT costs are much more expensive than Virginia Beach.Many options were discussed, Delegates overwhelmingly wish to keep the triennial meetings, the financial chart shows comparative expenses.
2. **TRANSFORMING ELECTRONIC GROUPS (TEG) with Project Flowchart attached**

Lindi has shared some updates with you about this matter.

**Currently**

* The Global Electronic Meeting search function is updated with many improvements. How many use the [al-anon.org](about:blank) website for global Electronic Group meeting info?
* Meetings are displayed chronologically in users time zone and language.
* 31 WSC Areas (US & Canada) and Poland now accept Electronic Groups.
* Electronic Groups request transfer from Global Electronic Area to geographic Area with online form on [www.al-anon.org](about:blank)
* EG registration/change *forms can only be submitted online* *now and in future*.

**In development:**

* WSO developing a Microsoft Excel compatible export for electronic groups registered with a geographic Area, for current Online Group Records application.
* Electronic Groups registered with geographic Areas are not currently displayed on al-anon.org website, they can be listed on District or Area websites.
* Geographic Meetings with hybrid view into physical meetings or Electronic Groups with a geographic basis will be able to be seen with a “pin” graphic on the find a meeting search engine. **UPDATE** This is almost ready to roll out later in June -July.
* Geographic Groups meeting “temporally” as an Electronic Group, will have 6 to 12 months to decide if they wish to wish to stay as a Geographic Group or become an Electronic Group in the Global Area or in a Geographic Area to attract a local membership with use of a zip code.
* In SC the Assembly motions were approved last year so that the Area accepts Electronic Groups. be put into the new overlay District number 1, pr request transfer into the specific Area District. Districts have autonomy to accept or not, Electronic Groups. However, any registered Group can only have one location, be it geographic or electronic. Geographic Groups can have a hybrid, viewing into the geographic meeting component. But if a Geographic Group is meeting temporally electronically one day and on another day is meeting geographically, that is an example of two different locations and where the 6-12 months decision timeframe would apply.

**Down the Road:**

* Replacement of Online Group Records (OGR)
* Task Force was formed to develop Area Group Record Coordinator (AGRC) workflow.
* It will take many years to complete OGR replacement, first release may be 2023-2024.
* Area Group Records Training in June on this topic.

1. **INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE, ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD.**

* Al-Anon meetings are held in 133 countries, 33 countries have a national service structure or General Service Office (GSO), 17 have evolving structures.
* Two teams of 3 WSO Staff and Trustees went to countries with GSO’s.
* One team to Norway, Lithuania and the Netherlands.
* One team to Turkey, Bulgaria, Hungry and German speaking Switzerland.
* All team members met in Versailles, France.
* London 2022 International Al-Anon General Services Meeting Oct 12-15th.
* International Team began in Feb 2022 to hold virtual Regular Structure Meetings (RSMS) to include 44 structures.

1. **ANNOUNCING EVENTS POLICY TASK FORCE**

October 2020 Policy Committee meeting clarified that the WSO only announces events that are supported by a service arm, whether in person or electronically. Electronic Meeting Work Group (EMWG) later formed a new Task Force which recommended changes to the “Announcing Events” and Workshops portion of the service manual Policy Digest. These changes, to provide clarity regarding announcements, were approved by the Conference.

1. **ALATEEN ELECTRONIC GROUP FEASIBILTY, A PROPOSED CONCEPTUAL PROCESSS**

“Strategic Plan Strategy Scope- Evaluate the implications of and gain agreement on a cohesive approach for expanding online Alateen meetings (not including Alateen events availability) through the Al-Anon Family Groups Mobile App and potentially other platforms”.

Anticipated Outcome’ Make online platform(s) available for all Alateen members who wish to participate while ensuring the safety of Alateen and AMIAS members.” This is an ongoing feasibility requiring research into Safety and Behavioral requirements and the legal requirements and implications for the possibility of Global Electronic Alateen Groups.

# **AUDIT -Clean Report, no issues or concerns.**

* Total Revenue for the General Fund: $5,685,503.
* Literature sales: 2,725,035.
* Electronic CAL sales included in Literature sales: $187,725.
* Contributions: $3,337,918, a $714,676 increase from 2021.
* Groups contribute the most: $1,229,154 or 37%, individuals $654,329, or 20%
* Other income include magazine, Mobile App premium and investment income or loss…
* Reserve Fund decrease due to fluctuations in stock market. New donations do not go into the Reserve fund, they go into General Fund.

1. **Operating Budget**

* Forecast total revenue: $5,860,420
* Contribution goal: $2,532,900
* Forecast literature sales: $3,504,970, 28% increase due to new daily reader
* Budget projects revenues to equal expenses, a “balanced budget”.
* Banking and credit card fees cover costs for deposits, checks & operational costs,

Credit card fees budgeted to be 75,000, all required business costs.

* Technology improvements increased staff and volunteer travel, Strategic Plan, initiatives, interpretation for communication with international service structures

1. **2022 WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTIONS 2022**

* 2022 WSC Structure Total Groups 13,316, In 2021: 13,841
* WSC Structure Total Groups Contributing: 8,098, In 2021: 7,179
* % Of Groups Contributing: 60.80%
* Average For Groups Contributing: 208.33
* Estimate Or Costs of Services Provided: $4,278,425
* Average Cost of Services Per Group: $321.25
* AVG Costs per Group, useful for consideration for donations to WSO
* The additional APPEAL increased donations to the highest amount ever donated.

SOUTH CAROLINA was above the WSC average group donation: See handout-

78% OF SC GROUPS DONATED TO WSO

(Unofficially 78% is the 4th highest % of Groups who made donated to WSO)

SC GROUPS AVERAGE DONATION: $221.37

SC GROUP TOTAL DONATION: $20,145, 2021 was 14,759

SC INDIVIDUAL, include Districts, Areas AIS etc.,

TOTAL DONATION: $37,887, IN was 2021: $13,998

GLOBAL AREA 40% of Groups donated to WSO, average group donation was $345.73

**13 Digital Communication: Connecting Members**  
**Al‑Anon Family Groups Mobile App** as of May 2023  
The Al‑Anon Family Groups Mobile App: over 130,000 downloads

there are 148,360 Members, 46 Groups and 118 Meetings each week with

roughly 23,000 users logging each month, 761 users creating a total of 2,000 newsfeed posts, with approximately 8,750 comments.

Significant updates were made to the Mobile App to improve accessibility, security, and navigation and increase engagement. Staff, together with the development team, created a more visually appealing homepage with large buttons so members can more easily navigate to favorite sections.

including meetings and the social newsfeed.

Can have a "favorite meeting" list and set a reminder notification for when meetings start.

social newsfeed was modified gives more space to browse others' sharing’s and has more to share replies and reactions. added newcomer welcome screen links to videos demonstrating how to use the app and links to resources.

**Mobile App Town Hall Meetings**  
The World Service Office (WSO) hosted the Mobile App town hall for members to share successes and challenges with the app, WSO can use info to improve user experience.   
The team created a robust agenda for each meeting that included, but was not limited to, the following:  
• Celebrating the Mobile App two‑year anniversary  
• Clarifying the role of the WSO as the administrator of the Mobile App  
• Clarifying the difference between Group Services questions and technical questions  
• Providing Mobile App statistics to explain our rapid growth  
• Providing app updates for 2023  
• Explaining member responsibilities in Mobile App meetings  
• Encouraging Seventh Tradition participation

**New DELEGATES PANEL 63 AREA Highlights**

I submitted an AREA report in writing, however at the CONFERNECE we did not give the AREA HIGHLIGHTS, rather a workshop using a penny with the date on it (mine was 2018) and I shared some things related to personal growth & Al-Anon, District Rep and attendance at the International Convention. Will find a way to share SC Area Highlights and the AREA HIGHLIGHTS full report with our AREA, via email and/or post on SCAFG website.

In closing,

Your faithfully,

Barbara O.

SC Delegate, Panel 63, “Service is the Key”

Lindi, Alternate Delegate made the following report:

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., current AAC, website coordinator made his reports

The **deadline** for AMIAS Recertification of **31st of May** has come and gone. We had 8 AMIAS who did not recertify this year, and three who completed their certification.

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 5 of these groups with Alateens attending

We have 3 newly certified AMIAS, with 3 more trained and needing to submit paperwork. We have 2 more willing to do the training and working on scheduling it.

I am working with the AMIAS and Alateens throughout the state on planning this year’s 47th Alateen Conference to be held at Camp Kinard in Leesville/Batesburg on the 25th – 27th of August.

Once again this year we have an Open All Day (Fun Day) for all Al-Anon’s & AA’s interested in finding out more about Alateen.

We have already posted the Al-Anon/AA All Day (Fun Day) Registration forms & Draft Camp Schedule on the Website in the “Members Area” under “For Review Prior to AWSC 6 May 2023”, & on the “Conference/Convention 2023-2024” page. We will have hard copies available at the 3 June Area Assembly. The All Day (Fun Day) is on Saturday the 26th August and is open from 10 am – 5pm.

Cost for the Day Registration is $20.00, which includes; Lunch, Workshops, 2 Speakers, Pool time, an AMIAS panel, and Craft activities which includes a Ikebana (Japanese Flower Arrangement) by Karen M. of Columbia. Come out and have Fun with a bunch of Awesome Alateens.

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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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](about:blank) 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 creating 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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Area Alateen Process Person Coordinator did not submit a written report.

Briana, Area Alateen Rep., let us know that they were busy planning all the activities for the Alateen Conference, August 25-27, 2023.

Ginger, Area Forum and Literature Coordinator made here reports:

AWSC Convention Area Assembly Report – June 3, 2023

Moving Forward – great theme and convention! Total registrations were 258 with 177 early, 46 regular, and 34 one day. Of this total, 43 were walk in registrations. Out of the 258, there were 105 online registrations. Fundraising events raised $4516.00 which included a donation can of $386. Members donated 55 baskets. The quilt raised $180 and the 50/50 can generated $227, half went to winner, who donated it back. We ordered 79 t-shirts, donated 1 to archives and 6 to speakers, selling the remaining 72 for a profit of $719.60. Additional contributions from Districts 2, 9, groups, and members including hospitality donation can were $4,093.00. Lots of food and beverages were donated also. Final report of income was $19,025.37, expenses $17,470.40 with a balance of $1554.97.

The checking account at Truist was closed April 26th with the end balance of $1554.97 transferred to the Area account. While we did not pay the entire $2500 seed money back to the Area, we consider our results successful in the ability to pay all the bills and give more than half of the seed money back. The feedback was very positive with the biggest issues being the microphone system during speaker meetings and the hotel restaurant. It was great to have everyone together again and I want to thank our 2023 committee for all their hard work in making our convention a great time of recovery and fellowship! The speaker recordings turned out well and may be ordered at walkthetalkrecordings.com. The complete convention report is available on the members page of the Area website. – Ginger S.

Forum report to Assembly – June 3, 2023

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! Sharings 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. At only $11, the Forum is a great source of not only recovery, but also updates from WSO, meeting topics, and AWSC Convention Area Assembly Report – June 3, 2023

Archives –

We encourage each group including Electronic groups to complete an initial or update their current Group History using form AR-6 including a list of the new officers for the new panel 63. Please include a timeline for hybrid or virtual groups if our group has transitioned from a face to face to electronic meeting. Also, the Longtimer form AR-1 provides the Area with information from those members in the program 25 years or more. We suggest you retain copies for your group notebooks. AR-1 and AR-6 can be downloaded from the SCAFG members page under Al-Anon forms. These completed forms can be returned to me. There is a hyperlink from SCAFG website to WSO for the AR-9 “Request for research “ from WSO. SCAFG Archives has a list of those groups that have Group Histories completed. We will ask the Webmaster to put it on the Archives page with other information. If you need information from your Group History and we have it on file we can forward that information, ie. date of the first meeting of your group. If you are completing the history form possible resources could be the longest attending members of your group or contact your District Representative if you don’t know youtube group number. Send completed forms to Area Archives Committee: Nancy Bommer, 403 Edisto Lake Road 108 Alwyn Blvd. Wagener, S.C. 29164 or Susan Lebhar 108 Alwyn Blvd. Summerville, S.C. 29485

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District Reports Submitted:

District 3

District 3 is still working to fill all offices. District Representative, Treasurer, and Secretary are filled. We are still looking for an Alternate District Representative and an Outreach Chair.

District 3 held a successful All Day event and District Meeting on May 20, 2023. The All Day theme was “Taking Al-Anon Home”.

A district Zoom account will be established in the next few weeks. This would allow the groups to discontinue their individual Group Zoom account and use funds in other ways to support Al-Anon.

Several members from District 3 are working with members in Districts 4 & 5 on the 2024 SCAFG Convention.

Several groups in District 3 are beginning to see newcomers return to meetings.

Submitted by,

Gloria Sloan

District 3 Representative

District 4 – no written report submitted

District 6

Jeffrey B. DR for District 6 let us know he is trying to visit each of the groups in his district. They still have not filled their Assistant DR position. Some groups do not have GR’s. He is trying to send out an electronic group inventories.

District 7

District 7 Report to Area Assembly June 3, 2023

We held our 2nd District Meeting of the new term on May 20, 2023. We had an excellent turnout at our hybrid meeting, with 16 in person and 9 via Zoom; these included 17 voting members. Lots of new and familiar members, it was really exciting!

Some highlights:

We had great refreshments, with groups rotating to bring goodies each time, and our Treasurer donated a longed-for coffee pot that we know how to work!

Our Fall Festival can now get underway, as 3 members volunteered to spearhead this event.

We encouraged support for the Alateen Fun Day on Saturday August 26 at Camp Kinard in Leesville.

We discussed new outreach opportunities and entertained comments -- our District has a tradition of “talking it over,” which helps us get to know each other and distill our ideas for service.

We had fun taking turns reading quotes from our Literature Coordinator’s selected “Book of the Meeting.” This meeting’s quotes were from “As We Understood.”

And we got through all the business and dismissed on time!

At our last Assembly, District 7 reported the 1st registered electronic meeting in South Carolina, and 3 more getting ready to register. The WSO extended a way for electronic groups to register, and District 7 voted to support electronic groups, and now we have 5 electronic meetings registered and active. These were mostly formed from out of the meetings that had been hybrid at some point during Covid.

Finally, we compiled a list of all 21 of our meetings and the updated GR information and Group Numbers, and we have added our District Officers and Coordinators so that the list can be distributed to our groups.

Sincerely,

Gaye DuPre

District 7 DR

District 9 –

District 9 has 23 groups. They need an Alt. DR. Their District is hosting Seeking Serenity on September 23rd. They are having a June speaker meeting on June 11th. They have a new group – Traditional AFG Fridays at 7 pm – this is an electronic meeting.

The meeting was opened for discussion.

Jan suggested that we need microphones for speakers/report makers, so we all can hear them in the room and on Zoom. (Linda R. agreed)

Roberta talked about the possibility of raising the amount of seed money for conventions. Currently the amount is too low for beginning expenses for conventions. Could possibly be on the budget proposal for 20-24.

Michelle asked when the next Assembly was. It is September 30th.

Meeting closed with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan R, Area Secretary